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"Cyberterrorism; We're Toast"

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Computer security--talk about an oxymoron. We're the most technologically advanced nation in the world, and the most vulnerable. Against the threat of professionals, our society is about as safe as beach cottages on a sand bar. That's according to Chicken Little. Hear the real story and get answers to some crucial questions:

- o Can a cyber Pearl Harbor happen?
- o Why hasn't it?
- o How did we get into this mess?
- o How do we get out of it?

The talk explores the variety of factors that contribute to cyber dependencies and vulnerabilities and examines the threat from terrorists and other adversaries. From an enterprise perspective, a near-term cybersecurity strategy is presented for addressing the problem, including discussion of the benefits and shortcomings of new technologies. From a national perspective, the talk summarizes selected activities within the national cybersecurity strategy, including areas needing research by educational institutions, the critical infrastructure sectors and the government.

"Bill Neugent is one of the country's top cybersecurity strategists and advises many top federal officials. He is also the author of a new novel, No Outward Sign, about a cyberterrorist attack on the U.S."

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