



# On this we agree: Tor's executive director calls for "respectful" dialogue around Pando's reporting



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campaign. Yasha was accused of being a CIA plant, other Pando writers were called rapists, fascists and worse (!) and one prominent Tor developer accused us of recruiting a secret army of "sock puppet" Twitter trolls to hound her to death. A freelancer for the Guardian, who also happened to be a Tor supporter, wrote a story repeating some of those claims, causing the newspaper to issue an embarrassing retraction and one editor to describe the incident as a "fuck up." The LA Review of

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From where we sat, the false claims and planted media stories looked less like honest mistakes than a deliberate campaign to discredit our reporters and our reporting on Tor. What we didn't know was whether Tor's leadership supported the smear campaign, either actively or passively. As Quinn Norton noted yesterday, Tor's				
Pando's executive director Andrew Lewman had remained oddly silent on the subject. Why, we wondered, would Lewman not at least confirm that Tor didn't go seriously believe Pando was running a secret social media campaign to harass its developers?				
Yesterday Lewman finally broke his silence. At his suggestion, he and I had a wide-ranging, and productive phone conversation in which Lewman insisted that, while he strongly disagrees with our reporting on Tor, his organization had no part in a campaign to attack Pando's reporters. Further, he confirmed that he had seen				

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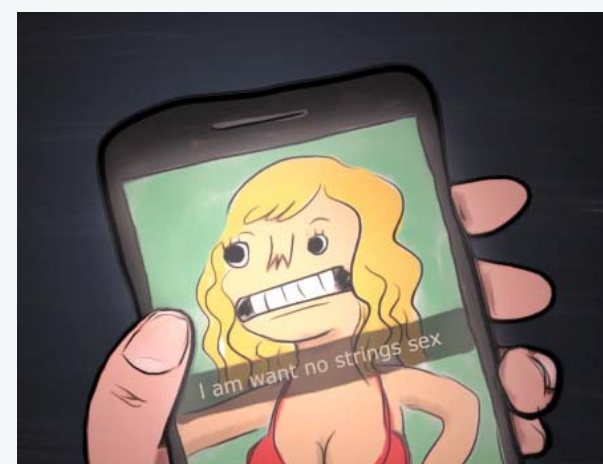


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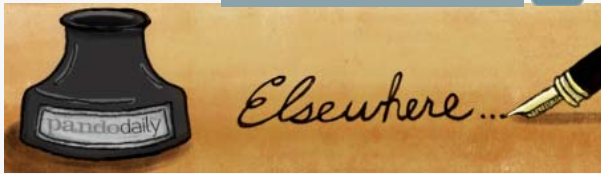
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\$105M




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## NSA taken to court for internet surveillance



The Electronic Frontier Foundation announced today that its case against the National Security Agency, which is said to have collected information about AT&T customers in the San Francisco Bay Area as part of its global surveillance dragnet, will head to court on December 19. [Source: [EFF](#)]

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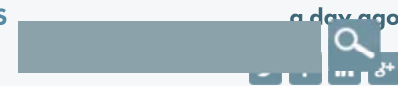


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## CNet: "Uber says employee tracked journalist because she was late"



"Uber said Monday that one of its employees checked a journalist's ride on the service because she was 30 minutes late to a meeting the two had scheduled. ... Uber's letter to Franken explained that Josh Mohrer, Uber's New York general manager, accessed the journalist's account for the first time while responding to a communication sent by the reporter. On the second occasion, the reporter was "30 minutes late, and Mr. Mohrer wanted to meet her in the lobby to escort her to the meeting location, so he pulled up her trip to see her arrival time."

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## Quartz: The secret to the Uber economy is wealth inequality





"There are only two requirements for an on-demand service economy to work, and neither is an iPhone. First, the market being addressed needs to be big enough to scale ... Second, and perhaps more importantly, there needs to be a large enough labor class willing to work at wages that customers consider affordable and that the middlemen consider worthwhile for their profit margins." ~Quartz

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POODLE, a bug that could affect 10 percent of all websites, is back



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Apple beats \$1B lawsuit

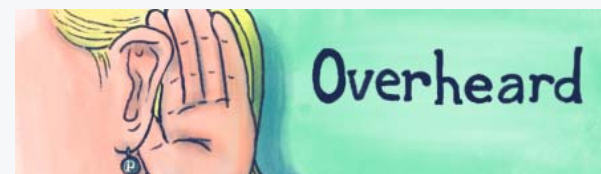


Apple has prevailed in a \$1 billion lawsuit concerning its deletion of music from rival stores on old iPods. The jury deliberated for just three hours after a two-week trial which ultimately ended without a plaintiff because the original complainants didn't actually own the iPods at the center of the case. [Source: [Bloomberg](#)]

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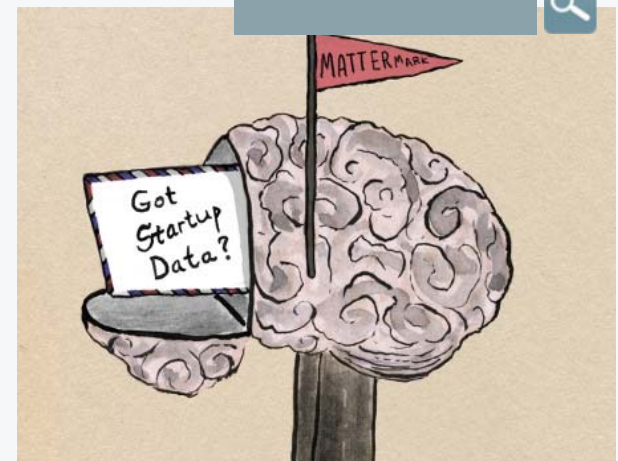


Sen Franken: Uber's response to my privacy inquiry lacked detail



"I recently pressed Uber to explain the scope, transparency, and enforceability of their privacy policies. While I'm pleased that they replied to my letter, I am concerned about the surprising lack of detail in their response. Quite frankly, they did not answer many of the questions I posed directly to them. Most importantly, it still remains unclear how Uber defines legitimate business purposes for accessing, retaining, and sharing customer data. I will continue pressing for answers to these questions." ~[Senator Al Franken](#)





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Verizon announced today that it has signed a patent licensing agreement with Google to “lower the risk of frivolous patent litigation.” The idea is that agreements like this one can prevent so-called patent trolls from scooping up as many patents as possible, sitting on them, and then using them to sue anyone who actually makes the technology the patent describes. [Source: [Verizon](#)]

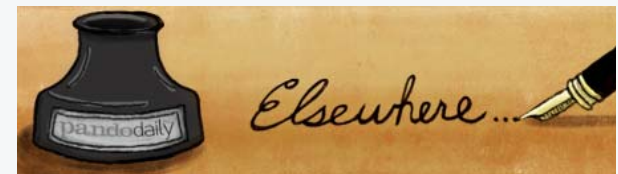
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Dots becomes s  
raises \$10M



Greycroft Partners and Tencent have led a \$10 million funding round in Dots, the division of Betaworks responsible for the viral game of the same name, which has been spun-out into its own company. Dots has "seen profitability" in the last six months, TechCrunch reports, but it wanted to raise these funds to continue its expansion. [Source: [TechCrunch](#)]

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