

Once An Alternative To Mainstream TV, YouTube Now Offers Just That With New Service

With its streaming TV service launching Wednesday, YouTube joins a crowded field. But it offers several features the others don't.



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MUSIC INTERVIEWS

Get To Know The 'String-Band Pop' Of Nashville's Front Country

Though much of Front Country's new members has had a vastly different musical education, they all share a no-nonsense approach to modern bluegrass that honors the craft of pop music.

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AUTHOR INTERVIEWS

Alec Baldwin On Career Highs And Lows, And Playing A 'Larger Than Life' Trump

FRESH AIR

Baldwin tells *Fresh Air* that his SNL impression of the president is purposefully exaggerated. "There's a kind of volume to it," he says. "It's kind of the Macy's Day Parade [version] of Trump."



ABC/Universal

THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG

Student Newspaper's Fact Check Results in New Principal's Resignation

The principal stepped down after a Kansas high school's student paper investigated her claim of having degrees from Cornell University, an entity whose legitimacy has been questioned.



Courtesy of Emily Smith/Phoenix High School

CODE SWITCH

Changing Colors In Comics

Gene Demby and guest host Glen Weldon (our play cousin from Pop Culture Happy Hour) explore how comics are used as spaces for mapping race and identity.

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Marvel Comics/Disney

ALL TECH CONSIDERED

What Should We Make Of The 'Tweestorm' Or Whatever You Call It?

They're all over Twitter: strings of tweets about politics or fashion posts or long thoughts. Maybe they're a new way to tell stories, but they say just as much about us as they do about the platform.



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13.7: COSMOS AND CULTURE

Is Neuroscience Rediscovering The Soul?

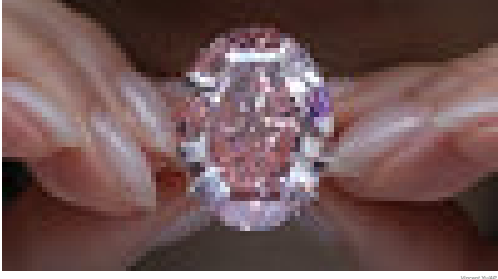
The transcendence of human into information is either almost here, a step in evolution — or an impossibility, a mad dream of people who can't accept the inevitability of death, says Marcelo Gleiser.

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THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG

'Pink Star' Diamond Sells For \$71 Million, Smashing Auction Record

The chairman of Hong Kong-based jewelry company Chow Tai Fook placed the winning bid over the phone to Sotheby's in Hong Kong. He renamed the jewel "CTF PINK STAR" in honor of his late father.



Reuters/CTF



THE RECORD

Fixing A Hole: 'Sgt. Pepper' Remixed And Reissued For 50th Anniversary

One of the most important records in pop history is getting an appropriately comprehensive reissue.



Photo: Apple Corps Ltd.

CODE SWITCH

How Driverless Vehicles Could Harm Professional Drivers Of Color

African-American professional drivers earn a median annual wage nearly \$2,000 higher than in non-driving jobs. For Hispanic drivers it's a \$5,800 premium, and Native American drivers earn \$2,000 more.



Courtesy of Anthony Thomas III

THE SALT

The Race To Fish Slows Down. Why That's Good For Fish, Fishermen And Diners

Catch closer after fishermen a portion of the catch in advance, in hopes of keeping them from racing each other to sea, sometimes in risky climes. They're controversial. They also work, a study finds.



Courtesy of John Roe

POLITICS

State And Local Officials Wary Of Federal Government's Election Security Efforts

The federal government's new focus on election security has state and local officials concerned that they'll be told how to run their elections in the name of security.

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NPR ED

Teachers, Lawyers And Others Worry About The Fate Of Student Debt Forgiveness

Some critics say "unfunded," "ambiguous," "delayed," at the suggestion that a federal student loan forgiveness program could be taken away.

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Chris Wedel for NPR

A New Look At The Lasting Consequences Of Student Debt

POLITICS

Going 'Nuclear': How We Got Here

From Robert Bork to Merrick Garland and the use and misuse of the filibuster in between, the list of grievances between both parties is long. It's all led to the point of forever changing the Senate.



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