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- Pentagon tests lasers and nets to combat ISIS drones
 - The Pentagon has launched a \$700M crash program to draw on all branches of the armed services, Silicon Valley, and defense industry giants like Boeing (BA) and Raytheon (RTN) to develop tactics and technology to thwart the Islamic State's increasingly lethal fleet of drones. Most technologies are still immature, underscoring the long-term problem facing the Pentagon and its allies as it fights ISIS and Al Qaeda in a growing number of regions around the world beyond Iraq and Syria, such as Libya and Yemen.
- Push for gender equality in tech faces backlash
 - As Silicon Valley reels from a series of high-profile sexual harassment and discrimination scandals, a backlash against gender equality is gaining broader traction. Though studies and surveys expose the hardships women encounter in the male-dominated industry, some believe that the line for what counts as harassment has become too easy to cross and that gender parity is too extreme a goal.
- Equifax used safety as a sales pitch as it amassed data
 - When Equifax (EFX) CEO Richard Smith joined the company more than a decade ago, he had
 a simple strategy: to gather as much personal data as possible and find new ways to sell it.
 As part of the company's pitch to clients, it promised to safeguard information and even sold
 products to help cyberattack-stricken companies protect their customers. This approach
 entrenched Equifax in consumers' financial lives, amplifying the consequences of the recent
 breach and spurring a consumer backlash over the company's response.
- SEC cybersecurity rules are inadequate
 - The data breach disclosed by the SEC on Wednesday raises questions about significant inadequacies in the SEC's cybersecurity rules for stock exchanges and other significant trading platforms. As a result of these shortfalls, investors' trades on certain venues may be more vulnerable to hacking than on others. Due to the interconnectedness of the country's stock trading systems, a breach at one venue could easily disrupt markets.

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