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i++) Greetings

i++) April Gives Comic Con Update

March 19th 2017 updated Comic Con Guest List

- Motor City Comic Con:
  - Barbara Eden (I Dream of Jeannie)
  - Kelly Lebrock (Weird Science)
  - Special Weird Science Reunion Photo Op \$100
  - Khary Payton (The Walking Dead King Ezekiel)

i++) Video Game News with Jason

- World of Warcraft
  - Pre-patch of 7.2 starting downloading from the looks of it even though it's still in PTR. I'm excited by the idea of a mythic keystone Karazhan.
  - Drape of Shame will be nerfed from 10% to 5% for it's crit heal bonus.
  - Un'Goro Madness is giving what looks like a 3 day buff to damage, movement and size while reducing damage taken. After 20 stacks you'll start getting an "Awesomeness" buff.
  - Magical damage seems to be throwing off the balance of tanks in Nighthold. Blizzard will be evaluating the situation for Tombs. Guardians kind of get a free anti-magic shell atm though Blizzard may be rethinking Mark of Ursol to fix this.
  - Windwalker monks doesn't seem to have their DPS scale with their weapon DPS and will be reevaluated.
- Sony is going to soon be stopping production of the PS3 after 10 years of production.
- Sony announces Horizon: Zero Dawn exceeds 2.6 million units during its first two weeks of launch. It's the best-selling new first-party IP launch on PS4 to date.
- Top 10 best selling games of February (Horizon: Zero Dawn was released late February before the cut-off date.

**Here's the top ten overall that month:**

- For Honor
- Resident Evil 7: Biohazard
- Grand Theft Auto 5
- NBA 2K17
- Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare
- Rainbow Six: Siege
- Madden NFL 17
- Battlefield 1
- Nioh
- Overwatch

**Top ten PS4 games**

- For Honor
- Resident Evil 7: Biohazard
- Grand Theft Auto 5
- Nioh
- NBA 2K17
- Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare
- Kingdom Hearts HD 2.8 Final Chapter Prologue
- Battlefield 1
- Madden NFL 17
- Rainbow Six: Siege

### **Top ten Xbox One games**

- For Honor
- Resident Evil 7: Biohazard
- Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare
- Grand Theft Auto 5
- NBA 2K17
- Halo Wars 2
- Rainbow Six: Siege
- Battlefield 1
- Madden NFL 17
- Overwatch

#### **i++) Chris Talks Entertainment News**

- Unboxes Dresden Files Cooperative Card Game
- Batman Rewrite
- Legion 2nd Season
- Netflix Iron Fist Releases
- Beauty and the Beast Smashes March Theatrical Releases

#### **i++) April's Talks D&D News**

- D&D Beyond!

#### **i++) Jason's Techy Talk**

- Google talk dropped an advertisement for Beauty and the Beast film in Google Home and Google Assistant. This is similar to Amazon's Alexa and Google response was "This isn't an ad; the beauty in the Assistant is that it invites our partners to be our guest and share their tales." Backlash was swift and Google responded quickly with "We're continuing to experiment with new ways to surface unique content for users and we could have done better in this case."
- US Army gets world's largest laser weapon system. A 58kW laser beam has been developed earlier this year. "We have shown that a powerful directed energy laser is now sufficiently light-weight, low volume and reliable enough to be deployed on tactical vehicles for defensive applications on land, at seas and in the air..." stated Robert Afzal, senior fellow for Lockheed's Laser and Sensor Systems.
- RedMonk identifies 2017's most popular languages

- JavaScript
- Java
- Python
- PHP
- Tied for 5th are C# and C++
- Tied for 7th are Ruby and CSS
- C
- Objective-C
- In 2015, a 27-year-old Daniel Boria tied over 100 helium balloons to a lawn chair and floated 2.5 miles above Calgary getting in the way of commercial aircraft and putting 100s lives at risk. Boria was ordered to pay \$26,500 CAN [\$18,822 USD] in fines when he was sentenced last Friday. The judge agreed that most of the fines should be donated to a charity of Boria's choice and Boria "said the stunt was worthwhile and he has no regrets."
- Researchers at Oxford believe they've invented an AI system that can lip-read better than humans. They trained it on 1,000s of hours of BBC News in collaboration with Google's DeepMind AI division. The system now recognizes 17,500 words and will keep learning as it watches TV.
- Netflix is replacing star ratings with Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down. This is because people are 200% more likely to rate a video if they just have to give a thumbs up/thumbs down than a star rating. They will also be introducing a new percent-match feature that shows how good of a match any given show or movie is for an individual subscriber.
- Nintendo Switch shipped with unpatched 6-month-old webkit vulnerability. This is located in the browser engine so just be sure you're browsing only safe websites to minimize the potential threat vectors or just not browse at all till Nintendo patches this which is the best idea.
- "Project Scorpio" gaming console will feature an internal power supply unit similar to the Xbox One S and a 4K game DVR and streaming at 60 FPS.

#### i++) April's Famous Birthdays

- 3/19 - Bruce Willis
- 3/20 - David Thewlis
- 3/20 - Freema Agyeman
- 3/21 - Gary Oldman
- 3/22 - William Shatner
- 3/22 - Andrew Lloyd Webber
- 3/23 - Amanda Plummer
- 3/24 - Jim Parsons
- 3/24 - Alyson Hannigan
- 3/25 - Lee Pace
- 3/25 - Richard O'Brien

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