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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is
ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS
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- The Associated Press reports snow, freezing rain and plunging temperatures on Tuesday, February 13, created problems for travelers across the Midwest with canceled flights as well as cars and tractor-trailer rigs sliding off highways; Chicago's O'Hare International Airport canceled more than 400 flights. (See item [14](#))
- The Associated Press reports the 18-year-old gunman who opened fire on shoppers in the Trolley Square shopping mall, killing five and wounding four others before police fatally shot him, was armed with several rounds of ammunition and was carrying two guns. (See item [31](#))

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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. *February 13, New York Times* — **North Korea to close reactor in exchange for raft of aid.** North Korea agreed on Tuesday, February 13, to close its main nuclear reactor in exchange for a package of food, fuel and other aid from the United States, China, South Korea and Russia.

The breakthrough, which was announced by the Chinese government after intense negotiations and welcomed by the White House as a “very important first step,” comes four months after North Korea tested a nuclear bomb. The partner nations agreed to provide roughly \$400 million worth of various kinds of aid in return for the North starting the process of permanently disabling its nuclear facilities and allowing inspectors into the country. Perhaps equally important, the United States and Japan, which also took part in the talks, agreed to discuss normalizing relations with the Pyongyang regime. The United States will also begin the process of removing North Korea from its list of terror–sponsoring states, and lifting trade and financial sanctions. The accord sets a 60–day deadline for North Korea to accomplish its first steps toward disarmament, and leaves until an undefined moment — and to another negotiation — the actual removal of North Korea’s nuclear weapons and the fuel manufactured to produce them.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/02/13/world/asia/13cnd-korea.htm?hp&ex=1171429200&en=5f1b67d47eb49b34&ei=5094&partner=homepage>

2. **February 12, WKYT (KY) — Emergency order signed to expedite home heating fuel deliveries.** On Monday, February 12, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert signed an official order declaring an emergency that exempts heating oil and propane truck drivers from hours of service regulations. The emergency order will remain in effect until 12:01 a.m. EST, Tuesday, February 20, 2007. This declaration will minimize delays that are being reported for distribution and delivery of propane and heating oil. This is in response to the recent severely cold weather that has resulted in an increased demand for supplies of propane and other heating fuels. Other states, including Ohio, West Virginia and Illinois, have issued similar proclamations in the past week, as a combination of severely cold weather, snow, and freezing rain have slowed down fuel deliveries to the point that public safety concerns are paramount.

Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/wymtnews/headlines/5769511.html>

3. **February 12, Reuters — Department of Energy to formally approve new site in Mississippi for oil reserve.** U.S. Energy Secretary Sam Bodman will travel to Mississippi this week to officially approve a new site for the country's emergency oil stockpile, the Department of Energy said on Monday, February 12. The department in December selected a group of salt domes in the southeastern Mississippi town of Richton to hold about 160 million barrels of oil as part of the government's plan to expand the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which aims to protect the country from supply disruptions. The oil reserve currently has a storage capacity of about 727 million barrels, but Congress directed the department to boost the stockpile's size to one billion barrels. Oil would be brought to the Richton site by pipeline from Pascagoula along the Gulf Coast. The department picked Richton because it is located inland, making it less vulnerable to hurricanes. To reach one billion barrels, the department will also expand three of the reserve's four existing storage sites in Texas and Louisiana. The sites that will get bigger are Big Hill in Texas, and Bayou Choctaw and West Hackberry in Louisiana.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N12421376.htm>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

4. *February 13, Associated Press* — **Twelve hurt in Washington State chlorine leak.** A chlorine leak at a waterfront chemical plant in Tacoma, WA, injured 12 people who inhaled fumes, and prompted authorities to evacuate the area overnight. Workers were filling a 1,000-gallon tank with the chemical at Pioneer Americas Inc. on Monday evening, February 12, when some of the liquid leaked. Streets around the plant were reopened Tuesday morning. A dozen people were treated at a hospital. Their conditions were not released.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/02/13/AR2007021300492.html>

5. *February 12, Denton Record-Chronicle (TX)* — **Leaking tanker closes interstate.** Rush-hour drivers who use Interstate 35E in Lewisville, TX, faced an extra-long commute Monday night, February 12, after a tractor-trailer hauling flammable alcohol overturned near Fox Avenue, closing the main lanes in both directions for most of the day, officials said. Northbound traffic was detoured for about a half-mile onto the service road before being allowed onto the interstate. Southbound lanes remained closed, forcing traffic onto local roads. The accident between the Main Street and Fox Avenue exits happened about 10 a.m. CST and involved a car and a tractor-trailer hauling denatured alcohol. The truck's tanker leaked, and crews pumped the alcohol to another tank. Buildings in the immediate area were evacuated because of fumes and the potential for fire.

Source: <http://www.dentonrc.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/latestnews/stories/021307dnmethazmat.774f8dcc.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *February 12, Associated Press* — **Navy may deploy anti-terrorism dolphins.** Dozens of dolphins and sea lions trained to detect and apprehend waterborne attackers could be sent to patrol a military base in Washington state, the Navy said Monday, February 12. In a notice published in this week's Federal Register, the Navy said it needs to bolster security at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, on the Puget Sound close to Seattle. The base is home to submarines, ships and laboratories and is potentially vulnerable to attack by terrorist swimmers and scuba divers, the notice states. Several options are under consideration, but the preferred plan would be to send as many as 30 California sea lions and Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins from the Navy's Marine Mammal Program, based in San Diego. "These animals have the capabilities for what needs to be done for this particular mission," said Tom LaPuzza, a spokesperson for the Marine Mammal Program. LaPuzza said that because of their astonishing sonar abilities, dolphins are excellent at patrolling for swimmers and divers. The Navy is seeking public comment for an environmental impact statement on the proposal. The Navy hopes eventually to downsize its marine mammal program and replace the animals with machines. "But the technology just isn't there yet," LaPuzza said.

Source: <http://apnews.myway.com/article/20070213/D8N8I4JO0.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *February 12, Washington Post* — **Report shows lost FBI computers still a problem.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) lost 160 laptop computers in less than four years, including at least ten that contained highly sensitive classified information and one that held "personal identifying information on FBI personnel," according to a new report released Monday, February 12. The bureau, which has struggled for years to get a handle on sloppy inventory procedures, also reported 160 missing weapons during the same time period, from February 2002 to September 2005, according to the report by the Department of Justice inspector general's office. FBI Associate Deputy Director Joseph L. Ford said in a written response that the report overstated the number of missing weapons by 43, but acknowledged that "more needs to be done to ensure the proper handling of the loss and theft of laptop computers." Inspector General Glenn A. Fine said, "Our review determined that the FBI has made some progress in improving its controls over weapons and laptops. However, significant deficiencies remain, particularly with regard to the FBI's response to lost or stolen laptops that may contain sensitive information."
Report: <http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/reports/FBI/a0718/final.pdf>
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/02/12/AR2007021200629.html>
8. *February 12, GovExec* — **VA loses sensitive information on 1.3 million doctors.** The hard drive that went missing from a Birmingham, AL, Veterans Affairs (VA) Department facility last month contained highly sensitive information on nearly all U.S. physicians and medical data for about 535,000 VA patients, agency officials announced over the weekend. The data for the 1.3 million physicians who have billed Medicaid and Medicare, both living and deceased, could result in widespread fraud, such as the creation of fake Medicare and Medicaid invoices. There are 902,053 physicians in the United States, according to the American Medical Association. VA officials are not sure at this point whether the data was stolen or simply lost. They are arranging to provide one year of free credit monitoring to those whose information was compromised. The incident marks the third major breach at the VA in less than a year.
Source: [http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=36113&dcn=to daysnews](http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=36113&dcn=to%20daysnews)
9. *February 12, SecurityFocus* — **PayPal offers security key.** Online payment firm PayPal announced that the company will offer a hardware key fob to users as an additional way of securing their accounts. The PayPal Security Key generates a new six-digit number every 30 seconds and displays the number when a button is pressed. Users that pay \$5, a fee that is waived for business customers, will receive a key that they can then register to their account. The company made the announcement last week at the RSA Security Conference, saying that the offering in the United States is a "public beta." The security key is the latest measure by the company to help lock down its users, Michael Barrett, chief information security officer for the subsidiary of eBay, told SecurityFocus. PayPal and eBay generally top the list of brands targeted by phishing attacks.
Source: <http://www.securityfocus.com/brief/431>
10. *February 09, Websense Security Labs* — **Data breach alert for East Carolina University.** Personal information for 65,000 students, former students, and faculty members — at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC — including names, addresses, Social Security numbers and, in some cases, credit card numbers were leaked when documents were uploaded to a

Website with wrong access permissions. A programming error on the school's OnePass Website, created files that made it possible for anyone to view.

Source: <http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

- 11. *February 13, Associated Press* — **Fuel costs rising for airlines.**** The nation's airlines paid 17 percent more for fuel last year than the year before, as many air carriers continued to struggle with high fuel costs. According to year-end results compiled by the Air Transport Association of America, the cost of jet fuel averaged \$1.96 per gallon last year, an increase of 17 percent from the year before. The airline industry has struggled with high fuel prices, bankruptcy filings, and billions in losses since 2001. To cope with rising fuel prices, Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co. on Friday, February 9, raised one-way fares by up to \$10 on flights of more than 1,000 miles and up to \$3 on shorter flights. Over the weekend, AMR Corp.'s American Airlines, UAL Corp.'s United Airlines and others had matched the increases.
Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070213/airlines_fuel.html?.v=1
- 12. *February 13, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-07-448T: Aviation Security: Progress Made in Systematic Planning to Guide Key Investment Decisions, but More Work Remains (Testimony).**** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA), established in November 2001, has developed and implemented a variety of programs to secure the commercial aviation system. To implement these efforts, TSA funding related to aviation security has totaled about \$20 billion since fiscal year 2004. Other Department of Homeland Security components, such as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Science and Technology Directorate, also play roles in securing commercial aviation. In this testimony, we address the efforts TSA has taken or planned to strengthen aviation security, and the challenges that remain, in three key areas: airline passenger prescreening, airline passenger and checked baggage screening, and air cargo screening. These comments are based on issued Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports and testimonies and preliminary observations from ongoing work on TSA's passenger checkpoint screening procedures and technologies, and staffing standards for Transportation Security Officers. In prior reports, GAO has made numerous recommendations designed to strengthen aviation security, including recommendations related to passenger prescreening, passenger and checked baggage screening, and air cargo security. TSA has generally agreed with our recommendations.
Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07448thigh.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-448T>
- 13. *February 13, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-07-459T: Passenger Rail Security: Federal Strategy and Enhanced Coordination Needed to Prioritize and Guide Security Efforts (Testimony).**** The 2005 London subway bombings and 2006 rail attacks in Mumbai, India highlighted the vulnerability of passenger rail and other surface transportation systems to terrorist attack and demonstrated the need for greater focus on securing these systems. This testimony is based primarily on the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) September 2005 passenger rail security report and selected program updates obtained in January 2007. Specifically, it addresses (1) the extent to which the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

has assessed the risks facing the U.S. passenger rail system and developed a strategy based on risk assessments for securing all modes of transportation, including passenger rail; (2) the actions that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and other federal agencies have taken to enhance the security of the U.S. passenger rail system, improve federal coordination, and develop industry partnerships; and (3) the security practices that domestic and selected foreign passenger rail operators have implemented to enhance security. GAO has previously recommended that TSA complete risk assessments, develop rail security standards based on best practices, and consider implementing practices used by foreign rail operators. DHS, the Department of Transportation, and Amtrak generally agreed with these recommendations.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07459thigh.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-459T>

14. *February 13, Associated Press* — Winter blast bears down on Midwest, disrupts travel.

Snow, freezing rain and plunging temperatures created headaches for travelers Tuesday, February 13, across the Midwest with canceled flights and cars and tractor-trailer rigs sliding off highways. A blizzard warning was in effect until midnight for counties north of Indianapolis, and a foot or more of snow was possible across Indiana's midsection and parts of Illinois. Officials in west-central Indiana's Fountain County declared a snow emergency and roads were closed except for "extreme emergency traffic." As the storm pushed eastward, the National Weather Service issued winter storm watches and warnings extending from Iowa and Missouri across the Ohio Valley into parts of New England. Snow was starting to fall in the mid-Atlantic states by midmorning. Along the southern edge of the snow belt, freezing rain coated roads, tree limbs and power lines with as much as a quarter-inch of ice. Chicago's O'Hare International Airport canceled more than 400 flights Tuesday, city aviation department spokesperson Wendy Abrams said. Midway Airport canceled about 100 flights. A handful of flights also were canceled at the Indianapolis International Airport, and about 20 percent of the flights out of Cincinnati's main airport were canceled because of poor conditions elsewhere, a spokesperson said.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2007/WEATHER/02/13/cold.weather.ap/index.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *February 13, CNW Group (Canada)* — FedEx Express Canada launches Global Trade

Advisory Services. FedEx Express Canada, a unit of FedEx Corp. announced Tuesday, February 13, a service that will provide support and advice to businesses seeking certification or approval in various cross-border security programs, such as Free and Secure Trade, Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, Partners in Protection (PIP), and Customs Self Assessment. FedEx Global Trade Advisory service will help businesses navigate through the application process by examining their facilities, procedures, and suppliers, making recommendations to address the differences between the client's existing procedures and what is required for certification requirements.

Source: <http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/February2007/13/c.7276.html>

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Agriculture Sector

16. *February 13, Associated Press* — **Researchers focus on California to find answers for bee ailment.** Scientists looking into a mysterious ailment killing off honeybees are focusing their attention on California's Central Valley. Pollination of the \$1.4 billion California almond crop couldn't have come at a better time for researchers scrambling for answers. About half of the nation's available commercial bees are transported to California each February for the task. Bee researchers from Pennsylvania and Montana who have spent the last couple weeks in California collecting test samples said they have heard stories of beekeepers having lost colonies by the thousands, forcing them to return home with no work and few bees. "One yard had colonies that were failing. One was one of the worst cases we've seen. A third yard was relatively well — and all three from different states," University of Montana bee researcher Jerry Bromenshenk said in a phone interview. "That's why we are all focused in California at this point." Researchers hope the diversity gives them a large sample from which to figure out why some bees remain healthy while others become afflicted with an illness called colony collapse disorder. The ailment has killed off tens of thousands of honeybee colonies in at least 21 states. Source: http://www.in-forum.com/ap/index.cfm?page=view&id=D8N8ERV80&forumcomm_check_return

17. *February 12, Merco Press (Uruguay)* — **Rust detected in Argentina soybean cultivation.** Argentina detected the presence of dangerous Asian rust in soybean cultivations in the province of Santa Fe the second oilseed producing area of the country, reported the Agriculture Health and Quality National Service (SENASA). The outbreak was detected in the northeast of Santa Fe with a potential intensity of five percent and "phytosanitary monitoring has been implemented in the surrounding areas to check the situation of the disease," said SENASA. The fungi which is highly aggressive causes the premature loss of foliage and impedes the germination of seeds, was first reported in early February in a few plants in the province of Entre Rios, Argentina's fourth producing area. Source: <http://www.mercopress.com/vernoticia.do?id=9846&formato=HTML>

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Food Sector

18. *February 13, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — **FDA warns consumers not to use particular cat food.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning consumers not to purchase, or use, Wild Kitty Cat Food due to the presence of Salmonella, a pathogen. During routine monitoring activities, FDA collected and analyzed a sample of frozen raw Wild Kitty Cat Food and detected Salmonella in the product. Cats and other pets consuming this food may become infected with Salmonella. People can also become infected with Salmonella if they handle or ingest this cat food, touch pets that consumed the food, or touch any surfaces that came into contact with the food or pets. Salmonella can cause serious illnesses in small children, frail or elderly people, and people and pets with weakened immune systems. Other people and pets may suffer short-term symptoms, such as high fever, severe headache, vomiting, nausea, abdominal pain, and diarrhea. Long term complications can include arthritis. The Wild Kitty Cat Food is sold nationwide to retail stores and through distributors and Internet

sales, nationwide.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01562.html>

19. *February 12, Food Safety and Inspection Service* — **Pasta and meatball meals recalled.**

ConAgra Foods, Inc., a Milton, PA, establishment, is voluntarily recalling approximately 402,623 pounds of pasta and meatball meals due to possible underprocessing, the U.S.

Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Monday, February 12. The pasta and meatball meals were produced on various dates between October 19, 2006, and January 25, 2007 and were shipped to retail establishments nationwide. The problem was discovered by the company. No reports of illnesses have been received by FSIS or the company from consumption of these products.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_011_2007_Release/index.asp

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

20. *February 13, International Herald Tribune* — **Illegal trade suspected in bird flu outbreaks.**

Most of the scattered bird flu outbreaks so far this year probably can be traced to illegal or improper trade in poultry, scientists believe. This probably includes recent outbreaks in Nigeria and Egypt as well as the large outbreak on a turkey farm in England. "Many of us at the outset underestimated the role of trade," said Samuel Jutzi, director of Animal Production and Health at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. No outbreaks have been attributed to wild birds so far this season and not a single infected wild bird has been detected in Europe or Africa, despite a heightened surveillance system. In most parts of the world, there have been far fewer outbreaks compared with a similar period in 2006. In Europe, there has been only one outbreak in Hungary in January and another this month on a turkey farm in Suffolk, England. Investigators from the Food and Agriculture Organization and the British government suspect that trade may have set off those outbreaks.

Source: <http://www.ihf.com/articles/2007/02/13/news/flu.php>

21. *February 13, PLoS Medicine* — **Cross-reactive neuraminidase antibodies afford partial protection against H5N1 in mice and are present in unexposed humans.** A pandemic H5N1 influenza outbreak would be facilitated by an absence of immunity to the avian-derived virus in the human population. Although this condition is likely in regard to hemagglutinin-mediated immunity, the neuraminidase (NA) of H5N1 viruses (avN1) and of endemic human H1N1 viruses (huN1) are classified in the same serotype. Researchers hypothesized that an immune response to huN1 could mediate cross-protection against H5N1 influenza virus infection. Mice were immunized against the NA of a contemporary human H1N1 strain by DNA vaccination. They were challenged with recombinant A/Puerto Rico/8/34 (PR8) viruses bearing huN1 (PR8-huN1) or avN1 (PR8-avN1) or with H5N1 virus A/Vietnam/1203/04. Additional naïve

mice were injected with sera from vaccinated mice prior to H5N1 challenge. Also, serum specimens from humans were analyzed for reactivity with avN1. Immunization elicited a serum IgG response to huN1 and robust protection against the homologous challenge virus. Immunized mice were partially protected from lethal challenge with H5N1 virus or recombinant PR8–avN1. Sera transferred from immunized mice to naïve animals conferred similar protection against H5N1 mortality. Analysis of human sera showed that antibodies able to inhibit the sialidase activity of avN1 exist in some individuals.

Source: <http://medicine.plosjournals.org/perlserv/?request=get-document&doi=10.1371/journal.pmed.0040059>

- 22. February 12, Yale University — Biologists trick viruses into extinction.** Yale University biologists are trying to trap viruses in habitats that force their extinction. To avoid going extinct a population must not only survive, but also reproduce. Researchers tested the practicality of luring a virus population into the wrong cells within the human body, thus preventing virus reproduction and alleviating disease. Their research showed that when the number of trap cells exceeded a key threshold in the mixtures, the virus population could no longer sustain itself and declined toward extinction.

Source: <http://www.yale.edu/opa/newsr/07-02-12-04.all.html>

- 23. February 08, Washington Times — Parasitic infection plagues states along Mexico border.**

Researchers say neurocysticercosis, a brain infection caused by a pork tapeworm, is a growing public health problem in the U.S., especially in states bordering Mexico, where the disease is endemic. Neurocysticercosis is the "most common parasitic disease of the central nervous system," according to a study jointly conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and California public health officials, who reported that "international travel and immigration are bringing the disorder to areas where it is not endemic," such as this country. "Neurocysticercosis is the primary cause of epilepsy in endemic areas. This brain worm is very serious," Victor C. Tsang, chief of the immunochemistry laboratory in the Parasitic Disease Division of the CDC said in a telephone interview. A report in this month's issue of the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases* found that nearly 60 percent of the 221 U.S. deaths from cysticercosis between 1990 and 2002 involved California residents. "Most patients [85 percent] were foreign-born, and [62 percent] had emigrated from Mexico. The 33 U.S.-born persons who died of cysticercosis represented 15 percent of all cysticercosis-related deaths" during the study period. Neurocysticercosis has also surfaced in places, such as New York, Philadelphia and Charlotte, NC.

Neurocysticercosis information: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/cysticercosis/default.htm>

Study: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol8no6/01-0377.htm>

Source: <http://washingtontimes.com/national/20070207-111134-1360r.htm>

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Government Sector

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *February 12, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — FEMA searches for rental resources to aid evacuees. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is searching for housing resources throughout Louisiana to help disaster victims move out of FEMA–provided temporary housing or return home from other states. More than 362,000 people were displaced by both hurricanes Katrina and Rita and forced to find alternate housing. While thousands evacuated across the nation, many more moved into the 88,417 travel trailers and mobile homes FEMA provided for Louisiana citizens. As of February 7, 2007, there were 61,174 temporary housing units (travel trailers and mobile homes) still occupied. Approximately 1,000 units per week are being returned to FEMA. FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident, initiates mitigation activities and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA works closely with state and local emergency managers, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, and other first responders.

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=34096>

25. *February 12, Voice of America* — Red Cross agencies share lessons from terrorist attacks. Representatives from Red Cross agencies in Spain and Britain joined American colleagues in New York at a recent symposium to share the lessons they have learned from dealing with terrorist attacks in urban environments. Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross in Greater New York, Theresa Bischoff, explained that while this is the first such gathering of Red Cross agencies from the U.S., Britain, and Spain, they have been sharing information for more than five years. "We had many people who sought information from us after 9/11. Now we have many cities who each have had their own experiences. So we saw this as an opportunity to not just have New Yorkers sharing their experience but have a number of cities come together and each learn from the other." Bischoff plans to turn some of the ideas discussed here into working plans in the coming month. One immediate goal that the Greater New York Red Cross hopes to achieve is an increase in the number of volunteers. Right now it has about 3,500. Its goal is 10,000.

Source: <http://www.voanews.com/english/2007-02-12-voa23.cfm>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

26. *February 13, Reuters* — China detains six over 'panda' computer virus. China has detained six men in their 20s for writing or profiting from a computer virus dubbed the "joss–stick burning panda," which has infected over a million PCs in the country. The worm wreaked havoc among individual and corporate users in China in a late 2006 outbreak, deleting files, damaging programs and attacking Web portals. Chinese media have said that the worm was able to steal account names of online gamers and instant messengers, which are hotly traded with real money in China's cyberspace. Police held Li Jun, 25, a native of Wuhan city in central China, who wrote the virus in October and had earned more than \$12,890 by selling it to about 120 people, the Beijing News said. The other five, from three different provinces, were detained for updating and spreading the virus or for profiting from the stolen account names.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.1895.2094418.00.asp>

- 27. February 13, IDG News Service — T-Mobile: VoIP will have no major impact.** Don't expect new mobile phone services based on the Internet Protocol to become nearly as prevalent as those running over PCs. That's the view of Hamid Akhavan, CEO of T-Mobile International. Voice over Internet Protocol, or VoIP, services provided over mobile phone networks will have "far less impact" than those offered over fixed-line networks, Akhavan said Tuesday, February 13, on the sidelines of a news conference at the 3GSM conference in Barcelona. "There are all sorts of technical issues that make mobile VoIP services difficult to implement," he said. Technical issues related to how networks pass on IP addresses of mobile users have not been completely resolved, he noted. "Take reachability, for example: How can the call come to me?" Akhavan also said emergency phone service and "always on" connectivity are also big issues, since staying online takes up bandwidth on pricey mobile networks. And then there's price: "When people talk about VOIP, they think free," Akhavan said. "With any mobile service provided over the Internet, you're going to need to buy a data package."

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/02/13/HNvoipnoimpact_1.htm

- 28. February 12, IDG News Service — U.S. Government readying massive cybersecurity test.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is planning a large-scale test of the nation's response to a cyberattack to be held in early 2008. The test will be a follow-up to the February 2006 Cyber Storm test, which was billed as the largest-ever U.S. government online attack simulation. Cyber Storm 2 will be conducted in March 2008, said Gregory Garcia, assistant secretary for cyber security and telecommunications with DHS, speaking at the RSA Conference in San Francisco last week. Like the first Cyber Storm, this exercise will evaluate the ability of the public and private sector to provide a coordinated response to a large-scale cyber event, he said. The second Cyber Storm test, which is in the planning stages right now, will include a greater number of participants than its predecessor. In particular, the number of international participants will be increased.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/02/12/HNcyberstorm2_1.htm

- 29. February 12, ComputerWorld — Spam, viruses, botnets: Can the Internet be saved?** Advances in IT over the decades have come mostly in small increments. That kind of evolutionary approach has served users well, boosting speeds, capacities and application capabilities by many orders of magnitude. But such incremental improvements are no longer sufficient to keep the Internet viable, according to a growing number of researchers. In fact, they say, the Internet is at the tipping point of overwhelming abuse and complexity. The most sanguine of observers say that even if the Internet is able to avoid some kind of digital Armageddon brought on by spammers, hackers, phishers and cyberterrorists, it nevertheless will drown in a flood of mobile gadgets, interactive multimedia applications and Internet-enabled devices. And it isn't just a problem of security and reliability, says Nick McKeown, a computer scientist at Stanford University; the Internet is getting crushed by complexity. He points out that the original Internet design was based on the idea that users were immobile and connected to the Net by wires.

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=279934&intsrc=html_head

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February 12, ComputerWorld — **'Storm Trojan' spreading via IM, attacking rival malware.** The Trojan horse that pumped up spam volumes in January is at it again, researchers said Monday, February 12, and is now spreading over instant messaging and engaging in attacks on rival malware. Symantec Corp. researchers said that the "Storm Trojan," aka "Peacomm," is now spreading via AOL Instant Messenger (AIM), Google Talk and Yahoo Messenger. An alert to some Symantec customers pegged the new infection vector as "insidious" because the message and the included URL can be dynamically updated by the attacker. Even worse, according to Alfred Huger, senior director of Symantec's security response team, "it injects a message and URL only into already-open windows. It's not just some random message that pops up, but it appears only to people [you are] already talking to. That makes the approach very effective." Moreover, the server from which the malware is downloaded to the victim's PC can be quickly changed by the attacker using the Trojan's peer-to-peer control channel.

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

31. *February 13, Associated Press* — Gunman kills five in Utah shopping mall. The 18-year-old gunman who opened fire on shoppers in a mall, killing five and wounding four others before police fatally shot him, was armed with several rounds of ammunition and was carrying two guns, authorities said Tuesday, February 13. Detectives were still trying to figure out what sparked the young man's rampage Monday night at the Trolley Square shopping mall. Salt Lake City police Detective Robin Snyder said the shooter had been identified as an 18-year-old from the Salt Lake City area, but she did not release his name. He was firing with a shotgun, and also had a handgun and several rounds of ammunition, the detective said. Killed in the attack were two 28-year-old women, a 52-year-old man, a 24-year-old man and a 15-year-old girl, Snyder said. Four people were hospitalized — a man and a woman in critical condition and two men in serious condition, Snyder said. The victims were found throughout the 239,000-square-foot shopping mall. The two-story mall, southeast of downtown, is a refurbished trolley barn built in 1908, with a series of winding hallways, brick floors, wrought-iron balconies, and about 80 stores, including high-end retailers such as Williams-Sonoma and restaurants such as the Hard Rock Cafe.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/us/AP-Utah-Shooting.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

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General Sector

32. *February 13, KUSA TV (CO)* — Man on FBI's terrorist watch list arrested in Colorado.

Police took a man into custody early Friday morning, February 9, whose name is on the FBI's terrorist watch list, officials said. Police stopped Moussa Bitar, 27, at 2 a.m. MST for suspicion of drunk driving and then took him into custody on unrelated charges, officials said. When asked to provide identification, police said, Bitar produced papers that listed the name of a dead man. Police were later able to determine his true identity and learned of his listing on the terrorist watch list. Bitar is currently being held at the Aurora Detention Center, said David Gaouette, a spokesperson with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Denver.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=64561>

33. *February 12, Reuters* — Small explosion near U.S. base in Japan. A small explosion was heard near a U.S. military base in Japan but there were no reports of any injuries, a Pentagon spokesperson said on Monday, February 12. There were also reports that some flares had been seen in the area of the Camp Zama base southwest of Tokyo at around the same time, spokesperson Air Force Maj. David Smith said. He added the explosion had not been on the base itself and that there were no reports of any injuries. The base is about 25 miles southwest of Tokyo. Japanese news agency Kyodo, which also reported no injuries from the explosion said police searched the area near to the camp and found two pipes about 300 yards from the camp.

Source: http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2007-02-12T164154Z_01_N12382999_RTRUKOC_0_US-JAPAN-USA-EXPLOSION.xml&WTmodLoc=NewsHome-C1-topNews-4

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