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NEWS AND FEATURES FROM UT-AUSTIN'S SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

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## Austin-Bergstom airport keeps lines short despite record-breaking numbers

Travelers are up at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport with events like Fl and ACL in Austin. To manage the traffic, the airport increased staff and signage to ensure travel is still swift.



### Travis County voter turnout trending lower than last midterms



Less Travis County voters are at the polls thus far in the midterm elections, with numbers 9% down from 2018. According to Brian Smith, professor at St. Edwards University in Austin, there are fewer high-profile contests in this election, leading to less public interest.

## Longhorn Share program launches, provides mental health support

Newly established peer support specialist program 'Longhorn Share' works to change the mental health conversation. Student participants are trained to actively listen and ask questions to help students through tough situations.



#### **OUR TOP STORY**

Award-Winning Chef Edgar Rico's Taqueria Is Giving Back, One Free Meal at a Time



Edgar Rico, chef and co-owner of Nixta Taqueria, hosts the biggest community fridge in East Austin, a project born of the financial struggles of the COVID pandemic. Anyone can use the fridge, which is stocked with donated groceries and prepped meals.

"It just has been something that's really important to me, just because I grew up with my own experiences with food insecurity."

-Aleph Cookery, volunteer at ATX Free Fridge Project





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#### MORE OF OUR LATEST HEADLINES



#### Enrollment down in Austin Community College criminal justice program

There are over three hundred fewer students enrolled in the criminal justice program at Austin Community College, following a nationwide trend for police departments.



# UT women's basketball program balances high expectations with new faces

After reaching the Elite 8 two years in a row, coach Vic Shaefer and theh UT community have high hopes for the women's basketball team. They recently hosted a public scrimmage in the new Moody Center against an all-male student practice squad.



# Texas Book Festival returns to Austin, spreads literary spirit

The Texas Book Festival, hosted in East Austin, is back with a "lit crawl" and opportunities to meet authors. Although it's just one weekend, the festival donates books to students at Title One schools year-round.

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- Attempted kidnapping in West Campus
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