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CEDAR PARK

## 12.5 hour SWAT standoff ends peacefully

BY JOSH MONIZ  
SENIOR REPORTER

A 12-and-a-half-hour standoff in Cedar Park between a suicidal man who barricaded himself in his home and the Central Texas Regional SWAT Team ended peacefully on Sunday night.

Around 4:30 a.m. Sunday, the Cedar Park Police Department received a report about a mental health incident occurring in the 400 block of Marigold Lane. The subject's wife had managed to get out of the house and told the department that he was armed and had made threats to kill himself. The subject eventually barricaded himself in the house.

At some point, Central Texas Regional SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiators joined the scene and began helping to try to negotiate a peaceful resolution to the situation.

The department was eventually provided information at some point during the standoff, they learned the subject had injured himself. As a result, they deployed a tactic

robot into the house to check his welfare, and he fired one round at the machine. He also fired another round at the robot at a later time.

They eventually deployed gas into the house.

Just after 5 p.m., the subject peacefully surrendered.

## No injuries reported in plane crash at Lakeway golf course

BY JOSH MONIZ  
SENIOR REPORTER

No injuries were reported Sunday after a small plane had to make an emergency crash on a Lakeway golf course.

According to the Lakeway Police Department, a single-engine plane was heading to Tennessee from another location when it lost power and experienced an emergency situation near the Lakeway Airpark.

The pilot was forced to glide the aircraft towards the driving range at the Live Oak Golf Course near Lakeway Drive and Seawind Street, which is located close to the Lakeway Airpark, in an effort to avoid houses.

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LAKEWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT

A single-engine plane slid into a Lakeway MUD lift station while making an emergency landing Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, on the Live Oak Golf Course in Lakeway.

## Gas prices drop further, diesel to lowest level in nearly a year

STAFF REPORTS

Average gasoline prices dropped 11.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.96 per gallon earlier this week, according to GasBuddy's survey of 830 stations across the metro area.

"For a second straight week, the national average price of gasoline has declined, alongside the price of diesel which has fallen to its lowest level in nearly a year," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While diesel prices likely have a long way to fall as inventories continue to improve, gasoline prices in some areas have gone up in the last weeks as the transition to summer gasoline is just around the corner."

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Laden with ice, a tree in front of a Starbucks along Lakeline Blvd. in Cedar Park split into three sections as icy conditions plagued the area on Thursday, Feb. 2.

SCOTT W. COLEMAN

## WilCo, Cedar Park and Leander extend ice storm disaster declarations

CEDAR PARK, LEANDER HOSTING TREE LIMB, BRUSH DEBRIS DROPOFF EVENT THIS SATURDAY

BY JOSH MONIZ  
SENIOR REPORTER

Williamson County, the City of Cedar Park and the City of Leander extended their ice storm disaster declarations last week, giving themselves another month to use the flexibility provided by the declarations to start working on the monumental task of clearing the ocean of tree limbs and brush debris cluttering the region after the storm.

Al Clawson Disposal, Inc. Vice President Troy Clawson told the Leander City Council on Tuesday during a discussion about the storm's impacts that they have "never seen an ice event like this in 40 years (of business)" create this much debris.

Williamson County and Leander extended their declarations on Tuesday, Feb. 7, while Cedar Park extended its

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TOP LEFT: A massive line snaked through Leander last Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, as hundreds of residents brought mountains of debris from the recent ice storm to the City of Leander's tree limb and brush dropoff event. BOTTOM LEFT: City of Leander staff work through mountains of debris created by the recent ice storm last Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, during the city's tree limb and brush dropoff event.

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# WCRAS offering "As You Wish" pet adoptions

**STAFF REPORTS**

The Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter (WCRAS) is celebrating Valentine's Day all week long with an homage to the classic film "The Princess Bride" with "As You Wish" adoption pricing. Adopt any available medi-

um-to-large adult dog and pay the As You Wish adoption fee. As the name implies, you choose whatever adoption price you wish. With 185 dogs in the shelter as of Monday, February 13th, there is sure to be a dog here to fulfill any family's desires. Anytime you adopt, you are saving two lives - the dog who you took home and the dog who

got to take her place.

Fosters are welcome if the commitment to adoption is inconceivable to you right now. Two weeks is all it takes to help the shelter through its continuing space crisis as it remains at critical capacity. If "twu wuv" follows, you can adopt your foster.

"This fun adoption promotion

comes at a crucial time, as we are still overcapacity in medium-to-large adult dogs," said Misty Valenta, animal services director. "Our hope is that people will come 'storm the castle' to take part in this adoption promotion and help us make much-needed room, while saving the life of their new Dread Pirate Roberts or Princess

Buttercup."

Interested adopters can preview all of the adoptable pets at the shelter by visiting wilcopets.org. Appointments are recommended to help reduce wait times at the shelter. Email adoption@wilco.org to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome from noon to 6 p.m. daily.

## 3 charged in connection with deadly fentanyl-laced overdose

**STAFF REPORTS**

A federal grand jury in Austin recently returned an indictment charging a local man and two women with five counts related to fentanyl distribution resulting in death and serious bodily injury.

Court documents allege that David Lee Jr., 45, and Virginia Zepeda, 43, of Austin, along with Jackie Lynne Chester, 36, of Taylor, possessed and sold counterfeit oxycodone and other fake prescription pills containing traceable amounts of fentanyl, leading to the death of at least one person.

The defendants have each made their initial court appearances. Lee is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, one count of distribution of fentanyl causing death and serious bodily injury, and three counts of possession with intent to distribute and distribution of fentanyl. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison

on the conspiracy charge, 20 years to life imprisonment on the distribution causing death charge and 40 years imprisonment on each of the three possession charges. Lee pleaded not guilty to all charges on Jan. 11, 2023.

Zepeda and Chester are each charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl. If convicted, they each face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

U.S. Attorney Jaime Esparza of the Western District of Texas and Special Agent in Charge Daniel C. Comeaux of the Drug Enforcement Administration Houston Division made the announcement.

The DEA, Williamson County Sheriff's Office and Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office are investigating the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Marshall is prosecuting the case.

## CRASH

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The plane slid into a Lakeway MUD lift station, but Lakeway MUD crews indicated the station was still operating. The pilot was the only person involved in the crash and was able to get out of the plane on their own accord. No injuries were reported from the crash.

Austin-Travis County EMS and Lake Travis Fire Rescue also assisted at the scene.

The FAA and DPS have been notified of the incident.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the incident.



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Gas prices across the Cedar Park and Leander area fell for the second straight week as diesel fuel prices hit a 49-week low.

## GAS

from page A1

Prices in Austin are 7.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 15.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

The national average price of diesel has fallen 7.3 cents in the last week to \$4.53 per gallon, the lowest level since March 5, 2022.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Austin was priced at \$2.74 per gallon and the most expensive was \$3.39 — a difference of 65 cents per gallon.

The lowest price in the state was \$2.27, and the highest was \$4.17.

"GasBuddy data shows that gasoline demand has risen for the third straight week, a trend that will likely continue as we gradually see temperatures warm and the heart of winter moves to the rearview," De Haan said. "Also, refinery maintenance season will soon be in full force, likely putting upward pressure on prices. On average, gasoline prices rise between 35 and 85 cents per gallon between March and Memorial Day, so motorists seeing prices fall should enjoy the declines while they last."

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—PATRICK DE HAAN, Head of Petroleum Analysis, Gasbuddy

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 7.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.37/g today. The national average is up 10.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 10.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RELATED TO THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF WESTERN PORTIONS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY

March 14, March 16, and March 21, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.  
Locations in Leander, Killeen, and Liberty Hill

Notice is hereby given that the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District ("District") Board of Directors ("Board") will hold three (3) public hearings in accordance with Texas Water Code ("TWC") Chapter 36.326 to receive input on the "Petition for Annexation of Western Williamson County" ("Petition"), which was delivered to the Board by the citizens of Williamson County on January 2, 2023.

The Petition, is signed by more than 50 Williamson County residents, whom the District has verified as owning land within the territory the Petition seeks to annex (the "Petition Territory"), more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the west right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 35 and the northern Williamson County line; continuing south along the west right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 35 for approximately 144,940 feet (27.45 miles) to the point of intersection of the west right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 35 and the southern Williamson County line; continuing west along the southern boundary of the Williamson County line to the western boundary of the Williamson County line; continuing north along the western boundary of the Williamson County line to the northern boundary of the Williamson County line back to the Point of Beginning, and containing 503 square miles of land, more or less.

Having met the statutory criteria for an annexation petition prescribed by TWC § 36.325, the Board **SHALL** set the time and place of separate hearings on the Petition, and at least one hearing shall be held in the existing District boundaries and at least one hearing shall be held in the Petition Territory. At its January 11, 2023, open meeting, the Board ordered the setting of three hearings, as follows:

The prescribed three hearings will be held as follows:  
**March 14, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. at Rock Pointe Church – Leander Campus (Main Auditorium) 1070 County Rd. 177, Leander, TX 78641

**March 16, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. at Texas A&M University – Central Texas (Warrior Hall – Bill Yowell Conference Center) 1001 Leadership Place, Killeen, TX 76549

**March 21, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. at Rock Pointe Church – Liberty Hill Campus (Main Auditorium) 170 County Rd. 214, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

A copy of the Petition for Annexation is available 10 days prior to the public hearing at the District's office at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas, and on the District's website at www.cuwcd.org. Please contact the District at (254) 933-0120 for additional information.

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## Can Texas' jobs-making machine keep up through 2023 slowdown?

BY MITCHELL SCHNURMAN  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS (TNS)

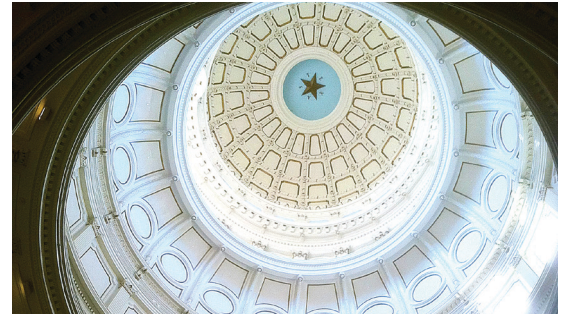
Recoveries don't last forever. The Texas economy, which was waylaid by the pandemic in early 2020, was hitting on all cylinders during the rebound that followed. Nonfarm employment grew 6% in 2021, more than making up for the retreat the year before. This year, the state is on pace to grow jobs by 3.5%, which translates into adding 452,000 positions statewide, according to projections by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. That growth is much smaller than expected in August, largely because of a major downward revision in estimates for the second quarter. But Texas' job growth rate still surpasses the nation's — and would be two-thirds higher than the state's average growth since 2010. Don't expect anything like it in the new year: "We're increasingly convinced there's a downturn coming in 2023," said Pia Orrenius, senior economist at the Dallas Fed. "Whether it's a growth slowdown or an outright recession, we don't know yet." A recession would mean a reduction in total employment. A slowdown in growth would mean that Texas adds jobs at a slower pace than 2.1%, the average annual growth rate since 2010. "A growth recession would be somewhere below our trend — maybe 1%," Orrenius said. The Dallas Fed is scheduled to release official projections for 2023 Texas job growth in just over a month, but others already are weighing in. The Texas Real Estate Research Center said Texas job gains would moderate next year — and return to the longer-term trend. Comerica Bank's chief economist said Texas' job growth in 2023 "will probably be 1% to 2%." "It will still be positive but quite a bit slower than what we've seen since the pandemic," said Comerica's William Adams. Ray Perryman, a Waco economist



The Texas Real Estate Research Center said Texas job gains would moderate in 2023 — and return to the longer-term trend. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES/TNS

who's tracked Texas trends for over 40 years, said the state has added so many jobs in so many industries. He expects the pattern to continue and said Dallas-Fort Worth has "one of the most diverse and dynamic economies anywhere." "I expect there to be some slowing in the coming months, but do not anticipate a major downturn in the state or region," Perryman wrote in an email. The oil and gas industry, which is part of the mining and logging sector, has been leading the way in job growth. Texas added over 42,000 jobs in mining and logging in the 12 months that ended in November, the Texas Workforce Commission said. That's a one-year gain of nearly 23%, and prospects remain bright, in part because of rising natural gas exports. Energy-related manufacturing also has been strong, Orrenius said: "Oil prices are still high and the industry has a pretty robust outlook." Other areas of potential growth next year include public education and health care. "Those employers are still trying to hire, and they've had constraints on the supply side," she said. Next year's most vulnerable sectors

will be those most affected by rising interest rates. "The housing market and residential construction — and anything related, including Realtors, banks and builders — they're all going to be hurt," Orrenius said. Even in a slowdown, Texas is expected to continue drawing newcomers — a key factor in the state's growth. "A big part of that is we allow you to build things in Texas," said Adam Perdue, an economist with the Texas Real Estate Research Center. "That's attracting these people — giving them opportunities they couldn't find elsewhere." The state's affordability remains a major strength, especially compared with California and New York. "Texas has been outbuilding many other parts of the U.S. in terms of adding housing," said Taner Osman, research manager at Beacon Economics. It's become a virtuous cycle, he said, with Texas attracting more residents, which attracts more employers, which attracts more workers — and leads to more building. The approach has worked well, he said, and will continue on in 2023 and beyond.



### CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Abbott issues disaster declaration, seeks fed help**  
Gov. Greg Abbot has issued a disaster declaration for Texas counties affected by the early February ice storm and is seeking a federal declaration as well for areas in Southeast Texas affected by rare January tornadoes. The ice storm caused considerable damage to property and power outages in the affected areas. The declaration for ice-storm damaged counties includes Denton, Hays, Henderson, Milam, Smith, Travis and Williamson counties. "Through this disaster declaration, we will be able to provide additional assistance to Texans and communities who have experienced property damage and localized power outages from this ice storm," Abbott said. The ice storm brought tree limbs snapping and crashing onto power lines. More than 170,000 Austin households were without power for several days, with some going more than 10 days without power. Abbott also requested a presidential disaster declaration for counties in Southeast Texas hit by tornadoes and severe storms in late January. That request includes Harris, Jefferson, Liberty and Orange counties. If that request is granted, residents and businesses in those counties would have access to federal loans and grants.

**Religious freedom bills draw bipartisan support**  
Three bills have been filed in the Texas House aimed at improving Texans ability to practice their religions. The Austin American-Statesman reported that state Rep. Salman Bhojani, D-Eules, filed the bills to expand the state's list of optional holidays to include more religious holy days; prevent standardized tests being given on those days; and ensure that religious leaders of all faiths can legally perform marriages. Bhojani, one of the state's first Muslim legislators, was joined at a news conference by Republican state Rep. Jacey Jetton, R-Richmond, who is Christian, and fellow Muslim state Rep. Suleman Lalani, D-Sugar Land. "As legislators, it is our duty to ensure that Texas is the religious freedom state, where we can practice our faith with pride, where we can pray in a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, jamatkhana or gurdwara, where we can love God by any name," Bhojani said.

**Plan to ban TikTok on state-owned devices released**  
Abbott last week also announced a security plan to ban the use of the popular video app TikTok as well as other software on all state-issued devices, as well as personal devices used to conduct state business. Abbott contends the Chinese-owned company can harvest data from TikTok user's devices and poses a security risk to Texas. After Abbott issued the initial order in December, The University of Texas at Austin banned TikTok on all its Wi-Fi networks. The latest security plan also includes other lesser-known apps, such as WeChat. A number of hardware manufacturers are also prohibited from being used by state agencies and employees. TikTok, which is known for its short videos, is owned by the Chinese company ByteDance and has more than 86 million users in the United States.

**A wet January for parts of the state**  
January brought above-average rainfall for large swaths of East Texas while the rest of the state had below-average precipitation, hydrologist Mark Wentzel wrote in the Texas Water Development Board's monthly report. Drought conditions expanded by five percentage points to include 54% of the state, while statewide storage in water supply reservoirs is at 72.5% of capacity, down about 10 percentage points from what is normal this time of year. Drought conditions have been all but eliminated in the eastern portion of Texas, while much of the state is in moderate to severe drought conditions. The worst drought conditions now are in a circle of counties around Bexar County. Wentzel predicted that except for northeast Texas, much of the state will see expanded drought conditions.

**Final round of emergency SNAP benefits**  
This month brings the final allocation of emergency food benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and distributed to eligible households by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The extra minimum of \$95 per household began during the start of the COVID-10 pandemic and has provided nearly \$10 billion in added food benefits since its inception. However, Congress recently passed legislation ending the emergency benefits, which go to about 1.6 million Texas households. "We're thankful that we've been able to help millions of Texans by providing more than \$9.7 billion in additional benefits since the Families First Coronavirus Response Act was passed," said Wayne Salter, HHSC deputy executive commissioner.

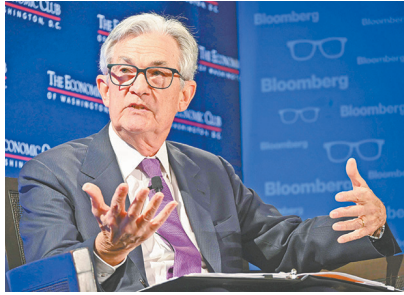
**Goats pay a visit to Target store in Spring**  
A pair of goats went shopping inside a Target store in the Harris County city of Spring last week, perusing the aisles until the Harris County Livestock Unit corralled them. The Houston Chronicle reported the pair were seen lying down between the store's sliding entrance doors, then proceeded to wander about the interior.

**COVID-19 cases show decline**  
The number of new cases of COVID-19 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in Texas in the past week dropped to 25,229, with 189 deaths reported. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in the state dipped slightly to 1,952, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The number of actual cases is likely higher, since people who test positive using a home kit generally are not reported in the case count. Gary Borders, a veteran award-winning Texas journalist, compiled this report. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and, once upon a time, the Hill Country News in Cedar Park. Email: gborder@texaspress.com.

## Will the fed go lower or higher? Maybe both

BY BILL DUDLEY  
BLOOMBERG OPINION (TNS)

How will the US Federal Reserve wage its battle with inflation — by keeping interest rates elevated for longer, or by taking them even higher? Investors are fixated on this question, which has vast implications for bonds, stocks and the entire economy. Longer would be better. But if financial markets don't cooperate, the Fed might have to go higher, too. By tightening monetary policy, Chair Jerome Powell wants to restrain demand for labor just enough — but not too much — to bring wage growth down to the 3%-to-4% level consistent with the central bank's 2% inflation target. To that end, the best approach would be to hold interest rates at a moderately restrictive setting for a significant period of time. Given that rate hikes affect the economy with long and variable lags, this reduces the risk of going too far and increases the chances of a soft landing. The Fed can take its time as long as inflation expectations remain well-anchored. But here's the rub: It's hard to know what a moderately restrictive rate would be. Economists can't even agree on the threshold — the "neutral" rate that neither stokes nor cools the economy. Before the 2008 financial crisis, they guessed that it was about 2%, adjusted for inflation (or about 4% in non-adjusted terms). Now, the median



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Jerome Powell speaks during a forum in Washington D.C., on Feb. 7. KYODONNEWS VIA ZUMA PRESS/TNS

estimate among Fed policymakers is 0.5% (or a nominal 2.5%, assuming 2% inflation) — but there's ample reason to think it should be higher as the government borrows more, the green-energy transition increases investment demand and retiring baby boomers save less. And with inflation exceeding the Fed's 2% target, the nominal neutral rate should be higher still. Also, the impact of monetary policy depends in part on how it influences broader financial conditions, which aren't particularly tight. Stock and bond markets have remained buoyant as investors, encouraged by the Fed's downshift to 25-basis-point rate hikes, look beyond the present to what they hope will be a more accommodative regime in 2024 and 2025. The more bullish they are, the higher the neutral federal funds rate will need to be.

What's more, investors aren't particularly concerned about a bad outcome. Crypto meltdown aside, they see the financial system as resilient and the Fed as well-equipped to mitigate any economic downturn — a sentiment that Powell has endorsed by saying that if the Fed feels it has gone too far, "we have tools that would work for that." So what will the Fed do? Most officials expect that a federal funds rate of 5% to 5.25%, maintained into 2024, will be enough to get inflation under control, and last week's jobs report reinforced that view. Hence, they'll probably opt for two more 25-basis point increases at their policy-making meetings in March and May. After that, they'll wait and see what happens, an assessment that will take several months (at a minimum) given the long lags of monetary policy. To prevent financial conditions from easing further, they'll maintain their hawkish messaging, saying that monetary policy will remain tight for some time. And if a 5%-plus rate doesn't do the job, they'll eventually be forced to go higher. Bill Dudley is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist and senior adviser to Bloomberg Economics. A senior research scholar at Princeton University, he served as president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and as vice chairman of the Federal Open Market Committee.



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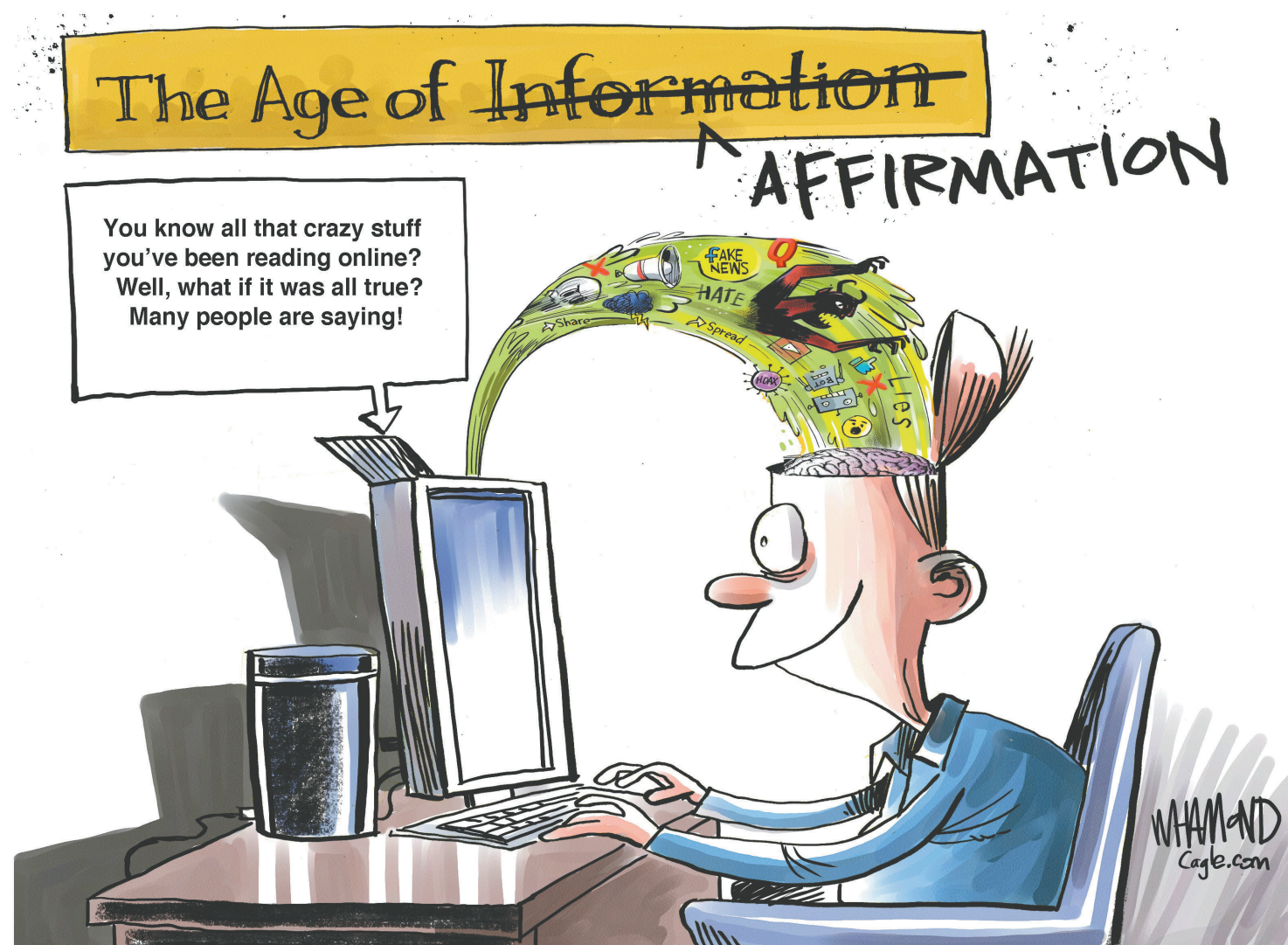
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## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# THE WAR ON TRUTH

## Truthfully, be careful what you wish for

Should the law do more to punish lying about elections? Careful: Such proposals can curtail legitimate speech and give the government power it's likely to misuse.

Last term, Congress came close to passing a bill that would have prohibited individuals from knowingly deceiving others about various topics relating to federal elections, including eligibility and voter registration rules. Other schemes would punish some false statements about whether a given election was rigged or stolen. Despite urgings from Gov. Jay Inslee, Washington state lawmakers last year declined to pass a bill forbidding candidates from making knowingly false statements about an election's legitimacy if those statements were intended to and did lead to lawlessness.

In the name of protecting democracy, other lawyers and advocates seek to go even further. Some favor banning false online assertions that might discourage people from voting — an idea that could expose a wide range of current election discussions to criminal sanction.

Such proposals are bad as policy and unconstitutional under the First Amendment. While combating lies is a worthy goal, we can do without George Orwell's Ministry of Truth.

Some restrictions on election speech are relatively innocuous. Most of us can live with a law against telling voters the wrong time or place for an election, provided the intent is to lead them astray.

But official efforts to combat so-called disinformation quickly run into controversy. Last year word got out that the Biden administration had created something called the Disinformation Governance Board, tasked with combating falsehoods in the name of homeland security. An uproar followed, not least because the appointee chosen to run the panel, who soon resigned, turned out to have voiced strong views on politically contentious topics.

The public appears divided. A 2021 Pew survey found 48% of Americans agreed that "the U.S. government should take steps to restrict false information online, even if it limits people from freely publishing or accessing information," while 50% preferred the statement, "People's freedom to publish and access information should be protected, even if it means false information can also be published."

It's true there are many kinds of lies the law doesn't protect. Principles of free speech won't get you off the hook if you lie to carry out fraud in business, use false pretenses to raise charitable funds, impersonate a police officer or mislead a government agency. There are other examples, too, perhaps the most important among them defamation. The First Amendment does not protect false statements about someone that harm their reputation.

As David Ardia of the University of North Carolina points out in an article in the Journal of Free Speech Law, 16 states have laws banning false statements about candidates for public office. To the extent these laws track the law's definition of defamation, there's a good chance courts will uphold them, Ardia writes, since that speech is already marked out as lacking legal protection. But many of the laws go further by banning false statements about ballot measures such as referendums. Those are more likely to be struck down if challenged in court.

The same is true of laws that seek to shield candidates from untruths that wouldn't meet the law's test for defamation — say, claims they supported a certain bill when they didn't.

In a 2012 case called *U.S. v. Alvarez*, the Supreme Court held that the First Amendment protects much untruthful speech, even the kind that is morally inexcusable and socially worthless. The court, in that case, struck down a law Congress had passed making it a federal offense to lie about having received military honors. While the justices were divided on the details, most saw it as simply too dangerous to entrust the government with a free-floating power to forbid lying.

The justices were right. At one point in American history, Congress passed a law banning "false" and "malicious" statements intended to expose to "contempt or disrepute" or "hatred" the nation's elected officials. A Supreme Court justice then wrote approvingly that to "destroy confidence in government" was to "induce disobedience to every act of it." But that was the notorious Sedition Act of 1798, which the Adams administration soon used as a tool to harass its enemies.

If telling the occasional whopper was a bar to taking office, our halls of government might be depopulated on both sides. We can and should counter lies by telling truths — but we can never get rid of them altogether.

— Walter Olson is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute. He wrote this for InsideSources.com.



WALTER OLSON  
GUEST COLUMNIST

## In the mind of the beholder

America has always had a complicated relationship with the truth. From the Vietnam War to the Iraq War, from swiftboating to birtherism to "alternative facts," and, of course, the whitewashed versions of history being taught in our schools, truth is in the mind of the beholder.

While we have a long history of loose and varied interpretations of the truth, we've entered an extremely dangerous period where we celebrate, reward and elect some who are openly working to dismantle the truth.

Manipulating the truth goes by many names like "taken out of context," "misspeaking," "spinning" and "misinterpretation," terms that indicate how subtle and acceptable it can be to chip away at what's true. This practice has been a basic fundamental tool in business and politics for centuries. But every fracture of the truth weakens our trust as citizens, laying the groundwork for division, loss of faith in our institutions and principles, and the need to seek out alternative answers and guidance that better fit a specific narrative.

It isn't enough for some leaders to flatly lie anymore. They're on the offense, actively gaslighting so forcefully that we start to question our reality. As a leader in the women's rights movement, I can confidently say that women have never truly been afforded the privilege of knowing what's true. For centuries, society lied to women by telling them their place is in the home, that their greatest achievement is becoming a mother, that they need to look a certain way, act a certain way, and should be grateful for whatever pitiful concessions they get. The pioneering women who dared to challenge these norms were dismissed as crazy, emotional, undesirable and dangerous.

In the wake of the Dobbs decision that overturned nearly 50 years of reproductive rights, extremists now have full license to conjure wild and deceptive information about women's health and abortion care. Women have and will continue to die because of these lies. For instance, some legislators are trying to push bills to ban medical procedures that simply do not exist. Anti-choice activists rely on the false narrative that abortions are dangerous, despite conclusive evidence proving the safety of the procedure; these groups conveniently omit the fact that abortions are significantly safer than pregnancy and childbirth. And these groups are working to create an environment where the truth is not just unwelcome, but it is a danger to be silenced.

Another way we attack the truth is by assigning a higher value to one truth over another. Just like George Floyd's murder didn't suddenly create systemic racism, #MeToo didn't suddenly create systemic misogyny. Oppression and discrimination against women are so pervasive throughout our society that many women can't even recognize when they're being victimized. But for those who speak out against abuse, they're rarely believed.

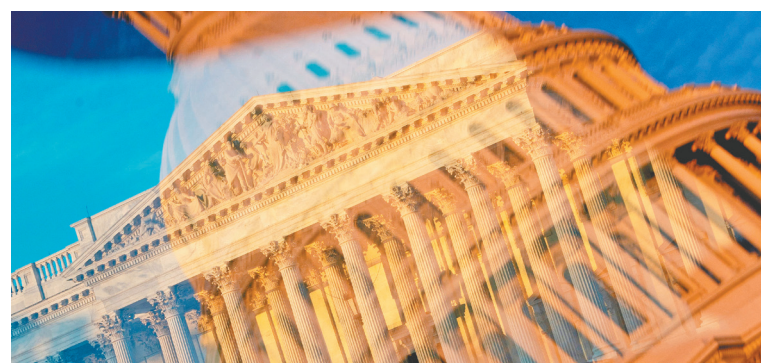
It took dozens and dozens of women to come forward to speak out against Harvey Weinstein to ignite the #MeToo movement when it should have only taken one. Our society doesn't believe a woman's truth because we have collectively decided that a man's truth is worth more. Like the gender wage gap, women are on the losing end of the gender reality gap.

While it's easy to blame QAnon, ridiculous conspiracy theories and "The Big Lie" as some of the primary sources of the war on truth, in reality America has never had a fully stable or consistent relationship with the truth. Instead of allowing this to be cause for alarm, let it be a reminder that in fighting this war, it is our democratic duty to always call for justice. It is of the utmost importance that, as members of our democracy, we must always reconcile what we think the truth is with what it actually is. After all, this is and has always been a war worth fighting.

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The House of Representatives is seen through a reflection of the U.S. Capitol dome in Washington, DC, on Nov. 8, 2022.



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In this file photo, several Texas Department of Public Safety vehicles are parked in Del Rio in 2021.

# Most Texans want 'content ratings' on books, poll finds

BY TALIA RICHMAN  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS (TNS)

DALLAS — The majority of Texans want a “content rating” – similar to what’s used for movies – on books sold to public schools to help establish what is appropriate for children, according to a new poll from the University of Houston.

Fights over library books erupted in late 2021 and continue to gain steam. Conservatives express outrage at the idea that books with sexual content were available in schools while free-speech advocates worry that limits on books could restrict children’s access to diverse stories.

Texans are mostly open to a rating idea. The University of Houston poll – which surveyed 1,200 adults online in January – found 71% of respondents support requiring book publishers to include a content rating based on whether the title is appropriate for young children or older students.

“Of course, the devil is always going to be in the details of who determines the content ratings,” said Mark Jones, a Rice University professor who co-authored the poll report.

Already, Texas lawmakers want to toughen school library standards.

Frisco Republican Rep. Jared Patterson filed legislation that he says is intended to rid school libraries of explicit books and require vendors to rate titles that involve sexual content. A bill from Rep. Tom Oliverson, R-Cypress, would prohibit a publisher from selling a book to a public school unless it had an age-appropriate content rating attached.

Such efforts to rate books were quickly derided by free speech advocates who are closely monitoring Texas’ crackdown on books, specifically those that focus on LGBTQ stories and center Black characters.

“A ratings system like that proposed in this bill would concentrate unprecedented power in the hands of government officials to dictate the bounds of what all students and families can read, learn, and share—in ways that are deeply undemocratic,” officials with PEN America, a nonprofit focused on free expression, wrote in a statement.

The university’s poll found that nine of out 10 Republicans were in favor of the idea, compared with roughly half of Democrats.

Support was strong — at nearly 80% — among Texans with a minor child.

Meanwhile, roughly two-thirds of Texans support legislation requiring every school district to offer ethnic studies — including Mexican American or African American studies — as required curriculum. Texas school districts are currently able to offer those courses as electives.

This show of support comes after the State Board of Education delayed further updates to its social studies curriculum, and additional ethnic studies courses, amid conservative backlash.

Also in January, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration blocked a new African American studies Advanced Placement class from being taught in the state’s high schools.

Requiring such courses is favored by 90% of Democrats, compared to roughly four in 10 Republicans. Black and Latino Texans offer much stronger support — 86% and 79%, respectively — compared with just over half of white respondents.

At the same time, Texans are divided on whether they support stripping university faculty of their tenure should they teach critical race theory.

The idea — which was favored by 48% of respondents overall — is much more popular among Republicans than Democrats.

Critical race theory — or CRT — is an academic framework that probes the way policies and laws uphold systemic racism, such as in education, housing or criminal justice. Conservative pundits often decry it as divisive while conflating it with diversity and inclusion efforts, anti-racism training and multicultural curriculum.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick made ending tenure for new faculty a priority for this legislative session. He also wants to have one-year reviews in which tenure could be revoked if good cause is determined.

“I will not stand by and let looney Marxist UT professors poison the minds of young students with Critical Race Theory,” he tweeted last year. “We banned it in publicly funded K-12, and we will ban it in publicly funded higher ed.”

# Texas DPS scraps plan for \$1.2B active-shooter training facility

BY KAREN BROOKS HARPER  
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

The Texas Department of Public Safety is scrapping its proposal for a \$1.2 billion state-of-the-art active-shooter training facility, aiming instead at a much lower target of \$381.5 million to update its current campus with housing and renovated buildings, DPS Director Steve McCraw said this week.

First appearing in the department’s budget request as a \$476 million “down payment” on a six-year commitment to the multiphase project, the proposal was jettisoned by the DPS and reduced to “a key need” for better facilities at the current training campus outside Waco, McCraw told The Texas Tribune.

“We’re just looking in terms of across the board — what are we focused on?” McCraw said Thursday after testifying to the Senate Finance Committee about aging facilities and lack of adequate housing and food services at the campus. “The problem with the phased approach that focuses on a reality-based training facility [is] ... we still don’t have any place to put people. You’ve got to have a place to sleep. You’ve got to have a place to eat.”

The agency is still facing criticism for its role in the bungled multiagency response to the Robb Elementary School massacre in Uvalde last year, when hundreds of officers from several agencies, including the DPS, took 77

minutes to breach the classroom where a gunman shot to death 19 students and two teachers.

More outcries came when the agency’s proposal for the new training center became public.

The proposed active-shooter facility was part of a presentation made last year by McCraw to captains at the Texas Highway Patrol, an arm of the DPS, according to meeting minutes obtained by the Tribune.

The minutes said the facility would include the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training program — an active-shooter response training system developed 20 years ago at Texas State University in San Marcos that has been the national standard for active-shooter training for a decade.

In testimony to the Legislative Budget Board in October, McCraw pitched the project as a six-year proposal to turn the nearly 200-acre Williamson County DPS Tactical Training Center complex in Florence into a Texas law enforcement academy for use by agencies across the state.

“You play like you practice,” he told them at the time. “You need to practice in a real environment.”

### NO MORE DISCUSSION

Last Thursday at the Capitol, McCraw confirmed briefly that the larger project was no longer on the table. There was no further discussion of the plan he had

laid out in October.

Senate budget writers expressed support for the newer idea of simply upgrading the training center for \$381.5 million, as well as for considering legislation that would require intensive active-shooter training for law enforcement officers in all types of jurisdictions.

The Williamson County DPS site opened in 2003 with a track and urban street grid, similar to a residential or downtown area, for emergency vehicle training; a firing range; and classrooms for both recruit training and continuing education. There is no housing or cafeteria, in spite of it being used by officers from across the state, officials said.

The new plan would be a single-phase upgrade for dorms, a cafeteria and technology upgrades for classrooms and other facilities for troopers, sheriff’s deputies, local police and other responders seeking required or additional training at the 20-year-old facility, McCraw said.

Finance Chair Joan Huffman, R-Houston, noted the incurred expenses and lack of access by some departments with lower budgets that currently would have to pay for lodging and food on any training trips.

McCraw said there were “nuances” that added to the problems, such as break-ins on patrol cars parked at hotels and the need for guards in some cases, that would be alleviated by on-campus housing and cafeteria services.

# Jobless claims drop to 190,000, lowest level since September

BY READE PICKERT  
BLOOMBERG NEWS (TNS)

Applications for U.S. unemployment benefits unexpectedly fell last week, sliding to the lowest level since September and underscoring a strong jobs market where many businesses are reluctant to let go of workers.

Initial unemployment claims decreased by 15,000 to 190,000 in the week ended Jan. 14, Labor Department data showed Thursday. The median forecast was for 214,000 applications, but the data can be particularly volatile and difficult to seasonally adjust in the winter

months and around holidays.

Continuing claims, or the number of people who have already filed an initial application and are now claiming unemployment benefits, rose to 1.65 million in the week ended Jan. 7. That followed back-to-back declines in the previous two weeks.

The four-week moving average in initial claims, with smooths out some of the week-to-week volatility, edged down to 206,000, the lowest since mid-May.

While high-profile firms in the finance, technology and real estate sectors have announced tens of thousands of job cuts in recent months, the

broader labor market remains strong.

The unemployment rate closed 2022 at a five-decade low of 3.5%, and firms continue to hire at a solid pace amid resilient consumer demand.

That said, many economists expect further layoffs in the months ahead as the Federal Reserve’s interest rate hikes hit the economy.

On an unadjusted basis, initial claims fell by 53,582 to 285,575. The declines were broad-based across states, and were led by New York, Georgia and Michigan. California saw an increase, but the figures may be impacted by severe flooding in the state.

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**DISASTER**

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declaration on Thursday, Feb. 9. All of the extensions add another 30 days to the declarations.

A disaster declaration allows a local government entity to utilize emergency services more quickly and with fewer regulations, and it allows the governmental entity to be reimbursed by state and federal agencies for costs incurred by using those emergency services.

Williamson County and Leander also temporarily waived some rules related to public nuisance rules and rules for burning tree limbs and other storm debris provided all other rules are complied with during the process. The waiver of some rules is aimed at helping to get their debris removed more quickly while not punishing

residents for how long this may take to accomplish.

**BRUSH REMOVAL**

The Williamson County Landfill located at 600 Landfill Road in Hutto will accept clean brush for a reduced fee of \$10 plus tax per pickup truckload of tree branches and brush through this Sunday.

Cedar Park and Leander are once again hosting sites for people to haul and dispose of their tree limbs and brush debris from the storm this Saturday.

Both held identical events last Saturday that drew hundreds of homeowners and resulted in towering piles of tree branches and brush.

Both cities are also working to-

wards curbside pickup of this type of debris in the future for residents who don't haul their debris at these initial disposal sites.

The City of Leander will host their site from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the city's Public Works building located on 607 Municipal Drive in Leander.

Leander residents will have to provide a valid ID showing their residence in order to drop off debris. The site only accepts tree limbs and brush, so no construction materials, lumber, household trash or fencing will be accepted at the site. The site will only allow trailers up to 16 feet in maximum length. Trimming is not allowed at the site, so branches must be trimmed prior to arriving. Tree

trunks and branches more than 8 inches in diameter should be reduced to 4-foot lengths prior to being brought to the site.

City staff will help people with the debris at the scene. Additional information is available on the City of Leander website or by calling (512) 259-2640.

Leander is working towards finalizing plans for an eventual curbside pickup day, and the Leander City Council hopes to vote on a proposal on Thursday.

Simultaneously, the City of Cedar Park will host its own disposal site from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Lakeline Park on 1510 Alexis Drive in Cedar Park. Residents are asked to enter the area from the eastbound lanes of Little Elm Trail.

Lakeline Park is still not yet open to the public itself, but the city is utilizing some of its open space for this event.

The site will only accept tree limbs and brush, residents will be required to provide an ID or utility bill proving they live in Cedar Park and the debris should not be bundled.

Cedar Park already started their special curbside pickup service for tree limbs and brush last Sunday. The process is being completed this week.

Additional information about storm debris removal in Cedar Park is available online at <https://www.cedarparktexas.gov/902/Storm-Cleanup>.

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### City of Leander Invitation for Proposal Public Art Project Opportunity- Murals

Will be received prior to 2:00 P.M. March 2th, 2023 then be publicly acknowledged

The City of Leander in association with the City of Leander Public Art and Culture Commission, hereinafter "City" seeks an agreement with a qualified Individual, Firm, or Corporation, herein "Respondent", to create and provide a mural initiative throughout the City of Leander beginning with the Robin Bledsoe site first.

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For this project, are seeking to have a permanent mural painted on the rear-side of a park restroom facility which is located on the north side of the park. The site is adjacent to a picnic area, playground, and walkways which are very visible to the future mural. Robin Bledsoe Park also contains high-use recreation amenities such as aquatic center and splash pad; soccer/multipurpose sports complex; basketball court; and amphitheater. The new mural will be highly exposed to a large variety of residents and visitors on a near daily basis.

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## CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF DEBRA RENAE TWEEDY, DECEASED, Cause No. 23-0150-CP4**, in County Court at Law #4 of Williamson County, 405 Martin Luther King Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

**ELIZABETH HUFFMASTER**, Applicant in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 7th day of February, 2023 an **APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION** of the said estate and requests that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said **DEBRA RENAE TWEEDY, DECEASED**, and their respective shares and interest in such estate.

Said application may be heard at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on or after the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of publication of this citation, at the Williamson County Justice Center in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court on or before above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office at Georgetown, Texas, this the 7th day of February, 2023.

Applicant's Attorney:  
Elizabeth Brenner  
4807 Spicewood Springs Rd  
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PO Box 26300  
Austin TX 78755-6300

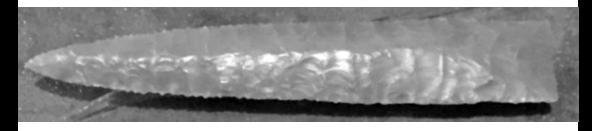


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## Request for Proposal

Lago Vista ISD is currently requesting sealed proposals for Food Service Management. Specifications are available on the district website (Business > Required Postings) and may also be picked up at the LVISD Administration Bldg, 8039 Bar-K Ranch Rd, Lago Vista, TX, 78645 or emailed upon request. To request specs, contact Jason Stoner at [jstoner@lagovistaisd.net](mailto:jstoner@lagovistaisd.net) or 512-267-8300 ext 1502.

Sealed proposals will be opened at 2:00pm on April 6, 2023 in the LVISD Administration Bldg. Lago Vista ISD reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals for any reason.

## NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Mr. Nicholas Sandlin, 19926 Thurman Bend Rd., Spicewood, TX 78669, has applied for a permit amendment from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to add a service station to The Reserve Yacht Club Marina. This application is for the addition of a marine service station, two fuel dispenser units, and an above ground fuel storage tank.

**A public meeting regarding the pending marina permit application will be held: Thursday, March 23rd 2023; 6-7pm; 2208 Sea Biscuit Cove Suite 132, Spicewood, TX 78669; The Reserve at Lake Travis Clubhouse.**

Those unable to attend the public meeting may inspect the application at LCRA Water Surface Management (Marina Permitting) Department; 3601 Lake Austin Boulevard; Austin, TX, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The LCRA will receive written comments about the applications from any interested party no later than fifteen (15) working days after the public meeting. The deadline for written comments to be received by the LCRA is 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13th, 2023. Mail written comments to: Lower Colorado River Authority; Water Surface Management (Marina Permitting); P.O. Box 220; Austin, TX 78767 or email to [TheReserveYachtClubMarina@lcr.org](mailto:TheReserveYachtClubMarina@lcr.org).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Leander Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on March 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Pat Bryson Municipal Hall, 201 North Brushy, Leander, Texas, to hold a public hearing to consider the following:

AND

The City of Leander City Council will meet on April 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Pat Bryson Municipal Hall, 201 North Brushy, Leander, Texas, to hold a public hearing to consider the following:

Conduct a Public Hearing and consider action regarding Zoning Case Z-22-0052 to amend the current zoning of TOD/PUD-CD (Transit Oriented Development/Planned Unit Development) to adopt the 183A Plaza Minor PUD with the base zoning district of GC-3-A (General Commercial) on one parcel of land approximately 9.61 acres ± in size, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R461862; and generally located to the south east of the intersection of E San Gabriel Pkwy and 183A Toll Road, Leander, Williamson County, Texas. Applicant/Agent: Mathias Company (Richard Mathias) on behalf of 183A RE Investments, LLC (Shakeel Badarpura).

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY/HUD CDBG PROGRAM

Williamson County will be awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY23 (October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024) funding allocation to successfully support community development and affordable housing efforts in low and moderate income areas throughout the County. The County is requesting eligible potential projects to submit applications for consideration. Application packets can be obtained at <http://www.wilco.org/cdbg>. A public hearing will be held by the Williamson County CDBG office on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 5pm at the Williamson County Courthouse located at 710 Main Street, Georgetown, TX 78626 (Please use 8th Street entrance). The purpose of the hearing is to announce the CDBG award, receive public comments concerning the CDBG program, and to answer any questions regarding the application process. Comments and concerns will be considered in the development of the 2023 CDBG Action Plan which describes how funds will be utilized.

Bill Gravell, County Judge

Condado de Williamson [RE]  
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## AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA Y CONVOCATORIA DE PROYECTOS PARA LA PROGRAMA HUD CDBG / DEL CONDADO DE WILLIAMSON

El Condado de Williamson se ha adjudicado una Beca de Bloque del Desarrollo de Comunidad (Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)) FY23 (1 octubre 2023 a 30 septiembre 2024) la asignación de fondos para apoyar con éxito el desarrollo de la comunidad y los esfuerzos de vivienda asequible en áreas de bajos y moderados ingresos en todo el Condado. El Condado está solicitando posibles proyectos elegibles para presentar las solicitudes para su consideración. Los paquetes de solicitud pueden obtenerse en <http://www.wilco.org/cdbg>. Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo por la oficina del Condado de Williamson CDBG el miércoles, 1 de marzo 2023 a las 5pm en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Williamson ubicado en 710 Main Street, Georgetown, TX 78626 (Utilice la entrada de la calle ocho). El propósito de la audiencia es para anunciar el premio CDBG, recibir comentarios del público sobre el programa CDBG, y para responder a cualquier pregunta relacionada con el proceso de solicitud. Comentarios y preocupaciones serán consideradas en el desarrollo del Plan de Acción CDBG 2023 que describe cómo se utilizarán los fondos.

Bill Gravell, Juez del Condado

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# Rouse claims first district title in five seasons

BY ZACH SMITH  
HCN SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in five years, Rouse is a district champion.

"I don't know how exactly to describe it, we've worked really hard to get to this point," Rouse head coach Shane Krause said.

The Raiders pushed their winning streak to 11 games in a row and improved to 12-0 in district play with a dominant 52-23 win over Cedar Park on Wednesday night.

Much of the motivation stems from last season, when the Raiders finished the regular season on a tear, winning five of their last six games, before falling in the first round of the playoffs to Buda Johnson.

"When things don't go your way, it either makes you weak or strong," Krause said. "I feel like it made this group strong. We're locked in at practice every morning and in film sessions. It's fun to be around."

The biggest shift this season, according to junior Jojo Moore, has been in the togetherness both on the squad and with the coaching staff.

Again, it all goes back to how last season ended.

"We knew we were one of the most talented teams in Texas last year, and that we were deep," Moore said. "We bought into the team this year and we have a hunger to win not for individual accolades but for team accolades."

Rouse played a brutal pre-district schedule. Among the tournaments that the Raiders competed in was the Whataburger Tournament in Fort Worth, which featured a one-point loss to Plano, currently the No. 7 team in Class 6A.

In District 25-5A play, the Raiders have the top offense, averaging more than 62 points per game, while allowing 38.3 points per contest, the second-fewest in the district.

"Team chemistry is everything," Moore said. "Whether you win or lose, it's how you stick together as a team. If

we get behind or anything happens this year, we know we can come back and win the game."

In the second half of the district-clinching win against Cedar Park on Wednesday, Moore came away with a steal and finished with an emphatic windmill dunk at the other end.

"He does it all," Krause said. "He scores, but he also facilitates. He's a fun kid off the court, and his personality this year has really blossomed as one of the leaders of the group along with (senior Cole Andrews-Heitz). Jojo's game is legit, and he's taken ownership of being the dude."

The playoffs begin for the Raiders early next week.

Just because the district title is locked up doesn't mean there will be a drop in focus.

"We'll be at practice at 7:30, everybody will be on time laced up, and we'll get after it," Krause said. "That's the exception, and this group meets that every single practice, and that's where it starts."



Rouse junior Jojo Moore helped the Raiders beat Cedar Park 52-23 on Wednesday night to claim the outright District 25-5A title, the Raiders' first in five seasons.



Ellie Cieslewicz, left, and Vandegrift beat Vista Ridge 2-1 last week after scoring a pair of second-half goals to erase a one-goal deficit.

## Vandegrift girls soccer roster eyes continued district success

BY ZACH SMITH  
HCN SPORTS EDITOR

The Vandegrift girls' soccer team isn't lacking in experience.

The Vipers, which won the district title and made it to the second round of the playoffs a year ago, have 16 seniors on the roster this time around and know exactly what to expect.

"They've taken a whole new leadership role on this team," Vandegrift head coach Caitlin Sawyer said. "They're surprising themselves every day and every game. In the beginning, they were asking who was going to step up, and since then, everyone has. It's kind of been all 16 of them, which is awesome."

The Vipers have started this season 5-0-1 in district play, finishing with a scoreless draw against Round Rock last Monday before battling back from a one-goal deficit at half-time to beat Vista Ridge on Tuesday.

They shut out Westwood 2-0 on the road on Friday night.

"In the game of soccer, anything can happen," Sawyer said. "But you want to have that experience in your back pocket that you now know what to do, and they'll get it done at the end of the day."

Senior goalkeeper Libby Brooker — who will play at Colorado State next season — broke the career shutout record with Friday's win over the Warriors.

Brooklyn Jordan continues to lock down the back line, while the dynamic twin duo of Cooper and Kennedy Horn continues to lead the attack for the Vipers, which have averaged 2.5 goals per game in district play.

Brit Collins was a key piece as a sophomore for the Vipers when they made a run to the state finals in 2021, but missed all of last season with an ACL injury.

She led Vandegrift in goals during the preseason and has continued to pull the strings in midfield through the first half of district play. "This is kind of like her triumphant return," Sawyer said. "She

plays a huge role in the midfield connecting our forwards and our back line. She's ready to be back, and she's not holding back."

Round Rock and Vandegrift are tied atop District 25-6A with 5-0-1 records, while Cedar Ridge is in second at 4-1-1 and Westwood is 3-2-1. Stony Point is 1-3-2, while Vista Ridge and McNeil are 1-4-1.

As the Rangers showed last week against the Vipers, every game is sure to be competitive.

"Everyone is getting a lot of people coming up," Sawyer said. "It's just more competitive and more challenging. You need to show up and be on for every game. There's not a dull moment in this district."

Vandegrift closes out the first half of district play with road games against Stony Point and Cedar Ridge this week before hosting Manor to begin the second half of district next Tuesday night.

"We really set our goals to win the district again and hold that title," Sawyer said. "We're going to just continue to battle for that."

## Schaefer continues setting high standards for No. 20 Longhorns

BY ZACH SMITH  
HCN SPORTS EDITOR

Texas women's basketball coach Vic Schaefer couldn't help but sigh after reflecting on his team's 20-point win over TCU Saturday at the Moody Center.

For Schaefer, how you win is just as important as getting a win.

"I'm not going to sugarcoat it, I don't think we played very well," Schaefer said. "I don't think my team would think we played very well. We're just in the middle of a really tough stretch. I'm glad to win, but my concern is that I'm not sure how much better we're getting."

The win stretched the Longhorns' winning streak to seven games in a row.

After a win against Oklahoma earlier this season, Schaefer had a similar feeling, that it was a great win, but questioned whether the Longhorns continue to play well on a consistent basis.

"I'm proud of them for winning seven straight, I just don't think we're playing as hard as we were," Schaefer said. "The standard is the standard, if we think we can win a championship playing this way, fine. I don't. I think we've got to be better."

Harmon who finished with 11 points, six rebounds and four assists in more than 38 minutes on Saturday, couldn't agree more with the tough coaching.

"When we talk amongst

ourselves, we say we're better than what we're looking like," Harmon said. "We keep talking about it, but we're not walking the walk right now."

DeYona Gaston scored eight points and grabbed two rebounds in the first quarter. She and Taylor Jones finished with a combined 22 points in the first half as the Longhorns went into the break with a nine-point lead.

"I'm just happy we won," Jones said. "I've battled injuries this year, so when I do have a good game, it feels like I'm back to where I was. I just hope that I can be consistent since that's something I struggle with."

In a nearly 14-minute span between the end of the second quarter and the start of the third, TCU had trouble getting anything going on offense, scoring just four points and turning the ball over seven times.

Harmon took over for the Longhorns in the fourth quarter, scoring six points, while Jones grabbed six rebounds in the frame.

The Longhorns forced 27 turnovers, well above their season average of 19.3 per game.

That lockdown defense has got to be positive, right?

"Maybe," Schaefer said. "Sometimes I need to be brutally honest. I'm chasing perfection. I'm happy we won by 20, but if we want to truly reach our potential, we've

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Texas head coach Vic Schaefer during a Big 12 women's college basketball game between Texas and Texas Tech on Feb. 8, 2023, in Austin.

Texas starting pitcher Lucas Gordon (13) reacts after striking out a batter to end the top of the fifth inning of an NCAA baseball game against TCU on April 10, 2022 in Austin, Texas. Texas won, 7-3, taking the series two games to one.

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## Texas baseball focused on growth with lowered expectations

BY ZACH SMITH  
HCN SPORTS EDITOR

Things are a little different for Texas baseball when expectations are so low.

According to the preseason polls last year, the Longhorns were the top team in the nation, and they responded by advancing to the College World Series in Omaha.

This year, they're not even picked to finish on top of their conference. "It's good to see all

the players back and ready to compete," Texas head coach David Pierce said. "We're looking forward to getting bought into our process and getting a little bit better every day."

The Longhorns were picked to finish fourth in the Big 12 this season, behind TCU, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech.

Texas begins the season this weekend at Globe Life Field in Arlington, facing No. 8 Arkansas on Friday, Missouri on Saturday and finishing the 2023 College Baseball Showdown against No. 10 Vanderbilt on Sunday.

The first game at Disch-Falk field is Tuesday against Texas A&M Corpus-Christi, and the Longhorns host Indiana in a three-game series beginning Feb. 24.

Texas has plenty of depth, except in the outfield, where the Longhorns will lean on Dylan Campbell. He finished last season with a .267 average and 10 home runs and 29 RBIs in 65 games.

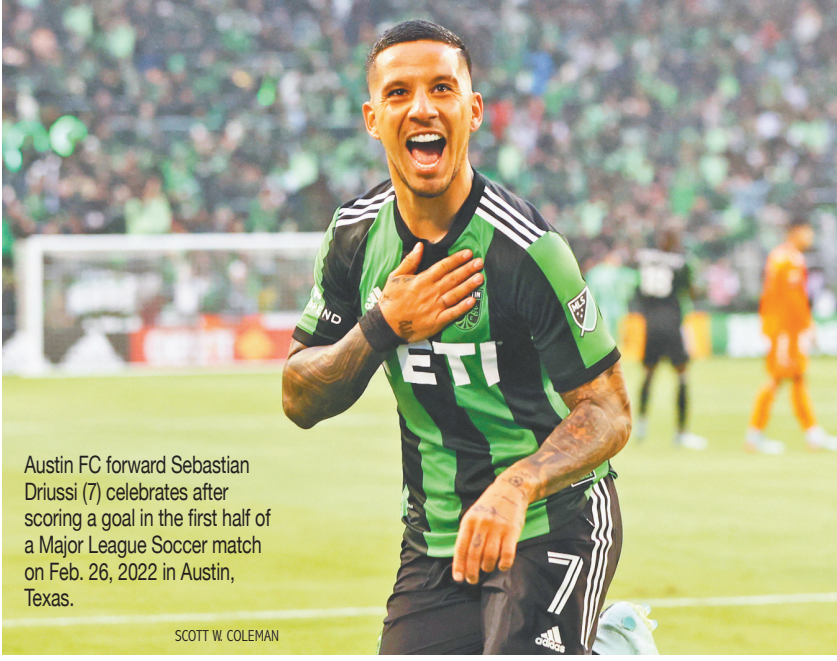
Tanner Witt, a shutdown pitcher out of the bullpen during his freshman year in 2021, missed most of last season after elbow surgery and is expected to return sometime in April.

Lucas Gordon is the most experienced returning starter after finishing last season with a 7-2 record and 3.05 ERA in 18 appearances. He had 77 strikeouts with 28 walks in nearly 86 innings.

Still, there are plenty of new faces on the roster this year.

"I've enjoyed taking a step back and teaching," Pierce said. "Sometimes with an older team, it's about reps. We're taking some steps back and really spend some more time with our teaching, which is nice."

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Austin FC forward Sebastian Driussi (7) celebrates after scoring a goal in the first half of a Major League Soccer match on Feb. 26, 2022 in Austin, Texas.

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# Austin FC signs Driussi to multi-year extension

BY ZACH SMITH  
HCN SPORTS EDITOR

It's impossible to write the first chapter of Austin FC's history without Sebastian Driussi.

Now, he's going to be around for the next few.

The 27-year-old Argentinian designated player signed a multi-year contract extension with the Verde & Black that includes three guaranteed years through 2025 with an option for the 2026 season.

"It's a beautiful story that I hope to keep writing," Driussi said.

He finished second in voting for the Landon Donovan MLS MVP award last season, was voted to the MLS Best XI and the MLS All-Star Team, was named MLS Player of the Month twice and to the MLS Team of the Week on 11 occasions.

"What he's been able to do in a short time is establish himself as one of the best players in the league," Wolff said. "He demonstrated what he is to this city and league in a really quick manner. He is driven by championships, and he talks about that to us."

Per league rules, the terms of the deal were not disclosed. But reports say the new contract will make him one of the highest-played players in the league.

Driussi arrived midway through the

inaugural Austin FC season in 2021, scoring five goals with five assists in 17 appearances.

He was a finalist for the MLS MVP last season, finishing second in the league with 22 goals to go along with seven assists. He scored three times in the playoffs, leading Austin FC to the Western Conference Finals in its second-ever season.

"I'm really happy here," Driussi said. "I love the city and the people and the team and I love the project that the team has. My family is really happy here and I would sign this 10 more times if I had to."

Before joining Austin, Driussi began his professional career in 2013 as a 17-year-old with River Plate in his native Argentina, where he scored 31 goals in four seasons.

He moved to Zenit St. Petersburg of the Russian Premier League in 2017. With Zenit, Driussi scored 25 goals in 119 appearances, helping the team win three consecutive domestic league titles and qualify for the UEFA Champions League for three consecutive seasons from 2019-2021.

"The first six months (in Austin) were the hardest, especially the first two, because it was a new culture and I wasn't used to anything around here," Driussi said. "It was very quick after that, the trust in the coach and everyone made it easy."

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Chief among the outgoing players from a year ago was Ivan Melendez, who was the first Texas player to win the Golden Spikes Award after leading the nation in home runs (32), RBI (94), slugging percentage (.863), and total bases (214).

He was selected 43rd overall in the MLB Draft, one of eight Longhorns selected.

"We're all cognitive of how the transfer portal has changed so many things,"

Pierce said. "You add that with so many guys drafted and a couple of free agents, it's going to be a very different team. But I think there's a great balance."

The coaching staff is new, too.

Longtime assistant Sean Allen left the program, while Phillip Miller, another long-tenured assistant was shifted to a special assistant role.

Additions to the staff

include former Baylor head coach Steve Rodriguez, former San Jacinto Junior College pitching coach Woody Williams and former Duke pitching coach Chris Gordon.

"The combination of Woody's experience and Chris being more of an analytical guy has been awesome," Pierce said. "The simplicity they have for getting back to things, they've been a huge addition."



Texas guard Rori Harmon (3) moves the ball during a Big 12 women's college basketball game between Texas and Texas Tech on Feb. 8, 2023, in Austin.

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## LONGHORNS

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got to knock out some other stuff."

Texas made a late charge but had its winning streak snapped with a 66-61 loss at Iowa State on Monday despite 19 points in 40 minutes for Harmon. The Longhorns

still lead the Big 12 by half a game.

The Longhorns return to Moody Center on Sunday when they take on West Virginia. They have a bye next week and travel to face Oklahoma on Feb. 25.

"We'll find out a little bit about our team," Schaefer said. "We're going to be smart, but we've got to embrace it. There are no guarantees that you're going to be in this position again as a college player."

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