



## KS&R's DIGITAL DISPATCH

**Week Ending:** January 24, 2020

### Top Stories This Week

#### [In Quest For Innovation, Comcast NBCUniversal Launches Sports Technology Accelerator](#)

As recently as a decade ago, many of the Fortune 250 companies were largely uninterested in the sports sector. ([forbes.com](#))

#### [Americans Spent \\$15.9 Billion On Subscription Streaming Services In 2019](#)

According to a report from DEG: The Digital Entertainment Group, consumers spent \$25.2 billion on home entertainment in 2019. ([cordcuttersnews.com](#))

### Products & Services

#### [Skylo Ready To Launch Global NB-IoT Satellite-Based Network In Summer 2020](#)

Startup Skylo Technologies is planning to deliver a global narrowband IoT (NB-IoT) network for mobilizing machine data collected from agricultural equipment, transport infrastructure, and more, starting in summer 2020. ([lightreading.com](#))

#### [Venmo Will Soon Let You Add GIFs To Venmo Notes](#)

Venmo will soon let you add custom animated GIFs to your transaction notes, the payment company announced today. ([theverge.com](#))

### Emerging Technology

#### [Air Taxis, Hyperloop, Self-Driving Cars: What Your Commute Could Look Like In 2030](#)

Picture yourself shooting across the country in a levitating pod or hovering above traffic in a drone. ([usatoday.com](#))

#### [Amazon Reportedly Wants To Turn Your Hand Into A Credit Card](#)

Technology giant Amazon is working to allow customers to connect their credit card information to their hands, so that they can scan for purchases with their palms at checkout areas in physical stores, people familiar with the project told The Wall Street Journal. ([cnbc.com](#))

### Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

#### [Tencent To Grow Gaming Empire With \\$148M Acquisition Of Conan Publisher Funcom In Norway](#)

Tencent, one of the world's biggest video and online gaming companies by revenue, today made another move to help cement that position. ([techcrunch.com](#))

## Industry Reports

### [The Next Leap In Wireless Charging](#)

The dream of being able to send an electric current through the air, from one location to another, is not new. ([consumerreports.org](http://consumerreports.org))

### [‘The Next Frontier In Tech Policy:’ IBM Pushes Business To Help Government Develop A.I. Anti-Bias Rules](#)

IBM called for rules aimed at eliminating bias in artificial intelligence to ease concerns that the technology relies on data that bakes in past discriminatory practices and could harm women, minorities, the disabled, older Americans and others. ([fortune.com](http://fortune.com))