

## Daily Curriculum – May 20

**Media Literacy Question of the Day:**

What information would you need to gather to make a case for or against a proposed corporate merger?

**Key Concepts:** Identify or explain these subjects you heard about in today's show:

1. cybercrime
2. paleontologist
3. media consolidation

**Fast Facts:** How well were you listening to today's program?

1. What is creepware? According to the video, how many people may have been victims of this malware? What crimes may have been committed using Blackshades creepware? How have authorities around the world responded to these crimes?
2. According to the video, why has the U.S. military drawn up a document for dealing with a zombie apocalypse? In what ways will this be a teaching tool?
3. What is the world's largest land animal? How does its size compare to that of a titanosaur? In what country have scientists unearthed the fossilized bones of a newly-identified species of titanosaur? What do they say about this dinosaur?
4. What government agency regulates communications in the U.S., including cable, satellite, and TV? According to the video: What pending media merger will this agency and the Department of Justice soon review? What is the concern behind this latest merger for consumers? What upside do AT&T and DirecTV say the merger will have for consumers? What is the role of the Department of Justice and the FCC in reviewing this proposed deal?
5. How much has the U.S. spent on space exploration since 1959? How many astronauts have lost their lives on missions? What is Morpheus? What advantages does it offer to NASA's space program? What kind of fuel does it use? Why is this significant? What setbacks has Morpheus had?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you know about malware? What advice might you give to friends or relatives to avoid becoming victims of different kinds of malware?
2. What factors might prompt a company to seek a merger with another? In general, when might a merger be good for consumers? When might a merger present problems for consumers?
3. Would you like to see federal regulators approve or reject the AT&T-DirecTV merger? Why?