

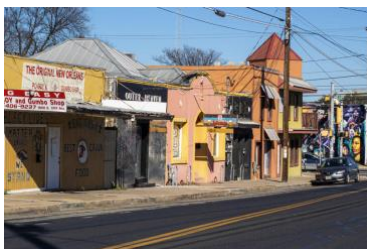
OUR BIG STORY

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[Doctors Provide Support for Pandemic-Related Mental Health Issues](#)

As COVID-19 vaccines roll out, students and psychologists reflect on how isolation and online routine have impacted young people's education and mental health during the pandemic.

For further reading, check out last week's [story](#) on the pandemic's impact on the mental health of minority students.



[Six Square Aims for Brighter Future for Black Residents](#)

Austin's Black population is dwindling, and formerly Black neighborhoods are gentrifying rapidly. Some residents worry about losing connection to African-American history and culture. The organization Six Square aims to protect that connection.

[NCAA Tourney Amenities Prompt Call for Greater Equity in Women's Sports](#)

This year Texas hosted all 63 games of the NCAA women's basketball tournament. From the weight rooms to food and COVID testing, the tournament highlighted the disparities between men's and women's athletics.



[Cricket's Popularity Reflects Central Texas' Changing Demographic](#)

Cricket, a team sport using a bat and hard ball is thriving in Central Texas. Immigration from countries where cricket is popular, such as Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and South Africa, has fueled the rise of the sport.

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THE LATEST HEADLINES

[Without Assistance](#)

For millions of Americans, the most recent stimulus checks they received offered temporary financial reprieve in the middle of an unprecedented pandemic. A group impacted by these stimulus checks, or missing out, have been college students across the country.





[Central Texas Food Bank a Godsend for Residents During Pandemic](#)

Food banks around Texas are seeing skyrocketing demand. Food insecurity has always been a problem in Texas and the pandemic has furthered the issue. The pandemic has caused an increase in the number of people relying on Texas's food banks.

[Blood Donation Centers Respond to Multiple Challenges](#)

Blood donation sites were among many businesses affected by COVID-19 closures and are now implementing new strategies to encourage needed donations like mobile drives and community-based partnerships.



[COVID-19 Hamstrings; Then Came Turnovers](#)

After having their season cut short in 2020 due to COVID-19, the University of Texas men's basketball program's 2021 season ended short for a very different reason: turnovers.

“We had tracking devices we had to wear to make sure we weren’t in close contact with people. When the season started we ramped up COVID testing from once a week to three times a week, sometimes four.”

– Andrew Deutser, UT Men’s Basketball Walk-On

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- + A look at the 40 Acres Fest this weekend on campus
- + The governor's executive order to not allow vaccine passports
- + Bringing live music back to Austin
- + Houston teachers coping with COVID in the classroom
- + UT’s Asian community confronting anti-Asian discrimination

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