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# North Dakota Homeland Security Anti-Terrorism Summary



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**NORTH DAKOTA**

**LaMoure spillway deemed stable.** The emergency spillway at Lake LaMoure has been deemed stable by the North Dakota State Water Commission representatives on site, said the director of emergency services for LaMoure County. Flows over the emergency spillway have gone down considerably over the last few days, she said. Total flows going out of the lake now exceed the flows coming into the lake, which means the lake level should be dropping steadily over the next few days. The area around the emergency spillway remains closed to the general public for safety and security reasons. The city of LaMoure and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department are asking lake lot renters to make every attempt to remove or secure debris at their lake site within the next few days. Debris includes things such as picnic tables, water toys, garbage cans, etc. If debris is not removed or secured, owners may be charged with a fine of up to \$250, and the items will be confiscated by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. The concern is that the debris may eventually move over the principal spillway pipe, which could restrict the flow of water out of the lake and put the emergency spillway

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back in jeopardy, she said. As a safety precaution, Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative shut off power to the entire lake. If any electrical equipment (breaker/fuse panel, receptables, etc.) was submerged by floodwaters, it will need to be replaced before power can be restored. Source:

<http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/107938/group/News/>

**(North Dakota; Minnesota) Moorhead homeowners can remove sandbag dikes.** Homeowners in Moorhead, Minnesota, may now begin removing sandbag dikes from their property as the flood-swollen Red River continues to recede. The city engineer has authorized homeowners to remove their dikes. Sandbags should be placed in the street, leaving the gutter near the curb unobstructed for drainage. City crews will pick up the sandbags. The Red crested in Moorhead and neighboring Fargo, North Dakota, on March 21. By Monday, the Red had dropped to just over 31 feet, about a foot over major flood stage. Moorhead's mayor and city council will discuss assistance for homeowners removing sandbag dikes at the council's April 12 meeting. Source:

<http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/31560/>

## **REGIONAL**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **NATIONAL**

**Northeast braces for new round of floods.** A major rainstorm walloped the Northeast Tuesday, threatening more flooding in the saturated region and prompting state authorities to close some roads, ready sandbags, and prepare residents. For the past three days, 700 members of the Massachusetts National Guard have been filling sandbags around the clock, trying to prevent rivers, lakes, and reservoirs from overflowing, said the public information officer from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. "We're trying to get the pumps going and distribute the tens of thousands of sandbags we filled," the officer said. "We haven't fully recovered from the storm two weeks ago, and now this. It's a challenge." Clinton, in east-central Massachusetts, is hit particularly hard when there is severe rain, said the town administrator. The town is situated beside the Wachusett Reservoir, which serves as one of Boston's major water suppliers. "The reservoir is overflowing," he said. "And there's just nowhere to put the water." The state's senior U.S. senator visited a nearby neighborhood on Sunday because a number of homes near the reservoir suffered major damages from previous storms. In Connecticut, the weather service placed the entire state under a flood watch through Tuesday, and an evacuation was under way in one part of Stonington. A Stonington First Selectman said water was close to overtopping a dam in Pawcatuck, one of the villages in Stonington, in southeastern Connecticut. City officials have opened a shelter, blocked off a number of roads and were also monitoring two dams, he said. Connecticut already has a stockpile of 180,000 sandbags, but the governor has directed the state Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to secure an additional 300,000 sandbags. Source:

<http://www.wibw.com/nationalnews/headlines/89525817.html>

**Rhode Island expecting worst flooding in over century.** The second major rainstorm of the month pounded the Northeast on Tuesday, pushing rivers over their banks, closing roads and schools, prompting evacuations, and shattering at least one rainfall record. The Rhode Island governor asked residents Tuesday afternoon to get home by dinnertime to avoid traveling in what officials expect to

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be the worst flooding to hit the state in more than 100 years. Standing water pooled on or rushed across roads in the region, making driving treacherous and forcing closures. A spokesman for the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency said officials feared Interstate 95, a major East Coast thoroughfare, could end up under water in some sections. In Maine, a dam in Porter let loose Tuesday morning, sending a torrent of water down country roads. One road ended up covered with 2 feet of water, but no evacuations or injuries were reported. On Long Island, rain coupled with tides inundated a 20-mile stretch of oceanfront road in Southampton. Weather-related delays averaged three hours at Newark Liberty International Airport, and two hours at New York's La Guardia Airport, according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In New York City, a mudslide caused some interruptions on a commuter rail line in the Bronx. Source:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/03/29/flooding-threatens-storm-weary-east-coast/>

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**Giant Ethiopian Dam said to threaten indigenous groups.** A coalition of international human rights and environmental groups have launched a campaign to halt construction of a dam they argue will disrupt natural flood cycles and seriously impact the lives of more than 200,000 indigenous people. The dam is expected to produce 1,800 megawatts of electricity, nearly doubling the current output in the Horn of African country. International human rights groups, including British-based Survival International, that fight for the rights of indigenous people, say the construction of the Gibe III Dam in southwestern Ethiopia threatens the livelihood of eight distinct tribes in the surrounding area. Indigenous tribes rely upon the fertile silt deposits left by seasonal flooding for the cultivation of subsistence crops in the semi-arid Omo Valley. Survival International says the people in the Omo Valley have not been informed about the project and remain largely ignorant of the effect it could have on their lives. The Ethiopian government maintains the Gibe III project is necessary for the country. The government argues that adverse effects on the local environment and population will be minimal and short-term. Ethiopia's largely rural population has little access to electricity. Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, also experiences frequent blackouts. If the dams are built, Ethiopia expects to become an exporter of electricity. The Gibe III is being built by an Italian company that built the smaller Gibe II Dam, a project that came under scrutiny in January when part of the dam collapsed just 10 days after it began operations. Source:

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/africa/east/Giant-Ethiopian-Dam-Threatens-Indigenous-Groups-89468347.html>

**Four charged in \$60 million Ponzi scheme in Canada.** Canadian police laid fraud and money laundering charges on Monday against four people accused of bilking 1,000 investors across North America in a \$60 million Ponzi scheme. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police charged three men and a woman in connection with the business of a company called HMS Financial Inc, which allegedly promised investors returns of 8 percent to 12 percent between 2001 and 2004. The four are from Alberta, where RCMP commercial crime investigators arrested two men last year in connection with a separate scheme that allegedly fleeced investors out of as much as C\$400 million (\$392 million). The four suspects were charged with laundering the proceeds of crime. Source:

<http://ca.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idCATRE62S5ET20100329>

**RAF fighter jets scrambled amid terror plot fears.** RAF Typhoon fighter jets have been scrambled twice this month amid fears of possible terror threats in UK airspace, the BBC has learned. One week

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ago - on 22 March - the RAF was alerted to a conversation overheard on the airwaves, believed to have come from a plane travelling through UK airspace. It included the words "ransom" and "hostage". Soon afterward a Delta Airlines plane - on its way from the U.S. to Frankfurt - made what is described as an "unusual request" to descend just as it was flying south of Reading. Within minutes, two Typhoon fighter jets were scrambled from RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire. The fighters circled over Kent as the civilian flight, which had raised concerns, cleared UK airspace. It was, thankfully, a false alarm. On average the alarm is raised every month - perhaps no surprise given that there are three million flights through UK airspace every year. Source:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/politics/8592070.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/politics/8592070.stm)

**Subway blasts kill dozens in Moscow.** Female suicide bombers set off huge explosions in two subway stations in central Moscow during the Monday morning rush hour, Russian officials said, killing more than three dozen people and raising fears that the Muslim insurgency in southern Russia was once again being brought to the country's heart. The first attack occurred as commuters were exiting a packed train at a station near the headquarters of the F.S.B., the successor to the Soviet-era K.G.B. Officials said they suspected that the attack there was intended as a message to the security services, which have helped lead the crackdown on Islamic extremism in Chechnya and other parts of the Caucasus region in southern Russia. The two explosions spread panic throughout the capital as people searched for missing relatives and friends, and the authorities tried to determine whether more attacks were planned. The subway system is one of the world's most extensive and well-managed, and it serves as a vital artery for Moscow's commuters, carrying as many as 10 million people a day. "The terrorist acts were carried out by two female terrorist bombers," said Moscow's mayor. "They happened at a time when there would be the maximum number of victims." The mayor said 23 people were killed in the first explosion, at the Lubyanka station, and 12 people were killed 40 minutes later at the Park Kultury station. At least two others died later. More than 100 people were injured. Crowds of people rushed to both stations in an effort to locate relatives, and cell phone networks became jammed. Streets in central Moscow were blocked with traffic as people avoided the subway system. Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/30/world/europe/30moscow.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**Company says 3.3M student loan records stolen.** Data on 3.3 million borrowers was stolen from a nonprofit company that helps with student loan financing. The theft occurred on March 20 or 21 from the headquarters of Educational Credit Management Corp. (ECMC), which services loans when student borrowers enter bankruptcy. The data was contained on portable media, said the organization, which is a dedicated guaranty agency for Virginia, Oregon, and Connecticut. The data included names, addresses, birth dates and Social Security numbers but no financial information such as credit card numbers or bank account data, ECMC said in a news release. Law enforcement has been notified. "ECMC is cooperating fully with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies conducting the investigation," it said in a statement. ECMC will send a written notification to affected borrowers "as soon as possible" and offer them free services from Experian, a credit monitoring agency. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174312/Company\\_says\\_3.3M\\_student\\_loan\\_records\\_stolen](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174312/Company_says_3.3M_student_loan_records_stolen)

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## CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

### COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

**(Pennsylvania) Mayor, police mass to deter Philly mobs of teens.** A popular nightlife district of Philadelphia has been free of disorderly mobs of teenagers this weekend due to the presence of police. Police crowded the South Street area on Saturday night, joined by the mayor and his family along with other officials trying to send a message that the kind of violence of the weekend before would not be tolerated. On March 20, hundreds of teens thronged the narrow sidewalks of the 10-block strip of bars, stores, and restaurants, jumping on cars and roughing up bystanders. There have been several other social media-fueled gatherings of young people on the street and in other parts of Center City in recent months. Officials are concerned that the outbursts will drive away visitors and hurt businesses. Source: [http://www.ldnews.com/news/ci\\_14774699](http://www.ldnews.com/news/ci_14774699)

**(Tennessee) Mayor says “flash mob” involved in Coolidge shootings.** The recent shootings in Coolidge Park in Chattanooga have been attributed to a flash mob incident. This was the account the mayor, along with the chief of police, city IT director, and parks and recreation director, gave at a press conference held Monday afternoon in the park. The mayor stated of the incident in which five people were shot, “This is a problem going on all across the country. It actually started out as fun, but has recently turned dangerous, as in Philadelphia. I was just on the phone with [the mayor of Philadelphia], where they have had six flash mob incidents including a woman who was knocked down and kicked.” “Fortunately,” the mayor said, “Chattanooga has had no fatalities.” “It was handled properly and by the book. It started out as a crowd gathering following a day of texting and emailing among a group of young people. When park police noticed some of the group beginning to act unruly they acted within procedures and called for Chattanooga Police.” The mayor went on, “By the time the gunshots were fired police had been on the scene for one and a half hours, dispersing the crowd. It should be noted that the alleged perpetrators were arrested and in custody within minutes of the shots being fired.” The mayor concluded with, “We want families to feel safe in using our parks...We will be increasing police patrols, as well as bike patrols just as we do every year at this time.” Source: [http://www.chattanoogan.com/articles/article\\_172216.asp](http://www.chattanoogan.com/articles/article_172216.asp)

**Chicago taxi driver accused of supporting al-Qaeda.** Federal prosecutors have charged a Chicago cab driver with trying to provide funds to al-Qaeda, saying the man planned to send money to a terrorist leader in Pakistan who had said he needed cash to buy explosives. A 56-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen of Pakistani origin, was charged Friday with attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. According to the criminal complaint, he also discussed a possible bomb attack on an unspecified U.S. stadium this summer. Speaking with a man identified only as Individual B, he allegedly said bags containing remote-controlled bombs could be placed in the stadium and then, “boom, boom, boom, boom,” prosecutors said. A U.S. attorney said there was no imminent danger to the Chicago area. Authorities say the cab driver claimed to have known another man for 15 years and the cab driver came to believe that this other man was receiving orders from al-Qaeda’s leader. Prosecutors have said that this other man does in fact maintain close ties with at least one al-Qaeda leader. According to the complaint, the cab driver sent \$950 from a currency exchange in

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Chicago to “Lala,” a name meaning older brother that he used in speaking of the other man. It said the money was sent after the other man after the other man indicated that he needed cash to buy explosives. On March 17, the cab driver accepted \$1,000 from the undercover agent and assured him that the money would be used to purchase weapons and possibly other supplies, the complaint said.

Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i8cDBcu\\_QALQpoeOTNk3X03I3L9AD9EMS1700](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i8cDBcu_QALQpoeOTNk3X03I3L9AD9EMS1700)

**(Wisconsin) Charges filed in bomb threats.** An Oshkosh, Wisconsin, teen accused of making bomb threats to three downtown buildings in an Internet chat room is now facing criminal charges. A 19-year-old was charged in Winnebago County Circuit Court Friday with three counts of bomb scares, felonies that carry a maximum penalty of 10 years, six months and \$30,000 in fines if he is convicted of all three counts. According to the criminal complaint, the Oshkosh Police Department received information from a teen hotline in California that a user in a chat room said there was a bomb in Oshkosh. An investigation linked the user’s IP address to Cheek. When detectives spoke with him he initially denied being involved in the bomb threats, but later admitted he was the one who had made the threats. He told detectives he had accessed the chat room through his PlayStation3 player and the threats targeted the Oshkosh Public Library, City Center and the City Center Hotel. Winnebago’s county court commissioner placed him on a signature bond and ordered a competency evaluation be completed before the case proceeds. Source:

<http://www.thenorthwestern.com/article/20100327/OSH0101/3270380/1987/OSHopinon/Charges-filed-in-bomb-threats>

**FBI task force busts members of Christian militia, charges to be revealed today.** At least seven members of the Hutaree, a militant Christian group based in Adrian, were taken into custody by the FBI-led Joint Terrorism Task Force over the weekend. The members, picked up in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, will learn their fate at the US district courthouse in Detroit Monday, when an indictment against them will be unsealed. The task force reportedly became interested in the Hutaree when the fringe group made threats of violence against certain Islamic organizations. The Michigan Militia has taken care to distance itself from the Hutaree. A militia spokesman referred to them as “too extreme or radical for us.” One source claims that among other activities, the members arrested had made pipe bombs for distribution in their respective states. Source:

<http://www.examiner.com/x-19336-Detroit-Crime-Examiner~y2010m3d29-FBI-task-force-busts-members-of-Christian-militia-charges-to-be-revealed-today>

## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**Google sheds new light on broadband plans.** Google has posted an update concerning its planned high-speed fiber broadband network, and will announce the target market for the first tests by the end of the year. The initial trial will cover a group ranging from 50,000 to 500,000 people. The project, announced in February, will provide 1Gbit/s fiber networks in targeted markets as a way of testing open broadband networks. Google will also make its broadband cables open to other service providers. Interest in the project has been high since the announcement, and Google claims that some 600 community groups have expressed interest in participating, as well as more than 190,000 individuals. Google will visit prospective sites and speak with local leaders and community groups

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before making a final decision later this year. Source:

<http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2260346/google-sheds-light-broadband>

## **DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**GM recalls 5,000 heavy duty vans for engine fire risk.** General Motors Co. is conducting a safety recall of about 5,000 heavy-duty Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana passenger and cargo vans and halting production and sale of the trucks until a fix for a suspected faulty alternator can be determined. Retail and fleet customers who purchased these vans, which were built in February and March this year, are being urged to stop driving the vans, park them outside away from buildings and other vehicles and, if possible, disconnect both battery cables. Relatively few of the affected vans are in retail customer possession. About 1,300 are in rental and other fleets, and a Stop Sale order was issued March 26, preventing the fleet-owned vans from being rented or those on dealer lots from being sold. Others are being held at dealerships or in ports before being exported. Only the 2500 (three-quarter ton), 3500/4500 (one-ton) Series vans are affected. Light-duty (half-ton) Express and Savana vans use a different alternator. The light-duty vans are still being built and shipped from the plant in Wentzville, Missouri. About 1,400 AC Delco aftermarket parts also are affected by the recall. The affected part numbers are 15263859 and 15847291. Customers who had a heavy duty alternator replaced in February or March in a 2005-2010 heavy-duty Express or Savana van or other 2005-2009 GM truck or SUV also are being urged to check their repair order receipts to determine if a suspect part was involved. If it was, or the part used is unknown, they are urged to stop driving their vehicles, park them away from buildings and other vehicles and, if possible, disconnect both battery cables. Source:

[http://media.gm.com/content/media/us/en/news/news\\_detail.brand\\_gm.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2010/Mar/0326\\_gvan](http://media.gm.com/content/media/us/en/news/news_detail.brand_gm.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2010/Mar/0326_gvan)

**NTSB makes safety recommendations to the FAA on glass cockpits.** The National Transportation Safety Board adopted a study and concluded that small aircraft that had “glass cockpits” were not safer and had a higher fatal accident rate than similar aircraft with conventional instruments. The Board has recommended that airman knowledge tests include questions regarding electronic flight and navigation displays. Training materials should cover electronic primary flight displays, initial and recurrent flight proficiency requirements should include flight displays requirements for pilots, as well develop and publish equipment-specific guidance. In addition, recommendations call for requiring all manufacturers to include in their approved aircraft flight manual and pilot’s operating handbook supplements information regarding abnormal equipment operation or malfunction due to subsystem and input malfunctions, including but not limited to pitot and/or static system blockages, magnetic sensor malfunctions, and attitude-heading reference system alignment failures. Source:

[http://avstop.com/news\\_march\\_2010/ntsb\\_makes\\_safety\\_recommendations\\_to\\_the\\_faa\\_on\\_glass\\_cockpits.htm](http://avstop.com/news_march_2010/ntsb_makes_safety_recommendations_to_the_faa_on_glass_cockpits.htm)

**Boeing calls key 787 test results ‘positive’.** Boeing said the results of a key airworthiness test for its long delayed 787 are “positive,” but it will be weeks before the aircraft maker can say whether it is a

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success. The aircraft maker said Sunday the test involved flexing the jet's wings while applying loads to the frame to replicate 150 percent of the most extreme forces the airplane could experience in flight. The wings were pushed up about 25 feet during the ground test performed at Boeing's Everett, Washington, factory. The test took more than two hours, and thousands of pieces of data were collected to measure wing performance. Boeing, based in Chicago, says the data will be reviewed over the next several weeks. Boeing has been testing the plane and its systems for more than three months, after production delays and problems with carbon-fiber composite materials used in the plane put it nearly three years behind schedule. The first test plane made an unplanned landing last month after an engine lost thrust. Japan's All Nippon Airways is scheduled for the first delivery of the 787 later this year. Boeing says airlines around the world have ordered 851 of the aircraft. The largest 787 model has a range of up to 3,050 miles and can carry as many as 330 passengers. Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g5JKUhRYNSaPptbzMt4OfHUJv7EgD9EOA00G0>

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**9 militia members charged in police-killing plot.** Nine suspects tied to a Midwest Christian militia that was preparing for the Antichrist were charged with conspiring to kill police officers, then attack a funeral using homemade bombs in the hopes of killing more law enforcement personnel, federal prosecutors said Monday. The Michigan-based group, called Hutaree, planned to use the attack on police as a catalyst for a larger uprising against the government, according to newly unsealed court papers. A U.S. Attorney said agents moved on the group because its members were planning a violent mission sometime in April. Members of the group were charged following FBI raids over the weekend on locations in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. The idea of attacking a police funeral was one of numerous scenarios discussed as ways to go after law enforcement officers, the indictment said. Other scenarios included a fake 911 call to lure an officer to his or her death, or an attack on the family of a police officer. Once other officers gathered for a slain officer's funeral, the group planned to detonate homemade bombs at the funeral, killing more. After such attacks, the group allegedly planned to retreat to "rally points" protected by trip-wired improvised explosive devices for what they expected would become a violent standoff with law enforcement personnel. Eight suspects have been arrested by the FBI, and one more is being sought. The charges against the eight include seditious conspiracy, possessing a firearm during a crime of violence, teaching the use of explosives, and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hGc00FR9o4OUr36gm80mOpG00ccwD9EOE9I80>

**(Arizona) 2 police air units hit by lasers.** Two Phoenix, Arizona, police air patrols were recently hit by laser beams. In one incident, the pilot was hit in the eyes. Police said that on March 22 at about 1 a.m., two officers were on air patrol when their aircraft was hit with a green laser from the ground, lighting up the cockpit. The light blurred the vision of the pilot, immediately forcing the officers to land at a nearby elementary school. On March 23, another group of officers in a Phoenix police aircraft were also hit by a laser beam while on air patrol. This time, police were able to locate where the laser beam was coming from and detained a 14-year-old boy and his 13-year-old friend. Police said the 14-year-old boy admitted to pointing the laser beam at the aircraft, knowing it belonged to Phoenix police. The incidents are reminiscent of a similar situation on May 4, 2009, when an Arizona State University student was arrested for the same crime. Since then, there have been at least 12

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incidents involving the use of laser lights that have been pointed at police aircraft. Source: <http://www.kpho.com/news/22946404/detail.html>

## **ENERGY**

**'Smart' meters have security holes.** Computer-security researchers say new "smart" meters that are designed to help deliver electricity more efficiently also have flaws that could let hackers tamper with the power grid in previously impossible ways. At the very least, the vulnerabilities open the door for attackers to jack up strangers' power bills. These flaws also could get hackers a key step closer to exploiting one of the most dangerous capabilities of the new technology, which is the ability to remotely turn someone else's power on and off. The attacks could be pulled off by stealing meters — which can be situated outside of a home — and reprogramming them. Or an attacker could sit near a home or business and wirelessly hack the meter from a laptop, according to a senior security analyst with InGuardians Inc. The firm was hired by three utilities to study their smart meters' resistance to attack. These utilities, which he would not name, have already done small deployments of smart meters and plan to roll the technology out to hundreds of thousands of power customers, he said. There is no evidence the security flaws have been exploited, although he said a utility could have been hacked without knowing it. InGuardians said it is working with the utilities to fix the problems. He said InGuardians found vulnerabilities in products from all five of the meter makers the firm studied. He would not disclose those manufacturers. Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100326/ap\\_on\\_hi\\_te/us\\_tec\\_smart\\_grid\\_hacking;\\_ylt=Ai25n5J4kGP5ZWKQFjzbh6gjtBAF;\\_ylu=X3oDMTJ1bGhiaWZpBGFzc2V0A2FwLzlwMTAwMzI2L3VzX3RIY19zbWFydF9ncmlkX2hhY2tpbmcEcG9zAzQEc2VjA3luX2FydGlibGVfc3VtbWFyeV9saXN0BHNSawNGV4Y2x1c2I2ZX](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100326/ap_on_hi_te/us_tec_smart_grid_hacking;_ylt=Ai25n5J4kGP5ZWKQFjzbh6gjtBAF;_ylu=X3oDMTJ1bGhiaWZpBGFzc2V0A2FwLzlwMTAwMzI2L3VzX3RIY19zbWFydF9ncmlkX2hhY2tpbmcEcG9zAzQEc2VjA3luX2FydGlibGVfc3VtbWFyeV9saXN0BHNSawNGV4Y2x1c2I2ZX)

## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(Nebraska) Homemade bomb found in Hormel Plant.** Federal authorities are investigating after somebody stashed a homemade bomb at a place with more than one-thousand workers. That place is the Hormel plant in Fremont, Nebraska. After a call to police, deputies with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office found a homemade bomb in an employee locker and the discovery put the plant into lock down. The state patrol removed the explosive and disarmed it in a parking lot across the street from the plant. The operation closes roads and access to the plant for most of the day. The ATF is handling the investigation and says it identified a suspect who is currently the subject of a criminal investigation. Source: <http://www.action3news.com/Global/story.asp?S=12224832>

**FDA pressured to combat rising 'food fraud'.** "Food fraud" has been documented in fruit juice, olive oil, spices, vinegar, wine, spirits and maple syrup, and appears to pose a significant problem in the seafood industry. Victims range from the shopper at the local supermarket to multimillion companies, including E&J Gallo and Heinz USA. Such deception is getting new attention as more products are imported and a tight economy heightens competition. And the U.S. food industry says federal regulators are not doing enough to combat it. "It's growing very rapidly, and there's more of it than you might think," said a senior partner at A.T. Kearney Inc., which is studying the issue for the Grocery Manufacturers Association, which represents the food and beverage industry. An expert on food and packaging fraud at Michigan State University estimates that 5 to 7 percent of the U.S. food supply is affected but acknowledges the number could be greater. "We know what we seized at the border, but we have no idea what we didn't seize," he said. The job of ensuring that food is

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accurately labeled largely rests with the Food and Drug Administration. But it has been overwhelmed in trying to prevent food contamination, and fraud has remained on a back burner. Source:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/29/AR2010032903824.html>

**(New York) Couple arrested in Jell-O tampering.** Suffolk County Police today arrested an East Northport husband and wife for tampering with JELL-O brand pudding mixes purchased at local supermarkets. After reviewing hours of surveillance video and following up on numerous leads, officers identified a couple in their 60s as the individuals responsible for tampering with the pudding mix. Apparently, the wife purchased the product, removed the original pudding mix and re-filled the boxes with a sandwich bag containing salt and sand. The boxes were then resealed and returned to the supermarkets for a monetary refund. There is no indication that her intent was to inflict physical harm to any other consumers or the supermarkets, but to obtain the pudding mix without having to pay for it. None of the individuals that purchased the resealed product were injured. Source: [http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/long\\_island/Jello-Product-Tampering-20100326-1gf](http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/local_news/long_island/Jello-Product-Tampering-20100326-1gf)

**(Illinois; Indiana; Michigan) FDA, Health Department investigating raw milk cases.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, along with several state agencies, is alerting consumers to an outbreak of campylobacteriosis associated with drinking raw milk. At least 12 confirmed illnesses have been recently reported in Michigan. Symptoms of campylobacteriosis include diarrhea, abdominal pain and fever. The FDA is collaborating with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health and the Indiana State Health Department, to investigate the outbreak. MDCH reports that, as of March 24, 2010, it received reports of 12 confirmed cases of illness from Campylobacter infections in consumers who drank raw milk. The raw milk originated from Forest Grove Dairy in Middlebury, Indiana. Source: <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=40850>

## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(South Carolina) More courthouse security upgrades set for approval.** The Beaufort County Council is expected to vote today on a contract to install more than \$90,000 in additional security upgrades at the County Courthouse in Beaufort. The county's Public Facilities Committee has recommended that the council approve a \$94,046 contract with Technology Solutions of Charleston to install surveillance cameras, a new public address system and other security upgrades. The firm was the only bidder before the March 16 deadline, according to county records. Its bid was about \$25,000 less than the county's estimate. The County Council is scheduled to vote today on the contract at its meeting in the Hilton Head Island library, said a county spokeswoman. Technology Solutions of Charleston is the same firm tapped by the county more than a year ago to complete the first phase of courthouse security upgrades. For \$138,000, the firm installed more than 40 surveillance cameras and built a command center inside one of the former law libraries to allow sheriff's deputies to monitor activity inside and outside the building. The security upgrades were installed after the South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice urged counties statewide to improve courthouse security. Source: <http://www.islandpacket.com/2010/03/28/1188267/more-courthouse-security-upgrades.html>

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**(Louisiana) Bomb scare prompts library evacuation.** A bomb scare prompted the evacuation of a West Monroe library and rerouted traffic on Cypress Street early Saturday afternoon. Emergency responders from Monroe and West Monroe closed streets one block in all directions from the Ouachita Parish Public Library on Cypress Street. Less than two hours after police received the call, a Monroe Police Department bomb unit staged a control detonation of a suspicious packaged and nullified any possible threat. Source:

<http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20100328/NEWS01/3280316>

**(Virginia) Pennsylvania man arrested for alleged threats to kill Rep. Cantor.** A Philadelphia man was charged Monday with threatening to kill a Republican Representative from Virginia and his family in the first such arrest since an outbreak of harassment and vandalism began against members of Congress more than a week ago. The 33 year-old suspect posted a YouTube video last week in which he threatened to shoot the Congressman, who is the second-ranking Republican in the House, and his family. An affidavit released Monday did not say why the suspect allegedly wanted to harm the Congressman, the only Jewish Republican member of Congress, but in the video, he calls the Congressman "pure evil." "Remember. . . our judgment time, the final Yom Kippur has been given," he says in the profanity-laced video. "You are a liar, you're a pig . . . you're an abomination. You receive my bullets in your office, remember they will be placed in your heads. You and your children are Lucifer's abominations." Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/29/AR2010032903815.html>

**House bill bans government employee file sharing.** The Secure Federal File Sharing Act bans recreational use of P2P software on all federal computers, computer systems and networks including those belonging to government contractors. The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation March 25 that would place greater restrictions on the use of open network P2P software on all federal computers. The Secure Federal File Sharing Act (H.R. 4098) makes important progress toward banning the recreational use of P2P software on all federal computers, computer systems and networks including those belonging to government contractors. The bill would also require the OMB (Office of Management and Budget) to approve legitimate uses of P2P software on a case-by-case basis and provide to Congress annually a list of agencies that are using P2P software and the intended purposes for using the software. Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Government-IT/House-Bill-Bans-Government-Employee-File-Sharing-642744/>

**Military warns of 'increasingly active' cyber-threat from China.** On the same day that Google Inc. and the GoDaddy Group Inc. complained about China to a congressional committee, a U.S. Navy admiral appeared before the U.S. House Armed Services Committee with an even stronger warning about cyber-threats posed by China. His comments about China received little press attention but were stronger than anything said by either company. "U.S. military and government networks and computer systems continue to be the target of intrusions that appear to have originated from within the PRC (People's Republic of China)," the admiral said. He said that most of the intrusions are focused on acquiring data "but the skills being demonstrated would also apply to network attacks." The admiral testified on the military's operations in its Pacific command, which he said "faces increasingly active and sophisticated threats to our information and computer infrastructure." Source:

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[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174242/Military warns of increasingly active cyber threat from China](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174242/Military_warns_of_increasingly_active_cyber_threat_from_China)

**U.S. GAO - Bureau of the Public Debt: Areas for improvement in Information Security Controls.** GAO issued the report, Bureau of the Public Debt: Areas for improvement in Information Security Controls. In connection with fulfilling GAO's requirement to audit the financial statements of the U.S. government, GAO audited and reported on the Schedules of Federal Debt Managed by the Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD) for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008. GAO identified information security deficiencies affecting internal control over financial reporting, which, while GAO does not consider them to be collectively either a material weakness or significant deficiency, nevertheless warrant BPD management's attention and action. This report presents the control deficiencies GAO identified during fiscal year 2009 testing of the general and application information security controls that support key BPD automated financial systems relevant to BPD's Schedule of Federal Debt. GAO's fiscal year 2009 audit procedures identified seven new general information security control deficiencies related to access controls and configuration management. In the Limited Official Use Only report, GAO made eight recommendations to address these control deficiencies. None of the control deficiencies GAO identified represented significant risks to the BPD financial systems. Source: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-10-517R>

**(South Carolina) U.S. GAO - Nuclear nonproliferation: DOE needs to address uncertainties with and strengthen independent safety oversight of its plutonium disposition program.** The GAO issued the following report: The end of the Cold War left the United States with a surplus of weapons-grade plutonium, which poses proliferation and safety risks. Much of this material is found in a key nuclear weapon component known as a pit. The Department of Energy (DOE) plans to dispose of at least 34 metric tons of plutonium by fabricating it into mixed oxide (MOX) fuel for domestic nuclear reactors. To do so, DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is constructing two facilities — a MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility (MFFF) and a Waste Solidification Building (WSB) — at the Savannah River Site in South Carolina. GAO was asked to assess the (1) cost and schedule status of the MFFF and WSB construction projects, (2) status of NNSA's plans for pit disassembly and conversion, (3) status of NNSA's plans to obtain customers for MOX fuel from the MFFF, and (4) actions that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and DOE have taken to provide independent nuclear safety oversight. GAO reviewed NNSA documents and project data, toured DOE facilities, and interviewed officials from DOE, NRC, and nuclear utilities. The MFFF and WSB projects both appear to be meeting their cost targets for construction, but the MFFF project has experienced schedule delays. Specifically, the MFFF and WSB projects are on track to meet their respective construction cost estimates of \$4.9 billion and \$344 million. However, the MFFF project has experienced some delays over the past 2 years, due in part to the delivery of reinforcing bars that did not meet nuclear quality standards. Project officials said that they expect to recover from these delays by the end of 2010 and plan for the start of MFFF operations on schedule in 2016. Source: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-10-378>

**USAF officials continue plans to modernize GPS.** Through the years, the Global Positioning System has become one of the most widely-used Air Force applications. Today GPS is used in everything from farming and aviation to public safety, disaster relief and recreation, not to mention its military purpose of providing precision navigation and timing to combat forces. This dependence requires a

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keen focus on maintaining and modernizing the system. Air Force officials took the next step in that process when they awarded a contract last month to Raytheon Company for the Next Generation GPS Control Segment, commonly referred to as OCX. "OCX is the new ground system that will replace our current Architecture Evolution Plan ground system," said the 2nd Space Operations Squadron commander. "OCX is critical for us as we cannot fly GPS III satellites with our current ground system." The OCX development contract is set to last 73 months with option years for sustainment worth about \$1.5 billion. The contract will include development and installation of hardware and software at GPS control stations here and at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., deployment of advanced monitor stations at remote sites and initial contractor support with sustainment options for five years. "The new OCX ground system will bring more automation and combine AEP and our Launch Anomaly and Disposal Operations system into one ground system eliminating the need for dual certifications," she said. The new ground system also will allow for command and control of an additional number of satellites. "OCX is also meant to fly up to 64 satellites where our current AEP system can only fly up to 32 satellites," she said. Source:

[http://www.gpsdaily.com/reports/USAF\\_Officials\\_Continue\\_Plans\\_To\\_Modernize\\_GPS\\_999.html](http://www.gpsdaily.com/reports/USAF_Officials_Continue_Plans_To_Modernize_GPS_999.html)

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Facebook mulls privacy implications for location-based data.** As it looks ahead to a new crop of products and features, Facebook has revised its privacy policy and governing document once again, and is now inviting its users to review and comment on the changes. Facebook's deputy general counsel said the revisions clear the path for new features to the site, many of which are still in the concept or development stages, but will include more location-based data. Instead of simply including a piece of geographical information with a post, as the original privacy policy had envisioned, the deputy general counsel said the location-aware rules are being broadened to apply to include interactions with other Facebook pages, such as those of a local restaurant or business. He said that more details and explicit privacy controls for the location-based features and other updates will be announced as the products roll out. Many of the updates seek to expand or clarify language in the previous version of the privacy policy without altering its substance. Other changes contain stipulations revising the way data is shared and collected through activities on the third-party applications and Web sites tied to the Facebook Platform. For instance, the rules now assert Facebook's right to automatically share general information, such as a user's name and profile picture, to "pre-approved" third-party Web sites, but offer users mechanisms to opt out or block certain sites. Source: <http://www.esecurityplanet.com/features/article.php/3873386/Facebook-Mulls-Privacy-Implications-for-Location-Based-Data.htm>

**Windows 7 less vulnerable without admin rights.** Taking away the administrative rights from Microsoft Windows 7 users will lessen the risk posed by 90 percent of the critical Windows 7 vulnerabilities reported to date and 100 percent of the Microsoft Office vulnerabilities reported last year. It will also mitigate the risk of 94 percent of vulnerabilities reported in all versions of Internet Explorer in 2009 and 100 percent of the vulnerabilities reported in Internet Explorer 8 during the same time period. Finally, it will reduce the danger posed by 64 percent of all Microsoft vulnerabilities reported last year. These findings come from a study conducted by BeyondTrust, which perhaps unsurprisingly sells software that restricts administrative privileges. The company argues that companies need its software to protect themselves, particularly during the time between Microsoft's publication of vulnerability information and the application of Microsoft's fixes. Source:

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<http://www.darkreading.com/insiderthreat/security/app-security/showArticle.ihtml?articleID=224200601&subSection=Application+Security>

**Office photocopiers brimming with corporate secrets.** Most people fail to realize that modern, multi-purpose photocopiers contain hard drives that - if not erased when decommissioned - could prove to be a treasure trove of confidential information for a person who knows how to extract it. Hard copies of important documents are shred and computer disks are securely wiped, but it is rare when the same is done with the drive of the copy machine, because most people don't think of it as of a computer - which it in fact is. "The whole system is controlled by a computer, it has a hard disk. It scans images and they are stored on the disc," says a computer science professor with the University of Toronto. That also means that a hacker that knows the password can hack into the photocopier and collect all the data stored on the drive by simply connecting a laptop to the machine and downloading it. Copy machines that are part of an insecure network can be accessed online even by people who don't know how to hack. But machines that are leased to companies and that are taken back after a few years can do some serious damage to their former "owners." Source:

<http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=9070>

**iPhone, IE8, Firefox, and Safari easily hacked at Pwn2Own contest.** Hackers gathered for an annual contest in Vancouver demonstrate easy hacking of iPhone and all major browsers; a non-jailbroken iPhone was also hacked and its SMS database stolen; security measures taken by Firefox, Safari, and IE8 no match for hackers. The annual Pwn2Own contest has seen the Apple iPhone and nearly all the major browsers hacked. At the contest, held at the CanSecWest show in Vancouver, interest has so far centered on the revelation of twenty zero-day flaws in Apple's OS X by a security researcher. As attendants wait for his keynote address, the Pwn2Own content gave hackers and security experts a chance to demonstrate their ability and try to breach the security of various devices and software. Reporting from the event, Mashable claimed that Firefox, Safari, and IE8 were hacked at the contest. A non-jailbroken iPhone was also hacked and its SMS database stolen by two researchers, who were able to send an iPhone to a Web site they had set up, crashed its browser, and stole its SMS database — including some erased messages. Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/iphone-ie8-firefox-and-safari-easily-hacked-pwn2own-contest>

**World Cup-themed PDF attack kicks off.** Miscreants have booted a World Cup-themed email malware attack onto the web, taking advantage of existing material on the tournament. Booby-trapped emails are doing the rounds, posing as messages from African Safari organizer Greenlife. The emails contain an attached PDF file claiming to provide a guide to the first African edition of football's most prestigious tournament. In reality, the attachment payload takes advantage of a recently patched Adobe Reader vulnerability (involving the handling of TIFF files and resolved with a patch on 16 February) to drop malware into machines running an unpatched version of Adobe reader. Hackers behind the attack have taken Greenlife's genuine guide (available on its website) and inserted exploit code instead of content related to this June's tournament and travel in South Africa. The poisoned version of the guide was sent to an unspecified "major international organization", email filtering outfit MessageLabs reports. The Symantec-owned hosted security operation adds that successful execution of the attack drops a rootlet and a backdoor Trojan on compromised machines. Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/03/26/world\\_cup\\_malware/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/03/26/world_cup_malware/)

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**Microsoft defends Windows 7 security after Pwn2Own hacks.** Just days after a pair of researchers outwitted major Windows 7 defenses to exploit Internet Explorer (IE) and Firefox, Microsoft said the measures aren't meant to "prevent every attack forever." At the same time, it defended the security measures, saying they remained an effective way to hinder exploits. A product manager with IE's developer division, stood up for DEP (data execution) and ASLR (address space layout randomization), the security features that two hackers sidestepped to win \$10,000 each at the high-profile Pwn2Own hacking contest on March 24. "Defense in depth techniques aren't designed to prevent every attack forever, but to instead make it significantly harder to exploit a vulnerability," the product manager said, referring to DEP, ASLR and another feature specific to IE, called Protected Mode. DEP, which Microsoft introduced in 2004 with Windows XP SP2, is designed to prevent attack code from executing in memory not intended for code execution. ASLR, a feature that debuted with Windows Vista three years ago, randomly shuffles the positions of key memory areas, such as the stack, to make it more difficult for hackers to predict whether their attack code will run. Protected Mode, a sandbox-like technology in which IE runs with restricted rights, is designed to reduce the ability of attack code to "escape" from the browser to write, alter or delete data elsewhere on the PC. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174309/Microsoft\\_defends\\_Windows\\_7\\_security\\_after\\_Pwn2Own\\_hacks](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174309/Microsoft_defends_Windows_7_security_after_Pwn2Own_hacks)

**Could blocking access to webmail save you from insider threat problems, and what are the ethics behind scanning sent emails.** Companies should look to scan webmail activity for malicious activity, data loss and to control the insider threat. According to the chief marketing officer for Proofpoint, email companies should look to scan other email applications, or at least monitor use on it and then choose to block it or not. When asked if this would infringe privacy policies, the chief marketing officer said: "It depends on the organization and its policies, in a financial services company they are trying anything that secures the network. It does have an impact and it depends on the company, as an organization should be comfortable with monitoring, but the rule is do not use it. It is still a requirement to protect confidentiality of information in the organization." A malware data analyst at Symantec Hosted Services claimed that traditionally, the vast majority of 419 scams are sent from webmail accounts and sending the scam via a webmail adds legitimacy to the mail, makes the email harder for security vendors to block, and helps to hide the identity of the scammers. Source:

<http://www.scmagazineuk.com/could-blocking-access-to-webmail-save-you-from-insider-threat-problems-and-what-are-the-ethics-behind-scanning-sent-emails/article/166790/>

**Zeus malware takes aim at tax season.** Security experts are warning of a flood of spam emails masquerading as U.S. tax documents in an attempt to spread the Zeus malware. A Sans researcher reported that the organization had received several reports of unsolicited email claiming to come from the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The emails claim that the recipient has 'under-reported income' on their tax statements, and urges them to download and run a linked file. The file is an executable which infects the user with the Zeus malware. The technique is not new. Citizens in the U.S. and the U.K. were targeted by social engineering malware attacks last year purporting to be documents from tax authorities. The IRS does not send official notifications via email, and advises people to avoid any messages claiming to be from the agency. Source:

<http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2260347/zeus-malware-takes-aim-tax>

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**Microsoft to patch IE zero-day with emergency fix Tuesday:** Microsoft today announced it will issue an emergency security update for Internet Explorer (IE) tomorrow to patch a zero-day vulnerability that has been used to launch drive-by attacks for at least several weeks. ... "The bulletin is being released to address attacks against customers of Internet Explorer 6 and Internet Explorer 7," said Microsoft in an updated advisory. ... Tuesday's out-of-band update will patch more than just the zero-day. It will, in fact, plug critical holes in every edition of IE, including the newest, IE8. "The out-of-band security bulletin is a cumulative security update for Internet Explorer and will also contain fixes for privately reported vulnerabilities rated Critical on all versions of Internet Explorer that are not related to this attack," said Microsoft today. [Date: 29 March 2010; Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174336/>]

• **Apple delivers record monster security update:** Apple today patched 92 vulnerabilities, a third of them critical, in a record update to its Leopard and Snow Leopard operating systems. Security Update 2010-002 plugged 92 holes in the client and server editions of Mac OS X 10.5 and Mac OS X 10.6. ... Today's security roll-up fixed flaws in 42 different applications or operating system components in Mac OS X, from AppKit and Application Firewall to unzip and X11, the Mac's version of the X Window System. Eighteen of the vulnerabilities were specific to the older Leopard operating system, while 29 were specific to Snow Leopard. The remaining 45 affected both, which are the only editions that Apple currently supports. ... Among the most noticeable patches were nine affecting QuickTime, Apple's media player, in Snow Leopard. All nine were rated critical; six had been reported to Apple by 3Com TippingPoint.... [Date: 29 March 2010; Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174337/>]

**Social Networkers Savvier About Private Information, Survey Finds:** Webroot's second annual study surveyed more than 1,100 members of Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace, Twitter and other popular social networks. The survey showed an increasing awareness among social network users of how to keep personal information private. At the same time, it revealed how social network users still put their identities and sensitive information at risk. The survey found that more users are practicing certain safe behaviors, including blocking their profiles from being visible through public search engines—a 37 percent increase over last year. However, more than a quarter of respondents have never changed their default privacy settings and more than three quarters place no restrictions on who can see their recent activity. In addition, Webroot has seen a rise in spam on social networks, which commonly contains links to malicious Website links. [Date: 30 March 2010; Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Midmarket/Social-Networkers-Savvier-About-Private-Information-Survey-Finds-638880/>]

**JC Penney tried to block publication of data breach:** Retailer JC Penney fought to keep its name secret during court proceedings related to the largest breach of credit card data on record.... JC Penney was among the retailers targeted by Albert Gonzalez's ring of hackers. ... In December, JC Penney -- referred to as "Company A" in court documents -- argued in a filing that the attacks occurred more than two years ago, and that disclosure would cause "confusion and alarm." ... In a Jan. 12 filing, U.S. prosecutors argued for disclosure. "Most people want to know when their credit or debit card numbers have been put at risk, not simply if, and after, they have clearly been stolen," the government wrote. ... The U.S. Secret Service had told JC Penney that its computer system had been broken into. The retailer's system had "unquestionably failed," but the government said the Secret

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Service did not have evidence that payment card numbers were stolen.... [Date: 30 March 2010;  
Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174363/>

## NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

Nothing Significant to Report

## POSTAL AND SHIPPING

**(Iowa) Police: Homemade bombs explode in mailboxes.** Police say small homemade bombs exploded in two mailboxes outside of Des Moines, Iowa. No one was injured in either incident on Saturday in Clive. A Clive police spokesman says the devices were made from 2-liter bottles and household chemicals. Clive police say a similar incident in Des Moines last week may be related. Source: <http://www.ktiv.com/Global/story.asp?S=12217601>

## PUBLIC HEALTH

**Too much radiation? The FDA wants to know.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is holding two days of meetings on what should be done to increase the safety of increasingly popular imaging procedures. Specifically, the agency is seeking ideas to get manufacturers of the devices used for CT scans and fluoroscopy to set higher standards for their equipment and increase the amount of training they offer those who use the equipment. The aim is to “help reduce unnecessary patient exposure to ionizing radiation” during these procedures, the FDA said in announcing the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions. The imaging techniques, which are two of the top three contributors to total radiation exposure among Americans, use much higher radiation doses than standard X-rays, dental X-rays and mammography, potentially increasing the lifetime risk for cancer. In addition, accidental radiation exposure can result in injuries, such as burns, hair loss and cataracts. Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/health/too-much-radiation-the-fda-wants-to-know-483871.html>

**(Georgia) Georgia H1N1 cases spike; CDC blames low vaccination rates.** Health officials are carefully watching a spike in cases of the pandemic H1N1 flu in the Southeastern United States. Doctors test how transferable the virus is. Georgia is particularly worrisome, with 40 people admitted to hospital for the flu last week — more than in any other state, according to the director of the CDC’s National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. Georgia has outpaced the rest of the nation in laboratory-confirmed H1N1 flu cases admitted to hospitals for the past three weeks, she said in a telephone press conference Monday. The press conference — the first in several weeks to discuss the pandemic — was called largely because of the situation in Georgia, she said. The rate of H1N1 disease overall nationally is lower on average than last fall. She added that the number of hospital cases in the state is higher now than it was in early October, and since many cases of influenza-like illness are not tested for the virus, it’s possible that the number is underestimated. She said most of the people affected by the flu in Georgia have not been vaccinated, and indeed the state had one of the lowest vaccination rates in the country. Although investigation of the spike is still under way, she said, the CDC decided to call attention to it in order to reinforce the message that vaccination remains an important preventive measure. Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/SwineFluNews/georgia-h1n1-cases-spike-low-vaccination-rates-blamed/story?id=10238235>

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**Independent experts to review pandemic handling.** A group of independent experts will review how the H1N1 pandemic has been handled to ensure that the next global health emergency is dealt with better, a top World Health Organization official said on Monday. The H1N1 influenza outbreak, which began in April last year, was marked by controversies over whether the WHO and public health authorities had exaggerated the risks of H1N1 and created unnecessary alarm by declaring it a 'pandemic'. The WHO has also been criticized for its pandemic alert system that focuses on geographical spread of the outbreak rather than its severity, and on alleged conflicts of interests between health officials and experts and vaccine makers. The review will examine how well the WHO and its 193 member states prepared for and responded to the swine flu outbreak, whether the risks were fully understood or exaggerated and poor countries' access to vaccines, WHO's flu expert said. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSLDE62S0WT20100329>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Report: Body scans to become primary airport screening by 2011.** Despite concerns over the cost and benefits, privacy, reliability and safety of airport body scanners, the United States federal government plans to deploy 500 advanced imaging technology units this year, roll out 500 more in 2011 and operate a total of 1,800 units by 2014, according to testimony last week at a House Transportation Security and Infrastructure subcommittee hearing. The plan represents a "more than two-fold increase from the initial planned buy of 878 units," noted the Government Accountability Office's director for Homeland Security and Justice issues. "Second, the Transportation Security Administration now plans to use this technology as a primary rather than secondary screening measure." TSA last week deployed two of its new backscatter X-ray AIT units at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and Boston's Logan International and in 2009 "deployed 40 of the millimeter-wave AIT's at 19 airports nationwide and procured 150 backscatter X-ray units," according to the director's statement published by the GAO. Source: <http://www.securityinfowatch.com/node/1315445>

**(Arizona) New train 'robbers' cut brakes.** Two Mexican nationals have been arrested in recent days in connection with two burglaries on BNSF trains in the northern Arizona area Friday morning. The first burglary was reported near Williams, said a spokesperson for BNSF. Apparently undocumented aliens from Southern California cut the brake hoses on a train near Williams to disable it in order to offload a shipment of televisions, but were caught in the act. Coconino County Sheriff's Office deputies spotted a sport-utility vehicle near the scene where the televisions were offloaded and a short pursuit ensued, the spokesman said. The vehicle suddenly stopped and several people scattered into the forest. The second burglary was reported near the Winona area east of Flagstaff. Again, brake hoses were cut on a BNSF train to cause the train to engage emergency braking and stop. This time, the burglars unloaded computer equipment from one of the cars. Source: [http://www.azdailysun.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article\\_5b4154ba-80f1-51f1-9511-92c4f402f9b3.htm](http://www.azdailysun.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_5b4154ba-80f1-51f1-9511-92c4f402f9b3.htm)

**US transit security increased over Moscow blast.** U.S. transit agencies beefed up security as a precaution Monday following the suicide bombing in Moscow's subway system, sending more police into stations and having officers conduct random inspections of rail yards. In New York, caravans of

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police vehicles were dispatched to transit hubs, and officers assigned to subways overnight were held in place so they overlapped with the day tour. Special units distinguished by their special black uniforms, helmets, and body armor also were assigned to transit facilities. New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority acknowledged heightened security, but declined to provide details. In Washington, D.C., Metro police were conducting random inspections of stations and rail yards, officials said. Atlanta's public transit system said its police department was increasing the number of officers and patrols throughout the system. In Chicago, the city police department's public transportation section and Chicago Transit Authority personnel were watching closely for any suspicious activity or behavior, said a CTA spokeswoman. Representatives of transit agencies in Boston and Philadelphia said they believed their normal security practices were vigilant enough to protect the riding public. The federal government did not immediately make any recommendations for increased security at mass transit systems, but authorities were monitoring the situation, a U.S. official said. Caucasus Islamic separatists tend to be focused on targets in the region, primarily Russia, and are not generally considered a threat to U.S. domestic interests. Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iiWUN9MTQ7j6Zex1\\_afXOidwRDBAD9EODMSG0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iiWUN9MTQ7j6Zex1_afXOidwRDBAD9EODMSG0)

**(Florida) Man arrested in Carnival cruise ship bomb threat.** A bomb scare blamed on a passenger who had been drinking caused a five-hour delay in Sunday's return to Port Canaveral for the Carnival Cruise Ship Sensation, authorities said. No bomb was found and Brevard County deputies arrested a Virginia man accused of starting the scare. The ship was on its way back from Nassau, Bahamas, early Sunday when witnesses heard the "highly intoxicated" passenger say that "a bomb was about to explode," and "We are Jihad," said a U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer. The Coast Guard, FBI and Brevard deputies boarded Sensation at about 9:30 a.m. and after interviewing witnesses and the suspect, determined there was no bomb. The man, 31, was arrested. He bonded out of jail Sunday night after being charged with falsely threatening to detonate a bomb, Brevard jail officials said. Source:

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-cruise-ship-bomb-scare-20100328,0,2617995.story>

## **WATER AND DAMS**

**(Michigan) EPA settles with Drug and Laboratory Disposal on hazardous waste violations.** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 has reached an agreement with Drug and Laboratory Disposal Inc., Plainwell, Michigan, for alleged violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act requirements for hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities. The company has agreed to pay a penalty of \$41,300 to settle the violations. Drug & Laboratory Disposal failed to comply with the storage time limits, container labeling and dating rules of its operating license. The company also failed to follow hazardous waste container labeling provisions of RCRA. Under RCRA, EPA regulates hazardous waste from production to final disposal. Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/4128769994EE4545852576F20067545C>

**(California) OC beaches remain closed 5 days after sewage spill.** A large swath of Orange County beaches remains closed five days after a ruptured pipe sent more than 500,000 gallons of raw sewage into the ocean. Health officials said Sunday they would reopen the beaches once testing shows bacterial levels have fallen within state standards for two days in a row. Beaches from the breakwater at Dana Point Harbor to Capistrano Bay Community Beach are closed. A 24-inch iron wastewater pipe

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in Rancho Santa Margarita ruptured Tuesday afternoon, sending raw sewage gushing into a creek that emptied into the ocean at Doheny State Beach in Dana Point. Source: [http://www.times-standard.com/statenews/ci\\_14774564](http://www.times-standard.com/statenews/ci_14774564)

## **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

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**State Radio:** 800-472-2121 **Bureau of Criminal Investigation:** 701-328-5500 **Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455

**US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400 **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875 **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241

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