

# MONDAY MORNING: SYNTHESIZED BRAIN

When you need a break this hectic Monday morning, take five minutes and watch ANA from Factory Fifteen. I'm intrigued by the props and set – how much is CGI, and how much is actual production line? What company allowed this production company access to their equipment?

Though snappy and visually engaging, the story's not realistic – yet. But much of the equipment on the production line is very close to that used in manufacturing today. And just as depicted in this short film, the weakest link is the human.

Worth keeping in mind this week as we plow deeper into the conflict at the intersection of humans and devices. Speaking of which...

## Apple-heavy week ahead

- Hearing in California tomorrow in front of Judge Sheri Pym over the San Bernardino's shooter's iPhone. Be sure to read Marcy's take on the hearing and witnesses.
- WLTX of Columbia SC posted a timeline of #AppleVsFBI events – unfortunately, it starts on February 16 with Judge Pym's order to Apple.
- NYT reported last week that Apple employees may quit if Apple is ordered to cooperate and write security-undermining code. But is this a deliverable in

itself? The article offered an incredible amount of detail about Apple's operations; if employees quit, any entities observing the technology company will know even more. Has this shakedown been designed to yield information about Apple's operations, while risking corporate and personal security?

- Apple will release information about new products today at a media event. The buzz may be less about the new products than the hearing tomorrow.
- An iPhone 6 bursting into flames during a flight to Hawaii didn't help Apple. One might wonder why this particular phone flamed out so spectacularly as it's a relatively new device.

#### HEADS UP TECH USERS

- Kindle users: Amazon is forcing a mandatory update across all its older Kindle reader devices. **Deadline: TOMORROW MARCH 22** – after that date, users will have to manually update devices and download books via PC and not over the internet.
- Tweetdeck users: Owner

Twitter will kill the Windows app on April 15th. After that time, Windows-based users will need to use a browser. Can't blame Twitter—it's ridiculously expensive to write and service so many apps when the same devices usually have a browser.

- Android users: 1) Protect your privacy and security by checking these settings; 2) Check this setting, stat, to prevent unauthorized access.
- Nexus users: Make sure you have the latest patch issued last week. All other Android users should nag their equipment makers for their version of the same patch.

**Before the machines complete their occupation of our world...**

- Nice read on law emerging with the rise of robots. Too bad none of them really incorporate Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics. (The Atlantic)
- Want to bet the overlords will argue workers should be paid less because they don't have to work as hard wearing an exoskeleton – like these at Panasonic? (By the way, DARPA, that's yet another

commercially-developed  
exoskeleton near release;  
where's yours/ours?)  
(Mashable)

- Artificial intelligence  
already pitted against  
humans by those bloody  
banksters. Watch this video  
and ask yourself if this guy  
from Global Capital  
Acquisitions realizes there  
are humans at the nodes of  
the investment network whose  
lives are affected by his  
blah-blah-blah-babbling  
about artificial  
intelligence. STG he could  
be a machine himself.  
(Bloomberg)
- Myths about AI busted –  
another solid read. Combined  
with the preceding Bloomberg  
bankster video it reinforces  
AI threat awareness.  
(Gizmodo)

After watching that video at Bloomberg, I think  
we're a lot closer to ANA than we realized.  
Watch your backs – Monday is certainly gaining  
on you, if robots aren't.