

# 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.