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FIFA WORLD CUP



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People waited outside Dallas Stadium holding signs reading "World Cup tickets wanted" during a FIFA World Cup match between the Netherlands and Japan on Sunday.

Tickets, please

Fan finds passes bought on StubHub don't exist

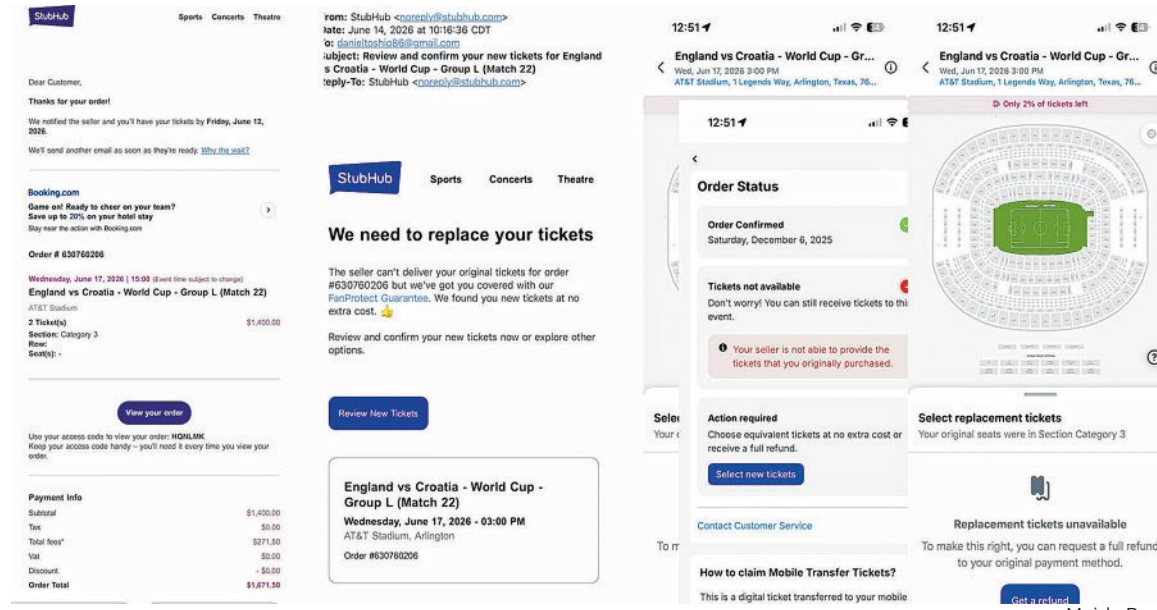
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Imagine spending nearly \$2,000 on World Cup tickets seven months ago, being told you won't have the tickets until game day and then, three days before the match, being told the tickets do not exist.

That's the fate of Austin's Majda Praiz, whose ticketing debacle represents the latest in a seemingly countless litany of alleged ticketing "scams" in the lead-up to the first men's World Cup on U.S. soil in 32 years.

The monthslong ticketing maelstrom — defined by fans balking over high prices, a convoluted process and changing color-coded stadium seating maps — is juxtaposed this week alongside the unbridled



Majda Praiz

Screenshots of emails that Majda Praiz received from StubHub after buying World Cup tickets earlier this year. Despite claims that her tickets were secured, she did not get access to this week's Croatia-England game in Dallas through the ticket resale platform.

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Education Lab

DISD posts math gains

Texas shows mixed results in annual STAAR scores for third through eighth grades

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The results of this year's STAAR exams for third through eighth grades present something of a mixed bag in Dallas ISD and across the state, according to results released Tuesday.

The annual State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness tests third through eighth graders in reading, math, social studies and science.

Both the state as a whole and Dallas ISD, the second largest district in Texas, made gains in math, and middle schoolers gained ground in reading.

But fewer than half of third graders tested on grade level in reading. Experts say third grade is a critical milestone for reading because students who can't read on grade level by the end of that year are more likely to struggle later on.

In third and fourth grade, Dallas ISD lost a bit of ground in reading. This year, 49% of third graders were on grade level in reading, down from 50% last year. Half of

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LIVESTOCK

USDA could face sterile fly shortage

Authorities may need years to produce the amount required to eradicate New World screwworm

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After spending the morning testifying before Congress, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins flew to South Texas to assure ranchers and local officials that the government was moving quickly to combat the New World screwworm outbreak.

"We're going to beat this," she said, standing before television cameras on a ranch Friday. "We beat it before, and we're going to beat it again."

So far, authorities have relied on sterile screwworm flies grown in a Panamanian lab to mate with the wild population to slow the spread.

But it will be years before the U.S. Department of Agriculture has the additional capacity it says it needs to fully eradicate the flesh-eating parasite here, leading to a blame game between members of the Trump and Biden administrations, who each say the other has not been quick enough to react.

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AI commission pushes workforce model the state already embraces

Joint effort says programs should be judged by outcomes, not enrollment

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As artificial intelligence begins reshaping workplaces across the country, former U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo says states should stop judging workforce training programs by enrollment numbers and start measuring whether workers actually land better jobs.

That conversation is already underway in Texas.

During the launch Thursday of a bipartisan commission examining AI's impact on workers, Rai-



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The Commission on AI and the Future of the American Workforce will spend the next year studying how artificial intelligence is affecting jobs, wages and workforce development.

Raimondo repeatedly argued that existing workforce systems are failing too many workers and need to be rebuilt around outcomes rather than participation alone.

"We spend hundreds of billions of dollars, taxpayer dollars every year on higher education,



state-subsidized higher ed, community colleges, workforce training, unemployment insurance, most of which isn't effective," Raimondo said.

The Commission on AI and the Future of the American Workforce, a joint effort between the American Enterprise Institute and Urban Institute, will spend the next year studying how artificial intelligence is affecting jobs, wages and workforce development. The commission is chaired by Raimondo and former House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Although the effort is national in scope, many of the issues it plans to tackle are already confronting fast-

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Breezy and humid



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War in Iran

Iran's top diplomat said the tentative deal to end the war with the United States would require Israel to withdraw from Lebanon. **2A**

METRO

Fans pack Dallas bar

Across from Fair Park, Mexico soccer fans celebrated at a mezcateria after watching the match at the FIFA Fan Festival. **1B**

BUSINESS

Pizza Hut changes hands

Yum! Brands, one of the world's largest restaurant companies, has sold Plano-based Pizza Hut for \$2.7 billion. **3B**