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Tech-friendly cities struggle with new biz rules

September 29, 2014 | by PHILIP MARCELO, Associated Press | Comments

A renowned technology hub that is home to some of the country's top universities, Boston is emerging as an unlikely battleground for web-based businesses like Airbnb and Uber, with some saying more regulations are needed to prevent the upstarts....

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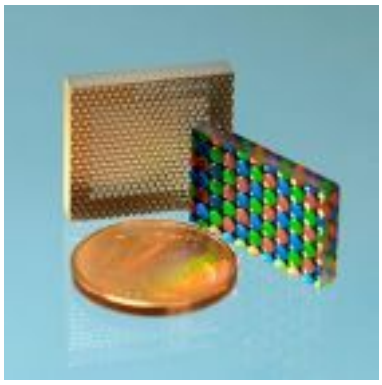

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New tech aims to improve communication between dogs and humans

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The science of charismatic voices

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Brain responses to disgusting images help reveal political leanings

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Through 3D-printed prosthetic, Illinois students lending a hand in Ecuador

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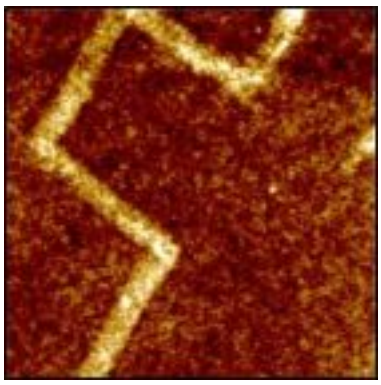

'Nanomotor lithography' answers call for simpler device manufacturing

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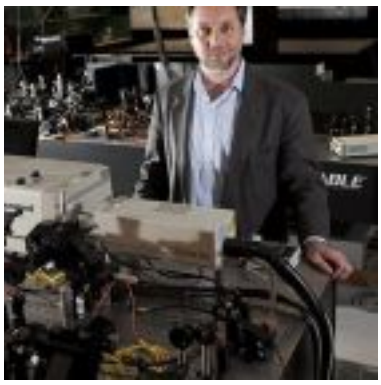
What does it take to fabricate electronic and medical devices tinier than a fraction of a human hair? Nanoengineers at the University of California, San Diego recently invented a new method of lithography in which nanoscale robots swim over the surface....



Scientists propose existence and interaction of parallel worlds

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Griffith University academics are challenging the foundations of quantum science with a radical new theory based on the existence of, and interactions between, parallel universes. In a paper published in the prestigious journal Physical Review X ...

Review: CBS streaming not worth cutting cord, yet

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I dropped my cable TV service more than a year ago and have been relying on Netflix, Hulu and other services to fill my television needs. But I get my shows at least a day late. With CBS' new All Access streaming service, I can watch shows right when they air....

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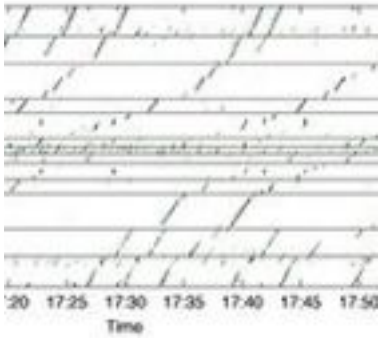

Urban seismic network detects human sounds

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When listening to the Earth, what clues can seismic data reveal about the impact of urban life? Although naturally occurring vibrations have proven extremely useful to seismologists, until now the vibrations caused by humans haven't been explored....

Technology provides improved access for disabled voters

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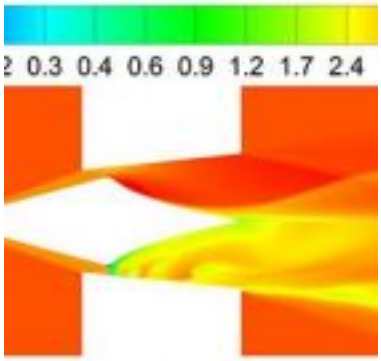
A University of Florida researcher's desire to provide citizens with disabilities the same opportunity to vote as everyone else could serve as the catalyst for revolutionizing voter access nationwide. Juan Gilbert's Prime III, an electronic voting machine ...



Supersonic laser-propelled rockets

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Scientists and science fiction writers alike have dreamt of aircrafts that are propelled by beams of light rather than conventional fuels. Now, a new method for improving the thrust generated by such laser-propulsion systems may bring them ...

NIST 'combs' the atmosphere to measure greenhouse gases

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By remotely "combing" the atmosphere with a custom laser-based instrument, researchers from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), in collaboration with researchers from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) ...

Tiny carbon nanotube pores make big impact

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A team led by the Lawrence Livermore scientists has created a new kind of ion channel based on short carbon nanotubes, which can be inserted into synthetic bilayers and live cell membranes to form tiny pores that transport water, protons ...

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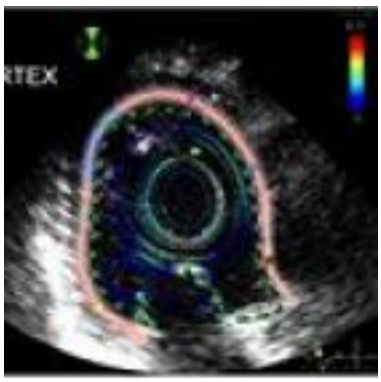

Engineers develop novel ultrasound technology to screen for heart conditions

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Engineers at the University of California, San Diego have determined for the first time the impact of a ring-shaped vortex on transporting blood flow in normal and abnormal ventricles within the human heart. They worked with cardiologists....

Saving lots of computing capacity with a new algorithm

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The control of modern infrastructure such as intelligent power grids needs lots of computing capacity. Scientists of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust (SnT) at the University of Luxembourg have developed an algorithm....

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