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Equipment thefts on the rise in ND oil patch. Law officers in North Dakota's bustling oil patch said equipment thefts are becoming a common crime, leaving some officials wondering if a theft ring is at work, the Associated Press reported September 27. Sheriff's offices in McKenzie, Williams, Mountrail, and Dunn counties have investigated thefts of skid-steer loaders. A McKenzie County sheriff said he wonders if thieves are selling the machines out of state. Thefts of other items, such as pickup trucks, tools, generators, and semitrailer-loads of well pipe worth hundreds of thousands of dollars also have been investigated. The Mountrail County sheriff said the thefts are not petty crimes. "Most of this stuff is an inside job," he said. Part of the problem is oil companies are so busy, they do not have the time or personnel to properly secure their own property, a Williams County chief deputy said. Source:

<http://www.chron.com/news/article/Equipment-thefts-on-the-rise-in-ND-oil-patch-2190649.php>

Enbridge restarts line after oil spill. Enbridge Inc. said September 26 it had restarted its 25,000 barrel per day Line 26 pipeline a day after closing it because of an oil spill at Berthold, North Dakota. An Enbridge spokeswoman said the Berthold pumping station and the pipeline had been restarted at 4 p.m. September 26 after being shut the night of September 25 when the leak was discovered. Filings to regulators said about 20 barrels of oil spilled when a relief valve at the pumping station broke off. A small amount the oil reached a marshy area. Line 26 runs from Berthold to Steelman, Saskatchewan, Canada. Enbridge does not expect the closure to affect scheduled deliveries on its system. Source:

<http://money.cnn.com/money/business/canada/archives/2011/09/20110926-151855.html>

Fire destroys Minto potato plant. A potato processing plant in Minto, North Dakota, was destroyed by a fire September 25. Authorities said workers were inside the Lone Wolf Farms plant when the fire started, but no one was hurt. The owner of the plant said the fire started in the packaging section of the plant as employees were just getting ready to ship potatoes. The family-owned plant cleans and ships potatoes to supermarkets and wholesalers around the country. The cause of the fire was not determined. Source: <http://www.kfgo.com/fm-headline-news.php?ID=0000005496>

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(Minnesota) BWCA fire now 45 percent contained. Firefighters continue to make progress on the wildfire burning in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) Wilderness in northeastern Minnesota. Fire information officials said September 25 that the fire was 45 percent contained and was burning over 146 square miles as nearly 880 firefighters worked on it. Crews were dousing spot fires with the help of helicopters dropping water. Some entry points into the protected wilderness remained closed. Campers were advised to check with the U.S. Forest Service for more details. Source: http://www.twincities.com/ci_18974737

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(Montana) Ft. Peck spillway given a rest, inspection and repair to begin. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced the end of Fort Peck Dam's spillway release for 2011 will be September 30. The Montana spillway released record levels of floodwater this year and has been flowing for a record 121 straight days. Released water from the spillway reached 52,000 cubic feet per second during the flood releases in June. The project plans to complete any needed repairs on the dam and spillway before next year's runoff season. Another priority will be to lower the reservoir 4 more feet by March 1 from the current pool of 2238.0 feet mean sea level (msl) to 2234.0 msl. March 1 is the target date for the Missouri River main-stem system to reach a flood storage level of 16.3 million acre feet. Fort Peck's share of this total flood storage is 22.6 percent or 3.675 million acre feet. Source: <http://www.examiner.com/economy-in-billings/ft-peck-spillway-given-a-rest-inspection-and-repair-to-begin>

(Montana) Bitterroot National Forest wildfire grows to 10,792 acres. The Up Top Fire in Montana was pushed to the north and east by 25 mile-per-hour winds September 25 and grew by another 1,100 acres. The fire is one of three burning in the 41 Complex in the Sapphire Mountains about 8 miles east of Hamilton, in the Bitterroot National Forest. The Up Top Fire grew to 10,792 acres and continued to burn actively on both sides of Skalkaho Highway. Smoke from the fire was visible the weekend of September 24 and 25 in the valley. Two helicopters dropped 56,200 gallons of water on hot spots along the Skalkaho Highway corridor September 25. The helicopters were using a 5,000-gallon portable water tank set up on the highway as their main water source. So far, aircraft have dropped more than 500,000 gallons of water and about 100,000 gallons of retardant on the 41 Complex fires. Skalkaho Highway remained closed between mile posts 14 and 26, and fire crews continue to clear hazard trees, burning and rolling debris, and rocks that are falling from the fire area onto the highway. The area closure around the Up Top and 41 fires remains in place. Railroad Creek Road #711 and the Butterfly Road #364 remain closed. Source: http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/article_7c01b678-e86f-11e0-b5a6-001cc4c002e0.html

(Montana) Park County livestock infected. Results of disease tests received September 23 for a cattle herd in Montana's Park County have confirmed some of the animals were infected with brucellosis. The tests were done on milk samples collected from six cows in the 150-head herd, Montana livestock officials said. Those animals were slaughtered September 22 after previous blood tests indicated the animals might be infected. Brucellosis has been largely eradicated nationwide but persists in wildlife in parts of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming around Yellowstone National Park. The remainder of the unidentified Park County herd has been quarantined. The infection marks the region's 15th found in cattle or domestic bison since 2004. Source: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20110924/NEWS01/109240312/Park-County-livestock-infected>

(Montana) Exxon Mobil to restart Mont. pipeline. A failed Exxon Mobil pipeline that spilled an estimated 42,000 gallons of oil into the Yellowstone River in Montana was expected to restart operations September 24 after federal officials approved repairs meant to prevent another accident. A quarter-mile segment of the 12-inch pipeline was replaced by drilling a new passage about 60 to 70 feet beneath the riverbed. That change makes it far less likely the Silvertip

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pipeline will fail a second time, the Montana Department of Environmental quality director said. The 20-year-old line broke near Laurel July 1 after flooding scoured the river bottom and exposed the pipe, which had been buried just 5 feet deep in some areas. Released oil fouled dozens of miles of riverbank, contaminated crops and pastureland, and was blamed for killing birds, reptiles and other wildlife. An investigation is pending into whether Exxon Mobil violated safety rules before the accident. Officials in Laurel had notified the company and federal regulators that they were worried about a potential failure of the line due to erosion. Federal pipeline safety officials said they had conducted an extensive review of the repairs made by Exxon Mobil to ensure the line could be operated in a safe and environmentally sound manner. The flow of oil will resume once integrity checks have been completed, a company spokeswoman said. Federal regulators also required that two more of the pipeline's river crossings be replaced, at Rock Creek, and the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9PUKCI00.htm>

(South Dakota) North levee in Dakota Dunes is down. The North Levee in the Dakota Dunes section of Union County, South Dakota, has been completely removed, the manager of the Dakota Dunes Community Improvement District said in a September 27 letter. Repairs will now focus on the plugged storm sewers on East/West Pinehurst, and Monterey Trail. This work will involve removing storm water inlets on the road, and replacing some pipe. Work was expected to begin the week of September 26 and should be finished within 25 days. The manager also reported that during October, crews would work on removal of portions of the southern levee behind Bayhill, Pebble Beach, and houses on Spanish Bay. Source: <http://www.kmeg14.com/story/15551839/north-levee-in-dakota-dune-is-down>

(Wyoming) 2 more listeria cases reported in Wyoming. Wyoming state health officials are investigating whether the death of a Sheridan County, Wyoming woman the week of September 19 is related to contaminated cantaloupes from Colorado. A Wyoming Department of Health spokeswoman said September 26 the woman died from exposure to listeria. She said two other nonfatal cases of listeriosis in Laramie County have been tied to the cantaloupes. More than 20 people have fallen ill and some have died in a number of states from exposure to the tainted cantaloupe. Health officials are advising people not to eat "Rocky Ford" cantaloupe from Jensen Farms of Granada, Colorado. Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_2235b842-e865-11e0-982b-001cc4c03286.html

(Wyoming) Wyoming gas plant shutdown crimps U.S. helium supply. A shutdown of a natural gas plant in Wyoming that caused a significant shortage in helium supply has ended, and production of the lighter-than-air gas used for everything from medical imaging to rocket launches to party balloons has resumed, an Exxon Mobil spokesman said September 23. The Shute Creek Gas Plant separates helium from natural gas pumped out of wells and is the world's largest helium facility, producing more than 20 percent of U.S. helium. Recent maintenance at the plant took longer than expected — about 6 weeks instead of 4. Production resumed in mid-September, but the delay had a negative effect on a global supply already tight from disruptions overseas, said a U.S. Bureau of Land Management spokesman. Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/24/3934951/wyoming-gas-plant-shutdown-crimps.html>

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Reduction in Missouri River flow ahead of schedule. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said recent dry weather along the Missouri River in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri reduced the amount of water flowing into the Missouri River and should allow it to hit its fall target of releasing 40,000 cfs on October 2. The Associated Press reported September 28 that the Corps gradually reduced the amount of water released from the six dams upstream since August 19. Throughout the summer, roughly 160,000 cubic feet of water per second was released from the dam near Yankton, South Dakota, creating flooding all along the lower Missouri River. Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Reduction-in-Missouri-River-flow-ahead-of-schedule-2192860.php>

Businesses are failing to maintain data security. The Payment Card Industry's Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) has matured in the 6 years since it was enacted, but businesses are failing to maintain their compliance with the security standard, according to a report released by Verizon Business September 28. In the report, Verizon Business analyzed more than 100 PCI compliance cases conducted in the last year. Its basic finding: The vast majority of firms are unable to remain compliant with the 12 requirements of the standard over the course of a year. Only 21 percent of firms stayed compliant with the Data Security Standards between their last successful assessment and their checkup a year later, the report found. The director of global PCI services for Verizon Business said, "We see many organizations do successful implementations, but we see a backslide as the year progresses, and then they end out of compliance for the rest of the year." Firms had problems with protecting card holder data, tracking and monitoring access to sensitive data, and regularly testing system security and processes, the report states. Source: https://www.infoworld.com/t/data-loss-prevention/businesses-are-failing-maintain-data-security-174219?source=rss_infoworld_top_stories

INTERNATIONAL

NATO urges Libyan regime to destroy chemical weapons. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) urged Libya's new regime September 27 to make plans to destroy stockpiles of chemical weapons and nuclear-related agents amassed by its ousted dictator. The NTC (National Transitional Council) was in control of facilities containing Libya's remaining stockpiles of chemical and nuclear-related agents, a spokesman for NATO's Libya mission said. He told a news briefing the facilities were in the south and center of the country. The NTC chief said September 24 that "banned weapons" were under their control. "We will call for Libyan technicians and the international community to get rid of these weapons safely," he said. The United States said last month that stockpiles of mustard agents and uranium yellowcake were secure, and that a U.S. envoy was speaking with the NTC about plans to assume control of facilities housing them. The former Libyan dictator renounced weapons of mass destruction in December 2003. He joined the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in 2004, but still needed to eliminate 11.25 tons of mustard gas when the uprising to remove him from

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power began in February. Source: <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=nato-urges-libyan-regime-to-destroy-chemical-weapons-2011-09-27>

Hydrogen accumulates in pipes at Fukushima's No. 1 reactor. Hydrogen has accumulated to a level higher than previously thought in pipes connected to Japan's Fukushima No. 1 reactor containment vessel, the plant's operator said September 23. But Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO) officials said an explosion was unlikely because nonflammable nitrogen was being pumped in to prevent oxygen from entering the containment vessel and triggering a blast. TEPCO said it is investigating the possibility hydrogen has also accumulated in a similar manner at the plant's No. 2 and No. 3 reactors. However, the company noted there was no way to tell whether the hydrogen in the pipes had been generated immediately after the onset of the crisis on March 11 or in later stages. Nor could TEPCO measure how much hydrogen may have been generated in the vessel. The nitrogen injections are believed to have lowered the hydrogen concentration considerably, but some hydrogen, being lighter than nitrogen, may be accumulating near the top of the vessel without being driven out. The hydrogen concentration was found to exceed 1 percent, the threshold of the measurement device. TEPCO said it was conducting a more detailed analysis on the concentration level. An explosion can occur in a gas containing more than 4 percent hydrogen, and more than 5 percent oxygen. Source: <http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201109240257.html>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Second quarter mortgage loan fraud suspicious activity persists. The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) September 28 reported in its Second Quarter 2011 Analysis of mortgage loan fraud suspicious activity reports (MLF SARs) that financial institutions filed 29,558 MLF SARs in the second quarter of 2011 up from 15,727 MLF SARs reported in the same quarter of 2010. A large majority of the MLF SARs examined in the second quarter involved mortgages closed during the height of the real estate bubble. The upward spike in second quarter MLF SAR numbers is directly attributable to mortgage repurchase demands and special filings generated by many institutions. For instance, FinCEN noted 81 percent of the MLF SARs filed during the quarter involved suspicious activities that occurred before 2008; 63 percent involved suspicious activities that occurred 4 or more years ago. Source:

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

Feds returning funds to online Ponzi scam victims. Federal authorities said September 26 they are returning \$55 million to people ripped off by an Internet-based Ponzi scam. The Justice Department and Secret Service announced that they are returning the funds to 8,400 victims who invested on sites run by AdSurf Daily Inc. The company's founder of Quincy, Florida, has been indicted in connection with the investigation but has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial. He is accused of drawing in investors by promising returns of 125-150 percent on their money if they would view Web sites for a few minutes each day. The U.S. attorney's office in Washington D.C. obtained money to repay victims through forfeiture of numerous bank accounts, real estate, luxury vehicles, and watercraft. Source:

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http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5itDhHyJl_Zm41GxHTr3KGXuSx_Pw?docId=e1638f9cc9f949f1b78e76050c210376

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Reactors could fail during an earthquake, maker says. GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy said September 30 that 35 reactors it built for utilities nationwide may not shut down properly during an earthquake. The likelihood of failure is "low," the company said in an advisory to customers on additional actions to take. GE Hitachi is recommending testing to determine what level of friction would prevent control rods from fully inserting into the reactor core during an earthquake, according to filings with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). "There is no discussion of a recall of any control rods at this point," an NRC spokesman said in an e-mail. "The focus is on testing as evaluations continue on whether any modifications are necessary." GE Hitachi's testing program also forces owners to replace defective control rods when reactors are shut down for refueling instead of continuing the tests. The shutdown "capability is expected to be affected due to the added seismic loads at low reactor pressures" in the boiling-water-reactor plants, GE Hitachi said in the filing. More testing is needed to determine how much friction is produced by "seismic loads," the filing noted. Source:

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/business/s_759421.html

(Michigan) Man charged after 4,000 pounds of explosives found. Federal authorities said a Michigan man bought and hid more than 4,000 pounds of explosives with enough firepower to equal the Oklahoma City bombing and told an undercover informant that "when the government takes over, we will be mercenaries." The 64-year-old was arrested the week of September 19 on a charge of possessing explosives while facing other charges, and ordered held following a September 26 court hearing. His attorney said the builder and farmer from Sault Ste. Marie obtained the materials years ago for construction projects. Prosecutors and agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) did not accuse the suspect of plotting to detonate the mixture of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil. An assistant U.S. attorney told the Associated Press he had "no idea" what the suspect planned to do with the materials. The federal charges were filed a month after the suspect was booked on many counts in Chippewa County, including larceny by false pretense, assaulting and resisting officers, falsely reporting a felony, and being a habitual offender. In an affidavit, an ATF agent said an informant told the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department the suspect sought help moving the explosive mixture from Sault Ste. Marie and hiding it in Dafter, a village a few miles away. The informant wore a recording device while performing the task September 20. The affidavit said a sheriff's detective listened to the recording and heard the "mercenaries" remark. The ATF agent said he obtained a search warrant the same day and found 83 bags of the mixture, each weighing about 50 pounds. The combined weight was about 4,150 pounds. The next day, he found explosive boosters, detonating cord, and blasting caps at the home of the suspect's mother. Another box of blasting caps was recovered in Sault Ste. Marie. The affidavit said many bags bore labels from companies in Iowa and Ohio. Federal law bars a person charged with a crime punishable by more than 1 year in prison from possessing an explosive shipped across state lines. The Mining Journal reported the ATF agent testified the

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suspect flew from Toronto to Cuba twice in 2008. A U.S. magistrate judge approved the government's request to keep the suspect in jail, describing the Cuba trips as "troubling."

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

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(California) White powder found in CBS mailroom in Los Angeles. Los Angeles police determined a white powder found September 28 in a letter addressed to the "Dancing With the Stars" television show was harmless, authorities said. The suspicious white powder was found around 2 p.m. in a mail room at CBS Television City, a large studio complex, according to a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department. A hazardous materials team gathered the powder and tested it before declaring it harmless. White powder has repeatedly been discovered in the mail at CBS' Television City. A similarly harmless envelope of white powder was sent to the same TV show in November 2010, days before the finale. In August 2010, an envelope addressed to a late night host was packed with white powder and a threatening letter. That letter came from overseas, and the powder was also found to be harmless. Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/28/3946236/white-powder-found-in-cbs-mailroom.html>

(Oklahoma) Bomb squad on scene of explosion near OKC church. An explosion occurred outside of a Oklahoma City, Oklahoma restaurant and church September 28. It happened inside a dumpster behind Penn Avenue Church of the Nazarene, a church that ministers to the homeless and addicts. Patrons at the nearby Hungry Frogs Restaurant said the building shook from the impact. A bomb robot found evidence of an explosive device. Investigators are now trying to put the device back together to figure out exactly what type of bomb it was. The area was closed off for several hours while investigators gathered evidence. Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/15568095/explosion-rocks-metro-restaurant>

(Idaho; Oregon) Animal-rights group claims responsibility for fireworks-fur shop arson. In a letter obtained by the Associated Press, a group called the North American Liberation Press has claimed responsibility for an arson that torched the Rocky Mountain Fireworks and Fur Co., north of Caldwell, Idaho, September 26. The fire broke out around 5 a.m. at the facility on Highway 20-26, damaging the store that sells fireworks and fur. Crews from Caldwell, Eagle, Middleton, Parma, and Star battled the fire, while morning rush-hour traffic was diverted away from Exit 26 of Interstate 84. The FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, and Tobacco, and Canyon County Sheriff's Office are investigating. On September 3, the North American Liberation Press claimed responsibility for destroying fencing at an Oregon elk farm. In June, the group targeted a Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, fur shop, soaking racks of clothing with chemicals. Source: <http://www.boiseweekly.com/CityDesk/archives/2011/09/26/animal-rights-group-claims-responsibility-for-fireworks-fur-shop-arson>

(Kansas) Bomb left beside Wichita church. Wichita, Kansas police were looking for one or more suspects who left a backpack full of homemade explosives next to a church in north Wichita September 24. A police official said members of the Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness Church were doing yard work when they came across a suspicious backpack next to the building that contained five homemade explosives. The bomb squad was called out and the explosives were

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properly disposed of. Source: <http://www.knsradio.com/Bomb-Left-Beside-Wichita-Church/11018992>

(Nevada) Hell's Angels motorcycle club member facing charges in deadly casino brawl. A member of the Hell's Angels motorcycle club was facing charges including assault with a deadly weapon September 25 after a brawl between club members devolved into a gunfight that left one person dead in Sparks, Nevada. Police said the victim of the shooting at John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort was a 51-year-old man who was president of the San Jose, California, chapter of the Hell's Angels. Two other people, both members of the Vagos motorcycle club, were in stable condition at hospitals after being shot in the abdomen and the leg, respectively. A 36-year-old was arrested after surveillance video showed him "shooting into the crowd" during the late September 23 melee, Sparks police said in a statement. The riot occurred during the Street Vibrations Fall Rally, an event that began September 21 and was expected to continue into September 25. After the shootings, however, the Sparks portion of the event was canceled through the weekend, the city announced September 24. The mayor of Sparks also declared a state of emergency. Besides assault with a deadly weapon, the shooting suspect also faces charges of carrying a concealed weapon; aiming a firearm at another; aiming or discharging a firearm where a person is endangered; and possession of stolen property/firearm, jail records show. His bail was set at \$500,000 cash only. Authorities reported that as many as 30 people took part in the casino brawl. Police responded with assistance from overhead helicopters. Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2011/09/25/justice/nevada-casino-brawl/index.html?eref=rss_topstories&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+rss/cnn_topstories+\(RSS:+Top+Stories\)](http://www.cnn.com/2011/09/25/justice/nevada-casino-brawl/index.html?eref=rss_topstories&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+rss/cnn_topstories+(RSS:+Top+Stories))

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Husqvarna Professional Products recalls RedMax brushcutter due to fire hazard. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Husqvarna Professional Products Inc., September 29 announced a voluntary recall of about 10,500 RedMax brushcutter/trimmers. Some fuel tanks allow leakage at the fuel cap, posing a fire hazard to consumers. The brushcutters were sold at authorized RedMax dealers and distributors throughout the United States and Canada. Consumers should immediately stop using the product and return it to their local RedMax dealer for repair. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11341.html>

More manufacturers recall firepot gel fuel. Five more companies recalled products connected to the recent incidents of injuries associated with pourable gel fuel and gel fuel pots September 28. More than 2 million gel fuel bottles made by nine manufacturers were recalled September 1, after reports that more than 60 people were burned and at least 2 killed because fire pots in which the fuel was burned had exploded. Flames from the sticky, burning fuel are not always

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visible, adding to the risk. More companies announced recalls of the fuel September 29, including Luminosities/Windflame, Fuel Barons, Smart Solar, Red Flame, and Bond Manufacturing. Source: <http://www.wgad.com/news/wgad-more-manufacturers-recall-firepot-gel-fuel-20110928,0,3511368.story?track=rss>

FAA fines Cessna \$2.4 million for composite part failure. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reported September 22 that it is proposing a \$2,425,000 civil penalty against Cessna Aircraft Co. after carbon composite parts of the wing of one of its Corvalis aircraft came apart during flight. On December 6, 2010, an FAA test pilot performing a production audit test flight in a Cessna Corvalis experienced a failure of the skin on the left wing. About 7 feet of the left wing skin separated from the forward spar and damaged a fuel tank. The pilot made an emergency landing. Subsequently, the FAA issued emergency airworthiness directives grounding 13 specific Corvalis aircraft that used wings and parts produced in Cessna's Chihuahua, Mexico, plant between December 17, 2009, and December 16, 2010. FAA investigators determined the wing skin separated from the spar due to excessive humidity in the factory that prevented the bonded materials from curing properly. The FAA alleges Cessna failed to follow its FAA-approved quality control system when it manufactured the wings on the damaged airplane, as well as 82 additional parts, in the Chihuahua factory. The manufacturer has since made improvements to the plant. Source:

<http://www.compositesworld.com/news/faa-fines-cessna-24-million-for-composite-part-failure>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

DoD extends program to defend cyber networks. As hackers and hostile nations launch increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks against U.S. defense contractors, the Pentagon is extending a pilot program to help protect its prime suppliers, the Associated Press reported September 26. The program could possibly serve as a model for other government agencies. It is being evaluated by the DHS, as part of a potential effort to extend similar protections to power plants, the electric grid, and other critical infrastructure. Efforts to better harden the networks of defense contractors come as Pentagon analysts investigate a growing number of cases involving the mishandling or removal of classified data from military and corporate systems. Intrusions into defense networks are now close to 30 percent of the Pentagon's Cyber Crime Center's workload, according to senior defense officials. They said it continues to increase. The Pentagon's pilot program is part of the U.S. Presidential administration's push to make critical networks more secure by sharing intelligence with the private sector, and helping firms better protect systems. In many cases, particularly for defense contractors, the corporate systems carry data tied to sensitive government programs and weapons. So far, the trial program involves at least 20 defense companies. It will be extended through mid-November, amid ongoing discussions about how to expand it to more companies and subcontractors.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2011/09/ap-pentagon-extends-program-defend-cyber-networks-092611/>

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) DHS demos cell phone-based chemical detector. The DHS's Science & Technology Directorate (DHS S&T) demonstrated in front of invited media and Web cast guests the first-ever cell phone capable of detecting life-threatening chemical exposures, dubbed the Cell-All, Urgent Communications reported September 29. The S&T worked with commercial vendors to miniaturize environmental sensors and embed them in commercial devices. The cell phone's capabilities were demonstrated by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), which used them to detect a mock carbon-monoxide incident. Cell-All is a unique environmental sensor and application for cell phones that enhances personal and public safety, ea DHS S&T spokesman explained. He said Cell-All detects and alerts individuals and public-safety authorities to the release of specific toxic chemicals into the environment. The alert is delivered to a device with specific data, such as exposure level or a map of the affected area. In addition, the chemical-detector-empowered cell phone has the potential to send two-way information anonymously. When a citizens' phone records a high reading, the chemical data and the person's location can be transmitted to an emergency operations center anonymously, which then can be sent to first-responder agencies, a spokesman for the LAFD said. Source:

http://urgentcomm.com/mobile_data/news/cellphone-chemical-detector-20110929/

U.S.-Mexico border governors sign crime-fighting pact. Governors along the U.S.-Mexico border agreed September 29 to examine how to create shared databases where they can swap DNA and other biometric information on criminals in an effort to curb the flow of guns and drugs between the two countries. Officials announced the agreement at the end of an annual conference of regional leaders from both sides of the border that this year failed to attract many chief executives. The nearly 3decade-old conference was designed to soothe tensions along the busy dividing line. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/30/us-mexico-border-idUSTRE78T0LB20110930?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

(Florida) 3 police officers shot; assailant dead. A Lake City, Florida man who shot three police officers then barricaded himself in a Northwest Irma Street home and held off law enforcement officers for 7 hours, was found dead in the home last night, officials confirmed at 9:18 p.m. September 23. "He had a self-inflicted injury," said the Columbia County Sheriff's Office public information officer. The man held authorities at bay by sporadically firing shots, shifting his position in the home, and utilizing a homemade tear gas device to keep them from entering the home. An investigator, sergeant, and officer all were shot as they approached the home September 23. The three were airlifted from the scene to Shands at the University of Florida hospital. None of the injuries were life threatening. SWAT team officers as well as Columbia County Sheriff's deputies, Lake City Police officers, and Florida Highway Patrol troopers answered an "all call" page and swarmed to the scene where the shooter was barricaded inside a house. Deputies from Alachua and Suwannee counties also responded. Source:

<http://www.lakecityreporter.com/articles/2011/09/24/news/doc4e7de70d01e87053903302.txt>

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ENERGY

(Delaware) Copper theft cuts power to 30,000 in Del., Md. Delaware State police said people who scaled the fences of two power substations and stole copper wire cut power to 30,000 customers. The incident occurred September 28 about 2:15 p.m. at two Delaware Power and Light power substations on the east and west sides of Kent Avenue south of Bethany Beach. Troopers said someone cut the copper grounding wires to several poles and two large transformers at both substations. The thieves fled with 250 feet of copper wire valued at about \$1,000. Police said they caused \$100,000 in damage to the substations. Source:

<http://www.chron.com/news/article/Copper-theft-cuts-power-to-30-000-in-Del-Md-2195122.php>

(Florida) Copper thief targets TECO substation, knocks out power. Nearly 4,000 residents in Lutz, Florida, lost power the morning of September 28 because a thief stole copper from a Tampa Electric Co. (TECO) power substation. As the thief cut the copper wire, electricity to residents was also cut. "The biggest thing is they damaged some of our equipment by cutting into copper," a TECO supervisor said. "They've taken the ground grid potential away and it's burnt a lot of our electrical wiring, which is our protection." Eight of TECO's 10 substations have been hit by copper thieves in the past few months. Three of the substations were hit during the week of September 25. As the thieves make a few hundred dollars, TECO must pay several thousand dollars to make repairs to each of their vandalized substations. Source:

<http://www.cfnews13.com/article/news/2011/september/320826/Copper-thief-targets-TECO-substation-knocks-out-power>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(New York) Bacteria reported in area raw milk. The New York state departments of Health and Agriculture and Markets warned residents in Tompkins County and surrounding areas not to consume unpasteurized raw milk produced at Jerry Dell Farm in Freeville, because of possible bacterial contamination, the Auburn Citizen reported September 30. In a press release September 29, the health department said two people who became ill after consuming raw milk from the farm tested positive for Campylobacter bacteria. Tests confirmed milk collected on the date that the first illness was reported, September 22, contained Campylobacter. The health department said raw milk sales at the farm would be suspended until tests show that the milk is free of pathogens. Source: http://auburnpub.com/news/local/article_06494dc4-eb08-11e0-801c-001cc4c002e0.html?ST=1

Carbon dioxide cooling may reduce Salmonella risk. Rapidly cooling eggs with carbon dioxide could decrease the risk posed by Salmonella, according to recent research, the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association reported September 28. A cooling process developed through research at Purdue University appears to not only inhibit bacterial growth, but also alter the pH in the eggs sufficiently to increase the activity of lysozyme, an enzyme that lyses gram-positive bacteria, a university announcement states. The gas is drawn into the egg shell during cooling, reversing the pH rise that occurs as carbon dioxide escapes from freshly laid

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eggs. The announcement indicates increasing such lysozyme activity would increase egg safety. A professor of food science who is one of the study authors said previous evaluations of use of the carbon dioxide cooling process have indicated the treatment would cost 3 to 7 cents for every dozen eggs, with the largest portion of that cost coming from delivery of the gas. A commercial version of the cooling system could bring egg temperatures to 45 degrees in less than 2 minutes, preventing population explosions among the small numbers of Salmonella organisms deposited near or on the yolk membranes in about 1 in 10,000 eggs, he said. He said additional research indicated egg quality was substantially improved among eggs treated with the rapid cooling method, and a report on those findings was under review. Source:

<http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/oct11/111015o.asp>

(Texas) Texas ranchers suffer \$152 million in wildfire losses. The wildfires that have roared across Texas in the past 9 months have caused \$152 million in direct losses to the state's farmers and ranchers, economists at Texas A&M University estimated September 28. The losses will continue to stack up, the director of homeland security and emergency management programs said at the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service. "Structures, equipment, livestock, fences, pasture, and timber continue to be lost on a daily basis," he said. The most significant loss for most has been the destruction of nearly 6,000 miles of agricultural fencing, enough to span the continent from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific more than two and a half times. Fencing is one of the biggest expenses of the farming and ranching industry. The Agri-Life extension service reported the average cost of a four-to six-wire fence with steel posts, the most common type for plains ranchers, is about \$10,000 per mile. More than 1,500 horses, cattle, sheep, and goats have been killed by the wildfires, he said. Some 198 agricultural structures have been destroyed, as well as assorted pieces of agricultural equipment, and 2.9 million acres of pasture land. Some 3.7 million acres have burned in Texas since wildfire season began in November 2010, making it the most destructive in state history. Source:

<http://news.yahoo.com/texas-ranchers-suffer-152-million-wildfire-losses-220043000.html>

Cargill ground turkey positive for outbreak strain. A sample of ground turkey from Cargill's September 11 recall of 185,000 pounds of ground turkey tested positive for the Salmonella Heidelberg outbreak strain, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) said September 27. In updating the earlier recall notice with confirmation of the outbreak strain, FSIS said lab results from the sample taken August 24 indicate the isolate is resistant to ampicillin, gentamicin, streptomycin, and tetracycline. The September 11 recall was in addition to Cargill's August 3 recall of 36 million pounds of fresh and frozen ground turkey products produced over 5 months at the company's Springdale, Arkansas plant. The turkey is implicated in an outbreak that as of September 14, had infected 119 people in 32 states with Salmonella Heidelberg, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/cargill-ground-turkey-positive-for-outbreak-strain/>

(Ohio) Ground beef recall tied to Ohio E. coli outbreak. An undisclosed number of E. coli O157:H7 illnesses in Ohio has prompted Tyson Fresh Meats Inc. to recall 131,300 pounds of ground beef, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) said

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

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

(Pennsylvania) Pa. company recalls pureed pork products. K. Heeps Inc. of Allentown, Pennsylvania, recalled about 5,550 pounds of pureed pork products that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service said September 26. The recall affects 4.5 pound boxes of Imperial Sysco "Puree Shaped Meats Country Style Pork and Binder Product." The boxes have the mark "EST. 9379" inside the USDA inspection mark. They were produced June 16 and shipped to California, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Utah, and Virginia as well as Pennsylvania for institutional use. The department said two consumers reported finding small metal fragments in the products that may have come from blending equipment at the plant. There have been no reports of injuries. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-pa-porkproductsrecal,0,5275384.story>

(Ohio) Pepperidge Farm recalls baked naturals sesame sticks. Pepperidge Farm has recalled about 13,000 cases of its Baked Naturals Sesame Sticks manufactured at a plant in Willard, Ohio, because they may contain small thin pieces of wire, the Pine-Richland Patch reported September 24. The company, in a statement, said it would voluntarily recall the 10.2-ounce boxes of sesame sticks as a precaution because a few customers reported scrapes in or around their mouths after eating the sesame sticks. The sesame sticks were manufactured and shipped from the Pepperidge Farm plant in Willard, Ohio, and bear sell-by dates between November 20 and January 1. No other Pepperidge Farm items are involved in the recall. Boxes subject to the recall are marked with a yellow banner across the top of the package that reads "20% More!" Source: <http://pine-richland.patch.com/articles/pepperidge-farm-recalls-baked-naturals-sesame-sticks>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

U.S. ambassador safe after Syria attack. The U.S. ambassador to Syria was safe September 29 after being attacked by a pro-government group in Syria, a U.S. government official told CNN. The ambassador, who has been outspoken against the Syrian government's use of violence against protesters, is seen by pro-government supporters as an activist more than a diplomat. The U.S. ambassador sparked a diplomatic firestorm in July when he traveled to the restive city of Hama to express support for demonstrators. He was welcomed with flowers by local

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residents who had suffered a brutal crackdown by government forces. A crowd tried to assault him and embassy colleagues "as they went about doing the normal work of any embassy," a State Department spokesman said. Syrian security officers helped secure a path back to the U.S. embassy for the ambassador and his staff. The U.S. Secretary of State condemned what she described as "an unwarranted attack" when the ambassador and his aides were conducting "normal embassy business." Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/09/29/world/meast/syria-us-ambassador/?hpt=wo_c2

DOJ: U.S. guard tried to pass photos to China. A former contract guard at a U.S. consulate in China has been charged with attempting to pass secrets to the country. The U.S. guard, 31, had been trying to share photographs and other information related to national defense to China from March to August 2011, the Department of Justice said September 28. Prosecutors said he lied when he told the FBI that a letter he wrote to Chinese officials stating his "interest in initiating a business [arrangement]" was done with the intent to help the FBI, and when he said the reason he was photographing the consulate was to help the agency. His alleged attempts to pass photographs and other data to China were made "with the intent and reason to believe that these materials would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation," the Justice Department stated in its press release. The suspect was first charged August 31 with two counts of making false statements, and he was arrested September 1. On September 21, he failed to appear at a Washington D.C. hearing and fled, but 3 days later the FBI tracked him down in Los Angeles. He will return to Washington for his arraignment. Source: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0911/64687.html>

(Washington, D.C.) U.S. man charged in Pentagon, Capitol explosive plot. U.S. authorities September 28 arrested and charged a Massachusetts man with plotting to damage or destroy the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. by using remote-controlled aircraft filled with plastic explosives. The man, 26, a U.S. citizen, was also charged with attempting to provide support and resources to al-Qa'ida to carry out attacks on U.S. soldiers overseas, the U.S. attorney's office in Boston said. He was arrested after an undercover operation. The statement said the public was never in danger from the devices, which were controlled by undercover FBI employees. If convicted, the alleged plotter faces up to 15 years in jail for providing support to foreign terrorists, up to 20 years on a charge of attempting to destroy national defense premises, and up to 20 years on a charge of attempting to damage and destroy buildings owned by the United States. Authorities said the physics graduate from Northeastern University in Boston began planning to commit a violent "jihad" against the US in early 2010, calling Americans "enemies of Allah." The man, allegedly modified mobile phones to act as electrical switches for improvised explosive devices. He is accused of supplying the phones to undercover FBI agents, whom he believed were members of, or recruiters for, al-Qa'ida. The man allegedly told a cooperating witness he planned to attack the Pentagon using "small drone airplanes" filled with explosives and guided by GPS equipment. He later expanded the plot to include an attack on the Capitol, and hoped to follow the aerial assault with a ground assault involving six people armed with automatic weapons, the affidavit said. Authorities said he traveled to Washington, D.C., to conduct surveillance and take photographs of his targets, and identified sites at East Potomac Park, near the Capitol, from which he planned to launch his explosive-

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filled aircraft. He then delivered two thumb drives to the agents with detailed attack plans with step-by-step instructions. An F-86 Sabre remote-controlled aircraft was delivered to the suspect's Framingham, Massachusetts, storage unit in August, according to the affidavit. His arrest came immediately after he took possession of various weaponry from the undercover agents — including explosives, grenades, and AK-47 assault rifles — and locked them in his storage unit, the affidavit said. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/29/us-usa-security-idUSTRE78R6KS20110929?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

Diebold voting machines vulnerable to remote tampering via man-in-the-middle attack.

Researchers at the Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory have demonstrated an electronic "man in the middle" attack that allows remote tampering with the Diebold AccuVote voting system, Ars Technica reported September 28. Argonne's Vulnerability Assessment Team (VAT) has previously exposed the same sort of vulnerability in Sequoia AVC machines in 2009, and believe the attack could be used against a wide range of voting machines. The attack requires tampering with voting machine hardware, and allows for votes to be changed as the voter prepares to commit them. But the devices require no actual changes to the hardware — the hardware required to make the attacks can be attached and removed without leaving any evidence that it had ever been there. The VAT team leader said in a video posted by the voting watchdog site the Brad Blog that the physical security measures taken to protect voting machines in many states are inadequate to protect them from pre-Election Day tampering. "They're often kept a week or two before elections in a school or church basement," the team leader said. And the modifications can be made without picking locks or breaking seals on the devices. Source: <http://arstechnica.com/business/news/2011/09/diebold-voting-machines-vulnerable-to-remote-tampering-via-man-in-the-middle-attack.ars>

(Massachusetts) Harvard Web site hacked with pro-Syria message. The home page of Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Harvard University was hacked September 26 in what was described as a "sophisticated" attack that briefly defaced the site with a message accusing the U.S. of supporting the uprising against Syria's president. Accompanying an image of the Syrian President was a message that said "SyRiAn ELeCTronic ArMy WeRe HeRE," according to a screenshot captured by the BBC. The defacement included an anti-U.S. diatribe that accused the United States of supporting a "policy of killing" in Syria, the BCC reported. A Harvard spokesman said the university is examining the hack to improve network security. "The university's homepage was compromised by an outside party September 26. We took down the site for several hours in order to restore it," he told the BBC. "The attack appears to have been the work of a sophisticated individual or group." Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-20111923-83/harvard-web-site-hacked-with-pro-syria-message/

(Alaska) White powder prompts evacuation in Anchorage. An envelope containing white powder prompted the evacuation of the federal building in Anchorage, Alaska, September 23. An FBI spokesman said the evidence has been delivered to the state lab in Anchorage for analysis, but initial field testing turned up negative for toxins. Further results might be released as early as September 24. The envelope was opened in the U.S. district court clerk's office. Besides the powder, there was a note inside. However, authorities didn't release the note's

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contents or any additional details. Source:

<http://www.lakewyliepilot.com/2011/09/24/1270140/white-powder-prompts-evacuation.html>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Skype for iOS updates address XSS vulnerability. Skype released updates to its popular VoIP app for Apple's iOS mobile operating system. While not officially documented in the list of changes, a spokesperson for the company confirmed to H Security that version 3.5.84 of Skype for iOS addresses a previously reported vulnerability that could allow an attacker to gain access to a victim's contact list using a cross-site scripting exploit. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Skype-for-iOS-updates-address-XSS-vulnerability-1350769.html>

Cyber security evaluation tool released by DHS. The DHS launched a product called Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET) in the effort of aiding organizations in properly securing digital property, Softpedia reported September 28. The tool allows users to know the weak links in their systems and what needs to be improved so cybercriminal activities can be prevented and combated. The CSET application compares the network infrastructure of the user with industry rules. It then lists recommendations that should help enhance the safeguarding of the enterprises cyber structure. According to the product's fact sheet, it incorporates many standards from different organizations such as National Institute of Standards and Technology, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, International Organization for Standardization, and U.S. Department of Defense. When the operator selects one or more of the standards, the CSET will require her to answer a few questions. Based on these answers, a full report will be generated to show what can be improved. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cyber-Security-Evaluation-Tool-Released-by-DHS-224153.shtml>

Scammers pretend to be friendly office printers. Hackers have found a new hook to trick people into opening malicious attachments: sending e-mails that purport to come from office printers, many of which now have the ability to e-mail scanned documents, IDG News Service reported September 27. The e-mails invariably contain a Trojan downloader that can be used to download other malware or steal documents from the computer. They have the subject line "Fwd: Scan from a HP Officejet" and read "Attached document was scanned and sent to you using a Hewlett-Packard HP Officejet 05701J" and then "Sent by Morton." A senior analyst at Symantec said it is common for the scammers to spoof the sender's name and make it appear the e-mail came from the same domain as the one that belongs to the recipient. The attachment is a ".zip" file, which experts think seems odd. Most printers with e-mail sending ability can't send a ".zip" file; those printers mostly send image files. Although Windows has the ability to open ".zip" files, there is evidence the scammers are trying to obscure the ".zip" extension for those who use third-party tools to unzip the content. In some archiving tools, the malicious attachment appears to have a ".doc" or ".jpg" file extension. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220315/Scammers_pretend_to_be_friendly_office_printers

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MySQL hack leads to BlackHole exploit. The MySQL Web site was hacked September 26 with a redirect to a malicious domain added. According to a blog post by the CEO of the Web application company Armorize, it redirected to a domain hosting the BlackHole pack that exploits the visitor's browser and plugins to secretly install malware. "The visitor doesn't need to click or agree to anything; simply visiting mysql.com with a vulnerable browsing platform will result in an infection", he wrote. According to a security blogger, he was on "a fairly exclusive Russian hacker forum" the week of September 18 and stumbled upon a member selling root access to mysql.com. The blogger noted MySQL is "a prime piece of real estate for anyone looking to plant an exploit kit." It boasts almost 400,000 visitors per day. "He offered to sell remote access to the first person who paid him at least \$3,000 via the site's Escrow service" according to the security blogger. He said it was possible that 120,000 visitors to the site could have been exposed to the exploit kit. Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/mysql-hack-leads-to-blackhole-exploit/article/212902/>

Experts suggest SSL changes to keep BEAST at bay. Cryptographers have described a simple way Web site operators can insulate themselves against a new attack that decrypts sensitive Web traffic protected by secure sockets layer protocol. The suggestions published September 23 by two-factor authentication service PhoneFactor suggest Web sites use the RC4 cipher to encrypt SSL traffic instead of newer, and cryptographically stronger, algorithms such as AES and DES. Google Web servers are already configured to favor RC4, according to this analysis tool from security firm Qualys. A Google spokesman said the company used those settings "for years." In stark contrast, eBay's PayPal payment service favors AES, making the site at least theoretically vulnerable to BEAST, an attack toolscheduled to be demonstrated September 23. Short for Browser Exploit Against SSL/TLS, its creators said it targets a long-documented vulnerability in some encryption algorithms that cryptographers previously believed was not practical to exploit. The researches said they refined the attack enough to decrypt SSL-protected Web traffic using a piece of JavaScript that injects plaintext into the encrypted request stream. They said they plan to prove the attack is practical by using it to recover an encrypted cookie used to access a user account on PayPal. The chosen plaintext-recovery at the heart of BEAST attacks algorithms that use a mode known as CBC, or cipher block chaining, in which information from a previously encrypted block of data is used to encode the next block. CBC is present in both AES and DES, but not in RC4. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/09/23/google_ssl_not_vulnerable_to_beast/

Data stealing apps released on Android Market. Five new tools have hit the Android Market, which can be used by app developers who want to make a profit. Bitdefender has identified the threat as Android.Spyware(dot)GoneSixty.Gen. The stealer has to be downloaded and installed to the victim's device first, but after this job is done, the rest of the operation is straightforward. The tool is then capable of uploading to an Internet location all the information found on the phone, such as messages, contact lists, and browser history. The stolen data can be accessed by entering a code on the developer's site and while contact lists are free, the more sensitive information is made available if a \$5 fee is paid. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Data-Stealing-Apps-Released-on-Android-Market-223660.shtml>

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(District of Columbia) Engineers find 'expected' damage at monument. The team inspecting earthquake damage at the Washington Monument in Washington D.C. is finding "expected" problems with the exterior stones which support the structure. But a National Park Service (NPS) spokesman said the agency believes the monument remains structurally sound. "They found what they were expecting to find: they found loose mortar, loose grouting, [and] some cracks," a NPS spokesman said September 29. "They have identified areas of interest that need further examination." A four-person team of engineers and architects spent 3 hours, September 29, re-inspecting the stones that form the pyramidal top of the monument. They had looked over those same stones September 28. The monument grounds are closed to tourists. Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/local/engineers-find-expected-damage-at-monument-092911>

(California) 100K plants seized from clandestine forest gardens. Anti-drug agents September 28 seized more than 100,000 marijuana plants from clandestine gardens hidden in mountain forests near California's northern border. The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office said the raid with U.S. Forest Service agents netted more than 31,000 plants. Authorities said three to four suspects appear to have fled the site a week earlier, leaving behind a large tent and food. The Siskiyou Daily News reported that earlier in September, raids of five gardens near Happy Camp pulled in more than 70,000 plants. Agents found abandoned tents and living areas at the sites. All the plants seized in the raids — possibly worth hundreds of millions of dollars on the street — were slated to be destroyed. Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/28/3945679/100k-plants-seized-from-clandestine.html>

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

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

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Texas) Data breach exposes millions of TRICARE patients. A massive data breach could affect millions who have received care from military facilities in San Antonio, Texas, since 1992. TRICARE, a health care program that serves active and retired military, released a statement about the breach on their Web site. According to the statement, on September 14, 2011, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) reported a data breach involving

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personally identifiable and protected health information impacting an estimated 4.9 million military clinic and hospital patients. The data was contained on backup tapes from an electronic health care record used in the military health system to capture patient data from 1992 through September 7, 2011. The information may include Social Security numbers, addresses and phone numbers, and some personal health data such as clinical notes, laboratory tests, and prescriptions, the release stated. TRICARE said in the statement the risk of harm to patients is low because retrieving the data would require knowledge and access to specific hardware, software and knowledge of the system and data structure. According to the release, the incident is being investigated, and SAIC and TRICARE are reviewing data-protection security policies and procedures to prevent similar breaches in the future. Source:

<http://www.ksat.com/news/29336557/detail.html>

TRANSPORTATION

(Hawaii) 22 large solar panels stolen from Big Island FAA navigation facility. Police on Hawaii's Big Island are investigating the theft of about two dozen solar panels from a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) facility in Puna. They said sometime between September 13-17, a dozen panels were stolen and two damaged at the FAA navigation facility. Between September 18-22, a vehicle was used to ram the front gate to remove 10 more panels. The FAA navigation facility sends signals to commercial airlines flying in the Pacific region. Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/3a285dd8cf194f538498ea033326564e/HI--Solar-Panel-Theft/>

(New York) Saudi man arrested at New York airport with bag full of weapons. A Saudi man was arrested at New York's John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport after Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials spotted a stun gun and four other weapons in his checked bag, the New York Post reported September 24. The man, age 54, was arrested in a first-class lounge at JFK at 4 p.m. September 22 after agents found the contraband in his luggage before he boarded a Saudi Airlines flight to Riyadh, authorities said. A TSA agent initially spotted the outline of weapons inside a black bag that the man had checked — and a peek inside the luggage by another TSA agent revealed a fully operable battery-powered electric stun gun. Also found were three “electric stun batons,” an “electric stun pen,” and a large can of pepper spray, authorities said. Source:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/09/24/saudi-man-arrested-at-new-york-airport-with-bag-full-weapons/>

WATER AND DAMS

(Pennsylvania) Merck spilled 31 tons of toxic fluid into river. Human error caused Merck & Co. to spill 20 tons of ethylene glycol, an anti-freeze, into the Susquehanna River near Riverside, Pennsylvania, August 2, 2007, and, hours later, another 11 tons, according to a federal lawsuit filed September 28 against the pharmaceutical maker. The lawsuit was filed with a settlement agreement that brought a \$1.5 million fine against Merck for environmental violations at plants in Northumberland and Montgomery counties. The 93-page lawsuit alleges many missteps at

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the Riverside facility, including repeated accidental discharges of hazardous waste such as ammonia and anti-freeze, failure to notify appropriate authorities when waste was discharged, poor maintenance practices, and inadequate equipment testing practices. The spills “had a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting health or the environment and could have been prevented,” the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said. The lawsuit alleges the spills were caused by workers who did not turn off valves or failed to properly use equipment. Source: http://dailyitem.com/0100_news/x1190853275/Merck-spilled-31-tons-of-toxic-fluid-into-river

(Missouri) Water tower victimized by shooter. Poplar Bluff city officials are offering a \$5,000 reward in the search for the person who shot a water tower in the southeast Missouri town. The Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic reported the 500,000-gallon tower in Poplar Bluff was put back into service September 15 after maintenance. A resident saw water coming out of the tower September 17, and a bullet hole was found as the cause of the leak. Crews drained the water and the bullet was sent to a crime lab for analysis. The tower was repaired, and crews began filling the tank September 27. The tower could be back in service by September 30. Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/article_04053327-68f4-5cda-bce4-e90570094e13.html

(Oregon) Man charged in trespass at dam. A 21-year-old Eugene, Oregon man is facing federal charges alleging he entered into and took pictures from a restricted area atop Lookout Point Dam in Lane County, Oregon, but it appears that the incursion was not part of any plot to sabotage the dam, the Eugene Register-Guard reported September 24. He was charged with one count of entering a restricted area and one count of entering a military area for unlawful purposes in connection with a March 2 incident. The dam is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Security cameras captured images of a white male inside the fenced perimeter of the dam dressed in camouflage clothing. He also appeared to be carrying a camera and taking photographs. The Corps issued a news release soon after the incident. Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/updates/26924723-46/dam-corps-area-nelson-case.html.csp>

Illnesses from contaminated swimming water increasing. Eight people died and about 14,000 people in 38 states and Puerto Rico were sickened by bacteria and other bugs picked up during recreational swimming activities in a 2-year period ending in December 2008, a new U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report shows. In addition, more than 4,000 people were sickened and 3 died due to drinking dirty water in the same January 2007-December 2008 period, according to a separate CDC study of data from 23 states and Puerto Rico. Both reports were published in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) for September 23. CDC researchers said there were 134 outbreaks of recreational water illness, the highest number ever reported in a 2-year period, and a 72 percent increase since 2005-2006. Of the 134 outbreaks, 60.4 percent caused gastrointestinal illness, 17.9 percent skin problems, and 12.7 percent acute respiratory disease. In the second report on illnesses due to drinking water, CDC researchers counted 36 outbreaks in 23 states and Puerto Rico that led to 4,128 illnesses and 3 deaths. More than half of the episodes were associated with untreated or inadequately treated ground water, an indication, according to the researchers, that ground water

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contamination remains a significant public health problem. The CDC said additional efforts are needed to monitor and protect sources of ground water. Source:

<http://www.webmd.com/news/20110922/illness-increasing-from-contaminated-swimming-water>

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