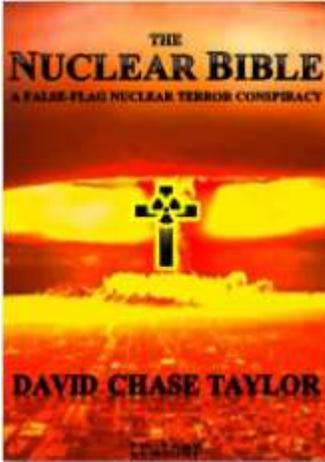


# The Nuclear Bible: Addendum

The following news and information confirms that something terrible was about to go down in Dallas, Texas, on February 6, 2011. While a lot of the evidence is circumstantial, I am a true believer that there are no coincidences.



**Date:** January 14, 2011

**Source:** Fox Dallas Fort-Worth, Peter Daut

**Title/Headline:** *NFL Laptop Stolen*

**Abstract:** A laptop containing NFL and Super Bowl XLV credential information was stolen earlier this week in Arlington. Arlington police confirmed the laptop was among the items stolen from a car parked outside Joe's Crabshack. Several thumb drives and security credential artwork were also taken. The items belong to an NFL employee working on Super Bowl XLV. Police sources say three men were arrested in connection with the theft. However, they said the laptop was not recovered. "Security efforts for Super Bowl XLV have not been compromised in any fashion." said APD spokeswoman Tiara Richards. Officially the NFL echoed that statement. "The Arlington Police have done an outstanding job so that no security or credential information for the Super Bowl has been compromised," said Greg Aiello, NFL senior vice president of public relations (Daut, 2011).

**Date:** January 14, 2011

**Source:** Washington Post, Robert O'Harrow Jr.

**Title/Headline:** *Report: Port Devices Not Duly Tested*

**Abstract:** Homeland security officials responsible for defending against radiological and nuclear terror attacks did not properly test high-tech radiation detectors for use at the nation's ports of entry, according to a report by the National Academy of Sciences. As it pushed to deploy cutting-edge technology in recent years, the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, or DNDO, at the Department of Homeland Security conducted poorly designed performance tests that undermined officials' ability to "draw reliable conclusions" about whether the costly new equipment would work as billed, the report said. DNDO officials also presented the test results "in ways that are incorrect and potentially misleading," the report said. Those conclusions come more than two years after Congress asked the academy to assess a third round of DNDO testing and evaluation of the machines, called Advanced Spectroscopic Portal machines, or ASPs. The report echoes allegations that surfaced in debates about

one of the George W. Bush administration's top national security initiatives. In 2006, Congress approved \$1.2 billion for the machines. The program stalled after Government Accountability Office auditors accused the DNDO of playing down the costs, overstating the benefits and providing misleading information to Congress. The Obama administration scrapped the original ASP plans in February and scaled back the machines' deployment. They now will be used for secondary screening of vehicles including cargo containers. **Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (I-Conn.), chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which has been closely monitoring the program, said the report's findings "are deeply troubling."** He said the report raises questions about whether the DNDO should have concurrent responsibilities for developing, testing and buying such systems. DHS officials praised the academy for its work and said the findings would be "taken into careful consideration." Spokesman Chris Ortman said Homeland Security **Secretary Janet Napolitano last month submitted a strategic plan developed by the DNDO to create a global framework for protecting against "illicit radiological and nuclear weapons and materials."** In their report, academy scientists concluded that the DNDO should follow a "standard scientific approach." Robert Dynes, a physicist and former president of the University of California who led the committee of scientists, said the DNDO was trying to crack a "really hard problem." But "they weren't doing it in a robust, scientific way." "I believe they rushed it," he said (O'Harrow, 2011).

**Date:** January 14, 2011

**Source:** CBS Dallas Fort-Worth

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Security Information Stolen In Arlington*

**Abstract:** **Something is missing from the Super Bowl, and the Arlington Police Department is remaining tight lipped.** There was word Friday night a theft involving secure items regarding the Super Bowl had occurred recently in Arlington. Arlington Police say security efforts for Super Bowl XLV, coming up on February 6, have not been compromised due to the theft. **The department says due to a pending investigation they could not elaborate other than to say they had recovered some of the stolen items. Arlington Police would not confirm any additional details, saying by email "This is an ongoing, open investigation. We are not discussing any details at this point."** In an emailed statement, the NFL said "The Arlington Police have done an outstanding job so that no security or credential information for the Super Bowl has been compromised." **The items stolen included security credential information that was not for the game itself.** An NFL spokesman says the information stolen was only artwork, and no actual credential or personal information. The NFL says they have taken steps to ensure the security of Super Bowl XLV credentials, which have yet to be printed. Crews are working around the clock at the stadium to get it ready for the game. **The Arlington Police Department has been working with Dallas and Fort Worth Police, along with numerous other departments and federal law enforcement agencies, for months to ensure a safe game and surrounding events.** Agencies who had learned of the thefts say there was not a great sense of urgency due to the thefts. Calls into the Dallas Cowboys and Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck have not been returned (CBS Dallas Fort-Worth, 2011).

**Date:** January 18, 2011

**Source:** The Hill, Sarah Williamas, Alexandra Toma

**Title/Headline:** *Congress Must Get Serious About The Threat Of Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** With winter in full swing, we all appreciate that salt and sand ahead of time helps us better weather the blizzard. This is because prevention is cheaper than cleanup, planning ahead is more effective than picking up the pieces. **It's unfortunate that Congress didn't adhere to these commonsense principles when they failed to fund anti-nuclear terrorism programs this past**

December in their rush to get out of town. Fortunately, this issue could be the first low-hanging, bipartisan fruit of the 112th Congress. **The fight to prevent nuclear terrorism will be lost without a serious commitment to the goal of securing all vulnerable nuclear material around the globe.** Currently, more than 30 countries possess significant amounts of material that could be used to make a nuclear weapon, and much of it is stored in less-than-secure facilities. **Enough material exists to create tens of thousands of new nuclear weapons, and the only way to ensure terrorist groups do not obtain even an ounce of it is to reduce the number of places nuclear material is stored and secure those facilities that remain.** When Congress closed the books on its lame duck session in December, it did so without funding programs meant to ensure that nuclear material will not be accessible to terrorists. The 112th Congress' first order of business must be to correct this grave mistake by funding the last six months of the FY2011 budget at the necessary level. **At the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit, our president stood with 46 world leaders and announced that multi-lateral, cooperative efforts to secure all vulnerable nuclear material are central to both global and national security.** Key proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and the Departments of Defense and State support this goal. Not fully funding these programs is trusting too much of our national security to chance. President Obama's budget request for fiscal year 2011 included a necessary increase of \$320 million for vital non-proliferation programs. Congress included the additional funding in the Defense Authorization Act, but left it out of the final Continuing Resolution that will fund the government through March 4, 2011. Compelling critical programs to operate with insufficient budgets while expecting financial and political pledges from other countries is both hypocritical and irresponsible. Congress can – and should – take responsibility for their 11th hour edits to the CR and include funding that will meet our national security needs. **The greatest – but most easily preventable – threat to America today is terrorists with nukes. Our intelligence agencies consistently report that al Qaeda seeks nuclear materials or bombs, and that they see it as their religious duty to use weapons of mass destruction against Americans.** The fight to secure vulnerable nuclear material is being waged quietly and deliberately, but we know it is being won. **On December 31, 2010, the NNSA announced that 111 pounds of bomb-making highly enriched uranium (HEU) had been removed from three sites in Ukraine, bringing that country closer to fulfilling its commitment to remove all its HEU before 2012.** In the last 18 months, six countries have given up all their nuclear material and a total of 120 bombs' worth of material was secured. Removal plans are underway or planned in several other countries, as leaders strive to meet their national commitments before the 2012 Nuclear Security Summit. **If Congress does not fully fund programs to stop nuclear proliferation at the NNSA and the Department of Defense, efforts to secure nuclear material and support U.S. national defense will be hindered.** Congress must take a step towards strengthening our national security and include President Obama's \$320 million request in the fiscal year 2011 budget. Not doing so will slow the implementation of proven, practical, and efficient programs designed to prevent nuclear terrorism. **We must be serious about our commitment to securing global stockpiles of nuclear material to make certain none falls into the wrong hands. Because not funding these essential programs is like forgetting to salt the walk before it snows, and being surprised when you slip and fall** (Williams & Toma, 2011).

**Date:** January 21, 2011

**Source:** Star-Telegram

**Title/Headline:** *Robots, Guns, Horses Highlight Super Bowl Security Demonstration*

**Abstract:** Parking lot A at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington was a bad guy's nightmare on Friday, as officers from 12 law enforcement agencies -- including the FBI, ATF and ICE -- showed off the equipment they will use to secure Cowboys Stadium on Super Bowl Sunday. The event, billed as the Super Bowl XLV Joint Information Center Public Safety Media Day, drew everything from bomb dogs

and robots to mounted patrol officers to haz-mat teams. The coolest demonstration I saw was the Arlington Fire Department's bomb robot, which has a long official name but which I -- as a technology fan -- would like to call Awesome. **Arlington firefighters remotely helped the robot pick up a "suspicious backpack" and stuff it into a container that can withstand a pretty big bomb blast.** The equipment will on site Super Bowl Sunday, just in case. Special Agent Matthew Segedy, senior SWAT team leader for the Dallas field office of the FBI, had some high-powered weapons and sniper scopes on display. **Segedy said FBI agents will be stationed inside Cowboys Stadium for the Super Bowl, in case of emergency.** He said agents from the Houston field office are helping out, just as Dallas agents helped out in 2004 when the Super Bowl was in Houston. **The Arlington Fire Department folks were also on site during the NBA All-Star Game at Cowboys Stadium and the World Series at Rangers Ballpark. (It's been a rather big year for sports in Arlington, huh?) But Segedy said the FBI was not involved in those events because they were not at the same security threat level as a Super Bowl -- which is a Level 1 national security event (Star-Telegram, 2011).**

**Date:** January 24, 2011

**Source:** Star Telegram, Chance Welch

**Title/Headline:** *EPA Aircraft To Fly Low Over Fort Worth This Morning*

**Abstract:** An aircraft used by the Environmental Protection Agency will fly at a low altitude above Fort Worth Monday morning. **The twin propeller aircraft will fly at a slow speed of about 115 miles per hour over particular areas of the city in a straight line at an altitude between 500 and 2,800 feet to conduct chemical and radiological surveys in the area** for about 30 minutes to an hour at an unspecified time, according to the EPA public advisory. The flyover comes as a response to a request from the State of Texas to assist in environmental monitoring activities during events associated with the upcoming Super Bowl, the release stated. **The data gathered from the surveys will be used by federal, state and local agencies for preparedness activities, the release stated. The aircraft will be marked with the words "U.S. EPA" underneath its wings for identification,** the release stated (Welch, 2011).



**Date:** January 25, 2011

**Source:** NBC Dallas Fort-Worth, Ken Kalthoff

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Security On Display In Arlington*

**Abstract:** Two years of planning have produced a comprehensive plan for North Texas Super Bowl security, officials said Friday. The plan is intended to safeguard locations around the region when an estimated 200,000 visitors join local residents at hundreds of events during the week of the February 6th Super Bowl. Officials with a dozen federal, state and local law enforcement agencies demonstrated parts of the plan Friday in an Arlington parking lot near Cowboys Stadium where the game will be played. **"Not one agency, not one city could do this alone, and so it takes an incredible amount of coordination, preparation and planning,"** Assistant Arlington Police Chief James Hawthorne said. Included in the demonstration was everything from high tech to horses. **Arlington Police have**

**acquired some new equipment with homeland security grants including unmanned helicopters to watch over the stadium site.** Deputy Arlington Police Chief Lauretta Hill will be the commander for stadium operations the day of the game. **"When we go operational, we know we have all these other tools and partnerships that are available to us,"** Hill said. Bomb grabbing robots were on display from several agencies including Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Police. "Our primary responsibility will be DFW Airport, however we still have the resources that will be lent out to other agencies," DFW Airport Police Lt. Lonnie Freeman said. Mounted officers from the Dallas Police Department participated in the Arlington demonstration although they are likely to stay busy in Dallas. "Most of our work I think would be dealing with the crowds, large number of people in the downtown area," said Dallas Police Sr. Cpl. Andre Taylor. **Officials with the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said the number of bomb sniffing dogs working Cowboys Stadium prior to the game is expected to set a new Super Bowl record because the place is so big. "Just imagine the nooks and crannies in a place that size that we need to check,"** said ATF Special Agent Randall Dockens, a K-9 handler. Several officers at the demonstration said the Super Bowl security planning has generated a higher level of cooperation between law enforcement agencies. "So long term I think it will benefit everybody in the Metroplex because we understand how they're working," Fort Worth Police Sergeant Richard Bruno said (Kalthoff, 2011).

**Date:** January 26, 2011

**Source:** NBC Dallas Fort-Worth, Ellen Goldberg, Frank Heinz

**Title/Headline:** *Stolen NFL Laptops Didn't Contain Security Data*

**Abstract: An iPad and two laptops stolen from the Dallas Convention Center don't contain Super Bowl security information after all,** Dallas police said Wednesday. **The items belonged to a private investigator and security consultant based in California. Sources say the company was hired to do work for the NFL in some capacity during the Super Bowl.** The owner of the items association to the big game led to concerns about the contents of the laptop, but police now say security hasn't been compromised. **"After talking with the victims, it was determined that neither the laptops nor the iPad contained any information that would compromise or jeopardize the security of any Super Bowl related events,"** said Kevin Janse, with the Dallas Police Department. "Detectives further believe the laptop theft was nothing more than a crime of opportunity and that the suspects probably didn't even realize who the owners of the property were." Initially, police said the items were taken from a Starbucks kiosk inside the convention center. The latest information indicates those items were taken while inside a ballroom where they were left unattended for about 25 minutes, Janse said. **So far, no surveillance video of the theft has been located.** The convention center is hosting the NFL Experience, an interactive theme park with games, displays, autograph sessions and a memorabilia show. The event opens Thursday. **Just two weeks ago, an NFL laptop was stolen from a car parked outside a Joe's Crab Shack in Arlington. Police arrested three people in that case, but the laptop was never recovered** (Goldberg & Heinz, 2011).



**Date:** January 26, 2011

**Source:** Family Security Matter, Dave Gaubatz

**Title/Headline:** *Sleeper Cells In The USA*

**Abstract:** There is every reason to suspect that we will endure suicide missions by Islamist sleeper cells. They are already in place. They are waiting for the right time. I know this from experience. I have worked over 15 years as a U.S. Federal Agent, a U.S. State Department Arabic linguist, and the first civilian Federal Agent deployed into Iraq at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. **Since returning from Iraq I have been involved in terrorism analysis, specifically the mindset of terrorists.** During my extensive research on sleeper cells I have talked with hundreds of people from the Middle East from all walks of life, and have talked with Iraqi Government officials, Iraqi military and Iraqi police officers. In addition I have interviewed numerous counter-terrorism specialists in the U.S. and abroad. In 2006 I trained over 4000 U.S. Law Enforcement officers in Basic Investigative Arabic and counter-terrorism. The conclusions of my research lead to the title of this article. Before I departed for the Middle East in 2003 I had been assigned to Kirtland AFB, NM. Kirtland has some of the best scientists in the world working on U.S. Government projects. **I had been working closely with these scientists who specialized in nuclear energy, directed energy, laser technology, bio-weapons and more. I fully understand the impact if suicide bombers begin progressing from conventional explosives to unconventional methods.**

**Vulnerability at Home:** Upon returning from Iraq I left Federal Service to pursue a career educating U.S. law enforcement in the U.S. I wrote a book titled "Arabic for law enforcement and military". During my lectures to local, county, and state law enforcement officers it was revealed the true first line defenders in the U.S. are not trained nor prepared to combat terrorism in the U.S. (through no fault of their own). The local law enforcement agencies were not receiving adequate funds or assistance from the Federal Government to fight terrorism. **The majority advised they were supposed to be the first line defenders, but in actuality they did not even know what Al-Qaeda meant, and/or could not point out Iraq or Iran on a map.** They had no Arabic language training.

I began conducting research and talking with experts from various fields and determined three significant facts that I corroborated by further research:

- 1. The terrorists groups such as Hezbollah, Hamas, and Al-Qaeda each had different leaders and to some degree operated in different ways, but they each had the same two goals (destroy Israel and destroy America and any country that supported either).**
- 2. Our nuclear research centers were very vulnerable to an attack and the potential for a suicide bomber using a dirty radiological bomb from these facilities was and is a high probability.** Note: Vic Walter and Brian Ross of ABC News did an excellent report on the lack of security at these facilities. **I received an enormous amount of information from individuals associated with Russian nuclear programs that there is nuclear material being sold on the black market and nuclear material is in the hands of Islamic Extremists.**

**3. Terrorist sleeper cells are located primarily in Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Michigan, Florida, California, and Canada. The "sleepers" are prepared to conduct terrorist attacks within the U.S., and nuclear material is available to them.** "Prepared" in this instance indicates they have the necessary tools to carry out their attacks and are prepared to die.

**4.** Non profit organizations such as CAIR, ISNA, MANA, MSA, and several other Islamic based groups are in actuality simply fronts for Al Qaeda and Hamas. The leadership within these groups receives funds and training from the Saudi government. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allows these groups to operate freely throughout the U.S. and at American's taxpayer's expense. **Essentially the IRS grants the groups immunity and the authority to train, organize, and prepare for attacks against our country.** Why? Because CAIR and other such groups have a confidential informant network much better than even our FBI. CAIR uses contractors such as Corey Saylor (Simple Resolve Company) to place interns into our elected official's offices, and into organizations such as the IRS.

**Terrorist operations are active in the U.S. and are being operated/financed by Al Qaeda throughout the U.S. U.S. citizens need to understand there are people trained and prepared to carry our suicide missions in the U.S. and nothing are off limits.** Churches, malls, and even the schools our children attend are not off limits to suicide bombers. **It is only a relatively short time before the U.S. will begin seeing suicide terrorist missions.** I will continue to research terrorism related issues in the U.S. and Canada and will bring forward the results. **Nuclear reactors are located on a large number of major university campuses in the U.S. There locations are not classified and are described on the internet.** Children are the ones who suffer in wartime and I want to prevent any child from ever having to experience a terrorist attack (Gaubatz, 2011).

**Date:** January 26, 2011

**Source:** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Title/Headline:** *Iran Blasts Western Powers For "Nuclear Terrorism"*

**Abstract:** Iran's top nuclear negotiator earlier this month said Western powers had engaged in "nuclear terrorism" and allegedly masterminded the bombing attacks last November that killed one Iranian atomic researcher and injured another, the Associated Press reported. Iran has in various instances blamed Israel and the United States for the car bomb strikes that killed nuclear scientist Majid Shahriari and wounded atomic specialist Fereydoon Abbasi Davani (see GSN, Nov. 29, 2010). The potential for Iran's nuclear program to fuel a bomb development effort has long been a concern in Jerusalem, Washington and a number of European capitals, though Tehran has maintained its atomic ambitions have no military component. Western countries "exercise terrorism to liquidate Iran's nuclear scientists," Egyptian records quote senior Iranian nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili as telling officials who attended a tour of two Iranian nuclear facilities this month. **"Therefore it is important to define a new category of terrorism called 'nuclear terrorism' that aims to prevent developing countries from acquiring nuclear technology,"** Jalili said. Also during the visit, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi said Iran would put forward additional offers for foreigners to visit its atomic sites (NTI, 2011).

**Date:** January 28, 2011

**Source:** Reuters

**Title/Headline:** *Suspicious Package At Super Bowl Stadium Harmless*

**Abstract:** A suspicious package discovered near the stadium where the Super Bowl will be played was harmless, the Dallas Cowboys football team said on Friday. The parking lot of the stadium where the Cowboys play was evacuated after a suspicious package was found under a covered grate in a drainage ditch outside the stadium, local police said. **A bomb squad was brought in to examine the**

**package.** "Arlington Fire and police investigated a suspicious package but there was nothing to it," a spokesman for the Cowboys told Reuters. The stadium is located in Arlington, a suburb of Dallas. **The incident was the third in as many days in Dallas. Police investigated a package at the office of Texas Senator John Cornyn on Wednesday, and a suspicious FedEx package was found in a downtown Dallas office tower on Thursday. Both were false alarms.** The National Football League championship between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Green Bay Packers will be played at the stadium near Dallas on February 6 (Reuters, 2011).

**Date:** January 28, 2011

**Source:** HULIQ, Dave Masko

**Title/Headline:** *Loose Nukes, Mad Scientist Threaten World With An Apocalypse*

**Abstract:** There's very little these days that gets the attention of savvy University of Oregon students here in trendy and "connected" Eugene; but, mention "loose nukes" and the real possibility of an Apocalypse that ends life as we know it and you get: "wow, that's a bummer," and "how can we stop it?" Loose nukes is a term used by government officials when referencing poorly protected nuclear weapons in former Soviet Union states that tempt the likes of A.Q. Khan and other terrorists. According to Congressional records, A.Q. Khan was the leader of Pakistan's nuclear weapons program. In 2004, Khan was placed under house arrest for his role in an international nuclear trafficking network and for sharing nuclear secrets with countries including North Korea, Libya and Iran. "The intriguing thing about A.Q. Khan is that he is in the background. The impression that we have from the Khan network is that he has, you know, an array of associates who have known him for many years and do his bidding and work for him and that these are the people that are doing most of the running around. They're doing most of the organizing, and some of those individuals, I've met over the years," explained Mark Hibbs, senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace during a recent National Public Radio interview. At the same time, **President Obama has called nuclear terrorism the most immediate and extreme threat to global security.** While Obama and President Medvedev of Russia signed the new START treaty back in December, experts such as Hibbs say it's just a band aid for a world that's not of our control with "loose nukes." Still, **Obama noted that the new START treaty will help keep nuclear material out of the hands of rogue nations and terrorists.** Students here at the University of Oregon aren't as optimistic. "There's no way you can stop these nukes from getting into the wrong hands," said one concerned student, while another predicted that "it's not if a terrorist nuke will be set but when?" At the same time, there's been a flurry of anti-nuke art on display in Eugene and around the University of Oregon campus. In general, the subject of "loose nukes" is somewhat distasteful for students meeting at a campus Starbucks to discuss life and other things. "The nukes are something that happened before our digital age. It's bad news and that generation who produced these weapons of doom need to fix it now. It's clearly getting out of hand," explained Peter, a senior who studies political science. **At the same time, Hibbs is making the TV, radio and Internet talk show circuit saying about the same thing – that loose nukes are still out there and present a clear and present danger to the world.** "Some of the encounters I've had with these people have been bone-chilling. They can size you up and tell very quickly whether you are a threat to them, or you pose a challenge that they feel they have to deal with, and I've come away with a conclusion that in dealing with nuclear smugglers, I'm dealing with people who are potentially very, very dangerous," explained Hibbs whose specialty is finding those who smuggle nuclear bombs into U.S. cities. Khan's legacy has an Apocalypse written all over it, say experts. Hibbs points to President George W. Bush declaring the breakup of Khan's nuclear black market as a major victory for the United States back in 2004. However, a new book about the takedown of Khan's network, titled "Fallout," notes that Khan's legacy of loose nukes is much too broad worldwide to ever think we're safe. In Fallout, Douglas Frantz and Catherine Collins track the ways the United States secretly

penetrated Khan's network to prevent Libya and Iran from obtaining nuclear secrets. **During a recent National Public Radio interview, investigative reporters Frantz and Collins say the CIA tracked Khan's nuclear trafficking network for more than 30 years but "it was so obsessed with getting information that it let Khan and his associates spread dangerous nuclear technology around the globe.** Frantz, who's managing editor of the Los Angeles Times, served as a foreign correspondent based in Istanbul during the period of when Khan was being watched by the CIA. "They could literally have stopped him in his tracks [in the 1970s]. It would have done an enormous amount to delay Pakistan building its own nuclear weapon, to delay the arms race on the South Asian continent and to stop Iran from getting where it is on the nuclear front," Frantz says. **"This is something that the CIA, in our view, has been guilty of for more than 30 years now."** Khan, a metallurgist, worked for several European governments, including the Netherlands, in the late 1970s, Frantz says. While in the Netherlands, Khan stole plans needed to develop the fuel for nuclear weapons. Today, Khan and others are still "out there" trying to develop plans for loose nukes, he said (Masko, 2011).

**Date:** January 30, 2011

**Source:** DHS, National Terror Alert

**Title/Headline:** *FBI Man On Charge Of Unlawful Possession Of Biological Agent*

**Abstract:** Federal agents on Friday arrested a Coventry Township man on one count of unlawful possession of a biological agent — the deadly toxin ricin (National Terror Alert, 2011).

**Date:** January 31, 2011

**Source:** Dallas Voice

**Title/Headline:** *Organizers Cancel Gay Themed Super Bowl Concert At Cotton Bowl After Only 13 Tickets Sold*

**Abstract:** The big gay Super Bowl concert planned for the Cotton Bowl on Thursday night has been canceled due to poor ticket sales, according to Ariana Hajibashi, publicist for the now-two-night XLV Party. Hajibashi said only 13 tickets had been sold for Thursday night's concert featuring Lady Bunny, the Village People and Cazwell, which was marketed specifically to the LGBT community. "Our Friday and Saturday are packed, but Thursday didn't sell anything," Hajibashi said. "I understand that everybody in Dallas is a last-minute ticket buyer, but unfortunately with only 13 tickets sold four days out, we couldn't invest an additional \$100,000 dollars. We couldn't have a 6,000-square-foot space with 100 people in it. It kind of makes us sad because we were really trying to do an event for the GLBT community. Everybody else is focused on the sports angle and things like that, so we're disappointed that we didn't get any attention." **Hajibashi said cold weather had nothing to do with the cancellation, because the tent over the Cotton Bowl will be heated. She said organizers thought they had a great lineup that would appeal to the gay community** (Dallas Voice, 2011).

**Date:** January 31, 2011

**Source:** USA Today, The Huddle, Sean Leahy

**Title/Headline:** *Security Plans Tight For 100,000 Fans At Super Bowl XLV*

**Abstract:** The NFL is expecting more than 100,000 fans to attend Super Bowl XLV at Cowboys Stadium and has turned to the federal government for help securing what can be high-profile potential target for a terrorist attack. U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano joined NFL security director Milt Ahlerich and local law enforcement officials on Monday to detail the plans to safeguard the Super Bowl. And Ahlerich pleaded for cooperation and patience from the tens of thousands of attendants at Sunday's game. **"We want to ensure the public that they will be safe,"** Ahlerich said. To reach that level of security, however, screening for entering the Super Bowl will be

similar to that fliers encounter at airports. Fans attending the game will only be able to bring "very small" items into Cowboys Stadium. Among the prohibited items: camera and binocular cases and camera lenses longer than six inches. The league will not hold prohibited items for fans. Ahlerich said fans would be smart to arrive at the game early. Gates will open at 1 p.m. ET, while kickoff is at 6:30 p.m. ET. The NFL has coordinated with local police and federal agencies such as the FBI to protect the event. **The air space around Cowboys Stadium on game day will be cleared. And Napolitano, who is adding increased air marshals on flights in and out of Dallas and declared the game a level one national security event, said the government is adopting the "If you see something, say something" campaign to advise fans about Super Bowl security.** Last Friday Cowboys Stadium went into a brief emergency mode when a strange object was located near the stadium. It turned out to be trash, but Arlington, Texas, police chief Theron Bowman said he wants the public to continue reporting unusual sights -- even if they turn out to be false alarms. **"We are constantly monitoring the area around the stadium for any potential or any perceived threats,"** he said. President Barack Obama said earlier this month that he intended to attend the Super Bowl if the Chicago Bears had won in the NFC title game. While Obama has since backed off that, Napolitano said authorities would have been able to accommodate Obama's presence without a significant change in plans. "The president goes to major events like this all the time," Napolitano said. "So what you would do is you would take the plan and you would bend it out to include a visit by the president" (Leahy, 2011).



**Date:** February 1, 2011

**Source:** The Daily Telegraph, Vancouver Sun, Heidi Blake, Christopher Hope

**Title/Headline:** *'Al-Qaida On Brink Of Using Nuclear Bomb'*

**Abstract: Al-Qaida is on the verge of producing radioactive weapons after sourcing nuclear material and recruiting rogue scientists to build "dirty" bombs, according to leaked diplomatic documents. A leading atomic regulator has privately warned that the world stands on the brink of a "nuclear 9/11". Security briefings suggest that jihadi groups are also close to producing "workable and efficient" biological and chemical weapons that could kill thousands if unleashed in attacks on the West. Thousands of classified American cables obtained by the WikiLeaks website and passed to The Daily Telegraph detail the international struggle to stop the spread of weapons-grade nuclear, chemical and biological material around the globe. At a Nato meeting in January 2009, security chiefs briefed member states that al-Qaida was plotting a program of "dirty radioactive IEDs", makeshift nuclear roadside bombs that could be used against British troops in Afghanistan. As well as causing a large explosion, a "dirty bomb" attack would contaminate the area for many years. The briefings also state that al-Qaida documents found in Afghanistan in 2007 revealed that "greater advances" had been made in bioterrorism than was previously realized. An Indian national security adviser told American security personnel in June 2008 that terrorists had made a "manifest attempt to get fissile material" and "have the technical competence to manufacture an explosive device beyond a mere dirty bomb". Alerts about the smuggling of nuclear material, sent to Washington from foreign U.S. embassies, document how criminal and terrorist gangs were trafficking large amounts of highly radioactive material across Europe, Africa and the Middle East. The alerts explain how customs**

guards at remote border crossings used radiation alarms to identify and seize cargoes of uranium and plutonium. Freight trains were found to be carrying weapons-grade nuclear material across the Kazakhstan-Russia border, highly enriched uranium was transported across Uganda by bus, and a "small time hustler" in Lisbon offered to sell radioactive plates stolen from Chernobyl. **In one incident in September 2009, two employees at the Rossing Uranium Mine in Namibia smuggled almost half a ton of uranium concentrate powder - yellowcake - out of the compound in plastic bags.** "Acute safety and security concerns" were even raised in 2008 about the uranium and plutonium laboratory of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the nuclear safety watchdog. Tomihiro Taniguchi, the deputy director general of the IAEA, **has privately warned America that the world faces the threat of a "nuclear 9/11" if stores of uranium and plutonium were not secured against terrorists.** But diplomats visiting the IAEA's Austrian headquarters in April 2008 said that there was "no way to provide perimeter security" to its own laboratory because it has windows that leave it vulnerable to break-ins. **Senior British defence officials have raised "deep concerns" that a rogue scientist in the Pakistani nuclear program "could gradually smuggle enough material out to make a weapon",** according to a document detailing official talks in London in February 2009. **Agricultural stores of deadly biological pathogens in Pakistan are also vulnerable to "extremists" who could use supplies of anthrax, foot and mouth disease and avian flu to develop lethal biological weapons. Anthrax and other biological agents including smallpox, and avian flu could be sprayed from a shop-bought aerosol can in a crowded area, leaked security briefings warn.** The security of the world's only two declared smallpox stores in Atlanta, America, and Novosibirsk, Russia, has repeatedly been called into doubt by "a growing chorus of voices" at meetings of the World Health Assembly documented in the leaked cables. **The alarming disclosures come after Barack Obama, the U.S. president, last year declared nuclear terrorism "the single biggest threat" to international security with the potential to cause "extraordinary loss of life" (Blake & Hope, 2011).**

**Date:** February 1, 2011

**Source:** DHS, National Terror Alert

**Title/Headline:** *US Issues Global Terror Alert Including India And Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The US has issued a global travel alert, including on visiting India and Pakistan, for its citizens in view of the increasing threat from terrorist organizations like al-Qaeda and the Taliban. In its latest travel alert titled "worldwide caution", the State Department expressed concern over continued threat of terrorist attacks, demonstrations and other violent actions against US citizens and interests overseas including India and Pakistan (National Terror Alert, 2011).

**Date:** February 1, 2011

**Source:** The Voice of Russia, Gladkov Vladimir

**Title/Headline:** *UK And US Warn About The Nuclear Threat*

**Abstract:** The latest assessments of intelligence experts and analysts outlined the growing threat of uncontrollable development of nuclear weapons in Iran and Pakistan. The most recent American intelligence reports concluded that Pakistan had seriously expanded its nuclear arsenal since the beginning of Barack Obama's presidency. At the same time Britain's Secretary of State for Defense Liam Fox stated that Iran could have nuclear weapons next year. These assessments not only present a challenge for Obama's administration that proclaimed a reduction of nuclear stockpiles around the world one of the top national security strategies. **They also raise new questions: how the world community would deal with the growing threat and will USA and UK use the situation to take action against the developing nuclear states?** According to the recent American intelligence assessments, Pakistan has chances to overtake Britain as the world's fifth largest nuclear weapons power soon. **Pakistan's**

**military has reasonable fear that US could seize its nuclear arsenal if it was judged to be at risk of falling into the hands of terrorists. That's why Pakistan authorities put great efforts into hiding both the number and location of its nuclear weapons.** But the latest intelligence estimates suggest that the number of Pakistan's deployed weapons now ranges from the mid-90s to more than 110. When Obama was elected the officials said that Pakistani arsenal "was in the mid-to-high 70s". But, following the assessments of nongovernment analysts, the more serious problem is the production of nuclear materials. According to the International Panel on Fissile Materials – an independent group that estimates worldwide nuclear production, Pakistan has now produced enough material for 40 to 100 additional weapons, including a new class of plutonium bombs. **"If not now, Pakistan will soon have the fifth largest nuclear arsenal in the world, surpassing the United Kingdom,"** said Bruce Riedel, a former CIA officer and the author of **"Deadly Embrace: Pakistan, America, and the Future of Global Jihad."** The US spent more than \$100,000 in order to help Pakistan to provide the security system for its nuclear facilities. But senior officials remain seriously concerned that weapons-usable fuel, which is kept in laboratories, is more vulnerable and could fall into the wrong hands. **"The biggest concern of major production, to my mind, is theft from the places where the material is being handled in bulk — the plants that produce it, convert it to metal, fabricate it into bomb parts, and so on,"** said Matthew Bunn, a Harvard scholar who compiles an annual report called "Securing the Bomb" for the group Nuclear Threat Initiative (Vladimir, 2011).

**Date:** February 1, 2011

**Source:** Dallas News, Jeff Mosier

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Cancellations And Postponements (No. Not The Game)*

**Abstract: At least six Super Bowl events have been canceled or put on hold due to ice on the roads. The NFL plans to announce new times and dates later.** Here's what's been scrapped for now. Dallas Cowboys players Phil Costa and Chris Gronkowski were scheduled to be at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport this morning to welcome home military personnel arriving from Iraq and Afghanistan. The airport however closed for while today messing up those plans. Cowboys players Brian McCann and Danny McCray had a scheduled appearance at Arlington's Bebensee Elementary as part of the NFL's Play 60 program to encourage exercise among children. **The district is closed today.** Former NFL players Tony Casillas and Anthony Muñoz were scheduled to appear at the Arlington Park branch of the Boys & Girls Club in Dallas, where 200 footballs will be donated. Children from the St. Anthony Community Center in Dallas were scheduled to get a sneak peek today of the movie of the NFL-Nicktoons new animated series Rush Zone: Guardians of the Core. That's been rescheduled for Thursday at the NFL Experience at the Dallas Convention Center. Former NFL player Michael Strahan is scheduled to appear. Also canceled was an appearance by former Cowboys star Deion Sanders at the North Texas Food Bank as part of the Verizon 45 Days to Super Bowl XLV Food Drive. The food bank still gets its donations though. And an appearance by Commissioner Todd Staples and former NFL player Santana Dotson to promote Texas foods was also cancelled. That was scheduled for the Wal-Mart across the street from Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Media Day at Cowboys Stadium: Still a go. It would have taken much more to cancel that (Mosier, 2011).

**Date:** February 1, 2011

**Source:** D Magazine, Nancy Nichols

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl And Food Events Canceled Today*

**Abstract: Holy cow, my inbox is jammed with urgent e-mails about canceled events.** I'm not going to sit here all day and list them all, but here are a few related to dining events. If you have an food event you must cancel, send it my way. Or maybe I will just sit here all day. Anybody else staying home? If

you have a topic to discuss, send it to me and we can chew the fat so to speak. I have lots of it to chew. Events Canceled: Robert Kacher wine tasting at Sigel's Greenville Avenue store has been canceled due to the inclement weather. Rescheduled for Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. GO TEXAN event with Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is cancelled due to the weather (Nichols, 2011).

**Date:** February 2, 2011

**Source:** Ricochet, John Yoo

**Title/Headline:** *Threat Of Al Qaeda Nuclear Bomb Underscores Importance of Success In Afghanistan*

**Abstract:** This week the Vancouver Sun reported that al Qaeda is on the brink of using a nuclear bomb. Al-Qaida is on the verge of producing radioactive weapons after sourcing nuclear material and recruiting rogue scientists to build "dirty" bombs, according to leaked diplomatic documents. A leading atomic regulator has privately warned that the world stands on the brink of a "nuclear 9/11". This report should come as no shock. Information that came into the U.S. government's after 9/11 revealed that al Qaeda had vigorously pursued WMD technology. **The sad fact is that acquiring the means of a nuclear, biological, or chemical attack are all too easy. We are too easily comforted by the idea that construction of an actual nuclear bomb is difficult.** We see nation-states with substantial resources, such as Iran, facing technical problems, so we think that the threat of such an attack is low. But this is wrong. Making other types of WMD weapons is not difficult. **A dirty bomb, for example, does not have the destructive impact of a true nuclear bomb. It is only a conventional explosive that disperses nuclear material of much lower grade into the surroundings. It may still kill hundreds, if not thousands, and contaminate its surroundings with radioactive material.** The means to construct biological weapons are available in thousands of biotechnology labs and plants. Chemical weapons have been used by terrorists -- in the 1990s, a Japanese terrorist group attempted to attack civilians with nerve gas; it only failed to kill thousands because it flubbed the aerosol device to spread the agent. It is not the technology that is ultimately unavailable to terrorists, but their means of delivery. Nation-states don't pursue dirty bombs, and perhaps have foresworn biological weapons because they are difficult to control, imprecise, and have low effectiveness against military targets. But the indiscriminate nature of such weapons makes them perfect for terrorists. **I think we've been lucky that al Qaeda has been fixated on attacks that would produce spectacular video for its propaganda uses back in the Middle East.** Hence their repeated focus on airliners, bringing down buildings, and attacking landmarks and well-known tourist sites. **If al Qaeda really wanted to spread terror in the United States, they would use these primitive WMDs on soft, undefended targets like shopping malls, sporting events, and the crowded downtowns of major cities.** Since it is not possible to protect all of our vulnerabilities, the best way to prevent these types of attacks is to take the fight to al Qaeda so they cannot have the breathing room to acquire and deploy WMD (which still take more resources than simple car bombs and attacks with firearms). And that, to me, is the positive effect of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars -- it is no mistake, I think, that as our offense ramped up in both places under President Bush, al Qaeda was unsuccessful in launching another attack in the U.S. **If we lose in Afghanistan, it seems to me, we will cede another safe haven to al Qaeda which they will use to plan more of these kinds of attacks, but with more resources and sophistication as they were able to do in the years before 9/11** (Yoo, J).

**Date:** February 2, 2011

**Source:** DHS, National Terror Alert

**Title/Headline:** *No Terror Threat To Super Bowl, But Security Is Tight And On Lookout*

**Abstract:** US officials say there is no specific terrorist threat to Sunday's Super Bowl, but U.S. intelligence officials say al-Qaida and other similar terror groups and organizations remain

**interested in carrying out attacks during such high-profile events.** Tight security is likely to deter any attacks at the actual event however, other less secure targets, such as nearby hotels and restaurants, may become more appealing for determined terrorists. **As always, if you see something, say something** (National Terror Alert, 2011).

**Date:** February 2, 2011

**Source:** Associated Press, ABC WTAE, Eileen Sullivan

**Title/Headline:** *Officials: No Specific Terror Threat To Super Bowl: Tight Security Around Massive Cowboys Stadium Likely To Deter Attacks*

**Abstract:** U.S. intelligence officials said there is no specific terrorist threat to Sunday's Super Bowl, but they said al-Qaida and other similar groups remain interested in carrying out attacks during such high profile events. **According to a government intelligence assessment obtained by The Associated Press, tight security around the massive Cowboys Stadium is likely to deter attacks at the actual event. But this makes other less secure targets, such as nearby hotels and restaurants, more appealing for determined terrorists.** One concern would be a device exploding at local businesses or parking lots. Federal law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss security matters, said **there was no specific intelligence indicating a terror threat to the championship game in Arlington, Texas** (Sullivan, 2011).



**Date:** February 3, 2011

**Source:** Inside Edition

**Title/Headline:** *How To Survive A Nuclear Disaster*

**Abstract:** It's the scenario we dread, terrorists detonate a nuclear bomb in a U.S city. Hollywood depicts how they envision this disaster. **But if it really did happen, would you know what to do?** Irwin Redlener is a disaster preparedness expert at Columbia University. "People should not feel that they're doomed," says Redlener. Redlener told INSIDE EDITION you should find shelter in the core of a building, away from all windows. To avoid fallout you should also be at least three floors up. And at least three floors from the roof. Ignore the grime, like the room where our volunteers gathered, it could be a lifesaver. "It's not all that attractive but there's no windows, and there's a lot of distance between all of us right now and the outside," says Redlener. An underground parking lot or basement is also a good place to seek shelter. Even sitting in a parked car is better than being out on the street exposed to the fallout. **It's estimated that if a nuclear device were detonated in Los Angeles, the fallout would cause 280,000 deaths and injuries** among people who didn't take shelter. That number would be cut by more than half if people simply stayed in a car. **The government recently issued new guidelines on responding to a nuclear attack. The reports stress that sheltering is the best first response even though "sheltering goes against natural instincts to run from danger"**. So how long should you stay inside? "If you stay in shelter for somewhere between four hours, and maybe 24 hours you can be in a position where it's safe to leave. And then we're gonna go to where officials tell us," says Redlener. Authorities say there's even a special way to shower if you think you've been exposed to fallout. Federal guidelines say you should bend your head forward, to direct water away from the body. Use a sponge or washcloth, not just soap. They're more effective in removing fallout. Tips that could be key if the unthinkable happens. **"A little bit of knowledge is absolutely lifesaving when it comes to nuclear**

**terrorism," says Redlener.** For more information on being prepared for a nuclear disaster go to: Planning Guidance for Response to a Nuclear Detonation (Inside Edition, 2011).

**Date:** February 3, 2011

**Source:** CBS News

**Title/Headline:** *Feds Warn Of Disguised Terrorists At Super Bowl*

**Abstract: No Specific Threat to Game But Intel Report Says Terrorists Might Try to Get Inside Events by Impersonating Officials.** The government says there is no specific terrorist threat to Sunday's Super Bowl, but U.S. intelligence officials say al Qaeda and other similar groups remain interested in carrying out attacks during such high profile events. Tight security around the massive Cowboys Stadium is likely to deter attacks at the actual event. However, this makes other less secure targets, such as nearby hotels and restaurants, more appealing for determined terrorists, according to a government intelligence assessment obtained by The Associated Press. **One concern would be a device exploding at local businesses or parking lots. Federal law enforcement officials, speaking Wednesday on condition of anonymity to discuss security matters, said there was no specific intelligence indicating a terror threat to the championship game in Arlington, Texas. But terrorists have targeted similar events in the past, including the 1972 and 1996 Olympic games in Munich and Atlanta, respectively.** Intelligence officials warn that terrorists might also try to get inside events by impersonating government or military officials or emergency personnel. **"Detecting and detaining such individuals would pose a key security challenge prior to and during the Super Bowl,"** the intelligence report said. The National Football League spends about \$6 million a year on Super Bowl security, on top of what local and federal governments spend. **More than 60 government agencies contribute to the security, and the league hired more than 1,200 employees from private companies. For the second year, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano visited the host city to tour the Super Bowl stadium and review the NFL's security plans.** The federal government designates the Super Bowl as a Level One security event, which makes more money and resources available to secure the area. During a news conference Monday, officials urged people to report any suspicious activity (CBS News, 2011).

**Date:** February 3, 2011

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Carrie

**Title/Headline:** *Obama's Super Bowl Party: Jennifer Lopez, Marc Anthony On Guest List*

**Abstract: The guest list for President Barack Obama's White House Super Bowl party includes entertainers Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony as well as elected leaders from Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.** Obama said he'd go to the Super Bowl in Arlington, Texas, if the Bears won the NFC title against the Green Bay Packers. But his team lost and the Packers are taking on the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday. A White House spokesman said Thursday that about 100 people have been invited, including White House staff, family and friends and other members of Congress. **Among those expected to attend are Attorney General Eric Holder, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Sens. Pat Toomey and Robert Casey Jr. of Pennsylvania and congressman Reid Ribble of Wisconsin. Former Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett were also expected.** In a news release, Barrett said he and his 18-year-old son, Tommy, will bring gift baskets made by Milwaukee companies Usinger's Sausage and Klement's Sausage. Watching the Packers win the Super Bowl with Obama, whom he called the Bears' fan in chief, will be "particularly satisfying," Barrett said. Obama previously said he wouldn't take sides in the Super Bowl. But he visited Penn State University on Thursday and told a crowd, "I've got some love for the Steelers." Obama visited Manitowoc, Wis., on

Jan. 26 and received several Packers jerseys as gifts, including one signed by Packers cornerback Charles Woodson. Woodson wrote: "See you at the White House. Go Packers" (Antlfinger, 2011).

**Date:** February 4, 2011

**Source:** CNS News, Penny Starr

**Title/Headline:** *Homeland Security Secretary Inspects Super Bowl Site, Says Fans Have 'Shared Responsibility' For Security at Game And Across The Country*

**Abstract:** Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano traveled to Dallas earlier this week to personally inspect the massive security operation surrounding the 45th Super Bowl game and to announce the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign. "We are partnering this year with the NFL on our 'If You See Something, Say Something' campaign and launching that NFL partnership right here at the Super Bowl," Napolitano said during a press conference on Monday at Cowboy Stadium in Arlington, Texas where Sunday's game will be played. "The idea is simple," Napolitano said. "We are simply asking the American people to be vigilant, recognizing that our security is a shared responsibility that all of us must participate in." "If a fan at the Super Bowl or any other American at any other place sees something that is potentially dangerous, then say something about it to local law enforcement or someone in authority," Napolitano said. Napolitano announced that DHS has trained some 1,200 stadium staffers as "first observers" and that cargo going into the venue also will be screened using "non-intrusive inspection equipment." **Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys, told CNN that millions of dollars were spent to make the stadium secure, including perches for snipers and surveillance cameras to cover every corner of the venue. Fans both inside the stadium and those watching it outside on big-screen telecasts will be subject to security screenings similar to those at airports.** The NFL, which will pick up half the tab, estimates it cost \$10 million to secure the game, according to CNN's report. DHS announced in a press release posted on its Web site on Monday that the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign will be rolled out nationally over the coming months "to help America's businesses, communities and citizens remain vigilant and play an active role in keeping the country safe." Napolitano will watch the game at the White House, according to Matt Chandler, the DHS Deputy Press Secretary. Other guests invited to watch the game with President Barack Obama and his family include Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony (Starr, 2011).

**Date:** February 4, 2011

**Source:** Reuters

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Fans Scramble As Flights To Dallas Canceled*

**Abstract:** Super Bowl fans may have to scramble for alternate flights after American Airlines and its regional carrier canceled 630 flights to and from its Dallas hub on Friday because of another winter storm. Snow continued to fall in Texas two days after a massive winter storm grounded flights throughout the nation. More than 100,000 football fans were expected to converge on Dallas for the face-off between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers on Sunday. "We've had snow overnight and this morning," said Tim Smith, spokesman for American Airlines. Smith said the main runways at the airport are open, but ramps and taxiways "are a bit messy." "We are putting extra effort to operate our flights in from Chicago today to keep the Super Bowl-oriented traffic moving," he said, adding that the airline was trying to de-ice aircraft there (Reuters, 2011).

**Date:** February 4, 2011

**Source:** Star-Telegram

**Title/Headline:** *Weather Forces Texas Motor Speedway To Cancel Weekend Corporate Events*

**Abstract:** Texas Motor Speedway announced Friday afternoon that ice and snow on the track forced it to cancel three days of Super Bowl-related on-track activities, involving six visiting companies and their 300 guests and clients. "Texas Motor Speedway was expecting a six-figure windfall from its Super Bowl-related events, but the surface conditions and freezing temperatures were too much to overcome," the track, owned by the publicly traded Speedway Motorsports, said. The activities were to have started today (Star-Telegram, 2011).

**Date:** February 4, 2011

**Source:** NFL Fanhouse, David Whitley

**Title/Headline:** *Roger Goodell's Rhetoric Cold As Weather*

**Abstract:** Remember Baghdad Bob, the erstwhile Iraqi Information Minister who proclaimed Saddam's army was kicking butt while U.S. tanks rolled through the streets behind him? He's working for the NFL now. Ladies and gentlemen, we give you Baghdad Roger. "We are thrilled to be here in North Texas," he said Friday. B. Roger Goodell gave his annual State of the NFL speech, proclaiming this is a great place for a Super Bowl. "This isn't the only part of the country being affected by this weather." No, but the NFL could have chosen somewhere in the 10 percent of America that hasn't been under ice. "There are a number of factors our owners take into consideration when they make the decision of where to have a Super Bowl... You're going to be to be seeing the Super Bowl from one of the great stadiums in the world," Goodell said. "I think that will demonstrate the importance of having great facilities for all our games, including the Super Bowl. And the fact that it can handle the weather by closing the roof is a benefit." "They're probably just jealous," Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck said. "Everybody is going to be able to get in and get out easily." As Baghdad Roger was delivering his address Friday, the ice was crashing down at Cowboys Stadium. It shouldn't take that kind of accident to knock some sense into the NFL (Whitley, 2011).

**Date:** February 5, 2011

**Source:** Guide Live

**Title/Headline:** *CANCELLED: Superlegends 2011 'Old School' Super Bowl Bash/Special Invited Guest, Warren Sapp*

**Abstract:** The Only VIP 'Old School' Super Bowl Bash in Dallas! With Special Guest, Super Bowl Champion/Former Tampa Bay Buccaneer/TV Personality, Warren Sapp ! There will be a special R&B performance! This party is for the 'grown ups.' Not just a concert, but a real party atmosphere where you will be in the mix with Athletes and Celebrity guests (Guide Live, 2011).

**Date:** February 5, 2011

**Source:** NESN News, Caroline Moreau

**Title/Headline:** *Michael Vick Super Bowl Party Cancelled, Quarterback Has No Intention Of Partying In Dallas*

**Abstract:** Call off the SWAT team, Michael Vick's Super Bowl party has been cancelled. On Thursday, TMZ.com alleged that Vick was tied to a party in Dallas that would involve an intense amount of security and even a SWAT team, huffingtonpost.com reports. As anyone familiar with the NFL remembers, the last party Vick hosted (last summer for his birthday) resulted in one of his dog

fighting buddies getting shot. Two sources close to Vick have stepped up to defend him and to deny that he was attending any parties in Dallas. NFL commissioner **Roger Goodell said he spoke to him in the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl, and Vick assured him he would not be attending any Super Bowl parties, according to sportingnews.com. "I spoke to Michael three times in the last two weeks about his schedule here,"** Goodell said. "He has said on numerous occasions people have been using his name about being involved in some type of party and he had no intention of participating in that. I'm extremely proud of what Michael has done. He's taken his responsibility seriously." Vick's mentor and former Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy also had something to say about Vick supposedly hosting a party. "He is not going to be attending. I don't know where it started or what, but he's not going to be there. I think he understands it's something that's just not worth it to him" (Moreau, 2011).

**Date:** February 5, 2011

**Source:** ESPN, Tom Pelissero

**Title/Headline:** *Everson Griffen Calls Off Super Bowl Party In Vegas, Blames NFL*

**Abstract: Did the NFL stop Everson Griffen from taking the party to Vegas? That's what the Minnesota Vikings' troubled defensive end said in a Facebook message to prospective partygoers on Friday afternoon, around the same time NFL spokesman Greg Aiello told 1500ESPN.com the league is looking into Griffen's two recent arrests in Los Angeles.** Griffen's message was titled "this event is canceled (sic) sorry for the confusion and mass text" and explained that "the NFL has made the decision this event has got to (sic) much media coverage and we are not allowed to bus people to Vegas .." **It seems far-fetched the league would actually bar Griffen from organizing the party -- a supposedly all-inclusive trip for \$100 that drew attention on Friday when his alma mater, the University of Southern California, barred its football players from attending** (Pelissero, 2011).

**Date:** February 5, 2011

**Source:** Arlington Citizen-Journal, Patrick M. Walker

**Title/Headline:** *Arlington Community Super Bowl Watch Party Is Canceled*

**Abstract: Citing the aftereffects of last week's ice and snow and Sunday's forecast calling for more precipitation, organizers have canceled the community game watch party scheduled for the Levitt Pavilion downtown.** The watch party and other events were part of Reach 45: The Big Game Evangelism Project, involving evangelical Christian groups from across North Texas. Kim Grice of First Baptist Church of Arlington said the Levitt still had 3 inches of snow covering it Saturday afternoon. **"It would be a cold, muddy mess tomorrow night -- especially with the forecast of more rain/snow," she said. "We're obviously disappointed that we've had to do this but know it is for the best."** Members of First Baptist Arlington and other congregations still plan to pass out cards for the I Am Second evangelical campaign near Cowboys Stadium on Sunday afternoon. They hope to distribute a million cards promoting the movement that uses celebrities and everyday people to reach out to those who are struggling and help them change their lives. "Some of the people are meeting at our Wade Building parking lot about 1 p.m. and walking over to the stadium parking lots," Grice said (Walker, 2011).

**Date:** February 5, 2011

**Source:** Fox Dallas-Fort Worth, Kevin Boie

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Celebrities Blow Off Events*

**Abstract: Several high-profile celebrities did not appear at their Super Bowl events on Friday**

**night. Prince, Snoop Dogg and The Situation were among the stars who were scheduled to perform or appear at various parties surrounding the big game.** Prince was slated to perform at the event, a party for which the cheapest tickets had sold for \$1,500. The concert was canceled and then was on again, but the pop singer was a no-show. Soul singer and Dallas native Erykah Badu had also been scheduled to perform. **No explanation was given but disappointed ticketholders who showed up will be given a refund. Rapper Snoop Dogg and "Jersey Shore" star Michael Sorrentino, a.k.a. The Situation, also failed to appear at their events.** Sorrentino was spotted in town before the event, however, and even posed for a photo with FOX 4 reporter/anchor Natalie Solis. Some organizers of canceled events blamed winter storms that pummeled North Texas this week, leaving most of the region covered in snow and ice. Still, many celebs and athletes hosted parties, including former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens. Owens rubbed elbows at Sky Bar atop the W hotel in downtown Dallas. Other big stars also popped up at Super Bowl parties. Black Eyed Peas member Will.I.Am, singer Cee Lo Green and actress Pamela Anderson were among them. A host of other Super Bowl events were scheduled for Saturday night featuring A-list stars such as Diddy and Martina McBride (Boie, 2011).



**Date:** February 5, 2011

**Source:** AdrianPeterson.Com

**Title/Headline:** \* CANCELED \*\*\* Adrian Peterson's All-In Celebrity Poker Tournament

**Abstract:** The Adrian Peterson's All In Celebrity Poker Tournament is a charity event during Super Bowl weekend, benefiting the All Day Foundation (AdrianPeterson.Com).

**Date:** February 5, 2011

**Source:** Twin Cities.Com, Pioneer Press, Charley Walters

**Title/Headline:** *Matt Birk Expects An NFL Lockout In March, Then A Solution Just Before 2011 Season Begins*

**Abstract:** Matt Birk is one of three players union representatives for the Baltimore Ravens, and he'll attend important union meetings next month in Marco Island, Fla. **The chances of an NFL lockout when the league's labor agreement expires on March 3? "I'd bet everything I had on it,"** Birk said. Birk, who played in six Pro Bowls while playing center for the Vikings, is back in town following a family vacation in Mexico after the Ravens' season ended with a playoff loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Although he's certain that NFL players will be locked out by owners when the league's labor deal expires at midnight, he said he doesn't expect new contract talks to become critical until August or September. **"I'm sure that won't happen until the deadline for the season approaches," Birk said. "Unfortunately, that's how big business gets done."** The Harvard-educated football player from St. Paul has played two seasons of his \$12 million, three-year contract with Baltimore and plans to return next season. **"I think common sense will prevail in the end, an agreement will be reached, and I**

don't believe any games will be missed next season," he said. "But it's all about the money. Money drives a lot of things, and it drives football. I just feel it's too bad" (Walters, 2011).



George W. Bush at Super Bowl XLV in Dallas on February 6, 2011.

**Date:** February 6, 2011

**Source:** New York Daily News

**Title/Headline:** George W. Bush Cancels Trip To Switzerland Amid Calls For Protests & War Crimes Investigation

**Abstract:** Former President George W. Bush was forced to cancel a trip to Switzerland amid concerns of massive protests and calls from human rights groups to investigate his administration for war crimes. W's spokesman said the ex-prez learned on Friday his invite to speak at an event in Geneva hosted by the United Israel Appeal, a Jewish charity, had been nixed because of security concerns. "We regret that the speech has been canceled," the spokesman, David Sherzerr said. "President Bush was looking forward to speaking about freedom and offering reflections from his time in office." Left wing groups in Switzerland had called for large-scale protests in response to Bush's visit, and the event's organizers feared that demonstrations could turn violent. "The calls to demonstrate were sliding into dangerous terrain," the charity's lawyer, Robert Equey, told Switzerland's Tribune de Geneve. "The organizers claimed to be able to maintain order, but warned they could not be held responsible for any outbursts." Protest organizers had called for people to show up to a rally outside the hotel where Bush was to speak armed with a shoe – recalling the 2008 incident when a disgruntled Iraqi journalist hurled two shoes at the former president during a news conference in Baghdad. International human rights groups, including Amnesty International, planned to ask Swiss authorities to open an investigation into Bush for human rights abuses, arguing that he had admitted to torturing terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay and other C.I.A "black sites" around the world. Bush wrote in his memoir "Decision Points," which was released in November, that he had authorized interrogators to waterboard terrorism suspects, including 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed. Swiss officials said they had no plans to try to prosecute Bush, and the Swiss Justice Ministry official told The Associated Press that Bush would be immune from prosecution for anything he did during his presidency. Still, the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights, which had joined Amnesty International's call for an investigation, said W was running scared. "Whatever Bush or his hosts say, we have no doubt he canceled his trip to avoid our case," the center said in a statement. "The message from civil society is clear: If you're a torturer, be careful in your travel plans. It's a slow process for accountability, but we keep going." The center and other European human right groups have previously filed several suits charging war crimes against Bush and members of his organization, including former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld (New York Daily News, 2011).

**\*Coincidentally, on 9/11, Bill Clinton was in Australia and Al Gore was in Austria.**

**Date:** February 6, 2011

**Source:** The Insider

**Title/Headline:** *President Barack Obama Makes His Super Bowl Predictions*

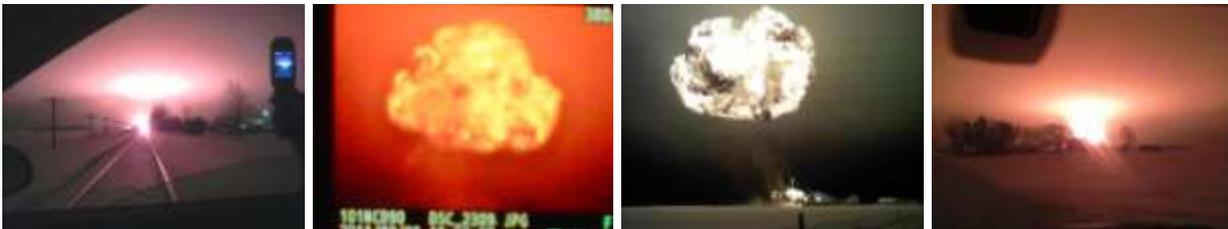
**Abstract:** President Barack Obama sat down for an interview with FOX News' Bill O'Reilly before the big Super Bowl XLV game and answered: Green Bay Packers or Pittsburgh Steelers? "Once my [Chicago] Bears lost, I don't pick sides. ... But I want a good game," Obama disclosed, adding that he thought the teams were "evenly matched." The commander-in-chief thinks the Packers are "faster" but the Steelers are more "experienced." "I know football and I will watch the game," Obama assured O'Reilly, admitting that he wouldn't be wearing a jacket on Super Bowl Sunday were he not the president. The Obama family is hosting a Super Bowl bash and among the guests are Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony (The Insider, 2011).

**Date:** February 6, 2011

**Source:** Star-Telegram, Anna M. Tinsley

**Title/Headline:** *Some Texas Politicians Are No-Shows At Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** **Some Texas politicians made news for NOT showing up at today's Super Bowl. Texas Gov. Rick Perry is in California, celebrating what would have been former President Ronald Reagan's 100th birthday. Apparently Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus had other plans as well.** Many state and congressional lawmakers planned to watch the game at home or with family or friends. On the other hand, some wouldn't miss the live show. U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison are planning to be here, as is former President George W. Bush (Tinsley, 2011).



**Date:** February 6, 2011

**Source:** Cinninnati.Com

**Title/Headline:** *Train Derails, Explodes Near Toledo*

**Abstract:** **A freight train carrying volatile chemicals derailed about 50 miles south of Toledo Sunday morning, causing at least 15 tanker cars to catch fire and explode and forcing evacuations of nearby homes, a fire official said.** No injuries have been reported. Capt. Jim Breyman of the Arcadia Fire Department said the call came in at about 2:15 a.m., and estimates about 15-18 tanker cars derailed, all carrying methanol. About 20 homes were evacuated in the area about two miles west of the village of Arcadia, but it was unclear exactly how many people were in those homes, he said. **The scene was intense and dramatic. "We're talking fireballs," he said of the explosion. "When they went thousands of feet in the air, they could be seen from 20-plus miles away."** An initial concern was that the derailment and explosions happened next to a fertilizer plant, and Breyman said it was fortunate the fire didn't spread there. **The Norfolk Southern train was eastbound and was pulling about 60 cars when it derailed, he said. The burning cars were separated from the rest of the train and he expected the fire to continue burning until about 5 p.m.** Waterways in the area were being tested Sunday morning to see if there was any contamination, but he expects most of the fuel burned up in the

blaze. "I've been a fireman for almost 30 years now and I've seen a lot, never seen anything like this," he said. "It was beyond words" (Cincinnati.Com, 2011).

**\*As in 2010, there was a massive explosion on Super Bowl Sunday.**

**Date:** February 7, 2011

**Source:** Pro Football Weekly

**Title/Headline:** *Goodell: Super Bowl XLV Most-Watched TV Show Ever*

**Abstract:** Super Bowl XLV concluded the most-watched season in NFL history, and it did so in a big way in the form of more record TV ratings. In Monday morning's media conference, commissioner Roger Goodell said that preliminary overnight numbers say that Sunday's Super Bowl was the most-watched TV show ever. Goodell also discussed Sunday's temporary seating debacle. The result was 400 ticket holders for Super Bowl XLV were unable to watch the game live, having to watch on TV. **"We had an issue with several seats for our fans. It's something that we have been taking very seriously, working at it. We apologize to those fans that were impacted by this. We are going to work with them and we are going to do better in the future,"** he said. Goodell went on to say that those 400 fans will attend Super Bowl XLVI as "guests of the NFL." The Packers beat the Steelers 31-25 in Super Bowl XLV at Cowboys Stadium (Pro Football Weekly, 2011).

**Date:** February 7, 2011

**Source:** Federal News Radio, Suzanne Kubota

**Title/Headline:** *FCC: Presidential Emergency Alerts To Be Tested*

**Abstract:** Everybody has heard the national Emergency Alert System (EAS). Those familiar "duck calls" that reassure listeners **"THIS is a test...this is ONLY a test..."** The FCC is planning an upgrade to the tests by including presidential announcements in the system. Lisa Fowlkes, deputy chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau of the FCC, explained to the Federal Drive the Presidential Alert isn't new. **"The primary goal is to provide the President with a mechanism to communicate with the American public during times of national emergency,"** said Fowlkes. The change, she said, is that prior to last week's order there was no rule in place to call for or allow a test from top to bottom. Fowlkes said, **"There's never been a test from top to bottom where it's issued by FEMA and it goes straight down to all the different levels of EAS to the American public. So this is a way for us to glean, okay, if there were an actual emergency and the federal government needed to activate the Presidential EAS, making sure that it actually works the way it's designed to."** Now that there's a rule in place, the next challenges are going to be working with all the stakeholders on timing of the test and to reach out to the public so they understand it's a test and not a real emergency, Fowlkes said. "We want to make sure that it works the way it's designed to," Fowlkes said. "If there are things that work well, great. If there are things that don't work well, we can work with EAS participants and with state and local governments as well as our federal partners to correct or improve what doesn't work." At the same time, said Fowlkes, the FCC is looking at how wireless broadband could also enhance the EAS as part of a recommendation that was in the FCC's National Broadband Plan from last year. The idea is to leverage broadband and the Internet for emergency alerting with the "Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) being developed by FEMA and the wireless industry."

CMAS would allow three kinds of text messaging or wireless alert to be sent, said Fowlkes:

- **Presidential Alerts - "Which would be the same as what the president might issue or FEMA might issue through the EAS system,**
- **Imminent Threat Alerts - Which Fowlkes said would warn when "there's a hurricane coming or a tornado coming,"** and then the
- Child Abduction Emergency/AMBER Alerts - Alerts related to missing or endangered children due to an abduction or runaway situation.

Fowlkes said the CMAS is slated to begin deployment in April 2012 (Kubota, 2011).

**Date:** February 7, 2011

**Source:** ESPN, Tim MacMahon

**Title/Headline:** *Some Super Bowl Seats Not Completed*

**Abstract: After a limited number of sections in temporary seating areas at Cowboys Stadium were not completed in time, 400 fans were left without seats at Super Bowl XLV on Sunday.** Two hours before the game, workers were frantically trying to fix the sections or get the fans "relocated to similar or better seats," valued at \$800. **The NFL found alternate seating for 850 of the 1,250 fans affected. The 400 who were not able to be seated were given a refund of triple face value -- \$2,400.** "Incomplete installation of temporary seats in a limited number of sections made the seats unusable," the NFL said in a statement. **"The safety of fans attending the Super Bowl was paramount in making the decision and the NFL, Dallas Cowboys and City of Arlington officials are in agreement with the resolution. We regret the situation and inconvenience that it may have caused. We will conduct a full review of this matter."** The NFL tried to placate those 400 fans, taking them inside the stadium to watch the game on monitors in the North Field Club behind the Pittsburgh bench. They also had the option of viewing the game from standing-room platforms in each corner of the stadium. Those fans will still get the triple refund. The fans "watched game in club w/free food, soft drinks + merchandise," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello tweeted. "The other 850 were re-located to seats in equal or better locations. NFL + Cowboys staff and families gave up seats." After saying all week that he expected Sunday's game to set an all-time Super Bowl attendance record with 105,000 fans seated inside the stadium, Dallas Cowboys owner/general manager Jerry Jones come up short as the announced attendance of 103,219 was just shy of the 103,985 mark set in Super Bowl XIV between the Los Angeles Rams and Pittsburgh Steelers at the Rose Bowl. Based on the 850 seats that were forfeited by the NFL and Cowboys to make room for those who were relocated, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy confirmed that the seating debacle was the reason the attendance record was not set. "Yes," McCarthy said when asked if those seats would've been otherwise occupied had the displaced fans not been moved there. **"But we've been focused on the safety and experience of our fans."** Instead, Jones will have to settle for the fourth-largest Super Bowl crowd. At about 4 p.m. in a concourse, a Steelers fan in a Troy Polamalu jersey was yelling obscenities into his cell phone at a stadium employee. He couldn't be seated because his seats were in an area near the seats that didn't meet code. "We spent \$3,000 on tickets," his friend said. "After parking and \$10 beers, it's \$3,000. I just want to sit." Said Jennifer Dunfee, a friend in their party who flew in from Colorado for the game: "We've spent over an hour trying to figure out how to get up there. **The NFL closed four of the 10 entrance points into the stadium Sunday because of lingering ice on the roof of the stadium.** On Friday, six people were injured by ice falling onto the sidewalk outside of the structure. NFL officials worked with the Arlington Fire Department to direct fans safely into the stadium. **Safe corridors were established around any potential fall zones.** In addition, the Arlington Police Department requested additional officers to the East Plaza ticket offices after the crowd started to become unruly after ticket scanners weren't functioning. There were chants of "Jerry Sucks!" and "NFL Sucks!" Steve and Dawn Novak traveled from Rochester, N.Y., to find that

their \$800 seats could be exchanged for three times face value, or else for a \$350 standing-room-only ticket. They said the NFL would not reimburse the difference in value. They decided to take a loss on the ticket but attend the game after coming all that way. She is a Packers fan and he is a Steelers fan, and they were both angry about the experience. "We said one of us was going to be happy at the end of the day and we were wrong," Steve Novak said. Dallas resident Brian Shake said it generally takes 15 minutes to wait at the gate. He said he waited in line for an hour and 20 minutes on Sunday. **"It was just so long," Shake said. "Problem was, you didn't know if you were in the right line or not. Everywhere you looked, there were just fences and screens and you couldn't get in anywhere." His wife Kathy Shake called it "frustrating." "It was very confusing on how to get in as you snaked your way through security."** Paul Bryant, from Milwaukee, said he and his party waited at least 90 minutes in line to get into the stadium. **"Nobody knew where to go. ... They had 14 detectives, and there's got to be 20,000 people going through here. If you do the math, that isn't enough,"** Bryant said. Stadium workers were covering the top corner sections of the upper deck behind one end zone two hours prior to kickoff. There were off-limits seats in the same upper-deck rows as seats that were deemed safe. **Yellow police tape was used as a dividing line, with uniformed personnel also keeping folks away.** The fans affected were directed to the Party Plaza area, which is located outside the stadium for the Super Bowl. The temporary-seating sections were erected in what is usually an open area. Fans can purchase \$29 "Party Passes" to stand in the open areas during Cowboys games (MacMahon, 2011).

**\*Were the aforementioned disguised "terrorists" to sit in these seats?**

**Date:** February 8, 2011

**Source:** NFL, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *League Offers Ousted XLV Fans Tickets To Any Super Bowl*

**Abstract: The NFL has added a second option for the roughly 400 fans who had to give up their seats at Super Bowl XLV: They can choose to attend any future Super Bowl instead of being limited to the 2012 game.** The league initially said Sunday that it would give \$2,400, three times the face value of the ticket, to the fans who were forced to watch the game on monitors or use standing-room platforms after some temporary seating sections at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, weren't completed in time. On Monday, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said those fans also would receive tickets to next year's Super Bowl. **Then on Tuesday, the league announced the fans instead could choose to receive a ticket to any future Super Bowl, including next year's, along with round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations. If fans choose that option, they will not receive the \$2,400.** They can wait until after the conference championship games each season to see whether or not their favorite team reaches the Super Bowl. "We had more time to think about how to create a broader range of options that would better recognize the deep emotional bond that fans have for their team," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello wrote in an e-mail Tuesday. The Green Bay Packers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers, 31-25, Sunday at Cowboys Stadium. **When the temporary sections weren't completed before the start of the game, about 850 fans were moved to other seats. But there was nowhere to put the remaining 400.** Some of the affected fans complained Sunday that the \$2,400 didn't cover the price they paid for the seats, travel and hotels. If fans choose the first option of next year's game plus the \$2,400, the ticket is transferable, which means it can be sold on the secondary ticket market. It won't be transferable in the other option. The league said a senior NFL staff member would call each of the displaced fans to provide information about the options and answer questions. "The commissioner thought it was the right thing to do to give those fans more options," Aiello said (NFL, 2011).

**Date:** February 8, 2011

**Source:** Newsvine

**Title/Headline:** *Unprecedented Event: Secretary Clinton Calls All Ambassadors Called Back To Washington*

**Abstract:** In an unprecedented move, apparently one that has never happened before, nearly all U.S. Ambassadors to all nations have been called back to Washington for a summit conference. This event, mostly unreported, concluded on 4-Feb-2011. Politico.Com reports, "Ambassadors from almost all 260 U.S. embassies, consulates and other posts in more than 180 countries are expected to convene at the State Department for what's being billed as the first meeting of its kind." HuffingtonPost.Com, "Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is convening an unprecedented mass meeting of U.S. ambassadors." **The first logical thought that comes to mind...Looking back at all previous world crisis, what might now be so important, evidently more-so than anything ever in the past, to call all Ambassadors back to Washington? And why has the press not reported on such an unusual event involving every U.S. diplomatic ambassador in the world ? The sky's the limit with ideas** (Newsvine, 2011).

**Date:** February 10, 2011

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Schuyler Dixon, Danny Robbins

**Title/Headline:** *Fans Sue NFL, Cowboys Stadium, Jerry Jones Over Super Bowl 45 Seat Issue*

**Abstract:** Ticket-holding football fans who ended up with no seats or what they considered bad views of the Super Bowl have filed a class-action lawsuit against the NFL, the Dallas Cowboys and team owner Jerry Jones. The federal lawsuit filed Tuesday in Dallas – just two days after the big game – alleges breach of contract, fraud and deceptive sales practices on behalf of people who ended up watching the game on TV at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, or had seats the lawsuit labeled "illegitimate." **The NFL had announced just hours before the Green Bay Packers played the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday that about 1,250 temporary seats were deemed unsafe, and the league scrambled to find new seats for about 850 people. The remaining 400 were forced to watch from standing-room locations around the stadium.** One plaintiff is a Steelers fan from Pennsylvania who was among the 400 with a ticket but no seat. The other is a Cowboys season ticket holder who claims many of Jones' biggest-spending fans were stuck in metal folding chairs without a view of the stadium's giant video board. Spokesmen for the Cowboys and the NFL had no comment Wednesday. Los Angeles-based attorney Michael J. Avenatti said he expects the suit to cover about 1,000 people. **"No one is attempting to get rich from this," he said. "People are merely interested in being compensated for what happened (at the stadium) and the cost that goes with that."** Avenatti said he's a Cowboys season ticket holder who attended Sunday's game. He said he wasn't one of the fans affected by the seating issues but heard plenty of complaints. **"People at the game were disgusted, but it doesn't take long to be disgusted with a situation like this," he said** (Dixon & Robbins, 2011).

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