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Slug=LAWN MOWER APP

EVER WANTED YOUR LAWN MOWED IN THE SUMMER OR DRIVEWAY PLOWED IN THE WINTER, BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK TO FIND SOMEONE? NOW, THERE'S A COOL NEW APP WHERE YOU CAN FIND SOMEONE TO DO IT. ONE OF THE INVENTORS IS HERE WITH US THIS MORNING TO TALK ABOUT IT. WILLS MAHONEY IS CO-FOUNDER OF PLOWZ AND MOWZ.

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Slug=SMART CAR

CARS HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY IN THE PAST FEW DECADES ALONE. BUT ONE THING ALWAYS REMAINED; THE DRIVER HAS REMAINED THE ONE IN CONTROL BEHIND THE WHEEL. BUT AS OUR MARK OCKERBLOOM SHOWS US, THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IS ON THE VERGE OF CHANGING ALL THAT.

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Slug=FUTURE OF TECH

THE FUTURE MAY ARRIVE SOONER THAN YOU THINK. SCIENTISTS AT MIT SAY EVERYDAY OBJECTS ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT TO DO WHAT THEY DO NOW, BETTER. ALL WHILE I STILL AWAIT MY FLYING CAR AND HOVERBOARD. DAVID ROSE IS AN AWARD-WINNING ENTREPRENEUR AND MIT MEDIA LAB SCIENTIST. HE'S BROUGHT ALONG A FEW EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE FUTURE WILL LOOK LIKE.

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Slug=RISKY RESALE SKYPE

WHAT'S THE RISK OF RESELLING YOUR OLD SMARTPHONE - A LOT! AVAST SOFTWARE CONDUCTED A STUDY AND PURCHASED USED SMARTPHONES. THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THEY UNCOVERED WAS ASTOUNDING!!! FROM PICTURES TO TEXT MESSAGES TO EMAIL ADDRESSES. RECENTLY I SPOKE WITH JUDE MCCOLGAN WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF MOBILE AT AVAST SOFTWARE.

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Slug=HAYSTACK APP

THE NEW PARKING APP HAYSTACK, THAT LETS USERS BUY AND SELL STREET PARKING SPOTS IN REAL-TIME, IS HAVING THEIR BOSTON LAUNCH PARTY TONIGHT AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR TECHNOLOGY TO GO LIVE IN THE HUB ON THURSDAY, BUT NOT EVERYONE IS CELEBRATING. JOINING US FROM OUR BEACON HILL STUDIO IS HAYSTACK FOUNDER ERIC MEYER.

Date=7/17/2014
Time=3:45
Slug=TECH LAB

IT IS BREAKING RIGHT NOW. MICROSOFT SAYS IT IS LAYING OFF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS. HIAWATHA BRAY IS THE TECH REPORTER FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE. THIS ARE THE LARGEST CUTS IN THE COMPANY'S NEARLY 40 YEAR HISTORY. YOUR REACTION?? OK, EARLIER THIS WEEK, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A RECENT STUDY THAT FOUND-- EVEN AFTER PERFORMING A FACTORY RESET, YOUR BROWSING HISTORY, PHOTOS, AND TEXT MESSAGES CAN STILL LIVE ON YOUR SMARTPHONE. SO HOW EXACTLY DO YOU GET RID OF ALL THIS STUFF AND DO THE SAME FOR YOUR COMPUTER?

Date=7/21/2014
Time=2:45
Slug=BEAUTIFUL ROUTE

IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THE FASTEST, OR THE MOST DIRECT, BUT YAHOO IS DEVELOPING A MAP ALGORITHM TO FIND "THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ROUTE." I RECENTLY SPOKE WITH A RESEARCH SCIENTIST WORKING AT YAHOO LABS IN BARCELONA WHERE THE TECHNOLOGY IS BEING DEVELOPED.

Date=7/22/2014
Time=3:30
Slug=JIBO CREATOR

THE FAMILY'S FIRST ROBOT IS MOVING IN! JIBO IS SIX-POUNDS OF INTERNET-FUELED, ORGIZATIONAL POWER. IT WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, AND WAS CREATED BY A FORMER MIT PROFESSOR. CYNTHIA BREAZEAL JOINS US THIS MORNING TO TALK ABOUT THE PROCESS OF BRINGING JIBO TO LIFE.

Date=7/23/2014
Time=4:00
Slug=GOATS IN BOSTON

EVER HEARD OF GOATSCAPING? WELL, THE CITY OF BOSTON IS USING IT TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF AN INVASIVE PLANT PROBLEM. CITY OF BOSTON, PARKS & RECREATION DEPT INTERIM COMMISSIONER CHRIS COOK IS HERE WITH US THIS MORNING TO EXPLAIN.

Date=7/24/2014
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Slug=E-MAIL REGRET

WE ALL KNOW THE FEELING. YOU SEND AN EMAIL TOO SOON AND THEN GET THAT PIT IN YOUR STOMACH. IT'S EMAIL REGRET. BUT THERE'S NOW A WAY TO GET IT BACK. THE SERVICE WAS CREATED BY LOCAL HARVARD LAW STUDENTS. DAVID GO-BOD HELPED COME UP WITH THE IDEA FOR PLUTO MAIL. I GOT A CHANCE TO ASK HIM A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW IT ALL WORKS.

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Slug=SPEECH TECHNOLOGY

SIRI WAS FIRST MET WITH SKEPTICISM. NOW, FOR SOME, SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. BUT THE TECHNOLOGY DOESN'T STOP THERE. IN TODAY'S TECH LAB, THE NEWEST IN SPEECH RECOGNITION SOFTWARE. JOINING ME IS BOSTON GLOBE TECH REPORTER HIAWATHA BRAY.