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- A California jury convicted a man of attempted murder for a 6-month string of bizarre attacks on police that included improvised booby traps and the firing of a World War II-era bazooka at a police station. – *Associated Press* (See item [32](#))
- On the morning of November 7, a software glitch in the Internet's "Border Gateway Protocol" created a ripple effect that crashed data networks around the world, forcing millions of people offline. – *CNN Money* (See item [39](#))

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Energy Sector

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

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

1. *November 8, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Tanker truck explodes on N.J. Turnpike; at least 1 injured.** A gasoline tanker truck carrying 8,500 gallons of fuel erupted in flames in an accident with a minivan on the New Jersey Turnpike near Carlstadt November 7, injuring several people and causing traffic on both sides of the highway to be diverted, police said. The injuries to the victims were not believed to be life-threatening, said a spokesman for the New Jersey State Police. At about 11 p.m., the fire was completely put out, he said. The circumstances of the incident, which

occurred shortly before 9 p.m., are currently being investigated. Northbound traffic was being diverted at Exit 16W, and southbound traffic was being directed to the eastern extension of the Turnpike. It is unknown early November 8 when the highway would reopen.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/11/tanker_truck_explodes_on_nj_tu.html

2. *November 7, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Ethanol plant will pay \$700,000 pollution fine.** United Ethanol agreed to pay \$700,000 to settle allegations its plant in Milton, Wisconsin, violated air pollution laws periodically over several years, it was announced November 7. A complaint filed by the Wisconsin Justice Department alleged 15 different violations of air pollution laws. According to the complaint, the company exceeded its air emission limits, and failed to install and maintain air pollution control equipment. The complaint also indicated the company failed to take measures to control odors at the plant. The company agreed to provide the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with an annual environmental compliance audit report for the next 3 years, and hire an independent environmental consultant to conduct a complete audit of the plant. The fine or violations will not affect ongoing plant operations, the company said. According to the complaint, air emissions testing showed violations beginning in 2007 of particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide. The plant would periodically meet standards of its air permit for these and other pollutants, and then fall into violation.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/wisconsin/ethanol-plant-will-pay-700000-pollution-fine-e22v5fc-133415268.html>

3. *November 7, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **4 injured at Iowa ethanol plant.** Four workers were injured November 7 during an accident at a Nevada, Iowa ethanol plant. At 2:15 p.m., the Nevada Fire Department answered reports of an explosion at Lincolnway Energy, according to the fire chief. A power surge ruptured a steam line, burning two workers and knocking another worker over a railing, the Associated Press reported. The injured workers were taken to Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames with injuries that were not life-threatening. A fourth injured worker refused medical treatment at the scene. The fire chief said the fire department has dealt with small fires and minor injuries at the plant before. Fire and plant officials will meet over the next several days to determine the exact cause of the accident, and review safety precautions and procedures.

Source:

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20111107/NEWS/311070042/Update-4-injured-at-Iowa-ethanol-plant?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|News>

4. *November 7, WLS-AM 890; Associated Press* – (Indiana) **2,100 leaking underground tanks litter Indiana.** The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is tracking about 2,100 sites with leaking tanks, many of which contain gasoline and diesel fuel that can damage soil and contaminate groundwater, WLS-AM 890 and the Associated Press reported November 7. Property owners are responsible for most of those cleanups, which the state agency estimates would cost \$400 million to complete. Many of the 28 sites being cleaned up using federal stimulus money have been

abandoned. In one such case, the agency is planning a \$130,000 cleanup for the former Jerry's Marathon in the Allen County town of Monroeville. Laws passed in the 1980s required that property owners notify the federal government if they had underground tanks. If they did, the tank also had to meet, by 1998, new regulations designed to help prevent leaks. State environmental officials have spent \$2.6 million of the federal grant the agency received in 2009. The agency said some 200 to 300 cleanups are completed each year around Indiana, while it receives 150 to 170 new confirmed reports of leaking tanks during the same time. The state's current list of about 2,150 leaking tanks simply covers those that IDEM know about, with an unknown number of others that have yet to be detected.

Source: <http://www.wlsam.com/Article.asp?id=2328586&spid=>

5. *November 7, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **Failed pipeline near Woodside was damaged before Sunday's explosion.** The segment of pipe that failed during a pressurized water test November 6 in Woodside, California, was apparently damaged by a backhoe sometime in the past 60 years, according to Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) officials, but when the damage exactly occurred is unknown. No one was injured when a segment of Line 132 exploded at 3:20 p.m. off Interstate 280, but it created a mudslide that closed northbound lanes for hours. It also left a 5-by-5-foot crater roughly 100 yards from homes. The segment is some 20 miles south of the site where another part of Line 132 exploded in San Bruno in September 2010, killing eight people and destroying a neighborhood. A PG&E spokesman said that hole and the rupture November 6 are from two different segments, and crews are still working to find and fix the pinhole. He said the ruptured pipe had a dent that was likely caused by a third-party contractor using a backhoe sometime after the seamless pipe was installed in 1947.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/peninsula/2011/11/failed-pipeline-near-woodside-was-damaged-sundays-explosion>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *November 7, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Indictment: Aurora dry cleaners dumped chemicals on Denver street.** The owners of Continental Fabric Care abandoned a tractor-trailer containing drums of dangerous chemicals on a Denver, Colorado street, according to an indictment November 7. The company and its two owners never obtained a permit to dispose of or store the dry-cleaning chemicals, according to the 5-page indictment, filed in Denver District Court. The indictment also alleges the pair lied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency about the matter. On June 12 last year, a Denver fire lieutenant contacted a Colorado Attorney General's Office investigator after employees of a business in the 3700 block of Nome Street noticed chemical odors coming from the abandoned semi, according to the indictment. At about the same time, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment learned details about the hazardous waste in the trailer, which was parked on the street for 3

days. Health department inspectors found several 55-gallon drums and containers filled with chemicals.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_19281921

7. *November 7, Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **Dow Chemical, EPA agree to Tittabawassee River cleanup plan adjacent to Midland plant.** The cleanup in the Tittabawassee River along Dow Chemical Co.'s Midland, Michigan, plant will start next year, Saginaw News reported November 7. The week of October 31, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Dow signed an agreement requiring the chemical giant to clean the pollutants in a 3-mile stretch of river called Segment 1. This is the first of several segments in the EPA and Dow's major cleanup project. The EPA organized Segment 1 into six management areas, to clean different chemicals, which include chlorobenzenes and dense non-aqueous phase liquid, a heavy liquid that does not mix with water. Plans for the various segments call for everything from placing a clean cap over contaminated sediment to isolate and stabilize it, to dredging, disposing of, and/or removing and treating contaminated sediment and dense nonaqueous phase liquid.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/midland/index.ssf/2011/11/dow_chemical_epa_agree_to_tittabawassee_river_cleanup_plan_adjacent_to_midland_plant.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *November 8, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Pontiac G8 air bag defect.** General Motors (GM) is recalling 38,444 model year 2008-2009 Pontiac G8 vehicles manufactured from November 2, 2007 through January 22, 2009. A 5th percentile female anthropomorphic test device (ATD) in a 30 mph frontal barrier test exceeded the head injury criteria requirements of the standard. With the front passenger seat positioned full forward, the seat position sensor will cause a 30-millisecond deployment delay between the first and second stages of the dual-stage frontal passenger air bag. In the event of a crash, this delay may result in increased head injury to certain front seat occupants. GM dealers will reprogram the sensing and diagnostic module free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule.

Source: [http://www-](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=11V534000&summary=true&prod_id=396765&PrintVersion=YES)

[odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=11V534000&summary=true&prod_id=396765&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=11V534000&summary=true&prod_id=396765&PrintVersion=YES)

9. *November 7, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites Sneed Shipbuilding in Channelview, Texas, for exposing workers to safety hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) November 7 cited Sneed Shipbuilding Inc. for 14 serious, seven repeat, and four other-than-serious violations for exposing workers to multiple safety hazards at the company's facility in Channelview, Texas. Proposed penalties total \$150,700. OSHA's Houston North Area Office began its investigation June 7 at the Market Street shipyard where workers perform electrical, plumbing, welding and maintenance work. Some of the serious violations include failing to: repair a defective hook latch on a crane; ensure the appropriate use of lockout equipment for energy sources; provide training on confined spaces; repair damaged welding cables; provide the required fall protection for employees working on scaffolds.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=21126

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *November 7, Military Times* – (International) **Phony U.S. military electronics traced to China.** The U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee is planning to crack down on counterfeit electronic parts, which more often than not originate in China and eventually make their way to U.S. military weapon systems. The committee, led by a Michigan Democrat and an Arizona Republican released the results of a months-long investigation November 7. As part of the investigation, committee staff traced the Department of Defense (DOD) supply chain back to its start for more than 100 counterfeit parts, and found that 70 percent of them originated in China. “Nearly 20 percent of the remaining cases were tracked to the U.K. and Canada — known resale points for counterfeit electronic parts from China,” a background memo from the committee said. According to a January report from the Commerce Department, counterfeit electronics in the defense industry are on the rise. In 2005, there were 3,868 incidents detected, compared with 9,356 in 2008, according to the report. The two Senators want the Pentagon to better enforce laws that protect the DOD supply chain, but they also admit those laws do not go far enough. The Senate panel is considering adding language to the defense authorization act for 2012 that would hold contractors responsible for the costs of replacing a part that is discovered to be counterfeit, the Michigan Democrat said at a November 7 press briefing.
Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2011/11/defense-phony-military-electronics-traced-to-china-110711/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *November 8, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Former Plantation police officer pleads in mortgage fraud case.** A former Plantation, Florida police officer faces up to

5 years in prison after reaching a plea deal November 7 with federal prosecutors who had alleged he orchestrated more than \$16 million in mortgage fraud in South Florida. He had been the central target in the federal mortgage fraud investigation codenamed "Operation Copout" that resulted in the arrests of eight current and former law enforcement officers involved in what were alleged to be suspicious real estates transactions. All of them did business through the man's company, The Home Buyers Group LLC. He went on trial earlier in 2011 on 33 criminal charges resulting from "Operation Copout," but a Fort Lauderdale federal jury was unable to reach a verdict after a trial that stretched over 5 months. He pleaded guilty November 7 to a single count of conspiracy to commit fraud with prosecutors dropping all the other charges against him. He admitted he submitted loan applications containing false information so his investors could obtain mortgages that otherwise would have been out of their financial reach. Of the eight current and former law enforcement officers arrested in the investigation, two others were convicted of mortgage fraud charges. The defense of all the former and current law enforcement officers largely focused on the two mortgage brokers who handled the loan applications. The officers' attorneys argued their clients did not know the mortgage brokers were adding false information and forging signatures. Those brokers cut plea deals to testify. In addition to law enforcement officers, two attorneys were arrested as part of the investigation.

Source: http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2011-11-08/news/fl-joseph-guaracino-plea-20111108_1_joseph-guaracino-home-buyers-group-llc-operation-copout

12. *November 8, Honolulu Star-Advertiser and Associated Press* – (International) **FBI warns of scheme using tinted currency.** The FBI November 7 warned of a currency scam that might target wealthy Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) delegates in Hawaii. In the scam, construction paper is passed off as U.S. money that has been dyed black so it could be smuggled into the country without alerting U.S. Customs. The con men persuade the victim the dye can be removed, and ask for money to buy necessary chemicals, according to the FBI. In exchange, the victim is offered some of the black money. The swindlers then disappear with the real money. On November 4, the proprietor of a Honolulu self-storage company contacted the FBI after two men, who identified themselves as Liberian, paid cash October 11 to rent a small storage locker for a month, a FBI Special Agent said. Inside, they placed only two black suitcases. After obtaining a search warrant, the FBI opened the suitcases and discovered 120 pounds of black construction paper cut to the size of U.S. bills and shrink-wrapped. White glue, iodine, empty glass vials, a hair dryer, and vitamin C powder — materials needed for the scheme — were also in the suitcases, the Special Agent said. The Associated Press reported the scam recently hit New England states, where three people lost \$170,000, according to the Secret Service. In Rhode Island the Secret Service arrested two Liberian nationals who allegedly attempted to deceive an undercover agent. Some of the con men have used e-mail to ensnare victims, but others, such as in the New England cases, go to nightclubs or restaurants, targeting potential victims wearing expensive jewelry or driving luxury cars. The FBI said the scam has been promoted over the years by Nigerians, Ghanaians, and Liberians.

Source:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20111108_FBI_warns_of_scheme_using_tinted_currency.html

13. *November 7, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Ventnor resident charged in fraud scheme that netted \$8.5 million.** A Ventnor, New Jersey resident was one of five men charged by the New Jersey Attorney General's (AG) Office November 7 with allegedly running a Ponzi scheme that defrauded dozens of investors out of \$8.5 million. In the complaint, he was charged along with several others involved with the Liberty State Financial Holdings Corporation of Cherry Hill. The five were alleged to have run a "fraudulent scheme" of selling 3-year notes promising a 12 percent annual rate of return to 73 investors, "many of whom were elderly and retired," the state AG's office said in a statement. The investors were told the funds would be invested in life insurance policies and interests in Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts. The complaint alleges none of the defendants or securities were registered with the state bureau of securities, and that part of the \$8.5 million raised was used to pay off other investors. In addition, \$5 million in investor funds was allegedly "improperly transferred" to the defendants, their families, and a law firm owned by one of the men, the charges stated. The state AG added the state was "working to obtain restitution for the defrauded investors, plus assessments of civil penalties against the defendants."

Source:

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/communities/margate_ventnor_longport/ventnor-resident-charged-in-fraud-scheme-that-netted-million/article_9f355518-0968-11e1-baba-001cc4c002e0.html

14. *November 7, Bloomberg* – (National) **Fundraiser's brother-in-law pleads guilty in bank fraud case.** The brother-in-law of a former fundraiser for the U.S. President and Secretary of State pleaded guilty to misdemeanor bank larceny in federal court in Manhattan, New York, November 7. The fundraiser, sentenced in 2010 to 12 years in prison, was charged with cheating Citigroup Inc., HSBC Holdings Plc., and Bank of America Corp. of \$292 million. The brother-in-law, the owner of Blue Gecko Inc., a home electronic equipment installer in Colorado, pleaded guilty to avoiding knowledge the fundraiser was using him to advance the fraud. "In August '09, [the fundraiser] asked me to create account statements that were outside of the usual quarterly period," the brother-in-law said in a court hearing. "I was suspicious that [he] may be using me to do something illegal, but because of his stellar reputation and the fact that he was connected to the most influential of people, I did not act on my suspicions." He faces as much as 1 year in prison when he is sentenced. Prosecutors originally charged him with two counts of bank fraud, each of which carried a possible sentence of as much as 30 years.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-11-07/fundraiser-s-brother-in-law-pleads-guilty-in-bank-fraud-case.html>

15. *November 7, East Cobb Patch* – (National) **Cobb woman guilty in telemarketing scam.** A Marietta, Georgia woman whose husband has pleaded guilty to telemarketing fraud charges was convicted by a federal jury November 7 for her role in the \$25 million nationwide scheme. She was found guilty on nine counts of wire fraud, seven counts of structuring financial transactions, and two counts of conspiracy. Her husband and two others pled guilty before her trial of conspiring to defraud consumers with credit card interest rate deduction programs through various schemes and companies, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Atlanta. The fraudulent activities occurred

during 2008 and 2009. According to the indictments, consumers in 46 states received automated phone calls and were connected to a telemarketer, who promised them lower interest rates on their credit cards and to help them get out of debt faster. Consumers were charged between \$749 and \$1,495 for the services and were promised a full refund of their purchase price if they did not achieve \$4,000 in savings. But according to the evidence presented at the trial, consumers were not provided the services they paid for. The U.S. attorney said the defendants set up at least three fake companies based in Atlanta — VP Marketing, Economic Relief Technologies, and SafeRide Warranty — and used other phantom company names as cover for the fraudulent services. In December 2009, the Federal Trade Commission issued a restraining order against three of the defendants, and a receiver was appointed to take over the fake companies. The wife faces a maximum of 25 years for each mail fraud count, 10 years for each structuring count, and 5 years for each conspiracy count. She also could be fined up to \$500,000 for each structuring account.

Source: <http://eastcobb.patch.com/articles/cobb-woman-guilty-in-telemarketing-scam>

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Transportation Sector

16. *November 8, USA Today* – (New York) **Laser aimed at LaGuardia-bound planes, FAA says.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has put out a call for witnesses after a green laser was aimed toward at least six flights landing at LaGuardia Airport in Long Island, New York, the weekend of November 4. Authorities believe the laser originated about 5 miles southwest of the airport and said it affected flights on multiple airlines, according to the Associated Press (AP). On November 4, the laser strikes occurred between 6:06 p.m. and 7:56 p.m., affecting flights flying for the regional affiliates of Continental, US Airways, American, and United, the AP reported. On November 5, the laser affected a regional jet flying for a Continental affiliate, and a United Airlines Boeing 757. The AP said the November 5 strikes came around 7 p.m., and that the planes were flying at an altitude of between 1,600 and 2,500 feet when they came into contact with the laser. A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokeswoman said all of the affected flights landed safely, but she urged anyone with information on the incidents to contact police or the FAA. The agency set up a special Web site designed specifically to deal with laser incidents. There were 2,795 laser strikes reported against commercial and private aircraft in the United States in 2011 (through October 20).

Source: <http://travel.usatoday.com/flights/post/2011/11/laser-laguardia/562569/1>

17. *November 8, Associated Press* – (New York) **Brooklyn man busted with bullets on plane.** Police at LaGuardia Airport in Long Island, New York, have arrested a Brooklyn man who was caught trying to board a plane with a gun clip in his carry-on bag. The Transportation Security Administration said one of its officers spotted the clip with seven .45-caliber bullets in it November 3 as the man was trying to board a U.S. Airways flight to Charlotte, North Carolina. He was charged with illegal possession of

ammunition, and illegal possession of a firearm-feeding device.

Source:

http://www.brooklyneagle.com/categories/category.php?category_id=4&id=47265

18. *November 8, CBS 2 New York* – (New Jersey; New York) **Overhead wire falls on NJ Transit train full of passengers, snarling morning commute.** There were still delays late the morning of November 8 on New Jersey Transit's (NJ Transit) Northeast Corridor after an overhead power line fell onto a train line in Metuchen, New Jersey. The power was cut and no injuries were reported. Roughly 700 passengers were evacuated. The incident took place at about 7:45 a.m. Trains were running up to an hour behind schedule between Trenton & Princeton Junction. Inbound (to New York) service remained suspended at New Brunswick, and trains were still subject to 30-60 minute delays between Trenton & New York. A NJ Transit spokesman said they do not yet know what caused the power line to fall. A diesel train was brought in to pull the disabled train to safety.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/11/08/overhead-wire-falls-on-nj-transit-train-full-of-passengers-snarling-morning-commute/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *November 8, Food Safety News* – (Missouri) **30 cases in St. Louis E. coli outbreak.** An outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 in the St. Louis area now includes 30 confirmed cases, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Food Safety News reported November 8. The investigation into the cause of the outbreak is no closer to finding where the E. coli O157:H7 is coming from. Two of four E.coli cases involving residents of the Columbia/Boone County area are believed to be part of the larger outbreak, while two others are not. The lead agency in the federal, state, and local investigation into the cause of the St. Louis E. coli outbreak late November 7 said it added "two new cases based on lab results from specimens submitted to the State Public Health Laboratory last week." The DHSS said the two cases have the E coli fingerprint that has been observed in the outbreak. The Missouri State Lab also has tested 55 food samples, mostly from the salad bars at the popular St. Louis-based Schnucks grocery stores, where many who became ill reported dining before they became sick. All food samples tested to date, however, were found negative for E. coli O157:H7. The St. Louis outbreak has been underway since late October, sent at least 22 people to hospitals for treatment, and resulted in one case of hemolytic uremic syndrome.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/st-louis-e-coli-outbreak-may-have-topped-out-at-30/>

20. *November 8, Food Safety News* – (Texas) **Salmonella test prompts beef jerky recall.** Whittington's Jerky of Johnson City, Texas, is recalling about 126 pounds of beef jerky that may be contaminated with Salmonella, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced November 7. The problem was discovered by the FSIS as a result of routine testing. The agency said the product was shipped by Whittington's before testing results were confirmed. The recalled products are: 2-ounce packages of "Whittington's Original Beef Jerky" and 4-ounce packages of "Whittington's Original Beef Jerky." The product was produced October 31 and distributed to convenience stores in West Texas, and at the company's retail operation.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/salmonella-test-prompts-beef-jerky-recall/>
21. *November 7, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Carbon monoxide sickens 8 at Olathe restaurant.** Carbon monoxide sickened eight people at an Olathe, Kansas restaurant November 7. The Johnson County Fire Department was called about 11 a.m. to a Noodles & Co. Two employees were transported by ambulance to the hospital, but were expected to recover. Five people were treated at the scene but not taken to the hospital. An eighth person drove himself to the hospital. Some carbon monoxide fumes were found in a nearby Radio Shack, but the fumes originated from the Noodles & Co. business. Three other businesses in the strip mall were also evacuated as a precaution.
Source: http://www.kctv5.com/story/15977512/carbon-monoxide-sickens-6?hpt=us_bn6

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Water Sector

22. *November 8, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Water tower collapses in NW Indiana town.** A small town in northwestern Indiana is without water after its water tower collapsed. The Newton County Sheriff's Department said the tower in Goodland collapsed late November 7. The town marshal told WLFI 18 West Lafayette it was not immediately known what caused the collapse in the town of about 1,000 people, some 30 miles northwest of Lafayette. WLFI reports it is unclear how long the town will be without water. The town marshal said a new water tower will have to be built. The town is receiving donations of water bottles from nearby Kentland.
Source: <http://www.fox19.com/story/15986717/water-tower-collapses-in-nw-indiana-town>
23. *November 7, Modesto Bee* – (California) **Ceres woman hurt after storm grate theft.** Metal thievery in Stanislaus County continues and is becoming hazardous as well as costly. In Ceres, California seven steel storm drain grates were taken from a parking lot over the weekend of November 5-6, a police lieutenant said. A 41-year-old woman stepped from her car behind Hope Chest Thrift Store and directly into one of the open

storm drains November 6. Her leg slipped into the 3-foot-deep hole and she had to be taken by ambulance to a hospital, officials said. In late October, two of the 1-foot-by-2-foot grates were taken from the parking lot of a church on Service Road and large manhole covers weighing up to 60 pounds were pried from parking lots at Del Taco, and the post office. Officials are concerned thieves will start targeting manhole covers in the streets, which could result in serious accidents. The lieutenant said the city and the police department are working on ways to better secure covers so they cannot be removed easily. Each storm drain cover is estimated to cost \$150 to \$250 to replace; until new ones are in place, the exposed holes have been barricaded to avoid further accidents. Ceres investigators are visiting scrap metal businesses to watch for grates and manhole covers, just as Modesto police did after a rash of metal thefts on city property.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2011/11/07/1937634/ceres-woman-hurt-after-storm-grate.html>

24. *November 5, Brookfield Patch* – (Connecticut) **Boil water advisories still in effect throughout the region.** The Connecticut Department of Health provided a list of towns and water carriers that are still under alert and provided instructions for disinfecting wells and water including Bethel, Danbury, Brookfield, Naugatuck, Newtown, and Woodbury, Brookfield Patch reported November 5. As of November 3, 95 water systems were under a boil water alert. The director of public health in Bethel, said, “Two Bethel water systems serving Bethel residential customers are currently on the boil water advisory. The boil water advisory is strictly a precautionary measure because the water systems lost water pressure and when that happens there is a risk of cross contamination of the water supply.” In many towns, trailer parks have had the most problems with potentially contaminated water.

Source: <http://brookfield.patch.com/articles/boil-water-advisories-still-in-effect-in-many-of-region-s-towns>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *November 8, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **School evacuated after students inhale fumes.** Authorities evacuated Jose Marti Middle School in Hialeah, Florida, November 8, after students complained about an airborne irritant that was making them feel ill. A fireman with the Hialeah Fire Rescue said, "Well they're suffering from watery eyes and scratchy throat, that is the extent of the illness felt by the children. There's a couple of adults that when they walked out of the classroom said it felt like they walked into a

cloud." Authorities transported several students to the hospital. The students were in stable condition. According to fire rescue, nothing hazardous was found. Authorities speculated that the irritant could be pepper spray.

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21005838272847/school-evacuated-after-students-inhale-fumes/>

26. *November 7, LAist* – (California) **Power-hungry thieves heist \$50K of electrical equipment from Riverside Elementary School.** Bandits stormed Fremont Elementary School in Riverside, California, November 5 to steal high-voltage electrical breakers. They escaped with an estimated \$50,000 worth of electrical equipment. The thieves broke into the city's electrical transformer and disconnected the live power before removing the large breakers in the main service, and subsidiary service panels. Heisted items include the main breaker switches plus numerous sub-breaker switches from the electrical switch gear. The district received a first alarm November 5 at 1:59 a.m. signaling the power was out. A second alarm signaling back-up battery power was triggered shortly thereafter. Staff arrived at the school within minutes and likely scared away the bandits. School district officials then scrambled to secure a \$30,000 part to restore power. A replacement part was flown in from New York, and power was restored to all but the school's portable classrooms November 6. Riverside police currently have no suspects or witnesses.

Source: <http://laist.com/2011/11/07/power-hungry-thieves-heist-50k-of-electrical-equipment.php>

27. *November 7, Maui News* – (Hawaii) **Corps seeks to clean up toxins at old airport site.** Toxic and potentially carcinogenic chemicals found in a military landfill at the old airport site now used as a drag strip in Puunene, Hawaii, will be removed under a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Maui News reported November 7. Investigations of the 6.5-acre dump site on the island of Maui in 2008 and 2010 found polychlorinated biphenyl Aroclor 1254, and heavy metals cadmium and lead, said the Corp's Honolulu district chief of public affairs. Studies show these toxic and potentially carcinogenic chemicals are not a threat to the underlying groundwater table, he said. The health risk of those chemicals would be through direct contact with contaminated soil, which is below ground. The contaminated soil that exceeds health-risk levels is between 3 and 20 feet below the surface, and limited to two trench and boring test sites, the Corps' draft proposed plan for the site said. The favored cleanup plan is to dig out the contaminated soil and to dispose of it in an Environmental Protection Agency-approved landfill, the public affairs chief said. The site would be backfilled with uncontaminated soil. The Corps could decide on a final cleanup plan as early as January 2012, the draft report said.

Source: <http://www.mauinews.com/page/content.detail/id/555084/Corps-seeks-to-clean-up-toxins-at-old-airport-site.html?nav=10>

28. *November 7, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Richardson MP charged with attempted espionage.** The U.S. Army charged an Alaska-based soldier November 7 with attempted espionage, saying he communicated and transmitted national defense information to an individual he believed was a foreign intelligence agent. According to the charges, the 22-year-old specialist stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in

Anchorage from Owensboro, Kentucky, intended to aid a foreign nation. He is charged with communicating defense information, issuing false statements, failing to obey regulations, and soliciting a fellow service member to get classified material. Army officials said the soldier was being observed before any damage could have occurred. Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2011/11/ap-richardson-mp-charged-with-attempted-espionage-110711/>

29. *November 7, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **FBI, police, firefighters respond as 4 suspicious envelopes are found at UH.** The FBI is investigating the contents of four suspicious envelopes found November 7 at the University of Hawaii law library in Honolulu. “Everyone’s more cautious because of APEC,” said a FBI Special Agent, referring to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings that were scheduled to begin November 8. The FBI notified the police and fire department. Fire personnel found no obvious explosives, hazardous chemicals, or toxic hazards, said a fire captain. A FBI agent and a capitol police officer will be present when the envelopes — a standard letter-size and three large envelopes lined in bubble wrap — are opened November 8, he said. Source: <http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/133417688.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

30. *November 8, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (Tennessee) **200,000 rounds of ammunition missing from Memphis Police Academy.** Up to 200,000 rounds of ammunition were missing from the Memphis Police Department (MPD) Training Academy's Firearms Training Unit in Memphis, Tennessee. The city auditor's investigation of the missing ammunition is part of an in-depth audit of MPD's Organized Crime Unit. The audit was requested by the Memphis police director shortly after he took over in April. Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10448190/200000-rounds-of-ammunition-missing-from-memphis-police-academy>
31. *November 7, Cumberland Times-News* – (Maryland) **Emergency personnel experienced death threats.** Following the fatal stabbing November 6 of a Frostburg State University student and the quick arrest of a second student, Frostburg, Maryland's police chief has issued a directive to his department after death threats were allegedly made to fire and ambulance personnel who responded to the fatal incident. “We had two officers on duty Saturday (night shift) when the stabbing occurred. When our officers got there, there were 100 to 150 people gathered. One officer began giving CPR to the victim and the other officer tried to control the crowd before we had a full response from our medical personnel and allied agencies in law enforcement,” said the Frostburg police chief. ”There were verbal death threats made to the fire department and the ambulance at the scene” he said.

Source: <http://times-news.com/local/x2039723921/Emergency-personnel-experienced-death-threats>

32. *November 7, Associated Press* – (California) **Southern Calif. man found guilty in series of bizarre booby trap attacks on police.** A southern California jury November 7 convicted a man of attempted murder in a string of bizarre attacks on police that included improvised booby traps and the firing of a World War II-era bazooka at a police station. The suspect was found guilty of four counts of attempted murder of a police officer, all for orchestrating attacks against the same Hemet police detective who had arrested him on a drug charge, a Riverside County district attorney's spokesman said. In one instance, natural gas was rerouted into the office of a gang task force and rigged to explode. In the bazooka attack, a training rocket was fired from the roof of a nearby market and started a small fire. The bold attacks began in late 2009, putting police officers on edge and unsettling Hemet, about 80 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The attacks stemmed from the suspect's anger at a detective, who had arrested him earlier in 2009, prosecutors said. On December 7, 2009, the detective discovered a booby trap outside his Hemet home. It consisted of a board lined with nails connected to a trip wire that led to his unmarked cruiser. The nails were barbed and smeared with fecal matter. Over the next 6 months, members of the Hemet-San Jacinto Valley Gang Task Force were targeted in eight more suspicious incidents, including arsons and attempted shootings. Jurors convicted the suspect of 11 felonies, including conspiracy and assembling a booby trap. He faces multiple life terms in prison at his sentencing, scheduled for December 2.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/southern-calif-man-found-guilty-in-series-of-bizarre-booby-trap-attacks-on-police/2011/11/07/gIQA3xjWxM_story.html

33. *November 6, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Police: Phony undercover cop stole vehicle in Melbourne.** An Indialantic man impersonated an undercover police officer and stole a vehicle November 6 in Melbourne, Florida, police said. The man was later arrested near U.S. 1 and Eau Gallie Boulevard. He had illegal narcotics and the keys to the stolen vehicle, a Melbourne police lieutenant said. At about 1:30 a.m. in the Henegar Center for the Performing Arts parking lot, the suspect told a man he was an undercover police officer and he was conducting an investigation. He then told the man he was a suspect, and he ordered him to stand by the front of his vehicle, reports show. Instead, the man ran off — and the suspect drove away in his vehicle, reports show. Police located and arrested him about 2 hours later. He was charged with impersonating a police officer, grand theft auto, possession of cocaine, possession of oxycodone, possession of a controlled substance in a motor vehicle, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Brevard County Jail Complex and held on \$22,000 bond.

Source:

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20111106/BREAKINGNEWS/111106001/Police-Phony-undercover-cop-stole-vehicle-Melbourne>

34. *November 6, Washington Times* – (National) **Prisons bureau alerted to hacking into lockups.** Federal authorities are concerned about new research showing U.S. prisons are vulnerable to computer hackers, who could remotely open cell doors to aid

jailbreaks, the Washington Times reported November 6. The Federal Bureau of Prisons is “aware of this research and taking it very seriously,” a spokesman said. He was reacting to research by private experts who found the security systems in most American prisons are run by computer software vulnerable to hackers. “You could open every cell door, and the system would be telling the control room they are all closed,” said a former CIA operations officer who helped develop a cyber-attack on a simulated prison computer system and described it at a hackers’ convention in Miami recently. The security systems in most American prisons are run by special computer equipment called industrial control systems, or ICS. They are also used to control power plants, water treatment facilities, and other critical national infrastructure. A malicious cyber-intruder could “destroy the doors,” by overloading the electrical system that controls them, locking them permanently open, said a consultant who has designed security systems for dozens of state and federal prisons. Hackers could “shut down secure communications” through the prison intercom system and crash the facility’s closed-circuit television system, blanking out all the monitors, he added. Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/nov/6/prisons-bureau-alerted-to-hacking-into-lockups/?page=all#pagebreak>

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Information Technology Sector

35. *November 8, Computerworld Australia* – (International) **Researcher plants rogue app in Apple's App Store.** Apple's App Store can be stocked with malware-infected apps by exploiting a bug in iOS, a noted security researcher said November 7. A principal research consultant for Denver-based security consultant Accuvant used an unknown flaw in Apple's mobile operating system to create an app that "phoned home" to his own server. He built a fake stock ticker app, dubbed "Instastock," as a proof-of-concept, then submitted it to Apple, who approved and placed it in the App Store in September. Instastock exploited the bug the researcher discovered to ping a server at his home and request to download another file. While he did not stock his server with such a file — except briefly for demonstration and testing purposes — it proved the app could secretly download rogue code. Such "malware" could conceivably issue commands to an iPhone or iPad, stealing contacts and photos, turning on the device's camera or microphone, or sending text messages. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221615/Researcher_plants_rogue_app_in_Apple_s_App_Store?taxonomyId=17&pageNumber=1
36. *November 7, IDG News Service* – (International) **NSS Labs claims new tool can detect all Duqu drivers.** Security research firm NSS Labs released an open source scanning tool capable of detecting all malicious drivers used by the new Duqu threat, according to its engineers. However, other security vendors believe the malware's creators are capable of evading detection at any time. According to NSS Labs, its scanner uses advanced pattern recognition techniques and was created to further

research Duqu. The security company claims the tool is capable of detecting Duqu drivers without any false positives, and that it even picked up two samples discovered after its creation. However, the director of the global research and analysis team at antivirus vendor Kaspersky Lab raised some concerns about the tool's scope. "It's useful, however I believe its heuristics rules are too narrow," he said. According to him, any heuristic tool that detects Duqu drivers should also detect the Stuxnet ones, because of the high similarity between them. This does not appear to be the case with the new NSS Labs scanner.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221573/NSS_Labs_claims_new_tool_can_detect_all_Duqu_drivers

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

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Communications Sector

37. *November 8, Batavia Daily News* – (New York) **Phone service disrupted in Le Roy, Pavilion.** Frontier telephone customers in Genesee County, New York, including the towns of Le Roy and Pavilion, were unable to call out of the local area the morning of November 8, the Batavia Daily News reported. The disruption affected Frontier customers in the 585 area code with phone numbers beginning 768 or 584. These customers were unable to dial out of their local area, according to an alert issued by Genesee County Emergency Management via the state's emergency alert system. The alert said 911 calls would be answered and transferred to the Genesee County 911 Center. The "Telecommunications Disruption Alert" was issued about 11:15 a.m. November 8.

Source: http://thedailynewsonline.com/news/article_746356fe-0a27-11e1-820a-001cc4c002e0.html

38. *November 8, Nashua Telegraph* – (New Hampshire) **FairPoint's FAST broadband struggles to rebound from outages.** FairPoint's fiber-optic broadband service is struggling to recover from the power outage that began the week of October 31 due in large part to software issues at a central office in Nashua, New Hampshire, with customers facing dead connections for the FAST service in a dozen communities, including Nashua, Hudson, Merrimack, Brookline, and Pelham. A FairPoint spokesman said the company would be "resyncing" a half-dozen optical line terminals the night of November 7 in the Nashua central office, which channels the ultra-high-speed Internet service in many surrounding communities. He said this software change should fix

most of those in the Nashua area whose FAST service is down, except for customers with problems relating to line damage. As with cable service, FairPoint's FAST service doesn't work without power once its battery packs run out, so customers did not realize there was a problem until after PSNH restored electricity. Most callers said power returned November 7 or November 8, and as of the next day they were contacting FairPoint. Some of those also lost their telephone service, which operates through FAST rather than over traditional telephone lines or cell phones. Most of the FAST network, which covers parts of 24 communities in southern New Hampshire, was built as FiOS by Verizon before that company sold its landlines to FairPoint in 2008. A FairPoint spokesperson said the company received "about 400" trouble reports about the FAST network -- as compared to telephone service or its DSL Internet service, both of which run over copper wires rather than fiber-optic lines -- and "about 315" of the reports were from the areas served by the Nashua central office. The spokesperson said part of the delay was caused by the fact that FairPoint crews can not start working until power company repairs are done.

Source: <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/939271-196/fairpoints-fast-broadband-struggles-to-rebound-from.html>

39. *November 7, CNN Money* – (International) **Internet routing glitch kicks millions offline.** On the morning of November 7, a software glitch in the Internet's "Border Gateway Protocol" created a ripple effect that crashed data networks around the world. The outage appears to have originated with Juniper Networks, a company that makes router hardware for large networks. A set of updates to a core Internet routing protocol triggered a software glitch in some of Juniper's routers. When those routers crashed, key Internet pathways went down with them. Time Warner Cable, one of the largest Internet providers in the United States, suffered a short but widespread blackout. But Time Warner's problem most likely originated even further upstream: Level 3, a so-called "tier 1" network and one of the key Internet gateways in the U.S., got caught in the crash. "Shortly after 9 a.m. [Eastern Time November 7], our network experienced temporary service interruptions across North America and Europe apparently due to a router manufacturer software issue," Level 3 said in a statement released to reporters. "It has been reported that a similar issue may have affected other carriers as well. Our technicians worked quickly to address the issue and service is now fully restored." While Level 3 did not name names, Juniper confirmed its systems ran into trouble November 7: "This morning, Juniper learned of a Border Gateway Protocol edge router issue that affected a small percentage of customers," the company said in a statement to CNN Money November 7. "A software fix is available, and we've been working with our customers to immediately deploy the fix." Internet monitoring service AlertSite said its systems picked up "a measurable event during the 9-10 a.m. hour." That "event" took down systems big and small. Many BlackBerry users found their devices temporarily knocked offline. Tweet shortening service Bit.ly was another victim, temporarily rendering all of its links unusable. By late morning, most sites were back to normal, shaking off the sluggishness that typically follows a major routing glitch.

Source:

http://money.cnn.com/2011/11/07/technology/juniper_internet_outage/?source=cnn_bi
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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *November 8, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Hazmat crews contain ammonia leak.** Rescue crews have contained an ammonia leak in Boone, Iowa, KCCI 8 Des Moines reported November 8. Officers said the hazmat situation happened at the Fareway Warehouse about 8:30 p.m. November 7. Firefighters said the leak was coming from a 23,000-gallon tank. Des Moines hazmat worked with local authorities and were able to contain the leak and reopen local roads at about 12:45 a.m. November 8. The entire warehouse was initially evacuated, but some employees were allowed to return work in other parts of the warehouse.
Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/29709298/detail.html>
41. *November 8, Daytona Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Firefighters warn Beach Street residents of chemical leak.** An ammonia leak had firefighters going door to door in a North Beach Street neighborhood in Daytona Beach, Florida, warning residents to stay indoors until officials determined there was no longer a hazard, the Daytona Beach News-Journal reported November 8. A fire department spokesman said fire crews responded to a chemical hazard call just after 10:30 a.m. November 5 at the Tour Ice plant. As they arrived, firefighters noticed a white vapor coming from the service entrance, the spokesman said. Plant employees told emergency crews an 8-foot-high, 600-pound anhydrous ammonia tank used for making ice was leaking. Fire crews entered the building and closed several tank valves to prevent further leaks. However, they determined the leak was coming from another source and isolated that area before the leak could be stopped. Firefighters secured the leak and left the tank to vent until its pressure was released. The residual product in the tank was pumped out by business management.
Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/east-volusia/2011/11/08/firefighters-warn-beach-street-residents-of-chemical-leak.html>
42. *November 7, WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Pawn shop employee killed, shooter hospitalized.** The Clinton, Tennessee Police chief said a shooting victim, an employee of the South Clinton Pawn Shop, has died of his injuries, WBIR 10 Knoxville reported November 7. Clinton police investigated the shooting which sent two men to the hospital. The shooting was reported November 7. According to the police chief, a man went into the pawn shop and asked to see a shotgun. It was handed to him, unloaded. Investigators said the man apparently brought ammunition with him, because he loaded the weapon, and during a brief struggle, allegedly shot a pawn shop employee. The chief said another pawn shop employee apparently returned fire, hitting the suspect, who then fled the store. Ten minutes later, a 911 call came in from the suspect's wife, who said her husband came home with a gunshot wound.
Source: <http://www.wbir.com/news/article/190380/2/Two-injured-in-pawn-shop-shooting>

43. *November 7, Brewton Standard* – (Alabama) **Five injured in shooting at party at Masonic Lodge.** Five people were injured — two stabbed and three shot — during a teen party November 6 at the Masonic Lodge in Brewton, Alabama, police said. Three of the injured were teenagers. "We received a call about 12:45 a.m. [November 6] with a report of a stabbing and shooting going on at the Masonic Lodge," a Brewton police official said. "When we got there, two people had been stabbed and three people had received gunshot wounds." He said the events were the culmination of what began as a fight inside the building. The stabbing victims' wounds were not life threatening, but one of the shooting victims received serious wounds, the police official said.
Source: <http://www.brewtonstandard.com/2011/11/07/five-injured-in-shooting-at-party-at-masonic-lodge/>
44. *November 7, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **'Suspicious' explosion rocks Hayward strip mall.** Investigators in Hayward, California, are trying to find the cause of a frightening explosion and early morning fire at a store in a shopping mall that blew glass and debris more than 100 feet, destroying a store, KGO 7 San Francisco reported November 7. Alameda County fire investigators and sheriff's deputies were at Unincorporated Hayward November 7 trying to figure out how it happened. The point of origin was a hip hop store called "The Shop." An official said they consider it a suspicious fire.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgostory?section=news/local/east_bay&id=8421769
45. *November 4, Associated Press* – (New York) **2 charged in hotel guest ID theft scam in NYC.** A New York City hotel chain auditor has been charged with stealing hundreds of guests' credit card information and selling it to a man accused of using it to buy \$840,000 worth of airline tickets and other items, the Associated Press reported November 4. The pair pleaded not guilty to grand larceny, identity theft, and other charges November 4. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office said 237 accounts were compromised over 3 years. Prosecutors said the defendant was an auditor for the Amsterdam Hospitality Group and had access to guests' credit card data. They said his co-conspirator bought tickets for himself and other people with information the auditor took. Amsterdam Hospitality Group runs eight boutique hotels in New York City, Asbury Park, New Jersey, and Charlotte, North Carolina.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9QQ75581.htm>
46. *November 4, Softpedia* – (International) **XSS vulnerability found on AOL energy site.** Two Indian hackers proved an XSS vulnerability on AOL Energy's Web site, Softpedia reported November 4. The site contains news, analysis, and discussions in the electricity sector. The Hacker News revealed that the non-persistent Cross-Site Scripting weakness was widely discussed on online forums prior to the vulnerability being proved. This type of vulnerability, typically found in Web applications, can enable an attacker to inject malicious codes into the pages viewed by users. It can also be utilized to bypass access controls, being one of the most common flaws exploited by hackers. In this situation, another Web site could be easily used by cybercriminals to serve malware in place of the genuine page.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/XSS-Vulnerability-Found-on-AOL-Energy-Site-232261.shtml>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

47. *November 7, United Press International* – (California) **Thieves attempt to steal Reagan statue.** Thieves attempted to steal a life-size statue of a former U.S. President, damaging the \$60,000 bronze statue in the process, United Press International reported November 7. Newport Beach, California, police said they found the statue at about 5:30 a.m. November 6, broken off its foundation and tilted forward, the Orange Country Register reported. The thieves apparently tied a chain around the statue and tried to pull it away using a pickup truck or other vehicle, police said. The statue has since been removed from its concrete base by the city. Officials have not yet said how much it will cost to repair the statue.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/11/07/Thieves-attempt-to-steal-Reagan-statue/UPI-90021320705506/?spt=hs&or=tn

48. *November 4, Hanover Evening Sun* – (Pennsylvania) **Power out for most of day at Gettysburg visitors center.** A mechanical failure of high-voltage electrical equipment caused the Gettysburg Museum & Visitor Center in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to all but shut down November 4. The lobby remained open to visitors, but the museum collection of Civil War artifacts, the bookstore, food services, and popular Cyclorama painting were closed. A transformer used to power the facility crashed after a broken metal piece disrupted electrical circuits around 8 a.m. A backup generator was used to power critical parts of the facility while crews worked to repair the equipment. Power was restored late in the afternoon November 4, and the Visitor Center was expected to open fully November 5. The site houses what is perhaps the nation's largest collection of Civil War artifacts in a storage facility underground. The temperature and climate in the facility must be carefully regulated to preserve the delicate artifacts. Despite the disruption to power, the collection was never at risk, the Gettysburg Foundation said.

Source: http://www.eveningsun.com/localnews/ci_19265161?source=rss

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Dams Sector

49. *November 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Corps changing Missouri River plan after flooding.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said November 7 it will change its approach to managing the Missouri River following a summer of record flooding that damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes, led to millions of dollars in road repairs, and forced communities to scramble to build temporary levees. The Corps said it will make the changes in the coming months, including getting as much water out of the river basin's reservoir system as possible before spring, and aggressively releasing more water in the spring, if needed. The Corps also is looking at how much more reservoir space might be needed to ease flooding. The changes come in response to concerns voiced by residents during eight public meetings recently held in Iowa, Missouri,

Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, and North Dakota. The Corps estimated it will cost more than \$2 billion to repair the damage to the nation's levees, dams, and riverbanks caused by this year's flooding.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501369_162-57320038/corps-changing-missouri-river-plan-after-flooding/

50. *November 7, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Corps plans to raise Toutle volcano sediment dam.** The U.S. Corps of Engineers plans to raise the sediment dam on the Toutle River near Mount St. Helens in Longview, Washington to prevent volcanic runoff from filling the Cowlitz River bed downstream and increasing the flood danger. The Corps plans to add 10 feet on top of the 125-foot-tall dam that was built 25 years ago. The Longview Daily News reported the work next summer depends on Congressional approval of \$6.5 million requested by the U.S. President for Mount St. Helens response and monitoring. The Corps' coordinator for the project said the long-term plan calls for a combination of raising the spillway as much as 30 feet, periodically dredging the Cowlitz, and building weirs along the Toutle to trap silt. A channel would be left through the dam spillway for salmon.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2016710042_apwovolcanosedimentdam.html

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