

WEDNESDAY MORNING: WHAC-A-MOLE



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Can't bop them on the head fast enough. There are just too many issues popping up. See which ones you can nail.

And GO!

Video popularity in Facebook's 'walled garden' means change for news outlets

This is not good. This is AOL's model come full circle. Increasingly Facebook is shutting down access from outside, forcing news outlets to move inside, and to produce video instead of text content in order to fight for attention. Numerous outlets are affected by this trend, including the former AOL (now Huffington Post). The capper is Facebook's persistent tracking of any users, including those who click on Facebook links. What will this do to general election coverage? Facebook really needs effective competition – stat.

Weather and bad flu season raised French deaths above WWII's rate

Wow. I knew the flu was bad last year, but this bad? Ditto for Europe's weather, though the heat wave last summer was really ugly. Combined, both killed more French in one year than any year since the end of World War II, while reducing overall life expectancy.

FDA issues guidelines on 'Postmarket Management

of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices' for comment
Sure hope infosec professionals jump all over
this opportunity to shape policy and regulation.
Imagine pacemakers being hacked like a Chrysler
300, or reprogrammed without customer knowledge
like a VW diesel, or surveilling user like a
Samsung smart TV...

UK's Cameron says one thing, UK's arms dealers
another with sales of £1Bn arms to Saudi Arabia
Can't. Even. **mumbles something about pig
porker**

"The day after the prime minister [David
Cameron] claimed to be 'trying to
encourage a political process in Yemen'
and declared 'there is no military
solution in Yemen', official figures
reveal that in just the three months
July to September, the government
approved the sale of over £1bn worth of
bombs for the use of the Royal Saudi Air
Force. ...

[Source: *The Guardian*]

Lack of transparency problematic in fatal French
drug trial

Like talking to a brick wall to get answers
about the drug involved in one death and five
hospitalizations after 94 subjects were given an
experimental drug. On the face of it,
simultaneous rather than staggered
administration may have led to multiple
simultaneous reactions.

Canadian immigrant helped two Chinese soldiers
attempt theft of U.S. military aircraft plans
You want to know how 'chaining' works? Here's a
simple real world example allegedly used to spy
on U.S. military aircraft: Identify a key node
in a network; identify the node's key
relationships; sniff those connections for
content and more key nodes. A Chinese immigrant
in aircraft biz, located in Vancouver, shares
email addresses of key individuals in the
industry with Chinese officers. They, in turn,

attempt to hack accounts to mine for plans,
which their contact in Vancouver vets.

Now ask yourself whether these key individuals
are in or related to anyone in the Office of
Personnel Management database.

Ugh. Keep whacking those moles.