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Whether you're into bike races, robotics, Norse giants, or all of the above, we guarantee you'll have a grand adventure exploring projects this week. Check 'em out!

 [The Banner Saga](#)

The Banner Saga

by Stoic

 Category Video Games

 Location Austin, TX

Animated adventures

After spending half a decade working together on *Star Wars: The Old Republic*, three ambitious game designers have formed their own studio to make the games they've always wanted to play. Their inaugural title, *The Banner Saga*, combines elements of classic RPGs with turn-based strategy, all wrapped up in a gorgeously animated mini-series about vikings and the end of the world. Sounds like a dream come true — we just need to survive it!

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The Commentator

by Brendt

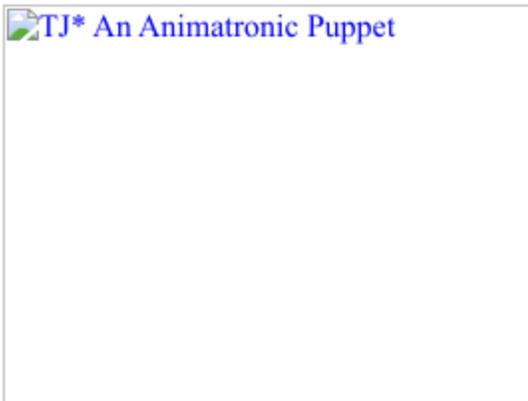
 Category Documentary

 Location New York, NY

Something to talk about

In 1976, the Danish filmmaker Jorgen Leth electrified the world with his genre-defining documentary on the Paris–Roubaix cycling race, *A Sunday in Hell*. He now comments on the race professionally for television, lending his wit and expertise to thousands of viewers every year, so it seems about time that the lens was turned back on him. *The Commentator*, filmed by Albert Maysles and scored by Blonde Redhead, will be a love-letter-as-documentary to the man and his life's work.

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TJ* An Animatronic Puppet

by Jeff Kessler

 Category Technology

 Location Palo Alto, CA

Artificial intelligence

Technically speaking, TJ* is a miniature fiberboard skull and robotic puppet. But in reality, he could be your new best friend! His Arduino-based remote-control system allows for live control, or you can write your own software to make him do all sorts of cool things — like mouth a monologue from your favorite film, have a conversation with your friends, or simply keep an "eye" out. He's also available in a whole bunch of cool colors, so you can dress him up however you like. The only limit? Your imagination!

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