07/31/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: TWITTER BANS FORMER KKK LEADER
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM PERMANENTLY BANS DAVID DUKE FOR VIOLATING POLICIES
TWITTER HAS BANNED FORMER KU KLUX KLAN LEADER DAVID DUKE FOR BREAKING ITS RULES AGAINST HATE SPEECH.
A COMPANY SPOKESPERSON SAYS DUKE'S ACCOUNT WAS PERMANENTLY SUSPENDED FOR REPEATED VIOLATIONS.
TWITTER'S POLICY ON HATEFUL CONDUCT DOES NOT ALLOW PROMOTING VIOLENCE OR THREATENING PEOPLE BASED ON RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, RACE, OR ETHNIC ORIGIN.
TWITTER SAYS THE MOVE WAS IN LINE WITH ITS RECENTLY UPDATED POLICY AIMED AT CUTTING DOWN ON HARMFUL LINKS.
https://apnews.com/b9eaf85d19efa7e4b9402728620bbd70
https://help.twitter.com/en/rules-and-policies/hateful-conduct-policy
https://www.cnet.com/news/twitter-permanently-bans-white-supremacist-david-duke/

HEADLINE: APPLE TO DELAY NEW IPHONES
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY NORMALLY LAUNCHES NEW IPHONES IN SEPTEMBER
APPLE HAS CONFIRMED THAT NEW IPHONES WILL LAUNCH LATER THAN USUAL.
THE COMPANY'S CFO SAID IN AN EARNINGS CALL WITH INVESTORS THAT THE NEW IPHONES WILL BE AVAILABLE "A FEW WEEKS LATER" THAN THE TYPICAL SEPTEMBER LAUNCH.
APPLE SAYS IT STILL EXPECTS TO HAVE A STRONG BACK TO SCHOOL SEASON WHICH IS A POPULAR TIME FOR STUDENTS TO BUY PRODUCTS LIKE MACS AND IPADS.
https://www.cnet.com/news/apple-confirms-new-iphone-will-be-delayed-a-few-weeks-from-typical-september-launch/
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/30/21348738/apple-iphone-12-launch-delay-october?scrolla=5eb6d68b7fedc32c19ef33b4

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07/30/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: VERIZON LAUNCHES LTE HOME INTERNET SERVICE
HEADLINE 2: SERVICE IS AIMED AT CUSTOMERS LIVING IN RURAL AREAS
VERIZON IS LAUNCHING A NEW HOME INTERNET SERVICE THAT USES ITS 4G LTE WIRELESS NETWORK.

THE TARGET IS RURAL AREAS WHERE THERE MAY NOT BE BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE.
THE LTE HOME INTERNET SERVICE WILL PROVIDE UNLIMITED DATA AND INTERNET DOWNLOAD SPEEDS OF 25 TO 50 MEGABITS PER SECOND.
IT WILL COST $40 A MONTH FOR VERIZON WIRELESS CUSTOMERS, AND $60 A MONTH FOR NON-VERIZON WIRELESS CUSTOMERS.
IT IS NOW AVAILABLE IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA... SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI... AND THE TRI-CITIES REGION OF TENNESSEE AND VIRGINIA.
https://www.verizon.com/about/news/verizon-home-internet-rural-areas
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/30/21347968/verizons-4g-lte-internet-broadband-rural-areas-news

HEADLINE: GOOGLE OFFERS NEW TOOLS FOR BUSINESSES
HEADLINE 2: GOOGLE SEARCH AND MAPS CAN INCLUDE BLACK OWNERSHIP DESIGNATION
GOOGLE IS INTRODUCING NEW WAYS TO HELP USERS FIND AND SUPPORT BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES.
U.S. SELLERS WITH A VERIFIED GOOGLE BUSINESS PROFILE CAN ADD A BLACK-OWNED ATTRIBUTE TO HELP CUSTOMERS LOCATE THEM THOUGH GOOGLE SEARCH AND GOOGLE MAPS.
GOOGLE IS ALSO OFFERING DIGITAL TRAINING AND START-UP ADVICE FOR BLACK BUSINESS OWNERS.
GOOGLE HAS PARTNERED WITH THE U.S. BLACK CHAMBERS BUSINESS ORGANIZATION ON THE EFFORT.
https://www.cnet.com/news/google-will-help-you-find-black-owned-businesses/

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07/29/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: WALMART INTRODUCES "ASK SAM" APP
HEADLINE 2: EMPLOYEES CAN USE APP TO PULL UP STORES MAPS, LOCATE ITEMS, FIND PRICES
WALMART IS INTRODUCING A NEW APP FOR ITS EMPLOYEES CALLED "ASK SAM" TO HELP SHOPPERS FIND PRODUCTS AND PRICES.
THE RETAILER TOLD USA TODAY THAT EMPLOYEES AT MORE THAN 5,000 STORES CAN USE THE APP TO PULL UP STORE MAPS, FIND PRICES AND LOCATE ITEMS.
THE APP ALSO HAS AN EMERGENCY FEATURE WHERE MANAGERS CAN SEND ALERTS TO WORKERS DURING HIGH-STRESS SITUATIONS.
WALMART SAYS SAM'S CLUB DEVELOPED THE APP IN 2019 AND HOPES IT WILL INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIME WORKERS SPEND ASSISTING CUSTOMERS.

https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/07/29/walmart-employee-app-ask-sam-help-shoppers/5526853002/

HEADLINE: UNIVERSAL FILMS, AMC REACH AGREEMENT
HEADLINE 2: FILMS WILL STREAM IN THEATERS FOR 17 DAYS BEFORE DIGITAL PLATFORMS
UNIVERSAL FILMS AND AMC THEATRES HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO MAKE NEW FILMS AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND SOONER.
UNDER THE AGREEMENT, MOVIES FROM UNIVERSAL FILMS AND FOCUS FEATURES WILL PLAY IN THEATERS FOR THREE WEEKENDS OR 17 DAYS BEFORE BEING MADE AVAILABLE ON PREMIUM ON-DEMAND PLATFORMS.
THAT'S MUCH FASTER THAN THE TYPICAL 75-DAY WINDOW.
AMC'S CEO SUPPORTS THE QUICKER TURNAROUND AND EXPECTS ADDITIONAL REVENUE THROUGH STREAMING UNIVERSAL FILMS ON ITS OWN PLATFORM CALLED "AMC THEATRES ON DEMAND."
https://www.wsj.com/articles/amc-universal-agree-to-trim-theatrical-window-before-movies-go-online-11595968517?mod=djemalertNEWS
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/07/28/amc-strikes-historic-deal-with-universal-shortening-number-of-days-films-need-to-run-in-theaters-before-going-digital.html

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

HEADLINE: TWITTER LIMITS DONALD TRUMP JR.'S ACCOUNT
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM SAYS HE VIOLATED COVID-19 MISINFORMATION POLICY
TWITTER LIMITED DONALD TRUMP JR.'S ACCOUNT FOR 12 HOURS OVER A CORONAVIRUS POLICY VIOLATION.
ON MONDAY, TRUMP JR. SHARED A VIDEO OF DOCTORS PROMOTING THE USE OF HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE AS A TREATMENT FOR COVID-19 AND DISCOURAGING MASK WEARING.
A TWITTER SPOKESPERSON SAYS THE TWEET VIOLATED ITS POLICY AGAINST SPREADING MISLEADING AND POTENTIALLY HARMFUL INFORMATION ON COVID-19.
IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW MANY PEOPLE SAW THE VIDEO BEFORE IT WAS TAKEN DOWN.
https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/twitter-temporarily-limits-donald-trump-jrs-account-covid/story?id=72028764
https://www.cnet.com/news/twitter-temporarily-limits-donald-trump-jr-s-account-over-covid-19-video/

HEADLINE: REVEL TO SHUT DOWN IN NYC
HEADLINE 2: 2 PEOPLE HAVE DIED WHILE USING MOPED SHARING SERVICE

ELECTRIC MOPED STARTUP REVEL IS SHUTTING DOWN OPERATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
REVEL SAYS IT'S ASSESSING THE SAFETY OF ITS FLEET.
TWO CUSTOMERS HAVE DIED WHILE USING ITS MOPEDS WITHIN THE PAST MONTH, AND ITS SAFETY PRACTICES HAVE COME UNDER INTENSE SCRUTINY.
REVEL IS STILL OPERATING IN AUSTIN, TEXAS; MIAMI; WASHINGTON, DC; AND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA; AND HAS PLANS TO SOON LAUNCH IN SAN FRANCISCO.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/28/21344993/revel-suspends-electric-moped-nyc-people-killed
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/28/nyregion/revel-scooters-death-nyc.html
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07/27/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: GOOGLE EXTENDS WORK-FROM-HOME
HEADLINE 2: SOME EMPLOYEES CAN KEEP WORKING REMOTELY UNTIL SUMMER 2021
GOOGLE IS EXTENDING ITS WORK-FROM-HOME POLICY.
ACCORDING TO THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, GOOGLE WILL LET ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES CONTINUE WORKING FROM HOME UNTIL THE END OF JUNE.
THE MOVE WILL REPORTEDLY AFFECT AROUND 200,000 EMPLOYEES.
GOOGLE'S CEO SAYS HE MADE THE DECISION AFTER MEETING WITH TOP EXECUTIVES LAST WEEK.
GOOGLE HAD PREVIOUSLY PLANNED TO BRING SOME EMPLOYEES BACK TO OFFICES THIS MONTH, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.
TWITTER AND FACEBOOK RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO LET SOME WORKERS STAY HOME INDEFINITELY.
https://www.wsj.com/articles/google-to-keep-employees-home-until-summer-2021-amid-coronavirus-pandemic-11595854201?mod=djemalertNEWS
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/27/21340038/google-remote-working-employees-2021-twitter-facebook-alphabet
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/07/27/google-allow-remote-work-through-july-2021-summer-report-says/5517065002/

HEADLINE: TARGET TO CLOSE ON THANKSGIVING
HEADLINE 2: BIG-BOX RETAILER SAYS "THIS IS NOT THE YEAR FOR CROWDS"
TARGET STORES WILL BE CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING.
THE COMPANY SAID IN A BLOG POST THAT HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENTS LIKE BLACK FRIDAY CAN DRAW IN LOTS OF PEOPLE, AND THAT "THIS IS NOT THE YEAR FOR CROWDS."
THE RETAILER IS PLANNING TO ROLL OUT SALES IN STORES AND ONLINE STARTING IN OCTOBER.

IT WILL ALSO MAKE 20,000 MORE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP OR DELIVERY.
TARGET'S COMPETITOR, WALMART, HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CLOSE ON THANKSGIVING.
https://corporate.target.com/article/2020/07/early-holiday-plans
https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/509164-target-to-close-for-thanksgiving-this-isnt-a-year-for-crowds

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07/24/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: GARMIN HIT WITH RANSOMWARE ATTACK
HEADLINE 2: WEARABLE TECH COMPANY FACING WIDESPREAD OUTAGES
WEARABLE TECH MAKER GARMIN HAS EXPERIENCED AN OUTAGE AFTER BEING POSSIBLY HIT BY A RANSOMWARE ATTACK.
ACCORDING TO ZDNET, THE COMPANY HAD TO SHUT DOWN SEVERAL OF ITS SERVICES AFTER THE OUTAGE LOCKED SOME OF ITS PRODUCTION SYSTEMS.
GARMIN SAYS THE OUTAGE AFFECTED ITS CALL CENTERS AND THAT EMPLOYEES CAN'T RECEIVE EMAILS, CALLS, OR ONLINE CHATS.
THE OUTAGE ALSO AFFECTED ITS NAVIGATION SERVICE, FLYGARMIN, WHICH SUPPORTS THE COMPANY'S AVIATION DEVICES.
IT'S NOT YET CLEAR IF CUSTOMERS' DATA WAS ACCESSED IN THE ATTACK.
https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/jul/24/smartwatch-maker-garmin-hit-by-outages-after-ransomware-attack
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/24/21336881/garmin-ransomware-attack-outage-cause

HEADLINE: TIKTOK HIDING QANON CONTENT
HEADLINE 2: HASHTAGS CONNECTED TO CONSPIRACY THEORY GROUP ARE DISABLED
TIKTOK HAS DISABLED HASHTAGS CONNECTED TO THE CONSPIRACY THEORY GROUP, Q-ANON.
ACCORDING TO ABC NEWS, USERS CAN NO LONGER SEARCH USING THE HASHTAG Q-ANON, WHICH HAD OVER 80 MILLION VIEWS EARLIER THIS WEEK.
HOWEVER, THOSE VIDEOS ARE STILL UP.
TIKTOK SAYS THE CONTENT VIOLATED ITS COMMUNITY GUIDELINES AND THAT THE MOVE WAS MEANT TO MAKE IT HARDER TO FIND.
TWITTER RECENTLY BANNED THOUSANDS OF Q-ANON LINKED ACCOUNTS OVER HARASSMENT AND MISINFORMATION CONCERNS.
https://abcnews.go.com/Technology/tiktok-disables-prominent-hashtags-conspiracy-theory-qanon/story?id=71952158
https://www.cnet.com/news/tiktok-has-disabled-qanon-hashtags/

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07/23/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: TIKTOK MOVES TO PAY CREATORS
HEADLINE 2: $200M FUND WILL PAY CERTAIN USERS DIRECTLY FOR MAKING VIDEOS
TIKTOK IS INTRODUCING A $200 MILLION FUND TO PAY CREATORS.
A SPOKESPERSON TOLD THE VERGE THE FUND WILL SUPPORT USERS WHO ARE LOOKING TO MAKE A LIVING ON THE APP.
CREATORS WILL REPORTEDLY RECEIVE DIRECT PAYMENTS WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR, AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE WILL GROW OVER TIME.
CREATORS CAN APPLY FOR THE FUNDING IF THEY'RE AT LEAST 18, REGULARLY POST ORIGINAL VIDEOS, AND CREATE CONTENT THAT FOLLOWS TIKTOK'S COMMUNITY GUIDELINES.
https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/introducing-the-200-million-tiktok-creator-fund
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/23/21335404/tiktok-creators-monetization-fund-followers-youtube-content-videos?scrolla=5eb6d68b7fedc32c19ef33b4

HEADLINE: TOYOTA RECALLS 184K TRUCKS
HEADLINE 2: AUTOMAKER SAYS SOME TUNDRAS COULD HAVE DIM TURN SIGNALS
TOYOTA IS RECALLING 183,000 TOYOTA TUNDRA PICKUP TRUCKS.
IN A FILING WITH THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, TOYOTA SAYS TUNDRA PICKUPS WITH MODEL YEARS 2018 THROUGH 2020 MAY HAVE A WIRING PROBLEM THAT COULD LEAD TO DIM TURN SIGNALS AND HAZARD LIGHTS.
AFFECTED TUNDRA OWNERS ARE BEING ASKED TO TAKE THEIR TRUCKS TO A TOYOTA DEALERSHIP, WHERE THE ISSUE WILL BE FIXED FOR FREE.
NOTICES WILL BE MAILED OUT TO OWNERS AROUND SEPTEMBER 13.
https://www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/toyota-tundra-recall-blinkers/

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07/22/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK INTRODUCES APP LOCK
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN NOW LOCK MESSENGER BEHIND FACE ID OR TOUCH ID
FACEBOOK IS INTRODUCING A NEW PRIVACY FEATURE CALLED APP LOCK FOR MESSENGER.
IT WILL LET USERS UNLOCK MESSENGER USING FACE ID OR TOUCH ID. THE IDEA IS TO PREVENT SOMEONE JUST BORROWING A PERSON'S DEVICE FROM SEEING THEIR CHATS.

FACEBOOK SAYS IT'S LAUNCHING A CENTRALIZED PRIVACY SECTION IN THE APP SO USERS CAN MORE EASILY ACCESS APP LOCK AND SEE WHO THEY'VE BLOCKED.
IT'S NOW AVAILABLE ON IOS AND WILL ARRIVE ON ANDROID IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
https://about.fb.com/news/2020/07/messenger-app-lock-and-privacy-settings/
https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-messenger-launches-new-privacy-features/
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/22/21333945/facebook-messenger-app-lock-security-iphone-ipad-face-id

HEADLINE: TWITTER CRACKS DOWN ON QANON
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM HAS BANNED OVER 7,000 QANON ACCOUNTS WITHIN WEEKS
TWITTER IS TAKING ACTION AGAINST Q-ANON OVER HARASSMENT AND MISINFORMATION CONCERNS.
Q-ANON IS A CONSPIRACY THEORY MOVEMENT THAT BELIEVES PRESIDENT TRUMP IS LEADING A SECRET WAR AGAINST A SO-CALLED DEEP STATE.
TWITTER WILL NO LONGER RECOMMEND ACCOUNTS AND CONTENT CONNECTED TO THE MOVEMENT AND WILL LIMIT THAT CONTENT IN THE TRENDS AND SEARCH FEATURES.
THE COMPANY HAS BANNED MORE THAN 7,000 Q-ANON-LINKED ACCOUNTS IN RECENT WEEKS FOR VIOLATING ITS POLICIES AGAINST PLATFORM MANIPULATION, SPAM, OR BAN EVASION.
OVERALL, THE ACTION AFFECTS ABOUT 150,000 ACCOUNTS.
https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/twitter-bans-7-000-qanon-accounts-limits-150-000-others-n1234541

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07/21/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: AMAZON DELAYS PRIME DAY
HEADLINE 2: RETAILER PUSHES BACK THE EVENT BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
AMAZON WILL DELAY ITS PRIME DAY EVENT IN THE U.S. BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
NO NEW DATE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED.
AMAZON NORMALLY RUNS THE ANNUAL SHOPPING EVENT IN MID-JULY OFFERING DISCOUNTS FOR PRIME MEMBERS.
AMAZON SAYS IT WILL HOLD THE EVENT LATER IN THE YEAR TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ITS WORKERS AND SELLING PARTNERS.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/07/21/amazon-prime-day-delayed-due-pandemic-but-its-still-coming/5477575002/

https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/21/21332350/amazon-prime-day-delayed-us-india-august-coronavirus

HEADLINE: INSTAGRAM TESTS PERSONAL FUNDRAISING TOOL
HEADLINE 2: FUNDRAISERS WILL LAST FOR 30 DAYS, DONORS CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS
INSTAGRAM IS TESTING A NEW TOOL THAT WILL ALLOW PEOPLE TO RAISE MONEY FOR PERSONAL CAUSES.
USERS IN THE U.S., U.K., AND IRELAND CAN CREATE A PERSONAL FUNDRAISER BY EDITING THEIR PROFILE.
FUNDRAISERS ON THE PLATFORM WILL LAST FOR 30 DAYS AND DONORS CAN CHOOSE TO BE ANONYMOUS TO THE PUBLIC.
INSTAGRAM RECENTLY INTRODUCED LIVE FUNDRAISING FOR INSTAGRAM LIVE.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/21/21332533/instagram-personal-platform-fundraiser-test-us?scrolla=5eb6d68b7fedc32c19ef33b4
https://www.cnet.com/news/facebooks-instagram-rolls-out-new-tool-for-personal-fundraising/

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

HEADLINE: SNAPCHAT LAUNCHES MEDITATION 'MINI APP'
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN COMPLETE HEADSPACE SESSIONS ALONE OR WITH A FRIEND
SNAPCHAT IS LAUNCHING A MEDITATION "MINI APP" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HEADSPACE.
USERS CAN CHOOSE FROM SIX DIFFERENT MEDITATION SESSIONS TO DO ALONE OR WITH A FRIEND, AND EACH SESSION LASTS BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR MINUTES.
USERS CAN ACCESS THE MINI-APP BY TAPPING THE ROCKET ICON IN CHAT OR BY SEARCHING HEADSPACE.
SNAP SAYS ITS RESEARCH INDICATES LOTS OF ITS USERS ARE DEALING WITH ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, STRESS, AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES AND THAT THEY NORMALLY GO TO THEIR FRIENDS FOR HELP WHEN EXPERIENCING THESE FEELINGS.
IT ANNOUNCED HEADSPACE, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER MINI APPS, AT ITS VIRTUAL PARTNER SUMMIT LAST MONTH.
https://www.cnet.com/news/snapchat-adds-a-meditation-feature-with-headspace-mini-app/
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/20/21331037/snapchat-headspace-meditation-mini-apps-mental-health
https://www.popsugar.com/fitness/headspace-mini-meditations-on-snapchat-47627669

HEADLINE: AMERICAN AIRLINES OFFERS TOUCHLESS CHECK-IN

HEADLINE 2: PASSENGERS CAN CHECK LUGGAGE WITHOUT TOUCHING SHARED SCREENS

AMERICAN AIRLINES IS INTRODUCING A TOUCHLESS BAG CHECK PROCESS.
PASSENGERS CAN INDICATE HOW MANY BAGS THEY'RE BRINGING ON THE AIRLINE'S WEBSITE OR APP.
THEN, AT THE AIRPORT, THEY'LL SCAN THEIR MOBILE BOARDING PASS AT A CHECK-IN KIOSK TO PRINT THE BAG TAGS WITHOUT TOUCHING A SCREEN, AND DROP THEIR BAGS OFF BEFORE HEADING TO THEIR GATE.
AMERICAN AIRLINES SAYS THE CHANGE IS PART OF A COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF ITS CUSTOMERS AND TEAM MEMBERS.
THE TECHNOLOGY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MORE THAN 230 AIRPORTS.
http://news.aa.com/news/news-details/2020/American-Airlines-Introduces-New-Technology-to-Enhance-the-Customer-Experience-OPS-OTH-07/?utm_source=News_Alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsroom_Alerts
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/17/21328925/american-airlines-touchless-check-in-middle-seats-coronavirus

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07/17/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK EXPANDS SCREEN SHARING FEATURE
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN SHARE THEIR SCREEN WITH UP TO EIGHT PEOPLE IN A GROUP CHAT

FACEBOOK IS EXPANDING ITS SCREEN SHARING FEATURE ON MESSENGER, ALLOWING PEOPLE TO NOW USE IT ON MOBILE DEVICES.
THE UPDATE IS AVAILABLE ON ANDROID AND IOS.
USERS CAN SHARE THEIR SCREEN WITH UP TO EIGHT PEOPLE IN A GROUP CHAT OR UP TO 16 PEOPLE IN MESSENGER ROOMS.
AND FACEBOOK HAS PLANS TO GO EVEN BIGGER, SAYING IN A PRESS RELEASE IT'S WORKING TO EXPAND THE FEATURE FOR UP TO 50 PEOPLE IN MESSENGER ROOMS.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/17/21328179/facebook-messenger-screen-sharing-android-ios-web-how-to

HEADLINE: MICROSOFT DISCONTINUES XBOX ONE X
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY IS FOCUSING ON THE LAUNCH OF XBOX SERIES X CONSOLE AND PROJECT XCLOUD

MICROSOFT IS STOPPING PRODUCTION OF THE XBOX ONE X AND THE XBOX ONE S ALL-DIGITAL EDITION.
A COMPANY SPOKESPERSON TOLD THE VERGE THIS IS JUST THE NATURAL STEP, AS IT FOCUSES ON THE LAUNCH OF THE XBOX SERIES X CONSOLE AND PROJECT XCLOUD.

MICROSOFT SAYS THE XBOX ONE S WILL CONTINUE TO BE MANUFACTURED AND SOLD AROUND THE WORLD, AND GAMERS CAN CHECK WITH LOCAL RETAILERS FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT XBOX ONE HARDWARE AVAILABILITY.
IT INTRODUCED XBOX ONE X BACK IN 2017.
https://www.cnet.com/news/xbox-one-x-has-been-discontinued/
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/16/21327330/microsoft-xbox-one-x-s-digital-edition-discontinued

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

HEADLINE: AMAZON EXTENDS REMOTE WORK POLICY
HEADLINE 2: ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES CAN KEEP WORKING FROM HOME UNTIL JAN. 8
AMAZON IS EXTENDING ITS WORK-FROM-HOME POLICY.
A COMPANY SPOKESPERSON TOLD CNBC THAT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK REMOTELY CAN KEEP DOING SO UNTIL JANUARY 8.
AMAZON SAYS IT'S INVESTED RESOURCES INTO ENSURING THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES WHO DO RETURN TO THE OFFICE, INCLUDING CONDUCTING TEMPERATURE CHECKS AND PROVIDING FACE MASKS AND SANITIZER.
THE COMPANY PREVIOUSLY TOLD EMPLOYEES THEY COULD WORK FROM HOME UNTIL OCTOBER 2.
OTHER TECH COMPANIES INCLUDING GOOGLE AND APPLE HAVE ALSO SAID THEY DON'T EXPECT EMPLOYEES TO RETURN TO OFFICES BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/07/15/amazon-coronavirus-work-from-home-policy-extended-until-january-8.html

HEADLINE: APPLE EXPANDS CODING PARTNERSHIP
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY ADDS 10 BLACK SCHOOLS TO COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM
APPLE IS PLANNING TO EXPAND ITS CODING PARTNERSHIP WITH HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S ADDING 10 MORE H.B.C.U.'s TO ITS COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM, WHICH IS MEANT TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN LEARNING CODING SKILLS.
APPLE SAYS ITS GOAL IS TO GIVE MORE PEOPLE OF COLOR "THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF CODING."
APPLE ALSO RECENTLY LAUNCHED A RACIAL EQUALITY INITIATIVE. BUT TECH COMPANIES IN GENERAL HAVE FACED CRITICISM FOR A LACK OF DIVERSITY IN THEIR WORKFORCES.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/07/16/apple-expands-hbcu-partnership-tech-grapples-lack-diversity/5449823002/

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07/15/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TO STREAM MUSIC VIDEOS
HEADLINE 2: IN THE PAST, LICENSING LAWS BARRED FULL-LENGTH VIDEOS FROM PLATFORM
FACEBOOK IS LAUNCHING MUSIC VIDEO STREAMING IN THE U.S. NEXT MONTH.
ACCORDING TO TECHCRUNCH, OWNERS OF PAGES CONNECTED TO ARTISTS WOULD HAVE TO GIVE FACEBOOK PERMISSION TO ADD MUSIC VIDEOS TO THEIR PAGES BEFORE AUGUST 1.
IF THEY DON'T, FACEBOOK WILL CREATE A PAGE OF THEIR VIDEOS AUTOMATICALLY.
ARTISTS CAN TAKE THEIR VIDEOS DOWN WHENEVER THEY LIKE.
PREVIOUSLY, ARTISTS WITH MAJOR U.S. RECORD LABELS COULD ONLY SHARE VIDEO PREVIEWS ON FACEBOOK DUE TO LICENSING RIGHTS -- NEVER FULL-LENGTH VIDEOS.
BUT FACEBOOK HAS BEEN WORKING WITH LABELS TO GET MORE MUSIC ON ITS PLATFORM.
https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-reportedly-ready-to-begin-streaming-music-videos/
https://techcrunch.com/2020/07/14/facebook-to-launch-officially-licensed-music-videos-in-the-u-s-next-month/

HEADLINE: WALMART TO REQUIRE FACE MASKS
HEADLINE 2: 65% OF ITS STORES ALREADY UNDER FACE MASK MANDATES
WALMART WILL REQUIRE CUSTOMERS AT ALL OF ITS STORES TO WEAR FACE MASKS INSIDE.
THE RETAILER SAYS 65 PERCENT OF ITS MORE THAN 5,000 STORES ARE ALREADY UNDER SOME KIND OF GOVERNMENT MASK MANDATE, AND THAT THIS WILL MAKE FOR A MORE CONSISTENT EXPERIENCE ACROSS LOCATIONS.
THE NEW RULE TAKES EFFECT MONDAY, SO THAT WALMART HAS TIME TO INFORM CUSTOMERS ABOUT THE CHANGE, TRAIN ASSOCIATES AND POST SIGNS REMINDING SHOPPERS TO COVER THEIR FACES.
THE REQUIREMENT ALSO EXTENDS TO SAM'S CLUB STORES.
BEST BUY AND STARBUCKS, AMONG OTHERS, HAVE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED SIMILAR MEASURES.
https://corporate.walmart.com/newsroom/2020/07/15/a-simple-step-to-help-keep-you-safe-walmart-and-sams-club-require-shoppers-to-wear-face-coverings
https://www.cnet.com/health/walmart-will-soon-require-shoppers-to-wear-masks/
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HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: REMOTE WORK FOR APPLE RETAIL WORKERS
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY GEARS UP FOR MORE ONLINE SALES
APPLE IS READJUSTING ITS OPERATIONS AS REPORTED CORONAVIRUS CASES CONTINUE TO CLIMB ACROSS THE U.S. AND AROUND THE WORLD.
ACCORDING TO BLOOMBERG, THE COMPANY IS ENCOURAGING ITS RETAIL EMPLOYEES TO WORK FROM HOME FOR ITS ONLINE OPERATIONS FOLLOWING THE RE-CLOSING OF SOME OF ITS STORES BECAUSE OF A VIRUS RESURGENCE.
APPLE TOLD U.S. EMPLOYEES IT DOES NOT EXPECT TO BRING THEM BACK TO THE OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.
https://www.cnet.com/news/apple-re-closes-more-stores-due-to-coronavirus-spikes/
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-07-13/apple-asks-retail-staff-to-work-remotely-as-stores-shut-again

HEADLINE: YELP BRINGS BACK FURLOUGHED EMPLOYEES
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY WILL RESTORE EMPLOYEE PAY AND WORK HOURS NEXT MONTH
YELP IS BRINGING BACK MORE THAN 1,000 FURLOUGHED EMPLOYEES STARTING IN AUGUST.
WHILE THE COMPANY IS RESTORING PAY AND WORK HOURS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES, IT IS EXTENDING ITS OFFICE CLOSURES INTO NEXT YEAR….AND THAT WILL RESULT IN 63 MORE LAYOFFS AT YELP.
YELP FURLOUGHED THE WORKERS IN APRIL AS CONSUMER INTEREST IN GOING OUT FELL BECAUSE OF STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/07/13/yelp-will-bring-back-most-of-its-1100-furloughed-employees-next-month.html
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HEADLINE: COCA-COLA FOUNTAINS GO CONTACTLESS
HEADLINE 2: FREESTYLE MACHINES WILL SCAN QR CODES FOR TOUCH-FREE DISPENSING
COCA-COLA IS INTRODUCING A CONTACTLESS FREESTYLE DRINK DISPENSER.
USERS JUST HOLD THEIR SMARTPHONE UP TO THE MACHINE'S DISPLAY, SCAN A QR CODE, AND THEN CHOOSE THEIR DRINK ON THEIR OWN DEVICE.
COCA COLA SAYS THE SOFTWARE WILL GO OUT TO MORE THAN 10,000 FREESTYLE DISPENSERS LATER THIS SUMMER, AND IT'LL REACH ALL U.S. FREESTYLE MACHINES BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
CONTACTLESS TECH HAS BEEN IN HIGH DEMAND AMID THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/07/13/coca-cola-introduces-technology-for-contactless-soda-dispensers/5414958002/

HEADLINE: WELLS FARGO BANS TIKTOK
HEADLINE 2: EMPLOYEES MUST REMOVE APP FROM COMPANY-OWNED DEVICES
WELLS FARGO HAS BANNED TIKTOK FROM COMPANY DEVICES OVER SECURITY CONCERNS.
THE COMPANY TOLD CNN BUSINESS THAT IT HAD IDENTIFIED ":A SMALL NUMBER" OF COMPANY-OWNED DEVICES WITH TIKTOK INSTALLED.
IT SAYS IT HAS TOLD THOSE EMPLOYEES TO DELETE THE APP, IN PART "DUE TO CONCERNS ABOUT TIKTOK'S PRIVACY AND SECURITY CONTROLS."
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ALSO CONSIDERING BANNING THE APP BECAUSE OF ITS CHINESE OWNERSHIP.
SIMILARLY, AMAZON RECENTLY ASKED EMPLOYEES TO DELETE TIKTOK FROM COMPANY DEVICES, BUT LATER SAID THAT DIRECTION WAS SENT IN ERROR.
https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/13/tech/tiktok-wells-fargo/index.html
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HEADLINE: AMAZON TELLS EMPLOYEES TO DELETE TIKTOK
HEADLINE 2: APP BANNED FROM ANY DEVICE THAT ACCESSES AMAZON EMAIL
AMAZON HAS ORDERED ITS EMPLOYEES TO REMOVE TIKTOK FROM THEIR SMARTPHONES, CITING SECURITY RISKS.
ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE COMPANY TOLD ITS EMPLOYEES TO DELETE THE APP FROM ANY DEVICE THAT ACCESSES AMAZON EMAIL.
AMAZON SAYS WORKERS CAN STILL USE TIKTOK IN THEIR LAPTOP BROWSERS.
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING BANNING TIKTOK OVER SECURITY CONCERNS RELATED TO THE APP'S CHINESE OWNERSHIP.
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/10/technology/tiktok-amazon-security-risk.html
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/10/21320196/amazon-employees-tiktok-uninstall-email-trump-administration-pompeo-ban

HEADLINE: INSTAGRAM BANS CONVERSION THERAPY CONTENT
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM WILL STOP RECOMMENDING TESTIMONIALS FOR THE "THERAPY"
INSTAGRAM WILL BAN CONTENT THAT PROMOTES SO-CALLED CONVERSION THERAPY.
THAT PRACTICE, WHICH AIMS TO "CONVERT" LGBTQ PEOPLE, IS SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN TO BE INEFFECTIVE AND EVEN HARMFUL.
THE COMPANY TOLD CNN IT MADE THE DECISION AFTER ACTIVISTS ASKED IT TO BLOCK CONVERSION THERAPY PROVIDERS FROM ADVERTISING ONLINE.
ON TOP OF THE BAN, INSTAGRAM WILL ALSO NO LONGER RECOMMEND CONTENT RELATED TO CONVERSION THERAPY, SUCH AS TESTIMONIALS OR POSTS IN SUPPORT OF THE PRACTICE, EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF LEGISLATION.

INSTAGRAM ALREADY BANNED ADS FOR THE PRACTICE EARLIER THIS YEAR.
https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/10/tech/instagram-conversion-therapy-ban-scli-intl-gbr/

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HEADLINE: AMAZON TO PUBLISH SELLERS' ADDRESSES
HEADLINE 2: MOVE WILL BETTER INFORM CUSTOMERS ABOUT WHAT THEY BUY
AMAZON WILL REQUIRE THIRD-PARTY SELLERS IN THE U.S. TO PUBLISH THEIR OFFICIAL BUSINESS NAMES AND ADDRESSES.
THE COMPANY SENT A NOTICE TO SELLERS ABOUT THE CHANGE THIS WEEK.
IT'S MEANT TO GIVE CUSTOMERS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHO THEY'RE BUYING FROM, AND IT MAY ALSO HELP TRACK THIRD-PARTY SELLERS OFFERING COUNTERFEIT OR UNSAFE ITEMS.
AMAZON ALREADY MAKES SELLERS IN EUROPE, MEXICO, AND JAPAN PUBLICLY DISPLAY THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES.
THE CHANGE IS SET TO TAKE EFFECT IN THE U.S. ON SEPTEMBER 1ST.
https://www.businessinsider.com/amazon-to-display-seller-names-and-addresses-on-us-marketplace-2020-7?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+typepad%2Falleyinsider%2Fsilicon_alley_insider+%28Silicon+Alley+Insider%29
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/07/08/amazon-sellers-in-the-us-will-have-to-list-their-names-and-addresses.html
https://techcrunch.com/2020/07/08/amazon-u-s-sellers-will-have-to-display-their-name-and-address-starting-sept-1-2020/

HEADLINE: LETTER ASKS FORD TO STOP MAKING POLICE CARS
HEADLINE 2: EMPLOYEES SAY THE CARS HAVE BEEN ACCESSORIES OF POLICE BRUTALITY
FORD EMPLOYEES ARE REPORTEDLY ASKING THE COMPANY TO STOP MANUFACTURING AND SELLING POLICE CARS.
CAR NEWS WEBSITE JALOPNIK REPORTS EMPLOYEES SENT A LETTER TO THE AUTOMAKER SAYING, IN PART, THAT FORD'S VEHICLES HAVE BEEN USED AS ACCESSORIES TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND OPPRESSION.
CEO JIM HACKETT SAYS FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR CARS HELP OFFICERS DO THEIR JOBS AND THAT THE CONTROVERSY AROUND POLICING HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT OFFICERS ARE DRIVING.
IN RECENT YEARS, FORD HAS BEEN SELLING AROUND 30,000 POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES A YEAR.
THE LETTER WAS SENT AS PROTESTS OVER RACIAL INJUSTICE CONTINUE IN THE U.S. AND AROUND THE WORLD.
https://www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/ford-employees-police-cars/

https://jalopnik.com/america-s-great-racial-reckoning-comes-to-the-auto-indu-1844285290
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HEADLINE: INSTAGRAM LAUNCHES PINNED COMMENT FEATURE
HEADLINE 2: OWNER OF POST CAN CONTROL TONE OF COMMENT THREAD

INSTAGRAM IS INTRODUCING A PINNED COMMENT THAT ALLOWS USERS TO PIN THREE COMMENTS ON A POST TO THE TOP OF A THREAD. THE OWNER OF THE POST CAN CONTROL THE TONE OF THE COMMENT THREAD.
USERS CAN PIN A COMMENT BY SWIPING LEFT, WHICH PROVIDES OPTIONS FOR REPORTING, DELETING, AND REPLYING.
INSTAGRAM HAS SPENT THE LAST FEW YEARS IMPROVING ITS TOOLS TO FIGHT HARASSMENT, ABUSE, AND MISINFORMATION.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/7/21316141/instagram-pinned-comments-feature-available-harassment-moderation-tools

HEADLINE: LINKEDIN INTRODUCES NAME PRONUNCIATION
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN RECORD A 10-SECOND AUDIO CLIP FOR THEIR PROFILE PAGE
LINKEDIN USERS WILL BE ABLE TO RECORD A 10-SECOND AUDIO CLIP TEACHING PEOPLE HOW TO PRONOUNCE THEIR NAME.
USERS CAN TAP THEIR PROFILE NAME, SELECT THE EDIT ICON, AND SHOULD SEE AN OPTION TO RECORD.
THE RECORDING WILL APPEAR NEXT TO THEIR NAME ON THEIR PROFILE PAGE.
ANYONE WILL BE ABLE TO LISTEN TO A NAME PRONUNCIATION ON MOBILE AND DESKTOP PLATFORMS.
IT WILL BE AVAILABLE GLOBALLY OVER THE NEXT MONTH.
https://www.cnet.com/news/linkedin-wants-to-tell-people-how-to-pronounce-your-name/
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HEADLINE: WALMART LAUNCHING WALMART +
HEADLINE 2: SERVICE INCLUDES SAME-DAY GROCERY DELIVERY FOR $98 A YEAR
WALMART IS LAUNCHING A NEW SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE CALLED WALMART PLUS.
ACCORDING TO VOX'S RECODE, IT WILL COST $98 A YEAR AND INCLUDE SAME-DAY GROCERY DELIVERY, DISCOUNTS AT WALMART GAS STATIONS, AND EARLY ACCESS TO CERTAIN DEALS.

WALMART PLANNED TO INTRODUCE WALMART PLUS AROUND LATE MARCH BUT DELAYED THE LAUNCH TO THIS MONTH BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. IT'S NOT CLEAR YET IF THE SERVICE WILL ROLL OUT NATIONALLY OR REGIONALLY.
THE RETAILER HAS BEEN WORKING TO INCREASE ITS E-COMMERCE BUSINESS.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/07/07/walmarts-answer-to-amazon-prime-set-to-launch-in-july-according-to-report.html
https://www.vox.com/recode/2020/7/7/21314767/walmart-plus-grocery-delivery-amazon-prime-membership-loyalty-program-walmart

HEADLINE: AMAZON PRIME VIDEO DEBUTS USER PROFILES
HEADLINE 2: EACH ACCOUNT CAN HAVE UP TO SIX SEPARATE PROFILES
AMAZON PRIME VIDEO IS INTRODUCING USER PROFILES FOR PEOPLE WHO SHARE THEIR ACCOUNTS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
EACH ACCOUNT CAN HAVE UP TO SIX PROFILES. ONE WILL SERVE AS THE PRIMARY PROFILE, AND THE FIVE OTHERS CAN BE SET TO ALLOW REGULAR OR KID-FRIENDLY CONTENT. UP TO THREE PROFILES CAN STREAM VIDEO AT THE SAME TIME.
EACH PROFILE WILL HAVE ITS OWN WATCHLISTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND SAVE INDIVIDUAL USERS' PROGRESS IN MOVIES AND SERIES.
THE FEATURE WILL BE AVAILABLE GLOBALLY BUT IN PHASES.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/7/21315370/amazon-prime-video-user-profiles-kids-household-wallet-sharing
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HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: UBER TO BUY POSTMATES FOR $2.65B
HEADLINE 2: DEAL WOULD HELP UBER EXPAND DELIVERY OF GROCERIES, ESSENTIALS
UBER HAS AGREED TO ACQUIRE POSTMATES FOR $2.65 BILLION IN AN ALL-STOCK DEAL.
UBER'S CEO SAID THE NEW, COMBINED COMPANY COULD "BE ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT DURING CRISES LIKE COVID-19".
UBER ALREADY DELIVERS PREPARED FOOD THROUGH UBER EATS, BUT IT'S REPORTEDLY LOOKING TO INCREASE ITS FOOTPRINT IN THE DELIVERY OF GROCERIES AND OTHER GOODS.
UBER WAS PREVIOUSLY RUMORED TO BE TRYING TO BUY GRUBHUB, BUT PULLED OUT OF MERGER TALKS BECAUSE OF ANTITRUST CONCERNS.
ACCORDING TO C-NET, THE POSTMATES DEAL IS SET TO CLOSE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF NEXT YEAR.
https://www.cnet.com/news/uber-agrees-to-acquire-postmates-for-2-65-billion/
https://investor.uber.com/news-events/news/press-release-details/2020/Uber-to-Acquire-Postmates/default.aspx

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TO ENCOURAGE FACE MASKS
HEADLINE 2: NOTIFICATIONS WILL DIRECT USERS TO COVID-19 INFO CENTER
FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM WILL ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WEAR FACE MASKS.
A NOTIFICATION AT THE TOP OF THE FACEBOOK NEWS FEED WILL DIRECT USERS TO THE PLATFORM'S COVID-19 INFORMATION CENTER, WITH LINKS TO THE CDC FOR MORE INFORMATION.
INSTAGRAM WILL HAVE SIMILAR NOTIFICATIONS AND CDC LINKS.
FACEBOOK SAYS THIS IS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE RECENT SURGE IN CORONAVIRUS CASES IN THE U.S.
IT HAS STRUGGLED WITH COVID-19 MISINFORMATION ON ITS PLATFORMS DURING THE PANDEMIC.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/2/21311436/facebook-instagram-face-masks-message-feed-cdc

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

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK DEBUTS JULY 4 VOTER REGISTRATION
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY AIMS TO REGISTER 4 MILLION VOTERS FOR 2020 ELECTIONS
FACEBOOK IS INTRODUCING A JULY 4th VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.
STARTING FRIDAY, USERS WHO ARE OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE WILL SEE A PROMPT AT THE TOP OF THE APP WITH INFORMATION ON REGISTERING AND A LINK TO THEIR STATE'S REGISTRATION SITE.
THE TECH GIANT SAYS MORE REGISTRATION DRIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER ON ITS PLATFORM, AND ON MESSENGER AND INSTAGRAM.
FACEBOOK HOPES TO ADD 4 MILLION VOTERS FOR THE 2020 ELECTION.
https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-launches-july-4th-voter-registration-drive-ahead-of-us-elections/

HEADLINE: PELOTON LAUNCHES ROKU APP
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY HAS SEEN GROWING ENGAGEMENT WITH ITS TV APPS
PELOTON IS LAUNCHING AN APP ON ROKU.
ANYONE WITH A ROKU DEVICE CAN SIGN UP TO GET ACCESS THROUGH THEIR TV TO PELOTON WORKOUTS, INCLUDING YOGA, STRENGTH TRAINING, STRETCHING, CYCLING, MEDITATION, AND OUTDOOR RUNNING CLASSES.
THE APP WILL ALLOW ROKU'S MACHINE-LEARNING TO TARGET ADVERTISING.
PELOTON SAYS IT HAS EXPANDED TO NEW PLATFORMS AS MORE PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HOME WORKOUT COURSES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/1/21309887/peloton-roku-app-tv-release-date-price-free-trial

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HEADLINE: GOOGLE TO DELAY REOPENING PLANS
HEADLINE 2: U.S. OFFICES WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7
GOOGLE IS DELAYING PLANS TO REOPEN U.S. OFFICES AS SEVERAL WESTERN AND SOUTHERN STATES ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN CORONAVIRUS CASES.
BLOOMBERG REPORTS THE COMPANY TOLD ITS EMPLOYEES THAT ALL U.S. OFFICES WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7, WHICH IS ALSO LABOR DAY.
GOOGLE HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID SOME EMPLOYEES WOULD RETURN TO OFFICES THIS MONTH.
THE CALIFORNIA-BASED FIRM WAS AMONG THE FIRST MAJOR COMPANIES TO SEND WORKERS HOME IN MARCH DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-07-01/google-pushes-back-u-s-office-reopening-plan-after-virus-surge
https://techcrunch.com/2020/07/01/google-confirms-us-offices-will-remain-closed-until-at-least-september-as-covid-19-spikes/

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TO SHUT DOWN HOBBI APP
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY EXPECTS TO ABANDON APPS THAT DON'T CATCH ON
FACEBOOK IS SHUTTING DOWN ITS EXPERIMENTAL ORGANIZING APP, HOBBI, ON JULY 10.
HOBBI WAS LAUNCHED BY FACEBOOK IN FEBRUARY FOR HOBBYISTS TO SAVE AND SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS OF THEIR INTERESTS.
A SPOKESMAN TOLD TECHCRUNCH THAT THE COMPANY EXPECTS TO ABANDON APPS WHEN THEY DON'T CATCH ON, BUT HOPES TO LEARN FROM THESE FAILURES TO BUILD BETTER AND MORE INTERESTING APPS IN THE FUTURE.
https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-shuts-down-experimental-hobbi-app/
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