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- Federal authorities arrested a Michigan man who bought and hid more than 4,000 pounds of explosives with enough firepower to equal the Oklahoma City bombing, and made anti-government remarks. – *Associated Press* (See item [11](#))
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Energy Sector

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

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

1. *September 28, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Utility finds 4 more natural gas leaks in Seattle.** Utility crews have found a total of eight natural gas leaks in the Seattle, Washington neighborhood where a home exploded September 26, injuring two residents in a two-alarm fire, the Associated Press reported September 28. The pipes have been dug up for repair, a Puget Sound Energy spokeswoman said September 27. More than two dozen utility employees were using sniffer equipment to sweep the area within 5 miles of the blast. Four of the leaks have been linked to electrical arcing

initiated when a tree knocked down a high-voltage power line September 25. The utility believes this is what caused the holes to the service line of the destroyed home. One leak is under investigation, and the other three are not related to the downed tree. Puget Sound Energy said it surveys its entire coverage area every day with trucks and people. The utility has conducted extra surveys in a 5-square mile area near the site of the explosion. Damage from the blast is estimated at \$350,000, a fire department spokesman said.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/09/28/general-us-seattle-explosion-fire_8704648.html

2. *September 27, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Equipment thefts on the rise in ND oil patch.** Law officers in North Dakota's bustling oil patch said equipment thefts are becoming a common crime, leaving some officials wondering if a theft ring is at work, the Associated Press reported September 27. Sheriff's offices in McKenzie, Williams, Mountrail, and Dunn counties have investigated thefts of skid-steer loaders. A McKenzie County sheriff said he wonders if thieves are selling the machines out of state. Thefts of other items, such as pickup trucks, tools, generators, and semitrailer-loads of well pipe worth hundreds of thousands of dollars also have been investigated. The Mountrail County sheriff said the thefts are not petty crimes. "Most of this stuff is an inside job," he said. Part of the problem is oil companies are so busy, they do not have the time or personnel to properly secure their own property, a Williams County chief deputy said.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Equipment-thefts-on-the-rise-in-ND-oil-patch-2190649.php>
3. *September 27, Bloomberg* – (Louisiana) **U.S. says sunken Transocean rig may be source of oil sheen.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) said the wreckage of Transocean Ltd.'s Deepwater Horizon drilling rig may be the source of an oily sheen on the surface of the Gulf of Mexico. The USCG notified Vernier, Switzerland-based Transocean September 27 that it may be held responsible for the pollution. BP Plc's Macondo well, which erupted in April 2010 off the Louisiana coast and destroyed the rig, is not suspected as a source of the sheen, the USCG said on its Web site. The sheen was sighted in the same area of the Gulf that includes the Macondo well, a region known as Mississippi Canyon Block 252. The disaster killed 11 rig workers, injured 17, sank the \$365 million rig, and shut vast swaths of the Gulf to fishing and tourism for months.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-09-27/u-s-says-sunken-transocean-rig-may-be-source-of-oil-sheen.html>
4. *September 27, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Inquiry into oil well deaths to center on clothing.** Officials said an investigation into an oil well explosion in North Dakota that killed two workers will center on whether the men should have been wearing fire-resistant clothing under a federal safety policy that has drawn criticism from some drilling companies, the Associated Press reported September 27. The policy, explained in 2010 in a memo by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), spells out when protective equipment should be worn by workers to protect against flash fires during drilling operations. The OSHA says such equipment saves lives, but some drilling companies have balked — and one threatened legal action —

saying the requirements are too extensive and costly. The men were working at a rig owned by Carlson Well Services Inc. of Powers Lake September 14 when the accident occurred. Houston-based Oasis Petroleum Inc. owns the well, which had been producing for about a month. Because it is already known that the men were not wearing the protective gear, the investigation will determine if their work environment or assigned tasks called for them to be wearing the specialized clothing.

Source: <http://moneywatch.bnet.com/economic-news/news/inquiry-into-oil-well-deaths-to-center-on-clothing/6305338/>

5. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Texas) **NTSB: Ship pilot fatigue, improper communication played role in waterway collision.** Fatigue, improper communication, and other distractions — including a pilot reading a newspaper when he was supposed to be helping to navigate a large vessel through a narrow channel — contributed to a ship collision in 2010 between a tanker and a towboat that sparked the largest Texas oil spill in more than 20 years, federal transportation investigators said September 27. The National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) final report, adopted at a meeting in Washington D.C., assigns blame for the January 22, 2010, collision in Port Arthur on the pilot of the tanker, the Eagle Otome. The collision with the towboat Dixie Vengeance, which was pushing two barges, breached the tanker, causing oil to spill into the Sabine-Neches Ship Channel. The spill shut down the busy waterway for 5 days. The board said the Eagle Otome's pilot failed to regain full control of the ship after improperly taking a turn before the accident. The investigators believe fatigue contributed to his difficulties steering and centering the ship in the narrow channel. The NTSB concluded the tanker's pilots were not following communication guidelines put in place by the local pilots' association. They also violated rules that said one pilot should be navigating and steering the ship while the other handled radio communications. Instead, they took turns, simultaneously conducting both tasks. At one point, the Eagle Otome pilot was on a radio call "at a critical point in the waterway, and the radio call interfered with his ability to fully focus" on navigating the ship, according to a synopsis of the report. But investigators were pleased with clean-up activities that they said were so well-coordinated and efficient they successfully prevented the 462,000-gallon oil spill from fouling a pristine natural area and killing more than just a few marine birds.

Source: <http://www.kfdm.com/articles/tanker-44953-collision-ship.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *September 27, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Truck crash closed Interstate 10 south of Phoenix.** Interstate 10 in Phoenix was closed in both directions north of Riggs Road after a commercial truck carrying powdered chlorine rolled over September 27, according to the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS). All lanes were reopened by about 1 p.m., the DPS said. The truck was heading east when it rolled over about 11:25 a.m., spilling the powdered chlorine onto lanes in both directions of the highway

near Milepost 167, a DPS spokesman said. Officials immediately closed eastbound lanes, but shut down the westbound lanes soon after so crews could clean up the powdered chlorine. The powder is considered a hazardous material.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2011/09/27/20110927phoenix-truck-crash-interstate-10-closed-abrk.html>

7. *September 27, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Hazmat called to assist with overturned semi.** A semi-truck carrying a single tanker trailer overturned on its side and closed NW Martin Road in Forest Grove, Oregon, for 2 hours September 27. The single vehicle accident occurred around 1:50 p.m. Forest Grove fire and police responded. Paramedics believe the driver might have suffered a medical emergency before the crash. The driver was unconscious when paramedics arrived. Crews had to use ladders to reach the truck's cab. The driver was taken by ambulance to Legacy Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. The contents of the tanker were not labeled on the outside of the trailer. A Forest Grove police officer located paperwork in the cab stating the contents to be a chemical called magnesium hydroxide. No leakage was observed. Crews contacted the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue HAZMAT team. Crews found the trailer was no threat to the public. They cleaned up a small diesel fuel spill.
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/15562912/hazmat-called-to-assist-with-overturned-semi>
8. *September 27, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston* – (West Virginia) **Two of three DuPont workers still in hospital from exposure to chemical fumes.** Two of three DuPont employees who became ill on the job at a plant in Charleston, West Virginia, remained in the hospital the night of September 27. A DuPont spokesperson said the workers suffered respiratory problems after doing maintenance work the afternoon of September 26 in an area of the plant that was shut down. All three were working in that same area at the same time. Two employees reported to the plant's medical facility the night of September 26 before going to the hospital. One was released, but the other remained in the hospital in stable condition. The morning of September 27, another worker went to the hospital, where he was September 27 under evaluation. A DuPont regional manager said the workers were exposed to a small amount of chemical fumes.
Source:
http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/3_DuPont_Employees_Hospitalized_After_Feeling_Ill_130633433.html
9. *September 27, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Washington) **Kent-based trucking company fined over \$46,000 for chemical reporting violations.** Quality Carriers, Inc., will pay more than \$46,000 to settle hazardous chemical reporting violations at its facility in Kent, Washington, according to a consent agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The company is an off-loading facility that transfers chemicals from rail cars to on-road trucks. According to the EPA, in 2009 the company stored large amounts of hydrogen peroxide above threshold planning quantities without properly reporting it to the Kent Fire Department, King County Local Emergency Planning Committee, and the state emergency response commission. The federal government lists hydrogen peroxide as a toxic and hazardous substance. In 2009, the facility stored hydrogen peroxide in an amount over 2,000 times the threshold

planning quantity of 500 pounds, the threshold for required reporting under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. According to documents, the company failed to file inventory forms for 2008 and 2009, as required by law, with state and local emergency response entities.

Source: <http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/kent-based-trucking-company-fined-over-46000-for-chemical-reporting-violations-258608>

10. *September 27, Associated Press* – (National) **Group backs new standard following Conn. blast.** A national safety group is urging states and regulators to adopt new standards that would ban a pipe-cleaning practice blamed for a 2010 Connecticut power plant explosion that killed six workers. The National Fire Protection Association's new standard, published a few weeks ago and publicly introduced September 27, prohibits the use of natural gas to clean pipes at industrial plants, commercial developments, and other projects. The standard is not binding, but could be used by state legislatures and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to craft rules banning the "gas blow" practice and encouraging companies to use nitrogen or other nonvolatile substances to clean pipes. Connecticut this year became the first, and so far the only, state to outlaw the procedure, in which high-pressure natural gas is forced through pipes to push out metal shards, dirt, and other debris. The Chemical Safety Board, a federal investigative agency with advisory authority, has also asked the OSHA to ban the procedure. Six workers were killed in February 2010 when crews building the Kleen Energy Systems power plant in Middletown performed a gas blow. After the incident, the OSHA sent warning letters about the dangers of gas blows to companies involved in the 125 gas-fired turbine power plants planned or under construction. Among other measures, the new National Fire Protection Association standard prohibits using flammable gas for pipe cleaning; requires crews to be sure the substance released goes into a safe outdoor area where it will not build up; sets rules for alerting other workers; triggers crews to stop pipe-cleaning procedures under certain conditions. Companies that follow the rules would use them not just at power plant construction sites, but all major projects ranging from new shopping malls to schools to industrial plants. Workplace safety groups say forcing air, steam, or nitrogen through pipes for cleaning is far safer than natural gas, but that natural gas has been particularly popular at power plants because it's already on hand — and therefore less expensive than bringing in other materials and equipment for the pipe purges.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/09/27/ap/business/main20112471.shtml>

11. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Michigan; National) **Man charged after 4,000 pounds of explosives found.** Federal authorities said a Michigan man bought and hid more than 4,000 pounds of explosives with enough firepower to equal the Oklahoma City bombing and told an undercover informant that "when the government takes over, we will be mercenaries." The 64-year-old was arrested the week of September 19 on a charge of possessing explosives while facing other charges, and ordered held following a September 26 court hearing. His attorney said the builder and farmer from Sault Ste. Marie obtained the materials years ago for construction projects. Prosecutors and agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) did not accuse the suspect of plotting to detonate the mixture of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil. An assistant U.S. attorney told the Associated Press he had "no idea" what the suspect

planned to do with the materials. The federal charges were filed a month after the suspect was booked on many counts in Chippewa County, including larceny by false pretense, assaulting and resisting officers, falsely reporting a felony, and being a habitual offender. In an affidavit, an ATF agent said an informant told the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department the suspect sought help moving the explosive mixture from Sault Ste. Marie and hiding it in Dafter, a village a few miles away. The informant wore a recording device while performing the task September 20. The affidavit said a sheriff's detective listened to the recording and heard the "mercenaries" remark. The ATF agent said he obtained a search warrant the same day and found 83 bags of the mixture, each weighing about 50 pounds. The combined weight was about 4,150 pounds. The next day, he found explosive boosters, detonating cord, and blasting caps at the home of the suspect's mother. Another box of blasting caps was recovered in Sault Ste. Marie. The affidavit said many bags bore labels from companies in Iowa and Ohio. Federal law bars a person charged with a crime punishable by more than 1 year in prison from possessing an explosive shipped across state lines. The Mining Journal reported the ATF agent testified the suspect flew from Toronto to Cuba twice in 2008. A U.S. magistrate judge approved the government's request to keep the suspect in jail, describing the Cuba trips as "troubling."

Source: <http://www.kimatv.com/news/national/130668768.html>

12. *September 26, Georgia Southern University George-Anne* – (Georgia) **Ogeechee River contamination causes injuries.** The Effingham Emergency Management Agency sent notifications September 16 to Bulloch County Emergency Management in Georgia, stating persons swimming in the Ogeechee River experienced blisters and redness on areas of the body that were exposed to the water, the Georgia Southern University George-Anne reported September 26. Bulloch County EMA advised all persons to refrain from swimming in the river until further notice. Georgia Southern University has been limiting biology activities, due to contamination. The owner of Southern Aquatic Services claimed Case King Finishing Company was working on a type of military material that was chemical resistant and fire retardant, and released their industrial waste into the river instead of letting it go through the treatment process. The Environment Protection Division sued Case King for \$1 million. The river keeper looked at the data and said the firm had dumped sodium hydroxide into the river.

Source: <http://www.gadaily.com/index.php/news/1-local-news/3018-ogeechee-river-contamination-prevents-gsu-trips>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

13. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Second falsifying records charge at TVA nuke plant.** Federal prosecutors have charged another contractor employee at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Watts Bar Nuclear Plant near Spring City, Tennessee, with falsifying electrical cable inspection records, the Associated Press reported September 27. Court records show a supervisor for Williams Specialty Services is charged with the felony offense of knowingly and willfully certifying work that he knew had not been completed. Another former employee of the same subcontractor

previously pleaded guilty to falsifying records at the Watts Bar reactor project earlier this year.

Source: http://www.cedartownstd.com/view/full_story/15771863/article-Second-falsifying-records-charge-at-TVA-nuke-plant?instance=home_news_lead_story

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

14. *September 27, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **US Department of Labor's OSHA cites Sumner, Texas, trailer manufacturers for noise hazards, toxic fumes, and other violations; fines total nearly \$950,000.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) September 27 cited PJ Trailers Manufacturing Co. Inc. and Delco Trailers Co. Inc., a similar company owned by PJ Trailers, for exposing workers to unguarded machinery, fall hazards, and accumulations of potentially hazardous dust, among other violations. Proposed penalties total \$949,800. Although the company had certified abatement of prior hazardous conditions, many of the fixes were later abandoned to accommodate production. Since 2008, at least 15 workers have suffered eye injuries requiring medical treatment, and/or days away from work. OSHA's Dallas Area Office initiated a safety and health inspection at the company's facility in Sumner following receipt of a complaint employees were not adequately protected from being injured by rotating machinery parts, and employees were exposed to toxic welding fumes while fabricating trailers, and noise levels above approved health standards.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20748

15. *September 26, WVTM 13 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **ABC Coke in Birmingham cited for safety violations.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited ABC Coke in Birmingham, Alabama, a division of Drummond Co., September 27 for 27 safety and health violations following the death of a worker in March. A coal chute at the coke foundry became jammed and the operator left his coal transport vehicle's controls to attempt to un-jam it. Through miscommunication, another employee took the controls and moved the vehicle, which hit the worker, crushing him between a guardrail and the jammed coal bin chute. The OSHA cited the company for one serious safety violation related to the fatality: failing to develop and utilize lockout/tagout procedures for the energy source of the vehicle, which would have prevented it from moving while the worker was un-jamming the coal chute. Other lower level violations were also issued.

Source: <http://www2.alabamas13.com/news/2011/sep/26/abc-coke-birmingham-cited-safety-violations-ar-2467065/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

16. *September 28, U.S. Department of Treasury* – (International) **Treasury sanctions Lashkar-e Tayyiba leaders and founders.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury September 28 announced the designation of two Lashkar-e Tayyiba (LET) leaders and founding members, pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224. "[The designees] are two of LET's most significant leaders," said the Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. "Over the past 20 years, [they] have been responsible for fundraising, recruitment, and indoctrination of operatives. By targeting the core of LET's leadership, [this] action aims to degrade its ability to facilitate its terrorist activities." LET is a Pakistan-based terrorist group with links to the al-Qa'ida network that is responsible for the November 2008 Mumbai, India attacks, and July 2006 Mumbai train bombings. LET was designated by the United States pursuant to E.O. 13224 and named a Foreign Terrorist Organization in December 2001, and was added to the UN 1267/1989 list in May 2005. Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JUD) was designated as an alias of LET under E.O. 13224 in April 2006, and was added to the UN 1267/1989 list as an alias of LET in December 2008. As a result of the September 28 action, U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with the men, and any assets they may have in the United States are frozen.
Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1313.aspx>
17. *September 28, Associated Press* – (International) **Dutch say raids conducted in 7 countries in alleged \$200 million investment fraud; 4 arrests.** Dutch authorities September 28 said raids have been conducted in 7 countries in connection with an alleged \$200 million investment fraud scheme, and 4 men have been arrested. The country's financial crime prosecutors said they suspect hundreds of investors were conned into fraudulent investments in U.S. life insurance policies by a firm called Quality Investments BV. Prosecutors said September 28 four Dutch men have been arrested, two in the Netherlands, and one each in Switzerland and Turkey. Raids were also conducted in Spain, Dubai, England, and the United States, in which millions of euros in assets were seized in hopes of recovering some money for duped investors.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/dutch-say-raids-conducted-in-7-countries-in-alleged-200-million-investment-fraud-4-arrests/2011/09/28/gIQAzKb73K_story.html
18. *September 28, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network* – (National) **Second quarter mortgage loan fraud suspicious activity persists.** The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) September 28 reported in its Second Quarter 2011 Analysis of mortgage loan fraud suspicious activity reports (MLF SARs) that financial institutions filed 29,558 MLF SARs in the second quarter of 2011 up from 15,727 MLF SARs reported in the same quarter of 2010. A large majority of the MLF SARs examined in

the second quarter involved mortgages closed during the height of the real estate bubble. The upward spike in second quarter MLF SAR numbers is directly attributable to mortgage repurchase demands and special filings generated by many institutions. For instance, FinCEN noted 81 percent of the MLF SARs filed during the quarter involved suspicious activities that occurred before 2008; 63 percent involved suspicious activities that occurred 4 or more years ago.

Source: http://www.fincen.gov/news_room/nr/html/20110927.html

19. *September 28, Infoworld* – (National) **Businesses are failing to maintain data security.** The Payment Card Industry's Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) has matured in the 6 years since it was enacted, but businesses are failing to maintain their compliance with the security standard, according to a report released by Verizon Business September 28. In the report, Verizon Business analyzed more than 100 PCI compliance cases conducted in the last year. Its basic finding: The vast majority of firms are unable to remain compliant with the 12 requirements of the standard over the course of a year. Only 21 percent of firms stayed compliant with the Data Security Standards between their last successful assessment and their checkup a year later, the report found. The director of global PCI services for Verizon Business said, "We see many organizations do successful implementations, but we see a backslide as the year progresses, and then they end out of compliance for the rest of the year." Firms had problems with protecting card holder data, tracking and monitoring access to sensitive data, and regularly testing system security and processes, the report states.
Source: https://www.infoworld.com/t/data-loss-prevention/businesses-are-failing-maintain-data-security-174219?source=rss_infoworld_top_stories
20. *September 27, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (New Jersey; Florida) **Largest recruiter of investors to \$930 million ponzi scheme admits lying to the IRS about millions in related income.** The man who brought more individuals than anyone else to invest in a \$930 million Ponzi scheme admitted September 27 to failing to report millions of the more than \$12 million in related commissions he received to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), a U.S. attorney for the District of New Jersey announced. The 63-year-old Naples, Florida man pleaded guilty to an information charging him with one count of subscribing to a false tax return. During the proceeding, he admitted he recruited more than 60 individuals to invest in Capitol Investments USA Inc., which a 42-year-old of Miami Beach, Florida man has admitted was a fraud. The 63-year-old was an investor in Capitol, which the 42-year-old used to solicit about \$930 million between January 2005 and November 2009 from individuals who believed they were investing in the man's grocery distribution business. The 63-year-old personally invested more than \$100 million. In return for bringing new investors to Capitol, he was paid commissions equal to as much as the interest payments for those investors. He received more than \$12 million for bringing more than 60 investors to Capitol — more money than any other individual received and for more investors than any other individual recruited. Individuals recruited by the defendant invested more than \$307 million with Capitol, eventually losing more than \$38 million. In pleading guilty to subscribing to a false tax return that failed to report \$1.7 million income for 2005, he admitted he also failed to report Capitol-related income for 2004 through 2007. According to the information, he failed to report more than \$6.4 million in income

during that time. The charge to which he pleaded guilty carries a maximum potential penalty of 3 years in prison, and fine of \$250,000 or twice the gain or loss from the offense.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/395319/largest_recruiter_of_investors_to_930_million_ponzi_scheme_admits_lying_to_the_irs_about_millions_in_related_income.html

21. *September 27, United Press International* – (Nevada) **Morgan Stanely, Nevada, settle fraud case.** U.S. banking giant Morgan Stanley and Nevada agreed September 27 to a \$40 million settlement in a mortgage fraud case, the state's attorney general (AG) said. The AG said in a statement the settlement was reached with the bank to end an investigation involving 3,000 subprime mortgages the bank purchased and sold to investors. Morgan Stanley Capital Holdings also agreed to improve its practices and "refund and adjust interest rates for certain Nevada borrowers." In the settlement, the bank agreed to pay \$7.2 million that will go toward combating foreclosures and preventing mortgage fraud in the state. The settlement, called an assurance of discontinuance, "will provide relief to between 600 and 700 customers, and will provide relief valued at between \$21 million and \$40 million," the AG said. The state said the New York bank deceived customers about interest rates, including the "payment shock" of rates that climbed "when an initial teaser rate expired." Some customers, the state said, qualified for loans only at the teaser rate, but not at the adjusted rate that would be in effect "for most of the loan's term."
Source: http://www.upi.com/Business_News/2011/09/27/Morgan-Stanely-Nevada-settle-fraud-case/UPI-23221317156852/?spt=hs&or=bn
22. *September 27, WJW 8 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **CEO pleads guilty to role in Croatian credit union collapse.** The man that federal prosecutors said was responsible for issuing more than 1,000 fraudulent loans that ultimately led to one of the largest credit union failures in U.S. history pleaded guilty for his crimes September 27 in Ohio. The former chief operating officer (COO) of the St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union, pleaded guilty to 6 counts, including bank fraud, money laundering and bank bribery, for his role in the failure of the credit union, according to the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. The 52-year-old from Mentor, Ohio, issued more than 1,000 fraudulent loans totaling more than \$70 million to more than 300 account holders at St. Paul from 2000 to April 2010, court documents said. Prosecutors claimed the man issued loans with no collateral and falsely represented them to the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) as secured loans, when they were not. Prosecutors said for issuing the loans the man accepted more than \$1 million worth of bribes, kickbacks, and gifts. He is one of 16 people who have been charged for their roles in the credit union collapse. At the time of the credit union being placed into conservatorship, St. Paul served 5,400 members and was believed to have assets of about \$238.8 million.
Source: <http://www.fox8.com/news/wjw-news-raguz-guilty-plea-credit-union-collapse,0,4539769.story>
23. *September 27, St. Paul Pioneer-Press* – (Minnesota) **Third defendant pleads guilty in \$20 million mortgage fraud case.** A man pleaded guilty September 27 to his role in a \$20 million mortgage fraud, making the Chanhassen, Minnesota man the third to admit

his involvement in the case. The 52-year-old was a straw buyer in a scheme that involved 57 Minnesota properties from 2004 to 2007. The scam's participants identified properties that could be purchased, recruited straw buyers and submitted false financial information to obtain mortgages, court papers said. Straw buyers were allegedly told they could use the kickbacks to put toward the mortgage or improve the property. The defendant received about \$580,000 in concealed payments from the six residential properties he purchased, according to the charges. The loans on the 57 properties totaled more than \$20 million, and lenders suffered "significant losses" when the homes later went through foreclosures and short sales, prosecutors said. The loss specific to the defendant's involvement was calculated by prosecutors at between \$1 million and \$2.5 million. He pleaded guilty September 27 to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud before a U.S. district judge. The crime carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Source: http://www.twincities.com/business/ci_18991261

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Transportation Sector

24. *September 28, Associated Press* – (International) **Fugitive US hijacker caught in Portugal.** A fugitive task force that spent 9 years pursuing the case of a 1970s militant who carried out one of the most brazen hijackings in U.S. history got a break: police matched his fingerprint to a resident ID card in Portugal, according to the Associated Press September 28. That match led to the arrest September 26 of a 68-year-old man who had been on the run for more than 40 years. He was taken into custody by Portuguese authorities at the request of the U.S. government, a member of the fugitive task force said. The suspect was convicted of the 1962 murder of a gas station owner who was shot during a robbery at his business in Wall, New Jersey. Eight years into his 15- to 30-year prison term, the suspect and three other men escaped from the Bayside State Prison farm in Leesburg, New Jersey, August 19, 1970. The FBI said the suspect became affiliated with an underground militant group and lived in a "communal family" with several of its members in Detroit. In 1972, dressed as a priest and using an alias he hijacked a Delta flight from Detroit to Miami. With him were several members of his communal group. After releasing the 86 passengers in exchange for a \$1 million ransom — delivered by an FBI agent wearing only swim trunks, as per the hijackers' demands — the hijackers forced the plane to fly to Boston where an international navigator was taken aboard, and then on to Algeria, where they sought asylum. At the request of the U.S. government, Algerian officials returned the plane and the money. They briefly detained the hijackers before allowing them to stay. Coverage of the hijackers' stay in Algeria said their movements were restricted, and the president ignored their calls for asylum and requests to return the ransom money to them. The suspect remained at large, and his case was among the top priorities when the New York-New Jersey Fugitive Task Force was formed in 2002, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service, who worked with New Jersey's FBI and other agencies. A Justice Department spokeswoman said the suspect was arrested for purposes of

extradition on the New Jersey homicide charge. He would serve the remainder of his sentence if returned to the United States, she said.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/09/28/fugitive_us_hijacker_caught_in_portugal/

25. *September 28, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Passengers rescued from Dallas Zoo monorail.** A 20-minute scenic trip turned into a 90-minute ordeal for about 30 guests at the Dallas, Texas Zoo September 27 after the Monorail Safari ride stalled. Dallas Fire-Rescue personnel climbed from car-to-car in an effort to reassure zoo patrons and to determine the best way for them to reach safety from their perch 40 feet above ground level. The disabled monorail, which circles the Wilds of Africa exhibit, was in a shaded area when there was apparently an electrical problem at around 3:30 p.m. Rescue teams trimmed tree branches in a remote area of the zoo to reach some of the passengers with ladders. Guests described a sweltering wait that ended with a scary descent.

Source: http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Passengers-stranded-on-Dallas-Zoo-monorail--130662003.html?hpt=us_bn5

26. *September 27, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon; Washington) **Main rail line shut down between Vancouver and Chehalis, Wash., after reports of track tampering.** A main rail line in the Portland, Oregon-Vancouver, Washington area was taken out of service for hours September 26 after officials received reports of track tampering. The Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office said about a dozen locations in a 60-mile stretch from Vancouver to Chehalis, Washington, were tampered with. Local law enforcement agencies were working with railway investigators. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) workers discovered the tampering about 11 a.m., said a spokesman for BNSF, which owns the line. Several Amtrak passenger trains were delayed as inspectors checked the tracks. At least nine trains, including freight as well as passenger, were halted during the inspections. The line carries 50 to 60 trains a day. They include 10 Amtrak runs, 5 each way between Portland and Seattle; as many as 40 freight trains, from both BNSF and Union Pacific; and various local and maintenance trains. The spokesman did not elaborate on what the tampering reports entailed but said an internal police investigation is underway.

Source:

http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/09/main_rail_line_shut_down_betwe.html

27. *September 27, KTXL 40 Sacramento* – (California) **Roseville natural gas leak burning on roadway.** PG&E crews were working to stop an underground natural gas leak that caught fire in Roseville, California September 27. The intersection was closed and evacuations were in place in the area late in the day. Roseville officials said it would remain that way until 2 a.m. September 28. Businesses within a quarter of a mile radius of the gas leak were evacuated. Fire officials said the underground leak may have found an oxygen source through asphalt, possibly a crack on the roadway from a car driving over, and that is what caused the fire on the roadway.

Source: <http://www.fox40.com/news/headlines/ktxl-roseville-natural-gas-leak-burning-above-and-underneath-street,0,7621457.story>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

28. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Elderly driver injures 4 at CO post office.** Authorities said an 89-year-old driver who drove her Lincoln Continental into a Boulder County, Colorado post office September 27 and injured four people mistook the gas pedal for the brake. Police said the woman was trying to park when she drove through a plate-glass window at the Valmont Station. The woman's car hit four postal customers in a crowded lobby before the car stopped just short of the counter. Two people were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries, and two others suffered minor injuries. The woman was ticketed for careless driving resulting in injury, and she will be asked to retake the driver's test. The post office was closed temporarily.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Elderly-driver-injures-4-at-CO-post-office-2191945.php>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

29. *September 28, Food Safety News* – (Colorado; National) **Listeria cantaloupe outbreak one of deadliest.** A month-old outbreak of listeriosis in 18 states is officially the most deadly outbreak of food-borne illness since poison peanut butter killed nine people with Salmonella Typhimurium in late 2008 and early 2009. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta late September 27 reported the Listeria outbreak caused by contaminated whole cantaloupes has resulted in at least 13 deaths among 72 illnesses. In terms of fatalities, this food-borne illness outbreak is one of the worst in the United States. Cantaloupes have been responsible for at least 36 food-borne illness outbreaks since 1990, although this is the first one involving Listeria. In its update on the current outbreak investigation, the CDC said four people have died in New Mexico, two in Colorado, two in Texas and one each in Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma after eating tainted cantaloupe. Local media reports have attributed a second death in Kansas and another in Wyoming to the Listeria outbreak, but those were not included in CDC figures through 11 a.m. September 26. The CDC report translates into a fatality rate of 18 percent. Based on past Listeria outbreaks, it will likely go higher. Fifteen illnesses have been reported in Colorado, 14 in Texas, 10 in New Mexico, eight in Oklahoma, six in Nebraska, five in Kansas and two each in Wisconsin and Indiana, with single cases in California, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming, according to the CDC.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/cantaloupes-kill-more-than-peanut-butter/>
30. *September 28, Food Safety News* – (Ohio; National) **Ground beef recall tied to Ohio E. coli outbreak.** An undisclosed number of E. coli O157:H7 illnesses in Ohio has

prompted Tyson Fresh Meats Inc. to recall 131,300 pounds of ground beef, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) said September 27. In a news release, FSIS said it became aware of the problem September 26 when it was notified by the Ohio Department of Health of E. coli O157:H7 illnesses in Butler County with onset dates from September 8-11. The number of illnesses was not given. Results of tests on ground beef collected from "the patients' home" September 19 were returned September 27 and were positive for the pathogen, the FSIS said. The agency and Tyson said they are concerned consumers may freeze the ground beef from the suspect lots before use, and that some of the ground beef may be in consumers' freezers. FSIS said it is continuing to work with Ohio public health officials on the investigation.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/ground-beef-recall-tied-to-ohio-e-coli-outbreak/>

31. *September 28, Food Safety News* – (National) **Cargill ground turkey positive for outbreak strain.** A sample of ground turkey from Cargill's September 11 recall of 185,000 pounds of ground turkey tested positive for the Salmonella Heidelberg outbreak strain, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) said September 27. In updating the earlier recall notice with confirmation of the outbreak strain, FSIS said lab results from the sample taken August 24 indicate the isolate is resistant to ampicillin, gentamicin, streptomycin, and tetracycline. The September 11 recall was in addition to Cargill's August 3 recall of 36 million pounds of fresh and frozen ground turkey products produced over 5 months at the company's Springdale, Arkansas plant. The turkey is implicated in an outbreak that as of September 14, had infected 119 people in 32 states with Salmonella Heidelberg, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/cargill-ground-turkey-positive-for-outbreak-strain/>
32. *September 27, KION 46 Monterey* – (California) **Bakery explosion sends person to hospital.** Paramedics took one person to the hospital September 27 after an explosion inside a bakery in Watsonville, California. An employee at the ARTE Mexicana grocery store said a person inside La Manzana Bakery was injured after a gas leak explosion. The employee said firetrucks and ambulances pulled up to the store around 7:30 p.m., but the scene was cleared and it was business as usual within 30 minutes. Santa Cruz County officials said an oven exploded. No major damage was reported to the outside of the store.
Source: <http://www.kionrightnow.com/story/15564527/bakery-explosion-sends-person-to-hospital>
33. *September 27, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Fourth case of equine virus confirmed in Marathon County.** A fourth horse in Marathon County, Wisconsin, has contracted eastern equine encephalitis, state officials said September 27. The announcement that two horses in Ringle and Athens were infected with the virus follows an announcement September 26 from the Marathon County Health Department that two other horses in the county contracted the virus. One horse also was in the Athens area, while the second is believed to be from the Hatley area, said a

spokeswoman for Wisconsin Valley Veterinary Service in Wausau. The confirmations bring the total to 25 horses and two alpacas infected this year with eastern equine encephalitis, according to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The virus — which has a 90 percent mortality rate — is transmitted by infected mosquitoes, but cannot be transmitted between animals or from animals to humans. Horses can avoid infection through vaccination, but no cure exists once an animal has contracted the virus. Only one human has contracted eastern equine encephalitis since 1984, according to the DATCP.

Source:

<http://centralwisconsinhub.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20110927/WDH0101/109270448/Updated-Fourth-case-of-equine-virus-confirmed-in-Marathon-County?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|FRONTPAGE>

34. *September 27, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **New oil spill study shows biological problems in fish.** A new Louisiana State University study shows the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on fish living in Louisiana marshes and reveals a problem that could affect the future of the seafood industry, WDSU 6 New Orleans reported September 27. The study was conducted by two associate professors of biological sciences. They studied killifish before, during, and after the spill. While killifish are not an important fishery species, other species important for fisheries live in the same habitat as killifish. The researchers said their findings do not change the seafood safety record, and said seafood is safe to eat. But, despite the low concentrations of oil in killifish, they found biological effects that show a potential impact to the health, performance, and reproduction of killifish. Marsh contamination occurred during the spawning season of many important species. "Population-level effects, if they emerge, are going to emerge across several generations, so effects on long-lived species will take longer to emerge than for short lived species," one researcher said. The results of this study could manifest in October, during shrimp season. The seafood industry collects and analyzes catch data regularly. The study was funded in part by the National Science Foundation, and the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative.

Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/r/29313963/detail.html>

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Water Sector

35. *September 28, Lynn Daily Item* – (Massachusetts) **Swampscott pumping station crisis over.** Swampscott, Massachusetts officials said September 27 the pump station crisis is over, but cleanup will continue while they try to determine the cause of a “catastrophic failure” at the wastewater pumping station. The failure required the installation of an alternate pumping system to bypass the station while a separate system continues to drain the 18-foot-deep pool of raw sewage that flooded the building September 25. The pumping station collects the town’s sewage — about 2 million gallons on a day with heavy rain — and then uses three pumps to send it to Lynn’s wastewater treatment plant, according to the director of public works. Nine tanker trucks hauled the town’s sewage from Swampscott to Lynn’s wastewater treatment facility beginning September

25, and only a few residents in the immediate area reported temporary disruptions of sewer service, officials said.

Source: <http://www.itemlive.com/articles/2011/09/28/news/news05.txt>

36. *September 27, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Seminole Canal contaminated with sewage, officials say.** A sewer line break at a sewage treatment plant may have caused contamination in the Seminole Canal in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, officials said September 27. The Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel reported the city, in consultation with the Broward County Health Department, has advised residents to avoid water-related activities in the areas of the canal bordered by Southeast 15th Street on the north end, Southeast 16th Street, and the Intracoastal Waterway on the east. The advisory was triggered by a 48-inch sewer line break at the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant September 27.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/fort-lauderdale/fl-sewage-in-water-20110927,0,6826097.story>
37. *September 27, Associated Press* – (California) **Sewage spills during outage larger than reported.** Records show two sewage spills caused by August's massive power outage in San Diego was 75 percent more than what city officials initially indicated, the Associated Press reported September 27. City officials first said about 2 million gallons of sewage spilled because the outage cut power to water pumps, leading to an overflow that forced the closure of more than 10 miles of beaches. The San Diego Union-Tribune said records of flow-metering devices show the spills totaled nearly 3.5 million gallons. The newspaper reported the figure could become financially significant for San Diego because pollution fines are typically based on the amount of sewage spilled, and could run into the millions of dollars. It is unclear whether the city faces pollution fines given the unusual circumstances.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_18990746

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

38. *September 28, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Patient data stolen from Summit Medical employee's car.** The Knoxville News Sentinel reported September 28 that documents containing health information of about 750 Summit Medical Group patients was stolen September 4 from an employee's vehicle while parked outside the employee's home in Knox County, Tennessee. The records contained data about certain Summit patients' hospital discharges from December 2010 through August 2011. A Summit spokeswoman said no patient Social Security numbers, home addresses, or financial data were included in the documents. The information included Summit account numbers, dates of birth, primary physician's names, names of hospitals, and dates of discharges, and pertained to those who see Knox County physicians at Emory Family Practice, Summit Medical Group at Deane Hill and Northshore Drive, and Fountain City Family Physicians. Summit said it is using the incident to change its

procedures for printing paper reports. The information will be stored electronically in the future.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/sep/28/patient-data-stolen-from-summit-medical-car/>

39. *September 28, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Unknown Geographic Scope) **Stolen laptop puts thousands at risk of identity theft.** The Minneapolis Star Tribune reported September 28 that hospital officials said thousands of patients at Fairview and North Memorial hospitals in Minnesota may have been exposed to potential identity theft because of a stolen laptop computer. Officials said the laptop contained private data on more than 16,000 patients, and was stolen from a parked car in Minneapolis in July. They blame the loss on a subcontractor hired to help with insurance. Both hospital groups are notifying patients in letters. Fairview said there is no evidence that any patient data has been accessed or misused. The laptop contained names, addresses, birth dates, Social Security numbers, and some medical information on about 14,000 Fairview patients. North Memorial said about 2,800 of its patients were affected, but noted the information did not include Social Security numbers.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/wellness/130644048.html>

40. *September 28, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Chicago psychiatric hospital cited for chaotic conditions in report.** A report released September 27 by the state of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) found Hartgrove Hospital on Chicago's West Side, often was understaffed and overcapacity, facilitating opportunities for frequent attacks by patients on other patients and hospital staff. In some cases, hospital employees physically harmed patients. About 100 violent incidents were documented between December 2010 and mid-June 2011, including physical attacks, uncontrolled threatening behavior, and sexual assaults. Reviewers interviewed children and teens who expressed fear for their safety or that of more vulnerable peers. After reviewing findings of a preliminary report, DCFS officials in June put an "intake hold" on the facility, meaning they will not authorize placement of state wards there.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/09/27/2205071/chicago-psychiatric-hospital-cited.html>

41. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Medical equipment supplier Hill-Rom pays \$41.8 million in fraud investigation.** Medical equipment supplier Hill-Rom Company Inc. has agreed in a fraud investigation to pay \$41.8 million after the company submitted false claims to Medicare for specialized medical equipment, such as bed support surfaces to treat pressure ulcers or bed sores for patients who did not qualify, and submitted false claims for patients who had died. A statement from the U.S. attorney's office said the Batesville, Indiana-based company agreed to settle alleged violations of the federal False Claims Act and other federal laws, but denies any wrongdoing.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/3528075969f44ce39de8734e5903a8c7/TN--Health-Care-Fraud/>

42. *September 27, Boulder Daily Camera* – (Colorado) **Nurse faces 51 counts of medical records, ID theft at Boulder Community Hospital.** A nurse accused of improperly accessing patient records at numerous hospitals in the Denver area faces five counts of identity theft and 46 counts of theft of medical records in connection with his time at Boulder Community Hospital (BCH) between May 2010 and January 2011. The man worked for a now-defunct Denver nurse staffing agency that placed him as an intensive care unit nurse in many Centura Health facilities, the Platte Valley Medical Center, and BCH, according to court documents. Centura first discovered he had accessed 85 confidential patient and staff records at its hospitals during a 2010 computer audit and notified Westminster police, where a detective identified at least three cases of identity theft, according to an arrest affidavit. Westminster police also identified a possible victim in Boulder and notified Boulder police. The first victim filed a complaint after many credit cards were taken out in her name and her husband's name and used to make purchases. Detectives traced the IP address used to make the purchase back to BCH, the affidavit said. According to the affidavit, the man opened or tried to open credit card accounts at Best Buy, Home Depot, Amazon, and other stores in the names of people whose records he looked at while at BCH. He had a nursing license from Texas that was also valid in Colorado, but his license was suspended in January for prescription fraud. He was arrested in Texas earlier this year in relation to the Adams County cases, and remains in custody there.

Source: http://www.dailycamera.com/news/ci_18989489

43. *September 27, WRC 4 District of Columbia* – (District of Columbia) **Dozens sickened in NW hazmat incident.** Three busloads of people were taken to area hospitals for treatment of carbon monoxide poisoning at a rehabilitation facility in Washington, D.C. September 27. Around 3:30 p.m., rescuers were called to the D.C. residential facility for Second Genesis. The building was evacuated and haz-mat responders entered the building. Residents of the complex were given oxygen to help them cope with the effects of the illness. At the time of the incident, the building contained 36 residents, and 10 staff members. Three people were immediately transported to area hospitals with serious symptoms, according to WRC 4 District of Columbia. Three buses then transported another 30 people from the scene. Residents of the facility had complained of odd smells and displayed flu-like symptoms, including headaches and nausea, for several days. The building remained evacuated the evening of September 27.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Dozens-Sickened-After-Hazmat-Incident-In-Northwest-130659863.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

44. *September 28, Ars Technica* – (National) **Diebold voting machines vulnerable to remote tampering via man-in-the-middle attack.** Researchers at the Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory have demonstrated an electronic "man in the middle" attack that allows remote tampering with the Diebold AccuVote voting system,

Ars Technica reported September 28. Argonne's Vulnerability Assessment Team (VAT) has previously exposed the same sort of vulnerability in Sequoia AVC machines in 2009, and believe the attack could be used against a wide range of voting machines. The attack requires tampering with voting machine hardware, and allows for votes to be changed as the voter prepares to commit them. But the devices require no actual changes to the hardware — the hardware required to make the attacks can be attached and removed without leaving any evidence that it had ever been there. The VAT team leader said in a video posted by the voting watchdog site the Brad Blog that the physical security measures taken to protect voting machines in many states are inadequate to protect them from pre-Election Day tampering. "They're often kept a week or two before elections in a school or church basement," the team leader said. And the modifications can be made without picking locks or breaking seals on the devices.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/business/news/2011/09/diebold-voting-machines-vulnerable-to-remote-tampering-via-man-in-the-middle-attack.ars>

45. *September 27, Reuters* – (Arizona) **Authorities arrest 14-year-old for school threat.** A 14-year-old Phoenix boy was arrested by sheriff's deputies September 27 for threats made over the Internet to "go on a killing spree" and then commit suicide at his former middle school, authorities said. The boy was taken into custody without incident at his home after posting the threats in the comments section of a YouTube music video for the hit song "Pumped Up Kicks," a Maricopa County sheriff's spokesman said. "He gave out a specific place and time for when it would happen," he said. "That made it a little more credible in our eyes." The spokesman said a sawed-off shotgun was later found during a search of the boy's north Phoenix home, where he lives with his grandfather. He said investigators were trying to determine if there was a connection between the threats and the weapon. He said the boy, who was not identified, had admitted posting the threats on the site.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/authorities-arrest-14-old-school-threat-001825950.html;_ylt=AhWORrU81Dme2dDxRswpWQpvzwcF;_ylu=X3oDMTNuM3FmbTN2BG1pdANUb3BTdG9yeSBVU1NGBHBrZwNkn2M2MjUyNS05ZTBjLTM2YTctOTMzNi03ZDlkZDQxZGZiY2IEcG9zAzUEc2VjA3RvcF9zdG9yeQR2ZXIDZTY4NDdhYTA

46. *September 27, WFXL 31 Albany* – (Georgia) **Gas leak, grenade force MCLB evacuations.** Portions of the maintenance center at the Marine Corps Logistics Base had to be evacuated twice September 27 in Albany, Georgia. The entire center, nearly 2,000 employees, was moved out at about 10:30 a.m. after a gas leak was discovered. Business stopped for almost 2 hours while emergency crews stopped the leak. Then at 1:15 p.m., a work area near a support vehicle was evacuated when an M67 grenade was discovered inside it. Work stopped again for about 45 minutes until the grenade was removed and placed in a bunker. Base officials said the pin was still in the grenade and they do not think it was left in the vehicle intentionally. No one was hurt, but both incidents are under investigation.

Source: <http://www.mysouthwestga.com/news/story.aspx?list=~\news\lists\local and state&id=668049#.ToNCIOyMaJw>

47. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Small chemical explosion at UConn Health Center lab causes minor injuries to 1 researcher.** University of Connecticut Health Center (UHCH) officials said a small chemical explosion in a research building laboratory September 27 left one person with minor injuries in Farmington, Connecticut. The incident happened at about 2:45 p.m. at the Cell and Genome Sciences Building, which is across the street from the health center's main campus. The building was evacuated as a precaution and it was not clear late in the day September 27 when it would reopen. A UCHC spokeswoman said four people were in the lab at the time of the explosion. Three people declined medical treatment, and the fourth was brought to the health center's hospital. It is not immediately clear what caused the accident or what chemicals were involved. The building houses labs for stem cell research and other science programs, but classes are not held there.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/7e652c99ba02479c892a66d372064f90/CT--UConn-Lab-Explosion/>

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Emergency Services Sector

48. *September 28, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Chemical scare disrupts ER.** The emergency room at Providence Holy Family Hospital in Spokane, Washington and several surrounding streets were closed September 27 as authorities investigated a report of a potential chemical spill. Six people were treated at the scene for potential respiratory issues, and five others were being held for observation after the 5:13 p.m. report a chemical had been dispersed in the entryway along the south side of the hospital's emergency room, according to the Spokane Fire Department. Incoming ambulances were diverted to other hospitals while the investigation was under way. About 35 to 40 firefighters responded, including the department's hazardous materials team.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2011/sep/28/in-brief-chemical-scare-disrupts-er/>

49. *September 27, KSL 1160 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Blaze destroys ambulance at Bountiful fire department.** An ambulance caught on fire at a South Davis, Utah Metro fire station September 26. The fire occurred at Fire Station 81, South Davis Metro Fire Department's headquarters. Officers had returned from a call at about 8:15 p.m. and were eating dinner when a car began to honk outside, according to the deputy fire chief. Upon moving downstairs, firefighters found the engine compartment of an ambulance was on fire. The ambulance was dragged out of the station to prevent damage to the building. The fire was extinguished within 15-20 minutes, the deputy fire chief said. The ambulance is out of service. The fire department will use a reserve ambulance until a replacement arrives in about a month. No damage to the station was reported. The department believes an electrical harness may have shorted out in the engine, but are

awaiting the results of an inspection by the state fire marshal.
Source: <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=17423769>

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Information Technology Sector

50. *September 28, The Register* – (International) **Java, Adobe vulns blamed for Windows malware mayhem.** Failure to patch third-party applications has become the main reason Windows machines get infected with malware, according to a report released by CSIS September 27. Systems running vulnerable versions of Java JRE, Adobe Reader and Acrobat, and Adobe Flash were particularly at risk of attack. Up to 85 percent of all virus infections happen as the result of drive-by attacks served up via commercial exploit kits, with 31.3 percent of users that were exposed to the exploit kits being secretly fed malware. CSIS concluded that "99.8 percent of all virus/malware infections caused by commercial exploit kits are a direct result of the lack of updating five specific software packages."
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/09/28/window_malware_infection_exposed/
51. *September 28, Help Net Security* – (International) **Microsoft takes down Kelihos botnet.** After having disrupted the operation of the Waledac and Rustock botnets, Microsoft set its sights on a smaller one that is thought to be an attempt to rebuild the Waledac botnet, Help Net Security reported September 28. Microsoft used the same tactics it employed in the previous cases — it asked a U.S. court for permission to shut down the Internet domains/command-and-control servers for the botnet. But what makes this case unique is the fact that for the first time a defendant was named in the suit and was notified of the action. In the complaint, Microsoft alleged that 23 individuals own a cz.cc domain used to register other subdomains that were used to operate and control the Kelihos botnet. The Kelihos botnet is rather small. Nevertheless, it is capable of sending out nearly 4 billion spam e-mails per day from approximately 41,000 computers located worldwide.
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11699&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11699&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)
52. *September 28, Softpedia* – (National) **Cyber security evaluation tool released by DHS.** The DHS launched a product called Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET) in the effort of aiding organizations in properly securing digital property, Softpedia reported September 28. The tool allows users to know the weak links in their systems and what needs to be improved so cybercriminal activities can be prevented and combated. The CSET application compares the network infrastructure of the user with industry rules. It then lists recommendations that should help enhance the safeguarding of the enterprises cyber structure. According to the product's fact sheet, it incorporates many standards from different organizations such as National Institute of Standards and

Technology, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, International Organization for Standardization, and U.S. Department of Defense. When the operator selects one or more of the standards, the CSET will require her to answer a few questions. Based on these answers, a full report will be generated to show what can be improved.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cyber-Security-Evaluation-Tool-Released-by-DHS-224153.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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. *September 28, Williamsburg Yorktown Daily* – (Virginia) **Storm takes stations off air; repairs expected soon.** A lightning strike at a transmitter near Williamsburg, Virginia, September 28 took Davis Media's two radio stations, 92.3FM The Tide and 107.9 BACHfm, off the air, but both stations were available by streaming online. Public utility companies and the stations' engineer were working to repair the issue, and they said the stations were expected to be back on the air soon.

Source: <http://wydaily.com/local-news/7390-storm-takes-stations-off-air-repairs-expected-soon.html>

54. *September 27, Visalia Times-Delta and Tulare Advance-Register* – (California) **Lindsay residents lose phone service for 2 hours.** People trying to call Lindsay, California telephone numbers the afternoon of September 27 were greeted with busy signals or a message saying the phone circuits were temporarily overloaded. Telephone service was knocked out in Lindsay, according to the Tulare County Fire Department. The outage occurred around 4:30 p.m. Officials said contractors working in Sanger accidentally severed a fiber-optic line, disrupting phone service in Exeter. Cell phone customers were also affected. Communications to Tulare County fire stations in Lindsay, Strathmore, and Alpaugh were affected as well. The Lindsay Department of Public Safety was still able to receive calls for service at its business line as well as through the 911 system, so residents in need of emergency help were not in jeopardy. At 6:48 p.m., Tulare County Fire officials announced that phone service had been restored to Lindsay, Strathmore, and Alpaugh Stations in addition to City of Lindsay Fire Station #87.

Source:

<http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/article/20110927/NEWS01/110927009/Phone-service-disrupted-Lindsay>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

55. *September 28, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **Lexington firefighters douse blaze at apartments on Virginia Avenue.** A fire September 27 damaged as many as 20 units at the Bluegrass Commons apartment complex in Lexington, Kentucky. Most of the residents of the two-story apartment complex are University of Kentucky students. The fire started about 2:40 p.m. and was under control by about 3:45 p.m. Everyone had been evacuated by the time firefighters arrived, a fire battalion chief said. One firefighter hurt his lower leg when he fell through part of a floor. The battalion chief said three or four apartments sustained fire damage, and others were damaged when firefighters had to cut into walls or ceilings. Four to six units were damaged by water. Fire investigators were trying to determine the cause of the fire, which appeared to have started in the attic. A resident said no smoke alarms went off. More than a dozen fire trucks and ambulances responded. Virginia Avenue was closed between South Limestone and Winnie Street as fire crews battled the blaze, and the road remained closed for hours afterward.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2011/09/27/1899565/lexington-firefighters-are-on.html>

56. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Maine) **2 men found dead in sewage tank at Kennebunkport, Maine, motel.** Two men who worked for a pump-repair company have been found dead in a sewage tank at a Maine motel. The Kennebunkport police chief said a 58-year-old and a 70-year-old were found floating in the tank shortly after 11 a.m. September 27. The men were employees of Stevens Electric & Pump Service, which was doing work at the motel, The Lodge at Turbat's Creek. The police chief said the bodies have been taken to the medical examiner's office to determine the cause of death. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/2-men-found-dead-in-sewage-tank-at-kennebunkport-maine-motel/2011/09/27/gIQAIJWW2K_story.html

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

57. *September 27, KCEN 6 Temple* – (Texas) **Man arrested after fire destroys historic church building.** A 27-year-old man was arrested after confessing to investigators he set fire to a historic church building in Gatesville, Texas, KCEN 6 Temple reported September 27. The suspect confessed to investigators that he had set the fire to the First Christian Church Building that burned September 20. The man was taken into custody and transported to the Coryell County Jail where he has been charged with arson, a first degree felony. The building sustained major damage, the Gatesville Police Department said. The First Christian Church Building had been deeded to the Coryell County Museum in 1990, and was recorded as a historic landmark in 1992. The investigation is

ongoing.

Source: <http://www.kcentv.com/story/15562337/man-arrested-after-fire-destroys-historic-church-building>

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Dams Sector

58. *September 28, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC to pay \$300K to fix warning sirens at dam.** New York City's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is putting up \$300,000 toward the repair of Schoharie County, New York's emergency siren system for the Gilboa Dam, after the sirens malfunctioned during flooding caused by Tropical Storm Lee. The dam is part of the city's upstate water supply system. The sirens went off when floodwaters from Tropical Storm Irene spilled over the dam at the end of August, and much of Schoharie County was evacuated. A week later, the sirens malfunctioned during Lee's flooding and emergency workers had to call residents to order evacuations. The DEP said the dam remained safe; the evacuations were a precaution.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/NYC-to-pay-300K-to-fix-warning-sirens-at-dam-2192262.php>

59. *September 27, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Corps of Engineers begins testing West Bank levees for woody debris.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began digging test trenches in a newly raised levee south of Westwego, Louisiana, September 27 to investigate the West Bank levee authority's concerns the clay contains too much woody debris. But the levee authority said the work is premature because it had not reached a written agreement with the Corps on testing procedures. The trenches were being dug in a 3.5-mile-long levee that extends from the New Westwego Pumping Station to a mile east of the Westminster Pumping Station. The Corps plans to dig a trench at least every 1,000 feet, with less spacing between trenches in areas where any problems are found. But the levee authority said it wants to target areas where its inspection reports indicated high levels of woody material. A Corps senior project manager said he could "almost guarantee" the Corps would do a second round of testing after it analyzes the results from the first round.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2011/09/corps_of_engineers_begins_test.html

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