

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

1. **Name:** State full name (include any former names used).

My name is Michele Marie Leonhart. The name on my birth certificate is Michele Marie Brown. I have been Michele Marie Leonhart since birth and have never used the name Michele Marie Brown.

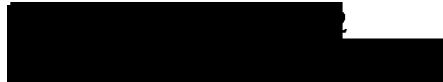
2. **Position:** State the position for which you have been nominated.

Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration

3. **Address:** List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

Office: 700 Army-Navy Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Residences:



4. **Birthplace:** State date and place of birth.

Born 1956
Fargo, North Dakota

5. **Education:** List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota
September 1976 – June 1978
Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice June 1978

Lakewood Junior College, White Bear Lake, Minnesota
September 1974 – June 1976
Associate Degree in Law Enforcement June 1976

*In addition, selected by DEA to attend Boston University's School of Leadership in 1997

6. **Employment Record:** List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or job description.

November 2007 – present
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Arlington, Virginia
Position: Acting Administrator

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Arlington, Virginia
Position: Deputy Administrator

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Position: Assistant Special Agent in Charge

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Arlington, Virginia
Position: Executive Secretary to the Career Board

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U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Arlington, Virginia
Position: Inspector (Office of Professional Responsibility)

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U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Arlington, Virginia
Position: Staff Coordinator (Operations Division)

January 1988 – February 1993
U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
San Diego, California
Position: Group Supervisor

May 1986 – January 1988
U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
St. Louis, Missouri
Position: Special Agent

April 1981 – May 1986
U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Position: Special Agent

January 1981 – March 1981
U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Washington, DC.
Position: Special Agent (DEA Training Academy)

July 1979 – January 1981
Baltimore Police Department
Baltimore, Maryland
Position: Police Officer

July 1978 – June 1979
White Bear Lake School District
White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Position: Resource Worker (Lincoln Elementary School)

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service. .

No military service. Not required to register for selective service.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Federal Drug Agents Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award, 2008

DARE Lifetime Achievement Award, 2008

Law Enforcement Exploring William H. Spurgeon Award, 2006

Women in Federal Law Enforcement Outstanding Federal Employee Award, 2005

Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service, 2005

Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executive, 2004

Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service, 2000

National ONDCP Director's Award, 2001

SES Performance Awards, 1998 – 2008

Administrator's Award for Distinguished Service, 1993

Various DEA Performance Awards, 1982 - 1996

Graduated Outstanding Student from DEA Academy, March 1981

Graduated Outstanding Student from Baltimore Police Academy, November 1979

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

Not applicable; I am not an attorney

10. Bar and Court Admission:

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

Not applicable; I am not an attorney

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

Not applicable; I am not an attorney

11. Memberships:

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 10 or 11 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), 1997 - Present; Current Chair of the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee, Current Chair of the Advisory Committee to the International Policing Division Steering Committee, and Current member of the Executive Committee
- Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County (POALAC), 1998 - 2002; Former Chair of Narcotics Committee
- California Narcotic Officers Association (CNOA), 1991 – Present; member
- International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA), 1995 – Present (on and off); member
- International Narcotic Interdiction Association (INIA), 1997 – 1998; Former Board Member (Honorary)

- b. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11(a) above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, or religion – either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

None that I am aware of.

12. **Published Writings and Public Statements:**

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Please supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

- Article entitled "*Chicago Museum Exhibit Hits the Bulls-Eye: Target America Shows Damages of Drugs, Builds Partnerships*" for Police Chief Magazine May 2008 (see attached)

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, please give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

None.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

- March 20, 2000, testimony before the House Subcommittee On Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources
- July 6, 2000, testimony before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime in Pasadena, California
- March 12, 2008, testimony before the Committee on Appropriations, House Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies
- March 26, 2009, testimony before the Committee on Appropriations, House Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

- d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or tape recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you, including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or tape recording of your remarks, please give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, please furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

See attached list

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

See attached list

13. **Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:**

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

I was unanimously confirmed as the Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) by the U.S. Senate on March 8, 2004, following my nomination by President George W. Bush. On April 15, 2008, I was nominated by President George W. Bush to be the Administrator of DEA but did not have a confirmation hearing before the Administration ended. I have been Acting Administrator of DEA since November 2007.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

None.

14. **Legal Career:** Please answer each part separately.

- a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:

- i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

I am not an attorney.

- ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

I am not an attorney.

- iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each.

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- iv. whether you served as a mediator, or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings, and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I am not an attorney.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

I am not an attorney.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

I am not an attorney.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. federal courts;
2. state courts of record;
3. other courts;
4. administrative agencies

I am not an attorney.

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. civil proceedings;
2. criminal proceedings.

I am not an attorney.

- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before Administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, final judgment, or final Decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

I am not an attorney.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

1. jury;
2. non-jury.

I am not an attorney.

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Please supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I am not an attorney.

15. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the

citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION LIST

Richard G. Kerlikowske
ONDCP Director
202-395-6700

General Barry McCaffrey
Former ONDCP Director
703-824-5160

John (Jack) Lawn
former DEA Administrator and FBI agent
919-357-6441 (cell)
919-932-1555 (home)

Peter Bensinger
Former DEA Administrator
312-807-0502

Asa Hutchinson
Former DEA Administrator
202-297-2897

Robert Mueller
FBI Director
202-324-3444

John Clark
Director
U.S. Marshals Service
202-307-9001

William Bratten
Former Los Angeles Police Chief
Chairman, Altegrity Risk International
703-448-0178

Dan Rosenblatt
IACP Executive Director
703-836-6767 Ext:201

Doug DeLeaver
Former NOBLE President
410-515-2884

Margie Moore
Director
Women in Federal Law Enforcement
703-981-6903

Michael Braun
Spectre Group International
703-519-4201

Neil MacBride
United States Attorney
Northern District of Virginia
703-299-3700

16. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

I was unanimously confirmed as the Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration by the U.S. Senate on March 8, 2004, following my nomination by President George W. Bush. In that capacity, I, as a career DEA Special Agent, am the chief operating officer of the \$2.6 billion agency, responsible for all enforcement, administrative and regulatory operations and over 10,000 employees across the U.S. and in 86 foreign offices. Under my leadership, DEA investigations resulted in criminal charges against 78 percent of the most wanted drug trafficking leaders, and record-breaking extraditions, drug and asset seizures, and revenue denied to drug cartels. I have forged relationships with federal, state, local and foreign counterparts, realigned DEA resources to expand DEA's foreign presence to combat emerging threats, and enhanced intelligence sharing with foreign countries to include Mexico and Colombia. I also implemented a plan to deploy the first teams of DEA agents to conduct counter-narcotics operations in Afghanistan post 9-11, leading to the first U.S. extradition from Afghanistan and the investigation and prosecution of Afghan drug lords. I am currently the Acting DEA Administrator and have served in that role since the retirement of former Administrator Karen P. Tandy in November 2007.

I oversaw the development and launch of DEA's award-winning website www.justthinktwice.com, designed for teens regarding the consequences of illegal drugs which received wide acclaim from teenagers, schools, drug prevention specialists, and community coalitions. As chairperson of DEA's Career Board, I revamped DEA's career development program to strengthen succession planning and development of future leaders for DEA. In recognition of my leadership, performance, and commitment to public service, I was awarded the rank of Distinguished Executive by President Bush in 2004, the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service from President Bush in 2005, and the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service from President Clinton in 2000. I was also the recipient of the Women in Federal Law Enforcement Outstanding Federal Law Enforcement Employee Award in 2005.

Prior to becoming DEA Deputy Administrator, I held several positions within DEA's Senior Executive Service (SES). I was the Special Agent in Charge of DEA's Los Angeles Field Division from 1998-2003. In that capacity, I commanded one of DEA's largest Field Divisions and was responsible for all enforcement and administrative operations in the Los Angeles area, as well as Nevada, Hawaii, Guam and Saipan. I previously held the position of Special Agent in Charge of DEA's San Francisco Field Division from 1997-1998. My first appointment within the SES was in 1996 when I spearheaded DEA's Special Agent Recruitment efforts at DEA Headquarters.

As a career DEA Special Agent, I held several key positions as I moved through the ranks of DEA. In 1995 I was promoted to the position of Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Division, responsible for Southwest Border enforcement operations and division administrative functions. Between 1993 and 1995, I held management positions within DEA Headquarters to include Career Board Executive Secretary, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Inspector, and Staff Coordinator in the Operations Division. My first supervisory position was as Group Supervisor of an enforcement group in DEA's San Diego Field Division. Prior to that, I initiated major drug investigations and conspiracy cases in Minneapolis and St. Louis, and served as a DEA Special Agent recruiter. While at DEA, I was selected to attend Boston University's Leadership Institute.

I began my law enforcement career as a Baltimore City Police Officer after graduating from college in Minnesota with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice in 1978. Throughout my 29 years as a Special Agent for the DEA, I have aspired to serve the DEA mission and to grow professionally. I have sought to respond effectively to opportunities and situations, making good use of DEA methods, procedures and resources. I believe my efforts tangibly and positively impacted organizational goals of DEA and the Department of Justice. I also believe I have garnered the respect of my fellow special agents through integrity and a positive work ethic. I honed my leadership skills and welcomed increased responsibility as I moved up the ranks within DEA, all the way to the position I now hold as Acting Administrator.

Through my varied experiences, I have been able to communicate effectively and lead by example. I seek to develop in my subordinates motivation, participation, and opportunities for initiative. I practice leadership qualities that render optimal results, even when faced with limited resources. I strive to assertively turn deficient programs into award-winning examples. The quality of my work and accomplishments throughout my law enforcement career reflect the high professional standards that I seek to uphold. My supervisory and leadership experiences in several DEA field offices, DEA Headquarters, and as Deputy Administrator and Acting Administrator have enabled me to see the broad prospective of government in which DEA operates.

I have forged partnerships within and outside DEA, developing enduring professional relationships. The combination of law enforcement operational experience and varied levels of management within the DEA environment has afforded me a unique opportunity to experience the benefits, limitations, and difficulties of coalition building. Throughout my many years in the law enforcement community, I have continuously developed my skills, vision, and commitment to public service.

I welcome the opportunity to lead DEA to continued successes and to capitalize on the critical opportunity we have to disrupt and dismantle the world's largest drug organizations and their financial infrastructures, and combat drug violence in our communities should I be confirmed Administrator of DEA by the United States Senate.

17. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, please provide four (4) copies to the committee.

None.

18. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits:** List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

As a U.S. Government career employee, I have invested in the Thrift Savings Program.

19. **Outside Commitments During Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service? If so, explain.

No.

20. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (If you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here.)

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

21. **Statement of Net Worth:** Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, affiliations, pending and categories of litigation, financial arrangements, or other factors that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Justice's designated agency ethics official to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered into with the Department's designated agency ethics official. I am not aware of any other potential conflicts of interest.

- b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

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23. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each. If you are not an attorney, please use this opportunity to report significant charitable and volunteer work you may have done.

During my twenty-nine (29) year career as a DEA Special Agent, I have participated in numerous law enforcement, community, and school programs to educate children, teens, parents, teachers, and community leaders on drug prevention. This includes participation in DARE, Partnership for a Drug Free America, CADCA and various other prevention and treatment activities as well as Town Hall meetings and law enforcement seminars. I have forged relationships with numerous prevention and treatment organizations and have brought them to the table to partner with state, local and federal law enforcement officials to collectively combat drug threats in their areas.

I have been involved for the past 25 years in volunteering opportunities to mentor teens and young adults interested in careers in law enforcement. This involvement includes training young people on drug abuse issues, drug enforcement investigations and techniques, and volunteering to participate in their state and national conferences.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Michele Leonhart

NET WORTH

Provide a complete, current financial net worth statement which itemizes in detail all assets (including bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings) all liabilities (including debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations) of yourself, your spouse, and other immediate members of your household.

ASSETS				LIABILITIES			
Cash on hand and in banks	58	114	00	Notes payable to banks-secured	4	457	00
U.S. Government securities-add schedule				Notes payable to banks-unsecured			
Listed securities-add schedule				Notes payable to relatives			
Unlisted securities--add schedule				Notes payable to others			
Accounts and notes receivable:				Accounts and bills due			
Due from relatives and friends				Unpaid income tax			
Due from others				Other unpaid income and interest			
Doubtful				Real estate mortgages payable-add schedule (Wells Fargo Bank)	292	407	00
Real estate owned-add schedule (residence in Redondo Beach, CA)	600	000	00	Chattel mortgages and other liens payable			
Real estate mortgages receivable				Other debts-itemize:			
Autos and other personal property	45	000	00	Chase – spouse	2	800	00
Cash value-life insurance				American Express	8	000	00
Other assets itemize:							
US Government Thrift Savings	287	350	00				
Spouse Retirement Account	458	800	00				
Spouse Thrift Savings	203	373	00	Total liabilities	316	664	00
				Net Worth	1, 335	973	00
Total Assets	1, 652	637	00	Total liabilities and net worth	1, 652	637	00
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES				GENERAL INFORMATION			
As endorser, comaker or guarantor (Niece's School Loan-cosigner-Wells Fargo)	9	000	00	Are any assets pledged? (Add schedule)	No		
On leases or contracts	No			Are you a defendant in any suits or legal actions?	No		
Legal Claims	No			Have you ever taken bankruptcy?	No		
Provision for Federal Income Tax	No						
Other special debt	No						

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NET WORTH SCHEDULES

<u>Real Estate Owned</u>	
Personal residence [REDACTED]	\$ 600,000
Total Real Estate Owned	\$ 600,000
<u>Real Estate Mortgages Payable</u>	
Personal residence- [REDACTED]	
Wells Fargo Bank	\$ 292,407



U.S. Department of Justice

DEC 22 2009

Washington, D.C. 20530

Robert I. Cusick
Director
Office of Government Ethics
Suite 500
1201 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005-3919

Dear Mr. Cusick:

In accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 as amended, I am forwarding the financial disclosure report of Michele M. Leonhart. President Obama has announced his intent to nominate Ms. Leonhart to serve as the Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice.

We have conducted a thorough review of the enclosed report. The conflict of interest statute, 18 U.S.C. § 208, requires that Ms. Leonhart recuse herself from participating personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on her financial interests or the financial interests of any other person whose interests are imputed to her, unless she first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to Section 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to Section 208(b)(2). Ms. Leonhart understands that the interests of the following persons are imputed to her: her spouse; her minor children; any general partner; any organization in which she serves as an officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which she is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment. In determining whether a particular matter has a direct and predictable effect on her financial interests or on those of any other person whose interests are imputed to her, Ms. Leonhart will consult with Department of Justice ethics officials.

We have advised Ms. Leonhart that because of the standard of conduct on impartiality at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, she should seek advice before participating in any particular matter involving specific parties in which a member of her household has a financial interest or in which someone with whom she has a covered relationship is or represents a party. Notwithstanding the general advice, we provided more specific advice regarding Section 502 and matters concerning Ms. Leonhart's husband's employer, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LACSD). We also note that Ms. Leonhart's husband is currently the Acting Supervisor of a joint task force comprised of LACSD, DEA and other law enforcement agents.

The DEA has an ongoing working relationship with state and local law enforcement organizations throughout the country, including LACSD. This relationship includes ongoing

communication, assistance, and coordination of law enforcement activities; joint participation in established task forces that include federal, state and local law enforcement; and ad hoc arrangements among DEA, LACSD, and perhaps other law enforcement entities that coordinate efforts for a particular matter(s). As a general rule, we do not believe LACSD's law enforcement assistance or participation in a particular matter creates an appearance of a conflict of interest to require prior, specific authorization for Ms. Leonhart's participation in the matter. However, we have advised Ms. Leonhart and she has agreed that she will seek prior authorization before she participates in any particular matter when the LACSD and/or any of its employees are a target or subject of an investigation conducted in whole or in part by DEA.

Finally, Ms. Leonhart understands that as an appointee she is required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13490) and that she will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments she has made in this and any other ethics agreement.

Based on the above agreements and counseling, I am satisfied that the report presents no conflicts of interest under applicable laws and regulations and that you may so certify to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee J. Lofthus", written in a cursive style.

Lee J. Lofthus
Assistant Attorney General
for Administration and
Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the attached Ethics Agreement signed by Lee J. Lofthus, Assistant Attorney General for Administration and Designated Agency Ethics Official on December 22 2009, and I agree to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in the agreement. In addition, I understand that as an appointee I am required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13490) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this and any other ethics agreement.

Michele M. Leonhart

Date

Executive Branch Personnel PUBLIC FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

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Reporting Periods

The reporting period for the preceding calendar year except Part II of Schedule C and Part I of Schedule D where you must also include the filing year up to the date you file. Part II of Schedule D is not applicable.

Reporting Period: The reporting period begins at the end of the period covered by your previous filing and ends at the date of termination. Part II of Schedule D is not applicable.

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Reporting Period: The reporting period for the preceding calendar year and the current calendar year up to the date of filing. Value entered as of any date you determine that is within 31 days of the date of filing.

Schedule B: Not applicable.

Schedule C: Part I (Individual): The reporting period is the preceding calendar year and the current calendar year up to any date you determine that is within 31 days of the date of filing.

Schedule D: Part II (A) (Individual): The reporting period is the preceding calendar year and the current calendar year up to the date of filing.

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Do not Complete Schedule B if you are a new entrant, nominee, Vice Presidential or Presidential Candidate

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Part I: TransactionsNone ☐

Report any purchase, sale, or exchange by you, your spouse, or dependent children during the reporting period of any real property, stocks, bonds, commodity futures, and other securities when the amount of the transaction exceeded \$1,000. Include transactions that resulted in a loss. Do not

report a transaction involving property used solely as your personal residence, or a transaction solely between you, your spouse, or dependent child. Check the "Certificate of divestiture" block to indicate sales made pursuant to a certificate of divestiture from OGE.

Transaction Type (x)			Date (Mo., Day, Yr.)	Amount of Transaction (x)											
Purchase	Sale	Exchange		\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$250,001 - \$500,000	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000*	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	Over \$50,000,000	Certificate of divestiture
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* This category applies only if the underlying asset is solely that of the filer's spouse or dependent children. If the underlying asset is either held by the filer or jointly held by the filer with the spouse or dependent children, use the other higher categories of value, as appropriate.

Part II: Gifts, Reimbursements, and Travel Expenses

For you, your spouse and dependent children, report the source, a brief description, and the value of: (1) gifts (such as tangible items, transportation, lodging, food, or entertainment) received from one source totaling more than \$260; and (2) travel-related cash reimbursements received from one source totaling more than \$260. For conflicts analysis, it is helpful to indicate a basis for receipt, such as personal friend, agency approval under 5 U.S.C. § 4111 or other statutory authority, etc. For travel-related gifts and reimbursements, include travel itinerary, dates, and the nature of expenses provided. **Exclude** anything given to you by

the U.S. Government; given to your agency in connection with official travel; received from relatives; received by your spouse or dependent child totally independent of their relationship to you; or provided as personal hospitality at the donor's residence. Also, for purposes of aggregating gifts to determine the total value from one source, exclude items worth \$104 or less. See instructions for other exclusions.

None ☐

Source (Name and Address)		Brief Description	Value
Examples:	Nat'l Assn. of Rock Collectors, NY, NY	Airline ticket, hotel room & meals incident to national conference 6/15/99 (personal activity unrelated to duty)	\$500
	Frank Jones, San Francisco, CA	Leather briefcase (personal friend)	\$300
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Part I: Liabilities

Report liabilities over \$10,000 owed to any one creditor at any time during the reporting period by you, your spouse, or dependent children. Check the highest amount owed during the reporting period. Exclude a mortgage on your

personal residence unless it is rented out; loans secured by automobiles, household furniture or appliances; and liabilities owed to certain relatives listed in instructions. See instructions for revolving charge accounts.

None ☐

Category of Amount or Value (x)

Creditors (Name and Address)		Type of Liability	Date Incurred	Interest Rate	Term if applicable	\$10,001 - \$15,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$250,001 - \$500,000	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000*	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	Over \$50,000,000
Examples:	First District Bank, Washington, DC	Mortgage on rental property, Delaware	1991	8%	25 yrs.			x								
	John Jones, 123 J St., Washington, DC	Promissory note	1999	10%	on demand					x						
1	Chase, Palatine, IL	Consumer Credit	2006	8%	Monthly	X										
2	American Express	Consumer Credit	2008	0	Monthly	X										
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* This category applies only if the liability is solely that of the filer's spouse or dependent children. If the liability is that of the filer or a joint liability of the filer with the spouse or dependent children, mark the other higher categories, as appropriate.

Part II: Agreements or Arrangements

Report your agreements or arrangements for: continuing participation in an employee benefit plan (e.g. 401k, deferred compensation); (2) continuation payment by a former employer (including severance payments); (3) leaves

of absence; and (4) future employment. See instructions regarding the reporting of negotiations for any of these arrangements or benefits

None ☒

Status and Terms of any Agreement or Arrangement		Parties	Date
Example:	Pursuant to partnership agreement, will receive lump sum payment of capital account & partnership share calculated on service performed through 1/00.	Doe Jones & Smith, Hometown, State	7/85
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Part I: Positions Held Outside U.S. Government

Report any positions held during the applicable reporting period, whether compensated or not. Positions include but are not limited to those of an officer, director, trustee, general partner, proprietor, representative, employee, or

consultant of any corporation, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise or any non-profit organization or educational institution. **Exclude** positions with religious, social, fraternal, or political entities and those solely of an honorary nature.

None ☒

	Organization (Name and Address)	Type of Organization	Position Held	From (Mo., Yr.)	To (Mo., Yr.)
Examples:	Nat'l Assn. of Rock Collectors, NY, NY Doe Jones & Smith, Hometown, State	Non-profit education Law firm	President Partner	6/92 7/85	Present 1/00
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Part II: Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid by One Source

Report sources of more than \$5,000 compensation received by you or your business affiliation for services provided directly by you during any one year of the reporting period. This includes the names of clients and customers of any

corporation, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise, or any other non-profit organization when you directly provided the services generating a fee or payment of more than \$5,000. You need not report the U.S. Government as a source.

Do not complete this part if you are an Incumbent, Termination Filer, or Vice Presidential or Presidential Candidate

None ☒

	Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
Examples:	Doe Jones & Smith, Hometown, State Metro University (client of Doe Jones & Smith), Moneytown, State	Legal services Legal services in connection with university construction
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Attachment for Question#12d (note: due to the volume of speeches, conferences, and talking events during my 29 year career, this is not to be considered a complete list).

Speaking Activities

- **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) National Methamphetamine Conference:** On November 3, 2003, Acting Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the keynote speaker at the National Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) National Methamphetamine Conference in Long Beach, California. DEA methamphetamine strategies and successes were presented.*
- **National Youth Crime Prevention Conference:** On February 15, 2004, Acting Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart addressed approximately 500 participants at the National Youth Crime Prevention Conference in Arlington, Virginia. The Acting Deputy Administrator stressed the connection between drugs and crime and encouraged the participants to use their talents and energies in the fight against drugs.*
- **National Narcotic Officers' Association Coalition:** On March 19, 2004, Acting Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart addressed a Board of Delegates meeting of the National Narcotic Officers' Association in Washington, D.C. The Acting Deputy Administrator addressed issues relating to federal law enforcement and the national drug strategy.*
- **Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Conference:** On April 8, 2004, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart addressed the participants of the Pacific Region national OCDETF conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Deputy Administrator discussed the challenges facing law enforcement and the importance of the OCDETF program.*
- **United States Attorney's Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee:** On April 26, 2004, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart addressed the U.S. Attorney's Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee in San Diego, California. The Deputy Administrator focused her comments on drug trafficking and investigative strategy. Remarks were used from OCDETF speech given April 8, 2004 listed above.*
- **Panel Discussion at National Association of Black Narcotic Agents (NABNA) Conference:** On June 23, 2004, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart participated in the NABNA Training Conference held in Arlington, Virginia as a member of the "Women in Law Enforcement Panel." No prepared speech or outline used.
- **2004 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference:** On July 19, 2004, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart addressed the 2004 Law Enforcement Exploring Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The Deputy Administrator discussed the mission of DEA and provided an overview of the agency's operations. No prepared speech or outline used.

- **Closing Remarks at International Narcotics Enforcement Management Seminar:** On September 24, 2004, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart provided closing remarks at the conclusion of the International Narcotics Enforcement Management Seminar in Potomac, Maryland. The Deputy Administrator commented on the importance of international cooperation and the global challenges facing law enforcement. No prepared speech or outline used.
- **Keynote Speaker at Steroids and Athletic Stimulants Summit:** On October 17, 2004, Acting Administrator Leonhart provided the keynote address at the CIF/DEA Steroids and Athletic Stimulants Summit held in Los Angeles.*
- **International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA) Conference:** On October 18, 2004, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the keynote speaker at the 45th Annual Conference of the INEOA in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The Deputy Administrator emphasized the importance of drug enforcement efforts and the dedication and commitment demonstrated by law enforcement officers.*
- **Speech at Corpus Christi Elementary School during Red Ribbon Week:** On October 25, 2004, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart addressed students at Corpus Christi Elementary School in Falls Church, VA at a Red Ribbon celebration. The Deputy Administrator discussed the dangers associated with drug abuse and encouraged a drug-free lifestyle.*
- **Remarks given to Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Advisory Council:** On January 27, 2005, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart provided remarks to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Advisory Council during its 41st meeting held in Rockville, Maryland.*
- **Century College Commencement Address:** On May 13, 2005, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart provided the commencement address to the graduates of Century College in Maplewood, Minnesota.*
- **18th Annual International Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Conference:** On August 11, 2005, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the key note speaker and presented the DEA-DARE Law Enforcement Executive of the Year Award at the closing banquet in San Antonio, Texas.*
- **Remarks given at Department of Justice EEO Symposium:** On September 20, 2005, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart provided remarks during a plenary session of an EEO Symposium sponsored by the Department of Justice in Washington, DC.*

- **Keynote Address for the National Red Ribbon Kick-Off Event:** On October 3, 2005, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the keynote speaker at the National Red Ribbon Kick-Off event hosted by the Informed Families Education Center in Miami, Florida. The Kick-Off event was a prelude to the 2005 Red Ribbon Week, an annual symbol of drug prevention which began as a tribute to Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena who in 1985 was abducted, tortured, and murdered in Guadalajara, Mexico. During Red Ribbon Week, Drug Enforcement Administration offices throughout the United States conduct special events emphasizing anti-drug messages.*
- **2005 Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents National Conference Banquet:** On October 12, 2005, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the keynote speaker at the 2005 Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents National Conference Banquet in Newport, Rhode Island. The Deputy Administrator acknowledged the professional contributions of former federal narcotics agents and thanked the association for its support of the Drug Enforcement Administration.*
- **Los Angeles Police Department Women’s Leadership Conference:** On November 10, 2005, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was a panel speaker at the Los Angeles Police Department Women’s Leadership Conference. Deputy Administrator discussed her career, leadership and diversity at DEA. *
- **National Narcotics Officers’ Associations’ Coalition:** On February 15, 2006, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart addressed the National Narcotics Officers’ Associations’ Coalition in Washington, D.C. The Deputy Administrator commented on methamphetamine and medical marijuana issues, and provided an update on the Drug Enforcement Administration’s recent successes and most challenging issues. No prepared speech or outline used.
- **Opening Remarks at the National Association of Black Narcotics Agents (NABNA) Annual Conference:** On July 17, 2006, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart provided the opening remarks at the 2006 NABNA conference in Pasadena, California. The Deputy Administrator spoke about the challenges and opportunities facing narcotics officers. No prepared speech or outline used.
- **Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Annual Conference Banquet:** On July 27, 2006, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the keynote speaker at the 2006 DARE Conference in Orlando, Florida. The Deputy Administrator spoke about drug prevention efforts and presented the DARE Executive of the Year Award.*
- **Keynote Speaker at the Annual International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators’ Association Conference:** On September 18, 2006, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the keynote speaker at the 32nd annual International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators’ Association conference in San Diego, California, attended by more than 400 law enforcement officers from around the world. The conference addressed issues involving motorcycle gangs and their criminal activities, including the manufacture, sale, and distribution of illegal drugs.*

- **National Narcotic Officers' Association Coalition:** On February 12, 2007, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart addressed the National Narcotics Officers' Association Coalition in Washington, D.C. The Deputy Administrator commented on DEA drug strategies. No prepared speech or outline used.
- **Tri-State Commander's Conference:** On March 7, 2007, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart addressed the Tri-State Commander's Conference in Laughlin, Nevada. The conference was an annual gathering of narcotics commanders from California, Nevada, and Arizona. The Deputy Administrator delivered the opening remarks and expressed DEA's appreciation regarding the cooperation between state and local agencies and DEA.*
- **Northern Border DEA-RCMP Conference:** On May 23, 2007, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart made opening remarks at the Northern Border DEA-RCMP Conference held in Rochester, Michigan. The conference was sponsored by DEA and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and was attended by senior officials from both agencies. This conference addressed policy issues relating to ongoing international law enforcement initiatives.*
- **13th Annual National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Training Conference:** On June 15, 2007, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart attended the 13th Annual NADCP Training Conference in Washington, D.C. where she participated as a panelist. The NADCP promotes the establishment, growth, and funding of drug courts.*
- **Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE) Conference:** On June 26, 2007, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart attended the Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE) conference in Rancho Mirage, California where she was the keynote speaker. WIFLE promotes gender equity in federal law enforcement through training, research, scholarships, awards, and networking partnerships.*
- **Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Annual Training Conference:** On July 19, 2007, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the keynote banquet speaker at the annual DARE training conference in Nashville, Tennessee. She also presented the DEA DARE Law Enforcement Executive of the Year Award. DARE is an educational drug prevention program that is taught in 75 per cent of the nation's school districts and more than 43 countries around the world. *
- **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Workshop:** On July 29, 2007, Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart participated in a three-member panel of the NOBLE Chief Executive Officer and Leadership Forum in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, regarding "The First 90-180 Days as a Chief / CEO." No prepared speech or outline was utilized.
- **U.S. Attorney's Conference:** On February 13, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the U.S. Attorney's Conference in Washington, D.C. The conference was sponsored by the Department of Justice, and was attended by U.S. Attorneys and Assistant U.S. Attorneys representing all 94 U.S. Judicial Districts.*

- **DEA Museum Foundation Awards Ceremony:** On March 6, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the DEA Museum Foundation award ceremony in Washington, D.C. during which Mrs. Betty Sembler was presented with the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award. Mrs. Sembler was being recognized for her work in the White House Conference for a Drug Free America and the Florida Governor's Drug Policy Task Force, and as a board member of the Florida Drug Abuse Resistance Education project.*
- **2008 Midyear Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, State and Provincial Police Division:** On March 7, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the 2008 Midyear Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, State and Provincial Police Division, in Washington, D.C., and addressed mutual drug law enforcement challenges and successes.*
- **2008 National HIDTA Conference:** On May 22, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the keynote speaker at the National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Conference held in Coronado, California.*
- **New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement:** On May 28, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart was the keynote speaker at the New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement Conference held at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about women in law enforcement, and recent DEA successes, with a particular emphasis on cases and accomplishments in New Jersey.*
- **DEA Special Agent Graduation:** On June 20, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BA 177 in Quantico, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about what graduates have endured to get to this point and the vitally important work they'll soon be doing.*
- **International Drug Enforcement Conference:** On July 8, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave the opening remarks at the IDEC conference in Istanbul, Turkey. Acting Administrator Leonhart as co-president of IDEC welcomed conference participants and spoke about global partnerships to stop transnational drug traffickers.*
- **International Drug Enforcement Conference:** On July 10, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave closing remarks at the IDEC conference in Istanbul, Turkey. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the importance of international drug enforcement cooperation and the challenges ahead.
- **Law Enforcement Explorer's Conference:** On July 21, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave opening remarks at the Law Enforcement Explorer's Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Acting Administrator Leonhart welcomed participants to the weeklong event and encouraged youth to seek careers in law enforcement.*
- **Law Enforcement Explorer's Conference:** On July 24, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave closing remarks at the Law Enforcement Explorer's Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about recruitment and careers in law enforcement, and recapped the week's events. No prepared speech or outline used.

- **DEA Special Agent Graduation:** On August 8, 2008, Acting Deputy Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BA 178 in Quantico, Virginia, welcoming the new agents to the DEA.*
- **DARE Awards:** On August 13, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Drug Abuse Resistance Education awards luncheon in San Antonio, Texas. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about DARE's important work over the past 25 years, DEA's partnership, and presented the DARE Executive of the Year award.*
- **Special Agent Eulogy:** On September 9, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave a eulogy in Rockville, Maryland for the line of duty death of Special Agent Thomas Byrne. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the commitment of SA Byrne to DEA and public service.*
- **Target America Reception:** On October 1, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the opening reception for DEA's premier traveling exhibit, Target America, in Los Angeles, California. Acting Administrator Leonhart thanked DEA's sponsors and partners, and reinforced the important message that all of us are impacted by drug abuse.*
- **AFFNA Agent of the Year:** On October 8, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents annual banquet and presented the officer of the year award in Las Vegas, Nevada. Acting Administrator Leonhart updated the retired agents on DEA activities and expressed DEA's appreciation for their service.*
- **DEA Red Ribbon Ceremony:** On October 15, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at DEA's annual Red Ribbon event at DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart introduced NBC's Pete Williams, gave examples of how people are living drug free lives, and spoke about DEA's efforts fighting drug abuse and drug traffickers.*
- **DOD Red Ribbon Award Ceremony:** On October 24, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at a Department of Defense Red Ribbon Awards Ceremony at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The Acting Administrator spoke about DEA's partnership with DOD, international successes and the impact of working together.*
- **Federal Drug Agents Foundation Awards Dinner:** On October 27, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at a Federal Drug Agents Award Banquet in New York City. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the important work DEA is doing and the sacrifice of agents, including recognition of SA Tom Byrne who was recently murdered.*
- **Colombian Wreath Laying Ceremony:** On October 29, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at a wreath laying ceremony for the Colombian National Police in Bogotá, Colombia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about partnership DEA has with the CNP and the Colombian Government, the sacrifice of those on the front lines of drug law enforcement, and the joint determination to triumph over the traffickers.*

- **Tripartite Conference:** On October 29, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the opening of the Tripartite conference in Bogotá, Colombia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about law enforcement strategies and the positive impact of US, Mexico and Colombian law enforcement joint efforts.*
- **Colombian Law Enforcement Dedication:** On October 30, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at a plaque dedication at the US embassy in Bogotá, Colombia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the courage and sacrifice of slain DEA Supervisor Octavio Gonzalez.*
- **DEA Veterans Ceremony:** On November 3, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at DEA's annual Veterans Day ceremony at DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the contributions veterans have made to DEA's success, and the close partnerships DEA has fostered with DOD in Afghanistan and around the world.*
- **DEA Intelligence Research Specialist Graduation:** On November 7, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BIRS 61 in Arlington, Virginia. The address focused on DEA's Intelligence program and successes.*
- **DARE to CARE Gala:** On December 3, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the DARE to CARE gala in New York City. Acting Administrator Leonhart accepted an honorary award, and spoke about DEA's partnership with DARE.*
- **ONDCP Awards:** On December 4, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the Office of National Drug Control Policy's Marijuana Awards in Washington, DC. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about recent operations, particularly against those growing marijuana on public lands and a report on recent statistics that show decreasing marijuana use.*
- **Clan Lab Dedication:** On December 5, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the dedication of DEA's new clandestine laboratory training facility in Quantico, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the importance of methamphetamine lab training and DEA's valued assistance to state and local officers.*
- **DEA Special Agent Graduation:** On December 19, 2008, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BA 179 in Quantico, Virginia.*
- **DEA Martin Luther King Day Ceremony:** On January 13, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at DEA's annual Martin Luther King Day event at DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the legacy of Martin Luther King and the important work of DEA.*
- **CADCA Convention:** On February 11, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the annual convention of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Conference in National Harbor, Maryland. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about DEA's partnership with CADCA and DEA's efforts to reduce drug use, particularly demand reduction initiatives.*
- **DEA Special Agent Graduation:** On February 13, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BA 180 in Quantico, Virginia.*

- **DEA Black History Month Ceremony:** On February 18, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at DEA's annual Black History Month ceremony at DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the important role African-Americans have at DEA.*
- **DEA Intelligence Research Specialist Graduation:** On April 10, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BIRS 62 in Arlington, Virginia, highlighting DEA's Intelligence program.*
- **Attorney General's Law Enforcement Summit:** On April 20, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Summit in Washington, DC. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke on a panel about DEA's partnerships with state and local law enforcement and Task Force successes.*
- **DEA Wreath Laying Event and Memorial Service:** On May 13, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks and laid a wreath at DEA's annual Memorial Day Service at DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about DEA and FBI agents who died in the line of duty over the past year and those who have died in the line of duty over the history of DEA.*
- **Special Agent Memorial Service:** On May 21, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart made remarks at a memorial service honoring Special Agent Thomas Byrne in Houston, Texas. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the life of SA Byrne and how his memory inspires all who knew him to rededicate themselves to the DEA mission.*
- **DEA Miami Headquarters Dedication:** On May 28, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the dedication and ribbon cutting for DEA's new division office headquarters in Miami, Florida. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about DEA's strong history in Miami and the important role it will play in DEA's future.*
- **DEA Special Agent Graduation:** On June 19, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BA 181 in Quantico, Virginia.*
- **Survivors Benefit Reception:** On June 22, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at DEA's Survivors Benefit Fund Reception at DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the efforts the Survivors Benefit Fund, which provides assistance to families of those DEA employees who have died in the line of duty.*
- **International Narcotic Enforcement Management:** On June 24, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave closing remarks at the conclusion of training at INEMS in Potomac, Maryland. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about international cooperation and successes combating international drug trafficking organizations.*
- **Victim Witness Coordinator Training:** On June 24, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks to Victim Witness Coordinators at DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the important work of DEA employees who act as coordinators and provide the special help victims of drugs, particularly children, need.*

- **DEA Intelligence Research Specialist Graduation:** On July 17, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BIRS 63 in Arlington, Virginia about their new careers in drug law enforcement.*
- **Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Conference:** On July 22, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the OCDETF annual conference in Washington, DC. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about how the cooperation of different law enforcement agencies produce results, particularly targeting major drug organizations.*
- **DEA Special Agent Graduation:** On August 7, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BA 182 in Quantico, Virginia.*
- **DEA Awards Ceremony:** On August 7, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave extended remarks at the DEA Awards Ceremony in Quantico, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the incredible and heroic work of DEA employees who have excelled in their careers, presenting more than 100 awards.*
- **DEA Hispanic Heritage Month Event:** On September 29, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at DEA's annual Hispanic Heritage Month event at DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.*
- **Awards Ceremony, Recruitment Event:** On October 1, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks during an alumni award presentation and at a class recruitment event at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about how her law enforcement career and career opportunities.*
- **DEA Intelligence Research Specialist Graduation:** On October 23, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BIRS 64 in Arlington, Virginia.*
- **Special Agent Michael Eulogy:** On November 5, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave a eulogy in Muncy, Pennsylvania for Special Agent Chad Michael who died in the line of duty in Afghanistan. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the career, service and sacrifice of SA Michael.*
- **Special Agent Weston Eulogy:** On November 6, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave a eulogy at Quantico, Virginia for Special Agent Michael Weston who died in the line of duty in Afghanistan. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about SA Weston's incredible patriotism and the important work he did at DEA and throughout his career.*
- **DEA Veterans Ceremony:** On November 9, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at DEA's annual Veterans Day ceremony at DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the incredible contributions of veterans at DEA and the heroic sacrifice of many of them, including recent tragic deaths in Afghanistan.*
- **Special Agent Leamon Eulogy:** On November 14, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave a eulogy in McLean, Virginia for Special Agent Forrest Leamon who died in the line of duty in Afghanistan. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about SA Leamon's dedication and commitment to DEA and its mission.*
- **DEA Special Agent Graduation:** On February 5, 2010, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for BA 185 in Quantico, Virginia.*

- **CADCA Convention:** On February 11, 2010, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the 20th annual meeting of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America at National Harbor, Maryland. She was a part of a federal panel participating in a question and answer session with participants. No prepared remarks were used.
- **Target America Reception:** On March 2, 2010, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at the opening reception for DEA's traveling exhibit, Target America, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the impact the exhibit can have, how vital it is for the public to learn about how drugs are produced, distributed, and to understand the connection between traffickers, violence, and terrorism.

Attachment for Question#12e (note: due to the volume of media interviews, activities and press release and press events during my 29 year career, this is not to be considered a complete list).

Media Interviews, Activities and Press Releases

- **DEA Observes 25th Anniversary of Death of Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena:**
DEA Press Release, March 4, 2010
The Washington Times, March 5, 2010
States News Service, March 4, 2010
Targeted News Service, March 4, 2010
- **DEA Opens Powerful Museum Exhibit in New Orleans:**
March 2, 2010, *DEA News Release*
US Fed News, March 3, 2010
States News Service, March 2, 2010
Targeted News Service, March 2, 2010
- **Target America Press Conference:** On March 3, 2010, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks at a press conference at the opening of DEA’s traveling exhibit, Target America, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about how drug abuse impacts all of us and encouraged the public to see the exhibit. (see stories above)
- **Extradition of Alleged Mexican Drug Trafficker Jesus Vicente Zambada-Niebla.**
February 19, 2010, *DEA News Release*
State and Local Health Weekly, March 4, 2010
Biotech Week, March 3, 2010
Drug Law Weekly, March 2, 2010
Pharma Law Weekly, March 2, 2010
Pharma Business Week, March 1, 2010
The Washington Times, February 23, 2010
Targeted News Service, February 19, 2010
US Fed News, February 19, 2010
States News Service, February 19, 2010
- **U.S. indicts 'Merchant of Death' arms dealer; Thailand refuses to extradite Bout to U.S.:** February 17, 2010, *DEA News Release*
The Washington Times, February 18, 2010
Canadian Press, February 17, 2010
Associated Press, February 17, 2010
Targeted News Service, February 17, 2010
States News Service, February 17, 2010

- **Mexico's Narco War Escalates:**
Pacific Free Press, February 2, 2010
- **Federal Register: DEA Issues Final Rule for Redefinition of Functions (Department of Justice):**
US Fed News, February 2, 2010
- **DEA: Mexico Marks Another Success Against Drug Cartels:** January 13, 2010, *DEA News Release*
International Herald Tribune, January 14, 2010
States News Service, January 13, 2010
The New York Times, January 13, 2010
The Los Angeles Times, January 13, 2010
The San Diego Union Tribune, January 13, 2010
- **No letup seen in violence by Sonora cartels:**
Arizona Daily Star, December 20, 2009
- **Three Al-Qaeda Associates Arrested for Drug and Terrorism Charges:** December 18, 2009, *DEA News Release*
New York Daily News, December 19, 2009
The New York Times, December 19, 2009
Newsday, December 19, 2009
The Washington Times, December 19, 2009
The Washington Post, December 19, 2009
Indio Asian News Service, December 19, 2009
Wilmington News Journal, December 19, 2009
US Fed News, December 19, 2009
Virginian Pilot, December 19, 2009
Associated Press, December 19, 2009
Agence France Presse, December 18, 2009
Canadian Press, December 18, 2009
PR Newswire, December 18, 2009
Targeted News Service, December 18, 2009
- **Statement from DEA Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart on the Death of Mexican Drug Cartel Leader Arturo Beltran-Leyva:** December 17, 2009, *DEA News Release*
Los Angeles Times, December 18, 2009
Chicago Tribune, December 18, 2009
US Fed News, December 18, 2009
States News Service, December 17, 2009
CNN.com, December 17, 2009
- **Three FARC Members Arrested and Charged with Hostage-Taking of U.S. Citizen:**
December 4, 2009, *DEA News Release*

US Fed News, December 19, 2009
States News Service, December 4, 2009
Targeted News Service, December 4, 2009

- **Afghanistan, Fort Hood casualties mourned; Funeral for DEA agent in Va.; services in Okla., Ind. for shooting victims:**
The Washington Post, November 15, 2009
- **New Orleans Man Sentenced to 30 Years for Murder of DEA Special Agent:**
US Fed News, November 5, 2009
Associated Press, November 4, 2009
Targeted News Service, November 4, 2009
- **DEA Remembers its Fallen Heroes (Remarks in Absentia from Acting Administrator Leonhart at Kabul Memorial Service):** October 29, 2009, *DEA News Release*
- **3 DEA agents, 7 others die in helicopter crash in Afghanistan:**
The Washington Post, October 28, 2009
New York Daily News, October 27, 2009
Digital Journal, October 27, 2009
Associated Press, October 26, 2009
Canadian Press, October 26, 2009
Carleton Place, October 26, 2009
Guelph Mercury Ontario, October 26, 2009
Waterloo Chronicle, October 26, 2009
CNN.com, October 26, 2009
- **Interview with Oliver North on Fallen Agents, Fox News Channel:** October 27, 2009.
- **DEA Announces Largest Single U.S. Strike Against Mexican Drug Cartels:** October 22, 2009, *DEA News Release*
Pharma Investments, Ventures and Law Weekly, November 8, 2009
Law and Health Weekly, November 7, 2009
Obesity, Fitness, and Wellness Week, November 7, 2009
Biotech Law Weekly, November 6, 2009
Drug Week, November 6, 2009
Health Business Week, November 6, 2009
Medicine and Law Weekly, November 6, 2009
Medical Verdicts and Law Weekly, November 5, 2009
State and Local Health Law Weekly, November 5, 2009
Biotech, November 4, 2009
US Fed News, October 29, 2009
Austin American Statesman, October 23, 2009
Christian Science Monitor, October 23, 2009
Houston Chronicle, October 23, 2009
Los Angeles Times, October 23, 2009

The New York Times, October 23, 2009
Minneapolis Star Tribune, October 23, 2009
Thai Press Reports, October 23, 2009
US Fed News, October 23, 2009
Vancouver Sun, October 23, 2009
The Washington Times, October 23, 2009
The Washington Post, October 23, 2009
ABC World News Tonight, October 22, 2009
Digital Journal, October 22, 2009
PR Newswire, October 22, 2009
States News Service, October 22, 2009
Targeted News Service, October 22, 2009
UPI, October 22, 2009
Voice of America, October 22, 2009
White House Bulletin, October 22, 2009
CNN.com, October 22, 2009

- **Project Coronado Press Conference:** On October 22, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks with the Attorney General at a press conference announcing the results of *Project Coronado* at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about how *Coronado* was the largest coordinated operation against a major Mexican drug cartel, and how *Coronado* targeted *La Familia Michoacana*. (stories listed above)
- **DEA Kicks off 2010 Red Ribbon Week:** October 20, 2009, *DEA News Release*
Colusa County, CA Sun Herald, November 4, 2009
US Fed News, October 21, 2009
Targeted News Service, October 20, 2009
- **Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Attorney, and Other Federal and Local Officials Unveil New OCEETF Strike Force Site, Highlight Successes of Phoenix Operation:** October 1, 2009, *DEA News Release*
Politics & Government Business, October 15, 2009
US Fed News, October 6, 2009
Targeted News Service, October 1, 2009
States News Service, September 30, 2009
- **DEA head honors BSU roots**
The Bemidji Pioneer, October 2, 2009
- **DEA Announces Indictments of 57th Front FARC Members:** September 28, 2009, *DEA News Release*
US Fed News, September 29, 2009
Boston Globe, September 29, 2009
States News Service, September 28, 2009
Targeted News Service, September 28, 2009
Associated Press, September 28, 2009

Canadian Press, September 28, 2009

- **DEA Hosts Methadone Stakeholders Meeting:** September 24, 2009, *DEA News Release*
US Fed News, September 25, 2009
States News Service, September 24, 2009
Targeted News Service, September 24, 2009
- **DEA Announces Extradition of Jesus Eduardo Valencia-Arbelaez, a.k.a. "Padre:"**
September 3, 2009, *DEA News Release*.
US Fed News, September 4, 2009
States News Service, September 3, 2009
Targeted News Service, September 3, 2009
UPI, September 3, 2009
- **U.S. Indicts 10 Drug Cartel Leaders: Unprecedented move targets chiefs of every drug syndicate in Mexico as well as 33 other traffickers CARTELS: Indictments state \$5.8 billion:** *DEA Press Release*, August 20, 2009
Drug Law Weekly, September 1, 2009
Pharma Law Weekly, September 1, 2009
Bioterrorism Week, September 1, 2009
Biotech Business Week, August 31, 2009
Health and Medicine Week, August 31, 2009
Pharma Business Week, August 31, 2009
Lab Business Week, August 30, 2009
Pharma Investments, Ventures and Law Weekly, August 30, 2009
Associated Press, August 23, 2009
Los Angeles Times, August 23, 2009
Canadian Press, August 22, 2009
Targeted News Service, August 22, 2009
The Houston Chronicle, August 21, 2009
US Fed News, August 21, 2009
The Washington Times, August 21, 2009
States News Service, August 20, 2009
Al Jazeera, August 20, 2009
- **Mexico-based Drug Kingpins Press Conference:** On August 20, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks with the Attorney General at a press conference announcing indictments against some of the leading Mexico-based drug kingpins at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. (stories above)
- **DEA Announces Guilty Plea of Diego Montoya-Sanchez:** August 11, 2009, *DEA News Release*
Lab Business Week, August 30, 2009
Pharma Investments, Ventures and Law Weekly, August 30, 2009
Healthcare Mergers, Acquisitions, and Ventures Week, August 30, 2009
Law and Health Weekly, August 30, 2009

Biotech Law Weekly, August 28, 2009
Drug Week, August 28, 2009
Health Business Week, August 28, 2009
US Fed News, August 15, 2009
Miami Herald, August 12, 2009
Targeted News Service, August 12, 2009

- **DEA Announces Arrest of La Troca.** August 3, 2009, *DEA News Release*
Deseret News, August 4, 2009
Houston Chronicle, August 4, 2009
McClatchy News, August 4, 2009
Mexico City News, August 4, 2009
The Washington Post, August 4, 2009
Canadian Press, August 3, 2009
Associated Press, August 3, 2009
- **Gulf Cartel/Los Zetas Indictments Announced.** July 20, 2009, *DEA News Release*
States News Service, July 20, 2009
Targeted News Service, July 20, 2009
US Fed News, July 21, 2009
- **FARC Commander “Cesar” Extradited.** July 17, 2009, *DEA News Release*
US Fed News, July 18, 2009
States News Service, July 17, 2009
Targeted News Service, July 17, 2009
- **Indictment and Arrival of Haji Bagcho:** June 29, 2009, *DEA News Release*
Pharma Investments, Ventures and Law Weekly, July 19, 2009
Pajhwok Afghan News, June 30, 2009
States News Service, June 29, 2009
Targeted News Service, June 29, 2009
- **Response to UNODC World Drug Report:** June 25, 2009, *DEA News Release*
US Fed News, June 26, 2009
States News Service, June 25, 2009
Targeted News Service, June 25, 2009
- **Mexico moves quietly to decriminalize minor drug use; The president wants to focus on traffickers, but critics fear that it will lead to more addiction:**
Los Angeles Times, June 21, 2009
- **DEA shares powers in deal; U.S. immigration agents get ability to make drug busts:**
DEA Press Release, June 18, 2009
Chicago Tribune, June 19, 2009
The Leader Post, June 19, 2009
Los Angeles Times, June 19, 2009

McAllen Monitor, June 19, 2009
Nanaimo Daily News, June 19, 2009
Ottawa Citizen, June 19, 2009
Star Phoenix Canada, June 19, 2009
US Fed News, June 19, 2009
The Washington Times, June 19, 2009
The Washington Post, June 19, 2009
Windsor Star, June 19, 2009
Agence France Presse, June 19, 2009
Canwest News Service, June 18, 2009

- **ICE/DEA Press Conference:** On June 18, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks with ICE Director John Morton at a press conference announcing the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between DEA and ICE at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about the expanded partnership between ICE and DEA, and how it will increase cooperation between the two agencies. (stories above)
- **Five Arrested in Plot to Murder U.S. Agent:** June 12, 2009, *DEA News Release*
States News Service, June 12, 2009
Targeted News Service, June 12, 2009
- **National Prescription Drug Threat Assessment Released:** May 20, 2009, *DEA News Release*
US Fed News, May 21, 2009
State News Service, May 20, 2009
- **Drug violence may bleed into the U.S.; Authorities say the leader of the Sinaloa cartel has given the OK to open fire here:**
Los Angeles Times, May 6, 2009
- **Historic Transfer of Defendants from Sierra Leone to Face Drug Trafficking Charges:**
 April 22, 2009, *DEA News Release*
US Fed News, April 24, 2009
States News Service, April 22, 2009
- **Media Roundtable on Mexico Drug Situation on April 15, 2009:**
The Associated Press, April 16, 2009
New York Daily News, April 16, 2009
- **Ryan Haight Act Regulations Take Effect:** April 13, 2009, *DEA News Release*
US Fed News, April 14, 2009
States News Service, April 13, 2009
UPI, April 13, 2009
- **Monzer Al-Kassar Associate Found Guilty of Terrorism Charges:** March 18, 2009, *DEA*

News Release

US Fed News, March 25, 2009

States News Service, March 18, 2009

- **Police see hike in Canada drug violence:**
The Associated Press, March 6, 2009
- **AUC Leader Mejia-Munera Extradited:** March 5, 2010, *DEA News Release*
US Fed News, March 25, 2009
UPI, March 4, 2009
States News Service, March 4, 2009
- **DEA Targets Sinaloa Cartel in Operation XCellerator:** *DEA News Release*, February 25, 2009
St. Paul Pioneer Press, February 25, 2009
Phoenix Business Journal, February 25, 2009
Agence France Presse, February 25, 2009
UPI, February 25, 2009
CNN.com, February 25, 2009
The Associated Press, February 26, 2009
Orange County Register, February 26, 2009
Los Angeles Times, February 26, 2009
Las Cruces Sun-News, February 26, 2009
El Paso Times, February 26, 2009
Abilene Reporter, February 26, 2009
Australian Broadcast Corporation, February 26, 2009
The New York Times, February 26, 2009
The Washington Times, February 26, 2009
Whittier Daily News, February 27, 2009
Houston Chronicle, February 28, 2009
US Fed News, February 28, 2009
- **Operation Xcellerator Press Conference:** On February 25, 2009, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart gave remarks with the Attorney General at a press conference announcing *Operation Xcellerator* at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. Acting Administrator Leonhart spoke about *Xcellerator*, one of the largest joint international drug investigations of all time. *Xcellerator* targeted the Mexico-based Sinaloa Cartel and the remarks explain who they are and what DEA is doing to put them out of business (Stories listed above)
- **Monzer Al Kassar Sentenced to 30 Years in Prison on Terrorism Charges:** February 25, 2009, *DEA News Release*.
States News Service, February 25, 2009
Agence France Presse, February 24, 2009
- **DEA Launches Educational Website for Parents:** February 11, 2009, *DEA News Release*

US Fed News, February 28, 2009

- **Rite Aid Settlement Announcement:** January 12, 2009, *DEA News Release*
Associated Press, January 13, 2009
States News Service, January 12, 2009
- **Mexico sends 10 drug defendants to U.S.:** December 31, 2008, *DEA News Release*
UPI, December 31, 2008
States News Service, December 31, 2008

Member of Afghan Taliban Sentenced to Life in Prison in Nation's First Conviction of Narco-Terror Charges:

Pajhwok Afghan News, December 23, 2008
States News Service, December 22, 2008

- **U.S. Cocaine Market Disrupted: Prices Continue 21-Month Surge:** December 11, 2008, *DEA News Release*
Agence France Presse, December 11, 2008
- **DEA Dedicates Clan Lab Training Facility at Quantico:** December 5, 2008, *DEA News Release and Media interviews took place.*
The Washington Post, December 21, 2008
Free Lance Star, December 6, 2008
Agence France Presse, December 5, 2008
States News Service, December 5, 2008
- **Acting DEA Administrator Leonhart Delivers 35th Anniversary Message:**
US Fed News, December 1, 2008
- **DEA to Dedicate Clan Lab Training Facility at Quantico:** November 20, 2008, *DEA News Advisory*
- **International Arms Dealer Convicted on Terrorism Charges:**
Al Jazeera, November 25, 2008
States News Service, November 20, 2008
Agence France Presse, November 20, 2008
- **Brazil Extradites Alleged Colombian Cocaine Capo to the U.S.:**
International Enforcement Law Reporter, November 2008
- **Gun Battle Ends With Arrest of Eduardo Arrellano-Felix:** October 27, 2008, *DEA News Release*
States News Service, October 27, 2008
US Fed News, October 27, 2008
- **Afghan drug trafficker arrested on charges of financing Taliban:**

Blast Magazine, October 26, 2008

- **Ribbons show anti-drugs stance:**
Whittier Daily News, October 26, 2008
- **Afghan Drug Kingpin Charged with Financing Taliban Terrorist Insurgency:** October 24, 2008, *DEA News Release*.
Associated Press, October 25, 2008
Pajhwok Afghan News, October 25, 2008
States News Service, October 24, 2008
- **DEA Kicks Off Red Ribbon Campaign.** October 14, 2008, *DEA News Release*.
Defense Department Documents and Publications, October 24, 2008
US Fed News, October 14, 2008
- **Argentina a new hub for meth traffickers ; Crackdowns in Mexico have prompted drug gangs to look south for supplies of ephedrine, a key ingredient.**
Los Angeles Times, October 13, 2008
- **Target America Opens at California Science Center:** October 3, 2008, *DEA News Release*.
Ventura County Star, October 9, 2008
The Daily News of Los Angeles, October 6, 2008
States News Service, October 2, 2008
Desert Sun, September 19, 2008
- **Cardinal pays \$34M to settle substance claims:**
Lab Business Week, October 19, 2008
Pharma Investments, Ventures and Law Weekly, October 19, 2008
Drug Week, October 17, 2008
Columbus Dispatch, October 12, 2008
- **Congress Passes Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act:** October 1, 2008, *DEA News Release*.
Chain Drug Review, October 13, 2008
US Fed News, October 1, 2008
States News Service, October 1, 2008
- **Press Conference and Media Preview of Target America in Los Angeles:** September 30, 2008, *DEA News Release*.
- **Top Taliban Associate Haji Bashir Noorzai Found Guilty of Heroin Trafficking:**
September 24, 2008, *DEA News Release*.
US Fed News, September 24, 2008
- **Press Conference: Project Reckoning - 175 Alleged Gulf Cartel Members Arrested in**

Massive International Operation: September 17, 2008, *DEA News Release*.
Atlanta Journal Constitution, September 18, 2008
The New York Times, September 18, 2008
Raleigh News and Observer, September 18, 2008
Cox News Service, September 17, 2008
States News Service, September 17, 2008

- **Thomas J. Byrne; DEA Supervisory Agent in Houston:**
Washington Post, September 5, 2008
- **Cocaine Cartel Leader to Face Charges in the U.S.:** August 25, 2008, *DEA News Release*.
US Fed News, August 25, 2008
Australia Sunday Times, August 24, 2008
The Associated Press, August 23, 2008
Grand Rapids Press, August 23, 2008
Los Angeles Times, August 23, 2008
- **Press Event at Bulgarian Ministry of Interior, Sofia, Bulgaria on July 14, 2008**
- **Press Conference and Media Interviews: International Drug Enforcement Conference, Istanbul, Turkey:** July 7, 2008. *DEA News Release*.
US Fed News, July 7, 2008
- **DEA Marks 35th Anniversary:** July 1, 2008, *DEA News Release*.
US Fed News, July 2, 2008
- **26th Annual IDEC to be Held in Turkey:** June 30, 2008, *DEA News Release*
- **Cartel Violence Intensifies:**
Dallas Morning News, June 17, 2008
- **Colombian AUC member admits drug trafficking:**
June 17, 2008, *DEA News Release*
UPI, June 17, 2008
- **International Arms Dealer Extradited to the United States from Spain on Terrorism Offenses:** June 13, 2008, *DEA News Release*
The Washington Times, June 14, 2008
US Fed News, June 13, 2008
- **Media Roundtable Event with ONDCP Director John Walters held at ONDCP Headquarters in Washington, D.C. on June 3, 2008:** (see outline)
- **U.S Department of Justice; Member of Afghan Taliban Convicted in U.S. Court on Narco-Terrorism and Drug Charges:** *Pharma Investments, Ventures & Law Weekly*, June 1, 2008

- **U.S. Department of Justice; 14 Members of Colombian Paramilitary Group Extradited to the United States to Face U.S. Drugs Charges:** *Lab Business Week*, June 1, 2008
- **U.S. Department of Justice; 14 Members of Colombian Paramilitary Group Extradited to the United States to Face U.S. Drugs Charges:** *Pharma Investments, Ventures & Law Weekly*, June 1, 2008
- **U.S. Department of Justice; 14 Members of Colombian Paramilitary Group Extradited to the United States to Face U.S. Drugs Charges:** *Drug Week*, May 30, 2008
- **Brother's Memory Honored in Victory; Memorial Day has special meaning for Derek Maltz, now maybe more so:** *The Post-Standard (Syracuse, New York)*, May 27, 2008
- **Member of Afghan Taliban convicted in U.S. Court on narco-terrorism and drug charges:** *U.S. Fed News*, May 20, 2008
- **Khan faces minimum 20 years sentence:** *Pajhwok Afghan News*, May 16, 2008
- **Member of Afghan Taliban convicted in U.S. Court on narco-terrorism and drug charges:** *Justice Department Documents and Publications*, May 15, 2008
- **U.S. Department of Justice; McKesson Corporation agrees to pay more than \$13 Million to settle claims that it failed to report suspicious sales of prescription medications:** *Biotech Week*, May 14, 2008
- **Colombian paramilitaries to be tried by U.S. for terror, drugs:** *Agence France Presse – English*, May 14, 2008
- **Colombian paramilitary leaders to be tried in U.S.:** *Agence France Presse – English*, May 13, 2008
- **Member of Afghan Taliban Convicted in U.S. Court on Narco-Terrorism and Drug Charges:** May 20, 2008, *DEA News Release*
- **14 Members of Colombian Paramilitary Group Extradited to the United States to Face U.S. Drugs Charges:** May 13, 2008, *DEA News Release*
- **'Merchant of Death' nabbed in arms deal:** *Daily News (New York)*, May 7, 2008
- **FARC arms deal risk to Americans; U.S. seeks suspect's extradition:** *Washington Times*, May 7, 2008

- **U.S. authorities bring charges against Russian ‘arms dealer’:** *RIA Novosti* May 7, 2008
- **Indictment accuses reputed Russian arms smuggler of conspiring to kill Americans:** *Associated Press Worldstream*, May 6, 2008
- **Former Chief Pharmacist sentenced to two years of incarceration for stealing \$95,000 of medication from St. Elizabeths Hospital:** *US Fed News*, May 6, 2008
- **Indictment: Reputed Russian arms smuggler conspired to kill:** *Associated Press*, May 6, 2008
- **U.S. unveils terror charges against Russian arms dealer:** *Agence France Presse-English*, May 6, 2008
- **U.S. Announces Indictment of International Arms Dealer for Conspiracy to Kill Americans and Related Terrorism Charges,** May 6, 2008, *DEA News Release*
- **Health giant will pay states \$13.25M:** *The Salt Lake Tribune*, May 4, 2008
- **McKesson Corporation agrees to pay more than \$13 million to settle claims that it failed to report suspicious sales of prescription medications:** *States News Service*, May 2, 2008
- **DEA News: McKesson Corporation Agrees to Pay More Than \$13 million to Settle Claims that it Failed to Report Suspicious Sales of Prescription Medications,** May 2, 2008, *DEA News Release*
- **Man tied to Colombian rebels extradited to U.S.:** *Washington Times*, April 23, 2008
- **Associate of Colombian Narco-Terrorist Group Extradited to United States on Cocaine Importation Charges:** April 22, 2008, *DEA News Release*
- **Leonhart second woman picked to lead DEA:** *Washington Times* April 16, 2008
- **Quest Diagnostics Incorporated; Use of Methamphetamine Among U.S. Workers and Job Applicants Drops 22 Percent in 2007 and Cocaine Use Slows Dramatically, Reports Quest Diagnostics:** *Lab Business Week*, March 30, 2008
- **Rep. Alan B. Mollohan Holds a Hearing on Drug Enforcement Administration:** *Political Transcript Wire*, March 14, 2008

- **Meth use down in Nebraska, Iowa Cold-medicine restrictions and an anti-trafficking push are credited for a decline across most of the U.S.:** *Omaha World-Herald (Nebraska)*, March 13, 2008
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- **Drug Enforcement Administration to Hire 200 Special Agents:** December 27, 2007, *DEA News Release*
- **United States Announces Historic Extradition of Iranian Heroin Trafficker to New York:** *States News Service*, December 14, 2007
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- **Drug ring raids nab 138, with 20 in S.C.; Agents say pipeline spread heroin from Mexico across U.S.:** *The Post and Courier (Charleston, SC)*, August 16, 2006

- **Feds bust major heroin ring:** *Chicago Tribune*, August 16, 2006
- **Illegal immigrants nabbed in heroin bust:** *The Calgary Herald (Alberta)*, August 16, 2006
- **Ford admitted to hospital for testing:** *The Bismarck Tribune*, August 16, 2006
- **DEA busts coast-to-coast heroin ring that offered home delivery:** *The Associated Press State & Local Wire*, August 16, 2006
- **Press Conference with Assistant Attorney General Alice Fisher, Criminal Division; Deputy Administrator Michele Leonhart, DEA; and Director of the Justice Departments Organized Crime; Drug Enforcement Task Force Director Stuart Nash; and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mary Lee Warren, Criminal Division:** *Federal News Service*, August 15, 2006
- **What Happened to the Gangs of New Orleans?; Before Katrina, New Orleans had a murder rate 10 times worse than the U.S. average. The killers evacuated too. Tracing the criminal exodus:** *Time*, May 22, 2006
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- **Time Magazine-Hurricane Katrina:** On May 12, 2006, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an interview with reporter Amanda Ripley of *Time Magazine* in reference to a story about crime in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.
- **CNN Interview:** On March 29, 2006, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an on-camera interview with CNN reporter Casey Wian in relation to the extradition of 13 Mexican nationals to the United States.
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- **Mexican authorities capture drug lord sought in United States:** *Associated Press Worldstream*, February 4, 2006.
- **U.S. - Mexico Operation Nets Drug Kingpin:** *Washington Times*, February 4, 2006
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- **DEA Dismantles International Cocaine Trafficking Ring: Investigation Targets Criminal Drug Cartel with Ties to Two Countries:** November 30, 2005, *DEA News Release*
- **DEA Dismantles International Cocaine Trafficking Ring:** *State News Service*, November 20, 2005
- **Stern Magazine Interview on Afghanistan:** On November 11, 2005, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an interview with *Stern Magazine* in regard to the DEA mission in Afghanistan. No copy available
- **DEA "Agent of the Year" to be Recognized, 2005 Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents Presents Award:** *News from DEA*, October 11, 2005
- **Red Ribbon Campaign Marks 20th Anniversary:** *News from DEA*, September 29, 2005
- **DEA Heavily Recruits at BYU:** University Wire (July 8, 2005).
- **DEA Recruiting Drive Features Accountants:** *Narcotics Enforcement & Prevention Digest*, June 20, 2005
- **Newsweek Methamphetamine cover story:** On June 6, 2005, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an interview with *Newsweek Magazine* in relation to its cover story on methamphetamine.
- **Getting Ahead:** *Federal Times*, June 6, 2005
- **Drug Enforcement Administration Recruiting Accounting Finance Experts:** *US Fed News*, June 2, 2005
- **Drug Enforcement Administration Recruiting Accounting and Finance Experts:** May 31, 2005, *DEA News Release*
- **CG breaks cocaine seizure record:** On November 1, 2004, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an interview with *Coast Guard Magazine* in relation to the over 240,518 pounds of cocaine seized by the Coast Guard.
- **High Schools; Summit Over Steroids a Sign of Trouble:** On October 17, 2004, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted a media interview regarding the CIF/DEA Steroids and Athletic Stimulants Summit held in Los Angeles.

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- **CIF Ties to Take Lead in Curbing Prep Steroid Abuse:** *San Diego Union Tribune*, October 13, 2004
- **Cocaine Crackdown; Coast Guard Seized Record Amounts of the Drug in Fiscal '04:** *Navy Times*, October 11, 2004
- **Canada, U.S. Break Big Source of Ephedrine:** *Narcotics Enforcement & Prevention Digest*, October 1, 2004
- **U.S. Canada Break Up Canadian Drug Ring Tied to Mexico; Neighboring Countries Work Together on Dismantling Drug Network:** *State Department*, September 28, 2004
- **Coast Guard Officials Holds a News Conference Regarding Maritime Cocaine Seizures:** *Political Transcript Wire*, September 27, 2004
- **DEA Eliminates Major Source of U.S. Meth:** *US Fed News*, September 23, 2004
- **DEA Eliminates Major Source of US Meth: Joint US/Canada Investigation Yields Large Amounts of Ephedrine, Meth:** September 23, 2004, *DEA News Release*
- **Mexico Arrests Leading Suspect In Drug Cartel:** On August 24, 2004, Acting Administrator Leonhart attended a press conference on the arrest of Gilberto Higuera Guerrero, who is accused of being a leader of a crime organization responsible for nearly half the cocaine and marijuana entering into the United States.
- **Mexico Arrests Leading Suspect in Drug Cartel:** *The New York Times*, August 24, 2004
- **Mexican Officials Announce Major Drug Arrest:** *Associated Press Worldstream*, August 23, 2004
- **Mexican Officials Announce Arrest of Major Figure in Cross-Border Drug Smuggling:** *The Associated Press*, August 23, 2004
- **Drug Czar, caregivers, police target glut of heroin:** On June 17, 2004, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an interview with the *Chicago Tribune* in regards to an event with ONCDP Director Walters during a tour of the Women's Treatment Center. The event brought together DEA agents, specialists in the field of drug prevention and rehabilitation, as well as Chicago and suburban police, with the goal of fostering greater cooperation.

- **Reward Rolls in for Anti-Drug Agency Stanislaus DEA Receives \$1.6 Million for 1997 Bust:** Modesto Bee, June 2, 2004
- **DEA Announces Sharing of \$2.75 Million in Forfeited Assets:** On June 1, 2004 Acting Administrator Leonhart, together with U.S. Attorney McGregor W. Scott, presented equitable sharing checks to state and local law enforcement agencies that participated in a significant precursor chemical prosecution against Custom Lab Supply located in Oakland, California. In combating the methamphetamine epidemic in California's Central Valley, local, state, and federal enforcement agencies designed a strategy to target commercial suppliers of chemicals and equipment used in the production of methamphetamine. The investigation ultimately led to the prosecution of Custom Lab, which was found to be responsible for over 50% of cash sales of such chemicals and equipment.
- **Pioneer Press Interview:** On April 22, 2004, DEA Acting Administrator Leonhart was interviewed by the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* about her career as a law enforcement officer.
- **People; Vol. 36, No. 13 Around the Agencies:** *The National Journal*, March 27, 2004
- **Battling the Meth War:** On March 3, 2004, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an interview with the *Associated Press* in regards to methamphetamine abuse.
- **Home Drug-Making Laboratories Expose Children to Toxic Fallout:** On February 23, 2004, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an interview with the *New York Times* on the dangers of methamphetamine use and the victims associated with meth labs.
- **Minnesota Native Nominated to be No. 2 Drug Cop:** *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis, MN), August 16, 2003
- **US, Mexican officials announce blow to major drug cartel:** On August 1, 2003, Acting Administrator Leonhart attended a press conference to announce that U.S. and Mexican authorities arrested 240 suspects in an anti-drug sweep that crippled a major Mexican-based drug cartel. The sweep, code-named *Operation Trifecta*, capped a 19-month investigation targeting a Mexican drug cartel headed by Ismael Zambada Garcia.
- **U.S. Indictments Target Mexican Drug Cartel:** *LA Times*, August 1, 2003
- **Operation X-Out:** On May 7, 2003, Acting Administrator Leonhart was present at a Youth Town Hall Meeting and a daylong information seminar in Las Vegas, Nevada. This event highlighted the use and abuse of MDMA in a town hall-style forum.
- **Operation X-Out in Las Vegas:** *DEA News*, May 7, 2003

- **Inland counties still top nation in meth labs:** On March 24, 2003, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an interview with the *San Bernardino Sun* regarding methamphetamine production in the Inland Empire.
- **San Bernardino County remains nation's meth capital:** *Associated Press State and Local Wire*, March 23, 2003
- **Middle East Drug Connections under Investigation:** *San Bernardino Sun*, March 22, 2003
- **Area Still No. 1 in Meth; Big-Money 'Superlabs' Major Obstacle in Fight Against Drug:** *San Bernardino Sun*, March 22, 2003
- **La Verne traffic stop triggers 2-state operation; 9 arrested:** On March 12, 2003, Acting Administrator Leonhart conducted an interview with the *Inland Valley Empire Bulletin* regarding the arrest of nine individuals associated with *Operation Silver Strike*.
- **Nine Arrested in Sweep Seven Homes Raided in Desert:** *San Bernardino Sun*, March 12, 2003
- **FEDS Join War on Gangs:** *The Daily News of Los Angeles*, December 17, 2002
- **The Nation 130 Charged in Alleged Links to Mexican Drug Cartel:** *LA Times*, November 8, 2002
- **LA to Alaska Drug Corridor: More than 100 subjects arrested in multi agency drug operations:** November 8, 2002, *DEA News Release*
- **Cartel Crackdown includes Inland sites: RAIDS: A key figure is arrested in Lake Elsinore, and a arrest warrant is served in Hemet:** *Press Enterprise*, June 14, 2002
- **Drug Busts Net Dozens of Arrests in Nationwide Effort Against Mexican Drug Cartel; Cooley Says 38 More at Large:** *Metropolitan News Enterprise*, June 14, 2002
- **Drug Cartel Takes a Hit:** *Daily Breeze*, June 14, 2002
- **41 Arrested as Drug Cartel Decimated; Mexico's Largest Narcotics Gang Distributed in Valley:** *The Daily News of Los Angeles*, June 14, 2002
- **State Weathers Shift of FBI Agents to Counterterrorism; Intelligence: Move will have Impact in California's Other Operations, including Drug Enforcement:** *LA Times*, June 13, 2002
- **2 Year Investigation Strikes 4 Narcotics Networks with Ties to Tijuana Gang:** *Copley News Service*, June 13, 2002

- **Local, Federal Agencies Arrest 41, Dismantle Four Drug Networks:** *City News Service*, June 13, 2002
- **Agony and Ecstasy in the Face of Efforts to Crack Down on Raves, a Coalition Rallies for Electronica Culture:** *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, May 11, 2002
- **California Operations Put a Face on Minority Gains at DEA:** *LA Times*, March 23, 2002
- **Valley Man Named in Meth Indictment:** *The Desert Sun (Palm Springs)*, January 11, 2002
- **Possible Terror Ties Probed in Drug Bust:** *United Press International*, January 10, 2002
- **Pseudoephedrine Ring:** *City News Service*, January 10, 2002
- **Violence Rises as Club Drug Spreads Out Into the Streets:** June 24, 2001, *The New York Times*
- **As Ecstasy Use Spreads, Drug Dealer Violence Rises; the Club Drug has Broken Ethnic Barriers, High School Students Report Increasing Exposure:** June 24, 2001, *Contra Costa Times* (California)
- **Mishandling of Informant Hurt Cases, DEA Concedes; Crime: Because the System Missed Warning of Operative's Misdeeds, Many Charges Have Been Dismissed or Weakened:** June 5, 2001, *Los Angeles Times*
- **Cracking Down on Ecstasy:** February 5, 2001, *U.S. News & World Report*
- **Ecstasy Kingpin Nabbed:** November 25, 2000, *Herald Sun* (Melbourne, Australia)
- **Giant Ecstasy Ring Smashed by Worldwide Police Effort; Crime: Official say they have arrested dozens of operatives of a global cartel trafficking in the designer drug. The alleged ringleader was based in Santa Monica. For the Record:** November 23, 2000, *Los Angeles Times*
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- **LA-Based Mexican Drug Ring Target of 200 Arrests; Crime: Officials Blame the Unusually Pure Heroin it Distributed for a High Number of Overdoses:** June 16, 2000, *Los Angeles Times*
- **Heroin Ring:** June 15, 2000, *City News Service*

- **Sunday Report; When Drug Dealers Move in Next Door; Cartels Exploit LA's Size and Diversity to set up Operations, Even in Pricey Suburban Homes, Turning the Area into a Hub of the Mexican Narcotics Trade:** May 28, 2000, *Los Angeles Times*
- **Sentences for Drug Offenses Decline: Study Notes Trend in Federal Cases Prosecuted in Southern California:** March 13, 2000, *Press Enterprise* (Riverside, CA)
- **Ex-Minneapolis DEA Chief Jim Braseth, 'as true mentor,' dies:** January 17, 2000, *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis, MN)
- **Top U.S. Drug Snitch is Legend and a Liar:** January 16, 2000, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
- **DEA to Put Agents in Modesto Full Time:** November 14, 1997, *Modesto Bee*
- **Twenty Jailed in Operation's Final Day:** August 28, 1997, *Modesto Bee*
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- **Arts: Nursing a Grudge – Television:** December 12, 1991, *The Guardian* (London)