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[The end of the Silicon Valley as we know it](#), by Tim O'Reilly. A counterargument resides on the fact that ecosystems of capital and services may be hard to change. This last year has shown that they may.

Sunday News is a selection of the links posted daily by the [Explora community](#). I can add you if you want (need to have a Facebook account). Newcomers can check previous Sunday News editions at [Explora live](#). Read Sunday News' First and Second-Year Highlights [here](#).

Education

[Rebuilding Plato's Academy](#)

[Science, sustainability, business, politics, and a hint of chocolate](#)

[Code, create and learn together](#)

[Reflections on 2020 as an independent researcher](#). Great read

[Explore the disruption decade](#)

Health

[One year later: 15 ways life has changed since the onset of the COVID pandemic](#)

[Stay-at-home policy is a case of exception fallacy: an internet-based ecological study](#). A controversial paper just published on Nature (thanks Haydn Rigby for the reference). This is a very relevant area for research in the next few years, especially if detailed health and mobile locational data will be made available.

Mobility

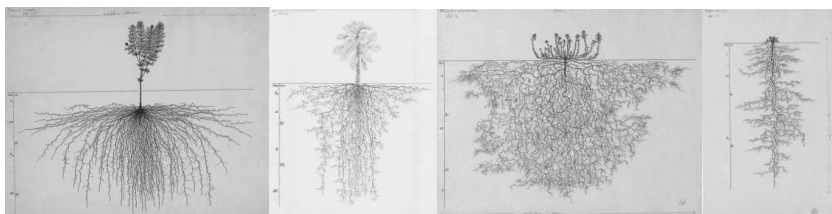
[Audi shows off the Q4 E-Tron's new augmented reality display](#)

[The Station: Another Uber spinout is born and EVs dominate SPACs](#)

[Million-dollar showrooms in malls: the new battleground for China EVs](#)

Cities, Nature and Clean Tech

[Streets that put people first, not cars](#)



[Typology of tree roots](#). From Wageningen University's great tree image collection

[100-million-year-old seafloor sediment bacteria have been resuscitated](#). [Bacteria can be immortal](#)

[Meet the sea slugs that chop off their heads and grow new bodies](#)

['Run the oil industry in reverse': Fighting climate change by farming Kelp](#)

[The race to develop plastic eating bacteria](#)

[Saudi Arabia's bold plan to rule the \\$700 billion hydrogen market](#)

[Jeff Bezos's climate fund names CEO and vows to spend \\$10 billion by 2030](#)

Developing new companies

"Standing still is the fastest way of moving backwards in a rapidly changing world." Lauren Bacall

[Google Director of Engineering: This is how fast the world will change in ten years](#), via Marco André.

[A smarter app is watching your wallet](#)

[Decentralize social media](#)

[Building a privacy-first future for web advertising](#). On Federated Learning of Cohorts (FLoCs)

[Generating marketing copy in seconds](#)

[Sequoia puts millions into Gather](#)

[Shops return to rural Sweden but are now staff-free](#)

[How Hermès conquered the luxury industry](#). Craftsmanship and repair services

[The data opportunity: a new layer in the modern enterprise](#)

[Interview: Patrick Collison, co-founder and CEO of Stripe](#). Read also [Tech executives are not fortune tellers](#)

[What Roblox will do next](#). Read also [Welcome to the metaverse, the sci-fi dream behind Roblox's \\$38 billion valuation](#) and [Why is everyone is talking about Roblox?](#)

[Climate change will re-shape Silicon Valley as we know it](#)

[The ten most innovative companies in media](#)

[The European media startups to watch in 2021](#)

[The ten most innovative beauty companies in 2021](#)

[The ten most innovative architectural companies in 2021](#)

[The ten most innovative manufacturing companies in 2021](#)

[The most innovative products in 2021](#)

[The World' most innovative companies in 2021](#)

AR/VR/AI/IoT/Quantum Computing/Bio

Facebook has been ready to switch to an AR interface for 4 years now.

[Almost a fifth of Facebook employees are now working on VR and AR: report.](#) [Inside Facebook Reality Labs: The next era of human-computer interaction.](#) [Mark Zuckerberg on mind reading, Apple and the race to mainstream VR](#) (via Svante Liljevall).

[Data dive: 7 of the top-10 mobile apps feature AR](#)

[Apple March 23rd event: AirTags, iPad Pro 2021, AirPods 3 and Apple TV.](#) See also [Apple VR helmet, AR glasses and contact lens launch dates predicted](#)

[SXSW Online XR takes place in VR Chat next week](#)

[Visualizing the invisible: sound in the real and virtual worlds](#)

[Using AI to generate 3D hologram in real time](#)

[Ten most innovative AR/VR companies](#)



[How is this horse feeling? New mobile brain wave reader could tell](#)



[Ynvisible, Evonik and Epishine showcase a self-powered smart signage solution.](#) See also [comments on German stock market TV on this development](#)

[Europe seeks semiconductor boost, first quantum computer.](#)

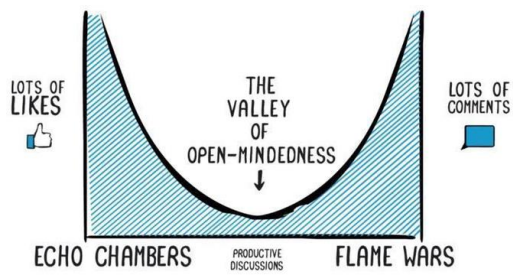
Far out

[What is life?](#)

[Earth has a secret hidden layer](#)

[Access to tools: Publications from the Whole Earth Catalog, 1968-1974](#)

[Kim's convenience: the end of the dream](#)



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[Shining through: Dutch artist paints farming in a new light to boost crops](#)

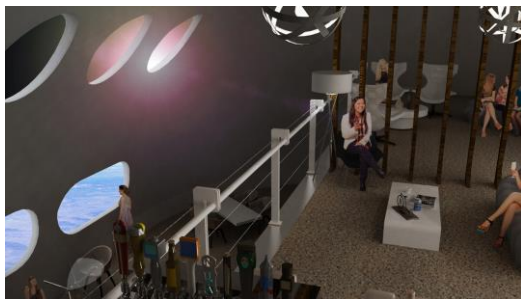
[A history of the art market in 35 record-breaking sales](#)

[Future living](#) on Pinterest



[Body modifications and transhumanism: a photo essay](#)

[Original Banksy artwork burned by cryptocurrency group and sold as NFT for \\$382,000](#). Another sign that the apocalypse is upon us



[First space hotel set to open in 2027](#)

[Winners of the 2020 World Nature Photography Awards](#)