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# Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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(The articles, reports and additional information contained in this edition were collected from 3-9 to 3-16)

**“Mankind inhabits this Earth subject to geological consent, which can be withdrawn at any time.”**

Simon Winchester



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- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
- Huffington Post
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- Washington Times
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## Executive Summary

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

Police ID gunman in deadly Pitt clinic shooting (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-03-09/pittsburgh-clinic-shooting-victim/53433312/1>

Officers at Clinic Shooting Trained for Virginia Tech-Style Incident (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/Hospital-Security/News/2012/03/12/Officers-at-Clinic-Shooting-Trained-for-Virginia-Tech-Style-Incident.aspx>

Man stabs 4 near school in Ohio office building

<http://news.yahoo.com/man-stabs-4-near-school-ohio-office-building-185612588.html>

When disaster strikes, this team moves

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/08/us/cnnheroes-agoglia-kentucky/index.html?on.cnn=2>

What California can learn from the Chile, New Zealand and Japan quakes

<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/apr/08/opinion/la-oe-jones-earthquakes-20110408>

Joseph Myers: Before the next storm hits, make us safer

[http://www.indystar.com/article/20120311/OPINION03/203110302?fb\\_ref=artsharetop&fb\\_source=home\\_online](http://www.indystar.com/article/20120311/OPINION03/203110302?fb_ref=artsharetop&fb_source=home_online)

Tornado deaths raise questions about mobile home safety

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-03-11/tornado-mobile-homes/53477486/1>

New Orleans Group Promotes Hurricane Awareness (Louisiana)

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/07/us/new-orleans-evacueers-promote-hurricane-awareness.html?\\_r=2&src=tp](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/07/us/new-orleans-evacueers-promote-hurricane-awareness.html?_r=2&src=tp)

Walking Dead 101: University to Offer Zombie-Fighting Course (Michigan)

<http://newsfeed.time.com/2012/03/12/walking-dead-101-university-to-offer-zombie-fighting-course/>

New FEMA-AmeriCorps Partnership Strengthens Response, Recovery Efforts Following Disasters

[http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_pr\\_id=2081](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases_detail.asp?tbl_pr_id=2081)

How to Collaborate Effectively With Lawyers during a Crisis

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/How-to-Collaborate-Effectively-With-Lawyers.html>

The cost of preparing for doomsday

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/cost-preparing-doomsday-093700600.html>

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Top Democrat's speeches for terrorist group probed  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/mar/9/treasury-probes-rendell-over-speeches-for-iranian-/>

Storied US aircraft carrier makes final deployment  
<http://news.yahoo.com/storied-us-aircraft-carrier-makes-final-deployment-180553934.html>

LAX bombing plotter's 22-year sentence overturned as too lenient (California)  
<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/03/lax-bombing-.html>

ON-DEMAND SATELLITE IMAGERY ENVISIONED FOR FRONTLINE WARFIGHTERS  
<http://www.darpa.mil/NewsEvents/Releases/2012/03/12.aspx>

Pacific Northwest white supremacist pleads guilty to slayings  
<http://news.yahoo.com/pacific-northwest-white-supremacist-pleads-guilty-slayings-052058589.html>

Coast Guard Florida coming to a living room near you!  
<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2012/03/coast-guard-florida-coming-to-a-living-room-near-you/>

FBI agent: Midwest militia group had 'kill' list  
[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46722890/ns/us\\_news-crime\\_and\\_courts/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46722890/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/)

Colonel from troubled U.S. Army base charged with making threats  
<http://news.yahoo.com/colonel-troubled-u-army-charged-making-threats-024235549.html>

New questions about FBI probe of Saudis' post-9/11 exodus  
<http://openchannel.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/03/14/10672374-new-questions-about-fbi-probe-of-saudis-post-911-exodus>

Responding to Campus Attacks: We've come a Long Way  
<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Blog/Campus-Command-Post/Story/2012/03/Responding-to-Campus-Attacks-We-ve-Come-a-Long-Way.aspx>

Jury says Virginia Tech negligent for delays in warnings about 2007 shootings  
<http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/03/14/10688651-death-injuries-reported-in-school-bus-truck-crash>

Sign language program converts hand movements into text  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/science-news/9134827/Sign-language-program-converts-hand-movements-into-text.html>

Fracking in New York: Risk vs. Reward  
[http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/09/us/new-york-fracking/index.html?hpt=hp\\_bn1](http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/09/us/new-york-fracking/index.html?hpt=hp_bn1)

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Hershey Medical Center program forces doctors to confront worst nightmare, pandemic training

[http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2012/03/penn\\_state\\_milton\\_s\\_hershey\\_me\\_8.html](http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2012/03/penn_state_milton_s_hershey_me_8.html)

Long Beach remembers quake of 1933 -- and gets ready for the next big one (California)

[http://www.presstelegram.com/ci\\_20147671/untitled](http://www.presstelegram.com/ci_20147671/untitled)

The Giant, Underestimated Earthquake Threat to North America

[http://discovermagazine.com/2012/extreme-earth/01-big-one-earthquake-could-devastate-pacific-northwest/article\\_view?b\\_start:int=2&-C=](http://discovermagazine.com/2012/extreme-earth/01-big-one-earthquake-could-devastate-pacific-northwest/article_view?b_start:int=2&-C=)

Tornado Tech: What If Dorothy Had A Smartphone?

<http://www.npr.org/2012/03/13/148525605/tornado-tech-what-if-dorothy-had-a-smartphone>

Glitches in LAFD Alert System (California)

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/LAFD-Alert-System-Failing-142173213.html>

The Long Road Ahead for the Nationwide Public Safety Network

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/The-Long-Road-Ahead-for-the-Nationwide-Public-Safety-Network.html>

Doomsday preacher admits: I was wrong

[http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/09/us/california-doomsday-leader/index.html?hpt=hp\\_c3](http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/09/us/california-doomsday-leader/index.html?hpt=hp_c3)

GSA setting the pace for federal workplace

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/gsa-setting-the-pace-for-federal-workplace/2012/03/08/gIQAPiTJOR\\_story.html?hpid=z10](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/gsa-setting-the-pace-for-federal-workplace/2012/03/08/gIQAPiTJOR_story.html?hpid=z10)

Navajo Cops Returns Tonight to NatGeo

[http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/03/12/navajo-cops-returns-tonight-to-natgeo-102635?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=navajo-cops-returns-tonight-to-natgeo-102635&utm\\_campaign=fb-posts](http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/03/12/navajo-cops-returns-tonight-to-natgeo-102635?utm_medium=social&utm_content=navajo-cops-returns-tonight-to-natgeo-102635&utm_campaign=fb-posts)

Appeals court to tourists trapped in jail after Katrina: Too bad

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-court-rejects-katrina-award-to-tourists-20120313,0,2481717.story>

MONOC Program Brings Physicians to EMS Calls (New Jersey)

<http://www.jems.com/article/major-incidents/monoc-program-brings-physicians-ems-call>

One Year Later: Japan's Wreckage and Recovery

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/pictureshow/2012/03/07/148170201/before-and-after-japans-wreckage-and-recovery?sc=fb&cc=fp>

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Seismic hazards: Japan earthquake and other tectonic surprises challenge scientific assumptions

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/seismic-hazards-japan-earthquake-and-other-tectonic-surprises-challenge-scientific-assumptions/2012/03/09/gIQAoV291R\\_story.html?hpid=z2](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/seismic-hazards-japan-earthquake-and-other-tectonic-surprises-challenge-scientific-assumptions/2012/03/09/gIQAoV291R_story.html?hpid=z2)

Japan cabinet stunned, confused after quake, minutes show

<http://news.yahoo.com/japan-cabinet-stunned-confused-quake-minutes-show-122713041.html>

One year after Japan earthquake and tsunami, search for bodies continues

[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46691428/ns/world\\_news-asia\\_pacific/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46691428/ns/world_news-asia_pacific/)

Radiation fears split Fukushima community

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-16977120>

Lasers used to map Japan tsunami in 3-D

[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46682404/ns/technology\\_and\\_science-science/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46682404/ns/technology_and_science-science/)

Japan Finds Story of Hope in Undertaker Who Offered Calm amid Disaster

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/11/world/asia/a-year-later-undertakers-story-offers-japan-hope.html?\\_r=1&smid=FB-nytimes&WT.mc\\_id=WO-E-FB-SM-LIN-JFS-031112-NYT-NA&WT.mc\\_ev=click](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/11/world/asia/a-year-later-undertakers-story-offers-japan-hope.html?_r=1&smid=FB-nytimes&WT.mc_id=WO-E-FB-SM-LIN-JFS-031112-NYT-NA&WT.mc_ev=click)

'The Rose': Living after Japan's disaster

[http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/10/opinion/yoshimoto-japan-rose/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t2](http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/10/opinion/yoshimoto-japan-rose/index.html?hpt=hp_t2)

Japan debates how to memorialize thousands killed by tsunami

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2012-03-11/japan-tsunami-memorial-debate/53479060/1>

West Coast leaders announce joint response to Japanese tsunami debris

<http://bigmedicine.ca/wordpress/2012/03/bc-ca-or-wa-west-coast-leaders-announce-joint-response-to-japanese-tsunami-debris/>

U.S. aid agency prepares switch to Afghan security

<http://news.yahoo.com/u-aid-agency-prepares-switch-afghan-security-214523928.html>

Pakistani U.N. peacekeepers sentenced in Haiti rape case

<http://news.yahoo.com/pakistani-u-n-peacekeepers-sentenced-haiti-rape-case-033652389.html>

U.S. hurricane forecasters embark to Mexico & Caribbean on preparedness mission

[http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2012/20120301\\_hurricaneawaretour.html](http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2012/20120301_hurricaneawaretour.html)

Azerbaijan arrests alleged Iran-hired terrorists

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/03/14/22-arrested-in-azerbaijan-in-plot-on-us-israeli-embassies/?test=latestnews>

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What Do You Do With a Sunken Cruise Ship? (Italy)

[http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/80beats/2012/03/08/what-do-you-do-with-a-sunken-cruise-ship/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+80beats+%2880beats%29](http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/80beats/2012/03/08/what-do-you-do-with-a-sunken-cruise-ship/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+80beats+%2880beats%29)

1 in 8 Chance of Catastrophic Solar Megastorm by 2020

<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2012/02/massive-solar-flare/>

Scots offer to send water to aid drought-hit England

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-17314545>

As Cholera Season Bears Down On Haiti, Vaccination Program Stalls

[http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2012/03/13/148473966/as-cholera-season-bears-down-on-haiti-vaccination-program-stalls?ft=1&f=1001&sc=tw&utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2012/03/13/148473966/as-cholera-season-bears-down-on-haiti-vaccination-program-stalls?ft=1&f=1001&sc=tw&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

Clarendon Tower 'a horror story' (New Zealand)

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/christchurch-earthquake-2011/6567773/Clarendon-Tower-a-horror-story>

Chinese official speaks out as rumors, intrigue swirl

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/chinese-official-speaks-out-as-rumors-intrigue-swirl/2012/03/09/gIQASGor0R\\_story.html?hpid=z11](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/chinese-official-speaks-out-as-rumors-intrigue-swirl/2012/03/09/gIQASGor0R_story.html?hpid=z11)

A War with Iran: Rhetoric or a Reality?

<http://www.npr.org/2012/03/10/148372165/a-war-with-iran-rhetoric-or-a-reality&sc=fb&cc=fp>

Israel-Gaza truce taking hold

<http://news.yahoo.com/israel-gaza-militants-agree-truce-egypt-official-004039454.html>

UN-Arab League envoy awaiting Syrian response on proposals to end crisis

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41528&Cr=Syria&Cr1>

Entire Pacific nation could one day move to Fiji

<http://news.yahoo.com/entire-pacific-nation-could-one-day-move-fiji-044612426.html>

Scientists say rising sea level threatens local beaches, Oceanside harbor (California)

[http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/sdcounty/region-scientists-say-rising-sea-level-threatens-local-beaches-oceanside/article\\_69f1178f-ece7-55cf-8433-33463b1138ef.html#ixzz1p4gpt0Vc](http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/sdcounty/region-scientists-say-rising-sea-level-threatens-local-beaches-oceanside/article_69f1178f-ece7-55cf-8433-33463b1138ef.html#ixzz1p4gpt0Vc)

Loss of Greenland ice could become irreversible, scientists say

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world\\_now/2012/03/greenland-ice-sheet-global-warming.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world_now/2012/03/greenland-ice-sheet-global-warming.html)

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US National Academies panel recommends expanding alternative nuclear fusion experiments

<http://www.physorg.com/news/2012-03-national-academies-panel-alternative-nuclear.html>

Post-Fukushima world must embrace thorium, not ditch nuclear

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2012/mar/09/fukushima-thorium-nuclear-power-uranium>

Sociability: social media for people with a disability

<http://www.mediaaccess.org.au/online-media/social-media>

U.S. Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future Progress Report

<https://www.hsd.org/?abstract&did=702520>

The Lost Pets of Fukushima: Photos

<http://news.discovery.com/animals/pets-fukushima-120308.html>

Readout of Secretary Napolitano's Remarks at the National Congress of American Indians 2012 Executive Council Winter Session

<http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/20120307-napolitano-remarks-national-congress-american-indians.shtm>

Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission Emergency Preparedness Tips Video

<http://www2.illinois.gov/idhhc/Pages/emergencytips.aspx>

Aid Worker Diaries: "I was struck by the strength and resilience of the people in Ishinomaki."

<http://www.unocha.org/top-stories/all-stories/aid-worker-diaries-%E2%80%9Ci-was-struck-strength-and-resilience-people-ishinomaki%E2%80%9D>

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Basic Guidance for Public Information Officers (PIOs)

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3095>

Flood Smart.gov, Flood Risk Scenarios

[http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding\\_flood\\_risks/flood\\_scenarios.jsp](http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/flood_scenarios.jsp)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Central Valley Flood Risk- Video (California)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHoXqJZXhco>

Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee, Episode 1: Meet "Disaster" and "Preparedness"- Video (Missouri)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWVevsBhLBo>

Remembering the Japanese Earthquake: We need to build more resilient societies

<http://asmarterplanet.com/blog/2012/03/remembering-the-japanese-earthquake-we-need-to-build-more-resilient-societies.html>

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DeValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness Learning Center Website  
(Massachusetts)  
<http://delvalle.bphc.org/>

FEMA Corps Website  
<http://www.fema.gov/about/employees/femacorps.shtm>

FEMA's Think Tank, Strategies and Approaches for Incorporating and Integrating Disability Related Access and Functional Needs Issues and Concerns into Emergency Management Actions/Activities (Page 32)

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## U.S. News Reports

### Workplace Incidents

Judge stabbed, deputy shot in Wash. state; manhunt continues

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/03/judge-stabbed-deputy-shot-in-wash-state/1?loc=interstitialskip>

Police ID gunman in deadly Pitt clinic shooting (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-03-09/pittsburgh-clinic-shooting-victim/53433312/1>

Officers at Clinic Shooting Trained for Virginia Tech-Style Incident (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/Hospital-Security/News/2012/03/12/Officers-at-Clinic-Shooting-Trained-for-Virginia-Tech-Style-Incident.aspx>

Man stabs 4 near school in Ohio office building

<http://news.yahoo.com/man-stabs-4-near-school-ohio-office-building-185612588.html>

One dead, three wounded in Texas shooting

<http://news.yahoo.com/three-people-wounded-texas-courthouse-shooting-173315887.html>

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## Emergency Management

The Battle Over Indian Point, One Year after the Fukushima Meltdown (New York)  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/health-science-technology/nuclear-aftershocks/the-battle-over-indian-point-one-year-after-the-fukushima-meltdown/>

When disaster strikes, this team moves  
<http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/08/us/cnnheroes-agoglia-kentucky/index.html?on.cnn=2>

What California can learn from the Chile, New Zealand and Japan quakes  
<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/apr/08/opinion/la-oe-jones-earthquakes-20110408>

PSEG Nuclear using lessons learned from Fukushima disaster to improve emergency planning at Salem reactors (New Jersey)  
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### **FEMA's Think Tank, Strategies and Approaches for Incorporating and Integrating Disability Related Access and Functional Needs Issues and Concerns into Emergency Management Actions/Activities**

March 14, 2012

Dear Stakeholders,

Please join FEMA's Deputy Administrator Richard Serino as he hosts the next FEMA Think Tank conference call on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 from Atlanta, Georgia.

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Date: Thursday, March 22, 2012  
Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 P.M. Eastern  
Dial-in: 1-800-593-0692  
Passcode: Think Tank March

Individuals who would like to access the captioning for this event may do so by clicking the following link at the start of the event: <http://www.fedrcc.us//Enter.aspx?EventID=1920179&CustomerID=321>.

The focus of this month's conference call will be on:

- Strategies and Approaches for Incorporating and Integrating Disability Related Access and Functional Needs Issues and Concerns into Emergency Management Actions/Activities.

Please check the Think Tank website for more information on the specific ideas to be discussed.

During February's FEMA Think Tank conference call, over 500 individuals participated in a discussion on technology in emergency management with featured topics on smart phone apps and amateur radio. Participants on the call ranged from State, Local, Tribal, and Federal emergency managers, first responders, and others concerned about helping our communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. It was a productive and informative discussion of ideas, which reinforced the importance of bringing the whole community together to develop ideas and best practices.

Deputy Administrator Serino is looking forward to hosting these calls each month at different locations around the country in an effort to meet with those who are serving on the front lines when disasters occur.

Before our next call we encourage you to visit the online forum at [www.fema.gov/thinktank](http://www.fema.gov/thinktank) to comment on the ideas we will be discussing this month or submit your own ideas and comment on others.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at [FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov).