



NEWS AND FEATURES FROM UT-AUSTIN'S  
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## OUR TOP STORY

UT's Board of Regents is looking to extend its \$20 million contract with consulting firm Bain & Company. The plan will emphasize areas in which UT is already naturally strong, including energy and environmental sciences.



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## OUR LATEST HEADLINES



### [Amid Texas Debate Over Teaching About Racism, 'Refusing to Forget' Soldiers On](#)

Refusing to Forget, a Texas-based nonprofit, has worked to increase awareness of incidents of racial violence aimed at Latino Texans throughout the early 20th century.



### ['Conversion Therapy' Aimed at Queer People Remains Legal in Texas](#)

The practice known as conversion therapy emerged in the late 19th century and remains legal in 22 U.S. states, including Texas. Despite several legislative hearings, bills to outlaw the practice in Texas remain elusive.



### [Youth Athletes Happy to Get Back in the Game](#)

Most youth sport programs in the Austin area have returned to in-person practice and games. The number of participants in i9 Sports in South Austin decreased significantly in 2020 compared to 2019.

*["It's important for me to keep fighting, not for this politically correct fiction, but for the truth. History is both pretty and ugly,"](#)*  
*[Sonia Hernández, co-founder of Refusing to Forget and Texas A&M University history professor.](#)*

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**Austin Veteran Arts Festival Aims to reduce suicide through the arts**

The Austin Veteran Arts Festival aims to help heal veterans through art therapy. Now being held for a third year, the festival invited more than 100 veterans to participate with their paintings, documentaries and dance performances.



**Independent Music Shops Celebrate Record Store Day. Amid Supply Chain Delays**

Record Store Day started in 2007 to promote the revival of vinyl records and boost revenue at independent record stores. In its 14th year, Record Store Day has become an internationally recognized event that draws exclusive releases from dozens of superstar bands.



**UT Invests Millions in Becoming World's Highest-Impact Public University**

UT has set a goal of becoming the highest-impact public university in the world. In doing so, UT's Board of Regents is looking to extend its \$20 million contract with consulting firm Bain & Company.

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*"When I paint, I throw some music on, I'm totally involved in what I'm doing, and sometimes I'll paint for hours and hours and hours and not think about anything else."*

*Drew Corbin, first-time participant*

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**WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON**

- Keep a look out for ReportingTexas' TV coverage on The Austin Pets Alive! foster cat program
- International study abroad programs at UT as variants spread
- How global supply chain issues are affecting Austin businesses

