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- Target Corp. stated March 13 that security software detected potentially malicious activity that led to the 2013 breach of 40 million payment card records but that its staff decided not to take immediate action. – *Reuters* (See item [8](#))
- 149 passengers and 5 crew members were evacuated from a U.S. Airways flight at a Philadelphia airport by emergency chute after a tire blew and the nose gear collapsed during takeoff. – *Reuters* (See item [13](#))
- John Adams Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia, closed March 14 after about 230 students and staff members came down with a stomach illness. – *WTOP 103.5 FM Washington D.C.* (See item [20](#))
- Security researchers identified vulnerabilities in major Web browsers and other popular software during the two-day Pwn2Own 2014 computer security competition. – *Help Net Security* (See item [23](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 13, Steubenville Herald-Star* – (Ohio) **Gas leak at private well forces evacuation.** State Route 152 and a nearby railroad line were ordered to close after a leak at a private natural gas well forced the evacuation of about 30 families in Jefferson County, Ohio, March 13. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources sent crews to assist with the well repair.
Source: <http://www.hsconnect.com/page/content.detail/id/596388/Gas-leak--at-private-well-forces--evacuation.html>
2. *March 13, Green Bay Press-Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **WPS shutting down Green Bay plant's oldest coal-fired generators.** J.P. Pulliam Plant Units 5 and 6 in Green Bay will be shut down, officials at Wisconsin Public Service Corp., stated March 12, as the result of an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to repower, refuel, or retire older units that produce high emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide.
Source: <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20140312/GPG0101/303120372/WPS-shutting-down-Green-Bay-plant-s-oldest-coal-fired-generators>
3. *March 13, WECT 6 Wilmington; Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Duke Energy closing coal ash pond at Sutton Plant.** Duke Energy officials submitted plans to close its Sutton Steam Electricity Plant in New Hanover County, in addition to moving three leaky coal ash pits away from North Carolina waterways. The utility proposed an action plan following a February 2 leak of toxic materials at its Dan River location.
Source: <http://www.wect.com/story/24972145/duke-energy-closing-coal-ash-pond-at-sutton-plant>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *March 13, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Chemical reaction contained at Grand Rapids plant.** HAZMAT crews responded to a Haviland facility in Grand Rapids March 13 after a chemical reaction during a mixing process sent a chemical cloud into the air. Plant employees were evacuated and officials issued a precautionary shelter-in-place order for nearby residents and workers.
Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/story/news/local/grand-rapids-west/2014/03/13/chemical-fire-haviland-ann-street-grand-rapids-hazmat/6364837/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *March 13, Cars.com* – (National) **Recall alert: 2011-2012 Dodge Charger.** Chrysler announced a recall of around 43,450 model year 2011 and 2012 Dodge Charger vehicles equipped with halogen headlamps due to the potential for jumper harnesses and other headlight components to overheat.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/classified/automotive/sns-recall-alert-2011-2012-dodge-charger-20140313,0,4253494.story>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

6. *March 14, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **More than 330 credit cards compromised by skimmers at Wesley Chapel Hess gas station.** The Pasco Sheriff's Office reported finding skimming devices installed inside two gas pumps at a Hess gas station in Wesley Chapel which compromised 337 credit cards sometime during March 6-8. Detectives stated that the incident is connected to another skimming incident that occurred February 21 in Hernando.
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/local/article/360199/8/More-than-330-credit-cards-compromised-by-skimmers-at-Pasco-gas-station>
7. *March 14, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **'Check Washing Bandit' caught.** A suspect known as the "Check Washing Bandit" was arrested in Fayetteville and held March 13 and charged with allegedly stealing checks and changing the payee name. The suspect allegedly stole at least \$10,000 by cashing the altered checks.
Source: <http://www.wral.com/-check-washing-bandit-caught/13476935/>
8. *March 13, Reuters* – (National) **Target says it declined to act on early alert of cyber breach.** Target Corp. stated March 13 that security software detected potentially malicious activity that led to the breach of 40 million payment card records and 70 million customer records but that its staff decided not to take immediate action. The company stated that it is investigating past practices to improve security.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/13/us-target-breach-idUSBREA2C14F20140313>
9. *March 13, Reuters* – (National) **Watchdog faults U.S. Justice Dept on mortgage fraud prosecutions.** The U.S. Department of Justice's Inspector General concluded that the department and FBI did not adequately prioritize mortgage fraud cases and found significant deficiencies in the department's ability to accurately report its efforts

to fight mortgage fraud.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/13/usa-justice-mortgagefraud-idUSL2N0MA0TB20140313>

10. *March 13, USA Today* – (National) **Lions Gate charged by SEC of misleading investors.** Hollywood studio Lions Gate agreed to pay \$7.5 million to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges that the company improperly disclosed financial actions it used to ward off a takeover attempt by an investor in 2010.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/03/13/lions-gate-sec-hunger-games/6370283/>
11. *March 13, Honolulu Star Advertiser* – (Washington; Hawaii; California) **Second alleged con man arrested in Waikiki scam.** A Los Angeles man was arrested in Seattle March 11 on charges that he and another Californian allegedly used a skimming device in Waikiki, Hawaii, to collect users' data from an ATM and cause financial losses exceeding \$20,000.
Source: http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140313_Second_con_man_arrested_for_Waikiki_ATM_skimming_scheme.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

12. *March 14, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Road rage suspected in deadly car-to-car 210 Freeway shooting.** Authorities are investigating a deadly car-to car shooting that left one man dead and forced the closure of the 210 Freeway in Sylmar for over 2 hours March 14 while police searched for evidence.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-driver-shot-210-freeway-20140314,0,5920052.story>
13. *March 14, Reuters* – (Pennsylvania) **Tire blows on plane about to take off from Philadelphia airport.** 149 passengers and 5 crew members were evacuated from a U.S. Airways flight at a Philadelphia airport by emergency chute after a tire blew and the nose gear collapsed during takeoff and the pilot aborted takeoff. Two people were taken to a local hospital for minor injuries.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/tire-blows-on-plane-about-to-take-off-from-philadelphia-airport>
14. *March 13, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Stockton Tunnel reopens after water line break repaired.** A busted 4-inch water line March 13 forced authorities to close the Stockton Tunnel in San Francisco for about 8 hours until repairs were completed.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/san_francisco&id=9465370

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *March 12, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **US Department of Labor's OSHA cites Schwan's, staffing agency and service company for serious health and safety violations; \$264,360 in fines.** Schwan's Global Supply Chain Inc., was cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for 32 serious safety and health violations at the company's Atlanta facility, with proposed fines totaling \$185,700. Cimco Refrigeration Inc., and Adecco USA Inc., which provide services at the Atlanta facility were cited for 18 safety and health violations and fined a total of \$78,660
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25728
16. *March 12, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Man dies in grain bin accident in Clay County city of Edgar.** Fire crews and volunteers from Edgar, Nebraska, worked March 11 to remove corn from a grain bin where a man became trapped and died while scooping corn.
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20140312/NEWS/140319572/1707>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *March 14, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Hundreds lose water service after Baltimore water main breaks.** Two separate water main issues March 13 and March 14 in the Baltimore area caused about 800 customers to lose water service, shut down roads, and forced several schools to shut down for the day.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-ci-water-main-breaks-20140314,0,2338487.story>
18. *March 13, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **Woodbury shuts down well over drinking water concerns.** The town of Woodbury shut down a water well as a precaution, joining the towns of Paulsboro, and West Deptford after testing by plastics plant Solvay Solexis revealed a contamination risk.
Source: http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2014/03/woodbury_shuts_down_well_over_drinking_water_concerns.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *March 13, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Harper University Hospital patient records stolen.** The Detroit Medical Center announced March 13 that the personal information

of 1,087 Harper University Hospital patients was stolen after being informed of a security breach by the West Bloomfield Police Department. Personal documents were discovered in the possession of a former employee during an identity theft investigation.

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20140313/BIZ/303130113/Harper-University-Hospital-patient-records-stolen>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *March 14, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia) **Stomach virus closes Alexandria school after 230 get sick.** John Adams Elementary School in Alexandria closed March 14 after about 230 students and staff members came down with a stomach illness. The school was cleaned and disinfected and classes were scheduled to resume March 17.
Source: <http://www.wtop.com/134/3580889/Stomach-virus-closes-Alexandria-school-230-sick>
21. *March 13, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Defense contractor pleads guilty to leaking secrets.** A defense contractor living in Honolulu and working at the U.S. Pacific Command pleaded guilty March 13 in connection to willfully retaining and communicating national defense information to an unauthorized person. The contractor admitted emailing classified information related to joint training and planning sessions between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea to his girlfriend, who was in the U.S. on a student visa.
Source: <http://khon2.com/2014/03/13/defense-contractor-pleads-guilty-to-leaking-secrets/>
22. *March 12, University of California, San Francisco* – (California) **Computer theft at UC San Francisco.** The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) notified 9,986 individuals March 12 of a January burglary involving unencrypted desktop computers from the UCSF Family Medicine Center at Lakeshore. Authorities are investigating the theft of the computers which contained personal information including Social Security numbers.
Source: <https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2014/03/112556/computer-theft-uc-san-francisco>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

23. *March 14, Help Net Security* – (International) **Pwn2Own 2014 ends, \$850k distributed to successful hackers.** The second day of the Pwn2Own 2014 security competition March 14 resulted in two vulnerabilities in Chrome being discovered, in addition to vulnerabilities in Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, and Adobe Flash that were revealed March 13. A total of \$850,000 was awarded to security researchers over the course of the competition.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16524>
24. *March 13, IDG News Service* – (International) **Phishing campaign targets Google Docs, Drive users.** Symantec researchers identified a phishing campaign targeting users of Google Drive that uses a fake login page hosted on Google servers and served over Secure Sockets Layer (SSL), making the campaign potentially more convincing than most phishing attempts.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9246950/Phishing_campaign_targets_Google_Docs_Drive_users
25. *March 13, IDG News Service* – (International) **Adobe patches a critical flaw in Shockwave Player.** Adobe released a patch March 13 for its Shockwave Player to address a critical memory corruption vulnerability that could lead to arbitrary code execution.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9246930/Adobe_patches_a_critical_flaw_in_Shockwave_Player

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *March 13, Green Bay Press-Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Ashwaubenon apartment fire displaces 30; none hurt.** Officials are investigating a March 13 fire at the Creekwood

Apartments in Ashwaubenon that damaged 12 units and displaced 30 residents.

Source: <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20140313/GPG0101/303130316/Ashwaubenon-apartment-fire-displaces-30-none-hurt>

27. *March 14, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Police investigate 11 burglaries after Odenton apartment fire.** Burglars stole firearms and electronics from at least 11 units at the Apartments at 7 Oaks in Odenton March 12-13 after residents were vacated and the complex was secured following a March 7 fire that damaged the building.
Source: <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/police-investigate-burglaries-after-apartment-fire/24968922>

28. *March 14, WTKR 3 Norfolk* – (Virginia) **Beach Walmart evacuated after gas leak.** A Virginia Beach Walmart was evacuated for several hours March 14 due to elevated carbon monoxide (CO) levels after a suspected gas leak from a HVAC rooftop unit. Crews worked to secure the unit, and the store was ventilated to lower the CO levels.
Source: <http://wtkr.com/2014/03/14/beach-walmart-evacuated-after-gas-leak/>

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Dams Sector

29. *March 13, Quad City Times* – (Illinois) **Ice jams, levee failure create minor flooding in Q-C area.** An ice jam likely caused a 75 foot-wide levee breach on the Green River March 12 and created some flooding east of Colona, which caused the Green River Road to be temporarily closed.
Source: http://qctimes.com/weather/ice-jams-levee-fail-create-minor-flooding/article_6163e12c-f25b-5c32-a209-ebb9b9777177.html

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