



KS&R's DIGITAL DISPATCH

Week Ending: July 27, 2018

Top Stories This Week

[Cord Cutting Accelerates With Millions More Expected To Leave Pay TV For Netflix, Hulu, Amazon](#)

More bad news for pay-TV providers: There's another sign that cord cutting – consumers dropping pay TV for broadband-delivered video – is accelerating. ([usatoday.com](#))

[eBay Selects Apple Pay As Its First Post-PayPal Payment Option](#)

eBay is continuing its transition away from PayPal as the auction site's primary payment-processing service by adding new ways to pay. ([mashable.com](#))

[How Google Is Transforming Healthcare With AI](#)

Google has always been more than the search bar on a white background. ([netscribes.com](#))

Products & Services

[HomePod Update Reported To Add Multiple Timers, Phone Calls, And More This Fall](#)

HomePod is a great sounding smart speaker, but it's late to a game dominated by Amazon and Google and more than a little behind on some table-stakes features we've come to expect from the category. ([macworld.com](#))

[YouTube Is Testing Its Own 'Explore' Tab On iPhone](#)

YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki on Friday promised the company would do a better job with communicating to creators about its experiments and tests. ([techcrunch.com](#))

Emerging Technology

[Disney Launches New Era Of Autonomy With Gravity Defying Stickmen And More](#)

Ever since the première of "Steamboat Willie" in 1928, The Walt Disney Company has pushed the envelope of imagination. ([robohub.org](#))

[Nikon Teases First Glimpse At Possible Full-Frame Mirrorless Camera In Online Video](#)

In early July, rumors swirled about potential full-frame mirrorless cameras from both Canon and Nikon. ([cnet.com](#))

Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

[Microsoft & RTO Wireless Clinch Deal For Rural Broadband Service](#)

RTO Wireless and Microsoft Corp. announced a new agreement to provide broadband internet access to more than 290,000 people living in unserved rural regions of New York and Maine. ([lightreading.com](#))

Industry Reports

[Hitachi Trials Blockchain To Settle Retail Payments Using Just Fingerprints](#)

Japan-based tech conglomerate Hitachi and telecommunication giant KDDI are testing a blockchain-based system that can settle retail payments validated using shoppers' fingerprints. ([coindesk.com](#))

[Anthem And IBM Announce Agreement To Drive Digital Transformation](#)

IBM today announced the expansion of a services agreement with Anthem, Inc., one of the nation's leading healthcare companies. ([marketwatch.com](#))

[Facebook Follows SpaceX And OneWeb Into High-Speed Satellite Broadband](#)

Facebook has confirmed plans to launch a low-Earth orbit (LEO) broadband satellite early next year in what could be the first step toward a constellation of satellites, according to Wired. ([arstechnica.com](#))