03/31/2020
HI I'M CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: ZOOM FACES PRIVACY CONCERNS
HEADLINE 2: CONCERNS INCLUDE HARMFUL IMAGES AND VIDEO HIJACKING
AS THE CORONAVIRUS FORCES MANY PEOPLE TO WORK FROM HOME, MORE AND MORE ARE USING THE VIDEO MEETING SERVICE ZOOM -- BUT THE PLATFORM IS FACING PRIVACY CONCERNS.
THE FBI SAYS ZOOM USERS HAVE REPORTED VIDEO HIJACKING, AKA "ZOOM-BOMBING', AND RECEIVING HARMFUL IMAGES OR THREATENING LANGUAGE DURING VIDEO CONFERENCES.
THE FBI RECOMMENDS USERS DON'T MAKE MEETINGS PUBLIC OR SHARE MEETING LINKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND THAT THEY USE THE LATEST VERSION OF THE SOFTWARE.
ZOOM IS ALSO FACING A LAWSUIT FOR ALLEGEDLY ILLEGALLY SHARING A USER'S PERSONAL DATA.
https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/boston/news/press-releases/fbi-warns-of-teleconferencing-and-online-classroom-hijacking-during-covid-19-pandemic
https://www.cbronline.com/news/zoom-bombing-warning
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-03-31/zoom-sued-for-allegedly-illegally-disclosing-personal-data

HEADLINE: TWITTER STILL REMOVING FALSE COVID-19 INFO
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM DELETES TWEETS ON ANTI-MALARIA DRUGS, QUARANTINES
TWITTER IS STILL FIGHTING CORONAVIRUS MISINFORMATION.
THE PLATFORM HAS REMOVED A TWEET FROM WHITE HOUSE ADVISER RUDY GIULIANI THAT ALLEGED ANTI-MALARIA DRUGS ARE 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVE IN TREATING COVID-19. TO BE CLEAR: THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT IS TRUE.
IT ALSO DELETED A TWEET FROM BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT JAIR BOLSONARO THAT SUGGESTED QUARANTINES ARE UNNECESSARY, AND IT TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED THE ACCOUNT OF ONLINE MAGAZINE THE FEDERALIST AFTER IT PROPOSED THAT INTENTIONALLY SPREADING COVID-19 TO YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BUILD IMMUNITY.
OTHER TECH GIANTS LIKE FACEBOOK, GOOGLE, AND YOUTUBE HAVE ALSO TAKEN STEPS TO COMBAT MISINFORMATION AND HARMFUL CONTENT ON THEIR PLATFORMS.
https://www.axios.com/twitter-coronavirus-misinformation-giuliani-bolsonaro-91b82076-41eb-40e1-8cae-df8cbbdc175a.html
https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/ryanhatesthis/twitter-deleted-tweets-brazil-president-coronavirus
https://mashable.com/article/twitter-removes-rudy-giuliani-coronavirus-tweet/

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03/30/2020
HI I'M JOSH KRANZBERG BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: OPENTABLE DEBUTS SUPERMARKET RESERVATIONS
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN SIGN UP FOR SHOPPING TIMES OR JOIN A WAITLIST
OPENTABLE HAS LAUNCHED A TOOL TO HELP PEOPLE AVOID LONG LINES AT GROCERY STORES.
THE NEW FEATURE WILL ALLOW USERS TO RESERVE AVAILABLE SHOPPING TIMES AT SUPERMARKETS OR JOIN A WAIT LIST, SIMILAR TO RESTAURANT RESERVATIONS.
USERS WILL RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS TO REMIND THEM OF THEIR SHOPPING TIMES.
THIS COMES AS HEALTH AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ASK THE PUBLIC TO AVOID CROWDED AREAS AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING TO CURB THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/03/30/opentable-let-your-reserve-time-grocery-store/2935809001/

HEADLINE: AD DATA COULD SHOW HOWCOVID-19 SPREADS
HEADLINE 2: DATA SHOWS WHERE PEOPLE GATHER AND HOW BUSINESSES FARE
THE U.S. IS USING LOCATION DATA FROM MOBILE PHONE ADS TO TRACK HOW THE CORONAVIRUS SPREADS.
THIS DATA ALLOWS LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO UNDERSTAND WHERE PEOPLE ARE STILL GATHERING, WHETHER THEY'RE RESPECTING STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS, AND HOW THE VIRUS IS AFFECTING RETAIL.
OFFICIALS COULD USE THE ANONYMIZED INFORMATION TO TAKE MORE TARGETED STEPS TO CONTAIN THE VIRUS.
BUT CRITICS WORRY THERE COULD BE PRIVACY CONCERNS IF THE DATA IS MISHANDLED, ESPECIALLY IF THIS TRACKING STAYS IN PLACE ONCE THE PANDEMIC IS OVER.
https://www.engadget.com/2020-03-28-mobile-ad-location-data-shows-how-covid-19-spreads.html

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03/27/2020
HI I'M CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: ALEXA CAN ANSWER CORONAVIRUS QUESTIONS
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN ASK ABOUT SYMPTOMS AND POSSIBLE VIRUS EXPOSURE
AMAZON'S ALEXA VOICE ASSISTANT CAN NOW HELP USERS SCREEN FOR CORONAVIRUS.

WHEN USERS ASK ALEXA ABOUT HAVING THE VIRUS, ALEXA WILL ASK USERS ABOUT ANY SYMPTOMS THEY HAVE, AND WHETHER THEY'VE TRAVELED OR BEEN EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS RECENTLY.
THEN IT CAN CONNECT USERS TO RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.
THE FEATURE, WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED ON AMAZON ECHO, IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/27/21196735/amazon-alexa-covid-19-coronavirus-diagnosis-advice-symptoms-risk-factors-travel
https://www.t3.com/us/news/alexa-coronavirus-screening
https://www.tomsguide.com/uk/news/alexa-can-now-screen-you-for-coronavirus-how-to-use-it

HEADLINE: APPLE LAUNCHES CORONAVIRUS TOOLS
HEADLINE 2: SCREENING PROVIDES THE LATEST INFO FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES
APPLE HAS LAUNCHED A SIMILAR CORONAVIRUS SCREENING WEBSITE AND APP.
USERS WILL BE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RISK FACTORS, WHETHER THEY WERE RECENTLY EXPOSED TO CORONAVIRUS, AND WHAT THEIR SYMPTOMS ARE.
THE SCREENING WILL SHARE THE LATEST CDC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING, SELF-ISOLATING, AND FURTHER TESTING FOR COVID-19.
THE SITE IS SIMILAR TO AN EARLIER ONE THAT GOOGLE CREATED WHEN THE U.S. ANNOUNCED EARLY RESPONSES TO THE PANDEMIC.
https://www.apple.com/newsroom/2020/03/apple-releases-new-covid-19-app-and-website-based-on-CDC-guidance/
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1504132184
https://9to5mac.com/2020/03/27/apple-launches-covid-19-app-in-partnership-with-fema-and-cdc/

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

HEADLINE: UK GETS A CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS APP
HEADLINE 2: THE APP COULD HELP MEDICAL WORKERS PLAN A BETTER RESPONSE
AN APP FOR SELF-REPORTING CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS HAS RACKED UP 750,000 DOWNLOADS IN ONE DAY.
RESEARCHERS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM DEVELOPED THE TOOL, WHICH BECAME THE THIRD MOST POPULAR APP IN THE COUNTRY'S APP STORE.
APP USERS CAN REPORT THE SYMPTOMS THEY HAVE, BUT IT'S NOT DESIGNED TO DIAGNOSE OR MAP THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT GROUPS ARE BUILDING THOSE TOOLS, WHICH WILL CONNECT PEOPLE WITH LOCAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES.
THE APP MAKERS EXPECT IT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE U.S. AT A LATER DATE.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/03/25/self-reporting-app-for-covid-19-symptoms-for-uk-research-sees-650k-downloads-in-24-hours/

HEADLINE: SOCIAL MEDIA USERS ARE BEHIND ON COVID-19 NEWS
HEADLINE 2: 57 PERCENT OF THOSE USERS HAVE ALSO SEEN MISINFORMATION
AMERICANS WHO GET MOST OF THEIR NEWS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA ARE LEAST LIKELY TO KEEP TRACK OF CORONAVIRUS DEVELOPMENTS.
A NEW STUDY FROM THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER SAYS EIGHT IN 10 RESPONDENTS ARE FOLLOWING COVERAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
PEOPLE WATCHING TV OR CABLE, READING THE NEWSPAPER, OR LISTENING TO THE RADIO ARE ALL MORE LIKELY TO GET THE LATEST CORONAVIRUS NEWS.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THOSE WHO GET THEIR NEWS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA ARE ALSO MOST LIKELY TO HAVE SEEN CORONAVIRUS MISINFORMATION.
SOCIAL PLATFORMS HAVE HAD TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO STOP MISINFORMATION AS COVID-19 SPREADS.
https://www.journalism.org/2020/03/25/americans-who-primarily-get-news-through-social-media-are-least-likely-to-follow-covid-19-coverage-most-likely-to-report-seeing-made-up-news/

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03/25/2020
HI I'M CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK'S HIGH USAGE ISN'T HELPING BUSINESS
HEADLINE 2: FACEBOOK MAY STRUGGLE TO KEEP COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS STABLE
FACEBOOK IS SEEING MORE USERS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINES, BUT IT'S NOT MAKING THE COMPANY MUCH MORE MONEY.
THE SOCIAL MEDIA GIANT SAYS USERS ARE FLOCKING TO PRIVATE MESSAGING AND VIDEO CALLING, BUT SINCE IT DOESN'T MONETIZE THOSE SERVICES, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY MORE AD REVENUE.
FACEBOOK SAID IN A BLOG POST THAT KEEPING ITS APPS STABLE IS CHALLENGING AS MORE PEOPLE WORK FROM HOME.
IT SAYS WHILE APPS WERE BUILT TO HANDLE SPIKES IN TRAFFIC, SUSTAINED HEAVY USE CAN BE HARDER TO MANAGE.
https://about.fb.com/news/2020/03/keeping-our-apps-stable-during-covid-19/
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/24/21193094/facebook-coronavirus-covid-19-messaging-service-reliable-strain-outages

HEADLINE: IBM LAUNCHES DETAILED CORONAVIRUS MAPS

HEADLINE 2: MAP WILL COMBINE GLOBAL AND LOCAL DATA FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES

IBM AND THE WEATHER COMPANY HAVE A NEW MAP THAT CLOSELY TRACKS CORONAVIRUS CASES AROUND THE WORLD.

THE NEW TOOL COMBINES INFORMATION FROM GLOBAL SOURCES LIKE THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND MORE LOCAL DATA DOWN TO THE COUNTY LEVEL.

THE MAPS COULD HELP THE PUBLIC KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON WHERE THE VIRUS IS SPREADING AND HOW THEY CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES.

THE FEATURE WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE WEATHER CHANNEL MOBILE APP.

https://techcrunch.com/2020/03/25/ibm-and-the-weather-channel-launch-detailed-local-covid-19-maps-and-data-tracking/

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03/24/2020

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

HEADLINE: AMAZON TO DELIVER SOME CORONAVIRUS TESTS

HEADLINE 2: TEST DELIVERY IS LIMITED TO KING COUNTY IN WASHINGTON STATE

AMAZON WILL HELP DISTRIBUTE AND COLLECT CORONAVIRUS HOME TEST KITS.

THE COMPANY IS WORKING WITH SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION, TO LAUNCH THE NEW PROGRAM IN KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

AMAZON'S HEALTH DIVISIONAMAZON CARE WILL DELIVER TEST KITS TO RESIDENTS THAT EITHER FEEL ILL OR AREN'T SHOWING SYMPTOMS.

ANY PARTICIPANTS WHO TEST POSITIVE WILL THEN HEAR FROM A HEALTH CARE WORKER.

https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/23/amazon-delivers-coronavirus-test-kits-for-scan-a-gates-backed-effort.html

HEADLINE: INSTAGRAM DEBUTS A NEW VIDEO CHAT FEATURE

HEADLINE 2: CO-WATCHING CAN CONNECT ISOLATED USERS IN REAL-TIME

INSTAGRAM USERS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO SHARE THEIR BROWSING EXPERIENCE IN VIDEO CHATS.

THE FEATURE IS CALLED CO-WATCHING: USERS IN DIRECT MESSAGES WITH EACH OTHER CAN SHARE AND WATCH INSTAGRAM POSTS WHILE THEY VIDEO CHAT WITH EACH OTHER

INSTAGRAM SAYS IT WANTS TO SUPPORT USERS AND COMMUNITIES WHO ARE DEALING WITH THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, AND WHO MAY BE ISOLATED THEMSELVES.

IN THE MEANTIME, INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK HAVE TOLD THEIR USERS TO PRACTICE GOOD SOCIAL DISTANCING TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS.

https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/24/instagram-adds-coronavirus-co-watching-browse-together-via-video-chat.html

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

HEADLINE: AMAZON DELAYS PRIME DELIVERIES
HEADLINE 2: NON-ESSENTIAL ITEMS COULD BE DELAYED FOR A MONTH
AMAZON APPEARS TO BE DELAYING PRIME DELIVERY ON NON-ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR AS MUCH AS A MONTH.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S PRIORITIZING ESSENTIAL ITEMS IN ITS WAREHOUSES, AS THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK CONTINUES TO INCREASE DEMAND.
SOME NON-ESSENTIAL ITEMS ON AMAZON STILL SHOW UP AS IN STOCK, BUT SHOW A DELIVERY DATE OF APRIL 21ST.
MEANWHILE, IN SOME MARKETS IN EUROPE, AMAZON SAYS IT HAS TEMPORARILY STOPPED NON-ESSENTIAL ORDERS ENTIRELY.
https://www.vox.com/recode/2020/3/22/21190372/amazon-prime-delivery-delays-april-21-coronavirus-covid-19
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/21/21189557/amazon-stop-shipping-non-essential-italy-france-coronavirus

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK SHARING MORE CORONAVIRUS INFO
HEADLINE 2: PROGRAM WILL CONNECT HEALTH AGENCIES TO ANSWER USERS' QUESTIONS
FACEBOOK WILL WORK WITH HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS TO RELEASE ACCURATE CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION.
FACEBOOK IS LAUNCHING A NEW PROGRAM WITH GOVERNMENT HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, UN HEALTH AGENCIES, AND DEVELOPERS TO SHARE RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS.
ALL OF THE INFO WILL BE FREELY AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK'S MESSENGER SERVICE.
IT WILL JOIN THE COVID-19 INFORMATION CENTER THAT JUST LAUNCHED ON FACEBOOK NEWSFEEDS.
https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-messenger-wants-to-help-health-organizations-push-out-accurate-coronavirus-information/
https://messengernews.fb.com/2020/03/23/messenger-partners-with-developers-to-provide-government-health-organizations-with-free-services-to-respond-to-coronavirus-pandemic/

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

HEADLINE: AMAZON TEMPORARILY CLOSES PRIME PANTRY
HEADLINE 2: THE GROCERY SERVICE IS HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH DEMAND
AMAZON IS TEMPORARILY CLOSING ITS PRIME PANTRY SERVICE OVER THE CORONAVIRUS.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S GETTING SO MANY ONLINE ORDERS FOR GROCERIES AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS THAT FOR THE MOMENT, IT WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT NEW ONES.
AMAZON SAID ON ITS WEBSITE THAT IT'S BUSY RESTOCKING, AND WILL WORK TO COMPLETE ANY OPEN ORDERS.
AMAZON WILL LET CUSTOMERS KNOW WHEN IT STARTS ACCEPTING NEW ORDERS AGAIN.
https://www.businessinsider.com/amazon-prime-pantry-closed-temporarily-coronavirus-outbreak-2020-3?op=1
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/19/amazon-prime-pantry-temporarily-closes-due-to-coronavirus-demand.html

HEADLINE: YELP PLEDGES 25M TO LOCAL BUSINESSES
HEADLINE 2: THE CHANGES WOULD HELP RESTAURANTS KEEP SALES UP
YELP WILL GIVE 25 MILLION DOLLARS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT WANTS TO SUPPORT "LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTLIFE BUSINESSES" THAT HAVE SEEN A SERIOUS DROP IN SALES.
YELP WILL WAIVE ADVERTISING FEES, DISTRIBUTE MORE FREE ADVERTISING, AND GIVE UPGRADES TO BETTER PROMOTIONAL TOOLS.
THE CHANGES COME AS THE FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY DEALS WITH STRICTER SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES AND LOCKDOWNS.
THESE RULES ARE ALREADY LEADING TO HEAVY LAYOFFS AND FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY FOR WORKERS.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/03/20/yelp-covid-19/
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https://blog.yelp.com/2020/03/yelp-covid-19-response-and-support-for-local-businesses
https://www.npr.org/2020/03/19/818192556/food-and-beverage-industry-hit-hard-by-coronavirus-outbreak
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HI I'M CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: NETFLIX URGED TO SWITCH TO STANDARD DEFINITION
HEADLINE 2: NETFLIX AND OTHER PLATFORMS FACE MORE DEMAND
EUROPEAN REGULATORS ARE ASKING NETFLIX TO SWITCH TO STANDARD DEFINITION STREAMING BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
MORE PEOPLE ARE WORKING FROM HOME AND WATCHING MORE CONTENT ONLINE, WHICH PUTS MORE DEMAND ON INTERNET BANDWIDTH.
NETFLIX AND OTHER STREAMING PLATFORMS ARE BEING ASKED TO DO THEIR PART TO HELP KEEP INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE RUNNING..
FOR NOW, THE CHANGE WOULD ONLY APPLY TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.
OTHER TECH COMPANIES HAVE REMOVED BROADBAND DATA CAPS OR MADE NEW MOVIES AVAILABLE ONLINE BECAUSE OF COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS.
https://techcrunch.com/2020/03/19/keep-calm-and-switch-to-sd/

HEADLINE: CORONAVIRUS REACHES AMAZON WAREHOUSES
HEADLINE 2: TWO HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYEES ALSO CONTRACTED COVID-19
AMAZON HAS CONFIRMED ITS FIRST CORONAVIRUS CASE AMONG WAREHOUSE WORKERS IN THE U.S.
THE COMPANY TOLD WORKERS IN A TEXT MESSAGE THAT AN EMPLOYEE AT A SORTING FACILITY IN QUEENS, NEW YORK TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE VIRUS.
AMAZON HAS CLOSED THE FACILITY AND SENT ITS EMPLOYEES HOME WITH FULL PAY.
TWO EMPLOYEES ALSO TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AT AMAZON'S SEATTLE HEADQUARTERS THIS MONTH.
AMAZON HAS FACED INCREASING DEMAND FROM CUSTOMERS AS CORONAVIRUS DISRUPTS SHOPPING AND MAKES ESSENTIALS HARDER TO FIND.
https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/03/amazon-warehouse-employee-has-coronavirus/608341/
https://variety.com/2020/digital/news/amazon-coronavirus-case-us-warehouse-1203538796/
https://www.vox.com/recode/2020/3/19/21186322/amazon-warehouse-coronavirus-covid-19-worker-tested-positive-delivery-station-queens-new-york

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

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK GIVES EMPLOYEES CASH BONUSES
HEADLINE 2: THE MONEY IS FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING REMOTE WORK OR CHILDCARE
FACEBOOK IS GIVING ITS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BONUS AS THE CORONAVIRUS AFFECTS THE ECONOMY.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA GIANT SAYS THE CASH BONUSES ARE TO HELP EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WORKING REMOTELY.
THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON HOW EMPLOYEES CAN SPEND THE MONEY.
FACEBOOK HAS ABOUT 45,000 FULL-TIME WORKERS, BUT ALSO EMPLOYS EVEN MORE CONTRACT WORKERS, WHO WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THE BONUS.
FACEBOOK SAYS IT WILL ALSO GIVE 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES IN 30 COUNTRIES.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/17/coronavirus-facebook-to-give-1000-bonuses-to-each-of-its-employees.html
https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/17/tech/facebook-coronavirus-1000-dollars-employees/
https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-to-give-employees-1000-bonuses-amid-the-coronavirus-outbreak/

HEADLINE: SOME HIPAA RULES WAIVED OVER CORONAVIRUS
HEADLINE 2: PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS CAN USE FACETIME, ZOOM, OR SKYPE
THE U.S. WILL TEMPORARILY WAIVE CERTAIN HEALTH PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS TO ADDRESS THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK.
THE U.S, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SAYS IT WON'T PUNISH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IF THEIR TELEHEALTH TOOLS VIOLATE THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, OR HIPAA.
OFFICIALS SAY PROVIDERS CAN USE MORE VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIKE FACETIME, SKYPE, ZOOM, OR FACEBOOK MESSENGER TO SPEAK WITH PATIENTS.
HHS SAYS PROVIDERS SHOULD STILL TELL PATIENTS ABOUT PRIVACY RISKS, AND USERS SHOULD ENABLE ENCRYPTION IF THEY USE THE APPS.
https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html
https://www.cnet.com/news/us-waives-potential-health-privacy-penalties-during-coronavirus-outbreak/
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HI I'M CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: TECH COMPANIES WANT CORONAVIRUS HELP
HEADLINE 2: THEY WANT A JOINT EFFORT FOR RELIABLE CONTENT AND UPDATES
TECH COMPANIES HAVE ASKED OTHER COMPANIES TO JOIN THEIR EFFORT TO FIGHT CORONAVIRUS MISINFORMATION.
GOOGLE, MICROSOFT, FACEBOOK, TWITTER, REDDIT, YOUTUBE, AND LINKEDIN ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT, ASKING FOR HELP FIGHTING ONLINE FRAUD AND MISINFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19.
THE COMPANIES SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE "AUTHORITATIVE CONTENT" AND SHARE IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE AGENCIES AROUND THE WORLD.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOME OF THESE TECH COMPANIES MET WITH THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS FIGHTING COVID-19 MISINFORMATION.
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https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/03/16/coronavirus-tech-google-microsoft-facebook-misinformation/5064880002/
https://mashable.com/article/google-facebook-twitter-coronavirus-fake-news/

HEADLINE: UNIVERSAL PICTURES STREAMS NEW MOVIES
HEADLINE 2: THEATRICAL RELEASES WILL COST $19.99 FOR A 48-HOUR RENTAL
AS CORONAVIRUS SHUTS DOWN MOVIE THEATERS, UNIVERSAL PICTURES SAYS IT WILL STREAM NEW RELEASE MOVIES ON-DEMAND.
MOVIES SET TO BE RELEASED IN THEATERS WILL BE RELEASED ON STREAMING PLATFORMS THE SAME DAY.
UNIVERSAL SAYS MOVIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AMAZON PRIME VIDEO, ITUNES, AND OTHER ON-DEMAND HOME SERVICES.
TITLES WILL HAVE A 48 HOUR RENTAL PERIOD AT A RETAIL PRICE OF $19.99.
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https://thestreamable.com/news/universal-pictures-to-stream-new-release-films-on-prime-video-itunes-more
https://variety.com/2020/film/news/universal-trolls-world-tour-the-hunt-invisible-man-coronavirus-1203535541/
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03/16/2020
HI I'M JOSH KRANZBERG BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: GOOGLE LAUNCHING CORONAVIRUS INFO SITE
HEADLINE 2: A SCREENING WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS
GOOGLE IS WORKING ON A NATIONWIDE CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION WEBSITE.
THE WEBSITE WILL HELP PEOPLE FIND BEST HEALTH PRACTICES AND CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HEALTH AUTHORITIES SUCH AS THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.
IN THE MEANTIME, GOOGLE'S SISTER COMPANY VERILY HAS LAUNCHED A LOCAL CORONAVIRUS SCREENING GUIDE FOR CERTAIN CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS.
RESIDENTS CAN TAKE A SURVEY ON THE SITE AND THOSE WHO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR TESTING WILL BE DIRECTED TO SCREENING LOCATIONS.
THEY WILL RECEIVE THEIR TEST RESULTS IN A FEW DAYS.
https://www.vox.com/recode/2020/3/15/21180518/coronavirus-google-verily-website-testing-trump

https://www.geek.com/tech/verily-launches-covid-19-screening-site-for-san-francisco-residents-1820258/?source
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/16/21181214/verily-coronavirus-screening-pilot-website-launches-limited-access

HEADLINE: AMAZON WARNS OF DELIVERY DELAYS
HEADLINE 2: THE COMPANY HAS RUN OUT OF TOILET PAPER AND HAND SANITIZER
AMAZON HAS WARNED OF DELAYS IN DELIVERY TIMES DUE TO CORONAVIRUS-DRIVEN DEMAND.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT HAS RUN OUT OF POPULAR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS SUCH AS TOILET PAPER, HAND SANITIZER AND PAPER TOWELS, OVER THE WEEKEND.
AMAZON PRIME'S ONE-DAY AND TWO-DAY DELIVERY OPTIONS HAVE SHOWN A DELAY OF SEVERAL DAYS.
AMAZON SAID THOSE WHO ORDERED QUALIFYING ITEMS COULD INSTEAD EXPECT TO RECEIVE THEM IN FOUR DAYS.
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03/13/2020
HI I'M JOSH KRANZBERG BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: AT&T TEMPORARILY LIFTS DATA CAPS
HEADLINE 2: MORE USERS ARE WORKING FROM HOME DUE TO CORONAVIRUS
AT&T HAS WAIVED ITS BROADBAND DATA CAPS FOR HOME INTERNET CUSTOMERS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS.
THE DECISION COMES AS MORE PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19 ARE BEING ASKED TO WORK FROM HOME.
THE CAPS CAN RANGE FROM 150 GIGABYTES TO 1 TERABYTE AND CUSTOMERS WHO GO OVER THE LIMIT USUALLY PAY OVERAGE FEES.
OTHER INTERNET PROVIDERS LIKE VERIZON AND T-MOBILE ARE TAKING SIMILAR MEASURES.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/12/21177538/att-broadband-internet-data-cap-coronavirus-suspend
https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/v74qzb/atandt-suspends-broadband-usage-caps-during-coronavirus-crisis

HEADLINE: COMCAST BOOSTS SPEEDS OVER CORONAVIRUS
HEADLINE 2: SOME INTERNET SPEEDS WILL GO FROM 15 MBPS TO 25 MBPS
COMCAST IS INCREASING ITS INTERNET SPEED FOR MILLIONS OF LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS.
THIS MONTH, THE COMPANY WILL INCREASE INTERNET SPEEDS FROM 15 TO 25 MEGABITS PER SECOND, WHILE UPLOAD SPEEDS WILL GO UP FROM 2 TO 3 MEGABITS PER SECOND.
COMCAST WILL ALSO OFFER A 60-DAY FREE TRIAL OF THE SERVICE, WHICH IS USUALLY ABOUT 10 DOLLARS A MONTH.
COMCAST SAYS IT WANTS TO ENSURE CUSTOMERS CAN USE THEIR INTERNET SERVICE FOR "ALL THEIR INCREASED NEEDS" AS THE COUNTRY RESPONDS TO COVID-19.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/12/21177524/comcast-internet-essentials-speed-increase-coronavirus
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HI I'M KATHERINE BIEK BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: WHITE HOUSE, BIG TECH TALK CORONAVIRUS
HEADLINE 2: MEETING DISCUSSED MISINFORMATION AND HARMFUL CONTENT
THE WHITE HOUSE IS ASKING TECH COMPANIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIGHT CORONAVIRUS.
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLE, FACEBOOK, GOOGLE, TWITTER, MICROSOFT, IBM, AND AMAZON.
THE ADMINISTRATION IS ASKING THESE COMPANIES TO WORK TOGETHER SO THEY CAN ALL IDENTIFY AND REMOVE CORONAVIRUS MISINFORMATION OR OTHER HARMFUL CONTENT MORE QUICKLY.
THIS COMES AS TECH COMPANIES HAVE MADE THEIR OWN CRACKDOWNS, TO BATTLE PRICE GOUGING AND CANCEL IN-PERSON CONFERENCES THAT COULD SPREAD THE VIRUS.
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HEADLINE: TWITTER TELLS EMPLOYEES TO WORK FROM HOME
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY WILL STILL PAY CONTRACTORS AND HOURLY WORKERS
TWITTER IS NOW REQUIRING THAT ALL OF ITS EMPLOYEES WORK REMOTELY.
THE COMPANY ESCALATED THE GUIDELINE TO A MANDATORY MEASURE AS THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK CONTINUES.

TWITTER SAYS IT'LL ALSO CONTINUE TO PAY HOURLY WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS WHO MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO DO THEIR WORK FROM HOME.
OTHER BIG TECH COMPANIES ARE TAKING SIMILAR STEPS: GOOGLE TOLD ITS EMPLOYEES TO WORK REMOTELY, AND AMAZON TOLD EMPLOYEES IN AFFECTED U.S. STATES NOT TO COME INTO THE OFFICE.
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https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/12/21176211/twitter-employees-work-from-home-covid-19-coronavirus
https://www.businessinsider.com/twitter-working-from-home-mandatory-2020-3?op=1

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HEADLINE: CORONAVIRUS CANCELS E3 GAMING CONFERENCE
HEADLINE 2: OFFICIALS WILL INVESTIGATE MAKING E3 AN ONLINE EVENT
THE ELECTRONIC ENTERTAINMENT EXPO, ALSO KNOWN AS E3, HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK.
THE POPULAR THREE-DAY GAMING CONVENTION WAS SET TO TAKE PLACE IN LOS ANGELES IN JUNE.
E3'S ORGANIZERS SAY THEY WILL LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING E3 AN ONLINE EVENT THIS SUMMER.
OTHER BIG TECH EVENTS INCLUDING SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST, GOOGLE I-O, AND FACEBOOK'S F-8 HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK.
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-03-11/e3-video-game-conference-has-been-canceled-ars-technica-reports
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/11/21163570/e3-canceled-coronavirus-outbreak-xbox-nintendo

HEADLINE: GOOGLE BANS MEDICAL MASK ADS
HEADLINE 2: LATEST COMPANY TO REGULATE CORONAVIRUS COMMERCE
GOOGLE HAS TEMPORARILY BANNED ADVERTISEMENT FOR MEDICAL FACE MASKS AS CORONAVIRUS SPREADS.
THE BAN ONLY APPLIES TO ADS FOR FACE MASKS, AND NOT ADS FOR OTHER PROTECTIVE PRODUCTS.
MEDICAL EXPERTS SAY MASKS ARE ONLY NECESSARY IF PEOPLE ALREADY HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19.
THEY WARN BUYING THEM COULD CAUSE EQUIPMENT SHORTAGES FOR MEDICAL WORKERS.

GOOGLE FOLLOWS FACEBOOK, APPLE, AND OTHER TECH COMPANIES WHO ARE CLOSELY REGULATING CORONAVIRUS ACTIVITY ON THEIR PLATFORMS.
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/10/google-bans-ads-for-medical-face-masks-amid-coronavirus-outbreak.html

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03/10/2020

HI I'M KATHERINE BIEK BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:

HEADLINE: TWITTER BRINGS BACK ELECTION BADGES

HEADLINE 2:U.S. CONGRESS AND GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES QUALIFY

WITH ELECTION SEASON UNDERWAY, TWITTER HAS BROUGHT BACK ELECTION BADGES FOR U.S. POLITICAL CANDIDATES.
TWITTER SAID IT WILL PROVIDE THESE BADGES TO VERIFIED CANDIDATES WHO QUALIFIED FOR THE U.S. 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.
CANDIDATES HAVE TO BE RUNNING FOR U.S. CONGRESS OR IN A GOVERNOR'S RACE, AND THEY HAVE TO BE ON THE BALLOT IN THEIR STATE.
THE BADGES WERE LAST AVAILABLE ON TWITTER DURING THE 2018 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL MIDTERM ELECTION.
https://mashable.com/article/twitter-election-badges-2020/
https://blog.twitter.com/en_us/topics/company/2019/helping-identify-2020-us-election-candidates-on-twitter.html

HEADLINE: FACEBOOK BANS MASK SALES

HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN STILL FIND RESULTS FOR "N95 MASK" AND "COVID-19"

FACEBOOK HAS TEMPORARILY BANNED MEDICAL MASK LISTINGS ON ITS MARKETPLACE, BUT PLENTY ARE STILL FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS.
MASKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON MARKETPLACE, OFTEN AT UNREASONABLE PRICES.
FACEBOOK ANNOUNCED THE SHORT-TERM BAN LAST WEEK.
BUT USERS CAN STILL FIND LISTINGS WHEN THEY SEARCH FOR "N95 MASK," "COVID-19," OR "FACE MASK."
FACEBOOK JOINS AMAZON, APPLE, AND EBAY, WHO ARE ALL TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT COVID-19 PANIC ON THEIR PLATFORMS.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/9/21171654/facebook-ebay-coronavirus-face-mask-listing-ban-evade-amazon-covid19

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03/09/2020

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

HEADLINE: TWITTER FLAGS EDITED BIDEN VIDEO
HEADLINE 2: THE MISLEADING VIDEO VIOLATED TWITTER'S MEDIA POLICY
TWITTER HAS FLAGGED A VIDEO THAT PRESIDENT TRUMP RETWEETED, TO SHOW THAT IT WAS "MANIPULATED MEDIA".
THE COMPANY ADDED THE TAG TO A SELECTIVELY-EDITED VIDEO OF FORMER VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, IN WHICH HE APPEARS TO ENDORSE PRESIDENT TRUMP.
THE VIDEO WAS SHARED BY WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR DAN SCAVINO, AND LATER PRESIDENT TRUMP RETWEETED IT.
THIS APPEARS TO BE THE FIRST TIME THAT TWITTER HAS HAD TO ENFORCE ITS NEW POLICY ON MANIPULATED MEDIA, WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT IN EARLY MARCH.
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https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/09/technology/manipulated-biden-video-trump.html
https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/3a8jjy/the-trump-campaign-shared-a-biden-video-so-deceptive-it-was-censored-by-facebook-and-twitter

HEADLINE: POSTMATES LAUNCHES NON-CONTACT DELIVERY
HEADLINE 2: USERS CAN DECIDE WHERE THEY WANT THEIR FOOD DELIVERED
POSTMATES HAS ANNOUNCED A NON-CONTACT MEAL DELIVERY OPTION.
CUSTOMERS CAN CHOOSE TO MEET THEIR DELIVERY PERSON OUTSIDE AN ADDRESS, OR CHOOSE TO HAVE THEIR FOOD LEFT OUTSIDE THEIR DOOR.
WHILE POSTMATES DOESN'T MENTION CORONAVIRUS BY NAME IN ITS ANNOUNCEMENT, THIS NEW SERVICE COULD HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF INFECTION.
OTHER GIG ECONOMY SERVICES, SUCH AS UBER, ARE ALSO TAKING STEPS TO REDUCE CORONAVIRUS RISKS.
THEY ARE CONSIDERING A FUND THAT WOULD PAY WORKERS IN THE EVENT THAT THEY FELL ILL.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/6/21168699/postmates-coronavirus-no-contact-deliveries

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03/06/2020
HI I'M JOSH KRANZBERG BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:
HEADLINE: TWITTER BANS DEHUMANIZING TWEETS
HEADLINE 2: RULE WILL BAN HATE TWEETS ABOUT AGE, DISABILITY, OR DISEASE
TWITTER WILL NOW BAN TWEETS THAT MAKE DEHUMANIZING REMARKS ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY, AGE, OR DISEASE.
USERS THAT VIOLATE THE RULES MAY HAVE THEIR ACCOUNTS SUSPENDED, AND TWITTER WILL DELETE ANY EARLIER TWEETS THAT WOULD BE BANNED UNDER THESE NEW RULES.

TWITTER LAST UPDATED ITS HATE SPEECH RULES IN JULY 2019, WHEN IT BANNED HATE SPEECH AGAINST RELIGIOUS GROUPS.
TWITTER'S POLICY ALREADY CRACKS DOWN ON HATE SPEECH AGAINST RACE, GENDER AND GENDER IDENTITY, AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION.
https://blog.twitter.com/en_us/topics/company/2019/hatefulconductupdate.html
https://help.twitter.com/en/rules-and-policies/hateful-conduct-policy
https://techcrunch.com/2020/03/05/twitter-bans-hate-speech-around-age-disability-and-in-the-wake-of-the-coronavirus-outbreak-disease/
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/5/21166940/twitter-hate-speech-ban-age-disability-disease-dehumanize

HEADLINE: APPLE BLOCKS UNOFFICIAL CORONAVIRUS APPS
HEADLINE 2: APPS AREN'T FROM LEGALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS
APPLE WILL STOP ACCEPTING CORONAVIRUS APPS UNLESS THEY'RE FROM OFFICIAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS.
FOUR DEVELOPERS TOLD CNBC THAT APPLE BLOCKED THEIR APPS, WHICH TRACKED COUNTRIES WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES AND EVEN USED OFFICIAL SOURCES FOR THEIR INFORMATION.
APPLE SAYS THAT ANY APPS DEALING WITH SENSITIVE USER INFORMATION SHOULD COME FROM LEGALLY RECOGNIZED SOURCES, SO ITS RESPONSE MAY NOT BE SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS. .
BUT APPLE AND OTHER BIG TECH COMPANIES LIKE FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND GOOGLE HAVE ALL CRACKED DOWN ON CORONAVIRUS MISINFORMATION THIS YEAR.
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03/05/2020

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

HEADLINE: APPLE WARNS OF IPHONE SHORTAGE

HEADLINE 2:REPLACEMENT PHONES AND PARTS COULD BE 2-4 WEEKS BEHIND

APPLE SAYS IT'S EXPECTING AN IPHONE SHORTAGE, AS CORONAVIRUS PUTS PRESSURE ON ITS SUPPLY CHAIN.

APPLE EMPLOYEES TOLD BLOOMBERG THAT REPLACEMENT IPHONES AND IPHONE REPAIR PARTS COULD BE DELAYED FOR TWO TO FOUR WEEKS.

APPLE RECENTLY REOPENED ITS STORES IN CHINA AFTER SHUTTING ALL OF THEM DOWN DUE TO COVID-19.

THE VIRUS HAS DISRUPTED OTHER TECH COMPANIES, TOO — DELAYING PRODUCT LAUNCHES, CRAMPING SUPPLY, AND POSTPONING BIG TECH CONFERENCES.

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-03-04/apple-warns-stores-about-shortage-of-replacement-iphones

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https://www.theverge.com/2020/2/7/21128307/coronavirus-outbreak-tech-industry-production-supply-chain-delay-impact

HEADLINE: TWITTER TESTS VANISHING POSTS

HEADLINE 2: 24-HOUR TWITTER "FLEETS" CAN'T BE LIKE OR RETWEETED

TWITTER IS TESTING ITS OWN BRAND OF TEMPORARY, TIME-LIMITED MESSAGES.

THE COMPANY'S NEW MESSAGES, CALLED FLEETS, ALLOWS USERS TO POST THE USUAL 280 CHARACTERS, AND SHARE PICTURES AND VIDEOS — BUT THEY'LL DISAPPEAR AFTER 24 HOURS.

FLEETS ARE NOT PUBLIC AND UNLIKE TWEETS, USERS CANNOT LIKE OR RETWEET A FLEET.

REPLIES TO A FLEET WILL BE SENT AS A DIRECT MESSAGE.

TWITTER IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON EPHEMERIAL POSTS SINCE SOMETIME LAST YEAR.

THE PRODUCT IS CURRENTLY BEING TESTED IN A LIMITED MARKET IN BRAZIL.

https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/4/21163877/twitter-stories-test-brazil-fleets-ephemeral

https://techcrunch.com/2020/03/04/twitter-starts-testing-its-own-version-of-stories-called-fleets-which-disappear-after-24-hours/

https://www.ibtimes.com/fleets-what-you-need-know-about-twitters-version-snapchat-stories-2934318

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03/04/2020

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

HEADLINE: PINTEREST FIGHTS VIRUS MISINFORMATION
HEADLINE 2: NEW FEATURE GIVES USERS INFO FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES
PINTEREST WILL START ADDING OFFICIAL HEALTH INFORMATION TO ITS SEARCH RESULTS FOR CORONAVIRUS.
PINTEREST TOLD THE VERGE IT'LL ADD INFORMATION FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES LIKE THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, TO HELP USERS TELL FACT FROM FICTION WHEN IT COMES TO CORONAVIRUS.
PINTEREST SAYS IT WILL ALSO REMOVE FALSE HEALTH INFORMATION FROM ITS SITE, SINCE IT VIOLATES ITS MISINFORMATION POLICY.
PINTEREST JOINS OTHER PLATFORMS, INCLUDING FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM, WHICH HAVE ROLLED OUT NEW TOOLS TO POINT USERS TOWARD RELIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/3/21163972/pinterest-showing-custom-search-results-coronavirus-misinformation

HEADLINE: AMAZON RING COLLECTS CUSTOMERS' DATA
HEADLINE 2: RECORDS SHOW EXACTLY HOW AND WHEN DOORBELLS WERE USED
AMAZON'S MOTION-SENSING RING DOORBELLS KEEP TRACK OF EVERYTHING THEY SEE, ACCORDING TO A BBC NEWS INVESTIGATION.
AMAZON IS SAID TO ALSO TRACK EXACTLY WHEN, HOW OFTEN AND HOW LONG THE DOORBELLS ARE RUNG .
IT LOGGED EVERY TIME THE APP WAS OPENED, AND HOW USERS INTERACTED WITH THE FOOTAGE FROM THEIR CAMERAS.
EXPERTS ARE CONCERNED THAT EVEN IF THIS DATA IS ANONYMOUS, IT COULD GIVE AMAZON A LOT OF INSIGHT INTO THE PRIVATE LIVES AND HABITS OF CONSUMERS.
AMAZON RECENTLY IMPROVED ITS SECURITY FOR RING DOORBELLS, AFTER HACKERS USED THEM TO SPY ON USERS.
https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-51709247

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HI I'M CAITLIN BALDWIN BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES:
HEADLINE: APPLE WILL PAY $500M OVER SLOW IPHONES
HEADLINE 2: OWNERS WERE TOLD TO REPLACE PHONES OR BATTERIES
APPLE HAS AGREED TO PAY A SETTLEMENT OF UP TO $500 MILLION OVER SLOW IPHONES.
A CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT CLAIMED APPLE INTENTIONALLY LOWERED THE PERFORMANCE OF OLDER IPHONES AFTER NEW MODELS WERE RELEASED.

PLAINTIFFS SAY THEIR PHONES SLOWED DOWN AFTER SOFTWARE UPDATES, AND SAY THEY WERE MISLED TO BELIEVE THE PHONES WERE NEAR THE END OF THEIR LIFECYCLE.
THE SETTLEMENT COVERS USERS OF CERTAIN IPHONE 6 AND 7 MODELS, RUNNING CERTAIN VERSIONS OF I-O-S.
APPLE HAS DENIED WRONGDOING IN THE MATTER.
https://www.reuters.com/article/us-apple-iphones-settlement/apple-to-pay-up-to-500-million-to-settle-u-s-lawsuit-over-slow-iphones-idUSKBN20P2E7?il=0
https://news.bloomberglaw.com/product-liability-and-toxics-law/apples-500-million-iphone-deal-warrants-approval-plaintiffs-say
https://www.wired.com/story/apple-iphone-class-action-settlement/

HEADLINE: YOUTUBE RECOMMENDS FEWER CONSPIRACY VIDEOS
HEADLINE 2: TOTAL CONSPIRACY RECOMMENDATIONS WERE LOWEST IN 2019
A NEW STUDY FINDS YOUTUBE NOW RECOMMENDS FEWER CONSPIRACY THEORY VIDEOS TO ITS USERS.
RESEARCHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SAY YOUTUBE MADE GOOD PROGRESS REDUCING CONSPIRACY VIDEOS ON ITS SITE.
YOUTUBE SAID IN 2019 THAT IT WOULD CRACK DOWN ON "BORDERLINE CONTENT" AND LIMIT VIDEOS THAT COULD HARMFULLY MISLEAD USERS.
SOON AFTER, YOUTUBE SAID THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WATCHING CONSPIRACY RECOMMENDATIONS DROPPED BY 50 PERCENT.
BUT THE TOTAL COUNT OF CONSPIRACY VIDEOS HAS BEEN INCREASING SINCE ITS LOWEST POINT IN 2019.
https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/03/02/technology/youtube-conspiracy-theory.html
https://farid.berkeley.edu/downloads/publications/arxiv20.pdf
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HEADLINE: SHOULD WE BREAK UP BIG TECH?
HEADLINE 2: SURVEY SHOWS SUPPORT FOR MORE ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT
A NEW SURVEY FINDS AMERICANS TEND TO BELIEVE LARGER TECH COMPANIES HAVE TOO MUCH INFLUENCE AND OUGHT TO BE BROKEN UP.

THE SURVEY FROM THE VERGE POLLED MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE NATIONWIDE AND FOUND 72 PERCENT OF AMERICANS THINK FACEBOOK HAS "TOO MUCH POWER."
51 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS SAID GOOGLE AND YOUTUBE SHOULD BE MADE INTO TWO ENTIRELY SEPARATE COMPANIES.
AND 56 PERCENT OF AMERICANS SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO BREAK UP TECH COMPANIES THAT BECOME TOO LARGE.
SOME DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES THINK THAT, TOO — MOST ARE OPEN TO BREAKING UP BIG TECH OR RATCHETING UP EXISTING ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT.
https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/2/21144680/verge-tech-survey-2020-trust-privacy-security-facebook-amazon-google-apple

HEADLINE: APPLE DEACTIVATES CLEARVIEW APP
HEADLINE 2: FACIAL RECOGNITION APP WAS IMPROPERLY DISTRIBUTED
APPLE HAS PULLED CLEARVIEW AI'S I-O-S APP FROM ITS STORE FOR VIOLATING APPLE'S TERMS OF USE.
BUZZFEED NEWS REPORTS CLEARVIEW AI USED NON-PUBLIC DEVELOPER TOOLS TO DISTRIBUTE ITS CONTROVERSIAL FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER COMPANIES.
AN APPLE SPOKESPERSON SAID COMPANIES THAT ABUSE THIS TOOL COULD HAVE THEIR APPLE ACCOUNTS CLOSED.
 CLEARVIEW AI HAS 14 DAYS TO ADDRESS APPLE'S CONCERNS.
https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/loganmcdonald/apple-clearview-app-violates-tos-supension
https://techcrunch.com/2020/02/28/apple-ban-clearview-iphone/
https://www.cultofmac.com/688353/clearview-ai-iphone-app-disabled-apple-app-store/
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