



# In the News

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**UT Arlington introduces first women's flag football coach:** [WFAA](#) and [Spectrum News](#) covered the introductory press conference for UTA's inaugural flag football coach Melinda Nguyen. "This is an opportunity to make history in a sport that I'm very passionate about." Click the photo to watch Tuesday's press conference.



## EXPERT INTERVIEWS



**Dallasites can catch two lunar eclipses in 2026. Here's when and how to see them:** [The Dallas Morning News](#) tapped UTA Planetarium Director Levent Gurdemir to discuss two lunar eclipses this year that will be visible to North Texans—a total eclipse before dawn in March and a partial eclipse late in August. Unlike solar eclipses, lunar eclipses are safe to view without special glasses. "The tools to watch an eclipse most people are already equipped with," Gurdemir said, "which are a set of eyes."

## MORE NEWS

**Arlington raises awareness about sex trafficking ahead of World Cup:** The [Fort Worth Star-Telegram](#) covered the "Shatter The Silence" event to promote awareness about sex trafficking ahead of the World Cup and quoted social work Professor Kathleen Preble about the difficulty to properly measure how prevalent sex trafficking is in any one place.

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**Soft, air-powered exoskeleton may help reduce job-related muscle strain:** [NewsBreak](#) shared a [Safety+Health](#) article about the soft, air-powered exoskeleton developed by UTA researchers. It shows promise in helping workers reduce muscle strain.

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**This allows snakes to survive months without food:** The German publication [Spiegel Science](#) noted UTA genome researcher Todd Castoe in an article about research into how snakes have evolutionarily lost a gene necessary for the body to produce ghrelin, also known as the hunger hormone, which regulates digestion, appetite, and fat storage.

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