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i++) Greetings

i++) Chris Talks Entertainment News

- Memorial day weekend worst since 1999
- 100 million opening for Wonder Woman
- Dan Aykroyd blasts Ghostbusters director Paul Feig
- Game of Thrones prequel spin-off plans
- Rick Moranis & Dave Thomas reunite for benefit show in July
- Hailee Steinfeld eyes Transformers spin-off Bumblebee

i++) Video Game News with Jason

- World of Warcraft
 - Developer Q&A - Lead Encounter Designer Morgan Day
 - Raiding has worked well this expansion
 - Mythic being 20 is working well
 - Nethershards item levels will not be changed in 7.2.5
 - Made a few points about raid such as they try to have both single and multi target encounters, look at DPS profiles, adding class specific abilities where it makes sense especially for Mythic where there's 20 people and you should have a mage or warlock, try to avoid making things more difficult once it's beat, may increase boss damage but decrease the healing needed to tweak the raid composition people bring.
 - Team is happy with Affixes in Mythic+ dungeons and no future plans to add affixes to make things more difficult. Adding more rewards in the future is something to consider.
 - Tomb of Sargeras - The team is using the environment a lot more in these encounters such as the Fallen Avatar fight. Breaking up the floor into pieces is challenging from a technical perspective. Keeping visual indicators consistent between encounters is something the team worked on.
 - Raid Design - Fight pacing where duration is often tied to the story being told. Gul'dan there was a lot of story to tell in the fight as well as giving mechanics time to breath resulting in a longer fight. Blackhand was a big orc that hit hard which was a short story. Mounts are compelling reward and transmog sets are nice rewards too.
 - Tomb of Sargeras opens June 20th!
- New Overwatch map coming called Horizon Lunar Colony which is a scientific base on the moon.
- Microsoft's Game Monitor is likely a system-wide anti-cheat/anti-piracy/DRM tool for Windows 10.
- Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang says Moore's Law is dead. Moore's Law reflects the observation in 1965 that transistors were shrinking so fast that every year twice as

many could fit onto the same surface of a semiconductor. In 1975 the pace shifted to a doubling every two years. "Semiconductor physics prevents us from taking Dennard scaling any further." Dennard scaling, also known as MOSFET scaling, is based on a 1974 paper that states roughly that transistors get smaller their power density stays constant so the power use stays in proportion with area.

- Nintendo Switch Online subscribers pushed to 2018. This service will have an ongoing access to a library of classic games with added online play. It's like a lot of the other online game libraries such as what EA and Playstation have done. Pricing for this is pretty awesome if they increase their game list. \$3.99/mo, \$7.99/3mo or \$19.99/yr. Mentioned games includes Super Mario Bros. 3, Dr. Mario and Balloon Fight.
- Playstation 3 production has ended after 3 years of the PS4 launch.

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i++) Jason's Techy Talk

- NASA will create fake red and green clouds near Virginia to study the auroras and ionosphere. They're just waiting for the right weather to launch this very unique experiment.
- Bitcoin exchange coinbase reportedly valued at \$1 billion. Over the last 5 months the price of bitcoins has tripled in value, \$892 in January up to \$2,561.
- A technology developed by Purdue researchers could provide an "instantly rechargeable" method that is safe, affordable and environmentally friendly for recharging electric and hybrid vehicle batteries through a quick and easy process similar to refueling a car at a gas station.
- Researchers have discovered a massive malware campaign, dubbed Fireball, that has already infected 250 million computers across the world, including Windows and Mac OS. The software was linked to the the Chinese company Rafotech which generates revenue by injecting advertisements onto browsers which could be maliciously used to cause significant cyber security problems worldwide.
- OneLogin says a breach exposed an ability to decrypt customer data. If you're are using this service you should go through and update your password for every available website contained within it.

i++) April's D&D News

- Stream of Annihilation
 - To announce the future release of The Tomb of Annihilation!
 - Full release date is September 19th 2017
 - Setting of Forgotten Realms : Chult , "the lost continent"
 - You will encounter dinosaurs, undead, yes, undead dinosaurs, a t-rex that spits out zombies, and some of the old creepier, weirder monsters from past editions.
- Plot of Tomb of Annihilation
 - June 2 & 3rd 2017
- Groups that ran adventures
 - Misscliiks - June 28th

- Dice, Camera, Action - Tuesdays
- Acquisitions Incorporated - C Team
- Force Grey
- Girls, Guts, Glory
- Critical Role
- High Rollers
- Dragon Friends
- New Meatgrinder rules
- New Release announcements and discussions on D&D Products:
- Betrayal at Baldur's Gate
- Neverwinter to create Tomb of Annihilation zone
- D&D Beyond
- Wizkids miniatures
- Roll20
- Fantasygrounds.com

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