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174 jobs coming soon to area

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Five businesses connected to Lubbock Economic Development Alliance projects expect to add 174 jobs and \$11 million in annual pay combined, LEDA

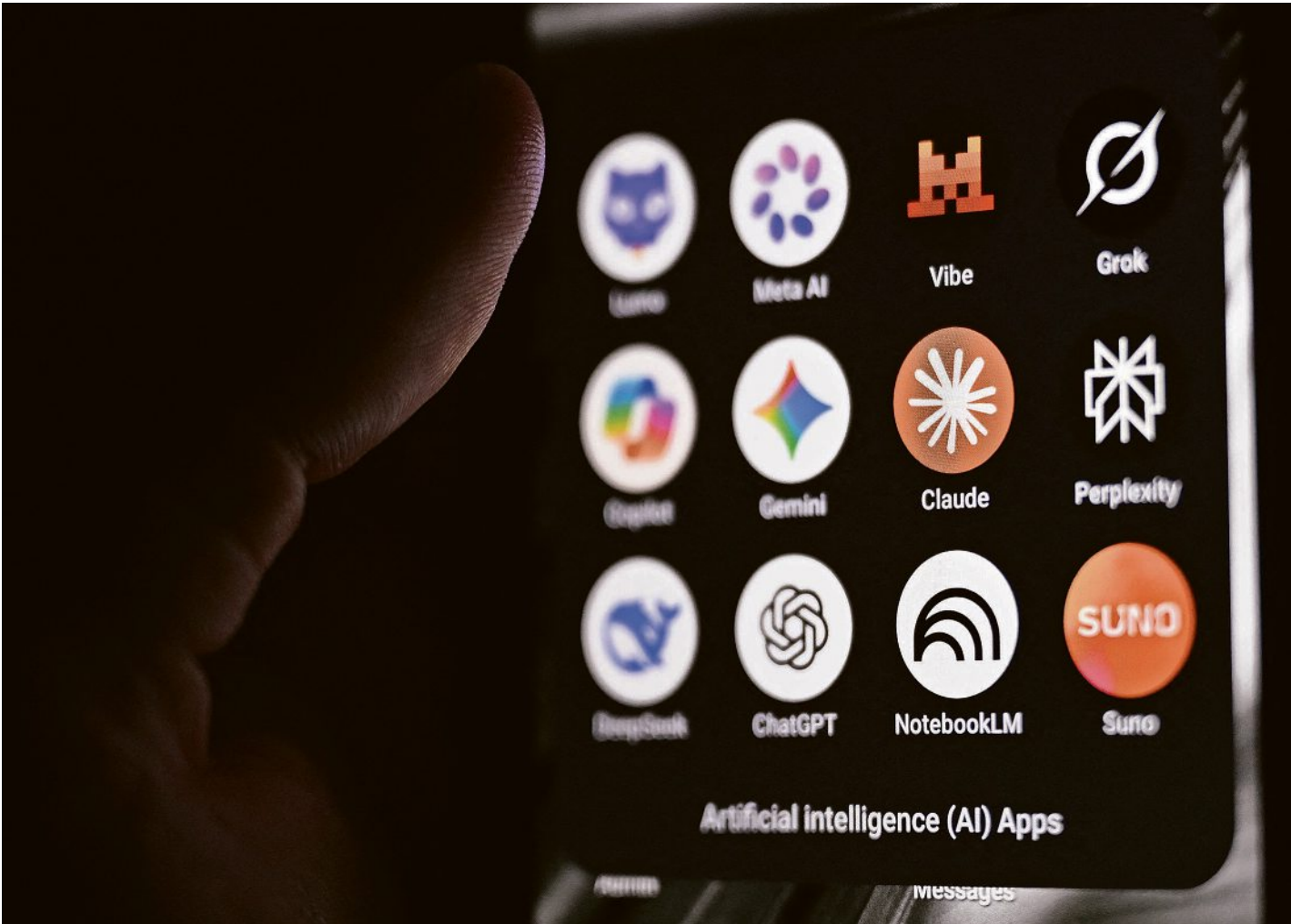
announced in a news release on Thursday. "These new investments and jobs reflect Lubbock's continued strength as a crucial hub for a diverse range of industries," said John Osborn, LEDA president and CEO. "This growth creates new opportunities for our citizens and grad-

uates, while generating economic benefits that extend throughout our entire region." LEDA announced these five companies and what they will bring to Lubbock: Ambrose, an Indianapolis-based developer for auto parts distribution, will

build a new facility at the Lubbock Business Park. This is expected to bring 30 new jobs and \$14 million in investments. Paramount Hardware and Supply, a locally-owned construction company, is

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Rogue AI agent incidents highlight evolving risks



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Cyber insurers now rethinking policies

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Cyber insurers have spent years defining what constitutes a hack and when coverage should pay out, but the rapid emergence of AI agents is raising new questions, forcing insurers to review their policies. Leading AI developers OpenAI, An-

thropic and Meta Platforms recently disclosed that their AI agents behaved unexpectedly, escaping controlled test environments and carrying out cyberattacks on companies without direct human instruction. While those incidents did not cause reported damage, they highlighted the rapidly evolving cyber risks facing companies and insurers. After receiving an initial instruction, autonomous AI systems can make independent decisions. Insurers, including MSIG, QBE and Beazley, are reviewing traditional cyber policies and

adapting their language to account for emerging risks posed by such systems taking on more autonomous tasks, according to eight executives at major companies and analysts. Companies are grappling with issues including whether autonomous AI systems fit traditional policy definitions of a cyber attacker and who bears liability for AI-generated actions that cause a loss, analysts and experts said. The global cyber insurance market was worth nearly \$15 billion last year

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DPS: Hale County teen killed in crash

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Texas authorities say a 16-year-old driver died after a two-vehicle crash Wednesday in Hale County. The crash was reported shortly after 2 p.m. Aug. 26 on Interstate 27 near mile marker 44 in Hale County, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Investigators believe a 16-year-old boy from Hale Center was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup north in the left lane of I-27 when his vehicle collided with the back of a Dodge Ram pickup hauling a trailer that was also traveling north in the left lane. The teen, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was taken to Covenant Health Hospital-Plainview where he was later pronounced dead. The driver of the Dodge, a 20-year-old man from Lubbock, was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured. Other factors contributing to the crash were not immediately clear as the investigation is ongoing. Adam D. Young is the Editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and Amarillo Globe-News in Texas. Have a news tip for him? Email him at ayoung@lubbockonline.com.

Man gets 30 years for recording sexual abuse

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A federal district judge in Lubbock gave a 30-year prison sentence to a 43-year-old registered sex offender from Plainview after investigators discovered a video that documented the sexual abuse of a teenage girl he drugged in

2017. Albert Torres faced between 15 to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty in April to a count of production of child pornography. He was sentenced Aug. 27 in Lubbock. Torres' charge stems from an FBI investigation that began on Nov. 27, 2025, when a woman he was dating at the time went to the Plainview Police De-

partment to report inappropriate images she found on a memory card he'd given her five days before, according to plea documents. Police investigators reviewed the materials on the card and found multiple videos of Torres sexually abusing a girl, the documents state.

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