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## Amazon shortlists 20 cities, including Toronto, for second headquarters

(Reuters) - Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) has short-listed 20 cities and regions, including Canada's Toronto, for the construction of a second headquarters that it says will generate 50,000 new, high-paying jobs in a \$5 billion investment.

Major U.S. centers including New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago and Washington D.C. also made it onto the list announced on Thursday, and smaller cities such as Raleigh, North Carolina, and Columbus, Ohio. Toronto is the lone non-U.S. location.

The Seattle-based e-commerce giant's search for a location for a second North American headquarters set off a frenzy among city officials jostling for the economic boost such a project represents, with some of the 238 initial bidders promising billions of dollars in tax breaks.

Amazon said on Thursday it expects to make a decision this year.

Including Toronto in the shortlist means Amazon must now weigh whether Canada's advantages - a more open immigration policy focused on luring top global tech talent, and universal healthcare - outweigh potential blowback from U.S. President Donald Trump, who has leaned heavily on U.S. companies to invest more domestically.

"There could be consequences politically for making a decision to invest outside of the U.S.," said Shauna Brail, director of the urban studies program at the University of Toronto. "The question is how will a company the size of Amazon respond to that kind of a threat."

In November, Amazon said it would open a second corporate office in Vancouver, across the border from Seattle, in an announcement unrelated to the second headquarter search.

Toronto's bid shied away from financial incentives, while New Jersey proposed \$7 billion in potential credits against state and city taxes if the company chooses Newark and sticks to hiring commitments. The Atlanta suburb of Stonecrest has offered 345 acres of industrial land to create a new city called Amazon and to make Chief Executive Jeff Bezos its mayor for life.

The shortlist news follows Apple's announcement on Wednesday that it would build a new U.S. campus and create 20,000 new jobs as part of a \$30 billion investment, with both underlining the growing power of U.S. technology companies over the economy. Other locations on the Amazon shortlist were Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Dallas, Denver, Indianapolis, Miami, Montgomery County in Maryland, Nashville, Newark, Northern Virginia, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.



FILE PHOTO: Amazon boxes are seen stacked for delivery in Manhattan, New York, U.S., January 29, 2016. REUTERS/Mike Segar/File Photo

## Community Three Charged with Capital Murders of Bao and Jenny Lam



Jan. 17, 2018 - Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit investigators have arrested 3 men on capital murder charges in connection with the slayings of Spring residents Bao and Jenny Lam.

The Lams were found bound and shot to death inside their home located at 16510 Glorietta Turn in the Northgate Forest subdivision on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 13.

On Tuesday, Homicide Unit investigators released security surveillance video depicting persons of interest in the Lams' murders. On Wednesday, investigators

arrested the following suspects on capital murder charges:

- Khari Ty Kendrick, age 23
- Aakiel Ricardo Kendrick, age 21
- Erick Alfredo Peralta, age 20

All three suspects have been booked into the Harris County Jail.

"I want to thank the Harris County community for helping our dedicated investigators bring justice to the Lam family and get these dangerous criminals off our streets," Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said. "We join the Lam family in grieving our entire community's loss."



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Will Boeing's Secret Plane 'Change The Future Air Power?'

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Boeing has unveiled its 'secret' plane - a new high-tech refuelling drone - following a cryptic build-up to its big reveal last month.

The drones, operated remotely, would be ejected from war ships in the same manner as these fighter jets, the aim being for them to deliver the jets with 15,000 pounds of fuel, 500 nautical miles from the carrier.

The Navy is accepting proposals from competing manufacturers until January 3 - with Boeing insisting that its design is "best suited".

The drone been equipped with refueling capabilities that would help expand the combat range of the US Navy's existing fighter jets, which include Boeing's F/A-18 Super Hornet and EA-18G Growler.

The new plane is completing its engine tests on the ground and will be ready for flight testing and deck handling demonstrations early next year, the company states. It has yet to confirm a date for the drone's first flight test.



Boeing's Phantom Swift: The design leverages two large fans buried in the aircraft's fuselage to provide vertical lift and a pair of swiveling wingtip fans for stability and control during hover and for propulsion during forward flight.

"Boeing has been delivering carrier aircraft to the Navy for almost 90 years," Don 'BD'

Gaddis, a retired admiral who leads the refueling system program for Phantom Works, said in a statement.

"Our expertise gives us confidence in our approach", the company added.

Earlier this year Boeing bought Aurora Flight Sciences Corp, which is developing the autonomous, electric-powered and long-flight-duration aircraft for its commercial and military businesses.

Last year, Aurora won a contract for more than \$89 million for the vertical take off and landing X-plane, beating Boeing in the process.

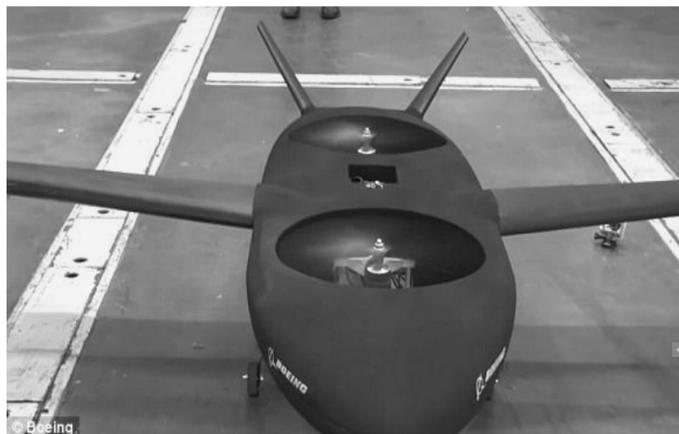
Aurora has designed, produced and flown more than 30 unmanned air vehicles since its inception and has collaborated with Boeing on the rapid prototyping of innovative aircraft and structural assemblies for both military and commercial applications during the last decade.

The radical design combines fixed-wing technology from planes with rotary-wing technology from helicopters.

It has two large rear wings and two smaller front canards, short wings mounted near the nose of the aircraft.

BOEING'S SECRET PLANE

The mysterious X-37b spaceplane has captured the imagination of many, with some



suggesting it is a spy plane and others who think it could be a space bomber.

But now its big brother is one step closer to

integrated into each wing and three inside each canard.

Aurora, the firm behind the radical craft, previously told Defence One 'there's quite a



Earlier this year, the first prototype of the LightningStrike, Darpa's vertical take-off and landing experimental aircraft project took to the air - and maybe of its capabilities could be in the new craft.

being built.

The project, known as XS-1, is expected to debut in 2020, and military bosses claim it will 'bolster national security by providing short-notice, low-cost access to space.'

The engine would drive 24 ducted fans, nine

bit of interest' in a laser-armed version of the drone, particularly for use in Marine Corps missions.

Aurora Flight Sciences said the subscale version proved the radical theory behind the craft.

The subscale aircraft weighs 325 pounds and is a 20% scale flight model of the full scale demonstrator Aurora will build for Darpa in the next 24 months.

Boeing, meanwhile, was developing its own VTOL, known as Phantom swift - and the new craft could be a hybrid of them both.

BOEING'S PHANTOM SWIFT

Boeing's Phantom Swift was a Boeing Phantom Works program that was being developed for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) under the VTOL X-Plane competition - but was ultimately beaten by Aurora's entry.

The design leverages two large fans buried in the aircraft's fuselage to provide vertical lift and a pair of swiveling wingtip fans for stability and control during hover and for propulsion during forward flight.

The idea is to have one or two General Electric CT7-8 turbines produce power to drive all these fans electrically, although an early prototype might not include a full hybrid

electric drive system.

Boeing says this configuration is far more efficient than a normal helicopter and DARPA's original design goals included hitting speeds beyond 300 knots and carry 4,000lbs. The design leverages two large fans buried in the aircraft's fuselage to provide vertical lift

'The aerospace industry is going to be changing' and the acquisition positions Boeing strategically 'for whatever that future may be,' Boeing Chief Technology Officer Greg Hyslop said on a conference call with reporters.

The deal could face regulatory obstacles, but the company hopes to complete the purchase this year, Hyslop said.

THE AURORA 'HAIRDRYER' SPECS

Aurora, the firm recently bought by Boeing,



was developing a radical 'hairdryer' VTOL that could form the basis of the new craft. Boeing's drone prototype for the US Navy's MQ-25 program.

The new aircraft can:

Achieve a top sustained flight speed of 300 knots (556 km/h) to 400 knots (741km/h).

Raise aircraft hover efficiency from 60 per cent to at least 75 per cent.

Present a 'more favourable' cruise lift-to-drag ratio of at least 10, up from 5-6.

Carry a useful load of at least 40 per cent of the vehicle's projected gross weight of 10,000-12,000 pounds (4,500-5,444kg).

Perform flight tests in 2018

Boeing's move could help Zunum Aero, a Seattle-area company aiming to bring a hybrid-electric regional airliner to market in 2022. Boeing and JetBlue Airways Corp have both made venture capital investments in Zunum.

Boeing will maintain Manassas, Virginia-based Aurora as a separate unit reporting through Boeing's engineering, test and technology division, which is headed by Hyslop. (Courtesy http://www.telegraph.co.uk and mail.google.com)

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# A Snapshot Of The World



FILE PHOTO: Protestors chant slogans during a demonstration near the Israeli embassy in Amman



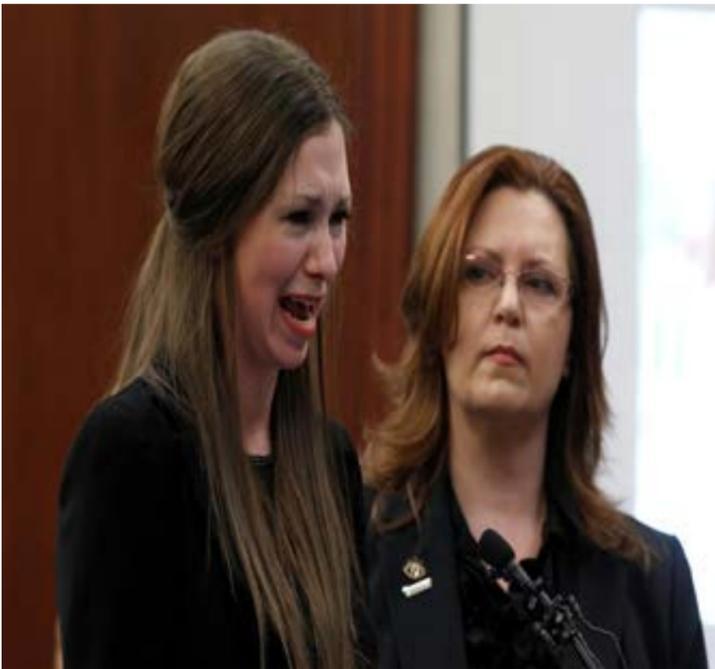
Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin announces charges against David Turpin and Louise Turpin in Riverside



BlackBerry CEO Chen speaks at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit



House Minority Leader Pelosi holds weekly news conference at the U.S. Capitol in Washington



Victim Jessica Smith speaks at the sentencing hearing for Larry Nassar, a former team USA Gymnastics doctor who pleaded guilty in November 2017 to sexual assault charges, in Lansing



Pope Francis comes to aid of a police officer who was thrown off his horse during the papal parade in Iquique



Larry Nassar, a former team USA Gymnastics doctor who pleaded guilty in November 2017 to sexual assault charges, is escorted into the courtroom during his sentencing hearing in Lansing



Man dips in icy waters of a lake on the eve of Orthodox Epiphany in Minsk

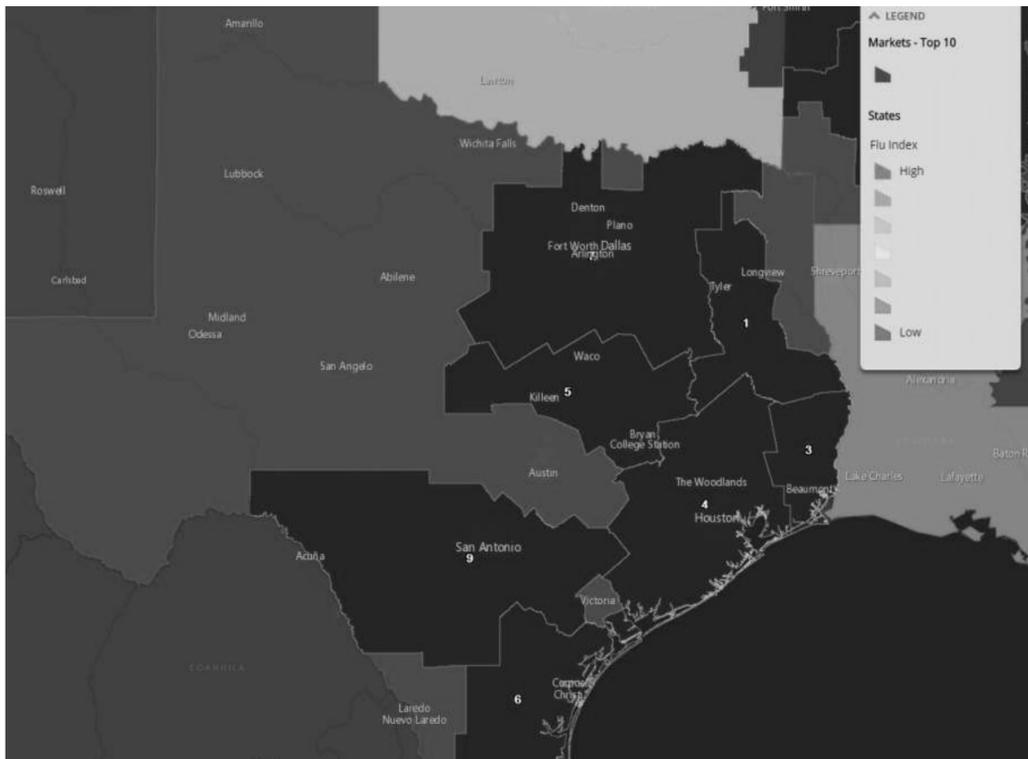


Figure Skating - ISU European Championships 2018 - Pairs Victory Ceremony

Everybody in the U.S. seems to have come down with a nasty case of the flu, and Texas is partly to blame. The Center for Disease Control's influenza activity map shows how Louisiana and Mississippi are patient zero, quickly spreading the flu to other states in the south and eventually Texas. After reaching the Lone Star State in early December, the virus makes its way to Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico. Sorry neighbors. By January, the majority of the U.S. is battling moderate to high levels of flu activity.

## Time-Lapse Map Shows How Texas Helped Get Everyone Sick

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



2017-18 Influenza Season Week 41 ending Oct. 14, 2017

Fast Forward to January 2018



2017-18 Influenza Season Week 1 ending Jan. 6, 2018

Dan Jernigan, director of the influenza division at the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, recently told reporters in a press briefing that "this is the first year we have had the entire continental U.S. be the same color on the graph, meaning there is widespread activity in all of the continental U.S. at this point." This year's flu outbreak is the most widespread since public health authorities began keeping track more than a dozen years ago, according to the influenza expert. Part of the reason is the strain of flu, H3N2, which is difficult to prevent with a shot. "We are always expecting there to be an unusual season," Jernigan said. "We are rather humbled by this virus. We are always preparing for a severe season and welcome a less severe season, but it's difficult to predict what will happen." (Courtesy <http://www.chron.com/news>)

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The great worldwide flu epidemic of 1918 - A Photo Essay



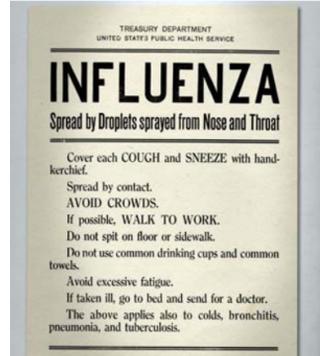
Women wear cloth surgical-style masks to protect against influenza. A worldwide influenza epidemic killed 20 million people between 1918 and 1920.



Nurses care for victims of a Spanish influenza epidemic outdoors amidst canvas tents during an outdoor fresh air cure, Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1918.



1918-Chicago, Illinois- Inspecting Chicago street cleaners for Spanish influenza. Officials are wearing gauze masks.



Rules to reduce the spread of Spanish flu posting by the US Public Health Service. Cough or sneeze into your mouth with a handkerchief, avoid crowded places, do not spit, do not share the use of cups and napkins. Avoid excessive fatigue. Just contracted the disease into bed and tell your doctor. Typographic poster; United States, Washington, DC 1918.



Two Red Cross nurses with a person on a stretcher during a demonstration at the Red Cross Emergency Ambulance Station during the influenza pandemic of 1918-1920, Washington DC, 1918.



The Oakland Municipal Auditorium is being used as a temporary hospital with volunteer nurses from the American Red Cross tending the sick there during the influenza pandemic of 1918, Oakland, California, 1918. (Courtesy <http://www.chron.com/news/nation-world>)



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UBS predicts lower oil prices in course of 2018



Oil prices could sink later this year as U.S. oil production climbs in response to \$60-a-barrel oil, pushing global output higher than demand, Swiss bank UBS said in a recent report.



What does a boil order mean? It means that the water that comes out of the tap should not be used for drinking, brushing your teeth, cooking or washing fruits and vegetables.

By Meagan Flynn

A boil-water notice remains for Pearland water customers after two of the city's water treatment facilities malfunctioned Wednesday.

tion at its water production facility at 3100 Kirby around 6 p.m. Wednesday: The water pressure had fallen below what's required by state and federal law.



potential for contamination," Anderson said. By 7:42 p.m., a notice went out to residents informing them they need to boil water before drinking it, using it to brush their teeth, or wash their face and hands.

that the boil-water notice is not meant to indicate that bacteria is present, but that it's possible. During the investigation, Anderson said officials discovered that the root of the malfunction originated at Pearland's other water treatment facility, on FM 521.

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