KS&R's DIGITAL DISPATCH

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Top Stories This Week

The Telecom Industry Is Proving Essential In The COVID-19 Response

Telecom operators have never been more relevant than they are today, connecting families and communities while keeping businesses and educational institutions logged on. (*forbes.com*)

BT Picks Ericsson For 4G, 5G Core, Replacing Huawei

BT, along with the U.K. government, has been a bit resistant to remove Huawei equipment from telecom networks. (*fiercewireless.com*)

Products & Services

Sling TV Introduces Happy Hour Across America With Free Content Every Night

Starting today, Sling TV will be celebrating happy hour by unlocking free primetime TV from 5pm to midnight every night. (*cordcuttersnews.com*)

AT&T Offers Three Free Months Of FirstNet Service To Nurses And Doctors

AT&T is showing its appreciation for those fighting the coronavirus by giving nurses and doctors three free months of service as part of its FirstNet program. (*cnet.com*)

Emerging Technology

Computers Already Learn From Us. But Can They Teach Themselves?

Artificial intelligence seems to be everywhere, but what we are really witnessing is a supervised-learning revolution: We teach computers to see patterns, much as we teach children to read. (*nytimes.com*)

Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

Cisco To Broaden IoT Offerings With Planned Acquisition

Cisco last week said it plans to acquire privately-held Fluidmesh Networks, which delivers wireless solutions for mission critical applications, from high-speed rail and mass transit to large-scale distributed sites such as ports and urban settings where signal strength can be challenging. (*futureiot.tech*)

Netflix Inks First Look TV Deal With Publisher BOOM! Studios

Netflix has signed a first look television deal with comic book and graphic novel publisher BOOM! Studios. (*variety.com*)

Industry Reports

[These Three Innovations Have Made IoT Really Smart, Useful](#)
IoT devices on their own are dumb. (*itweb.co.za*)

[Chrome, Edge, Safari Or Firefox: Which Browser Won't Crash Your Computer When Working From Home?](#)
Widespread working from home has exposed the fragility of not just broadband availability and child care but something closer to home pages: the robustness of desktop web browsers. (*usatoday.com*)