KS&R's DIGITAL DISPATCH

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Top Stories This Week

Verizon Throttled California Fire Department During Wildfire Crisis

As wildfires raged in California this summer, one fire department's response was impeded by an unexpected problem: data throttling. (*msn.com*)

20 Ways Blockchain Will Transform (Okay, May Improve) Education

Blockchain is a public ledger that automatically records and verifies transactions. (*forbes.com*)

Lawsuit Says Google Tracks Phone Users Regardless Of Privacy Settings

Google has been accused in a lawsuit of illegally tracking the movements of millions of iPhone and Android phone users even when they use a privacy setting to prevent it. (*reuters.com*)

Products & Services

Apple Is Reportedly Reviving Two Of Its Forgotten Products

Apple appears to be dipping back into its greatest hits collection. (*qz.com*)

Snapchat's Much-Needed Android Overhaul Is Hiding In Plain Sight

Snap promised a sorely needed redesign for Snapchat's sluggish Android app back in November, and it's now clear what that tune-up will entail. (*engadget.com*)

Emerging Technology

DroneDeploy Releases Intelligent Cloud Photogrammetry

DroneDeploy, a drone software platform with the largest drone data repository in the world, has announced the release of Map Engine— the industry's first machine learning-driven photogrammetry software. (*geospatialworld.net*)

HP Creates A Virtual Life On Planet Mars

HP and a global community of creators unveiled a groundbreaking virtual reality (VR) simulation of what life on Mars could look like for a human population of one million people. (*channelpostmea.com*)

Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

AT&T Completes Acquisition Of AlienVault

AT&T has completed its previously announced acquisition of AlienVault®, accelerating AT&T's vision for giving organizations of all sizes access to more effective cybersecurity solutions. (*prnewswire.com*)

[Cox Business Buys Managed Cloud Services Provider RapidScale](#)
The acquisition would immediately enhance Cox Business' managed services portfolio by combining transport and connectivity with RapidScale's managed and hybrid managed cloud services offerings. (*hostingjournalist.com*)

Industry Reports
[How The Fox Purchase Will Affect Existing Disney Properties](#)
As Disney gets ready to acquire 21st Century Fox, much of the discussion has centered on how the Mouse House will impact Fox properties. (*screenrant.com*)

[Three Simple Charts Show Just How Dedicated Google Is To Dominating Amazon And Microsoft In Artificial Intelligence](#)
Researchers at CB Insights have released an extensive report on Google's business, illustrating just how dedicated the search company is to artificial intelligence. (*consultantinsider.com*)

[IBM, Maersk Launch Blockchain-Based Shipping Platform With 94 Early Adopters](#)
After launching a proof of concept earlier this year, IBM and Maersk have unveiled TradeLens, the production version of an electronic ledger for tracking global shipments; the companies say they have 94 participants piloting the system, including more than 20 port and terminal operators. (*computerworld.com*)