The Brian Williams Dilemma
by Kaitlyn Nicolai
I was perusing my Twitter feed this afternoon and came across a link to a CNN article; the title itself threw me through a loop: 52% Say Brian Williams Should Be Allowed Back On NBC. As I read further, statistic after statistic was thrown in, further explaining how a majority of people have faith in the restoration of William’s credibility and assurance that the punishment he received was just. I understand that this was not a nation-wide poll; surely only a small margin of the population happened to stumble upon it. I understand that he is a very well-known public figure, and that to many people he is still a respected journalist.

Anonymous Targets ISIS Social Media Accounts
by Jacob Peterson
Last week around 800 Twitter accounts, as well as multiple email addresses and Facebook pages associated and operated by the Islamic State (ISIS), were taken down after being hacked. Responsibility for the attack has been claimed by the hacker group Anonymous, who have been targeting the Islamic State since January, following the deaths of 12 people during the shooting of French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo.

How Much Would You Pay for the Universe?
by Mehrzad Pashutanizadeh
As the age of technology thrusts us into a world where the ability to overthrow a government and post a selfie are both in the palm of our hands, we have seemingly lost our sense of appreciation for the achievements in science and innovation which have turned our norms upside down. We are increasingly less likely to marvel at the computing power in our cell phones than we are to complain about how slow our 4G connection is. Commenting on this state of disillusionment, comedian Louis C.K put it into frank terms: “Now we live in an amazing, amazing world, and its wasted on the crappiest generation of just spoiled idiots that don’t care.”
A Loved One Never Met – My Personal Account of the Inspiration of Monty Oum
by Stephen Mayfield
In the past week, I have been grieving the loss of a significant and influential person in my life. On Sunday, February 1 at 4:34 pm CT, world-renowned animator and international internet icon Monty Oum passed away. I've turned to writing this article because of the difficulty of attempting to explain the significance of this loss to me. Nearly all of us can relate to the passing of a loved one, but by that token we are also quick to assume that a loved one always defines itself as a friend or family member or at least someone we've met face to face in our life at some point.

President Proposes Free Community College
by Robert Enyeart
Many of you may have recently heard President Obama's announcement that could have an effect on all current and future college students who attend community college. In an announcement made on board Air Force One, the President simply stated that he will propose legislation that will make community college free for anyone who is willing to work for it. There is a catch, however. Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and make steady progress toward completing their program.

Strawberry Fields Forever
by Michaela Kwoka-Coleman
For most, the name “Strawberry Fields” is simply a title to a popular Beatles song, a mere memory of a era. However, for one young entrepreneur, strawberry fields serves a much deeper purpose- for Sydney O'Shea, Strawberry Fields is a business, a lifestyle, and a muse. O'Shea, a resident of Folsom, started Strawberry Fields about two years ago, while working at Michael's. Her dream catcher business was the result of countless hours of arts and crafts demonstrations for children; she found making dream catchers to be particularly relaxing, mindless work. Soon, O'Shea began designing and constructing dream catchers in her spare time to give as gifts to friends and family. It was not long until some of her friends, who also made dream catchers, headbands, etc., suggested going into business together.

Humans of New York
by Rachel Warden
Affording college seems nearly impossible to many young students across the nation; in a rough neighborhood such as Brownsville in Brooklyn, New York, attending college, for most, is just a distant dream. However, thanks to blogger and photographer, Brandon Stanton, the spark of hope to attend college has been reignited. Stanton created a blog detailing the lives of native New Yorkers in his humanitarian photography project known as Humans of New York. The thirty year old photographer captures the candid lives of the locals through his photographs and interviews with the individuals. He captures the essence of humanity through simple questions in order to convey the life stories of those who are oftentimes overlooked throughout the crowded street scene of the Big Apple.

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