06/30/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: UBER WANTS RIDERS TO SANITIZE ITS CARS
HEADLINE 2: PASSENGERS TO RECEIVE PROMPT THAT WIPES WILL BE AVAILABLE
UBER IS ASKING RIDERS TO SANITIZE THE BACKSEAT OF ITS CARS TO HELP COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS.
PASSENGERS IN CERTAIN CITIES WILL RECEIVE A PROMPT INFORMING THEM THAT DISINFECTANT WIPES WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THEIR RIDE.
UBER SAYS IT'S WORKING WITH CLOROX TO DISTRIBUTE NEARLY 200,000 CANISTERS OF WIPES.
THE EFFORT WILL START IN ATLANTA, CHICAGO, AND NEW YORK AND COULD EXPAND TO MORE CITIES.
https://www.cnet.com/news/uber-wants-riders-to-sanitize-their-seats-to-help-fight-coronavirus/

HEADLINE: N.Y. TIMES LEAVES APPLE NEWS
HEADLINE 2: BREAKUP REFLECTS TENSIONS BETWEEN JOURNALISM AND TECH COMPANIES
THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS ENDED ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH APPLE'S PUBLISHING PLATFORM, APPLE NEWS.
THAT'S SEEN AS A REFLECTION OF GROWING TENSIONS AS NEWS ORGANIZATIONS SEE THEIR JOURNALISM SIPHONED BY TECH COMPANIES FOR PROFIT.
THE TIMES SAID IT IS PULLING ITS STORIES FROM THE APPLE NEWS FEED BECAUSE THE ARRANGEMENT DIDN'T INCLUDE ENOUGH CONTROL TO GET READERS TO SUBSCRIBE.
APPLE SAID THE NEW YORK TIMES OFFERED APPLE NEWS ONLY A FEW STORIES PER DAY AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE READERS WITH TRUSTED INFORMATION FROM THOUSANDS OF PUBLISHERS.
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/29/technology/new-york-times-apple-news-app.html
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/29/21307242/apple-news-new-york-times-app-not-available-free-articles-subscription?scrolla=5eb6d68b7fedc32c19ef33b4

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06/29/2020
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HEADLINE: TWITCH SUSPENDS TRUMP'S ACCOUNT
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM SAID RALLY FOOTAGE INCLUDED "HATEFUL CONDUCT"
TWITCH HAS SUSPENDED PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S ACCOUNT.
THE PLATFORM SAYS THE SUSPENSION WAS ISSUED BECAUSE OF A REBROADCAST OF A 2016 TRUMP CAMPAIGN RALLY AND HIS RECENT RALLY IN TULSA. IN THOSE

BROADCASTS, THE PRESIDENT SAYS MEXICO IS SENDING "RAPISTS" INTO THE U.S., AMONG OTHER COMMENTS.
THE PLATFORM SAYS HATEFUL CONDUCT IS NOT ALLOWED AND IT HAS REMOVED THE CONTENT.
TWITCH SAYS IT WARNED PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TEAM WHEN IT OPENED HIS ACCOUNT THAT HE MUST FOLLOW THE PLATFORM'S GUIDELINES AND TERMS OF USE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
https://www.cnet.com/news/president-trumps-account-has-been-temporarily-banned-from-twitch/

HEADLINE: STARBUCKS TO PAUSE SOCIAL MEDIA ADS
HEADLINE 2: COFFEE CHAIN NOT JOINING "STOP HATE FOR PROFIT" CAMPAIGN
STARBUCKS IS JOINING THE GROWING LIST OF COMPANIES THAT ARE SUSPENDING ADS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
THE COMPANY SAID IT STANDS AGAINST HATE SPEECH AND BELIEVES MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO CREATE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE ONLINE COMMUNITIES.
THAT SAID, IT'S NOT OFFICIALLY JOINING THE "STOP HATE FOR PROFIT" CAMPAIGN.
STARBUCKS SAID IT WILL CONTINUE INTERNAL TALKS WITH ITS MEDIA PARTNERS AND CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS.
ITS ADS WILL STILL APPEAR ON YOUTUBE, AND THE COMPANY WILL CONTINUE TO POST ON ITS OWN SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/28/21306065/starbucks-advertising-social-media-july-facebook-twitter

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06/26/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: MICROSOFT CLOSING ALL RETAIL STORES
HEADLINE 2: THE COMPANY HOPES TO FOCUS MORE ON ONLINE STOREFRONTS
MICROSOFT WILL CLOSE ALL OF ITS RETAIL STORES WORLDWIDE TO FOCUS MORE ON ITS ONLINE STORE.
THE COMPANY SAYS RETAIL EMPLOYEES WILL MOVE TO ITS CORPORATE FACILITIES AND HELP WITH REMOTE SALES, SUPPORT AND TRAINING.
MICROSOFT'S FOUR FLAGSHIP STORES IN NEW YORK CITY, LONDON, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, AND REDFORD, WASHINGTON, WILL BE CONVERTED INTO WHAT IT'S CALLING EXPERIENCE CENTERS.
THE COMPANY WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST IN ITS DIGITAL STOREFRONTS, INCLUDING ITS WEBSITE AND THE XBOX AND WINDOWS STORES.
https://news.microsoft.com/2020/06/26/microsoft-store-announces-new-approach-to-retail/
https://www.cnet.com/news/microsoft-to-close-most-of-its-retail-stores-turn-flagships-into-experience-centers/?ServiceType=twitter

HEADLINE: DISNEY CUTS U.K. KIDS CHANNELS
HEADLINE 2: DISTRIBUTION TALKS COLLAPSE; CONTENT MOVING TO DISNEY+
DISNEY WILL SHUT DOWN THE U.K. VERSION OF THE DISNEY CHANNEL, DISNEY XD, AND DISNEY JUNIOR.
ACCORDING TO U.K. TRADE PUBLICATION BROADCAST, DISNEY WAS NOT ABLE TO REACH A DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH PAY-TV PROVIDERS SKY AND VIRGIN MEDIA.
IT WILL MOVE CONTENT FROM ALL THREE CHANNELS TO DISNEY+ IN OCTOBER.
ITS OTHER BRAND CHANNELS INCLUDING NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, NAT GEO WILD, AND FOX WILL CONTINUE TO AIR IN THE U.K.
DISNEY ALSO REMOVED CHANNELS IN NEW ZEALAND FOLLOWING THE LAUNCH OF DISNEY+ LAST YEAR.
https://deadline.com/2020/06/disney-to-close-kids-channels-in-the-uk-following-launch-of-disney-1202969592/
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/25/21303043/disney-channel-united-kingdom-xd-streaming-plus-new-zealand-sky-comcast

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06/25/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TO WARN USERS SHARING OLD CONTENT
HEADLINE 2: USERS WILL BE NOTIFIED IF THE CONTENT THEY ARE SHARING IS MORE THAN 90 DAYS OLD
FACEBOOK WILL LET USERS KNOW IF THE CONTENT THEY ARE SHARING IS MORE THAN 90 DAYS OLD.
A NOTIFICATION SCREEN WILL APPEAR TO USERS GIVING THEM THE OPTION TO GO BACK OR TO PROCEED IN SHARING AN ARTICLE THAT IS OUTDATED.
FACEBOOK SAYS OLD ARTICLES SHARED OUT OF ITS ORIGINAL MEANING IS A FACTOR IN SPREADING MISINFORMATION AND NEWS PUBLISHERS ARE CONCERNED PEOPLE ARE POSTING OUTDATED ARTICLES AS BREAKING NEWS.
FACEBOOK IS SEEKING TO USE OTHER KINDS OF NOTIFICATION SCREENS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE MISINFORMATION BEING SHARED ON ITS SITE.
https://about.fb.com/news/2020/06/more-context-for-news-articles-and-other-content/
https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/25/facebook-old-content-notification-screen/

HEADLINE: AMAZON INTRODUCES COUNTERFEIT CRIMES UNIT
HEADLINE 2: UNIT WILL GO AFTER COUNTERFEITERS INSTEAD OF BLOCKING BAD LISTINGS
AMAZON IS INTRODUCING A COUNTERFEIT CRIMES UNIT TO FIGHT FAKE PRODUCTS BEING SOLD ON ITS WEBSITE.

THE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTORS, EXPERIENCED INVESTIGATORS, AND DATA ANALYSTS. INSTEAD OF BLOCKING BAD LISTINGS, THE TEAM WILL GO AFTER COUNTERFEITERS, INCLUDING FILING CIVIL LAWSUITS, AND WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.
AMAZON HAS HAD A PROBLEM WITH COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS ESPECIALLY FROM THIRD-PARTY SELLERS ATTEMPTING TO TRICK CUSTOMERS IN BUYING FAKE PRODUCTS.
AMAZON HAS SPENT OVER $500 MILLION TO FIGHT FRAUD, ABUSE, AND COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS LAST YEAR.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/24/21302114/amazon-counterfeit-crimes-unit-knockoffs-store-online-investigators

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06/24/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: SONOS LAYING OFF 12% OF WORKFORCE
HEADLINE 2: SPEAKER COMPANY WILL CLOSE STORES, SATELLITE OFFICES
SMART SPEAKER MAKER SONOS IS PLANNING TO LAY OFF 12 PERCENT OF ITS WORKFORCE, ACCORDING TO AN SEC FILING.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S TRYING TO REDUCE EXPENSES AND MAINTAIN ASSETS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
SONOS' CEO WILL ALSO TAKE A 20 PERCENT PAY CUT FROM JULY TO THE END OF 2020, WHILE OTHER EXECUTIVES WILL GIVE UP 20 PERCENT THROUGH SEPTEMBER.
SONOS WILL ALSO SHUT DOWN ITS MANHATTAN RETAIL STORES AND SIX OF ITS SMALLER OFFICES.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/24/21301787/sonos-layoffs-nyc-store-closed-coronavirus-covid-19

HEADLINE: OLYMPUS TO QUIT THE CAMERA BUSINESS
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY HAS STRUGGLED AS MORE PEOPLE ARE USING SMARTPHONES
THE OLYMPUS CORPORATION IS EXITING THE CAMERA BUSINESS AFTER 84 YEARS TO FOCUS MORE ON MEDICAL DEVICES.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S PLANNING TO SELL ITS CAMERA DIVISION TO A PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM AND HOPES TO COMPLETE THE DEAL BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
IT HASN'T RELEASED ANY FINANCIAL DETAILS ABOUT THAT PLAN.
OLYMPUS HAS LONG BEEN A WELL-KNOWN CONSUMER CAMERA BRAND, BUT IT'S STRUGGLED IN RECENT YEARS BECAUSE SMARTPHONES HAVE REDUCED DEMAND FOR CAMERAS.
GOING FORWARD, OLYMPUS WILL FOCUS ON MEDICAL IMAGING DEVICES, LIKE ENDOSCOPES.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/olympus-to-exit-camera-business-after-84-years-11592996861?mod=djemalertNEWS

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HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK LAUNCHES FORECAST

HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN ASK QUESTIONS, MAKE PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE

FACEBOOK HAS LAUNCHED AN APP CALLED FORECAST THAT WILL LET USERS CROWDSOURCE PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE.

USERS CAN ASK QUESTIONS AND USE IN-APP POINTS TO SAY WHAT THEY THINK WILL HAPPEN. USERS CAN ALSO DISCUSS PREDICTIONS.

RIGHT NOW, THE APP IS IN BETA TESTING, SO IT'S INVITE-ONLY.

BUT FACEBOOK PLANS TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH, RESEARCH, AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES TO MAKE PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

THE APP IS AVAILABLE FOR IOS.

https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/23/facebook-tests-forecast-an-app-for-making-predictions-about-world-events-like-covid-19/

HEADLINE: LYFT TO PAY $40K DISCRIMINATION FINE

HEADLINE 2: JUSTICE DEPT. SAYS LYFT VIOLATED THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

LYFT HAS AGREED TO PAY A $40,000 FINE OVER ALLEGATIONS THAT IT DENIED RIDES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SAYS THE RIDE-SHARING COMPANY VIOLATED THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

LYFT IS PAYING DAMAGES TO FOUR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO SAY THEY WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

THE DOJ STARTED INVESTIGATING LYFT AFTER ONE MAN SAID HE WAS REPEATEDLY DENIED RIDES OR MISTREATED BECAUSE HE USES A WHEELCHAIR.

THE COMPANY HAS FACED SEVERAL DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION SUITS.

https://www.cnet.com/news/lyft-pays-40000-fine-over-claims-it-denied-disabled-passengers-rides/

https://www.ada.gov/lyft_sa.html

THANKS TO NEWSY'S FRIENDS AT KAISER HEALTH NEWS FOR THIS LOOK AT TODAY'S HEADLINES IN HEALTH.

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06/22/2020

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HEADLINE: NEXTDOOR CUTS "FORWARD TO POLICE"
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY SAYS FEATURE DOES NOT MEET MEMBERS' NEEDS
NEIGHBORHOOD APP NEXTDOOR IS DISCONTINUING ITS FORWARD TO POLICE FEATURE.
THE FEATURE LETS USERS SEND POSTS FROM THE APP DIRECTLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.
THE COMPANY SAID IN A BLOG POST THAT THE FEATURE DOES NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF ITS MEMBERS AND THAT A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACTUALLY USE THE TOOL.
BLOOMBERG CITYLAB REPORTS THAT NEXTDOOR WILL KEEP OTHER FEATURES FOR COMMUNICATION WITH POLICE, INCLUDING SENDING AND RECEIVING DIRECT MESSAGES.
NEXTDOOR HAS FACED CRITICISM FOR THE WAY IT HANDLES RACISM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/20/21297876/nextdoor-forward-police-racism-messages

HEADLINE: NORTH FACE, REI PAUSE FACEBOOK ADS
HEADLINE 2: BOYCOTT PROTESTS PLATFORM'S POLICIES ON HATE SPEECH
THE NORTH FACE AND REI ARE BOYCOTTING FACEBOOK.
THE NORTH FACE TOLD USA TODAY IT HAS PAUSED ADS ON FACEBOOK IN HOPES THE PLATFORM WILL IMPROVE ITS POLICIES AGAINST MISINFORMATION AND HATEFUL CONTENT ON ITS PLATFORM.
THE BOYCOTT WAS ORGANIZED BY CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS THAT ARE ASKING MAJOR ADVERTISERS TO MOVE ADS FROM FACEBOOK TO PROTEST THE TECH GIANT'S FAILURE TO REMOVE HATE SPEECH.
THE NORTH FACE HOPES FACEBOOK WILL RECONSIDER ITS POLICIES AND WILL ASSESS ITS POSITION IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.
OUTDOOR RETAILER REI WILL ALSO SUSPEND ALL ADS ON FACEBOOK NEXT MONTH.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/06/19/north-face-brands-boycott-facebook-over-hate-speech/3224151001/
https://www.cnet.com/news/civil-rights-groups-slam-facebook-call-for-ad-boycott-north-face-rei/
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06/19/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: AMC PREPARES TO REOPEN
HEADLINE 2: CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE TO WEAR MASKS; SEATING WILL BE RESTRICTED
AMC THEATERS HAS RELEASED GUIDELINES TO REOPEN AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR NEARLY FOUR MONTHS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
AMC TOLD VARIETY IT WILL RESTRICT SEATING TO HELP PEOPLE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND THEATERS WILL OPERATE AT A CAPACITY OF 30 PERCENT MAX.

THE COMPANY WILL ALSO PLACE HAND SANITIZER THROUGHOUT ITS THEATERS, ENCOURAGE CASH-FREE, CONTACT-FREE CONCESSIONS, AND REQUIRE CUSTOMERS TO WEAR MASKS.
AMC IS SET TO RESUME OPERATIONS AT 450 LOCATIONS BY JULY 15.
https://variety.com/2020/film/news/amc-coronavirus-movie-theaters-covid-19-1234642047/
https://www.cnet.com/news/amc-theatres-plans-to-open-450-cinemas-in-july-but-face-masks-arent-mandatory/

HEADLINE: APPLE TO CLOSE SOME STORES AGAIN
HEADLINE 2: SOME STATES ARE SEEING A RESURGENCE IN COVID-19 CASES
APPLE WILL CLOSE SOME OF ITS STORES IN STATES THAT ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN CORONAVIRUS CASES.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL TEMPORARILY CLOSE 11 STORES IN ARIZONA, FLORIDA, NORTH CAROLINA, AND SOUTH CAROLINA THIS SATURDAY.
CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT THEIR DEVICES FOR REPAIRS IN THOSE STORES WILL HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEKEND TO RETRIEVE THEM.
APPLE JUST BEGAN REOPENING STORES LAST MONTH. IT WAS PLANNING TO HAVE MORE THAN 200 U.S. STORES UP AND RUNNING BY THE END OF THE WEEK.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/06/19/apple-will-close-some-stores-again-as-covid-19-cases-reappear.html
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06/18/2020
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HEADLINE: TWITTER LAUNCHES AUDIO TWEETS
HEADLINE 2: VOICE TWEETS CAN RECORD UP TO 140 SECONDS OF AUDIO
TWITTER IS LAUNCHING AUDIO TWEETS.
USERS JUST SELECT THE TWEET COMPOSER, TAP THE WAVELENGTHS ICON, AND PRESS THE RED RECORD BUTTON TO START RECORDING A MESSAGE.
TWITTER SAYS EACH VOICE TWEET CAN BE UP TO 140 SECONDS, AND IF USERS REACH THE TIME LIMIT, A NEW VOICE TWEET WILL START TO CREATE A THREAD AUTOMATICALLY.
USERS CAN ONLY CREATE VOICE TWEETS AS ORIGINAL TWEETS, NOT IN REPLIES OR COMMENTS.
THE FEATURE WILL EVENTUALLY ROLL OUT FOR ALL IOS USERS.
https://blog.twitter.com/en_us/topics/product/2020/your-tweet-your-voice.html
https://help.twitter.com/en/using-twitter/voice-tweet
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/17/21294481/twitter-audio-tweets-now-available-iphone-ios

HEADLINE: HBO STREAMS "WATCHMEN" FREE
HEADLINE 2: NETWORK SAYS IT AIMS TO HIGHLIGHT BLACK EXPERIENCES, VOICES

HBO IS PLANNING TO MAKE ITS SERIES "WATCHMEN" AVAILABLE FOR FREE THIS WEEKEND.
THE NINE-EPISODE SERIES BEGINS WITH THE TULSA RACE MASSACRE OF 1921 AND THEN EXPLORES THE MASSACRE'S FALLOUT AND SYSTEMIC RACISM IN AMERICA.
HBO SAYS IT'S RELEASING THE SERIES FOR FREE IN ORDER TO HIGHLIGHT BLACK EXPERIENCES, VOICES, AND STORYTELLERS.
"WATCHMEN" WILL STREAM FOR FREE ON HBO'S WEBSITE FROM FRIDAY -- JUNETEENTH -- UNTIL SUNDAY.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/18/21295677/watchmen-stream-free-hbo-june-19th-juneteenth-damon-lindelof-regina-king-tulsa
https://www.polygon.com/2020/6/18/21295503/watchmen-hbo-free-streaming-juneteenth-where-to-watch

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06/17/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK WILL LET USERS DISABLE POLITICAL ADS
HEADLINE 2: CHANGE IMPACTS ADS THAT CARRY "PAID FOR BY" DISCLAIMER
FACEBOOK IS LETTING USERS OPT-OUT OF SEEING POLITICAL ADS.
THE TECH GIANT TOLD CNBC THAT USERS WILL BE ABLE TO TURN OFF POLITICAL, ELECTORAL, AND SOCIAL ISSUE ADS FROM CANDIDATES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT CARRY THE "PAID FOR BY" POLITICAL DISCLAIMER.
USERS CAN DISABLE ADS EITHER BY GOING TO THEIR SETTINGS OR BY CLICKING ON OPTIONS IN AN EXISTING AD.
FACEBOOK ALSO SAYS IT'S LAUNCHING A VOTING INFORMATION CENTER WITH THE GOAL OF HELPING 4 MILLION PEOPLE REGISTER TO VOTE.
THE AD DISABLING FEATURE WILL ROLL OUT IN THE U.S. WITHIN A FEW WEEKS.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/06/17/facebook-will-allow-users-to-turn-off-political-ads-mark-zuckerberg.html

HEADLINE: AT&T TO CUT JOBS, CLOSE STORES
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY WILL LAY OFF MORE THAN 3,400 IN DIFFERENT ROLES
AT&T SAYS IT IS PLANNING TO ELIMINATE THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND CLOSE HUNDREDS OF STORES.
ACCORDING TO AXIOS, AT&T WILL LAY OFF MORE THAN 3,000 TECHNICIANS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, IN ADDITION TO LAYOFFS FOR EXECUTIVES AND MANAGERS.
THE COMPANY WILL ALSO SHUT DOWN ABOUT 250 AT&T AND CRICKET WIRELESS RETAIL STORES, AFFECTING ABOUT 1,300 PEOPLE.
AT&T SAYS THE STORE CLOSURES WERE PREVIOUSLY PLANNED, BUT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC HAS CAUSED IT TO MOVE THEM UP.

https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/17/21294153/att-layoffs-store-closures-phone-market-legacy-products-cricket

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06/16/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: GITHUB TO REMOVE CODING TERMS
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM WILL REMOVE "MASTER," "SLAVE" TERMINOLOGY FROM SITE
THE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM GITHUB [[GITT - HUB]] IS PLANNING TO REMOVE CODING TERMS LIKE "MASTER" AND "SLAVE."
IN PROGRAMMING, THE TERM "MASTER" MEANS THE MAIN VERSION OF A SOFTWARE PROJECT, AND VARIATIONS ARE CALLED "SLAVES".
THE COMPANY SAID IT'S CHANGING THE DEFAULT BRAND NAME FOR NEW REPOSITORIES FROM "MASTER" TO "MAIN" AND WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR USERS TO SELECT THEIR OWN DEFAULT BRAND NAME FOR NEW REPOSITORIES.
GITHUB IS ALSO RELEASING GUIDANCE FOR USERS WHO DECIDE TO CHANGE THEIR DEFAULT BRAND IN EXISTING REPOSITORIES.
GITHUB SAID ON TWITTER THAT IT SUPPORTS THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM.
https://www.cnet.com/news/microsofts-github-is-removing-coding-terms-like-master-and-slave/

HEADLINE: YELP LETS BUSINESSES SHARE SAFETY PLANS
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY WILL EXPAND ITS COVID-19 BANNER FOR BUSINESSES
YELP IS ADDING NEW FEATURES TO HELP BUSINESSES SAFELY REOPEN.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL EXPAND ITS COVID-19 BANNER WITH A FULL SECTION FOR EACH BUSINESS PROFILE, AND THE BUSINESS CAN INDICATE IF THEY ARE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING OR SANITIZING SPACES.
THE UPDATES WILL BE TIME STAMPED AND BE UPDATED USING A COMBINATION OF HUMAN MODERATION AND MACHINES.
YELP WILL ALSO UPDATE ITS WAITLIST FEATURE: RESTAURANTS CAN PRINT OUT A QR CODE TO LET CUSTOMERS JOIN A WAITLIST WITHOUT PHYSICAL CONTACT.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/16/yelp-adds-new-features-for-reopening-businesses/

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06/15/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: APPLE EXPANDS FINANCING PLANS

HEADLINE 2: INTEREST-FREE PLANS AVAILABLE FOR MAC, IPAD AND MORE
THE APPLE CARD'S INTEREST-FREE FINANCING PLAN FOR IPHONES IS EXPANDING TO OTHER PRODUCTS.
THE COMPANY SAYS APPLE TV, HOMEPOD, AND AIRPOD CAN BE FINANCED FOR SIX MONTHS WITH NO INTEREST, WHILE MACS AND IPADS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR 12-MONTH PLANS.
AND PRODUCTS BOUGHT WITH AN APPLE CARD WILL RECEIVE THREE PERCENT CASHBACK, WHICH CAN BE USED WITH APPLE PAY, SENT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS THROUGH IMESSAGE, OR BE APPLIED TOWARD AN APPLE CARD BILL.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/15/apple-expands-apple-cards-interest-free-financing-to-ipad-mac-airpods-apple-tv-more/

HEADLINE: WALMART PARTNERS WITH SHOPIFY
HEADLINE 2: 1,200 SHOPIFY VENDORS JOINING WALMART MARKETPLACE
WALMART IS PARTNERING WITH SHOPIFY TO INCREASE ITS ONLINE MARKETPLACE AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ONLINE SHOPPING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
THE NEW PARTNERSHIP WILL ADD 1,200 SHOPIFY VENDORS TO WALMART'S THIRD-PARTY MARKETPLACE WEBSITE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
WALMART SAYS THE DEAL WILL LET IT OFFER PRODUCTS FROM MORE SMALL AND MEDIUM U.S. BUSINESSES, AND THAT MERCHANTS WILL GET ACCESS TO THE RETAIL GIANT'S CUSTOMER BASE.
WALMART HAS SEEN A SURGE IN DIGITAL PURCHASES OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AS PEOPLE STAYED AT HOME TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/06/15/walmart-partners-shopify-after-online-shopping-surge/3189944001/?scrolla=5eb6d68b7fedc32c19ef33b4

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06/12/2020
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HEADLINE: MICROSOFT WON'T SELL TECHNOLOGY TO POLICE
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY SAYS MORE REGULATION IS NEEDED FOR FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE
MICROSOFT WILL NOT SELL ITS FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNTIL MORE REGULATION IS IN PLACE.
MICROSOFT CEO BRAD SMITH TOLD THE WASHINGTON POST THAT THE COMPANY WILL NOT SELL THE SOFTWARE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE U.S. UNTIL THERE IS A STRONG NATIONAL LAW FOCUSING ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
THE COMPANY ALSO SAID IT IS WORKING ON IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION AND PRINCIPLES FOR THE USE OF THE TECHNOLOGY.

THE DECISION COMES AFTER AMAZON RECENTLY SAID IT WILL SUSPEND LAW ENFORCEMENT'S USE OF ITS FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE FOR ONE YEAR.
https://www.reuters.com/article/us-microsoft-facial-recognition/microsoft-declines-to-sell-facial-recognition-tech-to-police-idUSKBN23I2T6?il=0
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/06/11/microsoft-not-sell-facial-recognition-us-police-departments/5345988002/

HEADLINE: VERIZON TO OFFER STUDENT DISCOUNT
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY INTRODUCED DISCOUNTS FOR NURSES AND TEACHERS EARLIER THIS YEAR
VERIZON IS PLANNING TO OFFER A NEW DISCOUNT ON WIRELESS PLANS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS.
THE COMPANY IS OFFERING A $10 PER MONTH DISCOUNT FOR A SINGLE PHONE LINE AND A $25 PER MONTH DISCOUNT ON TWO PHONE LINES FOR CUSTOMERS ON SEVERAL UNLIMITED PLANS.
THE DISCOUNT IS GOOD FOR FOUR YEARS, BUT STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION EVERY YEAR THAT THEY ARE ACTIVELY ENROLLED IN COLLEGE.
THE COMPANY INTRODUCED DISCOUNTS FOR NURSES AND TEACHERS EARLIER THIS YEAR.
https://www.theverge.com/21289144/verizon-student-discount-college-unlimited-plans-lines

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06/11/2020
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HEADLINE: AMAZON BANS POLICE USING FACIAL RECOGNITION
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY JOINS INDUSTRY CALL FOR STRONGER REGULATIONS
AMAZON IS BANNING LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM USING ITS FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY FOR ONE YEAR.
IN A BLOG POST, AMAZON CALLED FOR STRONGER GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ON THE ETHICAL USE OF THE TECHNOLOGY. THE ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM IS DESIGNED TO GIVE CONGRESS TIME TO DEVELOP THOSE GUIDELINES.
MICROSOFT AND IBM ARE ALSO CALLING FOR NEW GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ON FACIAL RECOGNITION.
https://blog.aboutamazon.com/policy/we-are-implementing-a-one-year-moratorium-on-police-use-of-rekognition
https://www.techradar.com/news/amazon-forbids-police-from-using-its-facial-recognition-tech

HEADLINE: APPLE LAUNCHES RACIAL EQUALITY INITIATIVE
HEADLINE 2: INITIATIVE WILL FOCUS ON EDUCATION, CRIMINAL REFORM
APPLE IS LAUNCHING A $100 MILLION INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE RACIAL EQUALITY FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR.

CALLED THE “RACIAL EQUITY AND JUSTICE INITIATIVE,” THE PROGRAM WILL FOCUS ON EDUCATION, ECONOMIC EQUALITY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.
APPLE CEO TIM COOK SAYS THE PROGRAM WILL CHALLENGE THE SYSTEMIC OBSTACLES TO OPPORTUNITY AND DIGNITY THAT EXIST FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR.
APPLE SAYS IT WILL WORK WITH HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING UNDERSERVED STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/11/21287999/apple-racial-equity-justice-initiative-amount-cook-lisa-jackson

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HEADLINE: TWITTER AND SQUARE TO OBSERVE JUNETEENTH
HEADLINE 2: TECH COMPANIES WILL MAKE JUNE 19 A COMPANY HOLIDAY
TWITTER AND SQUARE WILL START OBSERVING JUNETEENTH AS A COMPANY HOLIDAY IN THE U.S. TO SUPPORT AND HONOR BLACK CULTURE.
JUNETEENTH, ALSO KNOWN AS EMANCIPATION DAY, IS A HOLIDAY HELD ON JUNE 19 WHERE BLACK PEOPLE CELEBRATE THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE U.S.
TWITTER IS ALSO WORKING TO IDENTIFY WHICH DAYS IT IS APPROPRIATE TO CELEBRATE EMANCIPATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE IT HAS OFFICES.
THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AS TECH COMPANIES SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR RACIAL JUSTICE FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/06/09/jack-dorsey-twitter-square-to-honor-juneteenth-as-company-holiday.html

HEADLINE: HONDA HIT BY RANSOMWARE ATTACK
HEADLINE 2: AUTOMAKER CLOSED PRODUCTION FACILITIES, CUSTOMERS CAN’T MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS
HONDA’S GLOBAL OPERATIONS HAS EXPERIENCED A RANSOMWARE ATTACK.
THE AUTOMAKER SAYS IT IS WORKING TO GET EVERYTHING BACK ONLINE, BUT IT HAD TO CLOSE SOME PRODUCTION PLANTS AS WELL AS CUSTOMER AND FINANCIAL SERVICES OPERATIONS.
CUSTOMERS COMPLAINED THEY WERE UNABLE TO MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS OR ACCESS THE COMPANY’S CUSTOMER SERVICE WEBSITE.
HONDA TOLD THE VERGE THAT THERE WAS NO LOSS OF PERSONAL, IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION IN THE HACK.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/9/21285758/honda-ransomware-virus-attack-production-halt-offices-workers

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HI I'M NEWSY'S JOSH KRANZBERG BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: IBM TO NO LONGER OFFER FACIAL RECOGNITION
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY SAYS IT WON'T SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD LEAD TO MASS SURVEILLANCE
IBM SAYS IT WILL NO LONGER OFFER FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE OVER CONCERNS ABOUT HOW THE TECHNOLOGY IS USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.
IBM'S CEO ARVIND KRISHNA (ARE-VIN KRISH-NA) ALSO SENT A LETTER TO CONGRESS SAYING IT WON'T SUPPORT ANY TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD LEAD TO MASS SURVEILLANCE, RACIAL PROFILING OR THAT THREATENS BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.
ONE SOURCE TOLD CNBC THAT IBM'S FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY WAS NOT A BIG MONEY MAKER FOR THE COMPANY BUT THAT KRISHNA'S LETTER WAS A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC MOVE BY A CEO.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/06/09/ibm-stop-offering-facial-recognition-questions-law-enforcement-use/5325114002/

HEADLINE: FLIPBOARD EXPANDS LOCAL NEWS FEATURE
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN KEEP UP WITH LOCAL NEWS OUTLETS, PERSONALIZE THEIR LOCAL FEED
FLIPBOARD WILL EXPAND ITS LOCAL NEWS FEATURE TO REACH 50 CITIES ACROSS THE U.S. AND CANADA.
USERS WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH LOCAL NEWS OUTLETS INCLUDING NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS, AND BLOGS.
THE COMPANY'S APP WILL ALLOW USERS TO CUSTOMIZE THEIR LOCAL FEED BY CHOOSING SUB-TOPICS AVAILABLE IN THEIR CITY.
FLIPBOARD ANNOUNCED IT WAS EXPANDING ITS REACH INTO LOCAL NEWS IN JANUARY.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/09/flipboard-expands-local-news-coverage-to-reach-50-cities-across-u-s-and-canada/

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HI I'M NEWSY'S JOSH KRANZBERG BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: INSTACART TACKLES 'TIP BAITING'
HEADLINE 2: CUSTOMERS WHO REMOVE TIPS AFTER DELIVERY MUST LEAVE FEEDBACK

INSTACART IS ADJUSTING ITS POLICY TO PREVENT SO-CALLED TIP-BAITING.
THAT'S WHEN A CUSTOMER ENTERS A LARGE TIP ON AN ORDER AND THEN CHANGES THE TIP TO ZERO ONCE THEIR ITEMS ARE DELIVERED.
UNDER THE NEW POLICY, CUSTOMERS WHO REMOVE TIPS AFTER DELIVERY WILL BE REQUIRED TO GIVE FEEDBACK. THE TIP-ADJUSTMENT WINDOW WILL ALSO BE SHORTENED FROM THREE DAYS TO 24 HOURS.
INSTACART SAYS IT WILL DEACTIVATE CUSTOMERS WHO REGULARLY REMOVE TIPS.
THE COMPANY SAYS LESS THAN 0.5 PERCENT ORDERS HAVE TIPS REMOVED AFTER DELIVERY AND THAT TIP TOTALS HAVE DOUBLED SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/05/instacart-makes-changes-to-tip-policy-following-shopper-complaints/

HEADLINE: YELP LAUNCHES BLACK-OWNED BUSINESS TOOL
HEADLINE 2: CUSTOMERS CAN SEARCH FOR BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES THEY WANT TO SUPPORT
YELP IS INTRODUCING A NEW TOOL THAT LETS BUSINESSES IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS BLACK-OWNED AND HELPS USERS FIND THOSE BUSINESSES.
THE COMPANY SAID IN A BLOG POST IT HAS RECEIVED "AN OUTPOURING OF REQUESTS" FOR THE FEATURE, AS WELL AS A MAJOR UPTICK IN SEARCHES FOR BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES.
YELP ALSO ANNOUNCED IT WILL DONATE $500,000 TO THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE AND THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, AND WILL DOUBLE MATCHED DONATIONS FROM EMPLOYEES TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE BLACK-LED OR THAT SERVE BLACK COMMUNITIES THROUGH JUNE.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/5/21281887/yelp-new-search-tool-black-owned-businesses-app-donation-matching
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06/05/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: APPLE TO OFFER COVID-19 TESTS TO EMPLOYEES
HEADLINE 2: TEMPERATURE CHECKS, MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY
APPLE IS PLANNING TO OFFER EMPLOYEES CORONAVIRUS NASAL SWAB TESTS AS THEY HEAD BACK TO THE OFFICE.
ACCORDING TO BLOOMBERG, THE TEST WILL BE OPTIONAL, BUT TEMPERATURE CHECKS AND FACE MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED.
APPLE WILL ALSO LIMIT THE NUMBER THE PEOPLE IN CONFINED SPACES LIKE ELEVATORS.
IT WILL KEEP MANY OF ITS BREAK-ROOM KITCHENS CLOSED.
THE MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT APPLE'S HEADQUARTERS IN CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA, WHICH SOME WORKERS RETURNED TO LAST MONTH.

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-06-04/apple-offering-covid-19-testing-to-staff-returning-to-offices
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/06/05/apple-covid-19-tests-staff.html

HEADLINE: LEGO SUSPENDS ADS FOR POLICE TOYS
HEADLINE 2: MARKETING CUT FOR OVER 30 POLICE-THEMED PLAYSETS
LEGO HAS REPORTEDLY ASKED ITS AFFILIATES TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND MARKETING OF ITS POLICE-THEMED TOYS.
THE LIST INCLUDES MORE THAN 30 PLAYSETS, SUCH AS THE LEGO CITY POLICE STATION, POLICE PATROL CAR AND POLICE DOG UNIT.
LEGO SAYS IT'S PAUSING ADVERTISING AND SOCIAL SHARING FOR THE SETS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD, BUT THAT THE SETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR SALE.
LEGO ALSO RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ON TWITTER IT WILL DONATE $4 MILLION TO NONPROFITS THAT SUPPORT BLACK CHILDREN AND TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT RACIAL EQUALITY.
https://toybook.com/lego-pulling-back-potentially-sensitive-product-amid-george-floyd-protests/
https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/04/lego-pauses-marketing-of-police-sets-amid-protests/

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06/04/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: SNAPCHAT TO STOP PROMOTING TRUMP'S ACCOUNT
HEADLINE 2: PRESIDENT'S STORIES WILL NO LONGER APPEAR ON DISCOVER TAB
SNAPCHAT WILL NO LONGER PROMOTE PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S ACCOUNT ON ITS DISCOVER HOMEPAGE.
THE PAGE USUALLY PROMOTES NEWS PUBLISHERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, CELEBRITIES AND INFLUENCERS.
SNAP MADE THE DECISION OVER THE WEEKEND AND SAID THE PLATFORM HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO SHOWCASE CONTENT THAT WILL ENHANCE USERS' EXPERIENCE.
TWITTER RECENTLY HID SOME OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN MINNESOTA FOR BREAKING ITS POLICIES ON GLORIFYING VIOLENCE.
https://www.digitaltrends.com/news/snapchat-will-stop-promoting-trumps-account/?itm_medium=topic&itm_source=21&itm_content=2x2&itm_term=2356592

HEADLINE: SIGNAL INTRODUCES BLUR TOOL
HEADLINE 2: CREATORS SAY IT'S MEANT TO PROTECT PROTESTERS
THE ENCRYPTED MESSAGING APP SIGNAL WILL INTRODUCE A BLUR TOOL TO HELP HIDE FACES IN PHOTOS BEFORE SHARING THEM.

THE TOOL, FOUND IN THE APP'S BUILT-IN IMAGE EDITOR, CAN DETECT AND CONCEAL FACES IN A PICTURE AUTOMATICALLY.
USERS CAN BLUR OTHER PARTS OF AN IMAGE MANUALLY, SUCH AS TATTOOS.
SIGNAL SAYS IT'S MEANT TO PROTECT THE IDENTITIES OF PEOPLE PROTESTING POLICE BRUTALITY FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD.
THE TOOL WILL BE ADDED TO THE LATEST VERSION OF THE APP FOR ANDROID AND IOS DEVICES SOON.
https://www.cnet.com/news/popular-encrypted-messaging-app-signal-adds-facial-recognition-protection-for-protesters/
https://signal.org/blog/blur-tools/
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HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: CES PLANS IN-PERSON EVENT FOR 2021
HEADLINE 2: ORGANIZERS ARE WORKING WITH LAS VEGAS ON BEST PRACTICES
THE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW WILL LIKELY HAPPEN IN-PERSON IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.
THE ASSOCIATION THAT ORGANIZES THE EVENT SAYS IT IS PLANNING FOR CERTAIN HYGIENE AND DISTANCING GUIDELINES. THAT INCLUDES EXPANDING AISLES IN EXHIBIT AREAS AND SETTING UP DISPLAYS FARTHER APART.
ORGANIZERS SAY THEY ARE CLOSELY WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY IN LAS VEGAS ON BEST PRACTICES FOR THE EVENT.
THERE ARE NO PLANS TO CAP ATTENDANCE, BUT ORGANIZERS SAY THEY WILL INCREASE ONLINE EVENTS RELATED TO THE SHOW.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/03/ces-set-for-an-in-person-event-in-2021/

HEADLINE: GOOGLE FACES $5B LAWSUIT
HEADLINE 2: PLAINTIFFS ALLEGE GOOGLE TRACKS USERS IN INCOGNITO MODE
GOOGLE IS FACING A $5 BILLION LAWSUIT FOR ALLEGEDLY TRACKING PEOPLE BROWSING IN INCOGNITO MODE.
THE LAWSUIT ACCUSES THE COMPANY OF BREAKING WIRETAPPING AND PRIVACY LAWS.
GOOGLE SAYS PRIVATE BROWSING MODE, OR INCOGNITO MODE, LETS USERS BROWSE WITHOUT THEIR HISTORY BEING SAVED TO THEIR ACCOUNT OR DEVICE, BUT IT SAYS IT DOES INFORM USERS THAT WEBSITES CAN STILL COLLECT DATA IN PRIVATE MODE.
IF THE LAWSUIT IS GRANTED CLASS-ACTION STATUS, MILLIONS OF GOOGLE USERS COULD BECOME INVOLVED. THE PLAINTIFFS ARE LOOKING FOR $5,000 IN COMPENSATION PER USER.
https://www.cnet.com/news/google-faces-5-billion-lawsuit-for-tracking-people-in-incognito-mode/

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HEADLINE: ROKU EXPANDS NAMESAKE STREAMING HUB
HEADLINE 2: ROKU CHANNEL WILL INCLUDE OVER 100 CHANNELS, STREAMING GUIDE
ROKU IS PLANNING TO EXPAND ITS NAMESAKE VIDEO STREAMING HUB, THE ROKU CHANNEL.
U.S. CUSTOMERS CAN NOW STREAM MORE THAN 100 LIVE CHANNELS, INCLUDING NEW ARRIVALS LIKE THE BOB ROSS CHANNEL, VANITY FAIR, AND SEVERAL SPANISH-LANGUAGE CHANNELS -- ALL FOR FREE.
THE EXPANSION WILL ALSO INTRODUCE A LIVE TV GUIDE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO BROWSE FREE CONTENT.
ROKU'S HOPING TO BECOME A MORE DIRECT COMPETITOR TO OTHER FREE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES, SUCH AS PLUTO TV AND XUMO.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/02/the-roku-channel-expands-to-include-over-100-live-channels-adds-a-live-tv-guide/

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK HELPS USERS HIDE OLD POSTS
HEADLINE 2: NEW FEATURE TO STREAMLINE DELETING, ARCHIVING PROCESS
FACEBOOK WANTS TO HELP YOU HIDE YOUR OLD, EMBARRASSING POSTS.
THE "MANAGE ACTIVITY" FEATURE WILL LET USERS ARCHIVE OR DELETE POSTS INDIVIDUALLY OR IN BATCHES. DELETED POSTS WILL BE HIDDEN, BUT STILL AVAILABLE, FOR 30 DAYS BEFORE DISAPPEARING FOREVER.
PREVIOUSLY, USERS COULD DELETE INDIVIDUAL POSTS OR CHANGE THEIR SETTINGS TO MAKE CERTAIN POSTS PRIVATE. THIS IS A QUICKER WAY TO DO THAT.
FACEBOOK SAYS IT MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO PEOPLE ENTERING THE JOB MARKET OR LEAVING A PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP BEHIND.
IT'S AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK'S MOBILE APP.
https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-feature-lets-your-archive-or-trash-old-or-embarassing-posts/
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HEADLINE: MICROSOFT SWAPS JOURNALISTS FOR SOFTWARE

HEADLINE 2: THE COMPANY IS MOVING TOWARDS USING AI TO SELECT NEWS CONTENT

MICROSOFT IS LAYING OFF ABOUT 50 JOURNALISTS AND USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INSTEAD TO SELECT WHAT NEWS TO PRESENT TO CONSUMERS.
AFFECTED WORKERS INCLUDE THOSE WHO ARE PART OF MICROSOFT'S DIVISION THAT CURATES STORIES FOR MSN.COM, THE MICROSOFT EDGE BROWSER, AND VARIOUS COMPANY-OWNED APPS.
CRITICS SAY THAT A-I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FOLLOW STRICT EDITORIAL GUIDELINES AND WILL ALLOW INAPPROPRIATE STORIES TO BE PRESENTED.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/30/21275524/microsoft-news-msn-layoffs-artificial-intelligence-ai-replacements

HEADLINE: AMAZON TO SHUT DOWN ECHO LOOK
HEADLINE 2: VIRTUAL FASHION ASSISTANT USED AI FOR STYLE FEEDBACK

AMAZON'S ECHO LOOK FASHION DEVICE IS SHUTTING DOWN.
ACCORDING TO VOICEBOT.AI, AMAZON TOLD CUSTOMERS THAT IT HAS ALREADY DISCONTINUED THE CAMERA PORTION AND WILL COMPLETELY END THE SERVICE ON JULY 24.
ECHO LOOK WAS DESIGNED AS A VIRTUAL FASHION ASSISTANT. CUSTOMERS WOULD ASK, "ALEXA, HOW DO I LOOK?" AND THE DEVICE WOULD GIVE FEEDBACK THROUGH AN APP.
https://voicebot.ai/2020/05/29/amazon-echo-look-no-more/
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/29/echo-looks-will-cease-functioning-in-july-as-amazon-discontinues-the-camera/

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