



## CYBERSECURITY

### [Vermont CIO Aggressive Against Russian and Chinese Products](#)

In an effort to phase out what many in the security world believe are threats to the cybersecurity posture of governmental agencies and private entities alike, John Quinn, the Chief Information Officer of the State of Vermont, recently issued a memo to all state offices requesting that they determine whether any hardware or software manufactured by Kaspersky Lab (which has been linked by the U.S. government to the Russian government), Huawei or ZTE (both of which have been accused of spying on U.S. companies for the Chinese government) is being used in any state systems. [Read more](#)

## INTERNET OF THINGS

### [Smart Stethoscopes and Smart Toilet Seats - Coming to a Doctor Near You?](#)

My fascination with Artificial Intelligence (AI) continues, and this week I found two new medical uses of AI that are pretty interesting. [Digital Trends](#) reported on two exciting developments: smart stethoscopes and smart toilet seats. In the first example, researchers at Johns Hopkins University and the startup Sonavi Labs are developing an updated stethoscope, a piece of equipment that hasn't changed much over the years. [Read more](#)

## DATA PRIVACY

### [CCPA Part 3 - Is the CCPA Still a Work in Progress?](#)

This week, we continue our series of articles on the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA). One of the biggest challenges for all of us who are analyzing this law is that even before its 2020 effective date, it's still a work in progress. This week, [legislation](#) was introduced by California State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson to amend the CCPA. [Read more](#)

## NEW + NOW

### [Be Aware of Your Company's Online Profile](#)

It is amazing how much information about a company and its executives and employees can be gleaned from spending a little time on the web.

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Marketing teams of companies are focused on capturing the mentions of the company in traditional media outlets in order to promote it through social media. They also are focused on getting the company's brand in the news to elevate brand recognition. Teams are simultaneously working on the company website, Twitter feed, Facebook page, and LinkedIn, promoting details about the executive team and other employees on these platforms. All of this information is readily available and easy to find. [Read more](#)

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## DRONES

### [Drone Stakeholders Discuss UAS Integration](#)

Over 40 unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) stakeholders from 20 global companies met with the Northeast UAS Airspace Integration Research Alliance to discuss goals and objectives of the UAS industry for the future. Over a two-day conference in Syracuse, New York, the group discussed what tests will help to advance the integration of UAS into the national airspace as well as what use-case scenarios are necessary to develop safety protocols for flights beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS). Specifically, the group discussed how the federal UAS test site at the Griffiss International Airport in Rome, New York can be used to advance these goals. [Read more](#)

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## PRIVACY TIP #179

### [Your Children's Online Activity](#)

There is a federal law, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, (aka, COPPA) that applies to the online activities of children under the age of 13. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is the watchdog for COPPA. This week's privacy tip addresses some apps being watched by the FTC, which parents may want to notice. [Read more](#)

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