# Technology: -

# Headline:

# Samsung confirms Galaxy S11 event for February 11th

Article:

The next Galaxy flagship smartphone from Samsung is indeed being announced on February 11th. After the date was discovered earlier today thanks to an unlisted video, Samsung has now confirmed that its Unpacked event will be held that day in San Francisco.

There’s little doubt we’ll see the Galaxy S11 (rumors indicate it might actually be branded as the S20 for some reason), and Samsung is also at work on its second foldable phone after last year’s Galaxy Fold. If you like reading into such things, the invite could be seen as a tease of both devices. And Samsung indeed confirms that more than one is coming on the 11th.

It’s also believed that Samsung will move to a higher 120Hz refresh rate with its next flagship, leapfrogging OnePlus and Google and matching the Asus ROG Phone 2’s level of fluidity. Other rumors hint at more advanced camera features and 8K video recording.

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# Google News discontinues ‘print replica’ PDFs of magazines

Article:

Stop me if you’ve heard this, but: Google is discontinuing a product. This time, it’s the print replica magazines in Google News, which are the PDF versions of print pages you could view on phones or via desktop. However, pinching the view on your phone screen to read a PDF of a print magazine page apparently didn’t catch on, and I’m as astonished as you are.

Android police reported that Google sent an email to current magazine subscribers to inform them of the change, effective immediately. While it won’t be offering print layout pages via Google News any longer, Google suggested that readers could still visit a magazine’s website, which perhaps they are already doing since it’s 2020.

“Publishers can continue selling content on Google News in the form of paywalled RSS-based publications — it is only the support for the sale of discrete digital files that is changing,” a Google spokesperson said in a statement.

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# Mike Bloomberg has spent nearly $15 million to be in your Google search results

Article:

The 77-year-old former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg is running for president, on a centrist-friendly platform that’s mainly premised on beating incumbent Donald Trump. What makes Bloomberg’s campaign stand out, however, isn’t his positions: it’s how much he’s spending to get his message out. Google “impeachment,” for example, and you’ll probably get an ad at the top of the page that promotes Bloomberg’s campaign. Same goes for “climate change” and “gun safety.” It’s all over the place, but it does guarantee the eyeballs of people who are searching for answers related to ongoing political conversations brought up in the race.And those ads aren’t cheap. The Bloomberg ad for impeachment reads “Trump’s Broken Promises | Enough Is Enough | We Deserve Better,” and it’s very prominent. Prominence costs money. While Google’s [political ad transparency report](https://transparencyreport.google.com/political-ads/advertiser/AR458000056721604608) doesn’t say exactly how much the ad costs, a similar ad

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# This wireless power startup says it can charge your phone using only radio waves

Article:

True wireless power transmission, without cords or charging mats, has been a white whale for the technology industry for decades. But a new startup born out of the California Institute of Technology claims it’s figured out how to pull it off in a way that is small, cheap, and efficient enough to be commercialized. Called Guru, the company has built a wireless charging system that transmits electricity using high-frequency radio waves, specifically the millimeter wave (mmWave) variety that underpins burgeoning 5G cell networks in the US.

Next week at CES, Guru is unveiling three prototype charging products it wants to develop in partnership with electronics manufacturers, but the company gave The Verge an early look at the technology and explained how it works. The three prototypes include a desk charging system that can wirelessly charge pretty much any gadget within a few feet, a room-scale version the size of a ceiling tile that has significantly more range, and a roving Roomba-like robot that’s designed to move around a large space and charge small, smart home-style gadgets like cameras and IoT sensors.

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# This electronic album was made for the SNES and you can buy it as a cartridge

Article:

Where the Sega Genesis’ main sound chip is a fully fledged FM synthesizer that can be controlled in a pretty straightforward manner, the SNES is built with an entirely self-contained audio subsystem. It has a sound chip that acts like a sampler, reading a game’s code and then telling an eight-channel, 16-bit processor chip what sounds to play and how to play them. While it can technically do a lot, like produce stereo sound and allow people to load in sound effects and instruments of their choosing, there’s a punishing constraint: the SNES only dedicated 64KB to audio RAM, dramatically limiting the samples and effects that can be loaded in for each track.

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# Apple sues security vendor for DMCA violations

Article:

Apple is suing an iOS virtualization vendor called Corellium for trafficking under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). Apple initially sued the company for copyright infringement in August, alleging that Corelliums virtualization of iOS was violating Apple’s ownership of the code. The more recent filling expands the case, alleging that Corelliums sale of the virtualization software counts a trafficking in copyright-protected goods.“Corellius business is based entirely on commercializing the illegal replication of the copyrighted operating system and applications that run on Apple’s iPhone, iPad, and other Apple devices,” Apple’s revised complaint alleges. “Corellium simply copies everything: the code, the graphical user interface, the icons—all of it, in exacting detail...providing its users with the tools to do the same.”

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# Xiaomi says issue that showed strangers’ images on Nest devices is identified but not fully resolved

Article:

Xiaomi told The Verge in a statement that a cache update on December 26th, which was designed to improve camera streaming quality, was responsible for the glitch. Xiaomi added that it had only occurred in “extremely rare conditions.”

In the case of Reddit user Dio/V who first reported the issue, Xiaomi says, “It happened during the integration between Mi Home Security Camera Basic 1080p and the Google Home Hub with a display screen under poor network conditions.”

The company added that the issue would not occur “if the camera is linked to the Xiaomi’s Mi Home app.”

On Thursday, Google disabled Xiaomi devices’ integrations to its Nest Hub and Assistant while it investigated the issue. Xiaomi says it “suspended this service until the root cause has been completely solved, to ensure that such issues will not happen again.”

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# How to switch languages using the Android Gboard keyboard

Article:

Learning a new language on an Android device? If the language uses a different alphabet or employs accents that your primary language does not, you may need to add a new software keyboard to your phone.

Luckily, Google’s standard Gboard keyboard includes a plethora of language-related keyboards; at last count, it offered over 500 languages. If you’ve already installed Gboard in the US, you’re likely already set up with US English. But it’s not difficult to add one or more new keyboards and quickly switch from one language to another. Here’s how to install and use one or more of the many languages available.

First, you need to get to the “Languages” page. There are actually several ways to do that.

# Politics: -

Headline:

# **Leicester interested in Merih Demiral on loan from Juventus**

Article:

Demiral joined Juventus from fellow Serie A side Sassuolo in July but has struggled to make an impact in Turin, playing just five times.

He is predominantly a centre-back but can also play at right-back.

Leicester have largely relied on Jonny Evans and Soyuncu in the centre of defence this season, with the pair making 49 appearances between them in all competitions.

They have helped the Foxes earn the second-best defensive record in the Premier League, conceding just 19 goals in 21 games.

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# Sports: -

# Headline: Toby Alderweireld: Tottenham defender says he signed new deal out of

Article: "I could maybe earn a lot more somewhere else, but then I chose loyalty, that's worth something as well.

"I talked to my wife, we have a second kid on the way. First of all, I asked her: 'What do you want?' She said she's happy to stay, she loves it here, but that I can choose whatever I want.

"That gave me the opportunity to explore everything that I wanted."

Jose Mourinho took charge of Spurs a month prior to Alderweireld making the decision to stay at Tottenham.

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