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

HEADLINE: DOORDASH LAUNCHES STOREFRONT FEATURE
HEADLINE 2: RESTAURANTS CAN CREATE WEBSITES, MANAGE ORDERS DIRECTLY
DOORDASH HAS LAUNCHED A NEW FEATURE TO HELP RESTAURANTS MANAGE ONLINE ORDERS.
RESTAURANTS CAN CREATE WEBSITES USING STOREFRONT AND THEN MANAGE THEIR ORDERS AND DELIVERY OPTIONS DIRECTLY.
DOORDASH WILL STILL HANDLE DELIVERY FOR THESE ORDERS AND TAKE A CUT OF EACH ONE.
THE COMPANY WILL ALSO WAIVE CERTAIN RESTAURANT FEES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES FOR THE REST OF 2020.
STOREFRONT IS CURRENTLY IN TESTING AND RESTAURANTS CAN JOIN THE WAITLIST ON THE DOORDASH WEBSITE.
IT WILL BE WIDELY AVAILABLE IN JULY.
https://blog.doordash.com/announcing-main-street-strong-our-commitment-to-helping-restaurants-on-the-road-to-recovery-3d5dff6b649b
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/28/21273696/doordash-main-street-strong-storefront-online-delivery

HEADLINE: UBER INTRODUCES HOURLY BOOKING
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN TAKE RIDES WITH MULTIPLE STOPS FOR $50 AN HOUR
UBER IS LETTING SOME RIDERS BOOK TRIPS ON AN HOURLY BASIS.
RIDERS WILL JUST SELECT "HOURLY" IN THE APP AND ENTER A DESTINATION.
THEY CAN COMPARE THE 50-DOLLAR-AN-HOUR RATE TO OTHER OPTIONS BEFORE COMMITTING TO THE TRIP AND ADD UP TO THREE STOPS, INCLUDING THEIR DESTINATION.
THE HOURLY BOOKING FEATURE DOES HAVE SOME LIMITS: IN SOME CITIES, TRIPS ARE CAPPED AT 40 MILES. AFTER THAT, USERS ARE CHARGED PER MILE.
HOURLY BOOKING WILL ROLL OUT FIRST IN 11 CITIES, INCLUDING ATLANTA, CHICAGO, DALLAS, AND WASHINGTON D.C.
IT WILL EXPAND TO MORE U.S. CITIES IN THE COMING WEEKS.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/29/uber-latest-features-lets-riders-book-by-the-hour-and-make-multiple-stops/

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05/28/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: AMAZON TO OFFER FULL-TIME JOBS TO WORKERS
HEADLINE 2: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES WILL BE CONVERTED AT $15 AN HOUR

AMAZON IS PLANNING TO OFFER PERMANENT JOBS TO 125,000 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IT HIRED DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
THE RETAIL COMPANY SAID IN A BLOG POST THAT IT WILL CONVERT THE WORKERS TO REGULAR, FULL-TIME JOBS BEGINNING IN JUNE AT $15 AN HOUR.
AMAZON ORIGINALLY HIRED THE WORKERS FOR SEASONAL ROLES TO MEET SURGES IN DEMAND DURING THE PANDEMIC.
THE COMPANY HAS BEEN BATTLING CRITICISM FOR WORK CONDITIONS AT ITS FACILITIES DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK.
https://blog.aboutamazon.com/operations/amazon-offering-125-000-full-time-jobs-to-seasonal-employees
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/28/amazon-says-it-will-offer-full-time-jobs-to-125000-temporary-workers/

HEADLINE: CVS TO USE SELF-DRIVING CARS FOR DELIVERIES
HEADLINE 2: HOUSTON PLAN STARTS WITH SPECIALLY DESIGNED TOYOTAS
SOME CVS CUSTOMERS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS MAY SEE PRESCRIPTION DELIVERIES TO THEIR HOMES BY SELF-DRIVING CARS.
THE ROBOTICS COMPANY NURO SAYS IT WILL USE A FLEET OF TOYOTA PRIUSES WITH SELF-DRIVING TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE THE DELIVERIES IN A PILOT PROJECT.
THE FREE SERVICE WILL REQUIRE CUSTOMERS TO VERIFY THEIR IDENTITY TO UNLOCK THEIR DELIVERY WHEN THE NURO VEHICLE ARRIVES.
THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH USING A SINGLE HOUSTON PHARMACY.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/28/21272966/nuro-cvs-autonomous-medicine-delivery-robot-houston

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

HEADLINE: GOOGLE TO BEGIN REOPENING OFFICES
HEADLINE 2: ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES WILL RETURN ON A "ROTATING BASIS"
GOOGLE IS PLANNING TO REOPEN SOME OF ITS OFFICES IN JULY.
ITS CEO SAID IN A BLOG POST THAT RETURNING TO OFFICES WILL BE OPTIONAL FOR MOST EMPLOYEES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.
THOSE WHO DO COME BACK WILL ONLY DO SO ON A LIMITED BASIS -- FOR EXAMPLE, ONCE EVERY FEW WEEKS -- TO KEEP BUILDING CAPACITIES LOW.
EMPLOYEES WHO STAY HOME WILL RECEIVE A $1,000 STIPEND FOR HOME OFFICE EQUIPMENT.
GOOGLE SAYS IT WILL NOTIFY WORKERS WHO WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO ITS OFFICES BY JUNE 10. https://www.blog.google/inside-google/working-google/working-from-home-and-office/
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/26/21271100/google-employees-work-from-home-option-office-reopen-covid-19

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK LAUNCHES COLLAB APP
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN CREATE AND MIX THEIR OWN MUSIC VIDEOS
FACEBOOK IS INTRODUCING A NEW APP CALLED COLLAB THAT LETS USERS CREATE MUSIC VIDEOS TOGETHER REMOTELY.
USERS CAN RECORD THEIR OWN MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS OR BUILD ONE FROM PRE-RECORDED PIECES.
THEN THEY CAN PUBLISH THEIR COLLAB VIDEO FOR OTHERS TO WATCH OR REMIX.
THE VIDEOS ARE SHORT: 15 SECONDS MAX. BUT THEY CAN BE MIXED AND MATCHED WITH OTHERS.
RIGHT NOW, COLLAB IS AVAILABLE AS AN INVITE-ONLY BETA ON IOS.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/27/facebook-launches-collab-a-mix-and-match-app-for-making-collaborative-music-videos/
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05/26/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK RENAMES DIGITAL WALLET "NOVI"
HEADLINE 2: CHANGE MEANT TO SEPARATE WALLET FROM CURRENCY, LIBRA
FACEBOOK WILL RENAME ITS DIGITAL WALLET, CALIBRA, IN HOPES OF DISTINGUISHING IT FURTHER FROM ITS CRYPTOCURRENCY LIBRA.
USERS WILL BE ABLE TO DOWNLOAD AND USE NOVI ON THEIR SMARTPHONE WITHOUT A FACEBOOK OR WHATSAPP ACCOUNT.
BUT THE DIGITAL WALLET CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH MESSENGER AND WHATSAPP.
FACEBOOK WILL LAUNCH NOVI WALLET WHEN THE LIBRA NETWORK GOES LIVE, BUT IT WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE IN A FEW COUNTRIES AT FIRST.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/26/facebook-rebrands-libra-wallet-service-calibra-to-novi/
https://about.fb.com/news/2020/05/welcome-to-novi/

HEADLINE: SPOTIFY REMOVES 10K-SONG LIBRARY CAP
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN PUT UNLIMITED SONGS IN "YOUR MUSIC"
SPOTIFY HAS REMOVED ITS 10,000 SONG LIBRARY RESTRICTION.
USERS CAN NOW PUT AS MUCH MUSIC AS THEY WANT IN SPOTIFY'S "YOUR MUSIC" COLLECTIONS.
THAT SAID, INDIVIDUAL PLAYLISTS ARE STILL CAPPED AT 10,000 SONGS, AND USERS CAN ONLY DOWNLOAD 10,000 SONGS PER DEVICE FOR LISTENING OFFLINE.
USERS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE RESTRICTION FOR YEARS, BUT THE COMPANY WAS HESITANT TO REMOVE IT.
SPOTIFY SAYS SOME USERS MIGHT NOT SEE THE LIMIT REMOVED IMMEDIATELY, BUT IT'S ON ITS WAY.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/26/21270409/spotify-song-library-limit-removed-music-downloads-playlists-feature

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05/22/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES

HEADLINE: IBM CONFIRMS LAYOFFS
HEADLINE 2: BLOOMBERG REPORTS CUTS COULD NUMBER IN THE THOUSANDS
IBM IS ELIMINATING AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF JOBS IN AT LEAST FIVE U.S. STATES.
THE COMPANY DECLINED TO SAY EXACTLY HOW MANY PEOPLE IT'S LAID OFF, BUT ACCORDING TO BLOOMBERG, INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS SUGGEST THE NUMBER COULD BE IN THE THOUSANDS.
IBM SAYS IT IS SUBSIDIZING MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR AFFECTED EMPLOYEES THROUGH JUNE 2021.
SOME TECH COMPANIES HAVE UNDERGONE CUTS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-05-21/ibm-is-latest-tech-giant-to-cut-jobs-in-midst-of-pandemic

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK FEATURE AIMS TO FIGHT SCAMS
HEADLINE 2: AI WILL SEARCH FOR AND FLAG SUSPICIOUS ACCOUNT ACTIVITY
FACEBOOK IS FULLY ROLLING OUT A NEW MESSENGER FEATURE MEANT TO STOP SCAMS.
THE FEATURE USES AI TO CHECK ACCOUNTS FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, LIKE SENDING A LARGE NUMBER OF REQUESTS IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME OR SENDING MULTIPLE MESSAGES TO USERS UNDER 18.
IF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IS DETECTED, THE APP WILL ALERT USERS AND ASK IF THEY WANT TO BLOCK OR IGNORE REQUESTS.
FACEBOOK SAYS THIS WILL HELP CUT DOWN ON SCAMS AND INAUTHENTIC ACCOUNTS.
THE FEATURE HAS ALREADY BEEN AVAILABLE FOR ANDROID USERS ON A LIMITED BASIS BUT WILL ARRIVE ON IOS DEVICES NEXT WEEK.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/21/facebook-introduces-new-messenger-safeguard-aimed-at-combating-scams-and-fake-friends/
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05/21/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES
HEADLINE: SPOTIFY TO CONTINUE REMOTE WORK
HEADLINE 2: EMPLOYEES CAN WORK FROM HOME UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR

SPOTIFY EMPLOYEES WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WORKING FROM HOME UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.
THAT OFFER'S OPEN TO ALL ITS EMPLOYEES WORLDWIDE.
SPOTIFY TOLD VARIETY, WHICH FIRST REPORTED THIS STORY, THAT IT WILL MONITOR LOCAL GUIDELINES TO DECIDE WHEN IT CAN SAFELY START REOPENING ITS OFFICES.
OTHER TECH COMPANIES INCLUDING FACEBOOK AND GOOGLE HAVE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED SIMILAR MEASURES.
SPOTIFY'S HEADQUARTERS IS IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, BUT IT HAS OFFICES IN CITIES INCLUDING NEW YORK, LONDON, AND TOKYO.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/21/spotify-will-let-employees-work-from-home-through-the-end-of-year/
https://variety.com/2020/music/news/spotify-employees-work-from-home-1234613095/

HEADLINE: NETFLIX REACHING OUT TO INACTIVE CUSTOMERS
HEADLINE 2: CUSTOMERS WHO DON'T REPLY WILL HAVE SUBSCRIPTIONS CANCELED
NETFLIX IS ASKING CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE NOT USED ITS PLATFORM IN A YEAR TO CONFIRM THEY WANT TO KEEP THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS.
IF A CUSTOMER DOESN'T RESPOND, NETFLIX WILL AUTOMATICALLY CANCEL THEIR SUBSCRIPTION.
THE COMPANY SAYS INACTIVE ACCOUNTS MAKE UP LESS THAN A HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AND THAT THEY'RE FACTORED INTO ITS FINANCIAL GUIDANCE.
NETFLIX WILL REACH OUT TO INACTIVE CUSTOMERS VIA ITS APP OR BY EMAIL THIS WEEK.
https://media.netflix.com/en/company-blog/helping-members-who-havent-been-watching-cancel
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/05/21/netflix-will-start-cancelling-inactive-members-subscriptions.html
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HEADLINE: FACEBOOK LAUNCHES E-COMMERCE PLATFORM
HEADLINE 2: SHOPS AIMS TO HELP BUSINESSES MOVE ONLINE AMID PANDEMIC
FACEBOOK IS LAUNCHING AN E-COMMERCE PLATFORM CALLED FACEBOOK SHOPS TO HELP BRING MORE BUSINESSES ONLINE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
BUSINESSES CAN CREATE PRODUCT LISTINGS ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE, INSTAGRAM PROFILE, STORIES, OR IN ADS.
THEY'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO SELL THROUGH WHATSAPP, MESSENGER, AND INSTAGRAM DIRECT, AND CAN USE TAGS DURING FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

LIVESTREAMS TO TAKE CUSTOMERS DIRECTLY TO WHERE THEY CAN BUY A PRODUCT.
FACEBOOK SHOPS IS FREE AND WILL BE WIDELY AVAILABLE IN THE COMING MONTHS.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/05/19/zuckerberg-announces-facebook-shops-e-commerce-for-businesses.html
https://about.fb.com/news/2020/05/introducing-facebook-shops/

HEADLINE: HOME CHEF ANNOUNCES DATA BREACH
HEADLINE 2: CUSTOMERS' NAMES, PARTIAL PAYMENT INFO WERE ACCESSED
HOME CHEF SAYS EIGHT MILLION CUSTOMERS' RECORDS WERE HACKED AFTER A DATA BREACH SELLER LISTED STOLEN INFO ON A DARK WEB PLATFORM.
THE MEAL-DELIVERY COMPANY SAID CUSTOMER NAMES, EMAIL ADDRESSES, SCRAMBLED PASSWORDS AND PHONE NUMBERS WERE ACCESSED, AS WERE PARTIAL CREDIT CARD NUMBERS AND MAILING ADDRESSES.
HOME CHEF SAYS NOT ALL OF ITS CUSTOMERS WERE AFFECTED AND IT WILL NOTIFY THOSE WHO WERE.
JUST ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, A DATA BREACH SELLER PUBLISHED LISTINGS FOR CUSTOMER DATABASES FROM 11 COMPANIES, INCLUDING HOME CHEF.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/20/home-chef-data-breach/
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05/19/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: EASYJET CUSTOMERS' DATA EXPOSED IN HACK
HEADLINE 2: EMAIL ADDRESSES, PAYMENT AND TRAVEL INFO WERE ACCESSED
EASYJET SAYS NINE MILLION OF ITS CUSTOMERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES AND TRAVEL INFORMATION WERE EXPOSED IN A DATA BREACH.
THE AIRLINE SAID CREDIT CARD DETAILS FOR AROUND 2,200 CUSTOMERS WERE ALSO EXPOSED.
THE COMPANY HAS CLOSED OFF UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS, AND REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO U.K. AUTHORITIES.
EASYJET SAYS THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN MISUSED AND THAT PASSPORT DETAILS WERE NOT ACCESSED IN THE BREACH.
EASYJET WILL CONTACT AFFECTED CUSTOMERS DIRECTLY IN THE COMING DAYS.
http://otp.investis.com/clients/uk/easyjet1/rns/regulatory-story.aspx?cid=2&newsid=1391756
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-05-19/easyjet-says-hackers-accessed-data-of-9-million-customers

HEADLINE: WALMART WILL SHUT DOWN JET.COM
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM HAS STRUGGLED DESPITE RESTRUCTURING ATTEMPTS

WALMART WILL DISCONTINUE ITS ONLINE SHOPPING PLATFORM JET.COM.
IT ANNOUNCED THE DECISION IN A QUARTERLY REPORT WHICH SHOWED GROWTH OF LESS THAN 10 PERCENT IN ITS CORE U.S. MARKET.
WALMART BOUGHT JET FOR $3 BILLION IN 2016.
THE GOAL WAS TO COMPLEMENT BRICK AND MORTAR WALMART STORES WHILE COMPETING WITH AMAZON, BUT DESPITE SEVERAL RESTRUCTURING PLANS, JET NEVER CAUGHT UP.
THE BIG BOX STORE HAS ALSO INCREASED DELIVERY OPTIONS SINCE LAST MONTH.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/19/walmart-says-it-will-discontinue-jet-com-which-it-acquired-for-3b-in-2016/

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05/18/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: UBER PLANS MORE LAYOFFS
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY WILL CUT 3,000 MORE JOBS, CLOSE 45 OFFICES
UBER IS PLANNING MORE LAYOFFS AS THE RIDESHARING BUSINESS STRUGGLES DUE TO PANDEMIC-RELATED STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS.
UBER'S CEO SAYS THE COMPANY WILL ELIMINATE 3,000 EMPLOYEES IN UNDER A MONTH. IT'LL ALSO SHUT DOWN 45 OFFICES AND RE-EXAMINE SOME OF ITS INVESTMENTS IN FREIGHT AND SELF-DRIVING TECHNOLOGY.
THESE CUTS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE 3,700 EMPLOYEES UBER ANNOUNCED IT WOULD CUT EARLIER THIS MONTH.
UBER EATS *HAS* SEEN AN UPTICK DURING THE PANDEMIC BUT FALLS SHORT IN COVERING THE COMPANY'S EXPENSES. https://www.wsj.com/articles/uber-cuts-3-000-more-jobs-shuts-45-offices-in-coronavirus-crunch-11589814608?mod=djemalertNEWS

HEADLINE: FORD TO OFFER COVID-19 TESTING
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY RESUMES PRODUCTION AT NORTH AMERICA PLANTS
FORD WILL PROVIDE CORONAVIRUS TESTING FOR SYMPTOMATIC WORKERS IN FOUR U.S. CITIES AS PART OF ITS REOPENING PLAN.
IT WAS SET TO RESUME PRODUCTION AT ITS NORTH AMERICAN FACILITIES TODAY.
ON TOP OF FACTORY EMPLOYEES, ABOUT 12,000 PEOPLE WHO CANNOT WORK FROM HOME, LIKE VEHICLE TESTERS, HEADED BACK TO WORK.
FORD WILL WORK WITH HOSPITALS IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN; LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY; KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; AND CHICAGO TO CONDUCT SCREENINGS AND PROVIDE TEST RESULTS WITHIN 24 HOURS.
FORD'S BACK-TO-WORK GUIDELINES ALSO SAY WORKERS MUST COMPLETE A SELF-HEALTH CHECK DAILY, HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURES TAKEN UPON ENTERING A FACILITY, AND WEAR FACE MASKS AT WORK.

https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/16/ford-to-offer-covid-19-testing-for-symptomatic-workers-as-part-of-reopening-plan/

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05/15/2020

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

HEADLINE: POSTMATES LAUNCHES CURBSIDE PICKUP

HEADLINE 2: RESTAURANTS CAN OPT-IN TO HANDLE ALL ORDERS CURBSIDE

POSTMATES HAS INTRODUCED A NEW FEATURE CALLED CURBSIDE PICKUP TO HELP RESTAURANTS SAFELY FILL TAKEOUT ORDERS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

THE APP ALREADY OFFERS IN-STORE PICKUP, DELIVERY, AND NO-CONTACT OPTIONS. CURBSIDE PICKUP WILL BE AN OPTION FOR BOTH CUSTOMERS AND RESTAURANTS. IN FACT, BUSINESSES CAN SET ALL THEIR ORDERS TO BE PICKED UP CURBSIDE, IF THEY WANT TO.

POSTMATES SAYS IF A RESTAURANT ENABLES THIS OPTION, CUSTOMERS AND DELIVERY DRIVERS SHOULD JUST WAIT IN THEIR CARS OR OUTSIDE A RESTAURANT AND AN EMPLOYEE WILL BRING THEIR ORDER OUT TO THEM.

RESTAURANTS CAN ENABLE CURBSIDE PICKUP IN THE POSTMATES DASHBOARD.

https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/15/21259321/postmates-curbside-pickup-restaurants-on-demand-food-delivery-covid-19-safety

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TO BUY GIPHY

HEADLINE 2: GIPHY WILL JOIN FACEBOOK AS PART OF 'THE INSTAGRAM TEAM'

FACEBOOK HAS STRUCK A DEAL TO BUY THE GIF-MAKING PLATFORM GIPHY.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA GIANT SAYS GIPHY WILL BECOME PART OF INSTAGRAM, MAKING IT EASIER FOR USERS TO FIND GIFS AND STICKERS IN 'STORIES AND DIRECT.'

IT PLANS TO INCORPORATE GIPHY'S LIBRARY INTO INSTAGRAM AND OTHER APPS.

GIPHY TOLD USERS IN A BLOG POST THAT THE GIFS, STICKERS, EMOJI, AND OTHER CONTENT IT CREATED WILL NOT DISAPPEAR.

FACEBOOK AND GIPHY WERE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSING A PARTNERSHIP BEFORE THE PANDEMIC OCCURRED.

ACCORDING TO AXIOS, THE DEAL IS WORTH $400 MILLION.

https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-to-buy-giphy-in-reported-400-million-deal/

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HEADLINE UBER ROLLS OUT NEW REQUIREMENTS

HEADLINE 2: USERS MUST AGREE TO WEAR FACE MASKS, WASH HANDS
UBER IS MAKING SEVERAL CHANGES TO ITS RIDE-SHARING AND ON-DEMAND FOOD DELIVERY APPS AS MORE U.S. CITIES AND STATES LIFT SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS.
ALL UBER DRIVERS AND CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE TO READ AND AGREE TO AN ONLINE CHECKLIST BEFORE USING THE SERVICE. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO CONFIRM THEY ARE WEARING A FACE COVERING AND HAVE WASHED THEIR HANDS TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
UBER EATS USERS CAN GIVE FEEDBACK ON RESTAURANTS THAT DON'T FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES OR ON DRIVERS WHO DON'T WEAR MASKS.
THE RIDE-SHARING COMPANY SAYS IT WILL BAN RIDERS AND DRIVERS WHO REPEATEDLY VIOLATE THE POLICIES, WHICH TAKE EFFECT MONDAY.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/13/heres-your-uber-ride-will-change-starting-may-18/

HEADLINE: CUSTOM FACEBOOK AVATARS REACH U.S.
HEADLINE 2: AVATARS CAN BE USED IN COMMENTS, STORIES AND MESSENGER
FACEBOOK IS LAUNCHING CUSTOMIZABLE AVATARS IN THE U.S.
USERS CAN CREATE AND CUSTOMIZE BITMOJI-STYLE AVATARS BY SELECTING THE COMMENT COMPOSER IN FACEBOOK OR MESSENGER, TAPPING THE SMILEY BUTTON FOLLOWED BY THE STICKER TAB, AND THEN “CREATE YOUR AVATAR.”
THEY CAN BE USED IN COMMENTS, STORIES, TEXT POSTS WITH BACKGROUNDS, AND ON FACEBOOK MESSENGER.
THE SOCIAL MEDIA SITE ALREADY LAUNCHED THE AVATARS ABROAD LAST YEAR.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/13/21257182/facebook-avatars-now-available-us-bitmoji-comments-messages-stories
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HEADLINE: FACEBOOK SETTLES WITH MODERATORS
HEADLINE 2: CONTENT REVIEWERS SAY THEY WERE TRAUMATIZED BY THEIR WORK
FACEBOOK HAS REACHED A $52 MILLION SETTLEMENT WITH CURRENT AND FORMER CONTENT MODERATORS WHO SAY THEY HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES BECAUSE OF THEIR JOBS.
FACEBOOK EMPLOYS THOUSANDS OF MODERATORS TO REVIEW FLAGGED POSTS, IMAGES AND VIDEOS. THEY SAY THEY'VE BEEN EXPOSED TO IMAGES OF MURDERS, HATE SPEECH AND OTHER GRAPHIC CONTENT, AND THAT THAT'S TAKEN A TOLL ON THEIR HEALTH.
ACCORDING TO THE VERGE, EACH MODERATOR WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST $1,000, BUT THEY COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR MORE IF THEY ARE DIAGNOSED WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER. SOME COULD ALSO SEEK UP TO $50,000 IN DAMAGES.

THE SETTLEMENT IMPACTS MORE THAN 11,000 MODERATORS IN ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, AND TEXAS WHO WORKED AT FACEBOOK BETWEEN 2015 AND NOW.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/12/facebook-moderators-ptsd-settlement/
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/12/21255870/facebook-content-moderator-settlement-scola-ptsd-mental-health

HEADLINE: REMASTERED TONY HAWK GAMES LAUNCH IN FALL
HEADLINE 2: NEW GAMES FEATURE CLASSIC LEVELS, SKATERS AND MUSIC
THE CLASSIC TONY HAWK'S PRO SKATER AND PRO SKATER 2 VIDEO GAMES WILL BE MAKING A COMEBACK THIS YEAR.
THE NEW REMASTERED GAMES, WHICH ALREADY GOT AN UPGRADE IN 2012, WILL INCLUDE THE ORIGINAL GAMES' LEVELS, SKATERS AND MUSIC.
BUT THEY'LL ALSO INCLUDE NEW SKILLS AND CHALLENGES AND LET USERS PLAY WITH FRIENDS ONLINE.
THE REMASTERED GAMES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PC, PLAYSTATION 4 AND XBOX ONE ON SEPTEMBER 4.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/gaming/2020/05/13/tony-hawk-pro-skater-remastered-version-game-out-sept-4/5181719002/

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

HEADLINE: TWITTER FIGHTING COVID-19 MISINFORMATION
HEADLINE 2: LABELS WILL DIRECT USERS TO MORE INFO ABOUT CLAIMS MADE IN A TWEET
TWITTER WILL ADD WARNING LABELS TO TWEETS THAT INCLUDE MISLEADING, DISPUTED OR UNVERIFIED STATEMENTS ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS.
THE LABELS WILL DIRECT USERS TO TRUSTWORTHY INFORMATION, EITHER FROM TWITTER OR AN OUTSIDE SOURCE, ON THE CLAIMS MADE IN THE TWEET.
TWEETS INCLUDING POTENTIALLY HARMFUL INFORMATION WILL HAVE AN EXCLAMATION POINT BADGE TO GRAB USERS' ATTENTION AND A LINK THAT SAYS "GET THE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19".
THE COMPANY SAYS SOME TWEETS COULD EVEN BE HIDDEN BY DEFAULT WITH A LABEL SAYING "SOME OR ALL OF THE CONTENT SHARED IN THIS TWEET CONFLICTS WITH GUIDANCE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS REGARDING COVID-19." USERS WOULD HAVE TO CLICK A BUTTON TO SEE THOSE TWEETS.
https://blog.twitter.com/en_us/topics/product/2020/updating-our-approach-to-misleading-information.html
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/11/twitter-to-add-labels-and-warning-messages-to-disputed-and-misleading-covid-19-info/

HEADLINE: GOOGLE BRINGS COURSES ONLINE
HEADLINE 2: COURSES COVER BUSINESS SKILLS LIKE RESUME BUILDING
GOOGLE WILL BRING ITS GROW WITH GOOGLE COURSES ONLINE FOR PEOPLE IN THE U.S. AND CANADA.
IT CONNECTS INDIVIDUALS WITH LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS AND ONE-ON-ONE COACHING.
THE WEBINARS COVER BUSINESS SKILLS LIKE COMPLETING JOB APPLICATIONS, RESUME BUILDING, MARKETING, AND MANAGEMENT.
ANYONE WHO ATTENDS A WEBINAR CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR A FREE ONE-ON-ONE COACHING SESSION.
GROW WITH GOOGLE USUALLY HOLDS IN-PERSON CLASSES, BUT IT'S MOVING ONLINE FOR FREE AMID THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/12/21255798/google-grow-with-onair-classes-online-webinars-free-register
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05/11/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: APPLE TO REOPEN SOME U.S. STORES
HEADLINE 2: STORES WILL LIMIT CAPACITY, DISTRIBUTE MASKS
APPLE IS PLANNING TO REOPEN SOME OF ITS STORES IN THE U.S. NEXT WEEK.
ACCORDING TO CNBC IT WILL REOPEN STORES IN ALABAMA, ALASKA, IDAHO, AND SOUTH CAROLINA.
IT WILL LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE STORE AT ONE TIME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDANCE. FACE COVERINGS WILL BE PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS AND THEY CAN OPT FOR NO-CONTACT DELIVERY OR IN-STORE PICKUP.
EMPLOYEES WILL ALSO HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURES CHECKED AND HAVE TO COVER THEIR FACES.
APPLE SAYS THESE STORES WILL FOCUS ON PRODUCT REPAIRS AND THAT IT WILL APPLY WHAT IT LEARNS AS IT REOPENS THE REST OF ITS 271 U.S. STORES.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/8/21252400/apple-us-stores-reopening-date-location

HEADLINE: LYFT TO REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS
HEADLINE 2: DRIVERS, RIDERS MUST AGREE TO NEW SAFETY GUIDELINES
LYFT WILL REQUIRE DRIVERS AND RIDERS TO COVER THEIR FACES AS PART OF ITS HEALTH SAFETY PROGRAM.
DRIVERS AND RIDERS MUST CONFIRM THEY WILL WEAR A FACE COVERING. THEY ALSO HAVE TO CONFIRM TO LYFT THAT THEY DON'T HAVE OR THINK THEY HAVE COVID-19.
BOTH RIDERS AND DRIVERS HAVE TO AGREE TO KEEP VEHICLES CLEAN, SANITIZE THEIR HANDS FREQUENTLY, AND KEEP A WINDOW OPEN, AMONG OTHER MEASURES.

ANYONE WHO DOES NOT AGREE TO THE GUIDELINES WILL BE NOT BE ALLOWED TO RIDE OR DRIVE WITH LYFT.
UBER RECENTLY ANNOUNCED SIMILAR MEASURES.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/05/08/lyft-covid-19-guidelines-drivers-riders-face-masks/3097734001/
https://www.lyft.com/blog/posts/lyft-launching-health-safety-program
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HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TO CONTINUE WORKING REMOTELY
HEADLINE 2: EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ABLE TO DO JOBS REMOTELY CAN STAY HOME
FACEBOOK WILL ALLOW MOST OF ITS EMPLOYEES TO CONTINUE WORKING FROM HOME FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
A SPOKESWOMAN TOLD CNBC ANY EMPLOYEE WHO IS ABLE TO WORK REMOTELY CAN CONTINUE TO DO SO.
FACEBOOK WILL REOPEN NEARLY ALL OF ITS OFFICE LOCATIONS ON JULY 6 AND IS DECIDING WHICH EMPLOYEES WILL BE ASKED TO WORK IN-PERSON.
IT WILL NOT HOLD ANY EVENTS OF MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE UNTIL NEXT YEAR.
FACEBOOK WAS AMONG THE FIRST TECH COMPANIES TO ASK EMPLOYEES TO WORK REMOTELY AFTER THE PANDEMIC BEGAN.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/05/07/facebook-to-allow-most-employees-to-work-from-home-through-end-of-2020.html

HEADLINE: WAYMO RESUMES DRIVING OPERATIONS
HEADLINE 2: STAFF MUST WEAR FACE MASKS IN FACILITIES, VEHICLES
WAYMO WILL RESUME DRIVING OPERATIONS IN PHOENIX NEXT WEEK AFTER SUSPENDING ITS SERVICES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.
THE SELF-DRIVING VEHICLE COMPANY SAYS IT MADE THE DECISION AFTER SPEAKING WITH LOCAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES AND THAT IT'S FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES.
STAFF WILL HAVE TO WEAR FACE MASKS IN ITS FACILITIES AND VEHICLES, UNLESS THEY'RE DRIVING ALONE.
IT'S ALSO WORKING WITH AUTONATION TO CLEAN ITS FACILITIES DAILY AND WILL SCREEN PEOPLE BEFORE ENTERING.
WAYMO HOPES TO RESUME OPERATIONS IN OTHER U.S. CITIES INCLUDING SAN FRANCISCO, DETROIT, AND LOS ANGELES, IN THE COMING WEEKS.
https://blog.waymo.com/2020/05/resuming-our-driving-operations-in.html
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/07/waymo-says-it-will-resume-driving-operations-starting-in-phoenix-next-week/
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HEADLINE: YOUTUBE TV GAINS 14 NEW VIACOM-CBS CHANNELS

HEADLINE 2: DEAL REFLECTS TV VIEWERS' SWITCH TO STREAMING

YOUTUBE TV WILL GAIN 14 NEW CHANNELS AS PART OF ITS DISTRIBUTION DEAL WITH VIACOM-CBS.
THE STREAMING SERVICE WILL CARRY POPULAR CHANNELS SUCH AS MTV, NICKELODEON, COMEDY CENTRAL, TV LAND, AND B-E-T THIS SUMMER TO OVER 2 MILLION SUBSCRIBERS.
YOUTUBE TV WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY CBS BROADCAST STATIONS, THE CBS SPORTS NETWORK, AND SHOWTIME.
THE DEAL COMES AS MORE AMERICAN TV VIEWERS SWITCH TO STREAMING PACKAGES.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/07/youtube-tv-to-gain-14-more-viacomcbs-channels-in-expanded-distribution-deal/

HEADLINE: GOOGLE LAUNCHES READ-ALONG APP

HEADLINE 2: APP INCLUDES AN IN-APP ASSISTANT TO HELP STRUGGLING READERS

GOOGLE IS LAUNCHING A NEW APP CALLED "READ ALONG" THAT HELPS CHILDREN PRACTICE THEIR READING SKILLS.
IT INCLUDES AN IN-APP READING ASSISTANT NAMED DIYA THAT DETECTS IF A CHILD IS STRUGGLING WITH A PASSAGE AND OFFERS HELP.
"READ ALONG" CURRENTLY OFFERS AROUND 500 STORIES IN NINE LANGUAGES.
THE APP CAN WORK WITHOUT WI-FI OR DATA AND IS AVAILABLE ON GOOGLE PLAY.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/07/google-launches-read-along-a-free-app-that-helps-young-children-practice-reading/

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

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK TESTING DISCOVER APP

HEADLINE 2: APP AIMS TO BOOST INTERNET ACCESS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

FACEBOOK IS TESTING A NEW DISCOVER APP THAT'S MEANT TO HELP PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ACCESS THE INTERNET.
DISCOVER USERS WILL GET A SET AMOUNT OF FREE DATA EACH DAY. THEIR PROVIDERS WILL SEND A NOTIFICATION WHEN THE DATA'S AVAILABLE.
THE APP ONLY SUPPORTS LOW-BANDWIDTH BROWSING -- SO USERS CAN LOAD WEBSITE TEXT, BUT THINGS LIKE STREAMING WILL REQUIRE THEM TO BUY EXTRA DATA.
USERS DON'T NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO ACCESS THE FREE DATA, AND THE COMPANY SAYS IT WON'T COLLECT BROWSING HISTORIES.
FACEBOOK IS TESTING THE APP IN PERU BUT HAS PLANS TO EXPAND TO THAILAND, THE PHILIPPINES, IRAQ AND OTHERS.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/6/21249198/facebooks-discover-app-android-test-date

HEADLINE: UBER LAYS OFF 3,700 WORKERS
HEADLINE 2: CUTS AFFECT CUSTOMER SUPPORT, RECRUITING TEAMS
UBER IS LAYING OFF 14 PERCENT OF ITS WORKFORCE.
AN SEC FILING SAYS UBER WILL CUT NEARLY 4,000 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES FROM ITS CUSTOMER SUPPORT AND RECRUITING TEAMS.
THE RIDE-SHARING COMPANY SAYS THE LAYOFFS WILL HELP IT REDUCE OPERATING EXPENSES AMID THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
THE COMPANY ALSO SAYS THERE "ISN'T ENOUGH WORK FOR MANY OF [ITS] FRONT-LINE CUSTOMER-SUPPORT EMPLOYEES" BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE STAYING HOME MORE.
https://www.cnet.com/news/uber-lays-off-3700-employees-amid-coronavirus-pandemic/

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HEADLINE: APPLE MOVES WWDC ONLINE
HEADLINE 2: DEVELOPER CONFERENCE WILL BE FREE TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY
APPLE WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL WORLDWIDE DEVELOPERS CONFERENCE, OR WWDC, ONLINE THIS YEAR DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, WHERE WWDC USUALLY TAKES PLACE, HAS ISSUED SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS AND EXTENDED SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.
BUT APPLE SAYS IT STILL EXPECTS 23 MILLION DEVELOPERS TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY AND LEARN ABOUT THE COMPANY'S NEW TOOLS AND PLATFORM UPDATES. THE CONFERENCE USUALLY INCLUDES NEW APPLE SOFTWARE ANNOUNCEMENTS.
DEVELOPERS CAN WATCH THE EVENT ON THE APPLE DEVELOPER APP AND WEBSITE FOR FREE. IT KICKS OFF ON JUNE 22.
https://www.apple.com/newsroom/2020/05/apple-to-host-virtual-worldwide-developers-conference-beginning-june-22/
https://www.cnet.com/news/apples-wwdc-starts-june-22-and-will-be-online-only-due-to-coronavirus/

HEADLINE: NEST MANDATES 2-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION
HEADLINE 2: GOOGLE WILL NOTIFY USERS BEFORE FINALIZING CHANGES
GOOGLE NEST WILL SOON REQUIRE TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION FOR ALL USERS.
THAT MEANS EVERY TIME A USER LOGS IN, THEY'LL NEED TO ENTER THEIR REGULAR USERNAME AND PASSWORD AND THEN PROVIDE A SIX-DIGIT CODE THAT THEY'LL RECEIVE AT A LINKED EMAIL ADDRESS.
A GOOGLE SUPPORT THREAD SAYS THE CHANGE WILL APPLY TO USERS WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY SET UP TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION OR DO NOT HAVE A GOOGLE ACCOUNT.

NEST FIRST ANNOUNCED THIS PLAN BACK IN FEBRUARY AFTER IT WAS REPORTED THAT HACKERS WERE TARGETING NEST SECURITY CAMERAS.
THE COMPANY WILL NOTIFY AFFECTED USERS BEFORE THESE SECURITY CHANGES TAKE EFFECT THIS MONTH.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/5/21247706/nest-two-factor-authentication-default-email-six-digit-hack-breach-password-re-use
https://support.google.com/googlenest/thread/44445328?hl=en

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HEADLINE: UBER TO REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY WILL CREATE TECHNOLOGY TO VERIFY DRIVERS ARE WEARING FACE COVERINGS
UBER SAYS IT WILL REQUIRE ITS DRIVERS, AND RIDERS, TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT IS DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGY TO DETERMINE IF DRIVERS ARE WEARING MASKS. UBER IS ALSO LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HOLD RIDERS ACCOUNTABLE.
THE RIDE-SHARE SERVICE ALREADY USES FACE-VERIFICATION SOFTWARE TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF ITS DRIVERS.
UBER TOLD CNN BUSINESS THE POLICY WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE COMING WEEKS.
https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/03/tech/uber-drivers-riders-face-masks/

HEADLINE: GOOGLE LAUNCHES PRIVACY SCREEN FEATURE
HEADLINE 2: FACE ID OR TOUCH ID CAN BE USED FOR GOOGLE DRIVE APP
GOOGLE HAS LAUNCHED A NEW PRIVACY SCREEN FEATURE FOR GOOGLE DRIVE THAT ALLOWS USERS TO REQUIRE FACE ID OR TOUCH ID TO ACCESS THE APP.
THE FEATURE IS DESIGNED TO ADD ANOTHER LAYER OF PROTECTION TO IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND PERSONAL FILES.
THE PRIVACY TOOL IS ACTIVATED EACH TIME THE GOOGLE DRIVE APP IS CLOSED AND REOPENED AND WHEN YOU SWITCH TO OTHER APPS THOUGH IT CAN BE ADJUSTED.
A GOOGLE SPOKESMAN TOLD THE TECH NEWS SITE "DIGITAL TRENDS" THAT IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR PEOPLE WHO SHARE DEVICES WITH FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/4/21246465/google-drive-privacy-screen-face-touch-id-apple-now-available
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HEADLINE: WALMART LAUNCHES EXPRESS DELIVERY
HEADLINE 2: CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE ITEMS FROM STORE IN UNDER TWO HOURS
WALMART IS INTRODUCING EXPRESS DELIVERY TO HELP CONSUMERS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
EXPRESS DELIVERY WILL GET ITEMS FROM A WALMART STORE TO THE CUSTOMER'S DOORSTEP IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS.
THE RETAILER HAS TESTED THE SERVICE IN 100 STORES WILL EXPAND IT TO NEARLY 2,000 STORES IN THE COMING WEEKS.
CUSTOMERS USING THE DELIVERY OPTION WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER GROCERIES AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE.
WALMART SAYS THE SERVICE COSTS $10 IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING DELIVERY CHARGE. https://corporate.walmart.com/newsroom/2020/04/30/walmart-introduces-express-delivery
https://www.cnet.com/news/walmart-expands-two-hour-express-delivery-to-help-during-coronavirus/

HEADLINE: LYFT ENDS SOME ELECTRIC SCOOTER OPERATIONS
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY ALSO LAID OFF MORE THAN 900 EMPLOYEES AND FURLOUGHED 300
LYFT IS SHUTTING DOWN ITS ELECTRIC SCOOTER OPERATIONS IN SOME U.S. CITIES DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
THE COMPANY SENT OUT AN EMAIL TO CUSTOMERS IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, NOTIFYING THEM THAT THE SCOOTERS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.
LYFT IS ALSO ENDING SCOOTER OPERATIONS IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, AND AUSTIN, TEXAS, AND PAUSING OPERATIONS IN MIAMI.
THE SERVICE IS STILL AVAILABLE IN DENVER, LOS ANGELES, WASHINGTON, DC, SAN DIEGO, AND SANTA MONICA.
THE COMPANY HAD SHUT DOWN SCOOTER OPERATIONS IN OTHER CITIES BEFORE THE PANDEMIC.
LYFT RECENTLY LAID OFF MORE THAN 900 EMPLOYEES AND FURLOUGHED ROUGHLY 300 WORKERS.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/04/30/lyft-ends-electric-scooter-operations-in-oakland-austin-and-san-jose/
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