

# THURSDAY MORNING: WAR ALL THE TIME

War All The Time – seems appropriate now, and it's been more than a dozen years since this song was released. Also rather pathetic that MTV censored a reference to suicide in this tune, like a drop of merthiolate on a gaping wound.

## **Say it isn't so, girl! Wendy's investigating possible breaches**

On the face it, this doesn't sound like a corporate-wide cybersecurity event. It may be confined to specific stores. But fast food chain Wendy's contracted a security firm to look into unauthorized credit card charges made to cards used at their stores. Wendy's joins Jimmy John's and Chick-Fil-A in the growing list of compromised fast food chains.

## **Ransomware infects Israel's Electric Authority**

No outage has been reported as a result of ransomware infection of Israel's electrical power system via phishing. Computers may have been isolated from the system's network, though. The full extent of the malware's impact is difficult to determine from reports available online; some likened this to the cyberattack on a Ukrainian power plant, and others called this a hacking, though neither description appears to fit well.

## **California struggles with self-driving car regulations**

Oh dear Cthulhu...this bit:

Google has concluded that human error is the biggest risk in driving, and the company wants to remove the steering wheel and pedals from cars, giving people minimal ability to take over.

But computers never, ever make mistakes, right? No wonder California is struggling with this...but no. Even though Google's DeepMind AI mastered GO a decade early, it can't master California's

highways.

**New high-speed wireless internet service  
launched by former Aereo CEO**

Using microwave technology, new gigabit internet service provider Starry will begin in Boston this year once the FCC approves a limited test run in 15 cities. For now, this looks like a solution for urban areas, but it could be an alternative in rural areas where existing telecoms/ISPs fail to provide high-speed internet in spite of federal funds allocated to expand coverage. Imagine using wind turbine towers for Starry microcells to carry gigabit service to rural America.

All right, everybody back to the front, back to the foreverwar.