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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Toronto Star, journalism students from the University of British Columbia say they paid \$40 in Ghana for a second-hand hard drive that contained information about multi-million-dollar defense contracts between the Pentagon, DHS, and private military contractor Northrop Grumman. (See item [12](#))
- Reuters reports that transit authorities in Washington, D.C. were warned to upgrade the safety standards of older subway cars before a crash on Monday that killed seven people, an NTSB spokeswoman said at a news conference at the scene of the accident. (See item [16](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 23, Kent News* – (International) **Coal vessel ends after dramatic stand-off.** Climate campaigners staged a 24-hour protest on board a Kingsnorth coal freighter in an attempt to block a vessel carrying fuel to the Kingsnorth power station in Kent, England.

The Greenpeace activists launched their latest demonstration at 10:50 p.m. on June 21, using inflatable speedboats to pull up alongside the coal vessel. A 10-strong group then attached climbing ladders to the ship and scaled the 15 meter hull. Six campaigners were arrested soon after but four reached the crow's nest, where they remained for nearly 24 hours. They came down voluntarily after being served with an injunction.

Source: http://www.kentnews.co.uk/kent-news/Coal-vessel-ends-after-dramatic-stand_off-newsinkent25582.aspx?news=local

2. *June 23, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Ky. man pleads guilty in fake WVa bomb threat.** A Kentucky man has pleaded guilty to making a false bomb threat at Appalachian Power's John Amos Power Plant in Putnam County so he could leave work early. According to the circuit court clerk's office, the man of Grayson, Kentucky pleaded guilty on June 12 to a felony charge of making a terrorist threat. He is scheduled to be sentenced by a judge on August 13. The man was working as a welder for a contractor at the plant last November, when State Police say he left a threatening note in a bathroom, and then reported it to authorities. The threat came after about eight other bomb threats at the plant, but police then said they did not believe the man was responsible for those.

Source: <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/briefs/x1850781821/Ky-man-pleads-guilty-in-fake-WVa-bomb-threat>

3. *June 22, Government Computer News* – (National) **Technical priorities for Smart Grid development outlined in new report: report seen as a blueprint for a high-level architecture for intelligent power grid.** Developing a consensus for the architecture of a secure, interoperable next-generation power distribution system might not be a simple process, according to a preliminary report produced for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). After meeting with hundreds of stakeholders and evaluating contributions from more than 1,000, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) found that industry understanding of existing technical standards and issues facing a nationwide Smart Grid tend to be incomplete and parochial. The report is the "beginning of a high-level architecture for the Smart Grid," said a NIST national coordinator for Smart Grid interoperability. The report is one of the first steps in an aggressive three-phase program by NIST to develop key technical standards for the Smart Grid by the end of the year.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2009/06/22/smart-grid-tech-priorities-revealed.aspx>

4. *June 22, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **\$25,000 reward offered for copper thieves.** A \$25,000 reward is being offered to find the thieves who ripped off copper wire from a power substation. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) says it happened about a week ago at the Potlatch Substation near Hoodport. BPA says the thieves cut a hole in the fence to get into the substation. The crooks did more than \$4,000 in damage. "The costs associated with these thefts are ultimately paid by electricity consumers," said a BPA district manager.

Source: http://www.king5.com/localnews/stories/NW_062209WAB-bonneville-copper-thieves-TP.17040c7d.html

5. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Power restored in Oklahoma City.** Utility crews have restored electricity to thousands of customers in the northwest Oklahoma City area. An Oklahoma Gas and Electric spokeswoman says the power went out about 4:30 p.m. on June 21 to residences and business along Rockwell Avenue. By early morning on June 22, the utility’s website reported no power outages. She says the biggest part of the problem was an underground cable, but some transformers on a substation went out as well. The spokeswoman says more than 9,000 customers were without electricity at one point as sweltering temperatures reached 96 degrees.
Source: <http://www.kten.com/Global/story.asp?S=10570905>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *June 23, Savannah Morning News* – (Georgia) **Chemical spill reported at Ports Authority.** Savannah hazardous-materials technicians were called to the Georgia Ports Authority on June 22 after reports that an unknown substance spilled from a container at the Garden City Terminal. The hazardous-materials crew was joined by firefighters from Garden City and Port Wentworth to investigate the possible spillage, at the container operations yard just inside Gate 5 of the Ports Authority, said a spokesman for Savannah Fire & Emergency Services. “We do not have a positive identification on the chemical at this point,” he said. “We are just seeing if we can identify it so we have a better handle on how to go about containing it or cleaning it up.” By 11 p.m., firefighters had “found no evidence of any spillage or ongoing leaking of anything,” he said, adding that crews were heading back into the yard to double-check for elevated readings or chemicals in the air.
Source: http://chronicle.augusta.com/stories/latest/lat_530402.shtml
7. *June 23, El Dorado News-Times* – (Texas) **Cleanup at chemical plant is in final stages.** The cleanup at Norphlet Chemical is in its final stages, according to officials with the Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas. Workers have transferred 7,800 gallons of hydrogen fluoride from one above ground storage tank into a stabilized rail car and 22,000 gallons of a chemical mixture, HF and Freon, from three other above ground tanks into tanker trucks. An EPA spokesman said the next step will be to ship out the remaining chemicals, some of which are still on site in tanker trucks.
Source: <http://www.eldoradonews.com/news/localnews/2009/06/23/cleanup-at-chemical-plant-is-in-final-st-4.php>
8. *June 22, Associated Press* – (International) **10 tons of chemical ingredient leak from BASF plant into Germany’s River Rhine.** Chemical company BASF says a breakdown at its headquarters in western Germany sent 10 tons of an industrial chemical spewing into the River Rhine. BASF SE said in a statement on June 22 that the leak had been stopped and posed no danger to humans or the environment. The company said the chemical, HPN, is used to make paints and varnishes. Direct contact can be harmful to a person’s eyes, but BASF said the compound was biodegradable and would be so diluted

by water in the Rhine that it posed no risk to humans or nature. It said the cause of the leak was unknown.

Source: <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/world/ap/48764672.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

9. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Faulty pump prompts survey at Missouri nuclear plant.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has started a special inspection at a Callaway County nuclear plant after a backup steam pump, part of the plant's safety features and would supply water to the steam generators and remove heat from the reactor if electric power was lost, failed to automatically start during a routine test last month. The special inspection is expected to last several days. An AmerenUE spokesman said Tuesday the reason the pump did not start has not been identified. He said the inspection could help nuclear plants with the same parts avoid similar problems. The spokesman said the pump could have been started manually if needed.

Source: [http://www.news-](http://www.news-leader.com/article/20090623/BREAKING01/90623006/1007/NEWS01/Faulty+pump+p)

[leader.com/article/20090623/BREAKING01/90623006/1007/NEWS01/Faulty+pump+prompts+survey+at+Missouri+nuclear+plant](http://www.news-leader.com/article/20090623/BREAKING01/90623006/1007/NEWS01/Faulty+pump+prompts+survey+at+Missouri+nuclear+plant)

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *June 23, Reliable Plant* – (National) **Boeing postpones first flight of its 787 Dreamliner.** Boeing on June 23 announced that first flight of the 787 Dreamliner will be postponed due to a need to reinforce an area within the side-of-body section of the aircraft. The need was identified during the recent regularly scheduled tests on the full-scale static test airplane. Preliminary analysis indicated that flight test could proceed in June as planned. However, after further testing and consideration of possible modified flight test plans, the decision was made that first flight should instead be postponed until productive flight testing could occur. First flight and first delivery will be rescheduled following the final determination of the required modification and testing plan. It will be several weeks before the new schedule is available. The 787 team will continue with other aspects of testing on Airplane #1, including final gauntlet testing and low-speed taxiing. Work will also continue on the other five flight test aircraft and the subsequent aircraft in the production system.

Source:

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=18377&pagetitle=Boeing+postpone+s+first+flight+of+its+787+Dreamliner>

11. *June 22, Indiana's NewsCenter* – (Indiana) **Suspicious package: morning bomb scare.** In downtown Fort Wayne on June 22, the Allen County Sheriff's Department bomb squad examined a suspicious package. An employee of "Midwest Pipe and Steel" found

a small metal case next to the company's trash bin. After using a robot to remotely view the case, and examining it up close, the bomb squad concluded the metal box was empty.

Source: <http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/local/48779062.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *June 23, Toronto Star* – (National) **Secret U.S. data found on cast-off hard drive.** Journalism students from the University of British Columbia say they paid \$40 in Ghana for a second-hand hard drive that contained information about multi-million-dollar defense contracts between the Pentagon, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and one of the largest military contractors in the United States. The students were part of a team sent to three countries to investigate the problems caused by the global trade in electronic waste. Their documentary *Ghana: Digital Dumping Ground* airs June 23 on PBS's *Frontline/World* season finale. One of the students said on June 22 the hard drive was purchased in an open-air market in the coastal town of Tema from a local dealer who bought second-hand hard drives by the cargo load. The students purchased five drives. Four were empty, but one contained information about hiring and personnel contracts and plans for U.S. defense agencies and the private military contractor Northrop Grumman, they say. Data on the hard drive included sensitive information about hiring practices, which could help people learn how to get into secured positions at places such as airports. The hard drive also contained information such as credit card numbers and family photos. Northrop Grumman has acknowledged it is looking into how its hardware and data ended up in Ghana.

Source: <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/655048>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *June 23, Oil and Gas Journal* – (Indiana) **SEC charges Berkshire Resources and its principals with fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged Berkshire Resources LLC and its principals with securities fraud on June 7 in connection with their oil and gas offerings. The company's head sales agents were also named in the complaint filed in federal district court for the Southern District of Indiana. In that complaint, the SEC said that it alleged that Berkshire raised \$15.5 million from 265 U.S. and Canadian investors through a series of unregistered, fraudulent offerings of securities in the form of "units of participation." The offerings' purported purpose was to fund oil and gas operations which Berkshire was to oversee, the SEC said. It said that one of the company's principles' was the company's public face and was portrayed as its lead manager with extensive oil and gas experience. In reality, he had no such experience and his father ran the company behind the scenes. The father has an extensive disciplinary history for securities fraud and is facing a criminal indictment in connection with another similar, but unrelated, oil and gas scam, the SEC said. It said that the complaint also alleges that Berkshire and its principals misled investors when

they assured them that 100 percent of the investments would be used for oil and gas drilling projects. Instead, the SEC said, Berkshire spent \$6.7 million on items having nothing to do with oil and gas drilling, including its own payroll, outside sales commissions, and marketing and promotional expenses. Of that amount, \$1.7 million went to family members to pay for home mortgages, furnishings, and electronics, cars, and credit card charges, the federal securities regulator said.

Source: http://www.pennenergy.com/index/articles/display/8007208127/s-articles/s-oil-gas-journal/s-weekly-washington-update/s-other-headlines/s-sec-charges_berkshire.html

14. *June 22, Bloomberg* – (New York) **Fund manager Stein pleads guilty to \$30 million fraud.** A New York hedge-fund manager pleaded guilty to running a \$30 million fraud and the friends and acquaintances whom he preyed on urged a federal judge to immediately jail him. The guilty party admitted on June 22 to four counts of securities fraud and one charge of wire fraud. He was initially accused March 31 of cheating a client out of \$6.5 million. He faces as much as 19 years and seven months in prison, prosecutors said in court on June 22. He was allowed to remain free on a \$2 million bond and ordered to restrict his travel within southeastern New York. The SEC also filed a separate civil action that accused the guilty party, who controls Gemini Fund I hedge fund, DISP LLC and Prima Capital Management Corp., of moving millions of dollars from at least 83 investors through accounts he controlled, according to the complaint filed in federal court in Manhattan.

Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=ae_bqFgJCFkM

15. *June 22, Agence France-Presse* – (New York) **Madoff feeder fund charged with fraud.** U.S. financial regulators charged a brokerage firm and several individuals with funneling billions of dollars to help finance a Wall Street swindler's massive Ponzi scheme. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filed a complaint in a U.S. district court in New York against Cohmad Securities Corporation, its chairman, his daughter and chief operating officer, as well as a registered representative for securities fraud. Two of the defendants, the SEC said, "collectively raised billions of dollars from investors for the Ponzi scheme," which is estimated at between 50 and 65 billion dollars. "They ignored and even participated in many suspicious practices that clearly indicated the director of the Ponzi scheme was engaged in fraud," the SEC added in its filing. The defendants, it said, were paid over 100 million dollars by the director of the Ponzi scheme for raising billions of dollars and bringing in more than 800 investor accounts over two decades. Another defendant participated in the pyramid scheme "by soliciting investors and bringing more than 1 billion dollars" into Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (BMIS), according to the SEC.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gXXzYDpW0Qz3gGF7QktoZ3qGusHw>

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Transportation Sector

16. *June 23, Reuters* – (District of Columbia) **Washington subway warned before crash**

that killed 7. Transit authorities in Washington, D.C. were warned to upgrade the safety standards of older subway cars before a crash on June 22 that killed seven people, U.S. investigators said on June 22. Federal officials investigating the cause of the crash, the deadliest in the 33-year history of Washington's Metro Area Transit Authority, said a 2006 warning to upgrade or retire older, less protected cars had gone unheeded. "We recommended to WMATA to either retrofit those cars or phase them out of the fleet. They have not been able to do that and our recommendation was not addressed," a National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman said at a news conference at the scene of the accident. Seventy-six people were taken to hospitals after one train slammed into another that was stopped on above-ground tracks during the afternoon rush hour, said the mayor of the District of Columbia. He said there were seven confirmed fatalities. Two people had been in critical condition but one patient was upgraded overnight, he said. The operator of the moving train was among those killed in the crash, the impact of which drove one train into the air and on top of the other. It remained there on Tuesday morning as workers attempted to clear the wreckage.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/newsOne/idUSTRE55L69G20090623>

17. *June 22, Homeland Security Newswire* – (Minnesota) **Pervious concrete may eliminate need for storm drains.** There is an interesting infrastructure experiment going on in Minnesota, as Shoreview, Minnesota, is betting on a new "green" concrete paving method that lets rainwater pass right through the street surface to prevent damaging runoff. Pervious concrete has a porous quality. Because it will allow water to drain straight to the ground below, Shoreview will install about a mile of pervious concrete streets without storm sewers in a neighborhood on Lake Owasso. This \$1 million, all-in bet on the new pavement technology has many cities looking at the Shoreview experiment, wondering whether they might try the same approach. Tests "have shown that it is as durable as standard concrete for low-volume roads," said the Shoreview public works director. There are, however, few examples of a local government saying "this is going to be our pavement in lieu of a sewer system," he said. "We won't have catch basins, pipes and [settling] ponds." Cities are finding that piping storm water to settling ponds eventually fills the ponds with sediment that has to be dredged out and disposed of as toxic material, he said. If there is an alternative that lets soil naturally filter out pollutants as rain soaks into the ground, cities are keenly interested, he said. That possibility sold the Shoreview City Council on the project. Some residents questioned how the unusual pavement would look and how it would perform under severe weather conditions.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/single.php?id=8187>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *June 22, WLBT 3 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **State Tax Commission employees return to work.** Workers have been given the "all clear" and returned to their offices at the State Tax Commission building. A suspicious white powder had virtually halted operations

Monday morning. An agency spokeswoman said the building was evacuated for about 90 minutes after the substance was discovered on the outside of an envelope. Employees returned to work shortly after 12:30 p.m. Several fire departments and other agencies were called to the scene. The spokeswoman says the substance was determined to be harmless, and no one was injured.

Source: http://www.wlbt.com/Global/story.asp?S=10573643&nav=menu119_3

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *June 23, USAgNet* – (Georgia) **Georgia citrus crop under federal quarantine.** The State of Georgia has been put under a federal quarantine to help prevent the spread of a devastating citrus disease. The quarantine follows the discovery in Georgia of “citrus greening” (CG), a disease that causes citrus fruit to be bitter and unusable. The disease is also known as Huanglongbing or HLB and is caused by the bacterial pathogen *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*. The disease was found on a lemon tree in Savannah. The quarantine means that nurseries in the state cannot ship citrus plants to other states. The effect on the state’s nurseries would be minimal since few nurseries do this. There are no growers in the state producing citrus fruits for sale. However, there are some citrus plants growing in gardens in the state, especially in southern and coastal Georgia. The disease-causing bacteria are spread from plant to plant by a small insect called the Asian citrus psyllid, which has also been found in Georgia. USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will be doing some monitoring in the state to determine extent of the disease.

Source: <http://usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=1336&yr=2009>

20. *June 23, USAgNet* – (National) **Torres Hillsdale recalls all Muenster, Brick, Queso Quesadilla cheeses.** Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese of Reading, Michigan announces the recall of all lots of its Muenster, Brick, Queso Quesadilla Michigan and Farmers cheeses because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. No *Listeria monocytogenes* has been found in samples of these cheeses, nor have any illnesses been connected with these cheeses. However, they were manufactured on the same equipment as our semi-soft cheeses, which were last recalled on June 13, 2009 because of possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. A sample of queso fresco cheese, taken by an investigator from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on May 26, 2009, was subsequently tested by an FDA laboratory and discovered to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The FDA has now advised Torres that laboratory testing has shown that our Muenster, Brick, Queso Quesadilla Michigan and Farmers cheeses will support the growth of *Listeria monocytogenes*, and Torres has decided to recall these cheeses. These products were distributed 5 to 6 pound blocks (six to eight blocks per case) to retail stores and delis in the following states: Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin. This recall is being conducted to the consumer level.

Source: <http://usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=1338&yr=2009>

21. *June 22, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (Illinois) **Illinois firm recalls**

ground beef products due to possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination: Class I recall. International Meat Co., Inc., a Chicago, Illinois establishment is recalling approximately 6,152 pounds of ground beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced on June 22. These ground beef products were produced on June 17, 2009, through June 19, 2009, and were shipped to distributors and restaurants in the Chicago, Illinois metropolitan area. The problem was discovered through FSIS microbiological sampling. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_033_2009_Release/index.asp

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Water Sector

22. *June 23, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Peroxide spill now cleaned up.** About 1,400 gallons of concentrated hydrogen peroxide leaked during the weekend at the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant in Springfield, Missouri. But the liquid has been cleaned up, city officials said on June 22. The superintendent of sanitary services said some of the liquid spilled on the ground, while the rest drained into a holding tank. The Springfield Fire Department responded to the incident on June 20 after treatment plant employees discovered a leak believed to be in a discharge line connected to a new tank containing hydrogen peroxide. Representatives from the company that installed the equipment were on hand to analyze the problem after the spill. As part of the mitigation process, a storm drain in the vicinity was blocked and the ground surrounding the tank was diluted with water. The Department of Natural Resources was notified of the leak. Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20090623/NEWS01/906230338/1007/NEWS01/Peroxide-spill-now-cleaned-up>
23. *June 22, New York Times* – (Alaska; National) **Justices say waste can be dumped in lake.** The Supreme Court ruled on June 22 that the Clean Water Act does not prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from allowing mining waste to be dumped into rivers, streams, and other waters. In a 6-to-3 decision that drew fierce criticism from environmentalists, the court said the Corps of Engineers had the authority to grant Coeur Alaska Inc., a gold mining company, permission to dump the waste known as slurry into Lower Slate Lake, north of Juneau. "We conclude that the corps was the appropriate agency to issue the permit and that the permit is lawful," a justice wrote for the majority. The corps permit, issued in 2005, said that 4.5 million tons of waste from the Kensington mine could be dumped into the lake even though it would obliterate life in its waters. The corps found that disposing of it there was less environmentally damaging than other options. Environmental advocacy organizations sued, saying the permit violated 30 years of tradition under the Clean Water Act in which such waste was regulated under the much more stringent standards of the federal Environment Protection Agency. The Environmental Protection Agency said it was reviewing the

decision to see if it affected its ability to safeguard the nation's waters.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/23/us/23alaska.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *June 23, Reuters* – (International) **Experts divided on treatment for birdflu patients.** Experts on the H5N1 bird flu virus are divided on how to treat patients infected by the virus, which kills 60 percent of its victims. In an [article](#) published in PLoS Medicine, a researcher at Mahidol University in Thailand argued that higher doses of the drug Tamiflu should be used to fight more resistant strains of the virus, but researchers in the United States said that would result in the virus becoming resistant.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssHealthcareNews/idUST9254020090623>
25. *June 23, Baltimore Business Journal* – (Maryland) **Md. colleges given \$11M to combat nursing shortage.** Leaders from Maryland's health care industry Monday unveiled \$11 million in grants to help state colleges close a widening shortage of nurses. The grants, being divvied among 17 Maryland nursing schools, will be used to lure faculty and students, and improve technology at the universities. Maryland's nursing shortage is expected to reach 10,000 by 2016, according to the Maryland Hospital Association. The current vacancy rate of nurses at state hospitals is 8 percent. The economic downturn has helped the industry because many retired nurses have come back to work, but once the recession ends the shortage will worsen, said the CEO of the Maryland Hospital Association. The first round of grants will increase the number of nurses graduating by 300 students and add 20 faculty positions at nursing programs across the state.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/baltimore/stories/2009/06/22/daily9.html>
26. *June 22, WSFA 12 Montgomery* – (Alabama) **Medical records discovered in garbage truck, landfill.** In an investigation conducted by a Montgomery, Alabama news station, hundreds of medical records, all with sensitive information, were found out in the open at the city dump. "There were medical files inside the truck and all over the ground around the truck. Files with names, numbers, and information," a resident who discovered some of the files said. The folders were labeled "Radiology Department, Baptist Medical Center." It is not clear if Baptist Health is responsible, since the hospital does use a third party to dispose of some of its records.
Source: <http://www.wsfa.com/Global/story.asp?S=10570404>
27. *June 22, Helena Daily World* – (Arkansas) **HRMC to join in a statewide disaster drill Wednesday.** On Wednesday, June 24, Arkansas' Helena Regional Medical Center will participate in a statewide exercise designed to test the state's ability to respond to a large-scale public health crisis. The drill involves emergency preparedness planners from hospitals and state and local agencies statewide who plan to rehearse what they would do in the hours and days following an actual public health emergency, such as the release of a bioterrorism agent or the spread of a deadly communicable disease. During a

four-hour drill Wednesday, Helena Regional Medical Center will join forces with the Arkansas Department of Health's local county health unit and state and local government officials from all over Arkansas to test the state's response readiness. The exercise will include most hospitals across the state, the Arkansas Department of Health and many emergency response agencies and organizations that would be involved in a statewide public health incident. The exercise will allow hospital emergency response planners across the state to evaluate their capacity to interact with other emergency responder groups using proper personnel, communications systems and operational abilities.

Source: <http://www.helena-arkansas.com/homepage/x998780583/HRMC-to-join-in-a-statewide-disaster-drill-Wednesday>

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Government Facilities Sector

28. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Utah) **F-16 crashes in Utah; pilot condition unknown.** Military officials are trying to locate the pilot of an F-16 that crashed at the Utah Test and Training Range west of Salt Lake City. The U.S. Air Force says the aircraft, which is assigned to Hill Air Force Base's 388th Fighter Wing, crashed late Monday night while on a routine training mission. A search team has located the crash site but the condition of the pilot is unclear and the cause of the crash is not known. The Air Force says search and rescue efforts are ongoing.
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hK-tMmqK6P8JImaR1b1Fh7CPOzfwD990EFQO2>
29. *June 22, Cumberland County News* – (New Jersey) **Arrest made in bomb threat at the Cumberland County courthouse.** There was a bomb threat Friday at the Cumberland County, New Jersey, Courthouse. An individual has been apprehended in connection with the incident and the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office intended to release information about the arrest Tuesday, according to a prosecutor. The prosecutor declined to discuss any additional information about the arrest pending an official press release.
Source:
http://www.nj.com/cumberland/index.ssf/2009/06/arrest_made_in_bomb_threat_at.html

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Emergency Services Sector

30. *June 22, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **State, local emergency crews to practice earthquake response.** The North Carolina Division of Emergency Management will conduct a training exercise Tuesday and Wednesday to test their capabilities to coordinate with other agencies to respond to a widespread disaster with no advanced notice, such as an earthquake. The training scenario involves a 5.8 magnitude earthquake west of Asheville that collapses buildings, damages roads,

bridges and earthen dams; and sparks numerous fires. Planners anticipate nearly 200 emergency management staff will participate in North Carolina's first statewide earthquake exercise. The two-day exercise will be held in multiple locations around the state. Most of the State Emergency Response Team partners will be working in the Emergency Operations Center in Raleigh. However, emergency management staff from 18 counties, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, three universities and two colleges in the western part of the state also will test their capabilities to respond to such a disaster. The agency will test their plans for: establishing command and control at the disaster; providing emergency public information and warning; deploying equipment and personnel to aid victims; managing widespread casualties and injuries; and providing mass sheltering, feeding and other care-taking services. The training exercise is being funded through federal money from the Department of Homeland Security. Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090622/MOUNTAINNEWS/90622030>

31. *June 22, Rockford Register Star* – (Illinois) **Train derails: Sheriff says sirens not sounded to avoid confusion.** Winnebago County's outdoor warning sirens were not sounded after a train derailment and explosion because emergency services officials determined it would be more efficient and safer to alert residents in the half-mile evacuation zone individually. The Winnebago County sheriff said the new outdoor-warning siren system, which features a chemical spill alert, was not activated for two reasons — the system, first tested June 2, was too new for people to know the difference between the tornado warning and the chemical spill warning and the area evacuated was too concentrated. Officials briefly debated turning on one or two sirens in the area using the chemical spill warning but dismissed the idea after realizing the area that would hear the alert would be at least 3 miles or more if a second siren had to be sounded. Since officials only wanted to evacuate homes within a one-half mile of the explosion, they decided to use the county's reverse 911 calling system instead and send fire personnel door to door. An evacuation was ordered shortly after a train carrying 78 tankers of ethanol derailed and caught fire. Source: <http://www.rrstar.com/news/publicsafety/x1662363322/Train-derails-Sheriff-says-sirens-not-sounded-to-avoid-confusion>

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Information Technology

32. *June 23, TMJ 4 Milwaukee* – (International) **Call 4 action: Outlook phishing scam.** A new phishing scam that appears to be from Microsoft about reconfiguring Outlook is making the rounds. The problem with this scam is that it appears to come from Microsoft, a source that it typically trusted. The e-mail also seems legitimate because a lot of people use Outlook and they might be tricked into believing that this is just a routine update that is needed to keep their account functioning. Clicking on a link that is included in the e-mail could potentially allow full access to an e-mail account, allowing the phishers to view e-mails containing personal information, and they could also use

the account for sending out high volumes of spam. If a user is not sure about whether an update or re-configurations is needed, the user is advised to contact a system administrator or Microsoft direct.

Source: <http://www.todaystmj4.com/news/local/48876852.html>

33. *June 22, Computerworld* – (International) **Exploits of unpatched Windows bug will jump, says Symantec.** An exploit of a still-unpatched vulnerability in Microsoft Windows XP and Server 2003 has been added to a multi-strike attack toolkit, Symantec said recently, a move that may mean attacks will increase soon. According to Symantec, an in-the-wild exploit of the DirectShow bug, which Microsoft acknowledged a month ago, has been added to at least one Web-based attack kit. “This will likely lead to widespread use in a short time,” said a researcher with Symantec’s security response group, in an entry posted to the company’s blog on June 19. Microsoft has not yet issued a fix for the DirectShow bug, which affects Windows 2000, XP and Server 2003, but not the newer Windows Vista or Server 2008. The flaw also does not affect the not-yet-released Windows 7. However, attacks leveraging the bug have been tracked since May, when Microsoft issued a security advisory and confirmed it had evidence of “limited, active attacks.” Unlike other recent exploits of Microsoft zero-days, vulnerabilities that have not been patched by the time attack code surfaces, the DirectShow attacks are not targeting specific individuals or organizations. “This is not a targeted attack, but is one of limited distribution,” a senior research manager with Symantec, said in a telephone interview. What caught researchers’ attention, added the manager, was that the DirectShow exploit piggybacked on a run-of-the-mill phishing attack. It is becoming more common that a phishing site, in this case a bogus log-in page for Microsoft’s Windows Live software, also hosts malware that tries to hijack PCs.

Source:

<http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9134645>

34. *June 22, ZDNet* – (International) **Mozilla tackles XSS vulnerabilities with new technology.** Mozilla’s security engineers are working on new technology that promises to mitigate a large class of Web application vulnerabilities, especially the cross-site scripting (XSS) plague against modern Web browsers. The project, called Content Security Policy, is designed to shut down XSS attacks by providing a mechanism for sites to explicitly tell the browser which content is legitimate. It can also help mitigate clickjacking and packet sniffing attacks. Website administrators specify which domains the browser should treat as valid sources of script. The browser will only execute script in source files from the white-listed domains and will disregard everything else, including inline scripts and event-handling HTML attributes. Sites that never want to have JavaScript included in their pages can choose to globally disallow script. To combat clickjacking, which allows clicks on one Web page to actually apply to clicks on another page that is invisible to the end user, Mozilla said Content Security Policy allows a site to specify which sites may embed a resource. The open-source group said Content Security Policy will be fully backward compatible and will not affect sites or browsers which do not support it.

Source: <http://blogs.zdnet.com/security/?p=3654>

35. *June 22, CNET News* – (International) **New Facebook blog: We can hack into your profile.** FBHive, a new blog devoted to the discussion of all things Facebook, has debuted with the revelation that its creators have discovered a hack that can expose some crucial profile data. It will not expose an individual’s personal photos or wall posts. But, FBHive says, it can bring up all the “basic information” that a user has entered into their profile, even if a user has elected to keep that information private. This is the section that includes location, gender, relationship status, relationships (significant other, parents, siblings), political views, religious views, birthday, and hometown. That is enough to be a problem in the identity theft department, as it could easily expose frequent password hints like dates of birth and mothers’ maiden names. FBHive has not shared the details of the newly discovered hack; more disconcertingly, it said Facebook has done nothing since it alerted the social network to the issue earlier this month. Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-13577_3-10270002-36.html

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Communications Sector

36. *June 22, Richmond Register* – (Kentucky) **Ham radio operators prepare for emergency.** Madison County “hams” will join more than 30,000 of other amateur radio operators across the country the weekend of June 27 and 28 as they practice their emergency capabilities. The public is invited to visit the hobbyists who are prepared to use their skills and equipment to provide emergency communication when a natural disaster disrupts conventional telecommunications. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will set up emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and backyards around the country. They will use the newest digital and satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historical Morse code. In Madison County, the Central Kentucky Amateur Radio Society will set up at Camp Catalpa across off Irvine Road across from Lake Reba Park. There, the public can learn about ham radio’s new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license before the next disaster strikes. This weekend’s annual “Field Day” is the climax of a week long “Amateur Radio Week” sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio. Source: http://www.richmondregister.com/localnews/local_story_173083256.html
37. *June 22, Gigaom.com* – (International) **The coming trans-Atlantic bandwidth crunch.** During the dot-com boom, so many undersea cables delivering the Internet traversed the bottom of the ocean between the U.S. and Europe that bandwidth prices plummeted and providers of submarine cables filed for bankruptcy. But those cables may soon no longer

be enough to satisfy the global demand for bandwidth between the two continents, according to research out on June 22 from TeleGeography. The research firm estimates that bandwidth requirements will grow 33 percent between 2008 and 2015, and trans-Atlantic capacity will be exhausted by 2014. The report also notes that the wave of bankruptcies caused by the oversupply of trans-Atlantic fiber during the boom artificially lowered the cost of providing bandwidth on those cables because many of the pipe providers were able to erase their cable construction debts. That is good for the current customers who now pay lower prices for transporting their bits, but it means current prices do not take into account the construction cost of the cables. So future customers will likely see some price increases on wholesale bandwidth as pipe operators add more capacity, and find themselves paying for expensive optical infrastructure.

Source: <http://gigaom.com/2009/06/22/the-coming-trans-atlantic-bandwidth-crunch/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

38. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Hundreds of cars stranded at flooded Ionia fair.** Hundreds of motorists may have to wait till June 24 to retrieve their cars from the Ionia County fairgrounds, where the flooding Grand River enveloped a parking lot during a music festival. Western Michigan got up to eight inches of rain during the weekend thunderstorms that spawned three tornadoes and knocked out power to at least 135,000 homes and businesses. The Grand Rapids Press reports flood waters overran the riverbanks on June 20 while 80,000 people were attending WBCT-FM's "B93 Birthday Bash." WOOD-TV says the sudden rise trapped 1,000 to 1,500 cars in the lot, and some people had to be evacuated by boat.

Source:

<http://www.southbendtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090622/News01/906239994>

See also:

<http://www.theoaklandpress.com/articles/2009/06/23/news/doc4a3f5a5bb33a8719709597.txt>

39. *June 21, Associated Press* – (New York) **Four injured in NY building collapse.** New York City officials are investigating the collapse of a four-story building the afternoon on June 21 in Brooklyn that injured four people and led to the evacuation of six adjacent buildings. The building had been cited weeks earlier for cracks that ran from the ground floor to the roof. One witness told the New York Post that the building "leaned to the right" and then "systematically came down." He says he saw a handful of people flee the building just before it collapsed. The New York Fire Department says four people had minor injuries. The building housed a bar on the first floor with apartments above. But nobody else was in the building when it fell.

Source: <http://www.ktiv.com/Global/story.asp?S=10570350>

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Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

40. *June 23, Pottsville Republican-Herald* – (Pennsylvania) **\$17.1M to fix Schuylkill dams.** Five Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, high-hazard dams will receive more than \$17 million in state grants, local legislators and municipal authority officials said at a June 22 press conference. Three Schuylkill County Municipal Authority-owned dams will receive funds: Kauffman Reservoir Dam, New Castle Township, nearly \$2.6 million; Mount Laurel Dam, New Castle Township, nearly \$3.5 million; and Indian Run Dam, Branch Township, more than \$5.7 million. An additional grant allocation of \$5.3 million will benefit the Upper and Lower Owl Creek Dams, Tamaqua, that are owned by the borough.

Source:

http://www.republicanherald.com/articles/2009/06/23/news/local_news/pr_republican.20090623.a.pg1.pr23dams_s1.2618250_top2.txt

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