GeekWire [Facebook, Amazon, Code.org, Google, Microsoft and others create coalition to lobby for K-12 computer science funding](#)
Big names in the tech world are partnering with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to launch the [Computer Science Education Coalition](#), which aims to increase congressional funding for K-12 computer science education, the group announced today. Currently, the coalition has 43 members, including tech companies Amazon, Code.org, Facebook, Google, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, IBM, Microsoft, TechNet and Yahoo. The goal of the organization is to get Congress to provide $250 million in funding for K-12 computer science education.

GeekWire [Microsoft teams with Rhode Island to bring computer science to every high school in the state](#)
A unique partnership between Microsoft and Rhode Island aims to bring computer science classes to every high school in the state by the end of next year — a new step in an effort to put computer science in the same league as math and science in schools across the country.

Washington Post [Why even Apple's mortal enemies are on its side](#)
Silicon Valley is not letting Apple go it alone. More than two dozen technology companies said Thursday that they stand with Apple in its battle with the FBI, by filing "friend of the court" briefs supporting the tech firm. Notably, a group including Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Yahoo and Amazon filed together, agreeing with Apple's position that the government request to have Apple write code that weakens its security protocols on its iPhone operating system oversteps its authority.

The Hill [Trump: I'm 'changing' my position on immigrant visas](#)
Donald Trump on Thursday night said he's changing his stance on visas for highly skilled immigrant workers. "I'm changing it, and I'm softening the position because we need to have talented people in this country," Trump said at the Fox News GOP debate in Michigan.

New York Times [FCC cracks down on Verizon Wireless for using 'supercookies'](#)
The Federal Communications Commission is cracking down on Verizon Wireless for using a powerful type of code to track its customers around the Internet, as the agency pushes to increase its role in protecting online privacy. The code, dubbed a "supercookie" by privacy advocates, is almost impossible to disable and could allow almost anyone to follow users around the Web.

The Atlantic [Is Digital Privacy Becoming a Partisan Issue?](#)
In a Congress where lawmakers have trouble performing even the most basic functions of the legislative branch—funding the government or approving judicial nominees, to name two—bipartisan issues are a rarity. Historically, digital privacy has been one of the areas where Republicans and Democrats find common ground. The coalitions that support surveillance-reform measures, for example, have brought together Congressional liberals and libertarians, Tea Partiers and moderates. (Senator Ron Wyden, a Democrat, told me he's proud of his collaboration with Rand Paul, a libertarian-leaning Republican.) But even as lawmakers work together on new privacy legislation, the increasingly public legal fight between Apple and the FBI is beginning to reveal partisan fault lines among the American public.

The Hill [Top Intel Dem praises sanctions on Chinese telecom giant](#)
The top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee praised the Obama administration's decision to impose export restrictions on China's ZTE, one of the country's top telecommunications equipment manufacturers. Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) on Monday said the move could help curb Beijing's extensive cyber espionage campaign, long believed to be aided by China's biggest companies.

Wired [Tech Giants Back Immigrants In Upcoming Supreme Court Fight](#)
MORE THAN 60 tech leaders, including Mark Zuckerberg and Reid Hoffman, have told the US Supreme Court they support President Obama's recent executive actions on immigration. The group, which also includes PayPal co-founder Max Levchin and venture capitalist Ron Conway, co-signed a friend-of-the-court brief filed today, roughly a month before the Supreme Court is set to hear oral arguments in United States v. Texas.

The Hill [Obama calls for tech talent in government](#)
President Obama on Saturday previewed his upcoming trip to the annual South by Southwest festival in Austin, Texas, and called on media and high-tech entrepreneurs to become more civically engaged. Obama will urge rising stars from Silicon Valley and other tech bastions to tackle public policy challenges ranging from healthcare to education. "I'm going to ask everyone for ideas and technologies that can help update our government and our democracy to be as modern and dynamic as America itself," he said in his weekly address to the nation.

The Hill [White House touts data as way to help those in need](#)

The White House on Monday rolled out a project designed to make it easier for developers to use government data to help those in need at the local level. The Opportunity Project collects datasets on a new website that developers can use for their projects. "This data can now be used by technologists, community groups, and local governments in order to help families find affordable housing, help businesses identify services they need, and help policymakers see inequities in their communities and make investments to expand fair housing and increase economic mobility," the White House said in a fact sheet.

The Hill [Industry cooperation takes another step in fighting online piracy](#)
The most pirated movie of 2015 — "Interstellar" — was illegally downloaded over 46 million times. Signaling that the problem is getting worse, this total was 55 percent more than the most pirated movie of 2014, "The Wolf of Wall Street." It is clear that more needs to be done to combat online piracy — by law enforcement, government, content creators and other players in the digital economy. Achieving consensus between all of these players is difficult, but a new voluntary agreement to combat online piracy shows that a win-win outcome is possible when private-sector stakeholders come together to protect intellectual property online.

Washington Post [Here's how the government wants to help America's poorest get online](#)
Federal regulators unveiled a final plan Tuesday that would offer low-income Americans a new discount on broadband service — a $9.25 subsidy a month — in an effort to spark an explosion in high-speed Internet adoption among the poor. The Federal Communications Commission hopes that amount would enable the underprivileged to gain greater access to what has become a vital tool for education, entertainment and economic prosperity.

Politico Pro [Feinstein slams tech industry on encryption](#)
Sen. Dianne Feinstein took a swipe at Silicon Valley today, saying the tech industry is wrong to fight the federal government on access to customer data while tapping its own users' information for "profit." As Apple and the government duel in court over FBI access to two locked iPhones, Feinstein stressed at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing her "deep belief that no American company is above the law, and that [this] particular industry should comply." Feinstein is a vocal critic of Apple's position in the cases, but she clearly took aim at the entire tech sector — and its business model.

GeekWire [Suspected software pirates push Microsoft too far, company files copyright suit in Seattle](#)

Microsoft has filed a lawsuit in federal court in Seattle against an unidentified defendant that the company accuses of creating perhaps thousands of unauthorized copies of the company's software. According to a copy of the suit, first spotted by TorrentFreak, Microsoft doesn't yet know the identity of the accused but is seeking that information. Microsoft's "cyberforensics" team does know that the person or people in question accessed the internet via a specific Comcast IP address.

The Verge [Uber is using its app to troll local politicians again](#)
Florida residents who open the Uber app today won't see the typical estimated time to summon a car, but rather a message that reads "tap to vote for Uber." This leads to a second message: "Legislation currently blocked in the Florida Senate would allow all Floridians access to Uber." Users are then urged to register their support (green checkmark) or opposition (red x) to that statement.