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- Millions of people in a number of States along the East Coast and farther west went into a third day without power July 2 after a round of summer storms that killed more than a dozen people, destroyed homes and businesses, and wreaked havoc on area travel. – *Associated Press* (See item [2](#))
- A programming error on a massive New York Stock Exchange trade by a broker-dealer June 29 was caught before it caused a “disastrous” set of events at market close that could have cost millions, the exchange said. – *Reuters* (See item [14](#))
- GlaxoSmithKline was fined \$3 billion in the largest fraud settlement in U.S. history for failing to report safety data on some of its most popular prescription drugs. – *CNNMoney* (See item [40](#))
- Using only \$1,000 worth of equipment, a group of researchers from the University of Texas at Austin hijacked a small drone, highlighting the vulnerabilities of unencrypted GPS signals. – *Discover Magazine* (See item [44](#))
- U.S. critical infrastructure firms saw an increase in the number of reported cybersecurity incidents between 2009 and 2011, according to a new report from the U.S. Industrial Control System Cyber Emergency Response Team. – *Dark Reading* (See item [54](#))
- California officials approved a plan that suggests major investments in the State’s aging system of levees that protect water, freeways, homes, and farmland in the Central Valley, an area ranked as of the nation’s highest flood risks. – *Associated Press* (See item [68](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *July 2, Reuters* – (Colorado) **Natural gas wells shut in Colorado due to wildfires.** Over 100 natural gas wells were shut in Colorado in a precautionary move as wildfires continue to spread across the State, two companies said July 2. Black Hills Exploration and Production said 98 gas wells were shut in the Piceance Basin in the northwest of the State. Encana Corp said it has shut 35 wells in the same basin. Neither company could immediately say how much production had been shut in, though Encana said it expects to be able to restart the wells soon.
Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2012/07/02/natgas-wells-colorado-idUKL2E8I263Q20120702>
2. *July 2, Associated Press* – (National) **At least 22 dead after US storms cut power in East.** Millions of people in a swath of States along the East Coast and farther west went into a third sweltering day without power July 2 after a round of summer storms that killed more than a dozen people. The outages left many to contend with stifling homes and spoiled food as temperatures approached or exceeded 100 degrees. Around 2 million customers from North Carolina to New Jersey and as far west as Illinois were without power, that was down from the more than 3 million homes and businesses that lost power shortly after the June 29 storm hit. Utility officials said the power would likely be out for several more days. Since June 29, severe weather was blamed for at least 22 deaths, most from trees falling on homes and cars. The power outages prompted concerns of traffic problems as commuters took to roads with darkened stoplights. There were more than 400 signal outages in Maryland July 2, including more than 330 in hard-hit Montgomery County outside the nation's capital, according to the State Highway Administration. There were 100 signal outages in northern Virginia late July 1, and 65 roads were closed, although most were secondary roads. Power crews from as far away as Florida and Oklahoma were headed to the mid-Atlantic region to help get the power back on.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-07-02/at-least-22-dead-after-us-storms-cut-power-in-east>

3. *June 29, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Wis. utility to pay millions to settle EPA lawsuit.** A western Wisconsin utility agreed to spend nearly \$156 million to settle allegations two of its coal-fired power plants were illegally polluting the air, federal environmental officials announced June 29. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) filed a federal lawsuit June 28 accusing the La Crosse-based Dairyland Power Cooperative of failing to obtain the proper permits or install the best pollution control technology when it modified plants in Alma and Genoa beginning in 2004. The lawsuit asked a judge to order Dairyland to obtain permits, install the pollution control technology, and audit its operations and report the results to the EPA. The lawsuit also sought \$32,500 in fines for every day the plants' violated the Clean Air Act after March 15, 2004, and \$37,500 per day for violations after January 12, 2009. In a statement the EPA released June 29 outlining the deal, Dairyland will invest \$150 million in pollution control technology at the plants and comply with federal emission standards and annual tonnage limitations. Dairyland also must spend \$5 million on projects that will improve the environment and human health around the plants.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-06-29/wis-dot-utility-to-pay-millions-to-settle-epa-lawsuit>

4. *June 29, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **KU says copper thief caused \$30,000 in damage.** The Kentucky State Police Frankfort Post was investigating a copper theft from the Kentucky Utilities (KU) Electric Substation in Spencer County. June 28, police said unknown suspects cut a wire fence and gained access to the substation. During the theft, the suspects cut the wrong ground wire, causing three large transformers to explode. Each transformer was valued at about \$10,000. The suspects were only able to steal a small handful of copper wire before the explosions. The copper was valued at about \$50. A KU supervisor said the suspects will possibly have injuries consistent with severe flash burn to the eyes, a concussion, or hearing damage, or possible burns to the hands. The thieves face theft by unlawful taking charges and criminal mischief charges.

Source:

http://www.wkyt.com/news/headlines/KU_says_copper_thief_caused_30000_in_damage_160897625.html?ref=625

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *July 2, Shreveport Times* – (Louisiana) **E. Texas Street reopens after acid spill.** A block on East Texas Street in Bossier City, Louisiana, was closed for 2 hours following a hazardous chemical spill July 2. A tanker truck carrying sulfuric acid spilled a portion of its load, forcing emergency crews to close the road from Pearl Drive to Industrial Drive, according to officials. It reopened after a private contractor hired by the trucking

firm neutralized the acid.

Source:

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20120702/NEWS01/120702002/UPDATED-East-Texas-Street-reopens-after-acid-spill?odyssey=nav|head>

6. *June 29, KWES 9 Midland* – (Texas) **Summer heat sparks chemical fire.** It took firefighters 6 hours to extinguish a chemical fire at the Chemplex chemical yard in Midland County, Texas, June 29. The fire forced parts of the yard to be shut down and forced the evacuation of all workers. The fire began when a nearly 30,000-pound container of ammonium persulfate suddenly burst into flames. The Midland fire marshal said the fire was ignited by 100-degree temperatures and moisture. The fire spread to another container and threatened three bigger containers holding other, more dangerous chemicals such as sodium persulfate. The fire marshal said the smoke from the fire was toxic. However, wind blew the smoke to a vacant field so there was no need for evacuations of neighboring businesses. Four sets of firefighting bunker gear were destroyed by sulfuric acid.

Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/story/18920567/summer-heat-sparks>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *June 30, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **South Minneapolis foundry fire set off several explosions.** Fire crews fought a three-alarm fire June 29 at a south Minneapolis factory that sent one firefighter to the hospital and set off several explosions. Crews responded to a report of a fire at the Smith Foundry. When they arrived, crews saw flames coming from the outside of one of the storage buildings, where stacks of wood pallets were on fire. The heat of the flames also caused several propane cylinders on a rack to explode. The intensified fire then spread into the storage building. Crews were able to get the fire under control, with the fire not extending to other foundry buildings on the property.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/160946715.html>

8. *June 30, Independence Examiner* – (Missouri) **Fire destroys Independence business.** A building at the DeTray Plating Works Inc. in Independence, Missouri, was a total loss after a fire June 28. Smoke was thick enough that officials closed a section of U.S. 24 for about 3 hours. The local fire department responded, and crews from nearby cities and fire districts came in to man fire stations across the city in case there were other calls. June 29, fire and police investigators wrapped up their investigation,

finding the cause to be unknown or suspicious. A major concern was chemicals in the building, but investigators did not go in because the condition of the building itself was dangerous and because of the low likelihood of recovering useful information. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources was also called to the scene due to the presence of chemicals.

Source: <http://www.examiner.net/news/x1446667800/Fire-destroys-Independence-business>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *June 29, Military Times* – (Maine) **Board formed to review fire aboard sub Miami.** A coordinated effort to review all aspects of the fire on the nuclear submarine Miami at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, was established June 27. The commander of the Naval Warfare Development Command was directed to establish a panel that “will review the ongoing investigations, findings, and any other information necessary to obtain a complete understanding of the event,” said a spokesman for U.S. Fleet Forces Command. “To do this, additional interviews may be conducted as well as additional documentation collected.” The fire broke out May 23 as the attack submarine lay in drydock. Firefighters needed at least 10 hours to put out the fire, which burned out most of the submarine’s forward section.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/06/navy-miami-board-formed-review-submarine-fire-062912d/>

10. *June 29, Network World* – (National) **FBI: High-tech economic espionage a vast, expanding threat.** Driven by the general ease of stealing electronically stored data and the reality of growing global businesses, U.S. companies lost some \$13 billion through economic espionage in the current fiscal year — and the problem is growing. Those observations were made the week of June 25 by the FBI during a House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence hearing. Testimony went on to add that as the FBI’s economic espionage caseload is growing, so is the percentage of cases attributed to an insider threat, meaning that individuals currently (or formerly) trusted as employees and contractors are a growing part of the problem. An FBI assistant director for its counterintelligence division cited as an example a February 2012 indictment where several former employees with more than 70 combined years of service to a company were convinced to sell trade secrets to a competitor in the People’s Republic of China. “The theft of U.S. proprietary technology, including controlled dual-use technology and military grade equipment, from unwitting U.S. companies is one of the most dangerous threats to national security,” said the assistant director of national security investigations at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who also testified.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/community/node/80938>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *July 29, Nextgov* – (National; International) **Buyer beware: Mobile payments might not be protected.** Some current financial rules may not be fully up to the task of regulating the growing number of mobile payment systems, government officials told a House subcommittee June 29. The associate general counsel for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors warned members of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit that in the broader regulatory scheme many mobile systems may not be covered, especially those used by people or organizations that are not banks. Mobile payments usually refer to making purchases, bill payments, charitable donations, or payments to other persons using a mobile device, with the payment applied to a phone bill, credit card, or withdrawn directly from a bank account. As mobile payment options have multiplied, however, concerns have been raised over ensuring the transactions are secure and private; and that consumers have recourse if something goes wrong.
Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/mobile/2012/06/buyer-beware-mobile-payments-might-not-be-protected/56540/>
12. *July 2, BankInfoSecurity* – (National) **Phisher convicted in massive scheme.** An Atlanta man was convicted for the role he played in a massive phishing and fraud scheme that targeted Chase Bank, Bank of America, Branch Bank and Trust Co., and payroll processor ADP June 27. The man was convicted of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, identity theft, and conspiracy to gain unauthorized access to protected computers, according to a statement issued by the New Jersey U.S. Attorney's Office. Authorities said the scheme defrauded the banks and ADP of \$1.5 million. Two other defendants in the case previously pleaded guilty, one is in custody, and another is detained in Nigeria pending extradition. Two others remain at large. The phishing attacks directed unsuspecting users to spoofed or fake Web pages designed to mimic legitimate sites. Once on the spoofed sites, consumers were conned into entering confidential personal and financial information, including their names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, mothers' maiden names, and online account usernames and passwords. The convicted defendant and others used the stolen usernames and passwords to hack and compromise accounts, as well as initiate unauthorized transactions and withdrawals.
Source: <http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/phisher-convicted-in-massive-scheme-a-4911>
13. *June 29, InformationWeek* – (International) **Banking trojan harvests newspaper readers' credentials.** Security firm ESET warned of financial malware trying to harvest usernames and passwords from a major newspaper's Web site, Information Week reported June 29. ESET said it observed financial malware known variously as Gataka and Tatanga being used in four recent attack campaigns. Targets include banks in Germany and the Netherlands, as well as an attack "trying to obtain accounts on a major U.S. newspaper's Web site by performing brute-force guesses of usernames and passwords," a malware researcher at ESET said. In all of the campaigns, ESET observed the malware connecting with between three and 10 different hacked Web pages, which served as proxies for the botnet's command-and-control server. The

researcher estimated that the underlying botnet contained “somewhere between 20,000 and 40,000 infected hosts,” with the vast majority of compromised PCs located in Germany. The Gataka malware itself was first detailed by S21sec in February 2011. The security firm dubbed the trojan application, written in C++, as being “rather sophisticated” given its ability to hide on infected systems. It does that in part by downloading encrypted modules after it infects a system. According to S21sec, these modules or plug-ins offer additional functionality and are decrypted in memory when injected to the browser or other processes to avoid detection by antivirus software. Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/security/vulnerabilities/240003004>

14. *June 29, Reuters* – (National; International) **NYSE catch saves broker from disastrous blunder.** A programming error on a massive New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) trade by a broker-dealer June 29 nearly caused a “disastrous” set of events at market close that could have cost millions but was caught by a person overseeing end of day trading, the exchange said. A broker-dealer placed an order at closing for 17 million shares of Monster Worldwide, which was trading at \$8.50 a share, with no offers in site, which seemed unusual given the thin book for the stock. The Designated Market Manager, a NYSE monitor, saw it, alerted the operations staff, the stock was halted, and the broker-dealer was contacted. It turned out the broker-dealer did not want to buy Monster Worldwide. Rather, it was looking to buy an unspecified amount of Monster Beverage Corp. Had the 17 million share order gone through, the stock, which had a share buy imbalance of 17,000, would have soared as the buy orders — there were about 60 of them — would have continued to automatically execute until there were no more offers.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/29/nyse-marketstructure-blunder-idUSL2E8HTJLC20120629>

15. *June 29, Washington Post* – (International) **U.S. targets informal banks for alleged aid to Taliban.** The U.S. administration imposed sanctions on a pair of informal money-exchange networks in Afghanistan and Pakistan June 29 in what officials described as the first use of the tactic to attack the financial underpinnings of Taliban militants who rely on the system to fund their insurgency. The sanctions announced by the Treasury Department were coordinated with similar measures adopted by the United Nations as part of a broad effort to slow the flow of cash used by the Taliban to pay salaries and purchase weapons for attacks in Afghanistan. The informal cash networks — commonly known as hawalas — have long been used by Taliban commanders and other militants to move funds back and forth across the Afghan-Pakistani border, according to administration officials. The two hawalas were identified as the Haji Khairullah Haji Sattar Money Exchange and the Roshan Money Exchange. Treasury Department documents alleged that Afghan Taliban commanders maintained accounts in both networks and regularly withdrew thousands of dollars to pay off Taliban-backed “shadow” governors, buy weapons, and pay fighters’ salaries.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-targets-informal-banks-for-alleged-aid-to-taliban/2012/06/29/gJQAWAInBW_story.html

16. *June 28, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Ohio; Indiana; Kentucky) **Operators of \$8.9 million Ponzi scheme plead guilty to federal charges.** The U.S. Department of

Justice announced June 28 that a man from Cincinnati and another from Brookville, Indiana, each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, one count of obstruction of justice, and one count of income tax evasion for running an investment scheme. The scheme ensnared about 72 investors in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky who lost \$8,924,451.46. According to court documents, the men claimed they were licensed through CityFund or Dunhill to sell securities. They solicited investors between 2003 and March 2011 to invest in a “day trading” Ponzi scheme. They told investors the strategy involved purchasing large blocks of stocks in overseas markets with the investment liquidated to cash before the close of the trading day. Investors were guaranteed profits of 10 to 15 percent and in some cases even 30 percent. Many victims rolled over their retirement accounts into the scheme based on false promises of lucrative gains. All of the representations made by the men were false. Neither of them was licensed to sell securities, nor were the CityFund or Dunhill entities licensed broker firms. Most of the investors’ funds were never invested in anything. Rather, they spent most of the money on themselves, paying for their exorbitant personal expenses and lifestyles.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/ohs/news/06-28-12.html>

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Transportation Sector

17. *July 2, WPEC 12 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Semi fire snarls traffic on I-95 in Fort Pierce.** All northbound and southbound lanes were reopened July 2, many hours after a shutdown on I-95 southbound at Okeechobee Road/State Road 70 (Exit 129) due to a tractor trailer fire, WPEC 12 Palm Beach County reported July 2. One northbound lane was closed. Traffic was stopped from Orange Avenue (SR-68). All southbound lanes were closed at Okeechobee Road/State Road 70 (Exit 129) while crews repaired the roadway. Vehicles were able to exit at Okeechobee Road.

Source: http://www.cbs12.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid_1056.shtml

18. *July 1, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Amtrak riders reunite with family after being stranded.** Amtrak riders were stranded near the town of Prince, West Virginia, for 21 hours because fallen trees were blocking the tracks in front of the train and behind it, the Associated Press reported July 1. The 232 riders were stranded since the night of June 29 when powerful storms knocked down trees and power lines. They were transported out of the area by bus a day later.

Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/national_world&id=8720968

19. *June 29, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **NJ Turnpike reopened after Gloucester Co. crash.** Southbound lanes of the New Jersey Turnpike reopened after a crash involving an overturned vehicle left parts of the highway closed in Gloucester County. The accident occurred June 29 in the southbound lanes near mile marker 12.5 in Swedesboro. Initial reports indicated the crash left at least one car overturned, and that all southbound lanes of the highway were shut for about 1.5 hours. At least one person was airlifted to a nearby hospital.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=8719555>

20. *June 29, WJLA 7 Arlington* – (Maryland; Washington, D.C.) **Red Line service delayed because of suspicious package.** Service on the Red Line was restored between the Fort Totten and Rhode Island Avenue stations in Washington D.C. after being temporarily stopped because of a suspicious package, WJLA 7 Arlington reported June 29. The Metropolitan Police Department reported the suspicious package was in the 4500 block of Fort Totten Drive Northeast. Shuttle bus service ran up between the Rhode Island Avenue, Brookland, and Fort Totten stations during the disruption.
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2012/06/red-line-service-delayed-because-of-suspicious-package-77436.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *July 1, WOWT 6 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **Mailbox vandalized with explosives.** Police said vandals used an explosive device to blow up the mailbox of a Lincoln, Nebraska woman July 1. When she went to investigate, she found a piece of her mailbox in her home's living room. Police said it is a crime that becomes more common around the Fourth of July.
Source:
http://www.wowt.com/news/headlines/Mailbox_Vandalized_With_Explosives_161013475.html?ref=475

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *July 2, Washington Examiner* – (National) **Stink bug crisis reaches 38 states, Pacific Coast.** The Chinese-exported stink bug crisis that ruined apple, peach, and grape harvests up and down the East Coast has now reached 38 states and the Pacific Coast, prompting the U.S. Congress to push the Agriculture Department to speed up the search for an assassin of the “brown marmorated stink bug.” Mid-Atlantic apple growers alone are reporting losses of nearly \$40 million a year, and now there are reports from Oregon's orchards that the bug has landed there. Agriculture officials are studying the use of a miniscule Chinese bee to control the stink bug population. The bee lays its eggs in stink bug eggs, killing them.
Source: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/stink-bug-crisis-reaches-38-states-pacific-coast/article/2501143>
23. *June 30, Food Safety News* – (Missouri) **Missouri investigates Vibrio outbreak.** The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) announced late the week of June 25 it was investigating a cluster of cases of Vibriosis in eastern Missouri. According to DHSS, three cases of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* — an infection commonly associated with eating raw or undercooked shellfish, particularly raw oysters — were reported June 27 and 28. Vibriosis is caused by *Vibrio* bacteria, such as *Vibrio*

- parahaemolyticus, that grow in coastal waters.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/06/missouri-investigates-vibrio-outbreak/>
24. *June 30, Associated Press* – (Delaware) **Seafood plant evacuated after military shell found.** The discovery of a military explosive prompted the evacuation of a Milford, Delaware seafood plant June 29, authorities said. The device was discovered at the Sea Watch International plant. Some employees were evaluated at a hospital, but a Seawatch official said none were sickened. An explosive ordnance disposal unit from Dover Air Force Base responded, and military officials said the round tested positive for a chemical agent, which U.S. Army technical experts were working to identify.
Source: http://articles.philly.com/2012-06-30/news/32484696_1_seafood-plant-military-shell-milford-plant
25. *June 30, Southwest Farm Press* – (International) **Avian influenza outbreak confirmed in Mexico.** Mexican veterinary authorities confirmed the week of June 25 there was an outbreak of avian influenza near Guadalajara that caused the death of nearly a quarter million chickens since early June, and so far has forced a quarantine zone around three poultry processing facilities in the Mexican state of Jalisco. In a follow-up report submitted to the World Organization for Animal Health, Mexican animal health officials said intravenous pathogenicity tests revealed a highly pathogenic H7N3 subtype is the cause of the current outbreak. Mexican veterinary authorities are intensifying avian influenza control efforts in the region, which houses several large commercial farms. The event represents the first highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in Mexican flocks since the country battled H5N2 in the mid 1990s. The outbreaks began at three farms in Jalisco state June 13, causing clinical signs in the layer flocks. The disease sickened 587,160 of more than 1 million susceptible birds, killing nearly 220,000 of them.
Source: <http://southwestfarmpress.com/livestock/avian-influenza-outbreak-confirmed-mexico?page=1>
26. *June 29, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Dole Fresh Vegetables announces precautionary recall of limited number of salads.** Dole Fresh Vegetables voluntarily recalled 2,598 cases of bagged salad, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported June 29. The product recalled is Dole Hearts of Romaine due to a possible health risk from *Listeria monocytogenes*. The salads were distributed in nine U.S. States: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The precautionary recall notification was issued due to an isolated instance in which a sample of Dole Hearts of Romaine salad yielded a positive result for *Listeria monocytogenes* in a random sample test conducted by the FDA.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm310329.htm>
27. *June 29, WLUK 11 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Hundreds of cows killed after fire.** A dairy farm in the New Franken section of Scott, Wisconsin, was dealing with the deaths of hundreds of cows and damage to a new barn that could exceed \$1 million, WLUK 11 Green Bay reported June 29. A fire broke out June 27 at Dairyland Farm.

Firefighters battled the barn fire with about 1,000 cows inside. A day after the fire, the work continued, trying to determine which cows were treatable and which ones were not. About 75 cows were killed in the fire and between 200 and 300 will likely end up euthanized because of injury and smoke inhalation. Each cow was valued at \$2,000. The barn they were in was under construction and half of it was destroyed. Its value was \$3 million.

Source: http://www.fox11online.com/dpp/news/local/green_bay/hundreds-of-cows-killed-after-fire

28. *June 29, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (New York) **Listeria contamination in Queso Fresco, Fresh Cheese.** The New York State Agriculture Commissioner June 29 warned consumers in the metropolitan New York area, including Queens, the Bronx, and Brooklyn, to not consume certain “Queso Fresco, Fresh Cheese” products made by Mexicali Cheese Corp. due to possible Listeria contamination, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported June 29. The product was packaged in containers bearing the following product names: Mexicali Queso Fresco Mexicano, Mexican Style Fresh Cheese; or Acatlan Queso Fresco, Fresh Cheese. A routine sample of the cheese, taken by an inspector from the division of milk control and dairy services June 20, was subsequently tested by the department’s food laboratory and discovered to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. June 25, the manufacturer was notified of a preliminary positive test result and voluntarily recalled the product.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm310335.htm>

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Water Sector

29. *July 2, Steamboat Today* – (Colorado) **Steamboat Springs under mandatory water restrictions.** Steamboat Springs, Colorado residents and businesses were notified of mandatory water restrictions June 29 as northwest Colorado labored under drought conditions. The Stage 2 restrictions were effective immediately for all water customers of the Mount Werner Water and Sanitation District, City of Steamboat Springs Water District, Steamboat II Metro District, and Tree Haus Metro District. Those districts provide treated water to all of Steamboat Springs and surrounding residential areas. Historically low flows of the Yampa River, discharges from Fish Creek Reservoir that are exceeding natural inflows, and the likelihood for continued drought conditions were cited as the reasons for the restriction, water officials said.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_20986415/steamboat-springs-under-mandatory-water-restrictions

30. *July 2, Le-Ax Water District* – (Ohio) **District wide water outage & boil advisory.** As of the morning of July 2, Le-Ax Water restored power at the water treatment plant in Athens County, Ohio, to treat and replenish the main storage tanks. Due to extensive power outages that began after powerful storms June 29, not all remote tank sites could be replenished. Le-Ax had 1,850 customers without water in parts of Athens, Meeigs,

and Vinton counties. A boil advisory for the entire district would remain until further notice due to areas of low pressure or depressurization of the water lines.

Source: <http://www.le-ax.com/index.html>

31. *July 2, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Boil water advisory lifted for most Monmouth County towns.** A boil water advisory for nearly all 22 towns affected by the damage at a treatment plant in Monmouth County, New Jersey, was lifted July 2 with the exception of four: Aberdeen, Highlands, Holmdel, and Middletown. The ban on outdoor water use was in effect until water pressure was stabilized in the system. Officials continued searching for a cause but said a wooden bridge atop three pipes that lead to and from the water plant collapsed, though it was not clear whether the pipes or bridge collapsed first. The collapse affected the company's ability to draw water from the reservoir into its treatment plant and then deliver it to customers. About 185,000 residents were affected by the boil water advisory. Officials said several other water companies were rerouting water to the firm's customers but not enough to meet normal demand. The company set up temporary water distribution sites June 30. Crews were installing temporary pipes at the site July 2 to restore partial service, but the New Jersey governor said the pipes' capacity would only be about 5-7 million gallons of water a day instead of the 40 million gallons that typically pass through the water main. Eighteen towns serviced by New Jersey American Water Company were directly affected by the incident.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new_jersey&id=8719938

32. *July 2, North Jersey Record* – (New Jersey) **Benzene found in drinking water on Union Avenue in Bloomingdale.** Traces of benzene were found in the drinking water of residents on Union Avenue in Bloomingdale, New Jersey, the borough administrator reported at the council's June 26 meeting. Health risks from drinking an elevated amount of benzene in water include anemia, a decrease in blood platelets, and an increased risk of getting cancer, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The town will now have to install a test well and monitor seven additional wells near the location where the benzene was found. The cost of the project will be between \$17,755 and \$18,415. The administrator said here was a test well placed on department of public works property in 2000. Upon reviewing its records, he said, the State Department of Environmental Protection found no sign the well had ever been closed. This led to testing by a consulting firm on environmental issues and the discovery of benzene in the groundwater.

Source: http://www.northjersey.com/news/161038835_Benzene_found_in_water.html

33. *July 2, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia; Maryland) **Boil water alert issued for some Falls Church water customers.** The Falls Church Water Utility issued a boil water advisory for portions of Tysons Corner, Vienna, and Dunn Loring, Virginia July 2. Merrifield, which was part of the original alert, was no longer included. The City of Falls Church said customers in the affected areas should prepare to boil water at least through July 2 night because more time is needed for proper testing. Falls Church Water Utility customers were asked to voluntarily conserve water, so that fire companies have what they need, should there be an advisory. There were also requests

for voluntary water restrictions in Charles County, Maryland.

Source: <http://www.wtop.com/41/2925618/Water-restrictions-and-alerts-in-parts-of-DC-area>

34. *July 2, WVNS 59 Lewisburg* – (West Virginia) **McDowell County update: Thousands of gallons of water available.** Power was slowly being restored to parts of McDowell County, West Virginia, WVNS 59 Lewisburg reported July 2. Two trucks from Charleston were brought in with water and 5,000 gallons were made available at the Kimball Elementary school for residents. Areas without water included Gary, Roderfield, and War. The communities without power included Cucumber, Panther, Jenkin-Jones, Anawalt, Hartwell, some areas of Welch, Premier, Roderfield, Avondale, Jaeger, Sandy Huff, and others. A cooling station was set up at the Five Loaves and Fishes in Kimball.
Source: <http://www.wvnstv.com/story/18932017/mcdowell-county-update-thousands-of-gallons-of-water-available>
35. *July 1, Anderson Independent* – (South Carolina; Georgia) **Sewage leak contained, requires testing creek for bacteria.** An air-release valve failed on a 12-inch sewer line June 30 in Anderson County, South Carolina, causing effluent under pressure to burst through the line and shoot a 50-foot plume of the material over Clemson Boulevard. Witnesses said cars and motorcycles, unaware of the liquid's contents, drove through the shower before a county crew was able to, with the aid of a South Carolina Highway Patrol officer, close a traffic lane where the material was falling. The crew had to wait more than an hour for the sewage flow to ease enough so they could reach a cut-off valve under the line. Crews spent 4 hours getting it under control and returned later to clean up the road. Sewer department workers took water samples July 1 from Hembree Creek to check for fecal-based contamination. The creek flows into Hartwell Lake, the source of drinking water for most of the communities bordering the lake in Georgia and South Carolina.
Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2012/jul/01/sewage-leak-contained-requires-testing-creek-for/>
36. *July 1, Upper Marlboro Patch* – (Maryland) **Water restrictions lifted.** The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) lifted mandatory water restrictions for Montgomery and Prince George's counties July 1. Power was restored to almost all pumping stations and the distribution system returned to near normal levels following a storm June 29, according to the WSSC. Officials encouraged customers to be conscious of water usage.
Source: <http://uppermarlboro.patch.com/articles/water-restrictions-lifted>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

37. *July 2, Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette* – (Indiana) **Power outage closes medical annex.** Due to a power outage, the Indiana Department of Health’s Medical Annex in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was closed until further notice, the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette reported July 2. The Annex houses the department’s Immunization, Sexually Transmitted Disease, and Infectious Disease clinics. Officials planned to make an announcement once power was restored in the building.
Source: <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20120702/BLOGS01/120709968>
38. *July 2, American Medical News* – (National) **Congress OKs plan to combat drug shortages.** U.S. House and Senate lawmakers approved a plan to mandate early warnings from drugmakers about possible shortages of crucial medications June 26. The final bill was to reauthorize the Prescription Drug User Fee Act. The legislation reauthorizes for 5 more years Food and Drug Administration (FDA) user fees paid by drug and medical device companies, and it creates new user fees for FDA reviews of generic drugs and biosimilar products. Drugmakers pay the fees in exchange for expedited reviews of new therapies. June 20, the House approved a consensus version of the legislation by voice vote. The Senate followed on June 26 by a vote of 92-4. The U.S. President was expected to sign the measure into law. Drugmakers would be required to notify the FDA at least 6 months before a lifesaving drug is discontinued or if a meaningful, foreseeable disruption in the supply of that drug will occur due to a manufacturing interruption.
Source: <http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2012/07/02/gv120702.htm>
39. *July 2, Infection Control Today* – (National) **Measuring the uncertainties of pandemic influenza.** A major collaboration between U.S. research centers has highlighted three factors that could ultimately determine whether an outbreak of influenza becomes a serious epidemic that threatens national health, Infection Control Today reported July 2. Researchers from Argonne, Los Alamos, and Sandia National Laboratories, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, used sensitivity analysis to uncover the most important disease characteristics pertaining to the spread of infection with an influenza virus. These are the fraction of the transmission that occurs prior to symptoms, the reproductive number, and the length of each disease stage. Their use of data from past pandemics as well as information on potential viral evolution demonstrates that current response planning may underestimate the pandemic consequences significantly.
Source: <http://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/news/2012/07/measuring-the-uncertainties-of-pandemic-influenza.aspx>
40. *July 2, CNNMoney* – (National) **GlaxoSmithKline in \$3 billion fraud settlement.** GlaxoSmithKline was fined \$3 billion July 2 by the U.S. Department of Justice after failing to report safety data on some of its most popular drugs. The payment is the largest fraud settlement in U.S. history, and the largest payment ever by a drug company. GlaxoSmithKline will plead guilty to two counts of introducing misbranded drugs, Paxil and Wellbutrin, into interstate commerce. Specifically, the government alleged the drugs were marketed as a treatment for conditions for which

they had not been approved. It said Paxil, which treats depression and anxiety disorders in adults, was marketed to children and adolescents, and Wellbutrin, an antidepressant, was marketed as a weight-loss aid. A third count involved a failure to report safety data about the drug Avandia, a diabetes drug, to the Food and Drug Administration between 2001 and 2007. GlaxoSmithKline also reached a 5-year compliance agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services. Under terms of the deal, company executives could forfeit annual bonuses if they or their subordinates engage in significant misconduct, and sales agents are now being paid based on quality of service rather than sales targets.

Source: http://money.cnn.com/2012/07/02/news/companies/GlaxoSmithKline-settlement/index.htm?hpt=hp_t2

41. *June 28, Florida Times-Union* – (Florida) **FDA, Jacksonville police investigating enema-tampering case.** Someone purchased and returned as many as 12 resealed packages of used ready-to-use enema saline laxatives from CVS in Jacksonville, Florida, the Florida Times-Union reported June 28. Earlier in June, a CVS employee decided to check inside the returned products after she thought it was strange a customer was returning six items of the same product: All six enemas had been used and the package resealed. Other packages that had been returned and put back on the shelf showed the same results, the sheriff's office said. Samples were taken of the fluid in the returned enema bottles and sent to the Florida Department of Health for testing. Fecal matter was found on some of the returned bottles. A CVS spokesman said the store is trying to contact the 21 customers identified as possibly purchasing any of the soiled products. The man's vehicle tag number, coupled with him buying an enema package with a credit card, led authorities to the suspect. He was arrested on an unrelated outstanding warrant, according to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's office is working on the investigation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which is treating it as a product tampering case.

Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/crime/2012-06-28/story/fda-jacksonville-police-investigating-enema-tampering-case>

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Government Facilities Sector

42. *July 2, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Family: Crew member dead in C-130 crash in SD.** A military cargo plane from the North Carolina Air National Guard crashed July 1 while fighting a wildfire in the Black Hills of South Dakota, killing at least one of the six crew members aboard and forcing officials to ground the fleet. The family of one of the crew members confirmed they were notified early July 2 that he had died in the C-130 crash. The plane crashed after dropping fire retardant July 1, military officials said. Fall River County, South Dakota sheriff's officials said three crew members were taken to a hospital. All eight Air Force C-130s had been dispatched to Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, the week of June 25 to fight Colorado wildfires, including the 28-square-mile Waldo Canyon Fire. Seven C-130s are being kept on the ground under an "operational hold," said a Northern Command spokesman. It was not immediately clear when they would resume work or what impact their

absence would have on firefighting across the West.

Source: <http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2012/07/ap-peterson-c-130-crash-forest-fire-070212/>

43. *July 2, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Bragg soldier who shot commander dies.** A soldier who shot and killed his superior officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and then turned the gun on himself is also dead, military officials said July 1. The U.S. Army said in a news release the soldier died June 29 after undergoing treatment at a hospital in Fayetteville. The statement from Fort Bragg said the infantryman had been charged recently with larceny of a tool kit valued at \$1,700 and had been awaiting court-martial at the time of the shootings. Meanwhile, he also was also facing legal troubles in his hometown of Hutchinson, Kansas, at the time of his death. He was scheduled to appear before a Reno County district judge June 29 to be sentenced for aggravated battery.
Source: <http://www.armytimes.com/news/2012/07/ap-bragg-soldier-shooter-dies-070212/>
44. *July 1, Discover Magazine* – (National) **Unencrypted GPS lets hackers take control of drones.** Using only \$1,000 worth of equipment, a group of researchers from the University of Texas at Austin hijacked a small drone, highlighting the vulnerabilities of unencrypted GPS signals, Discover Magazine reported July 1. While the powerful military drones used overseas use encrypted GPS signals, the ones in the United States rely on signals from open civilian GPS, which makes them vulnerable to GPS “spoofing.” The head of the university’s Radionavigation Laboratory and his team put on a demonstration for representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration and the DHS. To take control of the drone, the research group generated a fake GPS signal to match the real one, and then used the fake signal to overwhelm the real one, placing the drone under their control. The lead researcher predicts there could be as many as 30,000 drones patrolling the skies by 2020 and recommends investment in some resources in the authentication of civilian GPS signals.
Source: <http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/80beats/2012/07/01/unencrypted-gps-lets-hackers-take-control-of-drones/>
45. *June 30, Ann Arbor.com* – (Michigan) **Chlorine leak evacuates Dexter’s Wylie Elementary School.** Firefighters evacuated Wylie Elementary School in Dexter, Michigan, June 30 after a pool pump malfunctioned, releasing too much chlorine. People attending a swim meet at the school called to report smelling a strong odor of chlorine, said a firefighter. Firefighters evacuated 50 to 75 people, and the swim meet was moved to the Ann Arbor Country Club, he said. Firefighters opened doors and windows for ventilation. Four members of the Washtenaw County Hazardous Materials Team were called in to test the air, he said.
Source: <http://www.annarbor.com/news/dexter/chlorine-leak-evacuates-dexters-wylie-elementary-school/>
46. *June 30, Lewiston Sun-Journal* – (Maine) **Rumford lawyer charged in Wilton bomb threats.** A man was charged with two counts of misdemeanor terrorizing in connection with bomb threats called in March into the Cushing School and Academy Hill School

in Wilton, Maine, the Lewiston Sun-Journal reported June 30. According to a press release from the Wilton police chief, the staff at the respective Wilton schools received the calls, forcing the evacuation of 363 students. The bomb threats were made using a blocked phone number. The incident prompted the schools to adopt a new policy not to accept any more blocked calls. If a caller blocks their phone number, a school employee will pick up the phone and immediately hang up. The major crimes division of the Maine State Police and the FBI assisted the Wilton Police Department in this investigation.

Source:

<http://www.sunjournal.com/news/filed/0001/11/30/rumhoffmanp070112/1217607>

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Emergency Services Sector

47. *July 2, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Two shot outside indy station, bullets hit building.** One man was killed and another was injured in a shooting outside an Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) fire station June 30. The shooting happened across the street from IFD Station No. 14, Indianapolis police said. Two men were found shot. One was pronounced dead at the scene, and the other was taken to a local hospital suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg. He was listed in good condition. “Firefighters ... heard shots fired and came out of the station to find two people shot,” said an Indianapolis police spokesman. “IFD Station 14 received damage from bullets striking the building. No one inside the station was hurt.”
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10736619/two-shot-outside-indy-station-bullets-hit-building>
48. *June 30, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **911 phone lines down in Fairfax and Prince William counties after Friday night’s storm.** Authorities in Fairfax and Prince William counties in Virginia said 9-1-1 phone lines were not working properly after a storm June 29. Residents were being told to go to their nearest police or fire station to report an emergency, or to go to a hospital. Fairfax County said 9-1-1 service was partially restored the evening of June 30.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/911-phone-lines-down-in-fairfax-and-prince-william-counties-after-friday-nights-storm/2012/06/30/gJQAnt1xDW_story.html
49. *June 29, Dominion Post* – (West Virginia) **Fire destroys W.Va. ambulance transporting patient.** A Doddridge County, West Virginia ambulance carrying one patient was destroyed by fire June 28 on Interstate 79. Monongalia EMS picked up the uninjured patient at the fire scene, who was removed without injury, and resumed transport. The chief of the Triune-Halleck Volunteer Fire Department said the fire started in the engine and was under control within 5 minutes. The engine compartment, fenders, and front cab were destroyed. He said the ambulance was likely a total loss. Both northbound traffic lanes were shut down as firefighters battled the fire. One

southbound lane was also closed briefly, so firefighters could respond more quickly.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10736426/fire-destroys-wva-ambulance-transporting-patient>

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Information Technology Sector

50. *July 2, Help Net Security* – (International) **Blackhole exploit kit got upgraded.** Phoenix and Blackhole are the most popular and widely used exploit kits because their creators are always tinkering with them and pushing out updates and improved attack capabilities. Blackhole’s authors recently added the still unpatched XML Core Services vulnerability to the pack and also changed the JavaScript code that initiates the exploitation sequence so it can dynamically generate new domain domains, Help Net Security reported July 2. “If the location or URL for the iframe, which actually contains the malicious code, changes or is taken down, all of the compromised sites will have to be updated to point to this new location,” Symantec researchers explained. “To deal with this, the Blackhole JavaScript code on compromised sites now dynamically generates pseudo-random domains based on the date and other information, and then creates an iframe pointing to the generated domain.”
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13189&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13189&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)
51. *July 2, H Security* – (International) **VLC Media Player 2.0.2 adds Retina display support.** July 1, the VideoLAN project released the second point update to version 2.0 of its VLC Media Player. According to its developers, the major update to the open source media player software fixes “a lot of regressions” in the 2.0.x branch, which was already downloaded more than 100 million times. The update fixes an Ogg-related heap-based buffer overflow and a vulnerability (CVE-2012-2396) that could be used to cause a denial-of-service condition when opening a specially crafted MP4 file.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/VLC-Media-Player-2-0-2-adds-Retina-display-support-1629967.html>
52. *July 2, H Security* – (International) **Serious holes in Cisco WebEx player patched.** Cisco published an advisory concerning four buffer overflows in the Cisco WebEx player and one buffer overflow in the Cisco Advanced Format player running on Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux, H Security reported July 2. According to Cisco, the vulnerabilities could allow an attacker to execute code on a system. The players are used to play back WebEx meeting recordings and are automatically installed when required by WebEx meetings. Exploiting the applications requires the playback of a maliciously constructed recording file that can either be delivered by e-mail or by getting the user to visit a malicious Web page; the vulnerabilities are not exploitable within a WebEx meeting.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Serious-holes-in-Cisco-WebEx-player-patched-1629845.html>

53. *June 29, Threatpost* – (International) **Mac OS X, Windows backdoors used in new APT attacks.** A new Mac OS X backdoor variant was recently detected. It targets a Turkic ethnic group in central Asia, according to Kaspersky Lab. Researchers intercepted an advanced persistent threat campaign earlier the week of June 25 that targeted Uyghur Mac users. Researchers appear to have traced the command and control server to an IP address in China. Similar to Kaspersky’s discovery, AlienVault Labs claims to have found another backdoor that affects Windows users. Transmitted through e-mail, the attack also includes a zip file along with a Winrar file. The file extracts a binary that goes on to copy itself but not before dropping a DLL file on the system. After it is injected, the DLL file appears to help initiate Gh0st RAT, a remote access tool.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/mac-os-x-windows-backdoors-used-new-apt-attacks-062912

54. *June 29, Dark Reading* – (International) **U.S. critical infrastructure cyberattack reports jump dramatically.** U.S. critical infrastructure companies saw a dramatic increase in the number of reported cybersecurity incidents between 2009 and 2011, according to a new report from the U.S. Industrial Control System Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT). In 2009, ICS-CERT fielded nine incident reports. In 2010, that number increased to 41. In 2011, it was 198. Of those 198, 7 resulted in the deployment of onsite incident response teams from ICS-CERT, and 21 of the other incidents involved remote analysis efforts by the Advanced Analytics Lab. Incidents specific to the water sector, when added to those that impacted multiple sectors, accounted for more than half of the incidents due to a larger number of Internet-facing control system devices reported by independent researchers, according to the report.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/attacks-breaches/240003029/>

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To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

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Communications Sector

55. *June 30, Associated Press* – (National) **Storm knocks out servers for 3 websites.** Netflix, Instagram, and Pinterest were using Twitter and Facebook to update subscribers after a June 29 Virginia storm caused server outages for hours. Netflix and

Pinterest restored service by June 30. Instagram engineers were working to restore service, but no data was lost. The three Web sites are customers of Amazon Inc.'s Web services division. An Amazon spokeswoman said in an e-mail that the storm cut power to some of the company's operations. Netflix, a video streaming service, tweeted that subscribers should reconnect if they still experienced problems. The online scrapbook service Pinterest said employees were working on remaining issues that may affect performance.

Source: http://www.wvlp.com/dpps/news/national/storm-knocks-out-servers-for-3-websites_4222995

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Commercial Facilities Sector

56. *July 2, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Security of Duluth zoo under scrutiny after flood.** Security at the Lake Superior Zoo in Duluth, Minnesota, was under scrutiny after more than a dozen animals died and three escaped their enclosures in June's flash flood, the Associated Press reported July 2. According to news reports, an alarm sounded 3 hours before zoo officials knew they had a serious problem. The security company followed protocol and told the animal management director of the alarm about midnight. The company also contacted police. However, police were not sent to the zoo, and the director did not learn of the seriousness of the issue until 3 hours later. Police were overwhelmed with calls from motorists who were stranded on washed-out roads, according to dispatch records. Zoo staffers, who have been lobbying for cameras on the perimeter and 24-hour security for years, said having a guard on duty around the clock would have meant quicker action.

Source: http://www.leadertelegram.com/news/daily_updates/article_a0a67f2c-c442-11e1-bdd7-0019bb2963f4.html

57. *July 1, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (New Jersey) **Chlorine problem at pool sends several to hospital.** An estimated eight people were hospitalized June 30 after a chlorination pump failure at Green Fields Swim Club in West Deptford Township, New Jersey, caused chlorine vapors to be discharged into the air at the 1,700-member facility, said the manager. One of the club's three outdoor swimming pools was shut for the rest of the day after the incident, which was reported to Gloucester County emergency dispatchers. Four ambulances were sent to the scene on what was one of the hottest days of the year.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/new_jersey/20120701_Chlorine_problem_at_pool_sends_several_to_hospital.html

58. *July 1, Bay City News Service* – (California) **Newark hotel evacuated in hazardous materials scare.** A hotel in Newark, California, was evacuated July 1 after a guest apparently used chemicals to commit suicide. Officers went to the W Suites hotel after an outside police agency reported a possible suicide, according to Newark police.

Responding officers found the deceased victim, as well as several notes warning not to enter the room, police said. As a precaution, police evacuated the second, third, and fourth floors of the hotel. Fire personnel said it was safe to re-enter in the afternoon. Source: http://www.marini.com/ci_20986227/hotel-evacuated-hazardous-materials-scare

59. *July 1, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Tolleson LDS church fire probe aided by national team.** A team of 21 disaster investigators from across the country descended on Tolleson, Arizona, July 1 to begin probing the cause of a June 29 fire that destroyed most of a 54-year-old Mormon church. A giant crane prepared to remove the ruined roof that had collapsed on pews in the decimated chapel. Environmental specialists conducted tests in the wake of asbestos being found in the old building. “This is a massive undertaking,” said a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The fire caused about \$2 million in damage, he said. The fire displaced nearly 1,400 worshipers from three congregations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stake, said the president of the Phoenix Arizona Maricopa West Stake.
Source: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/arizona-news/2012/07/01/tolleson-lds-church-fire-probe-aided-by-national-team/>
60. *June 30, Associated Press* – (National) **Fireworks-free 4th for some due to fire threat.** Drought and wildfire fears are snuffing out some Fourth of July festivities this year, Associated Press reported June 30. From Utah to Indiana, State and local governments are calling off annual fireworks displays out of fear a stray rocket could ignite tinder-dry brush and trigger a wildfire. They are also warning residents not to use fireworks, sparklers, or Roman candles in backyards. The worry is especially acute in the West, where crews are battling out-of-control blazes in several States. Parts of the Midwest are affected, too, after weeks without significant rain. In 2011, about a third of the country was in drought. Now nearly three-quarters is, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor map. In Colorado, where hundreds of homes were destroyed by flames in the past month, firefighters have said they do not have the time or resources to stand watch over public events. At least nine public fireworks displays have been called off. Montana has not called for an end to big displays yet, but the governor is urging people not to set off their own fireworks and has left the door open to canceling public shows. Officials have also canceled displays or issued warnings restricting private fireworks in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Utah, and Wisconsin.
Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/48026048/ns/weather/#.T_HHSJF3e71
61. *June 28, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Police respond to bomb scares at Walmart stores.** Bomb scares at two Tulsa, Oklahoma-area Walmart stores June 28 prompted one store’s evacuation, police said. Threats were called in minutes apart to the stores in Tulsa and Sand Springs. A Tulsa police officer said a man who called the Tulsa store said a bomb there would explode in 30 minutes. The store was evacuated, and the entrances were cordoned off as authorities searched the building. No devices were found, and employees and customers were allowed to return about an hour later. A man called the Sand Springs store and said he had heard that there was a bomb there, said

the Sand Springs assistant police chief. Authorities searched the building and found nothing, he said. Police left the decision of whether to evacuate the store to management, which decided to let employees and customers stay, he said.

Source:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20120628_11_0_TheWal449351&allcom=1

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

62. *July 2, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Eastern Mont. fires spread, prompt new evacuations.** Two fast-moving wildfires — including a new one that grew from 3 to more than 30 square miles overnight — triggered new evacuations in southeastern Montana, July 2. Firefighters battled a potent mix of lightning strikes, dry weather, and flame-whipping winds as they tried to contain the 290-square-mile Ash Creek fire near Ashland, and the 9-square mile Horse Creek fire south of Hysham. Authorities said the Ash Creek fire jumped Highway 212 west of Broadus early July 2. The Powder River County Sheriff's Office evacuated Sonnette and Ten Mile Creek roads. The Horse Creek fire is the largest of more than a dozen fires sparked by lightning strikes the weekend of June 30. Authorities said the fire was threatening houses, a natural gas pipeline, and a transmission line in Treasure County.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_20989180/montana-leads-nation-fires-at-323-square-miles
63. *July 2, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Car ignited wildfire that destroyed 4 Utah houses.** The wildfire that swept through a foothills community southwest of Salt Lake City started when a homeowner parked his car on dry grass, a fire chief said July 1. The fire was sparked by the car's hot exhaust parts. Four homes were destroyed, said the Unified Fire Authority fire chief. The fire also destroyed or damaged 13 other structures June 29 in a subdivision of Herriman. The 660-acre Rosecrest fire was 65 percent contained July 1, and an evacuation order was lifted late June 30. Elsewhere in Utah, the 20,000-acre Seeley Fire was 5 percent contained. The fire burned more than 31 square miles in the Manti-LaSal National Forest. Meanwhile, a Carbon County Sheriff temporarily lifted an evacuation order for full-time residents of Scofield. Two new wildfires started July 1 and one prompted evacuations, the Salt Lake Tribune reported. A representative of the Color Country Interagency Fire Center said the blaze in Kane County about 30 miles southeast of Cedar City burned about 300 acres by July 1. She said about 100 cabins were threatened in Swains Creek and Stout Creek, and an undetermined number of residents of those areas were evacuated. Cache County fire crews fought a grass fire in Millville Canyon about 5 miles south of Logan. A wildfire destroyed 1 summer house and threatened 75 others. The fire was 40 percent contained July 1. It was the State's largest at more than 150 square miles. About 70 miles south of Salt Lake City, an evacuation order was lifted for Indianola, allowing residents to return to the rubble of 52 houses in hills west of Route 89, as the Wood Hollow fire

neared full containment.

Source: http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/national_world&id=8721438

64. *July 2, Jackson Hole Daily; Inciweb.org* – (Wyoming) **Wildfire strains helium, oil flows.** Federal fire officials reported July 1 the Fontenelle wildfire, burning on the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Sublette and Lincoln counties in Wyoming, placed “substantial strain on helium plant construction ... and oil/gas production.” The fire, reported to have grown to more than 49,000 acres July 1, shut down gas, oil, and helium production, “causing significant economic impact,” according to InciWeb.org. The shutdown is “delaying contributions to the nation’s critical helium supply and employment of 300-plus construction workers,” the report stated. July 1, the forest officials reported 427 firefighters were fighting the blaze, which was 5 percent contained. Low humidity and high winds fanned the fire, which was burning on national forest, Bureau of Land Management, State, and private land about 70 miles south of Jackson. Road closures extend from the forest boundary at the top of Bare Pass at Red Castles, west to North Piney Meadows and Tri Basin Divide, south to Cheese Pass, Mount Isabel and Red Park, east to the junction of LaBarge Creek Road and the forest boundary, and north to Bare Pass.
Source: http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art_id=8720
65. *July 1, Mitchell Daily Republic; Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Highland Fire threatening Black Hills homes.** A new fire between Custer and Newcastle, Wyoming, threatened dozens of homes. The Highlands Fire started July 1, according to a fire information press release. The fire was 75 acres and growing, and the fire behavior was considered “very active,” according to the release. Highway 16 was closed between milepost 4 and 5 for more than 3 hours because of the fire. The highway later re-opened, but the public was asked to avoid the area. The fire was the fourth fire in the area in a week.
Source: <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com/event/article/id/67235/>
66. *June 30, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Mark Twain Forest Fire partly contained.** A fire that burned between 550 and 600 acres at Mark Twain National Forest in Iron County, Missouri, was partly contained, the Associated Press reported June 30. The governor said numerous smaller fires were burning across the State. Wildfires burned at the national forest since June 28, authorities said. Highway 32, an east-west two-lane highway in Iron County, was shut down between Highway 49 South and Highway A after the blaze spread across the road and toppled several trees, the forest’s fire management officer said. There were more than 100 fires in 2012 at the 1.5 million-acre national forest, which damaged about 5,000 acres. June 29, the governor activated an operations center that coordinates several State agencies and provides shelters in case homes need to be evacuated. He also ordered the Missouri National Guard to prepare to respond.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/mark-twain-forest-fire-partly-contained/article_6662bf78-c20e-11e1-9586-0019bb30f31a.html

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Dams Sector

67. *July 1, McComb Enterprise-Journal* – (Mississippi) **Dam repairs for Percy Quin State Park.** The Percy Quin State Park manager said the park's lake will be lowered an estimated 6 feet to 10 feet for repairs to the dam and spillway valve, the McComb Enterprise-Journal reported July 1. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will take bids in October with work starting in November. The project will last 4 to 6 months. The dam is seeping and the valve has a slow leak. A contractor will re-slope the front and back of the dam, add new riprap, clear trees at a distance of 30 yards below the dam, and repair the leaky valve. The manager hopes to have everything complete and the lake refilled by March 1, 2013 so as not to interfere with fish spawning.

Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20120702/NEWS/207020318/Dam-repairs-Percy-Quin-State-Park?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|s>

68. *June 29, Associated Press* – (California) **Calif. approves flood plan for Central Valley.** California officials approved a plan June 29 that recommends major investments in the State's aging system of levees that protect people and farmland in the Central Valley, an area with one of the highest flood risks in the nation. The plan, adopted by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, calls for as much as \$17 billion in repairs and new investments in the levees and other infrastructure, including \$5 billion in bond funds already approved by State voters. Officials and experts agree the flood control system built along the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers by farmers and governments over the past 150 years is in disrepair. About 1 million Californians live in the floodplains, and the levees protect an estimated \$69 billion in assets, including the State's water supply, major freeways, agricultural land, and the valley's remaining wetland and riparian habitat, yet more than half of the region's urban and rural levees do not meet standards. Also, about half of the channels are believed to be inadequate to handle projected flooding. The plan does not include specific projects but offers recommendations concerning floodway and bypass expansion; improvements to intake and gate structures; urban and rural levee repairs; fish passage improvements; and ecosystem restoration. The plan also outlines new flood protection requirements for cities and counties. The State will now require urban communities that want to do new development to achieve 200-year flood protection — double the federal standard — by 2025.

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