



# Department of Homeland Security IAIP Directorate Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 11 April 2005

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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## Daily Highlights

- The Associated Press reports that the San Jose Medical Group began sending letters to 185,000 current and former patients in California recently after thieves stole two office computers on March 28. (See item [6](#))
- Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced on Thursday that DHS has recommended continuation of the placard system for hazardous materials transported by rail. (See item [8](#))

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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://esisac.com>]

1. *April 07, Energy Information Administration* — **Summer gasoline prices expected to remain high.** Regular gasoline prices are projected to average \$2.28 per gallon during this April through September summer season, 38 cents above the level last summer, according to forecasts released today by the Energy Information Administration in the April Short-Term Energy Outlook. High world oil demand, sparked by robust economic growth, is continuing to keep crude oil prices high and to increase competition for gasoline imports. In the United States, additional changes in gasoline specifications and tight refinery capacity can be expected to increase operating costs slightly and limit supply flexibility, adding further pressure on pump prices. Summer motor gasoline demand is projected to average 9.3 million barrels per day, up

1.8 percent over last summer's demand despite higher prices. The higher demand is caused by the increasing number of drivers and vehicles, and increasing miles traveled per vehicle.

Short-Term Energy Outlook: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/steo/pub/>

Source: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/neic/press/press255.html>

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

2. *April 08, Auburn Journal (CA)* — **Diesel fuel spills into waterway.** Approximately 450 to 500 gallons of clear diesel fuel spilled into an Auburn, CA, drain and into the Auburn Ravine waterway Thursday, April 6, and crews from the Placer County Office of Emergency Services (OES), county Environmental Health, California Department of Fish & Game, Auburn Police Department, Auburn Fire Department, and the City of Auburn responded to the scene. A drainage valve, used to drain off rainwater from a tank holding area, was accidentally left open and unmonitored, according to the OES. The spill emanated from Dawson Oil and traveled some two to three miles down the ravine by late afternoon Thursday. The Department of Fish and Game, which is heading up the investigation, contracted a crew to begin the cleanup, OES spokesperson Mike Fitch said. OES advised that the diesel fuel is nontoxic, but citizens should avoid skin contact with tainted water.

Source: [http://www.auburnjournal.com/articles/2005/04/08/news/top\\_stories/04spill.txt](http://www.auburnjournal.com/articles/2005/04/08/news/top_stories/04spill.txt)

3. *April 07, WPVI (PA)* — **Chemical plant fire leads to school evacuation.** Fire hit inside the Johnson Matthey chemical company in Tredyffrin Township, PA, on Thursday, April 7. Firefighters evacuated workers at the company and 400 students at nearby New Eagle Elementary School because of the possibility of hazardous chemicals being involved. The students were taken to a local middle school, no injuries were reported.

Source: [http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/news/04072005\\_nw\\_chemicalfire.html](http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/news/04072005_nw_chemicalfire.html)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

4. *April 09, Washington Post* — **States scramble to protect data.** Legislatures in more than two dozen states are considering ways to give consumers more control over personal information that is collected and sold by private firms, but many of the proposals are drawing fire from financial services companies. Bills are on the table in 28 states responding to a series of high-profile security breaches at information brokers, banks and universities that so far this year have resulted in more than one million Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, names and addresses falling into the hands of potential identity thieves. The state activity is being closely tracked on Capitol Hill, where several House and Senate members have

introduced or are preparing identity theft legislation. Generally, the various state bills do not target how thieves are obtaining data, through hacking, fraud or other means. However, consumer groups and privacy advocates, who are championing many of the initiatives, say they would help shield consumers from the havoc and damage that identity theft can cause.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A38498-2005Apr 8.html>

5. *April 08, Santa Fe New Mexican* — **Phishing becomes a felony with new law.** Stealing a person's identity — by means of high-tech computer fraud or the low-tech act of taking a person's wallet and using information found in it — will become a felony in New Mexico, thanks to a bill Governor Bill Richardson signed Thursday, April 7. Senate Bill 720 focuses mainly on electronic identity theft — stealing personal information using a computer. However, all identity theft, currently a misdemeanor, will become a felony when the bill goes into effect in July. "New Mexico must become more aware of the devastating effects of identity theft," Richardson said. "Identity thieves steal more than names and numbers. In many cases, they steal futures and ruin lives." The new law will be a valuable tool in fighting identity theft as well as methamphetamine manufacturers, who often finance their illegal endeavors with money made from identity theft, said Albuquerque Police Detective Ted Asbury.

Senate Bill 720 – Electronic Identity Theft:

<http://legis.state.nm.us/Sessions/05%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0720.pdf>

Source: <http://www.freewmexican.com/news/12363.html>

6. *April 08, Associated Press* — **Medical practice warns patients over data breach.** San Jose Medical Group began sending letters to 185,000 current and former patients in California recently after thieves stole two office computers on March 28. The computers contained names, addresses, Social Security numbers and billing codes that could be used to deduce medical histories. It was unclear whether any patients have become victims of identity theft, police said. The department's fraud unit was investigating.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/business/AP-Data-Theft-Patients.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

7. *April 10, CNN* — **U.S. authorities block Netherlands-Mexico flight.** U.S. authorities refused to allow a KLM Royal Dutch Airlines 747 to fly over the United States, officials said Sunday, April 10. Flight 685 from Amsterdam to Mexico City was denied permission to fly south across the Canada-U.S. border on Friday because the names of two passengers aboard were included on a U.S. "no-fly" terrorist watch list, KLM spokesman Bart Koster said. The flight, carrying 278 passengers, returned to Amsterdam and a flight without the two listed passengers departed Amsterdam and arrived in Mexico City, Koster said. The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI decided to bar the flight because of security concerns involving certain passengers, said Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Andrea McCauley. U.S. anti-terrorism laws require airlines to provide passenger manifests to the U.S. government before their planes enter U.S. airspace. Koster said the two listed passengers—who he said were not Dutch citizens—returned to their home countries. Citing privacy concerns, Koster wouldn't disclose any other information about the two passengers.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2005/US/04/10/klm.flight/>

8. *April 08, Department of Homeland Security* — **DHS announces support for rail Hazmat placards.** Speaking at the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner Thursday, April 7, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Michael Chertoff announced that DHS has recommended continuation of the placard system for hazardous materials transported by rail. The decision came after the completion of a comprehensive study that included input from first responders, rail operators and other key stakeholders. Following the terrorist attacks on September 11th, concerns were raised that placards may unduly draw attention to the transport of hazardous materials on rail cars. In 2002, the Department of Transportation conducted studies and, last year, DHS' Transportation Security Administration commissioned an independent survey to examine available technological alternatives to the current placard system. The study concluded that information obtained from placards is essential for first responders to make quick decisions about the material involved in an incident and the appropriate response procedures required. In addition, placards have alternate uses for rail operators, the chemical industry and first responder community. Any replacement system would have to address the role placards currently play in assisting the flow of commerce. Based on assessing nine alternative technologies, data from the study found that no existing technology adequately addressed the safety needs of the first responder community. A transcript of Secretary Chertoff's remarks is available on the DHS Website: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4439>  
Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4440>
9. *April 08, Pittsburgh Post–Gazette* — **Survey of fliers finds slim support for cell phone use.** Two government agencies, the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration, are considering whether to lift long–standing bans on in–flight cell phone use – a move flight attendants and others strongly oppose. On Thursday, April 7, the Association of Flight Attendants, along with the National Consumers League, released a survey backing their claims that many prefer the relative calm of a cell phone–free environment in the air. A hired pollster, Lauer Research, interviewed 702 air travelers – a mix of frequent and occasional fliers – and found that 63 percent of them wanted to keep existing cell phone restrictions in place; only 23 percent said it was time to lift the ban. The negative responses rose to 80 percent when airline customers were asked questions that dealt with passenger "air rage," emergency communications, the possible use of cell phones as a coordination tool by terrorists and concerns of interference with navigational equipment.  
Survey information: <http://www.afanet.org/default.asp?id=569>  
Source: <http://www.post–gazette.com/pg/05098/484797.stm>
10. *April 08, Associated Press* — **TSA screeners overcome by fumes from bag.** Three Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security screeners at Salt Lake City International Airport were overcome by fumes Thursday, April 7, during a baggage inspection. The fumes triggered coughing and caused watery eyes, but all three employees were treated at the airport and released, TSA regional spokeswoman Carrie Harmon said. Authorities evacuated the bottom level of one of the airport's two terminals about 20 minutes after the 4 p.m. MT incident. No flights were delayed because most passengers were diverted to the other terminal, where baggage screening continued, Harmon said. Authorities were not immediately certain what chemical was inside the bag. Hazardous materials tests determined it was "noxious but not toxic," Harmon said. The people who brought the bag to airport were being questioned by the

FBI, though Harmon said it did not appear that there was any criminal intent.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2005-04-08-screeners-fumes\\_x.htm?POE=TRVISVA](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2005-04-08-screeners-fumes_x.htm?POE=TRVISVA)

11. *April 07, Reuters* — **U.S. keeps security rules in place for passengers.** The government refused on Thursday, April 7, to relax a requirement that airlines promptly report information on passengers and crew aboard overseas flights heading for U.S. cities. In a long-awaited final transportation and border security rule, the Department of Homeland Security left intact its mandate that passenger manifest information be reported electronically to customs officials no later than 15 minutes after departure. Some airlines have complained that the time requirement is difficult to meet. They proposed the reporting period be more flexible and tied to the duration of a flight. Security officials also refused requests to change the requirement that crew manifests be sent to U.S. security officials no later than an hour before departure. The pre-departure rule also applies to crew aboard aircraft that will fly over the United States en route to another country. The amended final rule, which takes effect June 6, pulls together interim requirements and other steps imposed after September 11, 2001.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=domesticNews&storyID=8120228>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Agriculture Sector**

12. *April 08, Agence France Presse* — **Japan finds 17th case of mad cow disease.** Japan said it has confirmed its 17th case of mad cow disease in an animal. The four-and-a-half-year-old Holstein was killed Monday, April 4, in the northern island of Hokkaido after it became unable to stand on its own, a classic symptom of the disease, the agriculture ministry said in a statement. Japan is the only Asian country to have confirmed cases of mad cow disease.

Source: [http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=1507&ncid=1507&e=6&u=/afp/20050408/hl\\_afp/healthjapanmadcowus\\_0504080702\\_57](http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=1507&ncid=1507&e=6&u=/afp/20050408/hl_afp/healthjapanmadcowus_0504080702_57)

13. *April 08, Agricultural Research Service* — **New quarantine facility opens for invasive plant research.** A quarantine research facility that opened in Davie, FL, Friday, April 8, will allow U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists and cooperators to safely work on solutions to some of south Florida's most devastating invasive weed and insect problems. One invasive plant that scientists have targeted is *Melaleuca quinquenervia*. This non-native tree species from Australia was originally introduced in Florida in the mid-1880s. Since then it has quickly spread throughout south Florida, displacing native plant and animal communities, drying up wetlands, creating fire hazards, and threatening the stability of the Everglades ecosystem. Other potential biological control agents at various stages of development are aimed at battling Old World climbing fern, peppertree, giant salvinia, skunk vine, and water hyacinth.

Source: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2005/050408.2.htm>

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## **Food Sector**

14. *April 08, Food and Drug Administration* — **Salmon alert.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing a nationwide alert to consumers about Mama's Smoked Nova Salmon because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can be serious and sometimes cause fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as a high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women and can cause more serious or life-threatening conditions in other patients. The contamination was noted after routine testing by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/news/2005/NEW01173.html>

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## **Water Sector**

15. *April 09, KOMO (WA)* — **March snowfall makes no dent in Washington drought.** The heavy snow that fell in parts of Washington state in March boosted snowpack in the mountains but failed to make a dent in the drought, the Natural Resources Conservation Service says. Snowpack statewide increased from 74 percent below average in March to 69 percent below average, according to the April 1 snowpack and water supply forecast released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's conservation service. The region would have needed anywhere from 10 to 20 times more precipitation than occurred in March to improve the water supply significantly, said Scott Pattee, the agency's water supply specialist. The drought could be devastating to fish runs in the state, Pattee said. Streams also may lack the pools that are often used for fighting wildfires, which could make the firefighting effort that much more difficult in a dry year. Months of below-average precipitation have left much of the Pacific Northwest gearing up for the worst drought since 1977. Governor Christine Gregoire declared a statewide drought emergency last month and has requested \$12 million in emergency drought money from the State Legislature.

Natural Resources Conservation Service snowpack conditions and forecast summaries:

<http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/cgibin/westsnowsummary.pl>

Source: <http://www.komotv.com/stories/36201.htm>

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## **Public Health Sector**

16. *April 10, BBC News* — **Cambodian child dies of avian influenza.** An eight-year-old Cambodian girl has died from bird flu, becoming the third victim of the virus in that country, health officials said. The girl was from a south-eastern province bordering Vietnam, where the

disease has killed three dozen people. The previous Cambodian victims were a 28-year-old man and a woman aged 25. The World Health Organization's spokesperson, Megge Miller, said the girl's death was still being investigated by officials sent to her village in order to establish how she contracted the virus. The three Cambodian victims were all from Kampot province.

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/4429541.stm>

17. *April 09, BBC News* — **Attacks halt virus work in Angola.** The World Health Organization (WHO) says it has suspended its work to contain the outbreak of the Marburg virus in Angola following attacks on staff. The WHO said people in northern Uige province, where most of the cases have been reported, had attacked its mobile surveillance vehicles. Locals may believe WHO staff had brought the disease, an official said. More than 200 Marburg cases have been reported since October and most of the victims have died. The WHO said the attacks meant its mobile surveillance teams had been unable to investigate reports of several new deaths in the region.

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/4429011.stm>

18. *April 09, New York Times* — **Florida outbreak of E. Coli traced to six petting-zoo animals.** Six farm animals at a Florida petting zoo have been identified as the source of the potentially deadly strain of E. coli bacteria that caused more than 26 people, most of them children, to be hospitalized, state health officials said Friday, April 8. As a result, the officials said, all 37 animals at the zoo have been quarantined. The outbreak dates from late February and early March, when the zoo, Agventure Farm Shows, provided petting animals for fairs in Orlando, Tampa, and Plant City. Of the more than two dozen people admitted to hospitals with the illness that followed, eight remain hospitalized, and the condition of one is described as critical. In addition, the cases of 41 people who suffered symptoms linked with E. coli O157:H7 have been identified as "suspect."

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/04/09/health/09zoo.html>

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## **Government Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

19. *April 10, Hudson Valley News (NY)* — **Emergency services test readiness with car bomb drill at West Point.** Billows of black smoke rose from above the U.S. Military Academy at West Point Saturday, April 9, following an explosion caused by a car bomb. Hundreds of emergency services and police personnel converged on the academy for the drill as they tested their ability to respond swiftly to a real situation. The event simulated a detonation of the improvised bomb as the vehicle that was carrying it crashed into a building on the grounds. Multiple car fires and injured civilians both inside and outside of the building were also simulated at the scene. The intent of this exercise was to provide realistic training to West Point and local emergency teams and test incident management, mutual aid systems, and

communications. This was the second of these types of exercises to be administered at West Point in the past two years. Representatives from the New York State Emergency Management Office observed and controlled the exercise while fire, ambulance, and police personnel from West Point, Highland Falls, Stony Point, Cornwall, Monroe, Newburgh, Pine Island, Goshen, and other support units carried out their duties.

Source: [http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/USMA\\_drill-10Apr05.htm](http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/USMA_drill-10Apr05.htm)

20. *April 10, Gannett News Service* — **Drill simulates train wreck.** Metro–North Railroad held a disaster drill to prepare emergency workers to respond in case of a train wreck in North White Plains, NY, on Saturday, April 9. In Saturday's simulated wreck, a Metro–North train supposedly crashed into a car parked on the tracks. More than 20 emergency agencies participated in the drill, which was designed to ensure emergency services are well–coordinated in case of a real tragedy. Seven fire departments, six police departments and six emergency medical teams responded to the scene. Emergency workers practiced safety precautions, including how to avoid the electrified third rail and how to enter the train cars in a cautious, quick manner. Aboard the trains, 120 mock victims received emergency directions from police and fire officials, who combed the cars, assessing injuries. They evacuated the most seriously injured passengers first, after securing them on backboards and passing them through emergency doors. Altogether, 18 passengers with mock injuries were taken by ambulance to White Plains Hospital Center, Westchester County Medical Center and Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, where hospital officials had set up triage stations.

Source: [http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/today/localnews/stories/1\\_o041005s7.shtml](http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/today/localnews/stories/1_o041005s7.shtml)

21. *April 09, New York Times* — **Two states get high marks for five–day antiterrorism exercise.** A five–day antiterrorism drill did not reveal any glaring deficiencies in the way the two states responded to the simulated terror attacks, officials said Friday, April 8. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) conducted a bomb and chemical weapon attack at an outdoor festival on the waterfront in New London, CT, and a fake bioterror incident in New Jersey, which involved a sport utility vehicle that sprayed "pneumonic plague" as it traveled along various roadways. After evaluating the response of participants, directors of the exercise determined that if the attacks had been real, nearly 8,700 people would have died in New Jersey and 200 in Connecticut. In both states, hospital emergency rooms complained of fatigued staffs and shortages of biohazard suits and antibiotics. Connecticut officials said that some firefighters resorted to using cellphones to communicate because their radios failed. In New Jersey, state officials said that communications problems resulted in delays in establishing roadblocks after the state health officials declared a ban on nonessential travel. If the attack had been real, those delays would have caused the deadly bacteria to spread by allowing contagious people to travel.

During a background briefing on TOPOFF 3 with senior DHS officials, one official noted “This was the first time [DHS] really injected a very robust prevention element into the exercise, given what has occurred in terms of the 9/11 Commission and other elements. That was an important new step, next step for the TOPOFF program so that we could really start testing our prevention capabilities in terms of not only making sure we find the bits of data that are in the intelligence streams but also analyzing it and then sharing it appropriately.”

Transcript of Background Briefing with Senior DHS Officials:

<http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4444>

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2005/04/09/nyregion/09top.html?oref=1\\_ogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2005/04/09/nyregion/09top.html?oref=1_ogin)



## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

22. *April 08, Reuters* — **Philadelphia plans nation's first citywide Wi-Fi network.** The city of Philadelphia, PA will become the largest U.S. Internet "hot spot" next year under a plan to offer wireless access at about half the cost charged by commercial operators, city officials said Thursday, April 7. Last year, officials unveiled a pilot scheme offering users of Wi-Fi-enabled computers access to the Internet within a radius of about a mile of downtown's Love Park. Thursday's announcement expands the network to the city's entire 135-square-mile area, marking a U.S. first. The "Wireless Philadelphia" network is expected to be up by late summer 2006 and available to computer users paying up to \$20 a month. The network, based on devices attached to city streetlight poles, is expected to cost the city \$15 million to set up. The plan is opposed by some city lawmakers who say the network will cost more to build than estimated and that the work should be given to telecom companies. City managers say that Philadelphia's costing is realistic and predicted that the program will be copied throughout the United States once it has proven workable.

Wireless Philadelphia: <http://www.wirelessphiladelphia.net/>

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/tech/wireless/2005-04-07-philly-wifi\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/wireless/2005-04-07-philly-wifi_x.htm)

23. *April 08, ZDNet (UK)* — **Hackers send flood of bogus Microsoft updates.** On Thursday, April 7, the same day that Microsoft announced details of its next round of monthly patches, hackers out a wave of emails disguised as messages from the software company in a bid to take control of thousands of computers. The emails contain bogus news of a Microsoft update, advising people to open a link to a Web site and download a file that will secure and 'patch' their PCs. The fake Website, which is hosted in Australia, looks almost identical to Microsoft's and the download is actually a Trojan horse — a program that can give hackers remote control of a computer. Microsoft said it is looking into the situation.

Source: <http://news.zdnet.co.uk/internet/security/0.39020375.3919430.2.00.htm>

24. *April 07, Federal Computer Week* — **DHS officials ask IT vendors for help with interoperability.** Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials appealed to information technology vendors this week to help them solve the department's interoperability problems by offering more than technical assistance. Under growing pressure from lawmakers to make the department more cohesive, DHS chief information officers said technology companies could help by proposing business ideas that officials could use as they try to merge the department's 22 agencies into an effective organization. "Interoperability is not simply a technical issue," said Scott Hastings, CIO for the U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology program, which keeps track of foreign visitors entering and leaving the United States. The business and policy challenges of achieving interoperability are proving to be the most difficult, Hastings said. Despite frequent criticism of the department's IT integration problems, DHS has made significant progress in achieving interoperability, said Lee Holcomb, the department's chief technology officer. DHS agencies have been using the department's enterprise architecture documents to make IT spending decisions that promote interoperability, Holcomb said.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/article88508-04-07-05-Web>

25. *April 07, CNET News* — **American universities slip lower in an international programming contest.** In what could be an ominous sign for the U.S. tech industry, the University of Illinois tied for 17th place in the world finals of the Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest, which concluded Thursday, April 7. That's the lowest ranking for the top-performing U.S. school in the 29-year history of the competition. Shanghai Jiao Tong University of China took top honors this year, followed by Moscow State University and St. Petersburg Institute of Fine Mechanics and Optics. Those results continued a gradual ascendance of Asian and East European schools over the last decade or so. A U.S. school hasn't won the world championship since 1997. "The U.S. used to dominate these kinds of programming Olympics," said David Patterson, president of the Association for Computing Machinery and a computer science professor at the University of California, Berkeley. "Now we're sort of falling behind." The relatively poor showing of American students is a red flag about how well the United States in general is doing in technology, compared with its global rivals, said Jim Foley, chairman of the Computing Research Association, a group made up of academic departments, research centers and professional societies.

Contest Website: <http://icpc.baylor.edu/icpc/Finals/default.htm>  
 Source: [http://news.com.com/U.S.+slips+lower+in+coding+contest/2100-1022\\_3-5659116.html?tag=nefd.lede](http://news.com.com/U.S.+slips+lower+in+coding+contest/2100-1022_3-5659116.html?tag=nefd.lede)

### Internet Alert Dashboard

<b>DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis</b>	
<b>Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.</b>	
<b>US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis:</b> US-CERT is aware of multiple vulnerabilities that exist within the Groove Virtual Office application suite. Federal Civilian Agencies that utilize this application are encouraged to take actions to minimize the exposure of these systems within their network .	
<b>Current Port Attacks</b>	
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	445 (microsoft-ds), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 135 (epmap), 20525 (---), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 139 (netbios-ssn), 1026 (---), 1027 (icq), 80 (www), 53 (domain) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center
To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at <a href="mailto:soc@us-cert.gov">soc@us-cert.gov</a> or visit their Website: <a href="http://www.us-cert.gov">www.us-cert.gov</a> .	
Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <a href="https://www.it-isac.org/">https://www.it-isac.org/</a> .	

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## **Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector**

26. *April 11, The Record (CA)* — **Officials hope cameras will boost sense of safety.** When more than 100,000 visitors converge on downtown Stockton, CA, later this April, the Stockton Police

Department wants them to know it will be watching. The city recently began installing extra security cameras to prepare for crowds expected at the Asparagus Festival, which starts April 22, and the opening of the new downtown ballpark on April 28. Police and city leaders hope the cameras will discourage crime and make visitors feel safe despite the area's less-than-sterling reputation. Nine new cameras will be put in at various points north of the Stockton Deep Water Channel. Having such cameras isn't new for Stockton -- there are already 24 of them scattered around downtown. Police say they are the top reason crimes like assaults and robberies have been virtually eliminated in the area. The cameras will be visible from the street, although at 25 feet from the ground, they will be beyond anyone's reach. As images are recorded on the street, they will be transferred automatically via a fiber-optic link to an office, where they will be scrutinized by a private security guard. If the guard spots suspicious behavior, he or she will quickly radio police.

Source: <http://www.recordnet.com/daily/news/articles/041005-gn-1.php>

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### **DHS/IAIP Products & Contact Information**

The Department of Homeland Security's Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) serves as a national critical infrastructure threat assessment, warning, vulnerability entity. The IAIP provides a range of bulletins and advisories of interest to information system security and professionals and those involved in protecting public and private infrastructures:

[DHS/IAIP Daily Open Source Infrastructure Reports](#) – The DHS/IAIP Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a daily [Monday through Friday] summary and assessment of open-source published information concerning significant critical infrastructure issues. The DHS/IAIP Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is available on the Department of Homeland Security Website: <http://www.dhs.gov/iaipdailyreport>

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