

Hospitals still a step behind hackers

Last month’s crippling Change Healthcare attack highlights vulnerabilities

BY JOSEPH MENN

Federal officials and industry executives have known for years that the U.S. health-care system was one of the critical industries most vulnerable to hacking but failed to make the improvements that might have stopped attacks like the one that has crippled pharmacists and other medical providers for three weeks.

The danger was obvious in 2021, when ransomware gangs struck hospitals already overwhelmed by the covid-19 pandemic, forcing some to divert incoming emergency patients to other facilities and potentially contributing to deadly treatment delays.

But with private sector lobbyists opposing new security requirements, Congress and the regulatory wheels have ground slowly, mainly promoting best practices that hospitals can — and do — choose to ignore.

So can relatively unknown electronic clearinghouses like United-Health Group’s Change Healthcare, which was the object of an attack launched last month by a hacker affiliated with ransomware gang ALPHV that severed a key link between medical providers and their patients’ insurance companies in the worst health-care hack ever reported. Change Healthcare said Monday that it had provided advances of \$2 billion to pharmacies, hospitals and other providers who were unable to get insurance reimbursements during the failure of its network.

Critics say the Change Healthcare fiasco, which has hurt patient

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Primary season churns on



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

A voter fills out a primary election ballot Tuesday at Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. Trump-endorsed candidate Bernie Moreno won in Ohio, setting up a contest that could determine control of the Senate. **Story, A5**

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In shadow of Trump’s attacks: A family illness

BY MICHAEL KRANISH

Donald Trump invited his extended family to Mar-a-Lago in the mid-1990s. As the clan gathered at the palatial Florida estate, though, his father was badly struggling, according to Mary L. Trump, Donald’s niece.

Fred Trump Sr., the pugnacious developer then in his late 80s, didn’t recognize two of his children at the party, recalled Mary L.

He avoids mention of his father’s dementia as he calls Biden ‘impaired’

Trump, who attended the gathering. And when he did recognize Donald, the family patriarch approached his son with a picture of a Cadillac that he wanted to buy —

as if he needed his son’s permission.

The incident, Mary L. Trump said, left Donald Trump visibly upset at his father’s descent into dementia, which medical records show had been diagnosed several years earlier. Trump reflected his anguish in an interview around that time, with Playboy in 1997 reporting that seeing his father “addled with Alzheimer’s” had left him wondering “out loud

about the senselessness of life.”

“Turning 50 does make you think about mortality, or immortality, or whatever,” Trump, who had recently reached that milestone, told the magazine. “It does hit you.”

Today, as the 77-year-old Trump seeks to return to the White

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In gunfire, an echo of D.C. area’s violent past

BY PETER HERMANN AND EMILY DAVIES

The gunshots that jolted her awake in the District’s Shaw neighborhood at 3:01 a.m. Sunday were “huge booms,” as Sheena Berry tells it: one volley of bullets and then another, fusillades that left two people dead and five wounded.

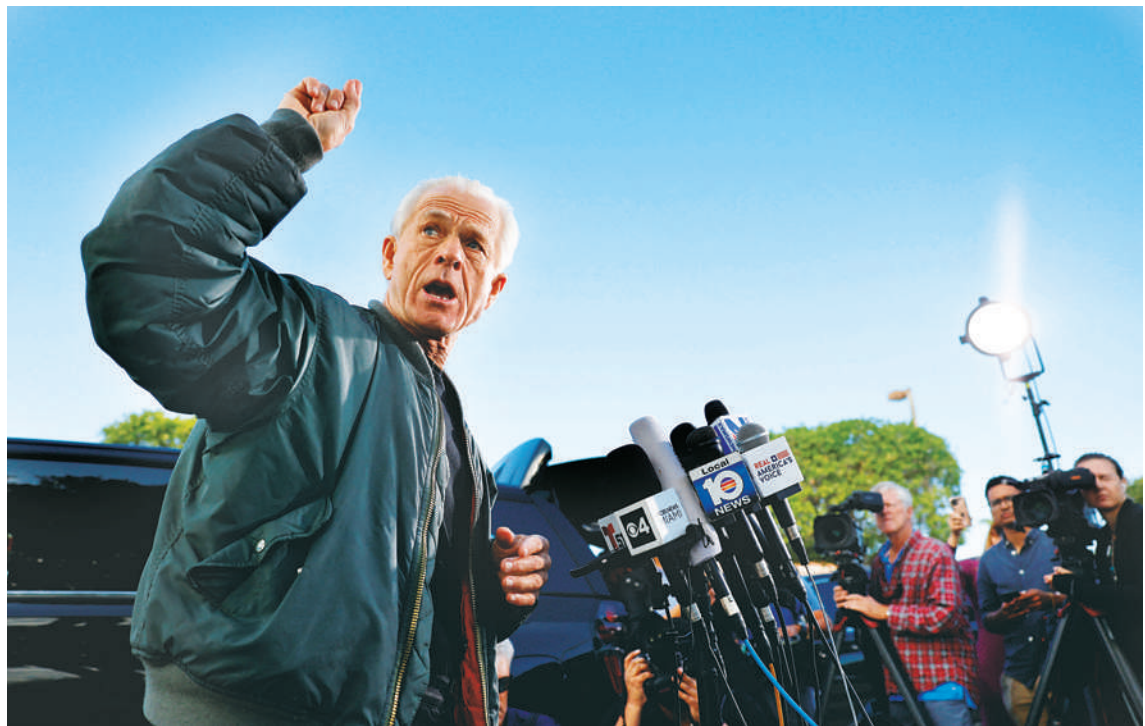
The location — P Street between Sixth and Seventh streets NW — is as familiar to D.C. police as it is notorious in the geography of homicide in the nation’s capital.

For two generations, lethal gunfire has impacted the area, which borders Logan Circle and downtown, and is just north of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Sunday’s mayhem echoed a history of bloodshed on those blocks, once a hot spot of crack-fueled violence in the city.

“Lost lives and terrorized,” said Berry, an advisory neighborhood commissioner in Shaw, describing victims and residents.

Gentrification has largely wiped away the open-air drug markets that proliferated during the murderous crack epidemic of

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Peter Navarro, an adviser to President Donald Trump who has written about taking part in efforts to overturn the 2020 election, speaks to journalists Tuesday before turning himself in to federal prison.

Navarro reports to prison for contempt

Former Trump aide who refused to testify in Congress is jailed during appeal

BY MARIANA ALFARO AND RACHEL WEINER

Peter Navarro, a former senior aide to President Donald Trump, turned himself in to a Miami jail Tuesday, a day after the Supreme Court declined to delay his prison time while he appeals his conviction for refusing to testify before Congress about his involvement

in efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

Speaking to a federal prison around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, the 74-year-old economist claimed that, by incarcerating him, the justice system was dealing a “crippling blow to the constitutional separation of powers and executive privilege.”

Navarro insisted that he was

protected from testifying before Congress by executive privilege, an oft-cited but loosely defined legal protection designed to give the president and top White House aides confidentiality as they make tough decisions while governing, without fearing that those private conversations will be publicly scrutinized.

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Footage raises questions about strike on journalists

Israel says team’s drone posed threat to troops, but none are in video

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JERUSALEM — On Jan. 7, the Israeli military conducted a targeted missile strike on a car carrying four Palestinian journalists outside Khan Younis, in southern Gaza.

Two members of an Al Jazeera crew — Hamza Dahdouh, 27, and drone operator Mustafa Thuraya, 30 — were killed, along with their driver. Two freelance journalists were seriously wounded.

They were returning from the scene of an earlier Israeli strike on a building, where they had used a drone to capture the aftermath. The drone — a consumer model available at Best Buy — would be central to the Israeli justification for the strike.

The Israel Defense Forces said in a statement the next day it had “identified and struck a terrorist who operated an aircraft that posed a threat to IDF troops.” Two days later, the military announced that it had uncovered evidence that both men belonged to militant groups — Thuraya to Hamas and Dahdouh to Palestinian Islamic Jihad, its smaller rival in Gaza — and that the attack had been in response to an “immediate” threat.

The Washington Post obtained and reviewed the footage from Thuraya’s drone, which was stored in a memory card recovered at the scene and sent to a Palestinian production company in Turkey. No Israeli soldiers, aircraft or other military equipment are visible in the footage taken that day — which The Post has published online in its entirety — raising critical questions about why the journalists were targeted. Fellow reporters said they were unaware of troop movements in the area.

Interviews with 14 witnesses to the attack and colleagues of the slain reporters offer the most detailed account yet of the deadly incident. The Post found no indications that either man was operating as anything other than a

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Mustafa Thuraya Hamza Dahdouh

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