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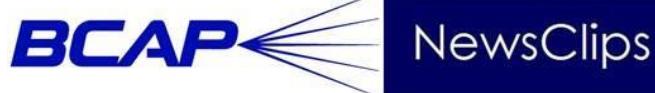


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The Hill
**Private lawsuits are
a necessary
expedient in privacy
legislation**

TVTechnology
**NAB: FCC
Regulatory Fees
Approach 'Unfair,'
'Unlawful'**

Vice President Mike Pence is visiting Butler County today to speak before business leaders. Mr. Pence will Oberg Industries in Buffalo Township, where he will give a talk following a round-table discussion on the economy and the nation's recovery from the coronavirus pandemic, according to America First Policies. He isn't visiting Beaver County, but it isn't surprising that the administration has chosen to kick off this tour in western Pennsylvania, said Jim Christiana, chairman of the Republican Committee of Beaver County.

"Once again, the Trump administration has shown that western Pennsylvania is a high priority for them," Christiana said. "Since 2015, the Trump administration has shown how important this region is to them. I'm confident that their commitment to this area will pay off in a big way for them this fall."

Associated Press
Web Inventor:
Closing Digital
Divide Must Be Top Priority

The group is hosting the policy event as part of a nationwide tour in support of the Trump re-election campaign.

The vice president was to land in Pittsburgh this morning. – ***Ellwood City Ledger, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette***

Axios
White House Chief Digital Officer departs to launch tech firm

Apple Inc. and YouTube each announced \$100 million initiatives Thursday to combat racism, with the iPhone maker pledging to invest in education and criminal-justice reform and the Google unit to amplify “the voices of black creators and artists.”

CNBC
Six years into reporting diversity, Big Tech has made little progress in hiring minorities

Apple’s effort will be led by head of public affairs and social policy Lisa Jackson, who ran the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during the Obama administration. She joined the company in 2013. “Things must change and Apple is committed to being a force for that change,” Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook said in a video on Twitter. The companies provided few details about the efforts. Apple declined to discuss its commitment beyond Mr. Cook’s video.

Politico
Feds comb Facebook to hunt down alleged rioters and looters

YouTube Chief Executive Susan Wojcicki said in a statement that her company’s initiative involves the creation of a multiyear fund to elevate racial-justice content on the platform. A spokeswoman said \$100 million is the sum of new initiatives that include a renewed effort to create black-focused videos, including paying individuals to make such content.

Fierce Wireless
Boost inventory suffers from Dish/T-Mobile rift—reports

YouTube has been steadily criticized for being slow to react to videos that espouse hateful views. The company said Thursday it would continue its efforts to scrub such content from its platform. Mr. Cook, who often quotes Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke about his experience growing up in Alabama during the civil-rights movement, when he learned the importance of people speaking up and doing what they could to make a “flawed society more perfect.”

Associated Press
No Crowd Noise To Drown Out PGA F-Bomb

The \$100 million investment is the first Apple has made for racial justice. In 2018, it committed \$300 million to a clean-energy fund in China to power operations of renewable energy for its suppliers. In 2017, it announced a \$1 billion investment in an advanced manufacturing fund focused on creating jobs in the U.S. Last year, Apple announced a \$2.5 billion initiative to combat a crisis in what it said was “housing availability and affordability” in California. Apple last year reported a profit of \$55 billion behind revenue of \$260 billion.

Philadelphia Inquirer
Ed Rendell just hosted his biggest fund-raiser ever: A Zoom call for Joe Biden

Mr. Cook said Apple’s Racial Equity and Justice Initiative will be modeled after the company’s work on environmental sustainability in recent years. He said the effort will extend Apple’s support of educational institutions such as historically black colleges and universities, while also investing in groups Apple hasn’t worked with previously, such as the Equal Justice Initiative, a criminal-justice-reform nonprofit.

USA Today
Biden and Trump both warn the other side may 'steal' the election, as the debate over mail voting rages

Apple will create a camp for black software developers to support entrepreneurial efforts to create apps and services. Mr. Cook said Apple also will aim to increase the number of black-owned suppliers providing components and materials for its operations. “This is a comprehensive effort governed by three principles: representation, inclusion and accountability,” he said. “Whether it is at Apple or anywhere in society, the burden of change must not fall on those who are underrepresented,” Mr. Cook said. “It falls heaviest on those in positions of power, leadership and influence to change structures for the greater good.” – ***Wall Street Journal***

Verizon’s 5G Home service re-entered expansion mode this week, as the company launched its fixed wireless broadband service in parts of Detroit, along with several free perks and add-ons for new customers who take the

plunge. The no-contract 5G Home service, which delivers speeds of about 300 Mbit/s, starts at \$50 per month for Verizon customers and \$70 per month for everybody else.

Among the perks being used to entice consumers to 5G Home, Verizon is pitching in a month of YouTube TV, a year of Disney+ and three months of Google Stadia (Google's new cloud gaming service) for no added cost. New customers can also get a free Stream TV device, a new Android TV-based, 4K-capable streaming product from Verizon that is also integrated with the Google Assistant platform and Chromecast "built-in," which enables users to cast video from the smartphone to the TV screen. Verizon sells Stream TV on a standalone basis for \$69.99 a month.

Detroit marks the sixth US market to get 5G Home, following its earlier debuts in Chicago, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Houston. Detroit also joins a growing list of markets that are using a new "enhanced" form of the product that's powered by the 5G-NR transmission standard that, among others things, supports a customer self-install model (Chicago, Indianapolis and Los Angeles are the others to implement the enhanced version of 5G Home). In other instances, Verizon is still using an implantation of 5G Home based on the company's proprietary 5GTF technology. Verizon is also working on higher-powered customer premises equipment for 5G Home that's expected to surface in the second half of 2020 and help to expand the coverage area supported by the fixed wireless service. That new CPE is not part of the initial 5G Home rollout in Detroit, an official confirmed.

Verizon, which expects to expand 5G Home to ten cities this year, has not disclosed subscriber numbers for a fixed wireless service that is delivered on millimeter wave spectrum. Verizon's longer-term plan is to deploy 5G Home to about 30 million US homes, a goal that could take at least five years to accomplish.

Starry, a startup that also uses millimeter wave signals for broadband service in markets such as Boston, is growing its subscriber base by about 10% per month, putting it on target to end the year with about 100,000 subs, according to a recent report from MoffettNathanson analyst Craig Moffett.

– *LightReading*

A "unity resolution" pitched by the leader of Pennsylvania's Republican Party to settle a battle brewing over a seat on the national committee before next month's summer meeting might instead spark the GOP's next squabble. Clout hears the Republican National Committee has been called in to mediate the terms before the July 10 meeting.

Talk about bad timing. The RNC is scrambling to coordinate a two-step presidential nominating convention for August, with a small gathering in Charlotte, N.C., followed by a larger confab in another state. That makes swing-state Pennsylvania, vital to President Donald Trump's bid for a second term, yet another headache for the national party.

Lawrence Tabas, chairman of the state's Republican Party, announced in a May 27 email to committee members the resolution to halt a battle over the RNC seat, held since 1998 by Bob Asher of Montgomery County. Asher, seeking another four-year term, was being challenged by state party Secretary Andy Reilly of Delaware County.

The deal: Asher gets reelected but steps down at the party's Winter Meeting in February 2021 so Reilly can serve the bulk of the term. Tabas, in his email, said the deal "allows for a peaceful transition" in "a critical election year." U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey, a likely contender for the Republican nomination for governor in 2022, endorsed the deal in his own email to state committee members, writing last Friday, "This is not the time for disunion in our nation and certainly not in our State Party."

The problem: Clout hears Tabas oversold the solution, because it violates RNC rules. The state party can vote on a non-binding resolution to support Reilly's bid to finish Asher's term, but can't formally elect him as an RNC member-in-waiting next month. Reilly, who has Tabas' backing, told Clout he thought the deal was done. "It was always structured to be like a one-stop shop, that there would be a vote that would have a binding impact," he said. Asher has declined to comment on internal matters, saying Thursday, "I am solely focused on winning the election this November."

Tabas, in a statement Thursday, said his unity resolution does not violate RNC rules, and praised Asher and Reilly "for putting the president, our party and our candidates' interests above their own." Tabas also said the RNC had urged him to get involved and he is "confident the president is counting on this unity resolution."

The state Republican Party, [as Clout reported last month](#), was already on the outs with the RNC and Trump's campaign, which "walked away" earlier this year to set up its own election effort in Pennsylvania.

Quotes of the Week: "Jimmy, you worked for me for decades and yet every day you never cease to amaze me. You fought for this statue to be at that very location. How hypocritical of you now to remove it saying that it 'represented bigotry, hatred and oppression for too many people, for too long...' Wow, did I miss something, did that just happen or were the feelings towards Rizzo the same back when YOU championed this very same statue?" (Former State Sen. Vince Fumo, in [a long Facebook rant](#) last week after Mayor Jim Kenney had the controversial statue of former Mayor Frank L. Rizzo removed overnight from the front of the Municipal Services Building amid Black Lives Matter protests.)

"Mayor Kenney is far too busy doing his job and working to address the real issues facing our city to respond to the rambling Facebook comments of someone as irrelevant as Vince Fumo." (Deana Gamble, spokesperson for Kenney, who worked his way up from Fumo's state Senate staff.) – **Chris Brennan's "Clout" column in Philadelphia Daily News**

