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CYBERSECURITY

[New Mexico County Recovering from Ransomware Attack](#)

Another day, another governmental entity hit with a ransomware attack. If you are a resident of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, and you need a marriage license, want to conduct a real estate transaction or register to vote, you might be told there is “no access to systems and no legal filings are possible” due to a cybersecurity “issue.” But you CAN still pay your taxes, as no extension is being given despite the cyber event. [Read more](#)

[China-Based Ransomware Operator Exploiting Log4j Vulnerability](#)

Microsoft has issued frequent updates on the Log4j vulnerability that we have been hearing so much about. The vulnerability is a serious problem that will become more widespread as time goes on. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[Mobile Health Apps and the FTC's Health Breach Notification Rule: New Enforcement Initiative Coming](#)

Mobile health apps are growing in popularity and their number is increasing every year. Many of us find it convenient to use an app to schedule medical appointments, check medical records, track and store health data, and check symptoms. App developers have always needed to be mindful of protecting the privacy of the information that is shared in a mobile health app, but recent guidance from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) signals that the FTC intends to make compliance with its breach notification rule and enforcement a priority. [Read More](#)

NEW + NOW

[Tensions with Russia Prompt CISA Warning to Critical Infrastructure](#)

The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in tandem-with the FBI and National Security Agency, issued a Cybersecurity Advisory on January 22, 2022, to warn organizations, and especially critical infrastructure operators, to be on heightened alert as Russian state-sponsored cyber operations may again use the tensions with the U.S. to attack U.S. companies. [Read More](#)

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DRONES

[Army Tests Autonomous Drones for Medical Supply Delivery](#)

The U.S. Army tested drones and autonomous technology for the delivery of medical supplies on the battlefield last week in Fort Pickett, Virginia. In partnership with Near Earth Autonomy, a Pittsburgh-based drone research and development company, the Army conducted several test flights using Near Earth's autonomous flight systems technology on an L3Harris FVR-90 hybrid unmanned aerial vehicle to see how drones could be used to send supplies back and forth over hundreds of miles. During these operations, the Near Earth sensors were able to find open areas for landing or, when landing was not possible, drop pods filled with medical supplies at a low altitude or via parachute from higher altitudes. In sum, all scenarios were tested to find the optimal method of delivery. [Read More](#)

PRIVACY TIP #314

[Got a Genetic Testing Kit for Christmas? Read This Before You Send In That Swab](#)

I have written about genetic testing kits [before](#), but this subject matter is worth repeating. I find that people don't always understand the consequences of sending a swab to a genetic testing company. Consumer Reports recently released a study led by its Digital Lab experts, entitled "[The Privacy Problems of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing.](#)" which prompted me to revisit this as a Privacy Tip. [Read More](#)

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