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JAPAN'S DOOMSDAY CULT GURU SEEKS RETRIAL

Agence France-Presse in The Australian
November 11, 2008

"LAWYERS for the Japanese doomsday cult leader on death row for ordering a deadly nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway in 1995 have requested a retrial, a court official said.

Shoko Asahara, 53, was arrested at a commune near Mount Fuji two months after the Aum sect released Nazi-invented sarin gas in rush-hour Tokyo subway trains, killing 12 people and injuring thousands."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24636344-2703,00.html>

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THIS POLICE CRUISER SCANS LICENSE PLATES, SNIFFS OUT 'DIRTY' BOMBS

By Patrik Jonsson
The Christian Science Monitor
November 12, 2008

"Hundreds of American police chiefs meeting in San Diego this week couldn't stop talking about what they'd seen on the convention floor: the world's first "purpose-built" police car.

More "RoboCop" than "Beverly Hills Cop," the Carbon E7 is a 300-horsepower bio-diesel-fueled bad-guy chaser equipped with sensors for weapons of mass destruction and automatic license-plate scanners. "It's really a homeland security machine, not a cop car," says William Li, CEO of Carbon Motors in Atlanta."

"In a wily move to gather engineering ideas and create viral marketing buzz, the company created a "Carbon Council" of nearly 2,000 beat officers across the United States who contributed 88 original ideas to the car – including a "hoseable" rear seat, an extra-wide driver's seat set into a helicopter cockpit-style front compartment, and side emergency lights to increase visibility and safety. Computer-aided design technology and outsourcing of the drivetrain have kept development costs low."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/1112/p01s03-usgn.html>

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NEWSPAPERS SEEK GOV'T DOCUMENTS IN ANTHRAX INQUIRY

By Jesse J. Holland
The Associated Press on Al.com
November 12, 2008

"Two newspapers asked a federal judge Wednesday to make public several documents relating to a former Army scientist who was named as a person of interest in the 2001 anthrax attacks and later exonerated.

The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times want the government's search warrants and supporting documents involving Stephen Hatfill, who was eventually cleared in the anthrax attacks and was awarded \$5.8 million in a lawsuit accusing the Justice Department of violating his privacy.

Normally, search warrants would be sealed for a person who has not been charged or indicted, lawyers said. But the public has a right to know why investigators wanted to search Hatfill's home and on what basis the courts agreed to allow those searches, the newspapers argued in U.S. District Court."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.al.com/newsflash/washington/index.ssf?/base/politics-6/1226518452186730.xml&storylist=washington>

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STIFF PENALTIES VS POSSESSION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS SOUGHT

GMANews

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“Life imprisonment and/or a P10-million fine await those making, storing and using chemical weapons, once a bill in the [Philippines] House of Representatives is passed into law.

House Bill 5091 covers the development, production, stockpiling, retention, transfer and use of chemical weapons intended for mass destruction.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gmanews.tv/story/132894/Stiff-penalties-vs-possession-of-chemical-weapons-sought>

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VIC [VICTORIA, AS] ILL-EQUIPPED FOR BIOSECURITY THREAT

The Brisbane Times

November 12, 2008

“Victorian authorities would struggle to cope with a major biosecurity threat like horse flu, a report shows.

An Auditor-General's report found the state may not have the capacity to sustain a response to a major or prolonged livestock disease outbreak.

The weakness was exposed by last year's equine influenza (EI) emergency affecting NSW and Queensland.

Even though the Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI) stopped the disease from spreading to Victoria, their resources ran thin, Auditor-General Des Pearson said.”

The full article can be found at: <http://news.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/vic-illequipped-for-biosecurity-threat-20081112-5nod.html#>

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ARMY SAYS EPA ACTION AT FT. DETRICK UNNECESSARY

NewsChannel8
November 12, 2008

"The Army says it is unnecessary to add an old Fort Detrick dump site to a list of the nation's most polluted places.

In a letter obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Addison Davis told the Environmental Protection Agency the Army plans to cap the source of ground water contamination next spring. Addison also criticizes the EPA's characterization of the potential health threat to nearby residents from toxic industrial chemicals that have leaked into the ground water.

The full article can be found at: <http://cfc.news8.net/printstory.cfm?id=569300>

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