



KS&R's DIGITAL DISPATCH

Week Ending: June 21, 2019

Top Stories This Week

[Bloomberg: Dish Is Close To A \\$6 Billion Deal With Sprint And T-Mobile](#)

Over the last couple of weeks, we've heard that getting DoJ approval for T-Mobile's proposed \$26 billion purchase of Sprint will require making moves to create a new national wireless carrier as a competitor. ([engadget.com](#))

[What Is Libra? All You Need To Know About Facebook's New Cryptocurrency](#)

On Tuesday, Facebook announced a digital currency called Libra that will roll out for use in 2020 and allow the platform's billions of users across the globe to make financial transactions online. ([theguardian.com](#))

Products & Services

[AI-Created Whisky Now Available For Pre-Order](#)

Sweden-based Mackmyra Whisky distillery has been working with Finnish tech company Fourkind and Microsoft on the world's first whisky developed using artificial intelligence. ([ubergizmo.com](#))

[YouTube TV Is Rolling Out An Updated User Interface On Roku Players & Roku TVs](#)

Back in May YouTube TV started to test an updated user interface with a larger preview screen and more channel suggestions. ([cordcuttersnews.com](#))

Emerging Technology

[Comcast Remote Lets People With Physical Disabilities Control The TV With Their Eyes](#)

Most TV viewers take for granted the ability to change the channel from their couches with a remote control. That task may be near impossible for viewers with the most severe physical challenges. ([techxplore.com](#))

[IBM Takes Another Big Step To Hybrid Computing](#)

While we (the tech industry) tend to talk about devices, on-premises servers, and cloud computing as if they are individual platforms, in reality, they are a single hybrid platform that works together over vast public and private networks. ([forbes.com](#))

Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

[J.J. Abrams' Bad Robot May Sign An Exclusive Deal With AT&T's WarnerMedia For \\$500 Million](#)

AT&T's WarnerMedia is reportedly close to securing J.J. Abrams' Bad Robot Pictures in a \$500 million exclusivity deal, according to The Hollywood Reporter, The New York Times, Deadline, The Los Angeles Times, and others. ([theverge.com](#))

Industry Reports

[Amazon Just Made A Big Move To Take On Roku And Hulu](#)

Amazon has made no secret about its ambition in the streaming video space. ([fool.com](#))

[GDPR One Year Later: Was The Hype Worth It?](#)

This time last year, companies were scrambling to get compliant with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which went into effect on May 25, 2018, and aims to give individuals more control over their personal data. ([informationweek.com](#))