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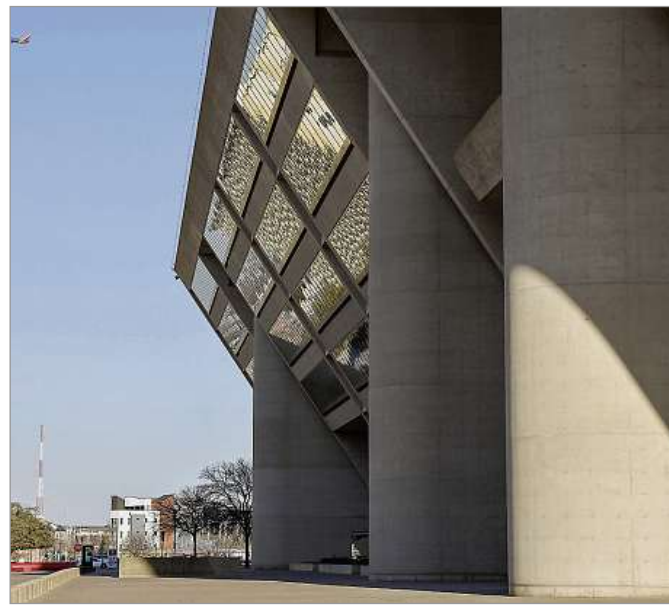
Why AT&T left Dallas

Records undermine claims that move was solely about space

down efforts to make downtown more welcoming, according to emails reviewed by *The Dallas Morning News*.

The firm issued a request for proposals focused on suburban sites around Highway 121 and the North Dallas Tollway with no options in the city of Dallas, according to a briefing document created by the Dallas Economic

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Emails reveal Dallas officials arranged tours of up to four potential City Hall sites for 'a few' City Council members earlier this year, though the locations were not yet disclosed to the public.

Potential sites toured

Emails offer glimpse of planning process for new building

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Dallas officials arranged tours of up to four potential City Hall sites for a handful of City Council members earlier this year, even though the locations were not disclosed to the

broader council and public. Internal emails reviewed by *The Dallas Morning News* show city leaders and consultants began discussing in December how and when to invite "a few" council members for the visits.

The News previously reported that the Dallas Economic Development Corp. planned to conduct tours between Janu-

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TRAVEL

Spring break surge

DFW Airport, Love Field prepare for travel rush, longer waits

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With clocks having sprung forward, spring break travel season — along with packed airports — is upon us once again.

Both DFW International Airport and Dallas Love Field are expecting heavy traffic in the weeks ahead, especially as a partial government shutdown persists. Many Transportation Security Administration officers have gone unpaid, creating massive security line backlogs at a few major airports, including Houston.

Currently, Dallas area travel hubs aren't among them, but they are expected to see a surge in passengers as Spring Break shifts into high gear.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the central hub of American Airlines, is expecting roughly 4.7 million passengers to pass through the airport between March 5 and March 24. The airport said it is expecting the busiest travel days to be the weekends of March 13-16 and March 20-23.

Three dates — March, the 13th, 15th and 22nd — could each see more than 250,000 travelers pass through the busy travel hub, according to the airport.

The airport is recommending travelers arrive at least two hours before domestic flights, and three hours prior to international flights.

"Building in extra time can help customers navigate heavi-

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2026 WORLD CUP



Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

The Dallas Fan Festival, planned to be held during the FIFA World Cup, will be a daily party where fans can watch games, concerts and more, all for free.

Party plans unveiled

ICE, security concerns addressed

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For more than a month, Fair Park in South Dallas will welcome thousands of soccer fans for the official FIFA Fan Festival Dallas.

On Monday, the North Texas FWC Organizing Committee revealed plans for Dallas' Fan Festival, a daily party where soccer fans can watch 2026 World Cup games, see concerts and more, all for free.

"We realize that there are people who may not be able to attend a World Cup



North Texas FWC Organizing Committee

The festival will be held at The Pavilion at Fair Park amphitheater and open to the public on the 34 match days.

match here, or one of the 104 matches, but really the FIFA Fan Festival is the heartbeat, where the energy comes," said organizing committee president Monica Paul at a press conference Monday. "So the Fan Festival is an opportunity for ev-

erybody to really participate in the World Cup."

The Fan Festival will run for 34 days, from June 11 to July 19, with five off days that coincide with the rest days when no matches are played. The Festival will open an hour before the first

match of the day and close an hour after the last one has ended, with the exception of matches beginning after 10 p.m. CT which will not be shown.

The Dos Equis Pavilion, temporarily renamed simply The Pavilion at Fair Park to comply with FIFA sponsorship rules, will be the main venue, supporting up to 20,000 guests. Additional space in Lots 9 and 10 will hold another 15,000 guests. In total, the Fan Festival will take up about 1 million square feet of space in Fair Park.

Dallas' Fan Festival is being produced by Austin-based C3 Presents, the event production company behind Austin City Limits

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WAR IN IRAN

Oil prices cool

U.S. stocks rebound as Trump hints conflict 'ahead of schedule'

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U.S. stocks erased losses as President Donald Trump said that the war with Iran was progressing ahead of schedule and that he was considering taking over the Strait of Hormuz.

The S&P 500 Index closed 0.8% higher in New York after an earlier 1.5% drop. Meanwhile, the tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 Index jumped 1.3%, returning to the green after wobbling between gains and losses throughout the session. Brent crude reversed course, dropping 1.6% to \$91 a barrel, pulling back from almost \$120.

Trump told CBS News that the Iran war is "very complete, pretty much." The president also reiterated that the conflict is "very far" ahead of his four-to-five-week timeline, adding that he was considering taking over the Strait of Hormuz.

"This gives investors an off ramp to how this thing could potentially end," said Joe Gilbert, a portfolio manager at Integrity Asset Management, adding that pessimism on the market had probably peaked. "The market was just kind of looking for anything — incrementally good news."

The conflict in Iran has now
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