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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- The Austin American-Statesman reports that the Department of Defense has released recommendations for military installations to help identify threats and respond to them in response to last year's deadly Fort Hood shooting. (See item [39](#))
- According to SecurityNewsDaily, a top security expert said the massive set of undersea cables that make up global Internet infrastructure must be revamped because a malicious attack or natural disaster could jeopardize worldwide communications. (See item [54](#))

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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. *November 5, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Bad part shorts National Grid transmission line, cuts power to 14,100 customers northeast of Syracuse.** A power outage that cut electricity to about 14,100 National Grid customers November 4 in Madison and Onondaga counties in New York was caused by an equipment failure at a substation in Peterboro, utility officials said. The outage began about 9:44 p.m. with the failure of a lightning arrester, a piece of equipment that protects the substation against

lightning strikes, said a utility spokesman. The failure allowed an arc that shorted out a transmission line, he said. That shut down power to customers in parts of Cicero, DeWitt, and East Syracuse in Onondaga County and in Oneida, Lenox, Bridgeport, and Canastota in Madison County, said another Grid spokesman. It took about 45 minutes to complete the restoration of power. All customers were back on line by 11:01 p.m. The arrester was not hit by lightning. "It just happened to fail," the spokesman said.

Source:

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/11/bad_part_shorts_national_grid.html

2. *November 5, Associated Press* – (California) **PG&E says San Bruno explosion may cost utility \$1B.** Pacific Gas & Electric Co.(PG&E) said the San Bruno natural gas pipeline explosion could wind up costing the utility \$1 billion. PG&E revealed in a regulatory filing November 4 that the cost of repairing the devastated neighborhood, compensating victims, inspecting its pipes and other expenses could reach \$550 million. Replacing valves on those pipelines are expected to cost \$450 million. Costs for proposed major renovations to the utility's gas network haven't been calculated. The September 9 blast killed eight people and destroyed dozens of homes. The San Jose Mercury News said consumer advocates are concerned consumers will be forced to pay for those improvements. But a PG&E spokesman said it is too early to speculate on how much money the company might seek from the California Public Utilities Commission for improvements.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2010/11/05/state/n050006D26.DTL&type=business>
3. *November 4, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Starling causes NE Portland, Oregon outage.** A starling flew into a Pacific Power & Light (PP&L) substation in Portland, Oregon November 4, causing an outage to 19,500 customers. Substations serving Killingsworth, Vernon, and Alderwood neighborhoods were affected by the 10:37 a.m. shutdown, PP&L officials said. Most power had been restored by late morning.
Source: <http://www.kgw.com/news/local/Starling-causes-NE-Portland-outage-106708893.html>
4. *November 4, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **More copper wire reported stolen from Ellsworth, Maine area utility poles.** Copper thieves have struck again, targeting Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. utility poles in Ellsworth and Surry, Maine. A deputy of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department said November 4 the thieves took copper ground wire from about 30 utility poles along the North Bend Road between Route 1 in Ellsworth and Route 172 in Surry. Based on information from Bangor Hydro crews, it appears the copper wire was taken within the last week. This is the second time in a week that police have opened investigations into copper wire thefts from Bangor Hydro poles. Ellsworth police still are investigating the theft of ground wires from about 23 poles on Gary Moore Road and Sunset Park Road. Although that investigation began last week, it appeared that the copper wire could have been taken months ago. A Bangor Hydro spokesperson said that crews also have reported missing wires from poles in Hancock.
Source: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/4643032>

5. *November 4, TBO.com* – (Florida) **Tampa firefighters: Propane truck leak under control.** A gas leak on a truck carrying 2,400 gallons of propane was brought under control after about 2 and 1/2 hours November 4, in Tampa, Florida, firefighters said. The Heritage Propane truck was delivering to Florida Structural Steel at Fifth Avenue and 26th Street. Crews sprayed water to disperse the leaking propane. The evacuation of two businesses and two houses affected about 30 people. The gas flow was shut off about 11:40 a.m. Officials said an automatic valve apparently had been stuck in the open position.
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/nov/04/041510/tampa-firefighters-respond-to-propane-tank-leak/news-breaking/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *November 4, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Chemical company agrees to pay \$1.5M in disposal penalties.** A Pasadena, Texas chemical manufacturer has agreed to pay \$1.5 million in penalties for violations of Texas and federal waste disposal laws, officials said November 4. The penalties stem from Air Product LLC's failure to properly store, transport, and manage sulfuric acid at its Pasadena plant between 1990 and 2009, according to legal filings by the Texas Attorney General's Office and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The used acid is classified as a hazardous waste. Air Products maintained that the acid was "purposefully produced" and not a waste, according to legal documents filed in Houston federal court. The company sent the spent acid to a nearby plant that was not a permitted storage or disposal facility. In 2007, the fluid breached a retaining wall and reached the Houston Ship Channel, officials said. Under the settlement, Air Products is barred from sending spent acid to the plant, Agrifos Fertilizer Inc. It also must notify state and federal regulators if it ships the waste off site.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/business/7280192.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *November 5, East Liverpool Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Beaver Valley unit back in operation.** Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station Unit 1 near Shippingport, Pennsylvania was put back into service November 4 following a scheduled October 2 refueling and maintenance shutdown. Unit 1 started producing electricity again at 4:49 a.m. November 4, and the 911-megawatt plant is running at 24 percent power, according to the media representative for FirstEnergy, owner of the Beaver Valley Power Station. The spokesman said Unit 1 is expected to reach full power in the next

several days.

Source: <http://www.reviewonline.com/page/content.detail/id/536665/Beaver-Valley-unit-back-in-operation.html?nav=5008>

8. *November 5, Florence Times Daily* – (Alabama) **TVA OKs cooling tower expansion.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) board of directors, holding its first meeting since the president appointed three new members, unanimously approved November 4 a \$160 million expansion of cooling towers at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant near Athens, Alabama. Once complete, the TVA president expects the project to reduce or eliminate the shutdowns that high river temperatures caused this summer. TVA estimated the reduction in Browns Ferry power during periods of high demand cost ratepayers about \$50 million.

Source: <http://www.timesdaily.com/article/20101105/NEWS/101109870?Title=TVA-OKs-cooling-tower-expansion>

9. *November 5, Nuclear Engineering International* – (Vermont) **Entergy looks to sell Vermont Yankee.** Large U.S. electrical utility Entergy announced that a process is under way to explore the potential sale of Vermont Yankee, its 605-megawatt nuclear plant in Vernon, Vermont. The sale process is being conducted on a confidential basis. While no decision has been made to sell the plant, the company said it expects interest from multiple parties. Vermont Yankee's operation license runs out in March 2012. Although the company had been negotiating a licence extension, it came under fire for the way it handled a tritium leak on site. The government of the state of Vermont has a strong say in a power plant life extension, and has acted to block the license extension.

Source:

<http://www.neimagazine.com/story.asp?sectionCode=132&storyCode=2057976>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *November 5, New York Times* – (International) **In Qantas blowout, concern for jet engine maker.** Shares of Rolls-Royce, the British aircraft engine maker, extended their declines November 5 after the chief executive of Qantas suggested that a design flaw or manufacturing defect was the most likely explanation for a engine blow-out that forced one of the Australian carrier's A380 jets to make an emergency landing in Singapore November 4. "We believe this is probably, most likely, a material failure or some sort of design issue," the Qantas chief executive said at a news conference in Sydney. "We don't believe this is related to maintenance in any way." The episode, involving a Qantas A380 jetliner carrying more than 450 people, was particularly alarming because it occurred on the world's largest passenger plane and a flagship for Airbus, a unit of the European Aeronautic Defense and Space Company, or EADS. Rolls-Royce of London, which is a separate company from the carmaker owned by BMW, is also developing an engine for Boeing's latest aircraft, the 787 Dreamliner. Problems with that engine have contributed to that program's delays.

Source:

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/06/business/global/06engine.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *November 4, Bloomberg* – (National) **Navy suspends Alliant Techsystems missile tests following software failure.** The U.S. Navy halted tests of an Alliant Techsystems Inc. anti-radar missile following 6 software or circuit-card failures in the first 12 trials. It is “a rare occurrence” to stop combat testing so soon, the Pentagon’s office of operational testing said. The office said it does not know how long it will take the Navy and Alliant Techsystems to evaluate fixes and resume testing. Testing stopped September 3. One hundred flights are planned to evaluate the missile’s effectiveness in destroying enemy missile radar, with the initial flights to assess missile guidance, internal diagnostics and pre-launch communications with the pilot, Navy and Pentagon officials said. The test glitches included one that gave a pilot a “substantial electrical shock” during a post-flight inspection, according to the Pentagon’s test office. The Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile is intended as an upgrade to the existing Harm missile made by Waltham, Massachusetts-based Raytheon Co. The Alliant Techsystems version is equipped with a more modern homing receiver and navigation systems that let it detect the radar signals of stationary and mobile air defense systems. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-04/navy-suspends-alliant-techsystems-missile-tests-following-software-failure.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *November 5, ABC Newspapers* – (Minnesota) **Anoka bank robbed Friday morning.** Two African American males in their mid-20s to early 30s robbed the U.S. Bank at the corner of 7th Avenue and Tyler Street in Anoka, Minnesota, just after 6 a.m. November 5. There may be a third suspect, according to the Anoka police chief. Authorities are reviewing the bank’s video footage and plan to release photos to the media. The robbers were wearing dark-colored clothing, the police chief said. He noted U.S. Bank is offering a \$50,000 reward for information that leads to arrests. According to the police chief, the two males were waiting for the U.S. Bank employee in the driveway of her home in Ramsey sometime after 6 a.m. They implied they had a gun and told her to drive them to her bank branch, the police chief said. After stealing an undisclosed amount of money, the robbers left. The FBI and the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigation Division and crime lab responded. Source: <http://abcnewspapers.com/2010/11/05/anoka-bank-robbed-friday-morning/>
13. *November 5, Empire State News* – (International) **Seven Israeli defendants charged in multi-million dollar lottery telemarketing fraud scheme.** Federal prosecutors and the FBI announced the extradition from Israel to the United States of seven individuals,

all residents of Israel, on charges relating to a lottery telemarketing fraud scheme through which they stole approximately \$2 million from elderly victims in the United States between 2007 and September 2008. This is the largest number of Israeli citizens ever extradited to a foreign country in a single case. The defendants participated in a phoney “lottery prize” scheme that targeted hundreds of victims, mostly elderly, throughout the United States. They identified victims by purchasing the names and contact information of U.S. residents who subscribed to sweepstakes lotteries from list brokers. They then contacted the victims and solicited information about their finances by falsely telling them they had won a substantial cash prize they would receive as soon as they paid the necessary fees and taxes. In reality, there was no lottery prize and the victims were ultimately robbed. All seven defendants were provisionally arrested in Israel in September 2008 based on the indictments.

Source: <http://www.empirestatenews.net/News/20101105-2.html>

14. *November 4, CNET News* – (National) **Firm finds security holes in mobile bank apps.** A security firm disclosed holes November 4 in mobile apps from Bank of America, USAA, Chase, Wells Fargo, and TD Ameritrade, prompting a scramble by most of the companies to update the apps. “Since Monday [November 1], we have been communicating and coordinating with the financial institutions to eliminate the flaws,” research firm viaForensics wrote in a post on its site. “The findings we published reflect testing completed on November 3. Since that time, several of the institutions have released new versions and we will post updated findings shortly.” The company had reported its findings to The Wall Street Journal earlier in the day. On November 3, viaForensics went public with problems in PayPal’s iPhone app, spurring the online payment provider to action. Specifically, viaForensics concluded that: the USAA’s Android app stored copies of Web pages a user visited on the phone; TD Ameritrade’s iPhone and Android apps were storing the user name in plain text on the phone; Wells Fargo’s Android app stored user name, password, and account data in plain text on the phone; Bank of America’s Android app saves a security question (used if a user was accessing the site from an unrecognized device) in plain text on the phone; and Chase’s iPhone app stores the username on a phone if the user chose that option, according to the report.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20021874-245.html

15. *November 4, Life Settlements Report* – (Illinois) **Illinois man defrauded investors in \$1.9M life settlement scam, FBI says.** A 42-year-old Illinois man was charged November 2 with allegedly defrauding more than \$5 million from about 150 people, including raising \$1.9 million from 25 investors in a life settlement scheme, according to the FBI in Chicago. The suspect was charged with three counts of mail fraud for swindling people who invested in funds he claimed to operate, according to the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and the FBI. He raised \$1.9 million for the Elucido Fund, which claimed to invest in life settlements, and another \$3 million from about 134 investors in the Moondoggie Fund, which purported to invest in the company’s stock and its reported development of a dual-sided computer monitor. He allegedly used the funds raised for the Elucido Fund to pay expenses of the so-called Maize Fund, made Ponzi-type payments to investors in the Moondoggie Fund, bought a

\$75,000-a-year sky box at the Indianapolis Colts' football stadium and paid himself a \$319,000 salary. He told investors in the Elucido Fund they could expect returns as high as 34 percent from investments in life settlements and viaticals, although he never purchased such contracts, the FBI said.

Source: <http://lifeselements.dealflowmedia.com/wires/article.cfm?title=Illinois-Man-Defrauded-Investors-19M-Life-Settlement-Scam-FBI&id=vgefepxxornudkh>

16. *November 4, Wisconsin State Journal* – (International) **International sting nabs two men in Wisconsin for alleged computer virus scheme.** Two Moldovan men who allegedly took part in a complex scheme to siphon millions of dollars out of American bank accounts were arrested November 3 in Wisconsin, and are to be shipped to New York to face charges. The two suspects appeared November 4 in U.S. District Court in Madison where they agreed to be sent back to New York City to face charges stemming from the use of computer viruses to raid bank accounts through the Internet. Thirty-seven people from Eastern Europe, including the two suspects, were charged in U.S. District Court in Manhattan September 30 for the scheme that led to the theft of about \$3 million, mostly from small business and municipality accounts. The two suspects are each charged with conspiracy to commit bank fraud. One suspect is also charged with conspiracy to possess false identification. It is not clear what the suspects, both 21, were doing in Wisconsin.

Source: http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/crime_and_courts/article_7f1ddf58-e870-11df-bf94-001cc4c03286.html

17. *November 4, Network World* – (National) **Financial services firms expand online fraud defense.** As guardians of wealth, financial-services firms have always been a high-value target for cybercrime, and with online banking and trading, banks find they have to work harder than ever to safeguard their operations. Tech-savvy gangs of cybercrooks have been stealing tens of millions over time by breaking into computers of online banking customers to install malware like the Zeus banking Trojan to make phony funds transfer requests to a bank, so the need for vigilance is only increasing. At Stillwater National Bank and Trust, the concern about the threat of cybercriminals hijacking customers' PCs is enough to spur the Oklahoma-based bank to extend its security to a verification system that add use of automated phone calls to online banking customers to verify the funds requests they are making online are genuine. There's a need to validate transfer requests beyond what the customer PC appears to be telling the bank because "with the endpoint PC, I just can't control what they're doing," said the vice president of information security at Stillwater National Bank and Trust.

Source: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/633422/financial-services-firms-expand-online-fraud-defense>

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Transportation Sector

18. *November 5, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington D.C.* – (Maryland) **Accident causes MARC, Amtrak delays.** Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) train service is being restored after a derailment in the Union Station rail yard in Washington D.C. briefly forced the cancellation of service November 5. MARC trains were running on a 20-minute delay after the accident, while Amtrak trains were delayed 30 minutes or more. A private freight train bumped into a MARC train on a track where rail cars are parked. Five MARC cars derailed in the slow-speed collision that occurred just after 9 a.m. The Maryland Transit Administration said there were no passengers on the MARC train, but there were maintenance crews on both trains. Their injuries are not believed to be serious.
Source: <http://wtop.com/?sid=2107080&nid=596>
19. *November 4, Associated Press* – (International) **Delta plane cleared after search at airport in India.** Security officials in Mumbai, India, have now given the all-clear after searching a Delta flight that landed at the city's airport. The plane was checked for suspicious cargo after a warning from airline staff in Amsterdam, where the flight originated. The plane was flanked by fire trucks and other emergency vehicles after landing, and was taken to an isolated area where it was inspected by bomb squads and airport security. An airport official said nothing was found, and the cargo was cleared. He said all 244 passengers on board Delta flight 70 were evacuated safely after the landing.
Source: http://www.wlos.com/template/inews_wire/wires.international/2d16da3f-www.wlos.com.shtml
20. *November 4, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **FBI investigates after pilot's gun goes missing at OIA.** An AirTran Airways pilot and Federal Flight Deck officer traveling from Orlando, Florida this week discovered that a bag containing his gun was missing, the airline said in a statement. According to the statement, the captain noticed that his bags were missing about 7:45 p.m. November 2. Officials said the captain, who was part of the Federal Flight Deck Officer program, had a weapon in one of his bags. Federal Flight Deck officers are trained by the Federal Air Marshal Service "to use firearms to defend against an act of criminal violence or air piracy attempting to gain control of an aircraft," according to the Transportation Safety Authority's (TSA) Web site. According to the TSA, pilots, flight engineers and navigators can be trained to carry a weapon. Officials said the pilot immediately reported that his bag was missing, and local authorities assisted with the search. According to the airline, passengers on the plane were removed and screened before the plane was cleared to depart.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-gun-missing-airtran-pilot-20101104,0,4102314.story>
21. *November 4, CNN* – (International) **Man in disguise boards international flight.** Canadian authorities are investigating an "unbelievable" incident in which a passenger boarded an Air Canada flight disguised as an elderly man, according to a confidential alert obtained by CNN. The incident occurred October 29 on Air Canada flight AC018 to Vancouver originating in Hong Kong. An intelligence alert from the Canada Border Services Agency described the incident as an "unbelievable" case of

concealment. “Information was received from Air Canada Corporate Security regarding a possible impostor on a flight originating from Hong Kong,” the alert said. “The passenger in question was observed at the beginning of the flight to be an elderly Caucasian male who appeared to have young looking hands. During the flight the subject attended the washroom and emerged an Asian looking male that appeared to be in his early 20s.” After landing in Canada, border services officers escorted the man off the plane where he “proceeded to make a claim for refugee protection,” the alert said.

Source:

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/americas/11/04/canada.disguised.passenger/index.html?hpt=C1>

22. *November 4, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia; Maryland; Virginia) **Metro to boost improvised explosives protection.** The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) is working to boost protection against improvised explosive devices. Metro said a \$351,000 grant will pay for new equipment that can jam radio signals of remote-controlled devices. It will also fund training for bomb squad members, and allow Metro to participate in the FBI’s National Electronic Countermeasures system. The equipment includes two vehicles and two systems with a vehicle-mounted jammer and portable jammer. Metro plans to make the equipment available to other accredited bomb squads in the region. Metro’s board of directors will vote later in November on a measure to add the grant to the 2011 budget and authorize Metro to award a contract for the equipment.

Source: <http://www.wset.com/Global/story.asp?S=13444834>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *November 5, Texarkana Gazette* – (Texas) **Bomb threat empties Downtown Post Office.** A Texarkana, Texas, man is in custody after allegedly making a bomb threat November 4 that led to a 5.5-hour evacuation of the Downtown Post Office and federal building. The 49 -year-old has been charged with terroristic threatening. The offense is punishable by two to 10 years in prison. An FBI spokesman said the suspect’s case will likely be presented to a grand jury in the Eastern District of Texas during the week of November 8-12 for indictment on violations of federal law.

Source: <http://www.texarkanagazette.com/news/localnews/2010/11/05/bomb-threat-empties-downtown-post-office-54.php>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *November 5, CNN* – (National) **Cheese sold at Costco in 5 states linked to E. coli.** Federal health officials are warning consumers to avoid a cheese sold in five states over an E. coli outbreak that has left 25 people sick. The Gouda cheese was sold at Costco stores in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada. Costco

offered the Bravo Farms Dutch Style Raw Milk Gouda Cheese for sale and in-store tasting between October 5 and November 1.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/11/05/cheese.warning/index.html?hpt=T2>

25. *November 5, My Health News Daily* – (Illinois) **Illinois firm recalls canned meat and poultry products.** Eickman's Processing, Establishment Number 31776, in Seward, Illinois, is recalling approximately 12,086 pounds of meat and poultry products because they may have been underprocessed, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced November 5. The following products in 14-ounce glass jars are subject to recall: "Lena UMW Country Mince Meat"; "Eickman's Canned Chicken" with bar code # 03340 00050; "Eickman's Canned Pork" with bar code # 03340 00040; "Eickman's Canned Beef" with bar code # 03340 00030; and "CJ's Country Canned Beef" with bar code # 91411 00001. The products subject to recall were produced between November 4, 2007, and April 7, 2010, and distributed to retail establishments in the northern Illinois area.

Source: <http://myhealthnewsdaily.com/illinois-firm-recalls-canned-meat-and-poultry-products-0681/>

26. *November 4, Yuma Sun* – (Arizona) **Yuma firefighters contain ammonia leak.** Firefighters in Yuma, Arizona, responded to an ammonia leak at a vegetable refrigeration plant early November 3. Yuma Fire Department (YFD) received a report of an ammonia leak at Nunes Cooling, located at 4471 E. Gila Ridge Road, at approximately 6:45 a.m., according to a spokesman. Firefighters met with employees from the business and were told that ammonia was still leaking from the facility. YFD hazardous-materials technicians shut off the chemical flow to the affected area. Nunes Cooling prepares vegetables for shipping and ammonia is used in the refrigeration process.

Source: <http://www.yumasun.com/news/ammonia-65192-erfert-area.html>

27. *November 4, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Some Fresh Choice red leaf lettuce may contain Salmonella.** California state health officials warn consumers not to eat certain Fresh Choice red leaf lettuce sold at three Southern California grocers due to possible Salmonella contamination. The lettuce was sold between October 20 and November 1 at Canton Food Co. in Los Angeles, Cardenas Market, and Numero Uno Market locations throughout Southern California, according to the California Department of Public Health director. Fresh Choice Marketing of Oxnard produced the lettuce and made it available in grocery stores as whole head lettuce without identifying labels, he said.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=104337&catid=2>

28. *November 4, KMPH 26 Visalia* – (California) **Chemical spill at Fresno processing plant.** Five workers at a food processing plant in Fresno, California, are recovering, after a chemical spill sent them to the hospital November 4. The incident happened around 3 a.m. at Lyons Magnus, south of downtown Fresno. Hospital workers alerted fire crews to the incident after several of the plant's employees drove themselves to the hospital, complaining of the fumes. When firefighters arrived at the plant, along east

Hamilton, workers told them they had cleaned up the spill of chlorine and acid. Firefighters said the mix can aggravate a person's lungs. There were approximately 50 people working at the plant at the time of the spill.

Source: <http://www.kmph.com/Global/story.asp?S=13445401>

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Water Sector

29. *November 5, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC says 'run tap' after lead found in water.** New York City, residents have been told to run their taps for 30 seconds before drinking water, cooking with it or using it to make baby formula after tests showed elevated lead levels in some older buildings. The city department of environmental protection said the water supply for the nation's largest city, which comes from 19 upstate reservoirs, is virtually lead-free. It is tested half a million times a year at the reservoirs, and at hundreds of sampling stations. The recent contaminations are attributed to lead pipes and fixtures, which are typically found in buildings more than 40 years old. The city monitors water in older buildings as part of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. In this year's tests, conducted from June to September, 14 percent — or 30 out of 222 tested buildings — showed lead levels higher than the accepted benchmark. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires local utilities to take action if 10 percent or more of tested buildings have lead levels of more than 15 parts per billion. The city said drinking water is rarely the cause of lead poisoning but can contribute to a person's overall exposure. The guidelines said a tap needs to be run if the water in that faucet has not been used for 6 hours or longer.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2010/11/05/nyc-says-run-tap-lead-water/?test=latestnews>

30. *November 5, Pacific News Center and Guam News* – (Guam) **GWA: Water service restored to lower elevations of Merizo; higher elevations by this evening.** The Guam Waterworks Authority has made better progress than expected on getting a water main break in Merizo fixed. On November 5, an emergency water outage was declared because a water line that broke November 4 and was repaired, broke again. The outage forced the cancellation of school at Merizo Elementary School. The initial estimate for completing repairs was expected to be about 8 p.m. November 5. But a GWA spokesperson said the break had been fixed as of 4 p.m. Water service to the lower parts of the village have already been restored, but higher elevations of Merizo were not expected to have water service until 6 or 7 p.m. November 5.

Source:

http://www.pacificnewscenter.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9141:gwa-merizo-break-repaired-water-service-restored-to-lower-elevations-higher-elevations-by-this-evening&catid=45:guam-news&Itemid=156

31. *November 4, Columbia Missourian* – (Missouri) **Hallsville facing sewage violations.** The city of Hallsville, Missouri, has been cited by the state for "continuous" sewage-related violations under the state Clean Water Law. The state Department of

Natural Resources (DNR) November 3 announced it was referring the violations of Hallsville's "no-discharge land application system and its collection system" to the Missouri attorney general. Department inspectors observed unauthorized discharges of waste water from an emergency outfall into Kelley Branch, according to the release. The lagoon is used to store sewage until it can be applied to land for absorption. For 17 months since February 2009, Hallsville reported discharges to the Kelley Branch in amounts that ranged from a monthly average of 257,800 to 407,547 gallons per day, said a spokesperson of the DNR. Hallsville's waste-water facility also exceeded permitted limits for ammonia on "several occasions" since May 2009, according to the release.

Source: <http://www.columbiamissourian.com/stories/2010/11/04/dnr-turn-hallsville-clean-water-case-attorney-general/>

32. *November 4, Centralia Chronicle* – (Washington) **800,000 gallons of sewage spill in Chehalis.** A sewage pipe ruptured November 2 at the Chehalis Regional Water Reclamation Facility in Washington, releasing between 800,000 and 900,000 gallons of untreated sewage, according to the plant superintendent. The spill does not pose any immediate health or environmental risk, officials said. Plant officials said the pipe likely ruptured around 10:30 p.m. but they did not discover it until the next morning. Plant crews determined the breakage was likely a due to joint failures of a plastic flange and a glue joint. The sewage had not completed the treatment process when it leaked, but the plant superintendent said it had completed the screening process and all debris had been removed. He said crews had replaced the pipe with a metal one by November 3. He said the sewage is contained in a field and wetland behind the plant, located on the 400 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue south of the Chehalis-Centralia Airport. No sewage has entered the Chehalis River or any other water source.

Source: http://tdn.com/news/state-and-regional/washington/article_c987f8ba-e85e-11df-b558-001cc4c03286.html

33. *November 3, Washington State Department of Health* – (National) **Court approves plan for Lewis County to take over Vader water system.** Lewis County, Washington will take over operation of Vader's water system under terms of a court order issued October 29. The arrangement is a key step in solving a significant public health threat for 920 Vader area residents. The south Lewis County community has experienced chronic water outages from broken pipes in its aging water system. The city does not have the financial resources to rehabilitate the system. The state departments of health and commerce have worked with the city and county during the past year to identify potential solutions. Ultimately, the city asked the department of health to petition Lewis County Superior Court to temporarily transfer ownership of its water system to Lewis County. A technical team organized under the state's Small Communities Initiative (SCI) helped the city and county through the process. SCI is a collaborative effort among the departments of commerce, health and ecology. It helps small, rural communities struggling with economic viability, as well as complying with health and environmental regulations. The team helped Lewis County get about \$1.3 million in grants and low-interest loans to pay for the repairs. The 17 line breaks and outages

since 2007 have resulted in the community losing about 40 percent of its treated water.
Source: http://www.doh.wa.gov/Publicat/2010_news/10-171.htm

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34. *November 5, Newark Advocate* – (Ohio) **Unsafe Fourth Street building evacuated, closed.** A recovery center is seeking a new office and apartment residents need a new home after the City of Newark, Ohio, closed an unsafe downtown building the week of October 25. The fire department ordered the building at 20-22 N. Fourth St., just north of the Newark Municipal Building, be closed and occupants evacuated until safety improvements could be made. The building houses the A.O.K. in Recovery support program, and an adjacent boarded-up area on the first floor, plus seven apartments on the second and third floors. A barricade has been placed across the alley alongside the building. The building, a fire official said, lacks emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, exit signs, draft stops, smoke barriers, and lighting in hallways and stairways. It also has broken locks, cracked paint, weakened floors, exposed interior walls and floors, interior structural damage, and electrical code violations. There were between nine and 15 people living in the apartments.
Source: <http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20101105/NEWS01/11050308>
35. *November 4, CNN* – (Florida) **Gunman an apparent suicide in Florida hospital.** A former employee who had recently been fired from Palm Bay Hospital in Miami, Florida returned there November 4 carrying a gun, holed himself up in an office, then apparently killed himself, officials said. The incident began about 2:20 p.m., when Palm Bay police got a call from people in the hospital cafeteria who said a man was pointing the gun at anyone who tried to talk to him, said a police spokeswoman. Earlier she said that during the police response, “we were told that shots had been fired,” but “nobody was injured.” But she later told reporters the shots may have been the gunman taking his own life. As police officers and SWAT personnel from Palm Bay and nearby agencies assembled outside the hospital, the hospital was locked down and emergency vehicles were diverted to other hospitals. A few hours later, a robot found the man’s body inside an administrative office near the cafeteria’s food-preparation area.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/11/04/florida.gunman.hospital/index.html>
36. *November 4, Global Security Newswire* – (International) **U.S. seeks to aid Africa in securing deadly bioagents.** A group of U.S. Defense Department arms control specialists is scheduled to travel to Africa the week of November 8 to support regional efforts to secure deadly pathogens that could be turned into biological weapons, a U.S. Senator announced. “Deadly diseases like Ebola, Marburg, and anthrax are prevalent in Africa,” the Republican Senator from Indiana said in released remarks. “These pathogens can be made into horrible weapons aimed at our troops, our friends and allies, and even the American public. This is a threat we cannot ignore.” He planned to accompany Pentagon experts in their examinations of scientific facilities in Uganda and Kenya. The laboratories are involved in infectious disease diagnosis and research and

in supporting pandemic-curbing treatments. “We’ve discovered through [the U.S. Cooperative Threat Reduction program] that Soviet scientists used pathogens from Africa to make biological weapons during the Cold War,” the Senator said in the release. “Those weapons are being destroyed. Now we have to secure their sources.” Source: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20101104_6903.php

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *November 5, Pacific Daily News* – (International) **Clogged sewer forces legislature to evacuate.** A blocked sewer caused the Guam legislature to evacuate the building halfway through the day November 4. The executive director for the legislature said people evacuated around noon. “At first we thought it was a clog inside the building,” he said. “But then the plumber told us our pipes were clear and that he thinks the problem were the GWA pipes.” Guam Waterworks Authority crews found the clog but had to clear the blockage in order to get sewer lines up and running. Offices at the legislature will be open November 5 with all offices in full operation.
Source: <http://www.guampdn.com/article/20101105/NEWS01/11050302/Clogged-sewer-forces-Legislature-to-evacuate>
38. *November 4, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Pipe burst cuts power, closes building at EIU.** One building remains closed on Eastern Illinois University’s (EIU) campus in Charleston, Illinois, and two others were closed for a time after a burst pipe led to flooding and a power outage November 3. An EIU spokeswoman said Coleman Hall will likely be closed until November 8. Classes will be moved to another spot on campus. Evening classes in that building and Lumpkin and Klehm halls were canceled November 3. The 6-inch water line burst in the crawl space in Coleman Hall. Three and a half feet of water flooded the space, including an electrical service area, leading to the power outages.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-il-eiu-buildingsclos,0,6177882.story>
39. *November 4, Austin American-Statesman* – (National) **Security boosted at U.S. military posts.** In the year since an Army major is accused of bringing two handguns and 400 rounds of ammunition onto Fort Hood in Fort Hood, Texas and shooting dozens of people in a busy medical processing building and killing 13 in the process, Army officials have taken steps to improve security on American military installations and ferret out similar threats from American soldiers. Department of Defense (DOD) officials are recommending an array of fixes aimed at identifying future threats at all U.S. military installations, and improving response time to incidents. Among the recommendations made by the U.S. Defense Secretary in response to an independent review of the shooting at Fort Hood are: bringing enhanced 911 services to military installations, which would notify dispatchers of call locations and broadcast emergency notifications to designated areas; strengthening background checks of recruits entering the military and foreign nationals working for the DOD abroad; conducting violence

risk assessments for service members before and after they deploy; developing a policy to help commanders distinguish between “appropriate religious practices” and those that indicate the “potential for violence or self-radicalization”; and standardizing personal firearms policies, which vary by installation.

Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/texas/security-boosted-at-u-s-military-posts-1022445.html>

40. *November 4, The Register* – (National) **US Cyber Command becomes ‘fully operational’**. The US military’s new Cyber Command has formally “achieved full operational capability”, according to the Department of Defense (DOD). “I am confident in the great service members and civilians we have here at US Cyber Command. Cyberspace is essential to our way of life and US Cyber Command synchronizes our efforts in the defense of DOD networks. We also work closely with our interagency partners to assist them in accomplishing their critical missions,” said the chief of Cyber Command and also of the National Security Agency, with which the Command shares a headquarters. According to a statement issued November 3 announcing Full Operational Capability (FOC) for the cyber force: Some of the critical FOC tasks included establishing a Joint Operations Center and transitioning personnel and functions from two existing organizations, the Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations and the Joint Functional Component Command for Network Warfare. U.S. Cyber Command’s development will not end at FOC, and the department will continue to grow the capacity and capability essential to operate and defend our networks effectively.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/11/04/cyber_command_go/

41. *November 4, Associated Press* – (National; International) **Feds: C-4 explosives seized from Colorado home in smuggling case involving Navy SEAL, 2 others**. Federal agents seized five pounds of C-4 military explosives from the Colorado home of a man accused with a Navy SEAL and a Las Vegas, Nevada associate of smuggling machine guns from Iraq into the U.S. for sale and shipment to Mexico, authorities said November 4. Grenades and night-vision goggles also were found in the Durango, Colorado, home of the 34-year-old suspect, according to federal prosecutors and federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents in Las Vegas and Colorado. He and another suspect, a 36-year-old Las Vegas man, were arrested November 3 and appeared November 4 before federal magistrate judges in Durango and Las Vegas on conspiracy charges. Each was ordered held in federal custody pending an evidentiary hearing. They are accused of conspiring with a Navy SEAL of San Diego, California to smuggle and sell weapons to an undercover federal agent in Nevada and Colorado.

Source: <http://articles.lancasteronline.com/local/4/308277>

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42. *November 5, Softpedia* – (National) **Adapting emergency evacuation to human decision-making.** A team of scientists developed a disaster-response planning model that considers human decisions made in real-time, before establishing an effective law-enforcement strategy during evacuations. The model they developed is for pedestrian traffic but could also be applied to vehicle traffic management. This new model could help government entities train first responders and determine the best policies to put in place to prepare for emergencies. It can tell emergency planners how many police officers are necessary on the disaster scene to speed up the evacuation, or how a certain percentage of tourists can slow it down. In a desire to program the simulation after real human behavior, the team recorded human choices during a virtual reality experiment. After gathering information about behaviors and reactions, the researchers built a model that considers the way that different types of people react in emergency situations. The paper is titled “An integrated human decision making model for evacuation scenarios under a BDI framework,” and will be published in the ACM Transactions on Modeling and Computer Simulation.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Adapting-Emergency-Evacuation-to-Human-Decision-Making-164899.shtml>
43. *November 4, City of Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Minneapolis opens Emergency Operations Training Facility.** The City of Minneapolis, Minnesota has opened its new Emergency Operations Training Facility, which will help emergency responders and other city staff better prepare for and respond to emergencies. The multi-purpose building helps meet the training and response needs of the Minneapolis Fire Department, the Minneapolis Police Department, and the city’s emergency management division, along with other regional partners. The facility includes training classrooms for Minneapolis firefighters and metro emergency managers, a strategic information center for the Minneapolis police, the main training site for the State of Minnesota Structural Collapse Team, and an emergency operations center that will be used during significant emergencies or disasters. It will include apparatus bays for storage of emergency response vehicles and specialty equipment for the Coast Guard, state, city and Metro West region of Homeland Security. The U.S. Coast Guard will also use the facility as a monitoring location for cameras placed along the Mississippi River from St. Louis to the metro area.
Source: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/20101104NewEOTF.asp>
44. *November 4, Plano Star-Courier* – (Texas) **Suspicious package found at PD.** Plano, Texas police officers discovered an unknown substance while searching a vehicle in the back parking lot of the Plano Police Department November 4. Officers located an unknown powdery substance while they were searching the vehicle for narcotics. They immediately backed off for safety and notified the Plano Fire Department’s hazardous materials unit for further investigation. The Plano Police Department public information officer said officers took all safety precautions. There were no evacuations, and local businesses were notified of the proceedings. The investigation is ongoing.
Source: http://www.planostar.com/articles/2010/11/04/plano_star-courier/news/471.txt

45. *November 4, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Phone service restored for Reading police.** The phones in the Reading Police Department in Reading, Pennsylvania are working again. Service was down twice November 4. Verizon managed to restore it both times. Officials have not said what caused the problem. Emergency calls to 911 were not affected.
Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/berksnews/25635379/detail.html>
46. *November 4, Urgent Communications* – (Florida) **Florida tests end-to-end cell broadcast technology using CMAS standards.** Florida officials completed the state's first end-to-end cell broadcast technology pilot of the Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) standard in a public/private partnership with Blackboard Inc., Alcatel-Lucent and CellCast Technologies. The companies tested the CMAS standard by delivering emergency alerts to handsets on the MetroPCS wireless network throughout Florida's Pasco and Polk counties, said the operations coordinator for Pasco County. The one-to-many technology can support the dissemination of imminent threat and presidential alerts, as mandated under the Warning, Alert and Response Network (WARN) Act of 2006. "It is designed to let public officials send urgent messages to wireless users within range of a particular cellular antenna or wireless transmission system," he said. CMAS will let federal agencies transmit alerts from the president, the National Weather Service and local emergency operations centers over the commercial network that will distribute the alerts to their customers via cell broadcast text messages. A senior vice president for Blackboard, said cell broadcasting lets the company identify a specific area and send a mass emergency notification through single or multiple towers and have them received via text message to anyone in that geo-targeted area.
Source: http://urgentcomm.com/networks_and_systems/news/florida-blackboard-cmas-tests-20101104/

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Information Technology Sector

47. *November 5, The New New Internet* – (International) **Stock traders become targets for hackers exploiting mobile platforms.** Once mobile online trading platforms become popular, the nature of the cyber-crime scene will most likely change, according to an Internet security expert. It is just a matter of time when Internet crime, which mostly has targeted personal computers, will expand to the mobile platform, according to a McAfee Labs Technical Product Manager. He outlined the possible threats to traders who use mobile platforms, including denial of service (DoS) attacks, session hijacking, cross-site scripting and SQL injection. When a lot of data is sent around the same time, systems are likely to slow down and block access to thousands of users, as seen with a DoS attack, he said. This is particularly crucial in trading sessions, where the price of stocks can fluctuate by the minute, he added. With session hijacking, the hacker can eavesdrop or pose as the legitimate user. If session hijacking takes place during an online stock trading, it can be dangerous as the details of the transaction are compromised. It could also mean the customer is dealing with a hacker, not his trader.

Source: <http://www.thenewnewinternet.com/2010/11/04/stock-traders-become-targets-for-hackers-exploiting-mobile-platforms/>

48. *November 4, CNET News* – (National) **Attack cause Intuit Web-hosting service outage.** Intuit's Web-hosting service for small businesses remained inaccessible for several hours November 4 — possibly due to a denial-of-service (DOS) attack, a customer service representative told CNET. The Web hosting service, at Intuit's Web site, had been out at least 2 hours and would hopefully be back up by the end of the business day, the customer service rep said. Asked if it could be the result of a DOS attack, she said: "It's looking like an attack." Intuit spokespeople could not immediately confirm what the phone rep said, but said the sites were back up. However, checks by CNET employees on the West Coast and East Coast found the site was still down late in the afternoon November 4. Other Intuit sites remained accessible. Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20021862-245.html
49. *November 4, PC World* – (International) **Facebook and Twitter flunk security report card.** Digital Society, a self-professed security think tank, has given failing security grades to both Twitter and Facebook. Both sites are vulnerable to attacks that can give someone partial or full control over one's account, the group claimed. According to Digital Society, the main problem with Facebook and Twitter is that neither site allows full Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protection. Both sites create unencrypted sessions for the user by default. Although the actual logins are encrypted, they're not authenticated — which means one cannot pull up security information in one's browser to verify the sites' identities. Even if a user forces a secure session by going to the main sites for Twitter and Facebook, the sites still have links to non-secure parts of the site and JavaScript code that transmit authentication cookies without SSL, Digital Society found. These are not new concerns, but the news fits hand-in-hand with the release of FireSheep, a Firefox add-on that lets people with limited technical knowledge hijack other people's Web accounts over unencrypted Wi-Fi networks. Digital Society's report card essentially spells out what an attacker using FireSheep or another packet-sniffing program could accomplish. In Facebook, for instance, an attacker can gain access to every part of an account except username and password, allowing the attacker to send status updates and read private messages. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9195021/Facebook_and_Twitter_Flunk_Security_Report_Card
50. *November 4, Computerworld* – (International) **Google quashes 12 Chrome bugs, gives users early Flash fix.** Google November 4 patched 12 vulnerabilities in its Chrome browser, all of them rated as high-level threats by the company's security team. The patched version of Chrome also included an update to Adobe's Flash Player, giving Google users an early fix for a critical flaw that hackers have been exploiting with rigged PDF documents. Adobe plans to release that Flash patch to users of other browsers later November 4. The dozen flaws fixed in Chrome 7.0.517.44 include a pair related to SVG (Scalable Vector Graphics), a collection of XML specifications for describing two-dimensional vector graphics; one in Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine;

and three involving aspects of the browser's text handling. Google paid \$7,500 in bounties to eight researchers who reported 11 of the 12 bugs, the most it's awarded since mid-August when the company handed out \$8,674.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9194947/Google_quashes_12_Chrome_bugs_gives_users_early_Flash_fix

51. *November 4, DarkReading* – (International) **New technique spots sneaky**

botnets. Researchers have devised a new method to root out botnets that try to hide behind alternating domain names. A research scientist said he and a team of colleagues came up with a prototype method of detecting botnets like Conficker, Kraken, and Torpig that use so-called DNS domain-fluxing for their command and control (C&C) infrastructure. The team created a method of studying in real-time all DNS traffic for domain-flux activity. The researchers presented their findings this week at the ACM Measurement Conference in Melbourne, Australia. Their method basically looks at the pattern and distribution of alphabetic characters in a domain name to determine whether it's malicious or legitimate: This allows them to spot botnets' algorithmically generated (rather than generated by humans) domain names. Bottom line: Given that most domain names are already taken, botnet operators have to go with gibberish-looking names like Conficker does: joftvvtvmx.org, gcwknxz.biz, and vddxnvzqjks.ws, which their bots generate.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/insiderthreat/security/vulnerabilities/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=228200254>

52. *November 4, Data Center Knowledge* – (International) **Transfer switch glitch KOs**

iWeb customers. About 3,000 servers at Montreal, Canada Web host iWeb experienced an outage November 3 after a fire near the iWeb-CL data center prompted the company to shift the facility to generator power. All three generators started properly, but one of the transfer switches failed. Once UPS power was exhausted, a third of the data center wound up without power. Power was restored in about 1 hour, but at least 450 dedicated servers failed to restart properly and needed manual attention, according to the account of the incident on the iWeb blog. As of November 4, the last of the affected servers were being brought back online. The iWeb event was the fourth significant data center power outage this year in which an automatic transfer switch (ATS) failure was cited. The other three occurred in California, Arizona, and Virginia. When operating correctly, an ATS switches a facility's electric power source from the utility grid to backup power, usually supplied by a diesel backup generator.

Source: <http://www.datacenterknowledge.com/archives/2010/11/04/transfer-switch-glitch-kos-iweb-customers/>

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To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

53. *November 4, IDG News Service* – (Texas; National) **Researcher releases Web-based Android attack.** A computer security researcher released code November 4 that could be used to attack some versions of Google's Android phones over the Internet. The attack targets the browser in older, Android 2.1-and-earlier versions of the phones. It was disclosed November 4 at the HouSecCon conference in Houston by a security researcher with Alert Logic. The researcher said he has written code that allows him to run a simple command line shell in Android when the victim visits a Web site that contains his attack code. The bug used in the attack lies in the WebKit browser engine used by Android. Google said it knows about the vulnerability. "We're aware of an issue in WebKit that could potentially impact only old versions of the Android browser," a Google spokesman confirmed in an e-mail. "The issue does not affect Android 2.2 or later versions." Version 2.2 runs on 36.2% of Android phones, Google says. Older phones such as the G1 and HTC Droid Eris, which may not get the updated software, could be at risk from this attack. Android 2.2 is found on phones such as the Droid and the HTC EVO 4.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9195058/Researcher_releases_Web_based_Android_attack

54. *November 4, SecurityNewsDaily* – (International) **Web's undersea cables need revamp to prevent catastrophe.** The massive set of undersea cables that makes up the infrastructure of the Internet needs to be revamped to ensure security during a crisis, according to a top security expert. "At the national level, it's been implemented — the most important communications get through. But other countries don't have the capability to communicate across borders" in an emergency, explained a Distinguished Fellow at the EastWest Institute, who was instrumental in forming the U.S. strategy for communications-infrastructure protection following the calamity of September 11. This bottlenecking comes partly as result of the spectacular — and speedily growing — amount of bandwidth consumed throughout the world every day, the fellow told SecurityNewsDaily. While it is common to think of the Internet as an amorphous entity that is always available, there are actual "geographical choke points" — physical locations where the undersea cables that make up the global Internet infrastructure receive such heavy volumes of information that Web traffic literally gets backed up or

stopped, like a freeway that narrows to a single lane. He identified three major choke points as the Luzon Strait near Taiwan, the Strait of Malacca, and the Red Sea. If any of those sets of cables were compromised by either natural disaster or malicious attack, worldwide Internet and phone communication would be highly jeopardized, he said.

Source: <http://www.livescience.com/technology/internet-undersea-cables-101104.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

55. *November 5, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Emergency crews check Des Moines building after workers report feeling ill.** Emergency crews said they found no problem with the air at a building in downtown Des Moines, Iowa, after a dozen employees reported feeling ill November 4. The Des Moines Register said firefighters and MidAmerican Energy crews checked the Nationwide Insurance Co. building November 4 after workers reported queasy stomachs and headaches. A fire department spokesman said no one was taken to the hospital. He said the workers told medics they had been getting headaches during the last few days and would go outside for fresh air and would feel better. He added new carpet or a cleaning agent could have caused the reaction. He said it is likely an odor issue, but it is not a dangerous situation.
Source: <http://www.wqad.com/news/sns-ap-ia--mysteryillness,0,80660.story>
56. *November 4, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Fire at historic Chillicothe theater sends 7 to hospital.** Seven people were treated for smoke inhalation after a fire broke out November 4 during a gospel-music performance at the Majestic Theatre, a historic landmark in Chillicothe, Ohio. The Chillicothe Fire Department was called at 8:33 p.m. Plaster and ash were falling from the ceiling as people headed out the exits, according to WBNS-TV (Channel 10). Those with smoke inhalation were transported to Adena Regional Medical Center in Chillicothe. It is believed that the fire originated in the rafters or roof, it was reported. The blaze was put out within 1 hour. Erected in 1853, the theater is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Source: http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/11/04/fire-at-historic-chillicothe-theater-sends-7-to-hospital.html?sid=101
57. *November 4, Lancaster Online* – (Pennsylvania) **Gas leak forces evacuation of New Holland businesses.** Seven businesses in New Holland, Pennsylvania were evacuated November 4 because of a large natural gas leak, officials said. The incident occurred at the Brookshire Plaza shopping complex at 840 W. Main St. shortly after 10 a.m., the Liberty Fire Company chief said. A vehicle struck a gas meter behind the building, causing gas vapors to spew from a 1-inch line, he said. “It was a large commercial gas leak,” he said, though he did not know how much gas escaped. Firefighters sprayed water on the vapors to keep them from entering the building. A UGI Utilities crew dug in the street and was able to shut off the gas at 11:57 a.m., he said. About 20 people, mostly employees, were evacuated from seven businesses in the shopping complex.

They returned to the building at 12:07 p.m. Main Street was not closed during the incident. Bareville, Blue Ball, and Martindale fire companies, as well as New Holland Ambulance, assisted Liberty Fire Company at the scene.

Source: <http://articles.lancasteronline.com/local/4/308203>

58. *November 4, Billings Gazette* – (Montana) **Vapors prompt firefighters to evacuate apartments.** Residents of 15 apartments in a Miles City, Montana building have not been allowed to return since they were told to leave October 27. A spokeswoman for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) said tenants at the Lewis and Clark Apartments reported smelling a strong smell and some reported getting headaches. The Miles City Fire Department chose to evacuate the building, she said. The displaced apartment dwellers first were taken to a local school gymnasium and have since been staying with other area residents. DEQ representatives tested underground fuel tanks at the nearby Shortstop gas station and found that a portion of one tank failed a “leak and corrosion” protection test. The DEQ revoked the operating permit for that portion of the tank. The other portion failed the corrosive protection test, but was not leaking. The operation permit for that portion of the tank is now suspended. Both parts of the tank are now empty and are locked down.

Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_69221e06-b532-5640-b9df-1dc78397a914.html

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

59. *November 4, WTHI 10 Terre Haute* – (Illinois) **Man arrested for state park arsons.** After weeks of investigation, police arrest a man suspected in several arsons in the Jasper County, Illinois, area. The suspect, of Yale, was arrested November 3. The fires took place inside Sam Parr State Park and on private property throughout the county. The suspect appeared in court November 4 facing charges of arson and criminal damage to government supported property. The Jasper County state attorney said he could face additional charges in relation to the fires.

Source: <http://www.wthitv.com/dpp/news/local/man-arrested-for-state-park-arsons>

60. *November 4, CNN* – (District of Columbia) **Hearing Friday for man held after firearms found near National Mall.** An Arizona man will have a preliminary hearing November 5 on charges related to the discovery of several firearms in a camper parked near the National Mall in Washington D.C.. The 66-year-old suspect entered a not guilty plea November 4 through his attorney. The suspect faces charges of carrying a pistol without a license and unlawfully transporting a firearm. According to U.S. Park Police, police November 3 noticed propane tanks connected by wires to four car batteries and a generator. The windows of the camper, which was attached to a pickup truck, were covered in foil. The vehicles were parked near the Air and Space Museum, police said. A Park Police spokesman told CNN that several firearms were found in the

camper. Officers found a .223-caliber rifle, a .243-caliber rifle barrel, a .22-caliber rifle, a .357-caliber pistol, boxes of ammunition, various forms of identification, cameras, a laptop and more than \$1,500 in cash, police said.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/11/04/dc.firearms.arrest/>

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Dams Sector

61. *November 4, WDBJ 7 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Danville dam may be destroyed for safety reasons.** A dam in Danville, Virginia, could be destroyed because of safety issues. The Brantley Dam is the site of several drownings. There have been four drownings deaths at that dam since 1965. Last April, a 5-year-old boy died at the dam after falling into the water. His death triggered a review of the all five city dams. On November 4, the results were given to the Danville City Council. The public works director is recommending the removal of the dam.

Source: http://articles.wdbj7.com/2010-11-04/danville-city-council_24814893

62. *November 4, Bangkok Post* – (International) **Furious villagers storm water station.** About 100 residents from Sing Buri have stormed a water station in Ang Thong, Thailand, to demand the opening of sluice gates that they blame for causing persistent floods in their villages. Villagers from Tha Chang district turned out at Yang Manee water station in Pho Thong district about midnight November 2. They were infuriated when they discovered all of the sluice gates were closed. Villagers said closing the gates resulted in floodwaters from the Noi River accumulating in Sing Buri's Tha Chang district. Tensions flared when the Sing Buri villagers demanded some gates be opened. Officials at the water station refused to lift the gates. Some local villagers also turned up and insisted the gates be kept closed to prevent further flooding in their area. Station officials claimed they had been ordered by the "higher-ups" to close all sluice gates. Gunfire was heard as the Tha Chang villagers advanced to the station. The angry villagers demanded to know who had issued the order to shut the water gates. Police were called to the scene. Officials gave in and opened one gate in a bid to calm the situation. A village head in tambon Thorn Samor of Tha Chang district, said the irrigation department had assured the villagers the flooding situation would not get any worse. But the water levels in their villages rose quickly.

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