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### **Top Stories**

- The Web site of Bitcoin exchange Mt. Gox was disabled and the company confirmed that it indefinitely halted withdrawals from its trading accounts after detecting unusual activity. – *USA Today*; *Associated Press* (See item [3](#))
- The Federal Trade Commission stopped a work-from-home scheme that conned consumers out of millions of dollars through the sale of bogus resources and coaching services. – *Time* (See item [4](#))
- A Holland America cruise ship experienced a possible norovirus outbreak when 114 passengers and 10 crew members suffered from symptoms during a week-long trip to the Caribbean. – *CNN* (See item [10](#))
- Cybercriminals utilizing the Pony botnet stole more than 700,000 account credentials and \$220,000 worth of virtual currencies. – *Softpedia* (See item [21](#))

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Nothing to report

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

1. *February 24, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **New Mexico: Radiation leak is detected.** The U.S. Department of Energy said February 24 that more airborne radiation was detected in southeastern New Mexico from a leak the week of February 17 at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant after collected samples were tested. Officials stated that there is no public health threat.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/25/us/new-mexico-radiation-leak-detected.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

2. *February 24, U.S. Naval Institute* – (National) **Cracking found in Marine joint strike fighter won't delay program.** On-the-ground stress testing of the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) version of Lockheed Martin's F-35 jet revealed cracks in 3 of 6 of the test aircraft's bulkheads, leading to a structural redesign and the development of structural retrofits. The finding does not impact current F-35B flying operations and is not expected to delay the USMC's 2015 Initial Operations Capability date.

Source: <http://news.usni.org/2014/02/24/cracking-found-marine-joint-strike-fighter-wont-delay-program>

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## **Financial Services Sector**

3. *February 25, USA Today; Associated Press* – (International) **Bitcoin exchange Mt. Gox goes offline amid turmoil.** The Web site of Bitcoin exchange Mt. Gox was

disabled February 25 and the company confirmed that it indefinitely halted withdrawals from its trading accounts earlier in February after detecting unusual activity.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2014/02/25/mt-gox-offline/5801093/>

4. *February 24, Time* – (Utah) **Feds target multi-million dollar work-from-home scheme.** The Federal Trade Commission announced February 24 that it stopped a deceptive work-from-home scheme that conned consumers out of millions of dollars through the sale of bogus resources and business coaching services falsely claiming to aid the launch of an online business.  
Source: <http://business.time.com/2014/02/24/ftc-work-from-home-scheme/>
5. *February 24, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Two men accused in Murfreesboro credit card theft scheme.** Murfreesboro, Tennessee police arrested 2 individuals the week of February 17 after a search of their motel room for unrelated charges uncovered an embossment credit card-making machine and nearly 200 credit cards. Authorities believe the suspects may be connected to a multi-state credit card number theft ring.  
Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/story/24809993/two-men-accused-in-murfreesboro-credit-card-theft-scheme>
6. *February 24, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Weston man accused of selling fake stocks, stealing \$100,000.** Marathon County officials issued an arrest warrant for a Weston man suspected of deceiving three individuals out of nearly \$100,000 by selling fraudulent shares of publicly traded stock.  
Source:  
<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20140224/WDH0101/302240284/Weston-man-accused-stock-scheme>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

7. *February 25, Shamokin News-Item* – (Pennsylvania) **Rocks let loose, close portion of Route 147 for nearly 7 hours.** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation closed down both lanes of Route 147 for about 7 hours February 24 as a precaution to clear rocks and debris after a rockslide in the area of Brush Valley Road.  
Source: <http://newsitem.com/news/rocks-let-loose-close-portion-of-route-147-for-nearly-7-hours-1.1639973>
8. *February 24, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Warm temperatures lead to closure of ‘Avalanche Alley.’** A 12-mile stretch of Idaho 21 in Boise County was closed indefinitely February 24 by the Idaho Transportation Department due to the possibility of avalanches after warm temperatures melted snow in the existing snowpack.  
Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/Warm-temperatures-lead-to-closure-of-Avalanche-Alley-246948031.html>

9. *February 24, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Coast Guard: Miss. River opens after collision causes oil spill.** The Mississippi River reopened with restrictions February 24 after two barges collided near Vacherie and spilled approximately 31,500 gallons of light crude oil February 22.  
Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/news/around-louisiana/coast-guard-barges-collide-in-miss-river-cause-oil-spill/24628998#mid=18312466>
10. *February 23, CNN* – (International) **CDC looking into possible norovirus outbreak on cruise ship.** A Holland America cruise ship experienced a possible norovirus outbreak when 114 passengers and 10 crew members suffered from symptoms during a week-long trip to the Caribbean that returned to its Fort Lauderdale port February 22. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will conduct an environmental health assessment to evaluate possible causes of the outbreak.  
Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/23/travel/cdc-cruise-ship-norovirus/index.html?hpt=us\\_c2](http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/23/travel/cdc-cruise-ship-norovirus/index.html?hpt=us_c2)

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

11. *February 25, KSTP 5 St. Paul* – (Minnesota) **Salmonella sickens nearly 2 dozen at Maple Grove Old Country Buffet.** Minnesota Health Department officials are investigating a Salmonella Enteritidis outbreak at an Old Country Buffet in Maple Grove that hospitalized 1 and sickened 22 others after eating at the restaurant in January.  
Source: <http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3337795.shtml>
12. *February 24, Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier* – (Iowa) **Grundy Co. man charged with theft of grain.** Grundy County officials arrested a man allegedly connected to the theft or misappropriation of a semi-truck load of grain from the Mid-Iowa Co-op in Beaman in November 2012.  
Source: [http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/grundy-co-man-charged-with-theft-of-grain/article\\_20a804a4-a0bd-5d5e-a1c6-eb3416bbd7b1.html](http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/grundy-co-man-charged-with-theft-of-grain/article_20a804a4-a0bd-5d5e-a1c6-eb3416bbd7b1.html)

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

13. *February 25, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Covered California's website back after 5-day shutdown.** The Web site for Covered California, the State's health exchange, was back online February 24 after it shut down February 19 due to software

issues. Engineers continue to investigate the outage, but suspect a malfunction occurred during planned, routine maintenance.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/health/article/Covered-California-s-website-is-back-after-a-5263523.php>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

14. *February 25, Alexandria Town Talk* – (Louisiana) **Pineville man arrested after school bus accident sends 8 teens to hospital.** A Rapides Parish school bus was hit by a truck in the city of Pineville February 25, leaving eight children with minor injuries.  
Source: <http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20140225/NEWS01/140225003/8-children-injured-when-pickup-hits-school-bus-Pineville>
15. *February 24, Bellingham Herald* – (Washington) **Bellingham area could get more snow Monday; schools closed, thousands without power.** Snow storms February 23 prompted the closure of Whatcom County public schools, Bellingham Technical College, and Whatcom Community College in Washington February 24.  
Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2014/02/24/3495652/bellingham-area-could-get-3-to.html>
16. *February 24, KXLY 4 Spokane* – (Washington) **Newport High School closed Tuesday for continued fire clean up.** Newport High School in Bellevue remained closed February 25 for continued cleanup after a small fire February 21. Classes will resume February 26 while some areas of the school will remain closed for several weeks.  
Source: <http://colvillestevenscounty.kxly.com/news/news/121581-newport-high-school-closed-tuesday-continued-fire-clean>
17. *February 24, WPEC 12 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Gas leak forces evacuation at Palm Beach County School Board.** Employees were evacuated from the Palm Beach County School Board headquarters in Florida February 24 after a gas leak was reported in the kitchen area of the main building. The building remains closed while officials investigate.  
Source: [http://www.cbs12.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid\\_13535.shtml](http://www.cbs12.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid_13535.shtml)
18. *February 24, Charleston Post and Courier* – (South Carolina) **No bomb found after threat near courthouses in downtown Charleston.** The federal courthouse in downtown Charleston, South Carolina, was evacuated for 2 hours February 24 after an individual called 9-1-1 and claimed a van parked outside the courthouse held explosives. Police cleared the scene when no suspicious devices were found after searching the area.  
Source: <http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140224/PC16/140229696/threats-disrupt-proceedings-at-county-federal-courthouses-in-downtown-charleston>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

19. *February 24, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **Fire in NY firehouse injures 1 firefighter, damages equipment.** A February 24 fire at the Goldens Bridge firehouse in Westchester County left one firefighter injured and caused nearby fire companies to take over their calls indefinitely due to damage to the building, two fire trucks, and a rescue truck.  
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Firehouse-Fire-Westchester-Waccabuc-Road-Goldens-Bridge-246886601.html>
20. *February 22, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Rifles, SWAT gear stolen from police cars in Norman.** Police are searching for the individual responsible for breaking into three police vehicles February 18-19 in Norman, Oklahoma, and stealing guns and SWAT gear.  
Source: [http://www.koco.com/news/oklahomanews/norman/rifles-swat-gear-stolen-from-police-cars-in-norman/24625408?hpt=ju\\_bn2](http://www.koco.com/news/oklahomanews/norman/rifles-swat-gear-stolen-from-police-cars-in-norman/24625408?hpt=ju_bn2)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

21. *February 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Cybercriminals use Pony botnet to steal 700,000 account credentials, virtual currencies.** Experts found that cybercriminals managed to steal more than 700,000 credentials for Web sites, email accounts, File Transfer Protocol (FTP) servers, Secure Shell (SSH), and Virtual Desktops utilizing the Pony botnet. The botnet was also used to steal \$220,000 worth of virtual currencies targeting Bitcoin and other virtual currency wallets.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Use-Pony-Botnet-to-Steal-700-000-Account-Credentials-Virtual-Currencies-429170.shtml>
22. *February 25, Softpedia* – (International) **EC-Council says its servers haven't been hacked.** EC-Council announced that its Web site was targeted by a hacker who redirected the site's visitors via a Domain Name System (DNS) hijack to a defacement page hosted by a Finland-owned company. The organization stated that its servers were not breached and continues to investigate the incident.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/EC-Council-Says-Its-Servers-Haven-t-Been-Hacked-429307.shtml>
23. *February 23, Dark Reading* – (International) **Researchers bypass protections in Microsoft's EMET security tool.** Bromium Labs researchers found a flaw in Microsoft's Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit (EMET) 4.1 that could potentially allow attackers to sneak malware past it through bypassing several key defenses, taking advantage of its reliance on known vectors of return-oriented programming (ROP) exploitation attack methods.  
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/researchers-bypass-protections-in-micros/240166227>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

24. *February 25, New Haven Register* – (Connecticut) **Hamden apartment building fire displaces 30, sends pregnant woman to hospital.** Three people were hospitalized and 30 residents were displaced by a fire that broke out at an apartment complex in Hamden, Connecticut, February 24.

Source: <http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20140225/hamden-apartment-building-fire-displaces-30-sends-pregnant-woman-to-hospital>

25. *February 25, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **8 fires set in 2 Queens malls, suspect arrested.** Police arrested and charged a suspect accused of setting a total of eight fires at stores in the Rego Center and Queens Center malls between February 21 and 24. No one was injured by the fires, but inventory was damaged and some stores were evacuated.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Arson-Fires-Clothing-Sears-Macys-Burlington-Coat-Queens-246946361.html>

26. *February 23, WBZ 4 Boston* – (Maine) **Seven taken to hospital after CO issue at Ogunquit motel.** Authorities believe a furnace is to blame for a carbon monoxide incident that sickened 21 individuals at the Falls Motel in Ogunquit, Maine February 23. Seven of those individuals were transported to area hospitals with carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms.

Source: [http://boston.cbslocal.com/2014/02/23/authorities-responding-to-co-issue-in-ogunquit/?hpt=us\\_bn7](http://boston.cbslocal.com/2014/02/23/authorities-responding-to-co-issue-in-ogunquit/?hpt=us_bn7)

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### Dams Sector

27. *February 24, WSAU 550 AM Wausau/99.9 FM Rudolph* – (Wisconsin) **Levee fails on Sherwood Lake.** Due to a levee failure at Sherwood Lake in southeast Clark County,

the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ordered a drawdown of the lake in order to make repairs. All access to the lake was blocked off indefinitely due to unsafe ice conditions.

Source: <http://wsau.com/news/articles/2014/feb/24/levy-fails-on-sherwood-lake/>

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