



KS&R's DIGITAL DISPATCH

Week Ending: March 29, 2019

Top Stories This Week

[Google, Facebook, And Tech Race Toward A Collision With Government](#)

It's been clear for years now that major tech companies like Google and Facebook have been facing the possibilities of more government regulation. ([inc.com](#))

[Viacom, AT&T Renew Contract, Avoid DIRECTV Blackout](#)

Viacom Inc has renewed its carriage contract with AT&T Inc, avoiding a blackout of MTV, Nickelodeon and Comedy Central for users of the telecom carrier's pay TV service DirecTV, the companies said on Monday. ([reuters.com](#))

Products & Services

[Streaming Video Service Options Are Poised To Get Even Better](#)

Over the past 18 months, the number of streaming video services has exploded, offering consumers more choices than ever when it comes to alternatives to traditional pay TV. ([consumerreports.org](#))

Emerging Technology

[IBM Demos Quantum Leap In Artificial Intelligence](#)

MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and Oxford universities, along with researchers from IBM's Q division, have published a paper detailing an experiment to show how quantum computing could accelerate machine learning. ([computerweekly.com](#))

Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

[Charter, US Ignite Select St Pete As Smart Gigabit Community](#)

With gigabit speeds rolled out across its footprint, Charter's taking the next logical step and getting into the smart city game. On Monday, smart city nonprofit US Ignite announced that it had joined with Charter Spectrum to select St Petersburg, FL, as a Smart Gigabit Community. ([cablefax.com](#))

[McDonald's Signs Its Largest Deal In 20 Years, Acquiring Tech To Personalize The Drive-Thru Menus](#)

McDonald's announced plans to acquire a tech company — its largest deal in 20 years — as it continues to push its U.S. locations into the digital age. ([cnbc.com](#))

Industry Reports

[Why Apple Card Can't Compete With Bitcoin](#)

On Monday, Apple announced Apple Card, which is a new credit card product from the tech giant. ([forbes.com](#))

[The Future Of Cord Cutting Is Cutting The Cord On Home Internet](#)

For years cord cutting detractors have pushed the idea that you can't cut the cord if you get your Internet from a cable or DSL provider. ([cordcuttersnews.com](#))