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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Rising diesel prices threaten to push up costs across Texas: [CBS News Texas](#) called on economics expert David Quigley (College of Business) to discuss the costs of the Iran war in terms of rising diesel fuel prices. Dr. Quigley also served as a subject-matter expert for an article by [Modern Retail](#) looking at the potential of higher tax refunds boosting consumer spending.



EXPERT INTERVIEWS



Exhausted, nature-deprived viewers flock to 'Slow TV' animal cams: [The Los Angeles Times](#) introduced its readers to the world of nature livestreams as a stress reliever and turned to UTA expert Rebecca Mauldin, associate professor in the School of Social Work. Dr. Mauldin highlights a key takeaway from her research that few think about: Nature livestreams also foster strong online relationships, which can be seen in chats and comment sections.

UTA business professor sees uncertainty ahead for financial markets, mortgage rates: Inflation was seemingly under control until the conflict with Iran began and all bets were off, financial and real estate expert Sriram Villupuram (College of Business) told [Fort Worth Report](#) business reporter Bob Francis.

How daylight saving time changes can alter health, public safety: UTA sleep expert Christine Spadola (School of Social Work) continued her tour of Texas to help folks better adjust to daylight saving time. [KETK](#) in Tyler and [Telemundo](#) in San Antonio were the latest to call on her for tips to help keep your circadian disruption to a minimum. [Yahoo!](#) shared.

MORE NEWS

March Madness: Why sports betting is booming among young adults: [Yahoo!](#) and [Phys.org](#) shared a [UTA media release](#) digging into sports gambling among young adults and the perfect storm that is March Madness. The study was conducted by Melissa Lewis, left, and Dana Litt from the School of Social Work.



\$500K gift creates hospitality professorship at UTA: The [Fort Worth Report](#) included in its Education Notebook the announcement of UTA's first endowed academic position in the Hospitality Management program by virtue of a \$500,000 gift from Roland G. Parrish.

Experts discuss severe weather preparation at national storm conference at UT Arlington: [CBS News Texas](#) broadcasted live from UTA as emergency management experts from around the state convened to examine worst-case weather disasters.

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