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North Dakota Homeland Security Anti-Terrorism Summary



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NORTH DAKOTA

Fargo flight delayed by 'bomb' investigation. A flight at the Fargo, North Dakota, airport was delayed for about three hours over the weekend when federal security officers at Hector International Airport apparently mistook photographic equipment for a possible bomb. A Bismarck videographer said he and another photographer were preparing to fly from Fargo to Los Angeles when Transportation Security Administration employees found a piece of equipment in luggage that they thought might be a bomb. The TSA declined to discuss the incident. The Cass County Sheriff confirmed that a police bomb squad was called to the airport on Saturday and that a flight was delayed but he did not provide details. Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/apArticle/id/D9DO1KBG1/>

Food warehouse roof in Fargo collapses. Authorities say snow and ice buildup led to roof collapses at a large food warehouse in Fargo. The fire department's captain said no one was hurt in the collapses

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late Monday and early Tuesday. He said a 100-by-100-foot section of the Sysco Food Service roof collapsed just after 10 p.m. Monday, breaking the sprinkler system and flooding parts of the building. Damage was estimated at about \$300,000. About 7 a.m. Tuesday, a 50-by-100-foot section broke off and plunged all the way to the floor. The collapse shut down operations at the warehouse, which serves clients in North Dakota, northwest Minnesota and northern South Dakota. A company official says Sysco is working to deliver products to those customers from Sysco Foods facilities in Minnesota, Montana and Nebraska. Source: <http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/29742/>

Software glitch grounds border security drones. The former Director of the Homeland Security unmanned aerial vehicle program at Grand Forks air force base says a software glitch grounded the two Predator B drones used for northern border patrol. He says that during a flight in early November the remotely piloted aircraft did not respond properly after the communication link with the base center was lost. He says there was no serious safety or security issue and nothing was damaged, but some of the software language in the program will need to be changed. He directed Homeland Security's UAS operations at the base from 2007 until he resigned January 2 to take a job with a Fargo engineering firm. His replacement did not immediately comment on the software problem but said border security has not been compromised because manned helicopters and planes also are used. Source: http://www.kfgo.com/regionalnews_Detail.php?ID=11215

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Nothing Significant to Report

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Nothing Significant to Report

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BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Man charged with manufacturing fake Treasury bonds. A Duluth man has been charged with manufacturing more than \$1.6 billion in fraudulent U.S. Treasury bonds and other government documents. Gwinnett County sheriff's investigators say they learned on February 1 that the suspect wanted to purchase a home by using a registered promissory note supposedly certified by the U.S. Treasury Secretary. A Gwinnett police corporal says an attorney who received the note realized it was fake and notified police. On February 4, the suspect attended a loan closing at the attorney's office, where the suspect presented the \$225,000 note for payment to purchase a home in Lawrenceville. Investigators confirmed that the suspect signed the loan documents under false pretense and he was arrested. The 57-year-old is charged with residential mortgage fraud. Source: http://www2.wrbl.com/rbl/ap_exchange/georgia_news/article/ManChargedWithManufacturingFakeTreasuryBondsGa/129264/

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FBI hunts Queens bank robbers who use gun, fake bomb. Armed with a handgun and a fake bomb, two men have robbed four banks in Queens in the last two weeks. Nobody has been hurt in the hold-ups. But FBI and NYPD officials are worried it is only a matter of time before they hurt someone if they are not caught. This bank robbery spree began back on January 22 with a hold-up of the Queens County Savings bank on Jamaica Avenue. Another nearby branch was robbed just three days later. Then the suspects hit Chase banks along Northern Boulevard and Horace Harding Boulevard. Investigators said the pair has made off with tens of thousands of dollars so far. In each case, one of the suspects enters the bank with the gun and a device made up of two flares. The other suspect waits outside as a lookout. The suspects have worn dark long coats and hats during the robberies. Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local-beat/Queens-Bank-Robbers-Using-Gun-and-Fake-Bomb-83966327.html>

iPhone users committing insurance fraud to get newest models. Apple has generated enormous customer loyalty with its line of computers and personal electronics. However, a recent report claims that many users of the company's immensely popular iPhone may routinely commit insurance fraud in the hopes of picking up the newer, faster models. A director at Supercover Insurance claims that the number of lost, stolen or damaged phone complaints grows exponentially every time Apple launches a new generation of smartphone technology. Many service plans for the popular gadget allow the consumer to receive a replacement phone in the event of theft or irreparable damage — and those replacements are usually the latest model of the phone. Supercover tells PCR Magazine that iPhone owners are 60 percent more likely to take out insurance on their phone than users of any other brand. "While most customers take out insurance because they value their iPhone, we started to notice increases in claims as new and upgraded iPhones were launched — for short periods around new model or upgrade launches, claims for lost, stolen or damaged iPhones go through the roof," the director told the magazine. Source: <http://www.lawyersandsettlements.com/articles/13564/insurance-law-bad-faith-claim.html>

Bomb threat made at bank. The Chicago FBI and Wauconda Police Department are investigating an attempted robbery that happened on February 9 at Wauconda Community Bank. According to initial reports, a lone male entered the bank and placed a package on a counter. He then turned and walked away. A note attached to the package claimed that a bomb was inside and instructed employees to place an unspecified amount of cash at a nearby location or the bomb would be detonated. The robbery attempt was unsuccessful, as no money was removed from the bank, according to an FBI news release. The bank and surrounding area were evacuated. No explosives were found inside the package, and no injuries were reported. Source: http://www.nwherald.com/articles/2010/02/10/r_y0abjwb2toi6_f_wwjblya/index.xml

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

GAO recommends EPA biomonitoring upgrade. The Toxic Substances Control Act may allow EPA to obtain more useful data than it now gets about the health effects of commercial chemicals. But the extent of EPA's authority to collect such data is unclear and untested, a new Government Accountability Office report concludes. EPA also has not developed a comprehensive biomonitoring strategy to coordinate research with other agencies and groups involved in such research, including CDC, OSHA, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Research, the report says. Current

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biomonitoring data relevant to the entire U.S. population exist for only 212 chemicals, the report points out. "In addition, biomonitoring data alone indicate only that a person was somehow exposed to a chemical, not the source of the exposure or its effect on the person's health. For most of the chemicals studied under current biomonitoring programs, more data on chemical effects are needed to understand if the levels measured in people pose a health concern, but EPA's authorities to require chemical companies to develop such data is limited," its summary states. The report cites EPA's action involving DuPont's use of the chemical PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid). EPA filed two actions alleging DuPont had violated section 8(e) of TSCA by failing to report blood test data it had obtained to assess PFOA exposure, but DuPont settled the claims without admitting it should have reported the data, and this left uncertainty over the extent of EPA's authority, the report states. DuPont committed in February 2007 that it would no longer make, use, or buy PFOA by 2015 or earlier, if possible. Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2010/02/08/gao-recommends-epa-biomonitoring-upgrade.aspx?admgarea=news>

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

3 persons of interest sought in Texas church fires. Federal arson investigators say they are seeking three men in connection with 10 church fires in east and central Texas. Sketches of the "persons of interest" were released Friday by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives officials. An ATF spokesman told the Associated Press that authorities want to interview them. Nine fires at east Texas churches have been ruled arsons this year, including two Monday northwest of Tyler. Tyler is 90 miles east of Dallas. ATF officials say another fire, in Temple, 120 miles south of Dallas, also was arson. The sketches depict two short-haired men — one with a flame-like tattoo on his neck, the other with an inverted cross on his left forearm and elbow. A third man has longer hair. Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/440/story/1744129.html>

30 Seconds to Mars event cut short by bomb scare. An event on Thursday, February 4 at a music group's Los Angeles headquarters, called the Hive, was cut short by a bomb scare, according to Alternative Press. Fans had gathered at the Melrose Avenue location to watch a documentary when an unidentified man in a hoodie burst into the room and headed for the stage, where he dropped a large package at the feet of the frontman. The man reportedly said, "It's time for a little self-help," before the frontman grabbed his arm and pulled him offstage. A short time later, tweets from the Hive indicated that the location was being evacuated and that the bomb squad had been called. No one was injured, and although the frontman indicated that the man had hinted that the box contained explosives, it was reportedly found to contain a blender and candy. "(The police) apprehended the guy," the frontman told the crowd outside. Source: <http://www.cjbk.com/news/music/87/1065959>

Militants allegedly targeting Americans at hotel arrested: Police in Pakistan seize detonators, hand grenades. On Monday, authorities arrested six suspected Taliban militants with a suicide vest and hand grenades who allegedly were on their way to attack a five-star hotel and kill Americans in Pakistan's cultural capital, said police. The eastern city of Lahore has suffered a spate of bombings at markets and security installations in recent years as the Taliban have expanded attacks beyond their main sanctuary in the northwest. Militants have also targeted hotels and restaurants in other parts of Pakistan popular with Westerners. The militants arrested Monday on the outskirts of Lahore included a 14-year-old male and a prayer leader from Pakistan's Khyber tribal area near the Afghan border,

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said a police official. The prayer leader was wearing a vest packed with explosives. The two told police they were targeting Americans at the Pearl Continental hotel, he said. Police seized 26 hand grenades and five detonators from the militants, who were traveling by car and motorcycle, he said. Despite their intentions, the men did not know for certain whether any Americans were staying at the hotel, he said. Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/world/asia/articles/2010/02/09/militants_allegedly_targeting_american_at_hotel_arrested/

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

FCC: Heavy traffic ahead. The FCC is thinking about the iPad and does not necessarily like what it means for wireless networks. In a blog post by two FCC officials, the agency said the traffic that could be generated by the iPad was “reminiscent of the congestion dialup users experienced following AOL’s 1996 decision to allow unlimited Internet use. For months, users had trouble connecting and, once they did connect, experienced frequent service outages.” Though the officials did not name AT&T specifically, the iPad’s 3G connectivity is currently only available on AT&T’s network. “With the iPad pointing to even greater demand for mobile broadband on the horizon, we must ensure that network congestion doesn’t choke off a service that consumers clearly find so appealing or frustrate mobile broadband’s ability to keep us competitive in the global broadband economy,” said both the director of scenario planning for the FCC’s Omnibus Broadband Initiative and the deputy chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The officials said the operators will only be able to deal with future congestion issues if they have adequate spectrum. Source:

<http://www.wirelessweek.com/News/2010/02/Policy-and-Industry-FCC-Heavy-Traffic-Government/>

Verizon temporarily blocks some 4chan sites. Verizon temporarily blocked traffic from some Web sites affiliated with the 4chan online forum on February 8 after finding that some affiliate sites were apparently launching network attacks. “Our network security system found traffic from some 4Chan Web sites that had strong potential to disrupt the Verizon Wireless network, affecting our customers’ use of their services,” a Verizon spokesman wrote in an e-mail to CNET. “With continuing investigation, and ensuring no current risk of harm, we are giving the green-light to all 4Chan traffic. We will continue to monitor for any possibility of network harm.” He also posted an explanation on Twitter: “Never a block on 4Chan but some of its other sites were launching network attacks.” It was unclear which sites were affected and exactly what the trouble was. The sites appear to have been “explicitly blocked” for as long as three days, according to the 4chan status page. Source:

http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-10449167-245.html

3 caught stealing copper from under Charlotte County Bridge. Charlotte County Sheriff’s detectives arrested three people Saturday for cutting and stealing telephone copper wire under the U.S. 41 northbound bridge on the Port Charlotte side. A road deputy was flagged down about suspicious activity in that area and located three adults and two children. Deputies found holes exposing the phone cables which were cut with bolt cutters. A search of the vehicle located a shovel, posthole digger, and a bundle of copper wire. Two bolt cutters were found on the ground where the cables were cut. Detectives then charged all three adults with grand theft. Source:

<http://www.mysuncoast.com/Global/story.asp?S=11951454>

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DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE SECTOR

U.S. successfully tests airborne laser on missile. A U.S. high-powered airborne laser weapon shot down a ballistic missile in the first successful test of a futuristic directed energy weapon, the U.S. Missile Defense Agency said on Friday. The agency said in a statement the test took place at 8:44 p.m. on Thursday at Point Mugu's Naval Air Warfare Center-Weapons Division Sea Range off Ventura in central California. The high-powered Airborne Laser system is being developed by Boeing Co., the prime contractor, and the U.S. Missile Defense Agency. Boeing produces the airframe, a modified 747 jumbo jet, while Northrop Grumman supplies the higher-energy laser and Lockheed Martin is developing the beam and fire control systems. The airborne laser weapon is aimed at deterring enemy missile attacks and providing the U.S. military with the ability to engage all classes of ballistic missiles at the speed of light while they are in the boost phase of flight. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN1111660620100212>

Marine Corps' unmanned programmable copter passes first major test. The difficulty of supplying remote outposts across rugged terrain has contributed to many of the deadliest moments in the Afghan War, by preventing the delivery of weapons and ammo to engaged soldiers, forcing supplies to travel over dangerous roads, or turning helicopters into vulnerable targets. Last June, the Marines put out a call for a helicopter UAV to solve those problems. Now, with a successful demonstration at Utah's Dugway Proving Grounds, the Marines might have found their robo-copter. In the demonstration, a modified K-MAX helicopter moved 3,000 pounds across 600 miles, in under six hours. The K-MAX, built by Kamen Aerospace, is a single-seat helicopter designed specifically to carry cargo externally slung beneath the craft. For the Marines, Kamen simply removed the crew cabin, and transformed the helicopter into a UAV. The UAV performed the mission with almost no hands-on control. A ground operator only adjusted the flight path at the request of Marine observers who wanted to see what the chopper could do. Otherwise, the UAV flew the entire mission on programming. Source: <http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2010-02/copter-uav-passes-marine-corps-cargo-haul-test>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Toyota details recall of 2010 Prius for brake problems. Toyota said Tuesday it would recall 437,000 of its 2010 flagship Prius hybrid and other gas-electric models worldwide to fix a glitch in the braking system, as the Japanese automaker moved to contain a crisis over defects in a range of its vehicles. In addition to the standard 2010 Priuses, Toyota is recalling 270 plug-in Priuses, 28,000 Lexus HS250hs, and 11,000 Sai hybrids. Older Priuses are unaffected by the problem, Toyota has said. Toyota's president said Tuesday a software glitch was behind the failing brakes, and that the fix, which would be handled by dealers, would take about 40 minutes for each car. Toyota had found that on slippery or frozen roads, "the brakes falter for just split moment," he said. "But if you make sure to push firmly down on the brakes, they will work without fail." The company president said Tuesday that Toyota was not "perfect or infallible," but that it had never lied to customers. "When we discover a defect, make defects, or receive advice from customers, we work hard to fix them and improve," he said. "We do not allow cover-ups." The 2010 Prius comes with an overhauled regenerative brake system, where energy from the wheels is used to help recharge the car's battery, and also has an antilock brake system. The car relies on electronic systems that combine the regenerative braking system with conventional brake pads. Toyota's quality chief said the automaker had determined that

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a glitch occurs when the antilock brake system kicks in, which triggers a switch from the regenerative to conventional brakes. Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/10/business/global/10recall.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hoekstra opposed to closing Muskegon Coast Guard Air Facility. A U.S. congressional Representative Thursday stated his opposition to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security proposal to close the Coast Guard helicopter station at Muskegon County Airport. The plan to shutter the facility after 2010 was included in the President's 2011 budget. The crew operating in the summer would be relocated to Air Station Traverse City. The Muskegon facility currently operates from Memorial Day through Labor Day, using a rescue helicopter to respond to emergencies and homeland security situations 24-hours-a-day, 7 days per week. "Muskegon County is the ideal location for a Coast Guard search and rescue helicopter crew," the Representative said. "It has for several years quickly responded to emergencies along the Lake Michigan shoreline. With the large number of recreational boaters on Lake Michigan, moving the operation to Traverse City will increase the response time and potentially put lives at risk." Source: http://www.ludingtondailynews.com/news/47946-hoekstra-opposed-to-closing-muskegon-coast-guard-air-facility?newsgroup_id

Suspect in San Diego fire bombings arrested in Riverside County. A man who allegedly hurled firebombs at five targets in San Diego, including two police stations and a middle school, has been arrested after a high-speed chase that ended in Riverside County. The 26-year-old from San Diego was arrested about 5:30 a.m. Sunday in Temecula and jailed for investigation of arson, evading a police officer, two counts of burglary, and two counts of possession of a destructive device, authorities said. The incidents began Friday evening when someone tossed a Molotov cocktail into the fenced yard at the San Diego Police Department's Mid-City station, where it rolled under a car but failed to ignite, said a spokesman for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. Minutes later, police received a report that a bomb had been thrown at nearby Monroe Clark Middle School. No damage was reported. The next incident occurred Saturday about 4 p.m., when a firebomb was lobbed at a pickup truck in the Mission Bay area, destroying the vehicle, officials said. Next, a Molotov cocktail was thrown at the Eastern Division police station about 7:30 p.m., causing no damage. Then one was tossed at a Serra Mesa home, where it broke a window but bounced away and burned out in a yard. On Sunday about 5 a.m., an officer investigating reports of a vehicle burglary in Del Mar Heights spotted the suspect's pickup and gave chase. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-firebombing9-2010feb09,0,7850598.story>

Powder in sheriff's office is baking soda. A Santa Ana, California, fire hazmat team was called to an Orange County Sheriff's administrative building Tuesday morning to investigate a white powder that was found in an envelope, authorities said. The white powder turned out to be baking soda, said a spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. The powder was in an envelope that was booked into evidence by La Habra police. The building was not evacuated. Source: <http://www.oregister.com/articles/powder-233316-white-sheriff.html?pic=1#article-read>

Suspicious package found in fire station not dangerous. The suspicious objects found in an Escondido fire station mailbox Tuesday morning were harmless containers, police said. The objects were found shortly after 9 a.m. by a postal carrier delivering mail to Fire Station No. 5 on Felicita

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Road and Monticello Drive, a fire captain said. Authorities temporarily shut down traffic in both directions on Felicita Road, an Escondido Police sergeant said, and the bomb squad was called to investigate. No other details were immediately available. Source:

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/escondido/article_97f02944-6a52-5c5c-8afa-38fcb9362fb5.html

ENERGY

Kentucky wants your nuclear waste. The U.S. President has called for a new generation of nuclear-power plants. But when he abandoned plans to store the nation's nuclear waste in Nevada's Yucca Mountain, he effectively forced states eager to break ground on reactors to accept the idea of keeping that waste within their borders — not a popular idea since the Three Mile Island meltdown. But could Kentucky become home to an alternative? Its State Senate recently approved a bill that would allow nuclear-waste storage. And a spokeswoman for the governor says storing other states' waste "would certainly attract a lot of interest from our administration." For a coal-rich area without an existing plant, Kentucky's openness is a sign, say energy analysts, that anxiety about waste storage is waning. It is "a tipping point," said a Vanderbilt professor, who is an expert on nuclear-waste solutions. Still, do not expect resistance to end overnight: Kentucky's bill could die in the House, as did two previous versions. But if this is not the year the state's nuclear future arrives, the Kentucky governor says he would not be deterred. Source: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/233408>

2,000 gallons of diesel fuel reported stolen. According to Rome police reports, an employee at Allied Waste facility, 14 Redmond Court in West Rome, told investigators Monday that someone had taken some 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel from the business during the month of January. It was not clear on police reports whether or not the theft occurred at one time, or over a number of occasions. The fuel was valued at \$5,400. The employee also said that a half dozen truck tires, worth more than \$1,300, had also been stolen at the site. Source: http://romenews-tribune.com/view/full_story/5869371/article-2-000-gallons-of-diesel-fuel-reported-stolen?instance=home_news_lead_story

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Orange crop damage worse than believed. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says January's freeze in Florida has forced them to further drop their projected orange harvest by 4 percent. But a local orange grower of Lloyd Harvesting Inc. in Plant City believes those numbers might be a little too optimistic. While he feels some areas may have come through the freeze with just a 4 percent loss, he feels others were hit much harder. In some of his groves he fears his losses will amount to anywhere from 25 percent to 35 percent of his crop. He believes in all likelihood at some point the USDA will be revising their figures, and that they should have a better picture on the damage in another month. In any event, whatever the final cost to the crop is, he says that cost is likely going to hit the farmer and then the consumer. Source:

<http://www.abcactionnews.com/content/news/local/hillsborough/story/Orange-Crop-damage-worse-than-believed/Ve0xLQg6mEed7C9B1RcoVA.csp>

Weed killer atrazine may be linked to birth defect. Living near farms that use the weed killer atrazine may up the risk of a rare birth defect, according to a study presented this past Friday at the annual

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meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine in Chicago. A team of doctors with the University of Washington, Seattle, studied the potential link between the weed killer and the birth defect because “during the last 10 years, the highest percentage per population of gastroschisis was in Yakima County, in the eastern part of the[ir] state, where agriculture is the primary industry.” Overall, Washington State has about double the national average of gastroschisis cases — an average of 43 cases per year, a doctor told Reuters Health.. The researchers looked at more than 4,400 birth certificates from 1987-2006 — including more than 800 cases of gastroschisis — and U.S. Geological Survey databases of agricultural spraying between 2001 and 2006. Using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards to define high chemical exposure levels in surface water, they found that the closer a mother lived to a site of high surface water contamination by atrazine, the more likely she was to deliver an infant with gastroschisis. The birth defect occurred more often among infants who lived less than about 15 miles from one of these sites, and it occurred more often among babies conceived between March and May, when agricultural spraying is common. Atrazine manufacturer Syngenta said the study “provides no direct or credible link between atrazine and the kind of birth defect, gastroschisis, which it examined.” Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6174DW20100208>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

Man arrested for making false bomb threat. A man was arrested on Thursday afternoon after a police investigation revealed he called in a fake bomb threat. A man called 911 about 1:30 p.m. and said he had placed a bomb in the City Administration Building on Nevada Ave. City staff elected to evacuate the building while a sweep was conducted by police and canine units. The search lasted 90 minutes and no device was located. A follow-up investigation led to the arrest of the suspect for the felony offense of false reporting of explosives. Source:

<http://www.coloradoconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=415529>

“Suspicious” package found outside U.S. Consulate General in Turkey. The U.S. embassy in Ankara thanked Turkish police for their rapid and professional response to a suspicious package found outside the U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul on Friday. A statement by the embassy said, “a suspicious package was found this morning outside the U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul shortly after 11:00 a.m. Security officials at the U.S. Consulate General immediately notified the Turkish National Police, who quickly arrived to inspect the package.” “The Turkish National Police conducted a controlled destruction of the package. No hazardous or explosive materials were found inside the package and the Consulate General has resumed normal operations,” it said. Source:

http://www.worldbulletin.net/news_detail.php?id=54038

Zeus attack spoofs NSA, targets .gov and .mil. Criminals are spamming the Zeus banking Trojan in a convincing e-mail that spoofs the National Security Agency. Initial reports indicate that a large number of government systems may have been compromised by the attack. According to one state government security expert who received multiple copies of the message, the e-mail campaign — apparently designed to steal passwords from infected systems — was sent exclusively to government (.gov) and military (.mil) e-mail addresses. The messages are spoofed so that they appear to have been sent by the National Intelligence Council (address used was nic@nsa.gov), which serves as the center for midterm and long-range strategic thinking for the U.S. intelligence community and reports

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to the office of the Director of National Intelligence. The e-mails urge recipients to download a copy of a report named "2020 Project." Another variant is spoofed to make it look like the e-mail from admin@intelink.gov. The true sender, as pulled from information in the e-mail header, is nobody@sh16.ruskyhost.ru Source: <http://www.krebsonsecurity.com/2010/02/zeus-attack-spoofs-nsa-targets-gov-and-mil/>

Main library downtown evacuated due to suspicious find. Police evacuated the main library downtown — about 100 people in total — when a suspicious item was claimed to be seen. It all began when a 911 caller said they found "something" suspicious looking in the branch located on North Stone Avenue, a police spokeswoman said. A team of ordinance-finding experts searched the entire library with bomb-sniffing dogs and found nothing, the spokeswoman said. No traffic or nearby businesses have been affected by the evacuation. Source: <http://www.kold.com/Global/story.asp?S=11954192>

Parish offices evacuated after suspicious box found. Employees at the St. Tammany Parish Government offices at Koop Drive were evacuated for approximately two hours after someone noticed a very peculiar looking package. An official said the package was about the size of a cigar box, and it was covered in duct tape and was duct taped to the bridge that leads from the parish offices to the St. Tammany Tourist Commission offices. "It did look very suspicious," she said, "because it was duct taped to the bridge. A spokesman for the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office said the department's hazardous disposal unit was called out shortly after 11 a.m. and examined the box to make sure it did not contain anything dangerous. It was determined that the cardboard box was filled with paper and shortly after 1 p.m. employees were given the O.K. to return to their offices. The spokesman said it is unknown where the box came from or why it was on the bridge. Source: <http://www.slidellsentry.com/articles/2010/02/10/news/doc4b71ec9c705e5659459338.txt>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Critical infrastructure encounters the most web malware, report. Critical infrastructure organizations, such as those in the energy, oil, pharmaceutical and chemical sectors, encountered at least twice as much web malware as other organizations during 2009, according to web security firm ScanSafe. More than any other verticals, the energy and oil sectors were pummeled with the greatest amount of data-theft trojans last year, according to ScanSafe's "Annual Global Threat Report 2009," released Thursday. Energy and oil companies experienced a 356 percent higher rate of direct encounters with data-theft trojans compared to other verticals, the report said. Also, those in the pharmaceutical and chemical sectors encountered 322 percent information-stealing malware compared to other verticals. The data came from more than one trillion web requests processed last year by ScanSafe's Threat Center. Source: <http://www.scmagazineus.com/critical-infrastructure-encounters-the-most-web-malware-report/article/163597/>

Microchip hack 'absolutely' a worry. A security researcher who highlighted at the Black Hat DC Conference 2010 last week that he had cracked an Infineon microchip, is warning customers that they should be "absolutely" worried. The principal engineer and owner of Flylogic Engineering told ZDNet Asia that the chip is "one of the most popular" and used in a myriad devices including the latest e-passports. Citing InformationWeek, he added that the U.K. government also certified Infineon's chips for use in classified devices. In his presentation at the annual hacker event, he detailed his exploit of

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the Infineon SLE 66 CL PE, a chip widely used in computers, gaming systems, identity cards and other electronics, according to a report in Dark Reading. The researcher said he was able to bypass the security defenses of the chip and gain access to data such as encryption keys and unique manufacturing information. With the data, counterfeit systems are possible, he pointed out. Source: <http://www.zdnetasia.com/news/security/0,39044215,62061150,00.htm>

Oracle patches dangerous WebLogic server flaw. Oracle has released an emergency patch for a security flaw in WebLogic Server in response to the discovery of a vulnerability that leaves users open to attack. The vulnerability lies in the Node Manager component of WebLogic Server, and could be exploited by attackers to remotely gain access to a vulnerable system. According to Vupen Security, the issue is due to a missing authentication within the “Node Manager” (beasvc.exe) process when processing incoming connections to port 5556/TCP, which could allow remote unauthenticated attackers to execute certain commands. The patch, issued February 4, came roughly two weeks after the CEI of Intevydis revealed the bug on a blog. This kind of vulnerability further highlights the need to use ‘least privilege’ as much as possible on operating systems for running sensitive processes and applications.” As a workaround, users can restrict access to the Node Manager port through firewalls or other network access controls to prevent the exploitation by anonymous Internet users. In addition, organizations should consider updating their policies to permit access to this port only by trusted subnet/users, Oracle advised. Source: http://securitywatch.eweek.com/oracle/oracle_patches_dangerous_weblogic_server_flaw.html

Adobe apologizes for 16-month-old Flash bug. Adobe Systems Inc. apologized over the weekend for letting a 16-month-old bug in Flash Player languish without a patch, even though it updated the popular plug-in four times since the flaw was reported. The bug was fixed, said Adobe, in the beta of Flash Player 10.1, which was released last November. The final version of Flash Player 10.1, however, will not ship until later this year. A security researcher first reported the Flash vulnerability September 22, 2008, according to Adobe’s public bug tracking database. When exploited, the flaw causes Internet Explorer 6 and 7, and Firefox and Safari 3 to crash; in other browsers, the browser stays up while Flash Player goes down. Although browser and plug-in crashes may seem relatively innocuous, they are valuable to attackers, who are often able to devise a way to inject malicious code after an application’s crash, said the director of security operations at nCircle Network Security Inc. The researcher has created a site that runs proof-of-concept attack code demonstrating the vulnerability. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9153520/Adobe_apologizes_for_16_month_old_Flash_bug

Researchers warn of likely attacks against Windows, PowerPoint. Some of the bugs Microsoft patched on February 9 will be exploited by hackers almost immediately, security researchers predicted. Microsoft’s massive update — a record-tying 13 separate security bulletins that patched 26 vulnerabilities — gives attackers all kinds of ways to compromise machines and hijack PCs. Even Microsoft said so: 12 of the 26 vulnerabilities, or 46 percent of the total, were tagged with a “1” in the company’s exploitability index, meaning that Microsoft figures they will be exploited with reliable attack code in the next 30 days. But some of the flaws will be exploited long before others, said researchers interviewed on February 9. The manager of TippingPoint’s Digital Vaccine group suggests that the vulnerabilities MS10-006 and MS10-012 could be exploited in a few days. MS10-006 and MS10-012 both involve SMB (Server Message Block), Windows file- and print-sharing protocols, but

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are not related. Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9154438/Researchers_warn_of_likely_attacks_against_Windows_PowerPoint

USB hack connects Droid to printers, video cams, and more. A reverse engineering expert has disclosed a way to make his Motorola Droid host USB-enabled devices, a hack that allows the smartphone for the first time to directly connect to printers, video cameras, TV tuners, and a wide variety of other peripherals. The modification was devised by a researcher from Kismet and a researcher of OpenWRT and shared with the world by the chief hacker for reverse engineering firm H4RDW4RE. Using a charging cable that plugs into a car's cigarette lighter, a micro-USB cable, and a USB extender cable, he devised an improvised micro-dongle and connector cable. Getting the Droid to work with a Linux-enabled USB device is as simple as turning the smartphone off, connecting the cable to the host and peripheral and turning the Droid on. Once the Droid is booted, it should now work with the device. A user can even pull up a terminal and look at dmesg to see the usual kernel notifications that appear when new USB devices are connected. To be sure, the Droid is not the most robust of USB hosts. To change peripherals, a user needs to reboot the smartphone. What is more, leaving it plugged in too long causes the port to get stuck supplying power to devices but not actually recognizing them. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/02/10/droid_usb_hack/

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

Landslide closes portion of trail at Frozen Head State Park. A popular trail at Frozen Head State Park in Morgan County has been closed due to a landslide. Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation officials said the landslide happened about 1.5 miles away from the Lookout Tower Trail, also known as the Old Jeep Road. Ground instability on the trail prompted officials to close it as a safety precaution. "While we apologize for the inconvenience, visitor safety is our top priority," said an interpretative specialist. "As inclement weather moves out of the area, we will continue working with the Department of Transportation to ensure the area is stable before we allow hikers or others to use the trail." The trail begins at Big Cove campground and climbs to Frozen Head's summit. It is the only designated trail for horseback riding and mountain biking. The closed portion of the trail sits between the two junctions of the Bird Mountain Trail. Frozen Head State Park is located near Wartburg in Morgan County. Source:

<http://www.wbir.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=112721&provider=gnews>

Snow closes park facilities today. The superintendent of Mammoth Cave National Park announced that most park facilities closed at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday because of conditions caused by a winter storm. Park maintenance crews and rangers will maintain the Mammoth Cave Parkway, the Park City Road, Cave City Road, Green River Ferry Road as long as conditions remain safe. The Brownsville Road is closed, as well as Flint Ridge Road and Houchin Ferry Road. Green River Ferry will remain in operation as long as conditions remain safe. "Since last night we have had snow, then rain, then more snow," he added. "Temperatures are forecast to plummet this afternoon into the teens. We ask that all motorists obey road closure signs and drive slowly and carefully as they travel through the park."

Source: <http://www.nps.gov/macav/parknews/feb-9-snow-closures.htm>

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POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Police agencies told to look out for envelopes containing white powdery substance. Police agencies in Central and North New Jersey have been alerted to look for envelopes containing a suspicious white powder after envelopes containing a white powdery substance were sent to locations across North Jersey on Thursday, a Bergen County Sheriff's Department spokesman said. "Authorities are warning that any package containing suspicious white powder be treated as potentially hazardous," said a spokesman. "All samples tested thus far, to the best of my knowledge, have been harmless." A bank in Paterson, a state motor vehicle office in Wayne and Hackensack City Hall all received envelopes containing white powder, authorities said. The substance in the Paterson and Wayne cases turned out to a harmless sweetener, said a spokesman for the Passaic County Sheriff's Department. The sheriff's Hazardous Materials squad used an on-site computer to analyze the substances at both locations and determined it was sweetener, which was turned over to local police and the FBI, who are continuing the investigation, the spokesman said. Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/crime_courts/021210_Police_agencies_told_to_look_out_for_envelopes_containing_white_powdery_substance_.html

Small explosive detonated in mailbox. A Norton resident is lucky to have escaped injury after a small explosive blew up in his John F. Kennedy Drive mailbox shortly after noon Sunday. The explosion blew out the back of the mailbox, as well as its front door, which was found several yards away lying in the middle of the roadway. According to a police detective, the man did not hear the explosion or see who had placed the explosive device in his mailbox. "He came out of his home and just saw what had happened," the detective said. Representatives from the state fire marshal's office and the state bomb squad responded to the call, which was reported around 12:15 p.m. Sunday. Police said they have not uncovered a motive for the crime and have not had any leads. "We have no suspects at this time," the detective said Tuesday. According to the detective, a number of materials taken from the scene have been sent to the state fire marshal's office for evaluation. The incident remains under investigation by police and the state fire marshal's office. Source:

http://www.wickedlocal.com/norton/news/police_and_fire/x626053007/Small-explosive-detonated-in-mailbox

Exercise equipment found in exploded box. A bomb squad blew up a suspicious package on February 8 that turned out to have exercise equipment in it, ending several hours of mystery at the downtown Tracy post office. Postal workers at the W. Ninth St. office reported the suspicious package at 2:45 p.m., though the box was dropped off at the Tracy Post Office on Saturday. The medium-sized box had no address or other information on it, making it seem odd to workers there. Police were called in, and the box was x-rayed, though it is unclear why workers called police so long after the package was dropped off. The package sat outside the building but inside a fence where workers load trucks for delivery. Explosives experts blew up the box at about 5:20 p.m., and discovered equipment used to do push-ups. Source: http://www.tracypress.com/view/full_story/5838076/article-Update--Exercise-equipment-found-in-exploded-box?instance=home_news_lead_story

Donut powder leads to Pine Island hazmat scare. Employees opening the mail at a doctor's office in Matlacha, Florida, found white powder inside an envelope containing a check. They soon called 911 and sheriff's deputies, a county hazardous materials team, and a nearby fire rescue truck rushed to the building. Meanwhile, the person who mailed the envelope was contacted by the doctor's staff.

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“He said he was eating a powdered doughnut when he mailed the check,” said a sheriff’s spokeswoman. What might have been a menacing substance turned out to be nothing more than confectionary sugar, the spokeswoman said. The doctor did not return calls for comment. The spokeswoman said she could not fault the doctor’s staff. “With everything going on in the world today, you can’t be too careful,” she said. Source: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20100210/NEWS0101/2100392/1003/ACC/Doughnut-powder-leads-to-Pine-Island-HAZMAT-scare>

PUBLIC HEALTH

Bomb squad removes pipe bomb from Dunedin hospital. The Tampa Bay Regional Bomb Squad removed a pipe bomb from Mease Dunedin Hospital early Friday morning. The explosive device was unknowingly brought to the hospital late Thursday night by ambulance, according to the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, hidden inside the belongings of a transient taken there for treatment. They took the device outside and placed it south of the emergency room entrance on the building’s west side. Then they called for help at 10:14 p.m. Pinellas deputies arrived, then decided to call in the bomb squad from across the bay. Bomb technicians described the device as a pipe bomb made of copper. They safely removed it from the hospital early Friday morning, deputies said. No one was evacuated or injured during the bomb scare. Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/bomb-squad-removes-pipe-bomb-from-dunedin-hospital/1072740>

More than 1,000 get mumps in New York, New Jersey since August. More than 1,000 people in New Jersey and New York, many of them adolescent Orthodox Jews, have been sickened with mumps since August, health authorities said Monday. Orange County, New York, has confirmed 494 cases since early November, a county spokesman told CNN. Almost all of those infected with the virus are of the Orthodox or Hasidic Jewish population, and their average age is 14, he said. Neighboring Rockland County has confirmed 317 cases since August, with all of the sick from the Orthodox Jewish community, said the county Deputy Commissioner of Health. Their average is 14 to 18, she said. Just north of the two counties, in New York City, Brooklyn had 79 confirmed cases of mumps as of October 30, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in November. Any confirmation of other infections in the city is expected to be announced Tuesday. The mumps outbreak began at a summer camp for Orthodox Jewish boys in Sullivan County, New York, according to the CDC. Health officials have linked the outbreak to an 11-year-old boy at the camp. He had recently returned from the United Kingdom, where a mumps outbreak had spread to 4,000 people. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/02/08/mumps.outbreak.northeast/>

FDA addresses radiation safety. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has decided to impose new safety controls on medical imaging devices and encourage development of more precise dosing standards in a bid to reduce unnecessary exposure of patients to diagnostic radiation. The agency also will promote a personal medical imaging history card that will enable patients to keep track of the number of images, and the amount of radiation, they receive over time, according to a medical imaging safety initiative unveiled Tuesday. The safety push comes months after Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles discovered that it had accidentally exposed more than 260 patients to eight times the normal dose of radiation for CT brain scans over a period of 18 months. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-na-fda10-2010feb10,0,115014.story>

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TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak launches rail safety campaign. A new effort is underway to address the number of pedestrian train fatalities in the U.S. Amtrak, along with the non-profit rail safety group Operation Lifesaver, began a public awareness campaign Friday called "Common Sense." The goal of the campaign is to alert the public to the dangers of walking or playing around train tracks. "More than 880 Americans died or were injured in railroad trespassing related incidents in 2008; the number over the past decade has topped 9,000," an Operation Lifesaver spokesperson said. California leads the nation in pedestrian train fatalities and the Bay Area has seen a spike in deaths in the last 12 months. Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/national_world&id=7271921

Report: Terrorists planning breast implant bombs. Reports say terrorists could begin hiding explosives in breast implants. British spy satellites have reportedly intercepted terrorist communications from Pakistan and Yemen, talking about women suicide bombers getting explosives put inside breast implants. The former Houston FBI director said he believes U.S. Homeland Security is taking this threat very seriously. "Sometimes as ridiculous as it may sound, it can probably be pulled off...Terrorists and terrorist attack are a reality," he said. The British Intel service reports several plastic surgeons who were trained in many of London's hospitals have returned to their countries to perform the surgeries. "I'm sure we are gathering all the information, intelligence that the government can" he said. "They are also securing all the ports, airports and main attractions as much as possible. The government takes these types of threats seriously and not relaxed." A Houston plastic surgeon said that the industry's technology makes the bombs possible and easy. The Transportation Security Administration says its scanners do detect explosive materials and residue. However, it is unknown how well full-body scanners would detect explosives inside implants. Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/BO135406/>

Man removed from plane at OIA. There were some scary moments for passengers aboard US Airways flight 1926 out of Orlando International Airport. The aircraft was scheduled for take off at 7:20 Friday morning, but it failed to leave on time. According to the FBI, a man boarded the plane late. He was booked with a window seat but wanted to sit in the aisle. The FBI said the passenger then asked another passenger to switch seats. When that passenger refused, the man in question kept persisting. According to a statement released by the Transportation Security Administration, "a passenger began behaving erratically." Passengers on the plane told the FBI that man was sweating heavily, so someone reported him to the flight crew. The FBI said that, "in an abundance of caution, the pilot returned the plane to the terminal." Following TSA protocol, all passengers were removed from the plane, while the FBI and Orlando Police officers interviewed the man. The FBI determined that the man was running late and just acting irrational, but was not a security threat. Two hours later, TSA officers screened everyone a second time before allowing passengers to re-board the plane. Source: <http://www.myfoxorlando.com/dpp/traffic/020510man-removed-from-plane-at-oia>

Dead stowaway on Delta Air flight shows security risk. A body found in the landing-gear compartment of a Delta Air Lines jet that flew to Tokyo's Narita Airport from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York may spur a fresh review of U.S. aviation security. Lack of oxygen or hypothermia may have killed the stowaway, said a police official at Narita, who asked not to be identified because of department policy. The corpse of a dark-skinned male in civilian clothes with no identification was

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discovered yesterday, the police official said. The case highlights a possible weak spot in the recent safety crackdown: tarmacs are supposed to be protected against intruders, so a man climbing onto the plane would have breached security wherever the incident began. "If a person can gain access to get in the wheel well, a person can gain access to plant a device on the airplane," said a former Northwest Airlines security chief. At least seven incidents of wheel-well stowaways have occurred in the past decade, all but one ending in death. Preflight checks for international trips may occur as much as two hours before takeoff, raising the prospect that the stowaway climbed aboard after the landing gear was examined on the ground, said a retired 777. "It stands to reason that the individual was not in the cavity before inspection," he said. "For a flight that long, you'd be making a really thorough inspection and looking up into the cavity at the struts and hydraulics. There's almost no way a person could hide from a mechanic or pilot." Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-02-08/dead-stowaway-on-delta-air-flight-shows-security-risk-update1-.html>

Blizzard scrubs flights, snarls eastern U.S. cities. Blizzard warnings for as much as 20 inches of snow were posted from Washington to Long Island as a storm settled in for a daylong siege, closing government offices, grounding 9 percent of U.S. flights, and threatening 3 inches an hour for New York. Gusts of nearly 60 mph are expected from North Carolina to Massachusetts, which may knock down trees and power lines, causing widespread power disruptions, said the National Weather Service. "It may take days for the infrastructure associated within [the Washington-Philadelphia-New York urban corridor] to fully recover," said a senior energy meteorologist at Planalytics Inc. New York-based Consolidated Edison Inc. is adding extra crews to help avert snow- and ice-related blackouts. Washington's electric supplier Pepco pulled its crews off the streets because of unsafe conditions. The Pennsylvania Governor ordered Interstates 83, 78, 77, 476, 176, 676, and parts of 81 to close. New Jersey Transit said it would curtail its schedules after 2:30 p.m. Amtrak has not run a full schedule since last week's storm and more trains were canceled Tuesday. More than 4,200 flights have been canceled in the United States so far Wednesday, or about 9 percent of the total schedule, according to FlightStats.com. More than 500 flights have been canceled for Thursday and "hundreds and hundreds more" are likely, said a FlightStats.com spokesperson. Washington's Dulles and Reagan National airports were closed. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601100&sid=aHolWt.lcwc0>

WATER AND DAMS

Dams in doubt. Age and delayed maintenance have led to worries about structural deterioration and catastrophic failure. Environmental activists have focused negative attention on dams as barriers to the migration of endangered and threatened fish. At the same time, the demand for water storage, flood control, and electricity generation is expected to surge in the future. Climate change may diminish mountain snowpacks, potentially causing summer water shortages unless the capacity to store runoff is increased. Volatile weather patterns in the winter may also aggravate flooding, heightening the need to regulate seasonal water flows. "It does set up a real tension," said the deputy commissioner for operations at the Bureau of Reclamation. As more water is devoted to municipalities or left in-stream for environmental purposes, there is more stress placed on agriculture, said the executive director of the Family Farm Alliance, a group representing Western irrigators. Due to the anti-dam sentiment among some politicians and members of the media, it is often seen as easier to divert water from irrigation rather than invest in new infrastructure, he said. However, that is only a short-term solution to the problem, he said. Existing dams have their own

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problems. “There is a backlog of repairs to infrastructure, no doubt about it,” the deputy commissioner said. Also, the legality of some ongoing dam operations is being called into question. For example, the National Wildlife Federation and other groups have been engaged in a complex court battle with the federal government since the mid-1990s over federal dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers. The National Wildlife Federation believes that removing the structures is the most effective option, said the senior environmental policy analyst for the group. But he and the deputy conservation director for California Trout both acknowledged that dam removal is not a wise choice in every situation. Source: <http://www.capitalpress.com/newest/mp-dam-centerpiece-021210>

Studies reveal why drinking water wells are vulnerable to contamination. New USGS groundwater studies explain what, when, and how contaminants may reach public-supply wells. All wells are not equally vulnerable to contamination because of differences in three factors: the general chemistry of the aquifer, groundwater age, and direct paths within aquifer systems that allow water and contaminants to reach a well. More than 100 million people in the United States receive their drinking water from public groundwater systems, which can be vulnerable to naturally occurring contaminants such as radon, uranium, arsenic, and man-made compounds, including fertilizers, septic-tank leachate, solvents, and gasoline hydrocarbons. The USGS tracked the movement of contaminants in groundwater and in public-supply wells in four aquifers in California, Connecticut, Nebraska, and Florida. Findings in the four different aquifer systems can be applied to similar aquifer settings and wells throughout the nation. Complete findings, fact sheets, maps and decision support tools are available. “Our findings can help public-supply well managers protect drinking water sources by prioritizing their monitoring programs and improving decisions related to land use planning, well modifications or changes in pumping scenarios that might help to reduce movement of contaminants to wells,” said the USGS groundwater study team leader. Source: http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=2403&from=rss_home

Revolutionary water treatment system may make coping with disaster easier. Researchers developed a revolutionary waste-water treatment device which uses little energy, is transportable, scalable, simple to set-up, simple to operate, comes on-line in record time, and can be monitored remotely; the new system cleans influent wastewater within twenty-four hours after set-up to discharge levels that exceed the standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency for municipal wastewater. The U.S. Army has taken delivery of the first two units of a “revolutionary” waste-water treatment system that will clean putrid water within twenty-four hours and leave no toxic by-products, according to scientists at Sam Houston State University. “The system is based on a proprietary consortium of bacteria — you can find them in a common handful of dirt,” said the lead scientist. “In the right combination and in the right medium, they have the capability to clean polluted water with a very high efficiency very quickly. It truly is a revolutionary solution.” The first two units, about the size of standard shipping containers, will be deployed by the Army to Afghanistan. “The science and engineering technology behind this process have both military and civilian applications,” he said. Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/revolutionary-water-treatment-system-may-make-coping-disaster-easier>

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