

Apps taking measures for protecting children

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is adding a “sleep” mode to its Messenger Kids service to let parents limit when their kids can use it.

It’s the latest concession tech companies are making as critics question whether they should be targeting kids at all. Among their chief concerns: The effects on kids are not yet known, and companies might not have children’s best interests at heart when tech for kids is such a lucrative market.

Rather than kill the services completely, as some critics want, Facebook, Amazon and Google are mostly tinkering at the edges. That leaves open the underlying questions of whether their products truly serve a need for the youngest set and if they are good for them.

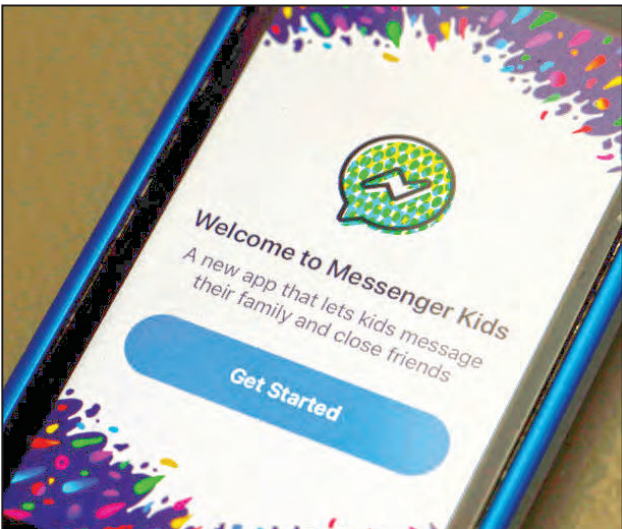
Here’s a look at the changes announced this week:

FACEBOOK’S MESSENGER KIDS

In December, Facebook created a kids-friendly version of its Messenger app. It has no ads and gives parents plenty of controls over whom their children can chat with. The thinking was that while the regular apps are designed for people 13 or over, younger kids were on it anyway. Facebook saw Messenger Kids as a way to give the younger set a safer option.

— The changes: Parents can now specify the times kids aren’t allowed on — either as a one-time restriction or something recurring, such as after 9 p.m. every school night. While the app is in sleep mode, kids will get a message when they open it telling them so, and they won’t be able to use it.

— The shortcomings: Critics say Messenger Kids isn’t responding to a need, but rather creating one. “It appeals primarily to children who otherwise would not have their own social



media accounts,” states a letter signed by 100 child development experts and advocates. Merely offering time controls falls short of killing the app completely.

YOUTUBE KIDS

Since 2015, the Google-owned service has had a child-oriented app, YouTube Kids, described as a “safer” experience for finding “Peppa Pig” episodes or user-generated videos of people unboxing toys.

Nonetheless, the company has been under fire for not vetting out computer-generated, sometimes-disturbing video, such as your favorite cartoon characters having painful dental surgery — or worse.

The nonprofit Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood has also asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate

whether YouTube’s data collection and advertising practices violate federal child privacy rules.

— The changes: YouTube said this week it is overhauling its kids app so parents can limit video to those vetted by humans, rather than computers. With this option, kids can watch only a selection of children’s programming such as “Sesame Street” and PBS Kids.

— The shortcomings: The old automated system is on by default, meaning parents need to actively choose the human-only option. And YouTube is continuing to show ads on its kid-focused service.

It also doesn’t help that many kids (with or without their parents) use the main YouTube site for video, meaning they miss out on both human and automated controls for kids.

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Morris sells newspapers to son

Charles H. Morris Sr., CEO and president of Morris Multimedia, has announced the sale of *The Times* and *The Poultry Times* to his son, Charles Hill Morris Jr. and his new company, Metro Market Media.

The change of ownership of these north Georgia newspapers is effective immediately. Morris Multimedia is the owner of *Southern Standard*.

In a separate transaction, Morris Sr. also sold from an affiliated company, *The Forsyth County News* and *The Dawson Community News*, to Morris Jr. and MMM.

Morris, Jr. has been regional manager of the three newspaper properties for the past 12 years. Metro Market Media is headquartered in Gainesville, Ga.

Morris Jr. said, “With the purchase of the media companies in these three exceptional markets, we plan to position ourselves for long-term success in the communities we serve. Having them under a single ownership will allow us to be more efficient and customer oriented in everything we do, while continuing to provide quality journalism.”

“This is a family transaction that will allow us to have a collaborative relationship with MMI, while at the same time establishing ourselves as an independent



MORRIS JR.

company with these three properties, all of which have great potential,” Morris Jr. said.

In addition to his ownership of the new company, Morris Jr. will continue to serve in a leadership capacity with the Tennessee, California and Caribbean operations.

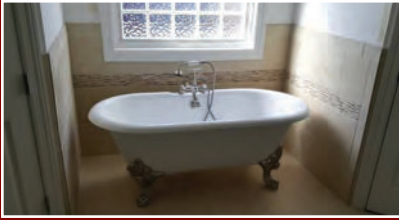
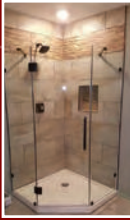
Charles H. Morris Sr. said, “I’m very proud of my son for what he has accomplished in our company. He is a respected newspaper publisher who has served as president of Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, which represents daily newspapers in 15 Southern states.”

Morris Multimedia, founded in 1970 and headquartered in Savannah, Ga., is one of the largest, privately owned companies in the United States. It owns and operates 16 TV stations in six Southeastern U.S. markets and numerous daily and weekly newspapers, shoppers and niche publications in eight states and the Caribbean.

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