02/26/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: TIKTOK TO PAY $92M IN PRIVACY LAWSUIT
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM ACCUSED OF ILLEGALLY COLLECTING AND SHARING MINORS' PERSONAL DATA
TIKTOK HAS AGREED TO PAY $92 MILLION TO SETTLE A CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT OVER PRIVACY VIOLATION CLAIMS.
THE SETTLEMENT COVERS COMPLAINTS THAT THE APP ILLEGALLY COLLECTED PERSONAL DATA FROM MINORS AND SHARED IT WITH ADVERTISERS.
AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT, TIKTOK AGREES NOT TO MONITOR USERS' LOCATIONS OR RECORD THEIR BIOMETRIC INFORMATION SUCH AS FACIAL FEATURES.
THE PLATFORM HAS ALSO AGREED TO STOP SENDING USER DATA ABROAD.
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HEADLINE: FCC APPROVES EMERGENCY INTERNET SUBSIDIES
HEADLINE 2: AGENCY WILL OFFER $50 A MONTH TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS FOR INTERNET ACCESS
THE FCC HAS APPROVED AN EMERGENCY SUBSIDY FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS TO GET ACCESS TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET.
THE PROGRAM WILL OFFER UP TO $50 PER MONTH TO ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS FOR BROADBAND SERVICE. FOR HOUSEHOLDS ON NATIVE AMERICAN LANDS, THE SUBSIDY WILL BE $75 PER MONTH.
THE PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDES A ONE-TIME DISCOUNT OF $100 ON A TABLET OR COMPUTER.
THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN WITHIN 60 DAYS.
THE FCC STILL NEEDS TO REGISTER INTERNET PROVIDERS AND SET UP A PROGRAM TO APPROVE APPLICANTS.
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02/25/2021

HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: ZOOM ADDS CAPTION SUPPORT FOR FREE USERS
HEADLINE 2: VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORM EXPANDS CLOSED CAPTIONING FEATURE
AUTOMATIC CLOSED CAPTIONING IS COMING TO FREE ZOOM ACCOUNTS.
CURRENTLY THE VIDEOCONFERENCING PLATFORM ONLY OFFERS AUTOMATIC CLOSED CAPTIONING FOR PAID USERS.
LIVE TRANSCRIPTION WILL BE WIDELY INTRODUCED IN THE FALL THOUGH YOU CAN GET IT EARLIER BY REQUEST.
ZOOM JOINS MICROSOFT TEAMS AND GOOGLE MEET IN PROVIDING FREE LIVE CAPTIONS.
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HEADLINE: TARGET TO OPEN MINI APPLE SHOPS
HEADLINE 2: SHOPS WILL EXPAND OFFERINGS OF IPHONES, OTHER APPLE PRODUCTS
TARGET SAYS IT IS LAUNCHING MINI *APPLE SHOPS IN 17 STORES THIS MONTH WITH PLANS TO ADD MORE IN THE FALL.
THE MOVE EXPANDS TARGET'S OFFERINGS OF IPHONES, IPADS, APPLE WATCHES AND AIRPODS.
THIS COMES THREE MONTHS AFTER TARGET ANNOUNCED IT WILL HOST ULTA BEAUTY SHOPS…
ALL PART OF THE RETAILER'S ONE-STOP EFFORT TO KEEP CUSTOMERS IN ITS STORES.
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02/24/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: YOUTUBE TESTS NEW PARENTAL CONTROL TOOLS
HEADLINE 2: PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE 3 LEVELS FOR TWEENS, TEENS

YOUTUBE SAYS IT IS WORKING ON NEW PARENTAL CONTROL TOOLS FOR TWEENS AND TEENS WHO ARE TOO OLD FOR ITS “YOUTUBE KIDS” PLATFORM.
PARENTS CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN THREE SETTINGS BASED ON AGE.
ACCESSIBLE CONTENT WILL INCLUDE EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS, GAMES, MUSIC CLIPS AND NEWS.
PARENTS AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS WERE CONSULTED IN CREATING THE SETTINGS.
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HEADLINE: NEARLY 30K MACS INFECTED BY MALWARE
HEADLINE 2: GOAL OF MALWARE DUBBED “SILVER SPARROW” UNCERTAIN
A NEW REPORT FINDS THAT A MYSTERIOUS MALWARE HAS INFECTED NEARLY 30,000 MACS WORLDWIDE.
THAT’S ACCORDING TO CYBERSECURITY FIRM RED CANARY.
RESEARCHERS SAY IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT THE GOAL IS OF THE MALWARE... DUBBED “SLIVER SPARROW.”
APPLE SAYS IT HAS RESCINDED THE DEVELOPER CERTIFICATES USED BY THE MALWARE TO PREVENT ANY FUTURE INFECTIONS.
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02/23/2021
HI I’M NEWSY’S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: SPOTIFY LAUNCHES “SPOTIFY HIFI”
HEADLINE 2: SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE OFFERS HIGHER-QUALITY SOUND
SPOTIFY IS LAUNCHING A NEW SUBSCRIPTION TIER FEATURING HIGHER-QUALITY SOUND.

THE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE'S "SPOTIFY HIFI" WILL LET USERS LISTEN TO MUSIC IN THE CD-QUALITY "LOSSLESS" FORMAT.
THE NEW SERVICE WILL WORK ACROSS DEVICES, INCLUDING SPOTIFY CONNECT-ENABLED SPEAKERS.
NO WORD YET ON PRICING.
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HEADLINE: TIKTOK HELPS USERS WITH EATING DISORDERS
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM WILL CONNECT USERS TO A HOTLINE TO FIND INFO ABOUT TREATMENT OPTIONS
TIKTOK HAS ADDED NEW RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING EATING DISORDERS OR A NEGATIVE BODY IMAGE.
USERS WHO SEARCH FOR TERMS LIKE "EATING DISORDER" WILL BE DIRECTED TO A HOTLINE WHERE THEY CAN FIND HELP AND INFORMATION ABOUT TREATMENT OPTIONS.
TIKTOK SAYS IT WILL PROVIDE TIPS DEVELOPED WITH THE NATIONAL EATING DISORDER ASSOCIATION ON HOW TO IDENTIFY NEGATIVE SELF-TALK AND HOW TO SUPPORT A FRIEND WHO MAY BE STRUGGLING.
OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS LIKE INSTAGRAM HAVE ANNOUNCED A SIMILAR INITIATIVES.
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02/22/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: GOOGLE LIFTS POLITICAL AD BAN
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY WILL ALLOW ADVERTISERS TO RUN POLITICAL ADS ON ITS PLATFORM
GOOGLE IS RESUMING POLITICAL ADS ON ITS PLATFORM STARTING WEDNESDAY.
HOWEVER, THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL CONTINUE TO PROHIBIT FALSE INFORMATION THAT COULD UNDERMINE TRUST IN ELECTIONS OR IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

GOOGLE HAD PAUSED POLITICAL ADS AFTER THE 2020 ELECTIONS AND THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL LAST MONTH TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF MISINFORMATION. SOME ADVERTISERS REPORTEDLY HAD SWITCHED TO OTHER DIGITAL PLATFORMS SUCH AS SMART TVS.
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HEADLINE: NETFLIX LAUNCHES “DOWNLOADS FOR YOU”
HEADLINE 2: FEATURE WILL DOWNLOAD RECOMMENDED CONTENT BASED ON USER INTERESTS

NETFLIX IS LAUNCHING A NEW FEATURE THAT LETS USERS WATCH ON THE GO EVEN FURTHER.
CALLED “DOWNLOADS FOR YOU,” THE FEATURE WILL AUTOMATICALLY DOWNLOAD RECOMMENDED SHOWS AND MOVIES TO SMARTPHONES BASED ON USER INTERESTS.
NETFLIX SAYS THE DOWNLOADS WILL ONLY OCCUR WHEN CONNECTED TO WI-FI.
“DOWNLOAD FOR YOU” IS AVAILABLE FOR ANDROID DEVICES AND NETFLIX WILL SOON TEST IT ON IOS DEVICES.
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02/19/2021
HI I’M NEWSY’S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: MICROSOFT TO LAUNCH OFFICE 2021
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY WILL SUPPORT ONE-TIME-PURCHASE SOFTWARE FOR 5 YEARS

MICROSOFT SAYS IT WILL RELEASE TWO VERSIONS OF OFFICE 2021 FOR PERSONAL AND BUSINESS USE LATER THIS YEAR.
LIKE OFFICE 2019, THE NEW SOFTWARE IS MEANT FOR USERS WHO WANT TO BUY IT ONCE INSTEAD OF PAYING FOR AN OFFICE 365 SUBSCRIPTION. MICROSOFT SAYS IT WILL SUPPORT OFFICE 2021 FOR FIVE YEARS, AND IT'LL BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH MAC AND P.C.
MORE DETAILS ABOUT FEATURES WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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HEADLINE: UBER EXTENDS WORK-FROM-HOME POLICY
HEADLINE 2: EMPLOYEES CAN WORK REMOTELY THROUGH MID-SEPTEMBER
UBER HAS EXTENDED ITS WORK-FROM-HOME POLICY BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
ACCORDING TO TECHCRUNCH, THE COMPANY TOLD EMPLOYEES THEY CAN CONTINUE WORKING REMOTELY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13TH. LAST SUMMER, THE COMPANY TOLD EMPLOYEES TO PLAN TO WORK FROM HOME UNTIL THIS JUNE.
UBER SAYS IT WON'T FORCE ANYONE TO RETURN TO THE OFFICE IF THEY HAVE MEDICAL CONCERNS. IT'S ENCOURAGING EMPLOYEES TO GET VACCINATED WHEN THEY CAN AND SAYS THEY CAN TAKE TIME OFF TO GET THE SHOT.
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02/18/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK EXPANDS CLIMATE CHANGE CENTER
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM WILL DEBUNK COMMON MYTHS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE
FACEBOOK SAYS IT IS FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE...IN ITS OWN WAY...BY EXPANDING EFFORTS TO COMBAT MISINFORMATION.
THE COMPANY WILL ADD A SECTION TO ITS CLIMATE SCIENCE INFORMATION CENTER CONTAINING ACCURATE FACTS TO DEBUNK COMMON MYTHS.
UNIVERSITY EXPERTS WILL HELP IDENTIFY MISINFORMATION ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING.
IN THE U.K., FACEBOOK WILL ALSO ADD INFORMATION LABELS TO POSTS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE.
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HEADLINE: ZILLOW TOUTS BETTER 3D TOURS

HEADLINE 2: FEATURE GENERATES HOME FLOOR PLAN USING PHOTOS, AI
ZILLOW SURFERS HAVE A NEW REASON TO LOVE THEIR FAVORITE PASTTIME...A
A NEW FEATURE FOR ITS 3D HOME APP THAT PROMISES MORE IMMERSIVE TOURS.
PROFESSIONALLY SHOT PHOTOS OF A HOUSE OR CONDO AND A 360-DEGREE CAMERA ALLOWS USERS TO VIRTUALLY WANDER THROUGH HOMES IN MORE DETAIL.
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WILL GENERATE FLOOR PLANS THAT GIVE WOULD-BE BUYERS WHAT ZILLOW CALLS A BETTER SENSE OF SPACE.
THE FEATURE IS AVAILABLE IN 25 MARKETS WITH MORE COMING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
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02/17/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: AMAZON LAUNCHES "BUILT IT"
HEADLINE 2: USERS TO VOTE FOR THE NEXT DEVICE TO BE BUILT
AMAZON IS LAUNCHING A NEW PROGRAM CALLED "BUILD IT" THAT LETS USERS DECIDE ITS NEXT DEVICE.
HERE'S HOW IT WORKS.
AMAZON WILL WILL PRESENT THREE CONCEPTS AND USERS WILL VOTE BY PREORDERING THEM.
THE CHOICES ARE...A STICKY NOTE PRINTER...AN ALEXA-SUPPORTED NUTRITION SCALE...AND A HIGH-TECH CUCKOO CLOCK.
IF A CONCEPT REACHES A PREORDER GOAL IN 30 DAYS, AMAZON WILL BUILD IT, SEND IT, AND CHARGE FOR IT.
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https://www.cnbc.com/2021/02/17/amazons-build-it-program-includes-cuckoo-clock-smart-scale-and-printer.html

HEADLINE: GOOGLE DEBUTS PARKING PAYMENT FEATURE
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN PAY FOR PUBLIC PARKING IN GOOGLE MAPS APP
NO MORE FUMBLING FOR COINS OR YOUR CREDIT CARD…
GOOGLE MAPS WILL LET MOTORISTS PAY FOR PARKING WITH ITS APP.

THROUGH A “PAY FOR PARKING” BUTTON, USERS ENTER A METER NUMBER AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME THEY WANT TO PARK.
THE FEATURE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MORE THAN 400 U.S. CITIES, INCLUDING BOSTON, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON, D.C.
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02/16/2021
HI I’M NEWSY’S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: REVEL TO OFFER E-BIKE SUBSCRIPTIONS
HEADLINE 2: MONTHLY E-BIKE RENTALS COST $99 A MONTH IN NEW YORK CITY
ELECTRIC MOPED STARTUP REVEL IS JOINING THE TWO-WHEEL SUBSCRIPTION COMPETITION.
NEW YORK CITY CUSTOMERS CAN RENT AN E-BIKE FOR $99 A MONTH INCLUDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE..
REVEL CUSTOMERS WILL ALSO GET TRAINING ON BIKE LAWS AND SAFETY.
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL NOTES THAT REVEL IS JOINING E-BIKE COMPANIES BEYOND AND ZYGG IN LEASING TO THOSE WHO WANT TO RIDE WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF MAINTENANCE.
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HEADLINE: PARLER IS BACK ONLINE
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM PLEDGES TO REMOVE CONTENT THAT INCITES OR THREATENS VIOLENCE
THE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM PARLER IS BACK ONLINE AFTER A MONTH-LONG ABSENCE.

THE TWITTER-LIKE PLATFORM IS NOW HOSTED BY SKYSILK AND SAYS IT WILL USE ALGORITHMS AND HUMAN MODERATORS TO REMOVE POSTS THAT INCITE OR THREATEN VIOLENCE.
PARLER SAYS A TROLLING FILTER WILL BE USED TO DETECT ATTACKS BASED ON RACE, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR RELIGION.
AMAZON WEB SERVICES DROPPED THE PLATFORM IN JANUARY AFTER IT BECAME POPULAR WITH EXTREMISTS.
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02/15/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: AMAZON DEFENDS DRIVER MONITORING
HEADLINE 2: CAMERAS, APP USED TO EVALUATE DRIVER SAFETY
AMAZON IS TAKING HEAT FOR A NEW PROGRAM THAT USES CAMERAS IN DELIVERY TRUCKS TO WATCH CONTRACT WORKERS.
BUT THE COMPANY SAYS IT HAS USED AN APP FOR YEARS TO MONITOR AND TRACK ITS DELIVERY DRIVERS.
CALLED "MENTOR," THE APP CONTINUOUSLY TRACKS DRIVER LOCATIONS AND GENERATES A DAILY SCORE TO EVALUATE PERFORMANCE.
HOWEVER, SOME DRIVERS HAVE COMPLAINED THE APP CAN GIVE FALSE SIGNALS ON SUCH MEASUREMENTS AS DISTRACTED DRIVING.
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HEADLINE: MERCEDES-BENZ RECALLS 1.2M VEHICLES
HEADLINE 2: SOFTWARE GLITCH MAY SEND EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE WRONG LOCATION
MERCEDES-BENZ IS RECALLING 1.29 MILLION VEHICLES OVER AN ISSUE THAT MIGHT SEND EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE WRONG LOCATION AFTER AN ACCIDENT.
MERCEDES CITED A SOFTWARE GLITCH WITH ITS EMERGENCY SERVICES SYSTEM IN ANNOUNCING THE RECALL.
SEVERAL VEHICLE MODELS MADE BETWEEN 2016 AND THIS YEAR ARE COVERED.
THE AUTOMAKER PLANS TO ISSUE A SOFTWARE UPDATE INSTALLED BY DEALERS OR OVER-THE-AIR.
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02/12/2021

HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: SPOTIFY LAUNCHES NEW REMOTE-WORK POLICY

HEADLINE 2: EMPLOYEES CAN CHOOSE IF THEY WANT TO WORK FROM THE OFFICE, AT HOME OR BOTH

SPOTIFY SAYS IT WILL LET ITS EMPLOYEES SELECT A FLEXIBLE WORK MODEL AFTER THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IS OVER.

CALLED "WORK FROM ANYWHERE," EMPLOYEES CAN CHOOSE IF THEY WANT TO WORK FULL TIME FROM THE OFFICE, AT HOME, OR A COMBINATION OF THE TWO.

EMPLOYEES WILL ALSO HAVE MORE LATITUDE TO CHOOSE THE COUNTRY AND CITY WHERE THEY WANT TO WORK.

SPOTIFY SAYS THE GOAL IS FOR EMPLOYEES TO HAVE A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN FOCUS, COLLABORATE, AND CREATE.

THIS COMES AFTER SALESFORCE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A SIMILAR OPTION.

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HEADLINE: TWITTER TO LABEL OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS

HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM WILL ADD A LABEL FOR PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF HEADS OF STATE IN 16 COUNTRIES

TWITTER PLANS TO LABEL MORE GOVERNMENT-AFFILIATED ACCOUNTS ON ITS PLATFORM.

STARTING FEBRUARY 17TH, THE COMPANY WILL ADD A LABEL ON THE PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF HEADS OF STATE IN 16 ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES. THAT'S ON TOP OF EXISTING LABELS FOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE U.S., RUSSIA, CHINA AND THE U.K.

IT SAYS THE NEXT STEP WILL BE LABELING STATE-AFFILIATED MEDIA.

TWITTER SAYS IT HOPES THIS WILL PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY ABOUT THE CONTENT USERS SEE ONLINE.

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02/11/2021

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HEADLINE: INSTAGRAM STRENGTHENS HATE SPEECH POLICY
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM TO DISABLE ACCOUNTS OF REPEAT OFFENDERS

INSTAGRAM IS TAKING TOUGHER ACTION ON HATE SPEECH ON ITS PLATFORM.
USERS WHO REPEATEDLY HARASS OTHERS IN DIRECT MESSAGES WILL SEE THEIR INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS PERMANENTLY SHUT DOWN.
FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS COULD SEE THEIR ACCOUNTS SUSPENDED FOR AN UNDISCLOSED PERIOD OF TIME.
THE CRACKDOWN COMES AFTER SOCCER PLAYERS IN THE U.K. WERE SUBJECTED TO RACIST ABUSE ON INSTAGRAM FOLLOWING MATCHES.
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HEADLINE: APPLE MAPS LAUNCHES TRAFFIC REPORTING
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN REPORT ACCIDENTS, ROAD HAZARDS AND SPEED TRAPS

APPLE MAPS HAS ADDED A NEW REAL-TIME TRAFFIC REPORTING FEATURE FOR IOS DEVICES.
THE NEW FEATURE LETS USERS REPORT ACCIDENTS, ROAD HAZARDS, AND SPEED TRAPS THROUGH SIRI AND APPLE CARPLAY ON SMARTPHONES.
DRIVERS CAN ALSO SWIPE ON A MAP TO MARK LOCATIONS OF ROAD INCIDENTS.
THE FEATURE IS SEEN AS APPLE MAP'S CHALLENGE TO GOOGLE'S POPULAR WAZE NAVIGATION APP.
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HEADLINE: FREE RIDES FOR VACCINATIONS

HEADLINE 2: UBER, WALGREENS PROJECT OFFERS RIDES IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

UBER HAS PARTNERED WITH WALGREENS TO OFFER FREE RIDES FOR PEOPLE TO GET THE CORONAVIRUS VACCINE.

THE FREE RIDES TO WALGREENS STORES AND OFFSITE VACCINATION CLINICS ARE FOR PEOPLE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN CHICAGO, ATLANTA, HOUSTON, AND EL PASO, TEXAS WITH PLANS TO EXPAND MORE CITIES.

UBER VOWS TO PROVIDE UP TO 10 MILLION FREE OR DISCOUNTED RIDES FOR VACCINATIONS.

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https://thehill.com/policy/technology/538195-facebook-to-test-ways-to-reduce-political-content?rl=1
https://www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/uber-walgreens-team-up-to-get-people-to-covid-19-vaccine-appointments/

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TEST CUTS SOME POLITICAL CONTENT

HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS OF TOO MUCH POLITICS IN NEWS FEEDS

FACEBOOK SAYS IT WILL REDUCE POLITICAL CONTENT IN SOME NEWS FEEDS AS PART OF A TEST.

THE COMPANY EXPLAINED IT IS RESPONDING TO USERS WHO SAY THEY DON'T WANT POLITICAL CONTENT TO TAKE OVER THEIR NEWS FEED.

UNDER THE TEST, POLITICAL CONTENT WILL BE REDUCED FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF USERS IN CANADA, BRAZIL, AND INDONESIA THIS WEEK AND THEN IN THE U.S. IN THE COMING WEEKS.

POLITICAL NEWS MAKES UP ABOUT 6 PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE NEWSFEED.

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02/09/2021

HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: SNAPCHAT LAUNCHES "FRIEND CHECK UP"

HEADLINE 2: FEATURE PROMPTS USERS TO CHECK THEIR FRIEND LIST

SNAPCHAT IS INTRODUCING A NEW FEATURE THAT PROMPTS USERS TO REVIEW THEIR CONNECTIONS...AND ALLOWS THEM TO DUMP THOSE THEY NO LONGER WANT.

CALLED "FRIEND CHECK UP," IT WAS UNVEILED ON "SAFER INTERNET DAY."

THE COMPANY SAYS THIS SUPPORTS THE IDEA THAT SNAPCHAT IS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH PEOPLE WHO "MATTER MOST."

"FRIEND CHECK UP" WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ANDROID DEVICES IN THE COMING WEEKS AND ON IOS DEVICES IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

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HEADLINE: SHOPIFY EXPANDS "SHOP PAY"

HEADLINE 2: PAYMENT OPTION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM

SHOPIFY SAYS IT HAS EXPANDED ITS PAYMENT OPTION TO FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM.

USERS WILL SEE THE OPTION "SHOP PAY" TO COMPLETE PURCHASES, USE PAYPAL OR TO ENTER CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD INFORMATION.

CUSTOMERS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO TRACK ORDERS AND ACCESS CARBON OFFSETS.

SHOP PAY IS NOW AVAILABLE ON INSTAGRAM IN THE U.S. AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK IN A FEW WEEKS.

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02/08/2021

HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: TESLA BUYS $1.5B IN BITCOIN
HEADLINE 2: AUTOMAKER SAYS IT WILL ACCEPT BITCOIN AS PAYMENT
TESLA SAYS IT HAS PURCHASED $1.5 BILLION IN THE BITCOIN CRYPTOCURRENCY.
THE ELECTRIC AUTOMAKER SAID IT WILL ACCEPT BITCOIN AS PAYMENT FOR ITS PRODUCTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
TESLA SAYS THE INVESTMENT WILL GIVE IT MORE FLEXIBILITY TO FURTHER DIVERSIFY.
COMPANY CEO ELON MUSK HAS BEEN A BIG BACKER OF THE CURRENCY AND THE TESLA PURCHASE CAUSED BITCOIN PRICES TO JUMP 10 PERCENT.
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HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TO EXPAND FALSE COVID BAN
HEADLINE 2: REPEATEDLY POSTING DEBUNKED VACCINE THEORIES COULD BRING SUSPENSION
FACEBOOK SAYS IT IS EXPANDING THE LIST OF FALSE CLAIMS ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS THAT WILL BE REMOVED FROM ITS SITE AND INSTAGRAM.
AMONG THOSE BANNED...FALSE CLAIMS THAT THE VIRUS IS MAN-MADE… AND THAT THE VACCINES ARE NOT EFFECTIVE.
ALSO BANNED ARE CLAIMS THAT THE SHOTS ARE TOXIC, DANGEROUS, OR CAUSE AUTISM.
FACEBOOK SAYS USERS WHO REPEATEDLY POST SUCH DEBUNKED INFORMATION COULD SEE THEIR PAGES TAKEN AWAY.
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02/05/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: GOOGLE FIT TO LAUNCH WELLNESS FEATURE
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN MONITOR HEART, RESPIRATORY RATES WITH PHONE CAMERA

GOOGLE FIT IS LAUNCHING SOME NEW HEALTH AND WELLNESS FEATURES FOR PIXEL PHONES.
STARTING NEXT MONTH, USERS WILL BE ABLE TO MONITOR THEIR HEART AND RESPIRATORY RATES USING THE SMARTPHONE'S CAMERA.
USERS CAN SAVE HEART AND RESPIRATORY DATA IN THE APP TO MONITOR TRENDS OVER TIME, ALONG WITH OTHER INFORMATION.
THE COMPANY SAYS SAVING THAT INFORMATION IS OPTIONAL AND THAT IT WON'T USE THE DATA FOR TARGETED ADS.
THE FEATURE WILL BE EXPANDED TO OTHER ANDROID PHONES.
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HEADLINE: FTC ISSUES WARNING ON VACCINATION CARDS
HEADLINE 2: VACCINATION CARD SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS CAN HELP IDENTITY THIEVES
THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION IS WARNING AMERICANS NOT TO POST PHOTOS OF THEIR CORONAVIRUS VACCINATION CARDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
THE AGENCY SAYS THE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE CARDS, LIKE NAMES, BIRTHDAYS, AND WHERE AND WHEN PEOPLE GOT THE VACCINE, CAN HELP SOMEONE COMMIT IDENTITY THEFT.
CRIMINALS CAN USE THAT INFO TO OPEN NEW FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OR CLAIM SOMEONE ELSE'S TAX RETURNS.
THE FTC SAYS IF YOU WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR SHOT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, IT'S SAFER TO SHARE A PHOTO OF A BANDAGE OR A VACCINATION STICKER.
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02/04/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: AMAZON TO USE CAMERAS IN DELIVERY VANS
HEADLINE 2: AI-POWERED CAMERAS TO MONITOR DRIVER SAFETY
AMAZON IS INSTALLING CAMERAS IN ITS DELIVERY VANS TO MONITOR DRIVERS.
THE CAMERA DEVELOPED BY NETRADYNE WILL USE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO DRIVERS AND REVIEW PERFORMANCE DURING SHIFTS.

THE DEVICE WILL CONTINUOUSLY RECORD AND IF A SAFETY ISSUE IS TRIGGERED..., SUCH AS SPEEDING, DISTRACTED DRIVING, OR RUNNING A STOP SIGN...FOOTAGE WILL BE UPLOADED.
AMAZON SAYS THE TECHNOLOGY WILL PROVIDE DRIVERS REAL-TIME ALERTS TO HELP THEM STAY SAFE WHEN ON THE ROAD.
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HEADLINE: YOUTUBE ENDING SUPPORT FOR SOME APPLE TVS
HEADLINE 2: OLDER 3RD GENERATION TVS WILL REQUIRE AIRPLAY
YOUTUBE IS ENDING SUPPORT FOR OLDER APPLE TV MODELS.
STARTING IN EARLY MARCH, THE YOUTUBE APP WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE ON THIRD-GENERATION APPLE TV MODELS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 2012.
TO VIEW CONTENT ON THESE OLDER MODELS, USERS WILL NEED TO USE THE AIRPLAY SHARING FEATURE WITH IPHONES, IPADS OR MACS.
THE CHANGE DOES NOT EFFECT THE FOURTH AND FIFTH GENERATION APPLE TVS SOLD TODAY.
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02/03/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: ZOOM ADDS NEW OFFICE FEATURES
HEADLINE 2: VIRTUAL RECEPTIONIST PROVIDES CONTACTLESS ENTRY FOR GUESTS
ZOOM IS PREPARING FOR A POST-COVID WORLD...WITH SOME NEW FEATURES FOR WORKERS RETURNING TO THE OFFICE.
THE PLATFORM WILL OFFER A VIRTUAL RECEPTIONIST WHERE CUSTOMERS CAN SET UP A CONTACTLESS ENTRY FOR OFFICE GUESTS.
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO PAIR THEIR ZOOM ROOM WITH THEIR MOBILE DEVICE TO EASILY JOIN MEETINGS FROM THEIR PHONES.
ZOOM IS TRYING TO MAINTAIN THEIR ENORMOUS GROWTH BUILT DURING WORK-AT-HOME RESTRICTIONS.
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HEADLINE: INSTAGRAM LAUNCHES "RECENTLY DELETED"
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN RESTORE RECENTLY DELETED CONTENT LIKE PHOTOS, VIDEOS
EVER GET RID OF SOMETHING FROM INSTAGRAM YOU WISH YOU HADN'T?
WELL, INSTAGRAM IS INTRODUCING A NEW FEATURE WHICH LETS USERS RESTORE RECENTLY DELETED PHOTOS, VIDEOS, REELS, IGTV VIDEOS, AND STORIES.
DELETED STORIES WILL STAY IN A FOLDER CALLED "RECENTLY DELETED" FOR 24 DAYS WHILE OTHER CONTENT WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DELETED IN 30 DAYS.
INSTAGRAM SAYS THE FEATURE ALSO OFFERS PROTECTIONS AGAINST HACKING.
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02/02/2021
HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: UBER TO BUY ALCOHOL DELIVERY SERVICE
HEADLINE 2: $1.1 B DEAL WITH DRIZLY HELPS BOOST UBER EATS
UBER HAS AGREED TO ACQUIRE ALCOHOL DELIVERY SERVICE DRIZLY FOR $1.1 BILLION IN STOCKS AND CASH.
DRIZLY WILL BE INTEGRATED WITH THE UBER EATS APP BUT WILL ALSO MAINTAIN A SEPARATE APP ONCE THE DEAL IS COMPLETE.
THE 8-YEAR-OLD, BOSTON-BASED DRIZLY IS AVAILABLE IN MORE THAN 1,400 CITIES.
THE DEAL IS SET TO BE COMPLETED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR.
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HEADLINE: GOOGLE SHUTS DOWN GAME DEVELOPMENT
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY'S STADIA PLATFORM WILL OFFER GAMES MADE BY OTHERS
GOOGLE IS SHUTTING DOWN ITS STADIA GAMING DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.

THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL NO LONGER MAKE VIDEO GAMES AND WILL FOCUS ON WORKING WITH EXISTING DEVELOPERS TO MAKE THEIR GAMES AVAILABLE ON THE PLATFORM.
GAMERS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO STADIA AND STADIA PRO WITH NEW GAMES FROM THIRD PARTIES ARRIVING ON THE PLATFORM.
GOOGLE WILL ALSO CLOSE ITS GAMING STUDIOS IN LOS ANGELES AND MONTREAL.
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HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TO SHOW AD TRACKING PROMPT
HEADLINE 2: PROMPT WILL ASK IOS USERS TO LET PLATFORM TRACK THEIR DATA
FACEBOOK WILL PROMPT SOME USERS ASKING THEM TO ALLOW AD TRACKING.
USERS WILL SEE REASONS WHY THEY SHOULD GIVE THE PLATFORM PERMISSION TO TRACK THEIR ACTIVITY AND A REQUEST TO OPT-IN.
THE PROMPT WILL APPEAR TO USERS WHO ACCESS FACEBOOK ON IPHONES AND IPADS.
FACEBOOK SAYS THE FEATURE WILL MAKE ADS MORE PERSONALIZED AND BETTER SERVE THEIR BUSINESS CLIENTS.
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HEADLINE: GOOGLE ADDS NEW SEARCH FEATURE
HEADLINE 2: FEATURE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT SITES IN SEARCH RESULTS
GOOGLE HAS ADDED A NEW SEARCH FEATURE THAT THE COMPANY SAYS WILL PROVIDE SOME PEACE OF MIND.
CALLED "ABOUT THIS RESULT," THE FEATURE WILL GIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM WIKIPEDIA ABOUT A SITE AND IF THE CONNECTION TO THE SITE IS SECURE.
"ABOUT THIS RESULT" IS NOW AVAILABLE AS A BETA FOR GOOGLE'S MOBILE WEB, DESKTOP, AND ANDROID APP.
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