Homeless? Seattle startups have an app for that

HIGH-TECH ASSISTANCE | Companies are trying to connect people who want to help but don’t know how, with those seeking a home and a job.

John Kenny, 40, who is homeless, holds a Bluetooth-enabled “beacon” from the Samaritan company Friday at the Millionair Club in Seattle. The device offers a quick way to give to homeless people, via a smartphone app.

Chris Sun from the Samaritan company gives out a “beacon” to a homeless man Friday after explaining how it helps. See MARCH 18.

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Iowa passes strictest abortion law in country

GOVERNOR SIGNS BAN
Supporters set sights on challenging Roe v. Wade

By BARBARA REHRSCHUGER
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds on Friday signed a law banning most abortions if a fetal heartbeat can be detected, in a tiny slice of pregnancy marking the earliest abortion regulation in the nation — but facing the same fate for a law in Kentucky.

The Republican governor signed the legislation in her formal office at the state Capitol as protesters gathered outside chanting, “My body, my choice!” Reynolds acknowledged that the new law “would likely lose litigation that is not in her hold, but said: “This is bigger than just a law, this is about life, and Farming going to be huge.”

Reynolds signed the law surrounded by a small group of supporters.

No literature Nobel this year as abuse scandal paralyzes Swedish Academy

By CHRISTINA ANDERSON
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The New York Times

STOCKHOLM — A cultural impresario, accused of using his influence to coerce women into having sex, has announced he will not be漩涡 out of this year’s Nobel Prize in literature, the world’s most prestigious accolade for writing.

The Swedish Academy, the 232-year-old institution who are said to have covered for him.

These elements of scandal, by now familiar after the MeToo, alleged his sexual misconduct.

The New York Times

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Facebook cracks down on fake accounts, but the identity-theft plague continues

BY JENI NASHWILL
The Washington Post

Katie Greenman’s Facebook profile picture Godfather, the 21-year-old Texas college student, cites being a “hoboholic” in his personal profile. He doesn’t want students, such as immigration status or pass guarantee.

But there is another Katie Greenman on Facebook — created by strangers and copying her full name, phone, hometown, and old school — that shares only one photo: a self-portrait. The Facebook profile picture is a sickle of the real Greenman, mathching.

“My god, what the hack?” That’s nasty,” Greenman said when a Washington Post reporter or showed her the fake account. “That one, I just verified.

Facebook in December offered to provide an in-person demonstration of face recognition technology to detect when a phony profile image is used someone else’s photo.

The company is pushing to have users agree to expanded use of their facial data, saying they won’t be pressured from internally with it. But Facebook and other Facebook users who consented to that technology in recent months remain plagued by identity theft.

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