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cut programs. And you know how politicians feel about that."
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Indiana gaming commission flexes its muscles =96 The Indianapolis Star http://indystar.com/data/wire/out/0805ap_m741p8b009.html

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Connecticut: Juvenile programs fall short

When the state started offering alternative incarceration programs for juvenile delinquents in the mid-1990s, it expected a drop in the rate of cheildren committing crimes after they left the system. A report to be released today [Aug. 1] will show just the opposite. Juveniles who took part in the state-funded programs in 1999 were more likely to commit crimes after their discharge than youths in the system during 1994, before the programs were implemented.

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Juvenile programs fall short =96 The Hartford Courant

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West is wary of new rules governing power sales

Federal energy regulators yesterday proposed nationwide rules for power sales aimed at preventing a repeat of last year's energy crisis in Califorania and other Western states. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission was

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nts to eliminate an inefficient patchwork of regulations across the count-
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Indiana: State targets assets hidden from Medicaid
It will be harder for Hoosiers who don't want to spend their life savings=
on nursing home care to get taxpayers to foot the bill, because state of=
ficials are closing loopholes in Medicaid law. Many people have avoided g=
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Washington: Some pharmacies cut off Medicaid patients =96 Seattle Post-I=
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SOUTH

Missouri: State launches amnesty effort to collect back taxes

Missouri's Revenue Department today launched an effort to collect at leas= t \$20 million in back taxes from delinquent individuals and businesses. T= he amnesty program began today and ends Oct. 31, 2002. The taxes must have been due on or before last Dec. 31, so income taxes from 2001 are not e= ligible, Farmer said. Almost all types of taxes are eligible for the amnesty program, including individual and corporate income, estate, sales and= motor vehicle sales and property tax credits.

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State launches amnesty effort to collect back taxes =96 News Tribune http://newstribune.com/stories/080102/sta_0801020906.asp

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