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Daily Overview

- finextra.com reports that as banks are increasing online security, fraudsters are turning to alternative methods of collecting customer information, such as obtaining usernames and passwords from keylogging software installed on terminals in Kinko's stores throughout Manhattan. (See item [5](#))
- The Boston Globe reports that two mortar rounds struck the U.S. Embassy complex in Monrovia, Liberia, during intense fighting between rebels and government troops Monday. (See item [20](#))

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Energy Sector

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

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

1. *July 21, Associated Press* — **Severe storms knock out power in Iowa. A severe storm knocked out power to 35,000 homes and businesses in Cedar Rapids, IA, on Sunday.** At least 2,000 power lines and 100 poles were down, as well as 20–25 home damaged, and the roof torn off an apartment building. **No serious injuries were reported.** As of Monday morning, 20,000 homes were still without power.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/weather/news/2003-07-21-iowa-tornado_s_x.htm
2. *July 19, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* — **Energy chief says price of natural gas to stay high.** High demand and weak supply for natural gas has government officials reinforcing the warnings of high energy costs. **The nation's natural gas storage supply is 14% below**

average five-year levels, and a hot summer could limit storage capacity. High gas prices could also affect natural gas companies who are warning of layoffs and production cuts.

Source: http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=ajc_2003_07_19_D_35577836-0042-Home.ew&SMContentSet=0

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Chemical Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

3. *July 21, finextra.com* — **BIS sets out electronic banking risk guidelines. The Bank for International Settlements (BIS), an international organization which coordinates regulations in the fields of financial services, provided new risk management guidelines directed at electronic banking last week. The guidelines include oversight responsibilities of boards of directors and management, security controls, and cross-border specific electronic banking activities.** "Our goal with these electronic banking principles is to promote safe and sound banking industry and supervisory practices without creating undue regulatory burden or impediments to a bank's use of the Internet delivery channel to meet customer needs," said U.S. Comptroller of the Currency John Hawke, who chaired the group. The papers may be viewed on the BIS Website here: <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs98.htm>.
Source: <http://www.finextra.com/fullstory.asp?id=9502>
4. *July 21, The Christian Science Monitor* — **Guard your card: ATM fraud grows more sophisticated. Last year, the American Bankers Association reported that fraud involving debit cards cost the industry nearly \$51 million in 2002.** New devices are being used to capture ATM users' identification codes. A thin piece of transparent plastic is overlaid on the ATM keypad to look like a protective cover, but actually has microchips that record keystrokes. Other scams include restaurant and convenience store employees passing cards through personal hand-held devices on their way to the cash register. **The banking industry is fighting back using various approaches, including programs that track ATM users' spending habits and identify anything unusual, and keyboards that automatically break if a data-catching device is inserted between the keyboard and the computer.**
Source: <http://www.csmonitor.com/2003/0721/p15s01-wmcn.htm>
5. *July 21, finextra.com* — **Spyware bank frauds uncovered in U.S. and South Africa.** As banks are increasing online security, fraudsters are turning to alternative methods of collecting customer information. **Last week, JuJu Jiang of Flushing, NY, pleaded guilty to computer**

fraud in which he obtained usernames and passwords from keylogging software he installed on terminals in Kinko's stores throughout Manhattan. He then used the confidential information to open online bank accounts, or access existing customer accounts.

Absa Bank in South Africa stated that they have found a similar fraud being used against their customers. It is understood that the criminal behind this scam stole 530,000 South Africa Rand (U.S. \$69,501) from Absa accounts before the crime was detected. Richard Peasey, Absa group information security officer, says the bank's forensic team is working with the police in an attempt to track the culprit.

Source: <http://www.finextra.com/fullstory.asp?id=9511>

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Transportation Sector

6. *July 21, Associated Press* — **Southwest Airlines reports 2Q profit. Low-fare carrier Southwest Airlines Co. doubled its second quarter earnings to log its 49th consecutive profitable quarter, exceeding Wall Street estimates. Second-quarter net income for Southwest, the only major U.S. carrier to remain profitable the past two years, totaled \$246 million, or 30 cents per share, up from \$102 million, or 13 cents per share, in the same period in 2002.** The figures included a \$271 million cash infusion from the federal government. Excluding that and other special items, the Dallas-based carrier earned \$103 million, or 13 cents per share, compared with second quarter 2002 operating income of \$84 million, or 10 cents per share. Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had expected quarterly earnings of 12 cents per share in the latest period. Results also included an additional \$36 million in passenger revenue from a reduction in estimated future refunds and exchanges. **"Considering the challenges we faced in second quarter with the Iraq war and the difficult airline industry pricing environment, we are proud of our better than expected earnings performance," James F. Parker, Southwest vice chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement accompanying the results.** But the economic outlook remained uncertain, Parker said, with airline officials concerned about travel demand post-Labor Day. Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/business/AP-Earns-Southwest.html>
7. *July 21, Associated Press* — **U.S. tourists' plane crashes in Kenya; all 14 aboard feared dead.** A chartered aircraft carrying three families to a game reserve plowed into Mount Kenya, killing all 12 American tourists and the two South African pilots on board, officials said today. **The airplane hit Point Lenana, the third highest peak on Africa's second highest mountain, as a cloudy sky was beginning to clear just before sunset on Saturday, said Bongo Woodley, senior Kenya Wildlife Service warden in charge of Mount Kenya National Park.** "We heard it immediately, and I have flown over the site and seen the crash, and there do not appear to be any survivors," Woodley said by telephone from the park headquarters in Naro Moru, 75 miles north of Nairobi. Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/21/international/africa/21KEN_Y.html
8. *July 21, Reuters* — **Hydrogen cars not needed, U.S. experts say. Two U.S. energy experts cast more doubt on a push to develop hydrogen-powered cars as a means to cut air pollution and reduce oil imports. Cheaper and faster ways already exist to achieve the same effect, including raising fuel efficiency and toughening environmental standards,**

David Keith and Alexander Farrell, wrote in the current issue of the journal Science. "Automobile manufacturers don't need to invest in anything fancy. A wide number of technologies are already on the shelf," Farrell, assistant professor of energy and resources at the University of California, Berkeley, said. "The cost would be trivial compared to the changes needed to go to a hydrogen car." **Other scientists have also questioned the benefits of hydrogen fuel cells. Leading environmental groups have also criticized the U.S. government and Europe for failing to put renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power at the heart of their hydrogen policies.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/science/07/21/hydrogen.car.reut/index.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

9. *July 21, MSNBC* — **International growth drives package delivery. With the domestic package delivery market growing more saturated each year, U.S. carriers are expanding in foreign markets.** UPS has spent more than \$1.3 billion in international acquisitions in the past five years alone, and the company plans to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in hubs located in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Germany, and the Philippines in the coming years. UPS handles an average of 1.2 million international packages each day, accounting for about 9 percent of the company's total volume. FedEx handles about \$4.2 billion in international package and freight deliveries each year, representing about a quarter of its business. And Seattle-based ground delivery firm Airborne Inc. soon may enter the international market. **Airborne recently announced plans to merge with DHL Worldwide Express, a company that has a complex ownership structure and is ultimately controlled by Germany's Deutsche Post AG.**

Source: <http://famulus.msnbc.com/famuluscom/bizjournal07-21-010301.a sp?bizj=ATL>

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Agriculture Sector

10. *July 21, Reuters* — **U.S. to visit Japan, and South Korea on mad cow concerns. The Bush administration is sending a high-level team to Japan and South Korea this week to discuss both countries' concerns about American beef following Canada's discovery of mad cow disease in May, a U.S. Agriculture Department (USDA) official said on Monday.** Both countries are major buyers of American beef and want the United States to guarantee that no U.S. beef shipments contain Canadian meat. **Officials of USDA, the Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Trade Representative's office were departing Monday for Japan. After spending "a couple days" in Japan, USDA spokeswoman Alisa Harrison said the team will visit South Korea.** "They will continue talking about a lot of the issues surrounding the single case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) try to look at the information to date and continue to work through" Japanese and South Korean concerns, Harrison said. On May 20, Canada confirmed one case of mad cow disease in an Alberta animal slaughtered early this year, prompting many countries to refuse new imports. Since then, Tokyo and Seoul have called for tighter controls on U.S. beef. Japan has set a September 1 deadline for certifying no Canadian beef has slipped through via the United States.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=topNews&storyID=3127000>

11. *July 21, Reuters* — **UK science panel says GM food safety risk very low. Genetically modified crops pose a very low risk to human health and foods derived from them are probably as safe as those made from conventional varieties, a major British scientific study has concluded.** "On balance, the panel concludes that the risks to human health from GM crops currently on the market are very low," the report of the government-backed study, published on Monday, said. The report said "there have been no verifiable untoward toxic or nutritionally deleterious effects" on human health, but did not say all biotech crops were completely safe. **The 24 member scientific panel responsible for the "GM Science Review" said more research was needed, particularly as new varieties entered the market.** "It is clear that gaps in our knowledge and uncertainties will become more complex if the range of plants and traits introduced increases," the GM Science Review Panel, led by chief government scientist David King, said. **The report largely dismissed arguments by green groups that GM crops would cross-pollinate with conventional plants to create "superweeds" that would blight the countryside and taint organically-grown varieties. GM crops are "very unlikely to invade our countryside or become problematic plants," it said.**

Source: http://www.agriculture.com/worldwide/IDS/2003-07-21T113200Z_01_N2W076397_RTRIDST_0_BRITAIN-FOOD-GENES-UPDATE-1.html

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Food Sector

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

12. *July 21, New York Times* — **New WHO chief plans training program to fight epidemics. The World Health Organization (WHO) will train a cadre of young epidemiologists to battle outbreaks like Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), emulating a program that has long helped the United States play a leadership role in public health, the organization's incoming director general has said.** The new program will be modeled after the Epidemic Intelligence Service, which has been a backbone of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The U.S. service's officers and graduates of its two-year training program often travel to the far corners of the world to provide public health assistance to countries affected by disease outbreaks. **Creating a similar program will be a bold step for the WHO, a United Nations agency. It has traditionally focused more on convening independent experts for technical reviews and providing advice to its 192 member countries than serving as a rapid-response, action-oriented organization.** But the agency

has often organized teams of epidemiologists from the U.S. and elsewhere to control outbreaks, as it scrambled to do recently for SARS. In doing so, it has relied on the good will and budgets of other institutions, whose scientists put aside their own work. The plan for an epidemiology program reflects in part a May vote by representatives of member nations to give the agency a stronger hand in investigating outbreaks.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/21/health/21WHO.html?ex=1059783290&ei=1&en=4330c73f70b5ea04>

13. *July 20, Orlando Sentinel* — **U.S. still unready for biological attacks. Health officials nationwide are struggling to find better ways of detecting potential biological attacks in their earliest stages by tracking everything from sales of over-the-counter drugs to symptoms of emergency-room patients. Yet few communities have managed to establish such a system, known as syndromic surveillance. A recent government report found that 34 surveillance systems are in various stages of testing, but their use is "piecemeal," with little uniformity between cities and states.** Government health officials already track disease outbreaks and unusual illnesses with help from private doctors and hospitals. But the idea behind syndromic surveillance is to look for subtle clues that an outbreak is brewing, long before it becomes obvious. One method is to monitor the prevalence of the initial symptoms of the viruses, bacteria, and toxins that most likely would be used in a biological attack. Smallpox starts as the flu, as does inhalational anthrax and the plague. **But because such symptoms are common, it's difficult to pick out danger signs while simultaneously ignoring run-of-the-mill sniffles. That's why the systems need to be sensitive, flagging the people in different towns who went to the same sporting event or particular theme park, then fell ill later with symptoms that might indicate a biological attack.**

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/nationworld/orl-asecbioterror20072003jul20.0.7132093.story?coll=orl-news-headlines>

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Government Sector

14. *July 21, Federal Computer Week* — **Bush backs Senate on security.** The White House came out in support of the Senate's version of the first Homeland Security appropriations bill on Monday. **The \$29.3 billion bill would increase funding for key areas, including the U.S. Coast Guard, aviation security and intelligence.** Congressional Democrats say that even more spending is necessary and plan on trying to add more money for security at ports, borders and high-risk urban areas such as New York and Washington.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0721/web-home-07-21-03.asp>

15. *July 21, nbc4columbus.com* — **Nearly 11 tons of marijuana seized.** A federal search warrant was executed on a Columbus, OH business Monday after nearly 11 tons of marijuana was seized in Texas earlier in the month. **The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement seized a 21,947-pound load of marijuana on July 11 from a truck that was crossing the Mexico border into Laredo, Texas.** The seizure was one of the largest single loads of marijuana seized along the southwest border in recent years, according to the Department of Homeland Security. The driver of the truck, Gregorio Rosas-Escudero, was arrested after he tried to leave an inspection station.

During an examination, inspectors allegedly discovered bundles wrapped in plastic cellophane packed inside the boxes. **Agents arranged to make a "controlled delivery" of the marijuana to its intended recipients in Columbus, OH. Agents then began driving the shipment from Laredo to Columbus. Efforts to deliver the marijuana proved unsuccessful.** A Columbus business allegedly connected to the shipment was searched Monday as part of the ongoing investigation into those responsible. Agents are working to identify the drug organization's command-and-control personnel in the greater Columbus area and in Mexico.

Source: <http://www.nbc4columbus.com/news/2347047/detail.html>

16. *July 21, Talon News* — **Bill would empower state and local law enforcement to capture illegal aliens.** A bipartisan bill has been introduced in Congress that would empower state and local law enforcement personnel to uphold immigration laws as part of their regular policing duties. **U.S. Rep. Charlie Norwood (R-GA) has sponsored the Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal Act of 2003 or CLEAR Act. Entered as H.R. 2671, the 600,000 additional men and women serving in state and local law enforcement would supplement the 2,000 Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE) agents who are currently attempting to curb illegal immigration.** It is estimated that there are over 400,000 illegal aliens who have received their final deportation orders and are hiding in communities across the United States. However, BICE agents have been unable to locate many of them because they simply do not have the resources or the manpower. **With the burden of these illegal aliens and the jurisdiction of state and local law enforcement officials unclear, the CLEAR Act gives state and local officers the authority to arrest and detain illegal aliens as part of their day-to-day activities.** It also provides additional revenue and training to support immigration law enforcement as well as providing access to the new National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database containing immigration law violators.

Source: <http://mensnewsdaily.com/archive/newswire/nw03/talonnews/0703/072103-tn-bill-capture-illegal-aliens.htm>

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Emergency Services Sector

17. *July 21, The Penn Online* — **New disaster response master's degree offered. The Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) is developing a distinct niche in education by training students in homeland security and for response to terrorists' use of weapons of mass destruction.** The university will offer a new master's degree program in the science of disaster response, designed for emergency first responders and counter-terrorism units, according to information provided by the state system. The Board of Governors approved the new degree program earlier this month, which was developed under a contract with the Johnstown-based Concurrent Technologies Corporation for the U.S. Department of Defense. **Instruction combines biology, chemistry and physics.** Funding for the program, called Weapons of Mass Destruction-Response Elements Advanced Laboratory Integrated Training and Indoctrination, was received from the Department of Defense/National Guard and is part of IUP's John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security. **While the training until now was only offered to members of the National Guard, the master's level program has been expanded to local, state and federal law enforcement officers involved in counter-terrorism and will be available to civilians in the near future.**

Source: http://www.thepenn.org/vnews/display.v/ART/2003/07/21/3f1c29_60e403a

18. *July 21, The Times Argus Online* — **Federal grant helps Marshfield firefighters. Volunteer firefighters in Marshfield, VT will soon be “breathing easier” thanks to a \$41,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.** Fire Chief Tom Maclay says a portion of the federal funding — roughly \$17,000 — will be used to replace four aging self-contained breathing apparatus units that are regularly used by firefighters. **For the purposes of the grant application, Maclay estimated the cost of the new radios at just over \$29,000. The radios, he said, will be able to operate on the narrower bandwidth now being used by newly issued fire service channels.** With the Capital West emergency dispatching system soon hoping to add extra channels, Maclay said the new radios would improve communication and allow the Marshfield department to fully comply with communications regulations long before the deadline. **The grant for Marshfield, s tiny volunteer fire department was among those announced in the latest round of what will ultimately be a total of 7000 grants worth \$750 million in direct assistance to firefighters awarded under the federal grant program.**

Source: <http://timesargus.nybor.com/Local/Story/68923.html>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

19. *July 18, Reuters* — **APEC takes aim at cyber crime, virus writers.** Fighting computer hackers, virus writers and other "cyber criminals" will be a key theme of a U.S.-sponsored meeting of Asia-Pacific government officials in Thailand this week, organizers said on Friday. **Officials of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum will discuss how to develop cybercrime law enforcement units that work closely internationally and a legal framework for prosecuting cyber criminals,** the APEC Secretariat in Singapore said. The five-day meeting from on Monday in Bangkok is organized by the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section of the United States Department of Justice and hosted by Thailand's National Electronics and Computer Technology Center. APEC's members are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States and Vietnam. **"The activities of cyber criminals have direct and harmful consequences for the regional economy," APEC Secretariat Executive Director Piamsak Milintachinda said** in a statement. APEC lists cybercrime as a misuse of computer systems for illegal actions such as theft, fraud or terror activities.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=internetNews&storyID=3114425>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 2 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 2 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_KLEZ.H Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10 Target Ports	137 (netbios-ns), 80 (www), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 113 (ident), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 0 (---), 53 (domain), 2234 (directplay) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

20. *July 22, Boston Globe* — **Shells hit American Embassy in Liberia. Two mortar rounds struck the U.S. Embassy complex in the Liberian capital of Monrovia Monday. Liberian government troops fought pitched battles with guerrillas that left at least 90 dead in what appeared to be the deadliest day in two months of sporadic combat, according to news service reports. The U.S. Defense Department meanwhile rushed dozens of Marines by helicopter to Monrovia to increase protection of the U.S. Embassy. The Pentagon ordered a larger force of 4500 sailors and Marines from the Horn of Africa to the Mediterranean Sea in case they were needed to evacuate the remaining Americans or to play a peacekeeping role in the days ahead. President Bush said his administration will "continue to monitor the situation very closely. We're working with the United Nations to affect policy necessary to get the cease-fire back in place." It was unclear Monday night whether forces loyal to Taylor or the main rebel group, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy, were responsible for the attacks on the US Embassy complex. A mortar round hit an apartment building on the main embassy grounds, and one struck a house in the embassy's annex. An unidentified U.S. citizen was wounded as he ran to take cover in the embassy.**

Source: http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/203/nation/Shells_hit_American_Embassy_in_Liberia+.shtml

21. *July 21, Associated Press* — **Saudi Arabia arrests 16 in suspected terrorism plot. Saudi authorities arrested 16 suspected terrorists and seized a cache of bomb-making material, foiling a number of plots to attack "vital installations," the Saudi Interior Ministry said Monday. The arrests took place in Riyadh in the town of al-Qasim to the north, and in the Eastern Province, an unidentified ministry official told the official Saudi Press Agency. The Interior Ministry official said that during the arrests, security forces seized weapons hidden underground that including rifles, rocket-propelled grenades, nearly 160 pounds of explosives, detonators, and more than 20 tons of chemicals used to make explosives.**

Forces also uncovered night–vision goggles, surveillance cameras, bulletproof vests, passports, forged identification cards, tapes, computer disks and donation boxes. The arrest sweep appeared to be one of the largest since Saudi Arabia launched a crackdown against Islamic militants, some linked to al Qaeda, following the deadly May 12 suicide bombings in the capital, Riyadh.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A22314-2003Jul21.html?nav=hptoc_w

22. July 20, *New York Times* — U.S. is creating an Iraqi militia to relieve G.I.'s. The United States is creating a new Iraqi civil defense force within the next 45 days that is intended to free up thousands of American troops for antiguerrilla missions and to put an Iraqi face on the occupation's postwar security efforts, two top American generals said Monday. The immediate goal is to field about 7,000 American–trained militiamen to protect supply convoys and replace American troops now guarding power plants and ammunition depots. General John P. Abizaid, the new head of the United States Central Command. Eventually, he said the Iraqi militia may also join American soldiers in joint raids against guerrilla fighters, who he said were waging increasingly sophisticated attacks against American troops. **The Pentagon is hoping that new Iraqi security forces and some 30,000 allied forces that will be arriving this summer will allow the United States to begin sending home many of the nearly 150,000 forces it has there now.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/21/international/worldspecial/21IRAQ.html?ex=1059816272&ei=1&en=5e367919483d5206>

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