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Top Incidents
Energy

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Agribusiness

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Pharmaceuticals

- Internal documents revealed that US Department of Justice probed GlaxoSmithKline’s Chinese consumer healthcare business as part of an anti-bribery investigation. Three "preservation notices" revealed that the drugmaker was investigating specific people and supplies in China as early as 2012 in relation to the justice department probe into potential violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Retail

- The Star reports that security researcher Brian Krebs, who first reported the Home Depot data breach last week, said on Tuesday that the stolen data, which can be used to make fake cards, is available for sale online. Cards issued by all of the big five Canadian banks — RBC, TD, CIBC, BMO and Scotiabank — are listed on at least one website selling hacked credit card information.
**Technology**

- Microsoft has been held in contempt of court after failing to comply with a warrant, following a rejection of a request for appeal on July 31st. The case stems from a United States government search warrant for data stored on a Microsoft server in Ireland. Microsoft contends that the data is outside the purview of the domestic warrant.

**Telecommunications**

- Federal Communications Commission chairman Tom Wheeler said Tuesday that regulators would “continue to be skeptical” of merger proposals within the wireless industry. He also said carriers like AT&T and Verizon could face stricter regulations on their ability to control the kind of content customers access.

**Defense**

- The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is looking for new program analysis techniques and tools to enable analyst to identify vulnerabilities in algorithms implemented in software used by United States government, military, and economic entities.

**Law Enforcement**

- A late-night ambush outside a state police barracks in Pennsylvania's rural northeastern corner left one trooper dead and another critically wounded, and authorities scouring the densely wooded countryside and beyond looking for the shooter or shooters, who still remains at large.

**Energy**

- FracTracker is currently working with communities to document the intensity of gas and oil trucks traveling their roads. In response to these concerns we have a launched a pilot Truck Counts project to provide support, resources, and networking opportunities to communities struggling with high volume gas truck traffic. Volunteers in PA, WV, OH and WI have already started to participate in the project, with some results, photos, observations, and suggestions.

- Tiny single-cell organisms discovered living underground could help with the problem of nuclear waste disposal, say researchers. Although bacteria with waste-eating properties have been discovered in relatively pristine soils before, this is the first time that microbes that can survive in the very harsh conditions expected in radioactive waste disposal sites have been found.

- On September 11 anti-nuclear activists in Tokyo held a rally opposing the planned restart of nuclear reactors as well as the continued operation of nuclear power plants. According to the organizers, approximately 800 people formed a human chain around the industry ministry building.

- 55 Greenpeace activists were given two month suspended sentences for trespassing and damage at France’s oldest nuclear power plant during a protest in March 2014. The activists included 21 Germans, seven Italians and people from several other nationalities including France, Turkey, Austria, Hungary, Australia and Israel.

- Installing smart meters in every house in the UK will save consumers “only 2%” on their annual bills, a committee of MPs has warned. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) said that, on average, consumers will save just £26 a year. MPs also warned that the technology could be out of date by the time the roll-out is complete.

- The anti-fracking movement in the UK received a considerable boost after a proposed development in the South Downs National Park was unanimously blocked by the...
planning authorities in the face of growing public scrutiny of the controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing. The planning committee strongly rejected the application to explore for oil or gas at the protected West Sussex village of Fernhurst made by the fracking company Celtique Energie, which raised the prospect of a prolonged battle by threatening to appeal to Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles to reverse the decision.

- Statoil ASA's first well off Norway with OAO Rosneft, the Russian state-run oil company targeted by international sanctions, may be delayed following a Greenpeace complaint. Drilling can't start on the Statoil-operated Pingvin prospect in the Barents Sea until the appeal has been handled this week by the Norwegian Environment Agency, Reidar Evensen, a spokesman for the agency, said in an e-mail. Greenpeace argued the arctic well is an oil-spill hazard.

- Sixteen activists from the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior were detained in Turkey following an anti-coal protest on Sept. 11.

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- The Community Based Science for Action Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA, Nov 15-17. This conference targets “residents living on the fenceline of industrial pollution that want to re-create their healthy and sustainable community, technological innovators and all the folks in between.” It is unclear yet whether this event will have a “graduation.”

Agribusiness

- Food and Water Watch filed suit in federal court to stop USDA from implementing new poultry inspection rules. USDA says the new rules will modernize inspection and let meat inspectors spend more time looking for and preventing microbial contamination of meat. Food and Water Watch says the plan, which allows plants to run slaughter lines are higher speeds, abdicates USDA's responsibility to identify meat that is not wholesome.

- Biodiesel production is booming in Brazil and Argentina and will put a pinch on exports of soybean oil, the feedstock for making the biofuel, says the Agriculture Department.

- EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy says the recent upturn in gasoline consumption will be reflected in the ethanol mandate for this year, which should be announced in coming weeks. "You will see the rule coming out with changed numbers as a result," she told the National Farmers Union fly-in.

- On September 10, 2014, Sustainable Pulse reports that the Chinese Agriculture Ministry has been facing pressure from GMO-free advocates to release the studies conducted to approve Monsanto’s Roundup pesticide. So far, the Ministry has denied these requests, citing commercial secrets and personal privacy information contained in the studies. The article details efforts to trace back to one study mentioned by the Ministry from Younger Laboratories, but casts doubt on the veracity of the study cited by the Ministry.

- Costa Rica’s Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court, Sala IV, has ruled that the government's regulatory framework for approving GMO’s is unconstitutional. In Chief Justice Armijo Sancho’s opinion, the main two violations to constitutionality are the lack or required environmental impact studies and the secrecy allowed to GMO companies surrounding genetic information of their products. The ruling does not ban GMO’s already in the country however.

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- An unencrypted desktop computer containing personal information on 3,780 patients was stolen during a break-in at a Temple University physicians’ office in late July, the university said in a statement Thursday.

- Central Utah Clinic published a data breach notification letter to alert 31,677 patients that their information had been compromised on August 7th. Central Utah Clinic, a Utah multi-specialty practice that employs more than 170 physicians, learned on June 21, 2014, that a server had been accessed by an unauthorized entity on October 9, 2012.

- Pella Regional Health Center admitted to a security breach last week when it was discovered that human error paired with a system glitch caused patients’ information to be sent to the wrong recipient.

- The Dorn Veterans Administration Hospital could be facing a security breach after organization officials recently discovered that several boxes with patients’ information had gone missing. Four boxes of pathology reports that were stored in a locked area are gone, reported WLTX, a CBS affiliate.

- AltaMed Health Services announced last week that 2,995 patients’ data were potentially compromised when an employee stole patient records in an apparent identity theft ring.

Financial

Activism

- An AIDS activist group held a protest at the investor conference of a leading U.S. investment bank on September 9th in NYC, demanding that an American biotechnology company lower its drug prices for HIV and Hepatitis C.

- Housing activists held a protest against the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on September 9th in downtown Los Angeles, CA, demanding better housing policies.
• Housing activists delivered documents to the regional office of the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Detroit, MI on September 9th, detailing how the federal agency is catering to Wall Street hedge funds, local housing commissions, and failed developers trying to evict hard-pressed families, instead of advancing the cause of affordable housing and sustainable communities.

• Housing activists delivered a demand letter to the Rochester Housing Authority (the local agency of HUD in Rochester) in Rochester, New York on September 9th, protesting the agency’s practice of auctioning houses to corporate investors at large discounts, thus fostering an era of higher rents and less access to housing for the poor and middle class. The demand letter also calls for the end of the HUD/FHA practice of requiring lenders to vacate houses before collecting mortgage insurance.

• Anti-Wall Street activists will organize a “Flood Wall Street” action event against “climate profiteers” on September 22nd in the Financial District of Denver, CO.

• Housing activists will hold an anti-foreclosure event on September 14th in Los Angeles, CA.

• In continued support for a local homeowner facing eviction in Chicago, IL, anti-eviction activists and their supporters called the Chicago regional office of a GSE for housing throughout September 9th and10th, demanding that the GSE negotiate or provide reasonable relocation assistance for the homeowner.

• Housing activists held an anti-eviction campaign kickoff event on September 13th in San Francisco, CA. The campaign is aimed at stopping rampant real estate speculation from evicting long-time San Francisco residents.

• As part of Occupy Wall Street's third anniversary (S17) week of actions, which will occur September 17th through 21st in NYC, activists will conduct a “March on Wall Street and Financial District” event on September 17th starting at 8:30am EDT.

• Occupy Wall Street will conduct a “Workers Assembly for Social and Economic Justice” event on September 17th at Liberty Plaza in NYC from 7:00pm to 8:30pm EDT. The event is part of OWS’ third anniversary (S17) week of actions.

• Occupy Wall Street will host an ‘Alternative Media is the New Mainstream' workshop on September 17th at Liberty Plaza in NYC from 11:30am to 1:00pm EDT. The workshop is part of OWS’ third anniversary (S17) week of actions. The workshop appears to be educational based in which “successful bloggers, editors, writers, journalists, photographers and live-streamers” will likely demonstrate how to use social media and other open source tools as an impactful resource to transmit news as opposed to untrustworthy main street media outlets.

• Occupy Wall Street will conduct a ‘Flood Wall Street’ action against climate profiteers on September 22nd in NYC. The event will include a planned sit-in at an area stock exchange. The 'Flood Wall Street’ day of action also calls to "flood, blockade, sit-in, and shut down" financial and political centers around the world profiting from the climate crisis.

• A People's Climate March will occur September 21st in Seattle, WA in solidarity with the NYC event. Participants will rally in Westlake Park starting at 1:00pm PDT. A march from Westlake Park will likely precede the rally.

• OWS Direct Action Summer Disobedience School Class of 2012 will conduct a ‘People's Gong Sound Demo’ at 26 Wall Street in NYC on September 17th. The sound demo is a symbolic event representing unity of the 99% versus the 1%. Portrayed as a symbolic, peaceful event, activism in the general area of 26 Wall Street may occur at the conclusion of the event as participants disperse.

• Occupy London will conduct an 'Emergency Stop ISDS Action' on September 12th outside The Department of Business and Skills in London, UK starting at 12:00pm. The announcement states "ISDS is a clause in the Transpacific Trade and Investment Partnership [TTIP] that will effectively hand the power to control UK legislation over to
- Housing activist groups are planning to pack a courtroom in Chicago, IL on September 18th to demand that a leading U.S. bank consider donating a foreclosed historical property to a local housing advocacy trust group.

- Housing activists and their supporters packed a courtroom in Santa Ana, CA on September 11th in support of a local homeowner facing eviction from her home.

- Occupy Central's 'Civil Disobedience' conducted a large procession on September 14th from Causeway Bay to Central Hong Kong "to alert the public about actions it's planning to hold before its final act of blockading the streets of the business district." The group plans to launch an escalating series of protests in early October to challenge the Chinese government's recent decision to limit candidates for Hong Kong's Chief Executive in 2017 elections.

### Information Security Risk

- Researchers said the apparent credit and debit card breach uncovered last week at a leading U.S. home improvement store was aided in part by a new variant of the malicious software program that stole card account data from cash registers at a Minnesota-based discount retailer last December. The researchers said some of the home improvement store's registers had been infected with a new variant of “BlackPOS” (a.k.a. “Kaptoxa”), a malware strain designed to siphon data from cards when they are swiped at infected point-of-sale systems running Microsoft Windows. The store told customers and banks that no debit card PIN data was compromised in the break-in. But multiple financial institutions reported a steep increase over the past few days in fraudulent ATM withdrawals on customer accounts.

- San Francisco-based IT company known for its cloud-based Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software warned its customers that a piece of banking malware called Dyre Trojan, also known as Dyrea, may currently be targeting them. The malware was previously known mainly target banks and other financial institutions, but researchers discovered that it is now capable of capturing login credentials from the software company’s users by redirecting them through a phishing website. Dyre will initially infect users through some form of social-engineering, typically with an email that contains a malicious attachment. Once on the system, the malware can act as a man-in-the-middle and intercept every single keystroke. Researchers cautioned that this type of attack could mean that there might be a new trend on the horizon, one that goes after Software as a Service (SaaS) users.

- A former GCHQ security specialist warned that a global database of bank customer information managed by a NYC-based reference data solutions company and majority-owned by a US post-trade financial services company, represents a major cyber security risk that could attract attacks from both state security apparatus as well as cyber criminals. The database contains information about banks' institutional clients and their trading activities and is intended to provide banks with a centralized reference to help them avoid breaching US sanctions.

- Researchers said despite the takedown of the Gameover Zeus (GoZ) botnet back in May of this year, new studies found that ransomware is not dead. According to the reports, within a week of the takedown of Gameover Zeus and Cryptolocker, a surge of spam with links to a Cryptolocker copycat, known as Cryptowall, resulted in a jump in ransomware infections. Cryptowall first appeared in November 2013, and spread slowly, but the group behind the program was ready to take advantage of the vacuum left by the downfall of its predecessor. In six months, the Cryptowall group infected nearly 625,000 systems, and even though only 0.27% of victims paid, the group still made $1.1 million. Industry experts agree that while Cryptolocker infections had dropped following the takedown, the creator is still at large, and will likely try again.

- Hacker groups continued to target websites of the Saudi Tadawul Stock Exchange and banks in the UAE with cyber-attacks.
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Researchers detected a newer Android Remote Access Trojan (RAT) in Europe, dubbed SandroRAT, which affects users on mobile devices by masquerading as a legitimate Anti-Virus application that transmits via phishing email messages. The malware targets users’ mailboxes, and transmits via an email message which states that the users' (particular) bank is providing a free mobile security application to detect malware that steals SMS codes for authorizing electronic transactions.

A former U.S. intelligence agency chief and founder of a five month old security firm in Washington, DC, plans to patent what it calls “groundbreaking technology to thwart cyber-attacks before they've been identified.” The patent pending technology will provide a “novel defense against zero-day attacks.” Critics however are questioning the former chief's ethics claiming he is profiting from the work he did while working for the U.S. Government.

Researchers discovered a phishing campaign targeting users with a phoney PDF attachment that leads to the vawtrak malware. The emails, purporting to be billing messages sent by a leading payroll service firm, included a fake invoice attachment in the form of a PDF. Vawtrak is a family of online banking malware. It was originally spotted in August 2013 for its information theft routines but more recent variants are known to steal banking credentials.

A leading U.S. media outlet reports that Jihadists in the Middle East are ramping up efforts to mount a massive cyber-attack on the U.S., with leaders from both Islamic State and Al Qaeda recruiting web savvy radicals. The media outlet states Islamic militants were seen bragging online that it is only a matter of time before they manage to pull off a highly disruptive attack on America's infrastructure or financial system. In addition, Islamic State, the terror group that claims to have established a caliphate across Syria and Iraq, boast openly of plans to establish a “cyber caliphate,” protected by jihadist developed encryption software from behind which they hope to mount catastrophic hacking and virus attacks on America and the West.

**Legal, Litigation, Regulatory Risk**

Three prominent law firms filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York claiming the biggest stock exchanges gave preferential treatment to certain customers, costing regular investors, such as public pension funds, billions of dollars. The 136-page complaint, filed September 2nd, alleges stock exchanges provided high-frequency firms “enhanced trading information at faster speeds” than other investors received. The exchanges also crafted “complex order types” that gave sophisticated traders advantages, such as the ability to trade in front of other investors to get a better price. The lawsuit also names a major UK bank, which operates a private trading venue that is the target of a civil lawsuit by the New York Attorney General’s office.

Litigation is going forward in the multi-billion dollar conflict regarding the profits of the two GSEs for housing. The author of the article stated that it is time to start thinking about contingencies that should be awarded against the government if shareholders eventually win. The author also suggested that the litigation delay is costing the government money and it is highly likely that undoing the dividend sweep under the Third Amendment to Preferred Stock Purchase Agreements will result in repayment to the government of all the cash that was advanced after September 2008.

**Operational Risk**
A national association representing the real estate finance industry opposed raises in g-fees and loan level price adjustments proposed by the two GSEs for housing. The association's position is that g-fees should be set to cover expected losses and general operating expenses, and should deliver an appropriate risk-adjusted return on capital. The association said that it is important that the GSEs recognize that the robust underwriting requirements under the Ability-to-Repay rule will ensure that sound underwriting remains the rule, not the exception. In this way, the GSEs should be mindful of the risks of a national downturn in housing but be aware that the loans they are purchasing or guaranteeing today and in the future will be significantly safer than those acquired prior to the financial crisis.

An article published last week claimed that Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) is too rigid in its requirements. The article stated that mortgage servicers do not act fast enough on applications, leaving homeowners in limbo and at risk for foreclosure. According to Special Inspector General’s report, as of May, more than 221,000 homeowners were awaiting decisions about assistance.

Reports said someone has taken over the email account belonging to Bitcoin’s secretive creator, Satoshi Nakamoto, and stated that he will sell Nakamoto's secrets for money. The hacker, who calls himself “Jeffrey,” claimed to have also obtained information on Nakamoto that could be used to unmask his identity. But the hacker didn't provide any evidence to substantiate these claims. And it's not clear what information he really has on Bitcoin’s creator.

An article published last week said that the number of homes scheduled for foreclosure auctions is rising, reversing a years-long trend. According to new data released last week, more than 51,000 properties were scheduled for foreclosure auction in August 2014. That makes this the first annual increase in scheduled foreclosures since the robo-signing controversy tainted the mortgage industry back in 2010.

Reputational Risk

In light of the 2014 Congressional elections, climate activist and human rights groups produced a report that examines the contributions that US corporations have made to the election campaigns of all 160 members of the “climate denier caucus” in the 113th Congress. Accordingly, the groups have launched a petition campaign that specifically calls on the CEOs of the “worst offenders” to end all campaign contributions to these “deniers,” as it undermines their alleged “strong commitments” to climate activism. The petition includes the names of several major US financial firms that allegedly made multimillion dollar contributions to these Congressional members.

Seattle, WA-based housing activist group claimed that a GSE for housing has been selling packages of distressed mortgages to corporations that are now being investigated for real estate fraud.

Global Intelligence

Bavaria

The data protection commission in Bavaria inspected about 2,000 companies for their adaption of email encryption. After testing with a software developed by the data protection authority, 772 companies were notified that their communication systems would not comply with technical standards and regulations, as mail servers were not set up for transport encryption. The Bavarian authority considers the implementation of StartTLS protocol as necessary for compliance with data protection and privacy rules. The data protection commission also discovered missing support for Perfect Forward Secrecy and weak keys, as 512 bit keys were considered not sufficient. Additionally, 44 companies were found not to have implemented fixes pertaining to the Heartbleed bug. The 2,236 of 500,000 businesses tested within Bavaria were randomly chosen.
China

- The PRC National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) announced yesterday that the anti-monopoly investigation involving Qualcomm has been completed and will soon enter into penalty procedures.

- Thousands of workers participated in demonstrations outside Wanshida Liquid Crystal Display Limited Co. in Dongguan, Guangdong protesting a cancellation of Mid-Autumn holiday benefits. Some workers clashed with police causing injuries and over a dozen arrests. Wanshida is a Taiwan-based company which provides components for Apple and Samsung.

- Over 200 workers participated in a worker strike at Beris Jiangsu Heavy Industry Corporation. The strike occurred following a notification informing workers that the plant was on "holiday indefinitely". Moreover, workers claimed that wages had already been withheld for 4 months. Subsequently, angered workers went to protest outside a city government building to demand compensation.

- On 9/8/2014, a page on Shangxueba.com reports remote dos vulnerability on interaction mechanism between openssh and openpam on Linux system.

- On 9/8/2014, a Chinese news outlet reports a malware dubbed as "Ghost Ring" infected 300 thousands Android devices. The malware is capable of luring users with a system update page to activate the malicious service.

- On 9/9/2014, a page on Ichunzui.com reports the malicious trojan, "XXshengi" created by an 19-year-old college student exposed the security vulnerability on Android system, which allowed cybercriminals to use fake signatures to develop malicious software to infect the user's system.

- On 9/9/2014, a Chinese technology news outlet reports the discovery of the variants of Trojan_Virut.XD. The variants are able to copies itself to the specified directory and rename, create a mutex variable, to prevent the program running multiple times. At the same time, it will modify the key items on the infected operating system registry to add firewall filtering rules, and the new key items in order to boot from the start.

- On 9/9/2014, a Chinese forum posting report a P2P network loan website, Hooyid.com suffered a hacker attacks and rendered the website unavailable.

- On 9/10/2014, a Chinese technology news outlet reports a variant of a 2-year-old router-router bot malware called Lightaidra has been discovered and it is now mainly use for DDoS attack.


- On 9/11/2014, a Chinese news outlet reports Russian hackers expose 5 millions Google Gmail usernames and passwords. According to the news article, users could check from a website named "Is my email leaked?" to verified whether the user credentials has been exposed.

- On 9/11/2014, a Chinese website reports a remote code execution vulnerability on versions of Google Chrome before version 37.0.2062.120. This posting appeared to be taken from Secunia.com, which require login credential. According to the posting, Google has released patches for this vulnerability.

- On 9/11/2014, a page of 2cto.com reports a UXSS security vulnerability on Android browser. This posting appeared to be originate from another English-language website named Rafayhackingarticles.net. The original article has been included as supplemental.

- On 9/12/2014, China (Yundu) APP client registration center reports a trojan malware dubbed as "King of Mobile Backing Virus" (Shōu yǐn dú wǎng/手银毒王) is currently spreading in China and phishing for user phone numbers and credit/debit card number.
India

- India ranked #3rd among the most malware-hit nations. India ranks third after Japan and the US in the tally of countries most affected by online banking malware during the April-June quarter of 2014. Japan topped the list with the highest number of online banking malware infections this quarter due to VAWTRAK.

Ireland

- On 9/8/2014 Independent IE reported that credit unions are making a bid to target Google and Intel workers as they seek to expand by luring in younger, high-earning members. If the credit union gets the green light from regulators and its members the move would have the potential to transform the credit union.

Israel

- On 9/9/2014 the Globes reported that Orange franchisee Partner Communications Ltd. announced today that it has recognized the Histadrut, as the representative labor union of the company's employees. This major achievement for the Histadrut follows its recognition by Israel's other two veteran mobile operators - Pelephone Communications Ltd. and Cellcom Israel Ltd.

Malaysia

- On 9/4/2014, a Malaysian news outlet reports workers who are receiving minimum wage can file their complaints at the Labor Department of the Human Resources Ministry for investigation and action, according to the Deputy Human Resources Minister.

- On 9/5/2014, MTUC posted on its blog regarding the former President of MTUC thought on the alarming large number of foreign workers in Malaysia and questioning the Malaysian government how they would deal with this issue.

- A recent posting by a human right activist group, Aliran reports the rights of workers to form unions under ILO Conventions.

- In a 9/5/2014 blog posting by the Malaysian human right activist Charles Hector reports the large number of immigrant workers in Malaysia and criticized the Human Resources Minister's statement on Malaysian workers are too choosy over jobs. He commented that employers do not want to pay just wages, have decent working hours (8 hours per day), regular employment that ensures employment security - not short-term contracts, then maybe more local workers would want to work.

- On 8/31/2014, a Malaysian news outlet report the Chief Minister of Penang, Lim Guan Eng's house were attacked by a petroleum bomb.

North America

- On 9/10/2014 the WSJ reported that US District Judge Lucy Koh set an April 9th start date for the antitrust trial involving the four big tech companies and 64,000 current and former Silicon Valley workers.

- On 9/8/2014 the Washington Post reported that the Delaware Gov. Jack Markell is expected to sign into law provisions that would ensure that pregnant workers receive such reasonable and fair accommodations to stay on the job. The Pregnant Workers Fairness passed through the state legislature with a unanimous vote. Several states have also passed and are about to pass similar legislature.

- On 9/8/2014 Pando Daily reported that a new class action lawsuit on behalf of VFX workers was just filed in Northern CA District Court against Walt Disney Animation, Dreamworks Animation, Sony Pictures, as well as LucasFilm and Pixar.
Vietnam

- On 9/5/2014 Talk Vietnam reported that figures from the Ministry of Investment and planning showed that valid foreign direct investment registered nationwide as of July amounted to 242 billion USD. According to the article Samsung VN current employs more than 40,000 workers and with its future investment in its biggest research center in Hanoi, Vietnam, Samsung is expected to attract an additional 2,000 workers there.

- On 9/8/2014 Lao Dong News reported that 153 workers at the SMY Vietnam company, gathered at the company hoping that the president of the company would resolve the issue of nearly 600 million VND in outstanding salary payments. The owner of the company has been promising outstanding back pay since July but kept on pushing back the date for payment. In addition, workers complained that the company has not signed labor contracts with workers, failed to pay social insurance and health insurance, and increased work hours without proper compensation. Workers have stopped working and have gathered outside the company building hoping that the president would resolve their issues.

- On 9/11/2014 Dan Tri reported that hundreds of workers at Chia Chen Company went on strike because the company failed to fulfill workers’ demands in subsidies, failed to provide proper safety equipment, and failed to comply with requirements associated with maternity regulations. The company manufactures fasteners and bulon.

Yemen

- Yemen – Intermittent conflict between the Houthis and pro-government militias which the Houthis leadership called for a peaceful protest. However, Yemeni forces opened fired leading to standoff with the Houthis.

Legal and Regulations

- The Intellectual Property Owners’ Association (IPO) recently released its 2014 IP Record, an annual report detailing global intellectual property trends. Data from this year’s IP Record reveals that in 2013, trademark applications hit an all-time high with 433,654 application filed, a 4% increase from 2012. The number of registration also rose in 2013. 259,681 were registered in 2013, compared to 243,459 in 2012. Both trademark applications filed and registrations issued have experienced continued growth this decade.

New gTLD update:

- The General Availability phase will begin September 15, 2014 for .cooking, .country, .fishing, .horse, .rodeo, .vodka, and .vegas.
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Telecom

- Most federal licensees and other regulated entities must pay regulatory fees to offset costs associated with the FCC’s enforcement, public service, international, policy, and rulemaking activities. Fee amounts change each year and vary by type of activity. Of particular interest is the Interstate Telecommunications Service Provider Fee which must be paid by most companies, including VoIP providers and audio bridging providers. Generally, if a company filed an FCC Form 499-A in April 2014, it will owe FCC regulatory fees. For other regulated entities refer to the industry-specific guidance on who must pay, and how much, posted on the Commission website at http://www.fcc.gov/regfees. The Commission will not issue bills for the regulatory fees and it is the licensee’s responsibility to determine the fees owed (regardless of the amount posted on the Fee Filer system).
Pharmaceuticals

- 550 people marched against Air France in Frankfurt, Germany on the 6th of September to protest their animal transports. The demo was organised by Stop Vivisection and Ärzte gegen Tierversuche (doctors against animal testing).

- More than 35 percent of Allergan investors have asked the company to call a special meeting, handing a victory to billionaire investor William Ackman who is trying to broker a sale of the Botox maker to Valeant Pharmaceuticals.

- The first person to face criminal charges linked to a 2012 U.S. meningitis outbreak that killed 64 people and sickened 700 in 20 states was in court this week to respond to claims that he knowingly shipped a tainted medication. Glenn Adam Chin, 46, a former pharmacist at the now-defunct New England Compound Company, which produced the tainted steroid that sparked the outbreak, was arrested last week as he boarded a flight to Hong Kong for a family wedding.

- A Boston-area pharmacist pleaded not guilty to a charge stemming from the deadly 2012 U.S. meningitis outbreak, a week after he was arrested attempting to board a flight to Hong Kong.

- U.S. based drug-maker Akorn Inc is weighing a bid for Belgian drug-maker UCB SA a deal that would allow Akorn to file taxes overseas instead of in the United States in a practice known as tax inversion.

- Internal documents revealed that US Department of Justice probed GlaxoSmithKline's Chinese consumer healthcare business as part of an anti-bribery investigation. Three "preservation notices" revealed that the drugmaker was investigating specific people and supplies in China as early as 2012 in relation to the justice department probe into potential violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Retail

- Security Week reports that in a new paper released today, Trend Micro examines the continued growth of point-of-sale (PoS) malware. According to Trend Micro, six new pieces of point-of-sale (PoS) malware have been identified so far in 2014.

- Databreaches.net reports that a Phoenix-based company called Yandy.com has recently experienced a data breach. The company became aware of the breach on Aug. 18, and reports that it involved customers' names, postal and email addresses, card numbers, expiration dates and CVV codes.

- Apple unveiled its Apple Watch and new line of iPhone devices, including the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus at the Apple launch party. Apple Pay was also introduced, a new feature which will allow iPhone users to swipe and pay using their device.

- The Star reports that security researcher Brian Krebs, who first reported the Home Depot data breach last week, said on Tuesday that the stolen data, which can be used to make fake cards, is available for sale online. Cards issued by all of the big five Canadian banks — RBC, TD, CIBC, BMO and Scotiabank — are listed on at least one website selling hacked credit card information.

- eSecurity Planet reported that in its recent update, Goodwill said a forensic investigation had found that a third-party vendor's systems had been attacked by malware, providing the attackers with access to the credit card data of several of that vendor's customers intermittently between February 10, 2013 and August 14, 2014.

- Rainforest Action Network launched a new campaign coinciding with Fall Fashion Week
in New York City in an effort to stop the act of dissolving pulp for the textile and clothing industry.

- Hong Kong-based labor rights group SACOM (Students and Scholars Against Corporate Misbehaviour) published a statement demanding American Eagle, Hollister, Levi’s, GAP, Wal-Mart, and H&M to improve working conditions at factories and stop the practice of sandblasting, a chemical process in producing jeans.

- The malware used to breach the security of the two chains was different, which could mean the thefts were carried out by different sets of criminals.

- Six Saks Fifth Avenue employees went on a months-long $400,000 shopping spree with customers’ credit cards at the fashionable store, according to a criminal report. The Saks employees worked out an elaborate scheme that fraudulently used the credit cards of at least 22 customers to buy hundreds of pairs of designer shoes and handbags, including many that were found by police last week in the alleged ringleader’s apartment in Queens, N.Y.

Technology

- 3,000 Netflix usernames and passwords were leaked onto the notable hacker forum, pastebin.com. The breach is minor, since Netflix carries nearly 30 million subscribers.

- Apple revealed its mobile payments solution Apple Pay. As many expected, it featured NFC and Touch ID.

- Mozilla has now built an adapter that allows it to connect the Firefox developer tools with Chrome and iOS to help developers test their web apps there right from Firefox.

- Microsoft has been held in contempt of court after failing to comply with a warrant, following a rejection of a request for appeal on July 31st. The case stems from a United States government search warrant for data stored on a Microsoft server in Ireland. Microsoft contends that the data is outside the purview of the domestic warrant.

- A list of 5 million Gmail addresses and passwords appeared on a Russian Bitcoin forum Wednesday.

- Laptops with 3-D sensors in place of conventional webcams will go on sale before the end of this year, according to chip maker Intel, which is providing the sensing technology to manufacturers. And tablets with 3-D sensors will hit the market in 2015.

- Tech industry organizations have written a letter to leaders in the U.S. Senate, to ask them to swiftly pass the USA Freedom Act, legislation that is expected to end the collection of bulk domestic phone data by the National Security Agency.

Telecommunications

- Federal Communications Commission chairman Tom Wheeler said Tuesday that regulators would “continue to be skeptical” of merger proposals within the wireless industry. He also said carriers like AT&T and Verizon could face stricter regulations on their ability to control the kind of content customers access.
**Defense**

- Two Chinese cyber espionage campaigns are working in tandem in hopes of sniffing out trade secrets from surrounding nations. One of the groups, Moafree, operates out of the Guandong Province, in Southern China while the second, DragonOK, works out of the Jiangsu Province, in Northern China. Both groups are based on the coast and are likely targeting intelligence from countries surrounding the South China Sea such as Japan and Taiwan. Moafree is targeting government and military operations while DragonOK appears to be targeting high-tech and manufacturing companies, going after trade secrets for economic advantage.

- The US joined the European Union 12 September, announcing complementary sanctions designed to punish Russian involvement in the ongoing conflict in the Ukraine. The sanctions target one of Russia's major arms conglomerates, and five other defense entities, as well as energy firms.

- The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is looking for new program analysis techniques and tools to enable analyst to identify vulnerabilities in algorithms implemented in software used by United States government, military, and economic entities.

- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s information systems are contains several critical vulnerabilities that could leave it vulnerable to cyber-attacks. The Joint Polar Satellite System's (JPSS) ground system used to collect data from weather satellites is vulnerable to a large number of high-risk vulnerabilities. The system is considered to be a “High Impact” IT system for which the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic effect on organizational operations, organizational assets or individuals.

**Law Enforcement**

- The New York Police Department announced that commanding officers will take a course on using Twitter and how to release better information online about investigations.

- Police departments across the country still struggle to hire and retain minority candidates, issue that has taken on new relevance since fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. Analysis of data from a federal survey of police departments in 2007 finds that nearly 400 departments were substantially whiter than populations they served.

- A late-night ambush outside a state police barracks in Pennsylvania's rural northeastern corner left one trooper dead and another critically wounded, and authorities scouring the densely wooded countryside and beyond looking for the shooter or shooters, who still remains at large.

- Raids in the fashion district of Los Angeles led to the seizure of $90 million — including $70 million of it in cash — in a massive crackdown on Mexican cartels' attempts to use international trade to launder money from U.S. drug sales.

- The FBI is investigating what appears to be an attempted fire-bombing of the Kansas, Mo., offices of Rep. Emanuel Cleaver. An intrusion alarm alerted police to the incident and upon arrival, they observed a window broken out and two broken bottles containing what appeared to be lighter fluid with paper towels sticking out the necks of the bottles. The broken window was the only damage reported.