

Google rolls back Android 11 public beta

Beta Google has decided to postpone their upcoming June 3rd Android 11 public beta launch. In a tweet on Friday evening, Android's developer account said "We are excited to tell you more about Android 11, but now is not the time to celebrate." The tweet also said they will "be back with more on Android 11, soon," but did not specify a date. Although no reason was given, it can be speculated that the Google's decision is related to the recent series of protests that erupted all over US. These protests were in response to the death of one George Floyd, a black man unlawfully killed by an officer of Minneapolis Police Department through excessive use of force.



SpaceX makes history with first private manned mission to space

On Saturday, May 30th, SpaceX became the first private spacecraft to carry humans into orbit.

The launch, titled 'Demo-2', was the final demonstration mission in the human rating process of SpaceX's Crew Dragon and Falcon 9. Flying NASA astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken to the International Space Station, successful completion of this mission will certify SpaceX for regular transportation of people to space. This was the second attempt after an initial launch try last Wednesday was scrubbed due to weather conditions.

To date, SpaceX's Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy rockets have succeeded in delivering multiple cargo payloads to orbit, but Behnken and Hurley are the first people to make the trip with the private spaceflight company.



Microsoft to replace journalists with AI

Microsoft plants to replace dozens of its MSN contract journalists with automated systems, US and UK media report.

In a statement, the US tech giant said "Like all companies, we evaluate our business on a regular basis. This can result in increased investment in some places and, from time to time, redeployment in others. These decisions are not the result of the current pandemic."

MSN, like most other tech companies, pays news organizations to use their content on its website. But it employs journalists to decide which stories to display and how they are presented.

Currently, the curation of stories along with selection of headlines and pictures are done by journalists. However, artificial intelligence is set to perform these news production task in the future.

Around 50 contract news producers set to lose their jobs at the end of June, but a team of full-time journalists will remain.

Microsoft said this is part of an evaluation of its business.

It should be noted that the attempt to replace human journalist with machines in nothing new. Xinhua – a Chinese news agency – has been experimenting with virtual news presenters since 2018.

NEW CARS THIS WEEK



The middle child of the Bimmer family, the seventh generation BMW 5 series finally got its big mustache update. In addition to the larger kidney grille, the car has grown by 1.2 inches and received a set of sleeker, more liner LED headlamps. The interior also received some minor touch-ups, along with a 12.3-inch digital gauge cluster becoming standard on all variants. The car also retains all of its four powertrains, with the range-topping version being the 4.4-liter twin-turbocharged V8 outputting 523 HP and 533 lb-ft of torque.



Moving from riches to rags, the budget-friendly small hatchback from Kia also got its mid-life makeover. Like the BMW, the Rio got fancy new LED headlamps along with a sleeker front fascia. But unlike the 5, Rio's front grille actually shrunk, being much narrower than before. Inside, it outdid the German Sedan's screen update by a factor of two, with a new 8.0-inch screen on the center console and a 4.2-inch digital display on the gauge cluster. Finally, Kia updated the 1.0-liter T-GDi engine with its 48V MHEV system, though this is mainly done to comply with European emissions standards.

EDITOR'S NOTE

All about saving

Everybody wants to save the world. Good news for you-now's the time to do so. This World Environment Day, Toggle explores the ways we can use technology to be the good guy. We talk about going paperless (erm, yeah), using renewable resources and all sorts of other cool ways to treat our planet right. Bonus points if you watch climate documentaries this week and use eco-friendly apps for a change. Don't know where to start? It's all there in this week's issue.

On a personal note, working with the core editing team for the week was a learning experience like no other. If you want supportive and encouraging mentors at your workplace, look no further. 10/10 would recommend it.

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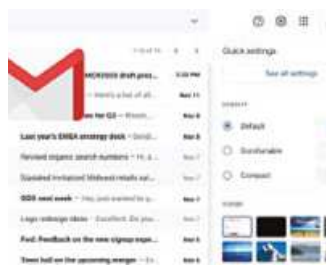
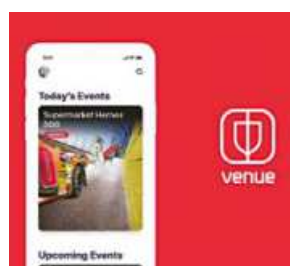
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