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## Daily Overview

- USA TODAY reports average gasoline prices hit records in six western states and are within a penny of records in five other states across the country as overnight price increases continue to drain motorists' wallets and threaten a nascent economic recovery. (See item [1](#))
- Reuters reports authorities are checking large airports to see how vulnerable airliners might be to shoulder-launched missiles. (See item [4](#))
- IDG News Service reports that Macromedia Inc. warned Monday of a critical security flaw in the latest version of its Flash animation player and advised users to install an update to fix the problem. (See item [22](#))
- ISS has lowered its AlertCon level to 2, noting that while a successful exploit exists for the Sendmail vulnerability, analysts have not yet reported any wide-spread compromises as a result of this current exploit code.

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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. **March 05, USA TODAY** — **No stopping gas prices** . Average gasoline prices hit records in six western states and are within a penny of records in five other states across the country as overnight price increases continue to drain motorists' wallets and threaten a nascent economic recovery. **The nationwide average of \$1.684 is not far from the record \$1.7178. And diesel fuel, at \$1.792, continues setting daily records. Big haulers UPS and FedEx Ground just**

boosted ground-transportation fuel surcharges to 1.5% from 1.25% because of diesel prices. Crude oil, after dropping Monday, jumped the other way Tuesday, foretelling even pricier fuel. "I would not be surprised to see most people paying \$2 to \$2.25 for gasoline in April," says Tom Kloza, veteran analyst at Oil Price Information Service (OPIS). "Everything points to all-time highs in every state." **California has the highest statewide average price for a gallon of unleaded regular — a record \$2.036, up 2.9 cents overnight**, according to data gathered from tens of thousands of gas stations by OPIS and Wright Express and published by motorist organization AAA.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/2003-03-04-g\\_asprices\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/2003-03-04-g_asprices_x.htm)

2. *March 05, New York Times* — **Barriers for California reactor on road to nuclear graveyard**. Emptied of most of its innards, filled with concrete and encased in a 40-foot steel canister, a decommissioned nuclear reactor here is headed for a nuclear graveyard in South Carolina. Or is it? **Officials at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, (near San Clemente, CA), where for 24 years the reactor produced electrical power, have been stymied in every effort to find a path across the country for the reactor's shell, which weighs 770 tons and displays mild radioactivity readings. Railroads, ports, environmental groups and antinuclear coalitions — even the Panama Canal — have thrown up roadblocks.** Initially set to depart last month, the reactor might not leave until the end of the year, possibly on an 11,000-mile sea voyage around Cape Horn, at the southern tip of South America, and northward to whichever East Coast port chooses to accept it. So far, none have. **The debate over moving the San Onofre reactor is a sign of trouble to come as huge amounts of nuclear waste — most of it spent uranium fuel, far more radioactive than the shell of an old reactor — travel from 70 sites nationwide to the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste disposal site in Nevada if it opens, as projected, in 2010.** Licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to operate for 40 years, at least a dozen commercial-scale nuclear reactors have reached or are nearing the end of their useful lives. In all, 103 remain in operation out of 123 built since the late 1950's. Only a few have been dismantled, in most cases quietly. But as more reactors reach retirement age and are decommissioned, the quandary of how to get them to their 'graves' is becoming increasingly pressing.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/05/national/05REAC.html>

3. *March 04, Fort Worth Star Telegram* — **Area natural gas field cited as largest in state. The Barnett Shale natural gas field in Tarrant, Wise and Denton counties has become the largest such field in Texas and one of the largest gas plays in the United States, a national convention of geologists learned Monday.** "This field is one of the largest on the North American continent," said Craig Adams of Adexco Production Co. in Fort Worth, speaking at an American Association of Petroleum Geologists meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Fort Worth. Adams said crews have drilled 2,239 producing wells in the Barnett Shale northwest of Fort Worth since 1998, and **that daily gas production has increased from 50 million cubic feet daily in 1998 to 570 million cubic feet daily by the end of last year.**

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_national.htm?SMDOCID=krdigital\\_2003\\_03\\_04\\_eng-krdigital\\_eng-krdigital\\_061616\\_1033095301165303304a](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=krdigital_2003_03_04_eng-krdigital_eng-krdigital_061616_1033095301165303304a)

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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

Nothing to report.

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## Transportation Sector

4. *March 05, Reuters* — **U.S. checks airports for missile threats. U.S. authorities are checking large airports to see how vulnerable airliners might be to shoulder-launched missiles.** The Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday. Citing law enforcement authorities and an airport official, the newspaper said FBI and Transportation Security Administration officials began visiting airports in the past week. By studying the airports, authorities are trying to figure out where someone might position himself for an attack, the newspaper said. Authorities say the FBI-TSA assessments will be done at about 80 airports in coming weeks. **Areas of concern include airports with public parks or large bodies of water near runways, such as Reagan National Airport outside Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles International, from which an attack could be launched by boat.**

Source: [http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/reuters20030305\\_142.html](http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/reuters20030305_142.html)

5. *March 05, Government Computer News* — **Budget crunch doesn't keep TSA from playing its cards. The Transportation Security Administration is moving ahead with a smart-card pilot for employees and a passenger-screening project despite a multimillion-dollar budget shortfall.** For fiscal 2004, the agency expects to receive \$500 million less than it requested in the proposal it sent to the Office of Management and Budget, CIO Patrick Schambach said. But **officials said the budget crunch won't delay rollout of the Transit Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), a smart card for physical and network entry at several transportation nodes across an entire region, including ports, railways and airports.** The agency could issue a request for proposals for smart-card technologies as early as this month. TWIC, an ambitious attempt to standardize logistics for credentialing employees across transportation hubs, has hit holdups, partly because Congress felt it outreached realistic expectations. **But TSA leaders argued that turning their backs on TWIC could put daily routines into more disarray as work builds up.** "We have a trucker who has paid for 23 separate background investigations to enable him to have 23 separate credentials to get from Point A to Point B to Point C," said Adm. James M. Loy, undersecretary of Transportation for security, speaking at a U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in late January. "We have an endless list of people associated with the transportation sector in these hubs that we need to

have confidence in, allowing them unescorted access into certain corners of the transportation system," Loy said.

Source: [http://gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/21300-1.html](http://gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/21300-1.html)

6. *March 05, Associated Press* — **Improved border procedures aim to bolster trade, transportation.** Government agents and an array of high-tech screening equipment have beefed up security along Minnesota's sparsely populated border with Canada since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and more agents and gear are on the way. But the intent, authorities say, isn't just to keep out potential terrorists. On both sides of the border, government officials and law enforcement are working with business interests to use new technology and practices to make border crossing smoother for everyone. **Doing so not only will give agents more time to size up potential threats at ports of entry dotting the border. It also will remove impediments to trade between Minnesota and Canada, by far the state's largest trade partner.** On the national security front, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is adding 120 inspectors to stations on the Minnesota and North Dakota borders, while the Customs Service is gaining 53 inspectors in Minnesota. **Still, the largely undeveloped border "is a readily identifiable target for infiltration for potential terrorists," said Bill Michael, a former assistant U.S. attorney in Minneapolis who focused on counterterrorism. "It becomes much simpler to just sneak across a wooded area."**

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/mld/kansas/business/5316798.htm>

7. *March 05, Philadelphia Inquirer* — **US Airways to ease rules in wartime.** US Airways yesterday became the first major U.S. airline to promise customers that **it would relax rules on the use of its tickets if a war started in the Middle East or if a "code red" domestic security alert were declared.** Industry analysts said they expected other major airlines to adopt similar policies. **Once an alert were issued or war began, customers who had already bought domestic or international tickets would be allowed to change their dates of travel or destination city within a 90-day window.** They also could apply the full value of an unused ticket to future travel within 90 days. Two British carriers, **British Airways and Virgin Atlantic, already have similar policies, and other U.S. airlines will probably adopt them,** said Terry Trippler, the airline specialist with the Cheaptickets.com travel Web site.

Source: <http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/5316724.htm>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

8. *March 05, Washington Times* — **Postal Service plans to reopen Brentwood.** U.S. Postal Service officials said yesterday that they will reopen as early as this summer the Washington, DC mail facility on Brentwood Road NE, which has been closed since October 2001 after two postal workers there died of inhalation anthrax. **When the facility reopens, a new detection and filtration system will be used,** said Thomas Day, the Postal Service's vice president of engineering. The system could have prevented the deaths of postal workers Thomas L. Morris Jr. and Joseph P. Curseen Jr., and could have prevented any of its 1,600 workers from being infected, he said. **The Postal Service intends to install the filtration system in all 282 automated mail-sorting centers within 13 to 14 months.** Day said **the air-tight system will alert officials about any anthrax attack within 90 minutes of the entry of spores into a**

**facility, then convey all air through filters.** The Postal Service will continue to test for anthrax spores in the months leading up to the reopening, even as the building is refurbished, Day said. **The estimated cost of fumigating Brentwood and a similarly contaminated facility in Hamilton Township, N.J., is \$150 million,** Day said. Postal officials had estimated that it would cost \$20 million to \$30 million to decontaminate Brentwood.

Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/metro/20030305-78157400.htm>

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## **Agriculture Sector**

9. *March 05, Canadian Press* — **Salmon virus causes heavy losses for fish farms. Millions of dollars in losses have hit British Columbia fish farms in recent years as a virus sweeps through Atlantic salmon stocks, according to a new report.** More research, co-ordination and money are needed to combat the problem which has resulted in 'devastating death rates' at farms, said the BC government report released Tuesday. **It is clear that infectious hematopoietic necrosis, or IHN, is a serious problem for farms, said Al Castledine, acting director of aquaculture development for BC's Fisheries Ministry.** "We have seen no linkage to wild fish other than they are the original source of the disease," he said. **BC dedicated \$3.75 million last year to examine environmental impacts of aquaculture. Castledine expects new research proposals for the fund will arise from the report.** The virus exists naturally in the environment and was first recognized in the 1950s. It spikes at different times, with the first outbreaks at fish farms reported in the early 1990s.

Source: <http://www.seafood.com/news/current/89215.html>

10. *March 04, Whittier Daily News* — **More backyard flocks destroyed.** Pet owners could only watch as Exotic Newcastle Disease Task Force workers killed dozens of backyard flocks. **Residents cooperated in the destruction of their birds Monday because they know it's the only way to eradicate the disease that has led to the deaths of scores of birds at commercial farms, Deputy Dennis Gutierrez of the Riverside, CA Sheriff's Department said.** More than 2.1 million birds have been destroyed since the disease was first detected last fall in backyard poultry and pet birds in Los Angeles County. The disease spread to Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties, prompting a broad quarantine.

Source: [http://www.whittierdailynews.com/Stories/0.1413.207~12026~12\\_20683.00.html](http://www.whittierdailynews.com/Stories/0.1413.207~12026~12_20683.00.html)

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## **Food Sector**

11. *March 05, Wisconsin Ag Connection* — **USDA testing meat plants to prevent Mad Cow Disease spread. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is stepping up its surveillance of meat recovery plants to detect brain and spinal cord remnants.** Andrea McNally, spokeswoman for USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, said about 34 U.S. beef processing plants would be affected by the USDA directive. **All of the plants use equipment, known in the industry as an 'advanced meat recovery system' to strip beef from cattle bones. The machine can inadvertently leave bits of spinal cord and brain**

**tissue in raw meat.** "If spinal cord tissue is detected, action will be taken to relabel held product or recall distributed product from commerce," the department said in a statement. **A company would not be allowed to resume production until USDA inspectors can verify corrective steps were taken by the plant.**

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.cfm?Id=265t>

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## **Water Sector**

**12. *March 05, New York Times* — Rupture sends millions of gallons of sewage into harbor. A ruptured sewage pipe serving most of central New Jersey is diverting 2.5 million gallons of raw sewage into upper New York Harbor each hour, closing shellfish beds and threatening the health of Raritan Bay and nearby waters into the summer.** Officials of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority, which operates the sewage system, said they did not know how long repairing the break would take or how long the sewage would flow into the bay. **The pipe, eight and a half feet in diameter, broke early Sunday morning because of a chain of events that started when electricity to a pumping station was briefly interrupted, Fitamant said. The break does not affect the quality of drinking water, he said.**

Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell of the Department of Environmental Protection issued an appeal to the roughly 750,000 homes and commercial users of the system in Middlesex, Union and Somerset Counties to reduce their use of water. The department halted shellfish harvesting in the region's 30,000 acres of shellfish beds, leaving the baymen, already idled by a harsh winter, unable to work as the weather turned warm.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/05/nyregion/05SEWA.html?ntem=ail>

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## **Public Health Sector**

**13. *March 05, American Medical News* — A new West Nile season.** West Nile Virus is on its way back this time, probably sooner and stronger than the last. **Epidemiologists expect that in the upcoming season the virus will reach into all 48 contiguous states. Its westward movement would build on 2002 momentum, in which confirmed human cases occurred in 39 states and the District of Columbia, killing hundreds and sickening thousands.** Specifically, physicians are bracing for patient anxieties and concerns. Health departments are readying public awareness campaigns and infection control mechanisms. Researchers are trying to learn why the virus kills a few but hardly fazes most. And everyone is hoping for a rapid test, and maybe even a vaccine.

Source: [http://www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/pick\\_03/hll20310.htm](http://www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/pick_03/hll20310.htm)

**14. *March 05, Sarasota Herald-Tribune* — Florida Blood Services will test platelets for bacteria. A new test will safeguard against bacterial infections in donated blood platelets. Florida Blood Services, which serves Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco counties, will use the test on about 50 percent of all donated platelets, the blood's clotting agent, to detect more than 600 bacteria, such as salmonella, E coli, and staphylococcus.** In January, FBS

was one of six U.S. blood centers to begin participating in clinical trials for an experimental blood–cleansing procedure that is believed to kill a wide range of organisms, including HIV, malaria, and mad cow disease. So far, four patients served by FBS have received the cleansed blood as part of the clinical trial. **The tests to spot bacterial infections, approved last October by the Food and Drug Administration, are the newest measures to protect the nation's blood supply.**

Source: [http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?Date=2003\\_0305No=303050779](http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?Date=2003_0305No=303050779)>

15. *March 05, Washington Post* — **Team of scientists prepares for worst.** Long before there was Code Orange, the renewal of smallpox inoculations, or a war on terror, Jerome Hauer and a handful of counterterrorism experts were painting doomsday scenarios. "People would look at us like we were crazy," recalled Hauer, 52, who helped create New York City's emergency management office. **Now Hauer and his hand–picked team at the Department of Health and Human Services are paid to think bleak thoughts. "It became apparent we were totally unprepared," said D.A. Henderson, the epidemiologist who arrived at the department a few weeks after the first anthrax death in Florida. First alone, and then joined by Hauer, Henderson started assembling what has evolved into a new Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness.** The office, which comprises what HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson describes as a "dream team of scientists," was established to oversee emergency response and long–range planning for protecting the civilian population from acts of terrorism, particularly biological and chemical attack.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp–dyn/articles/A42043–2003Mar 4.html>

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## **Government Sector**

16. *March 05, Associated Press* — **Man who sold fake IDs to hijackers given probation.** A man who sold fake identification to two of the Sept. 11 hijackers was sentenced Tuesday to five years' probation and fined \$15,000 by a judge who said she wished the penalties could have been greater. **Mohammed El–Atriss, 46, admitted last month to running phony document mills in Paterson and Elizabeth that catered to illegal immigrants and brought in as much as \$1,300 to \$1,500 each day.** As part of a plea bargain, prosecutors dropped 13 other counts against El–Atriss.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003–03–04–fake–ids\\_x.ht m](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003–03–04–fake–ids_x.ht m)

17. *March 05, Boston Globe* — **Immigration office bogs down over security rules.** Overwhelmed by new regulations and security checks, the U.S. immigration office in Boston canceled thousands of appointments and stopped providing some services entirely for part of January and all of February. The office canceled all interviews for people seeking green cards and citizenship from Jan. 27 to the end of February, spokesperson Paula Grenier confirmed. It affected nearly 4,000 people, all of whom were notified about the cancellations a week or two before interviews that had been scheduled months earlier. **The problems in Boston mirrored those across the country, as immigration offices – already facing a backlog of cases – moved to implement the new directives.** In New York City, the number of green card and naturalization interviews being handled daily declined from 350 cases a day to 150 cases, immigrant advocates say, because immigration officers were reassigned to handle new

mandates. And in Los Angeles, naturalization cases that took six months to process last year are now averaging about eight months.

Source: [http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/064/metro/Immigration\\_offi ce\\_bogs\\_down\\_over\\_security\\_rules+.shtml](http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/064/metro/Immigration_offi ce_bogs_down_over_security_rules+.shtml)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

**18. *March 05, Government Computer News* — Florida taking a multipronged terror–response approach.** State and local officials in Florida have woven a digital safety network to help prevent and respond to terror attacks. "We have made it a priority to maximize the use of network and database technology to strengthen our security," said Steve Lauer, chief of domestic security for Florida's Law Enforcement Department. He spoke at the Information Processing Interagency Conference. The state's preparedness depends on regional domestic–security task forces, which include law enforcement officials, fire and rescue workers, health and medical representatives, and educational and business executives. The task forces coordinate purchases of equipment, collect and share intelligence, and coordinate responses to terror incidents. **The state has purchased interoperable communications systems for each of its regional task forces, becoming the first state to assure statewide radio interoperability, Lauer said. The state next plans to buy software that will let officials communicate across state, local and federal radio systems, Lauer said.** "These systems could have applications beyond Florida's borders, and we encourage states to see how we have solved the problem of getting secure information to all members of our task forces," he said.

Source: [http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily–updates/21296–1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily–updates/21296–1.html)

**19. *March 03, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — FEMA establishes interagency geospatial team.** FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has established an Interagency Geospatial Preparedness Team (IGPT) to help make geospatial information and technologies more readily available to the national community of emergency managers and responders. "On a daily basis, state and local governments are engaged in activities that save lives, protect property and promote the safety of Americans across the country," said Michael Brown, Acting Undersecretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response and FEMA Director. **"This initiative is designed to help them better access and use geospatial tools such as remote sensing, mapping, predictive modeling, charting and geographic information systems."** Geospatial experts from FEMA, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service lead the interagency team. It has been established within FEMA's Office of National Preparedness (ONP) and is housed at FEMA Headquarters.

Source: [http://www.fema.gov/nwz03/nwz03\\_054.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/nwz03/nwz03_054.shtm)

**20. *March 03, USA Today* — Police chiefs don't want to arm retired or off–duty officers.** The country's top police chiefs are in the middle of a lobbying battle with rank–and–file officers over a plan that would let about 1.5 million retired and off–duty officers carry concealed weapons nationwide. Supporters of proposed legislation are casting the officers as a ready militia against any terrorist threat. The plan is under consideration in the judiciary committees

of the House of Representatives and Senate. **Much of the opposition is coming from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Police Executive Research Forum. They say the plan would undermine local authority and "dramatically elevates opportunities for tragedy,"** IACP analyst Gene Voegtlin wrote last week in a bulletin to its 20,000 members. Police chiefs in Florida, Arizona and other retirement destinations are particularly concerned. **The Fraternal Order of Police, the nation's largest association of street officers with 300,000 members, says the plan is necessary for a country confronting a high risk of terrorist attack.**

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-03-03-guns-usat\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-03-03-guns-usat_x.htm)

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

21. *March 04, News.com* — **Congress sets up cybersecurity panel. The U.S. Congress on Tuesday established its first panel devoted to cybersecurity.** In its first meeting, the new House Homeland Security Committee voted to create a subcommittee that will oversee the federal government's "cybersecurity, science, and research and development" efforts relating to homeland security. The office of chairman Chris Cox (R-CA) said **the cybersecurity subcommittee will be in charge of the "protection of government and private networks and computer systems from domestic and foreign attack (and) prevention of injury to civilian populations and physical infrastructure caused by cyberattack."** The Senate does not have a parallel effort, though its subcommittee on technology, terrorism and government information shares similar duties.

Source: <http://news.com.com/2100-1028-991049.html>

22. *March 04, IDG News Service* — **Macromedia reports critical hole in Flash player.** Macromedia Inc. warned Monday of a "critical" security flaw in the latest version of its Flash animation player and advised users to install an updated to fix the problem. **The security flaw affects Version 6 of the Macromedia Flash Player, which was released a year ago this month and has been installed on an estimated 75% of PCs worldwide,** according to the company. The vulnerability affects the integrity of the player's "sandbox," which is supposed to act as a cordoned-off area where Flash code retrieved from the Web can be run safely, without access to a user's files. **The flaw could allow a malicious hacker to run native code on a user's computer, outside the sandbox, possibly without the user's knowledge, according to information on the company's Web site.** No users had reported having been affected by the problem as of Monday evening, a Macromedia representative said. Nevertheless, **the company advised users to download a new version of the player -- Version 6.0.79.0 -- from its Web site immediately. The bulletin, with a link to the download site, is at [www.macromedia.com/v1/handlers/index.cfm?ID=23821](http://www.macromedia.com/v1/handlers/index.cfm?ID=23821).**

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,79003,00.html>

<b>Current Alert Levels</b>	
 <p style="text-align: center;">AlertCon: 2 out of 4  <a href="https://gtoc.iss.net">https://gtoc.iss.net</a></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Security Focus ThreatCon: 2 out of 4  <a href="http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/">http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/</a></p>
<b>Current Virus and Port Attacks</b>	
<b>Virus:</b>	#1 Virus in the United States: <b>WORM_KLEZ.H</b> Source: <a href="http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html">http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html</a> , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	137 (netbios–ns), 1434 (ms–sql–m), 80 (www), 113 (ident), 65013 (---), 445 (microsoft–ds), 135 (epmap), 25 (smtp), 139 (netbios–ssn), 53 (domain) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center

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## General Sector

23. *March 05, CNN* — **Al Qaeda names match those under U.S. surveillance.** About a dozen names discovered at the house where al Qaeda operations chief Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was arrested match names of individuals under surveillance in the United States, U.S. government officials told CNN Tuesday. **Officials stressed the preliminary nature of the information, and cautioned that the numbers are likely to change -- and said the names will require further investigation. One official emphasized that even though some names match, it does not mean arrests are imminent.** "There may be intelligence value in continuing the surveillance," the government official said. "Also, just because you find a name that would indicate possible links to al Qaeda doesn't mean you have the sufficient basis for making an arrest." **Officials have said hundreds of names were found in the Rawalpindi, Pakistan, home where Mohammed was captured Saturday. Many were found in a computer, while others were found on pieces of paper. Authorities are investigating to see just how many might be connected to al Qaeda.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/WORLD/asiapcf/south/03/04/pakistan.a.rrests/index.html>

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