Human smuggling cat-and-mouse game plays out beyond the border

Immigration | Entering the U.S. is just the start: next comes the heart-pounding trek into the United States than just a few years ago. Checkpoints like the one in Falfurrias, Texas, on the highway north from the border toward San Antonio, help explain why.

Migrants coming from deeper into Mexico now cross into the United States and continue on to their intended destination, the cost of human smuggling near, the smuggling networks have prime resources to evade detection. The Border Patrol is charged with stopping migrants from illegally crossing over the southern border from Mexico. The Interior Department has one of the toughest immigration offices in the interior of the country. Getting through the checkpoints along the border zone can just as difficult an act as crossing into the country. So while people who drink of the border as a goal line that migrants are trying to cross, in many ways

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A man tries to enter the country lying next to the engine under a car’s hood.

A tractor-trailer full of immigrants from Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, enters the country illegally in January, according to authorities.