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By Mark Heinrich

Reuters

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"U.N. investigators have found traces of uranium at a Syrian site Washington says was a secret nuclear reactor almost built before Israel bombed the target last year, diplomats said on Monday.

They said the uranium contamination turned up in some environmental swipe samples U.N. inspectors took at the site in a visit last June. They said the finding was not enough to draw conclusions but raised concerns requiring further clarification."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/newsOne/idUSTRE4A95B520081110>

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SENTENCING AGAIN DELAYED IN LAS VEGAS RICIN CASE

The Associated Press on MercuryNews.com

November 10, 2008

"U.S. District Court Judge Robert C. Jones cited an unspecified scheduling conflict Monday as he ordered Roger Bergendorff's sentencing postponed from Nov. 12 to Nov. 17.

It was the third postponement since the 57-year-old Bergendorff pleaded guilty Aug. 4 to possession of a biological toxin and weapons charges."

The full article can be found at: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_10948394

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FOR SALE: PFIZER'S TERRE HAUTE FACTORY

By John Russell

IndyStar.com

November 10, 2008

"Nine months after halting production of its inhaled insulin and idling more than 600 workers at a plant near Terre Haute, drugmaker Pfizer Inc. is putting the massive factory up for sale."

"Pfizer bought the facility from the U.S. government in 1948, which had built it to make materials for biological warfare, a project that was never completed."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.indystar.com/article/20081110/BUSINESS/81110032/1003>

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[LEXINGTON BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT] - NERVE AGENT DESTRUCTION TO BEGIN

By Ashlee Clark

Lexington Herald-Leader

November 11, 2008

"Destruction of 157 gallons of nerve agent stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot will begin Wednesday after more than a year of preparation and delays, Army and depot officials announced at a news conference Monday morning.

Officials estimate that the drainage, neutralization and removal of the chemical weapon GB will be finished by February, nine months after the project was initially set to have been completed.”

“The destruction plan calls for the ton containers to be transferred out of their storage igloos and taken 50 yards across a road to a Chemical Agent Transfer System, said Tim Blades, a director with the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center who will supervise the sarin destruction. The contents of the containers will then be drained and transferred to a reactor for neutralization.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.kentucky.com/181/story/587251.html>

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[PINE BLUFF] ARSENAL: FINAL DISPOSAL NEARS

By Wes Clement

The Pine Bluff Commercial

November 8, 2008

“The fourth and final disposal campaign of stockpiled chemical weapons at the Pine Bluff Arsenal may begin as early as December.

The destruction on an undisclosed number of one-ton containers of mustard agent, originally scheduled to begin in early 2009, will likely start sooner due to an efficient transition process between disposal campaigns, said Raini Brunson, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency public affairs officer.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.pbcommercial.com/articles/2008/11/09/news/news2.txt>

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