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Date=3/4/2014

Time=5:00

Slug=DRONE TALKBACK

FIRST AMAZON, NOW FACEBOOK. INTERNET COMPANIES LOOKING TO DRONES TO HELP BOOST THEIR BUSINESS. THIS OF COURSE SPARKING CONTROVERSY OVER THE USE OF DRONES. DURING THE FOX 25 NEWS AT 5, I TALKED WITH AN EXPERT ABOUT THE TOPIC.

Date=3/6/2014

Time=2:10

Slug=YIK YAK DRAMA

A NEW SOCIAL MEDIA APP IS RAISING CONCERNS WITH POLICE. THE APP IS A HYBRID OF SNAPCHAT AND TWITTER, AND ALLOWS USERS TO POST INFORMATION ANONYMOUSLY, BEFORE IT DISAPPEARS FOR GOOD. LILLY IS HERE WITH THE LATEST.

Date=3/6/2014

Time=4:00

Slug=UNPLUGGED DAY

HOW LONG CAN YOU GO WITHOUT YOUR CELL PHONE OR COMPUTER? THE FIFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF UNPLUGGING BEGINS AT SUNDOWN TOMORROW. IT'S A 24 HOUR PERIOD WHEN PEOPLE CAN TAKE A PLEDGE TO SPEND TIME "TECH-FREE". SORT OF A "DIGITAL DETOX" IF YOU WILL. AND THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM ISN'T TAKING THIS LIGHTLY. JOINING US IS JON MATTLEMAN, A MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF NEEDHAM YOUTH SERVICES.

Date=3/11/2014

Time=4:00

Slug=SEX OFFENDER APP

MANY OF US USE SMARTPHONE APPS TO KEEP US ALERTED TO CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS AND MOVES ON THE STOCK MARKET. BUT NEXT MONTH A NEW HAMPSHIRE BASED COMPANY WILL ADD A NEW FEATURE TO ITS PING FOUR ALERT APP. IT WILL ALLOW USERS TO DISCOVER SEX OFFENDERS IN THEIR AREA. JOINING US TO TALK ABOUT THIS, ARE RINDRESS MACDONALD, PRINCIPAL SOFTWARE ENGINEER, AND KYLA NATALI, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR PING FOUR ALERTS.

Date=3/12/2014

Time=3:45

Slug=WORK-LIFE WED.

THE SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST CONFERENCES AND FESTIVALS ARE UNDERWAY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. IT'S A PLACE WHERE MUSIC, FILM AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TAKE CENTER STAGE. AND THIS YEAR THE INTERACTIVE FORUM IS SEEING MORE WOMEN AT WHAT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN A MALE-DOMINATED EVENT, AND ONE OF THE YEAR'S MAIN TECHNOLOGY GATHERINGS FOR UP-AND-COMING COMPANIES.

JOINING US IS JENNIFER SABATINI FRAONE FROM THE BOSTON COLLEGE CENTER FOR WORK & FAMILY TO TALK ABOUT THE SIGNIFIGANCE OF THIS.

Date=3/13/2014
Time=4:00
Slug=GADGETS/SLEEP

IT IS SLEEP WEEK ON THE FOX 25 MORNING NEWS. BEING IN MORNING NEWS, WE'RE ALL TRYING TO GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP. HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS I'VE ACCUMULATED TO HELP MAKE THAT HAPPEN. AND IF YOU'RE NOT SLEEPING AS WELL AS YOU SHOULD, YOUR DAY MAY BE DOTTED WITH A NAP OR TWO. JUSTIN LEE - AN MIT PHD CANDIDATE AND NEIL JOGLEKAR ARE BEHIND THE NAPWELL - THE WORLD'S FIRST NAPPING MASK. IT'S IN DEVELOPMENT RIGHT NOW TO TRY TO FIX THAT GROGGY FEELING WE ALL KNOW TOO WELL WHEN WE WAKE UP FROM A NAP. I GOT A CHANCE TO GIVE IT A TEST RUN.

Date=3/13/2014
Time=3:45
Slug=TECH LAB

ON APRIL 8TH, MICROSOFT WILL HALT ALL FURTHER TECH SUPPORT AND UPGRADES FOR WINDOWS XP, EVEN THOUGH IT'S STILL, AFTER 13 YEARS, THE WORLD'S SECOND-MOST POPULAR DESKTOP OPERATING SYSTEM. NEARLY 30 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S PCS RUN IT, BUT SHOULD YOU STILL BE USING IT? BOSTON GLOBE TECH REPORTER HIAWATHA BRAY IS JOINING US TO DISCUSS WHY PEOPLE SHOULD UPGRADE, AND HOW THEY SHOULD DO IT.

Date=3/14/2014
Time=4:00
Slug=SOCIAL INTERVIEW

PREPPING FOR A JOB INTERVIEW? IT TAKES MORE THAN A NEW SUIT AND A CRISP RESUME. JOB SEEKERS NEED TO THINK IN HASH TAGS AND CHARACTERS. LINKED-IN ISN'T ENOUGH. WHY IS THAT? WE'RE ASKING DAVID GERZOFF RICHARD IS A PROFESSOR OF DIGITAL MEDIA & MARKETING AT EMERSON COLLEGE THIS MORNING.

Date=3/18/2014
Time=:25
Slug=MBTA SESAME RINGS

IF YOU SPEND TOO MUCH TIME RUMMAGING THROUGH YOUR BAG TO FIND YOUR CHARLIE CARD, GROUP OF M-I-T STUDENTS HAS A SOLUTION-- WEAR IT! ACCORDING TO THE BOSTON GLOBE, THE "SESAME RING" WAS STARTED AND FUNDED AS A KICKSTARTER PROJECT. THE RING USES THE SAME TAP-AND-GO TECHNOLOGY USED TO REFILL CHARLIE CARDS. ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED THE PROJECT ON KICKSTARTER WILL RECIEVE THEIR RINGS SHORTLY, AND NOW THE M-B-T-A IS ON BOARD WITH THEN PROJECT TOO. THE SESAME RINGS CAN BE USED AT ANY "T" MACHINE THAT ACCEPTS A CHARLIE CARD.

Date=3/19/2014

Time=3:30

Slug=DIGITAL DECLUTTER

HOW MANY OLD GADGETS DO YOU HAVE HANGING AROUND THE HOUSE, WITH ALL THE OLD CHARGERS THAT GO WITH IT? IS IT TIME TO DECLUTTER? WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO GET RID OF ALL THIS STUFF, AND MAYBE EVEN MAKE MONEY WHILE DOING IT? GREG GOMER IS AN EDITOR WITH BOSTONINNO AND HE IS JOINING US THIS MORNING FROM OUR BEACON HILL STUDIO.

Date=3/27/2014

Time=4:00

Slug=POPCORN TIME

A NEW PROGRAM IS MAKING IT EASY FOR USERS TO STREAM POPULAR MOVIES TO THEIR COMPUTERS-- FOR FREE. BUT REMEMBER-- THAT'S ILLEGAL. AND THIS NEW FORM OF PIRACY MAY FORCE THOSE IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT CREATING SOMETHING EQUALLY COMPELLING THAT STILL ALLOWS THE CREATORS OF CONTENT TO GET PAID. JOINING US WITH MORE IS BOSTON GLOBE TECH REPORTER HIAWATHA BRAY.