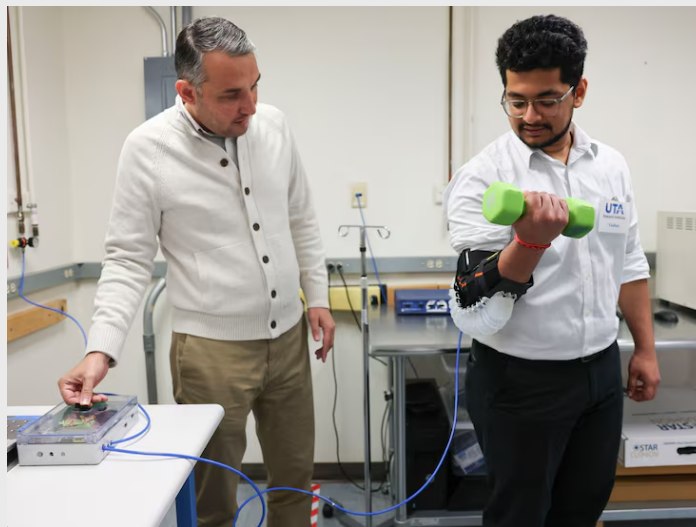


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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Robotic arm made in North Texas could help in rehab and the workplace: Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, [The Dallas Morning News](#) featured the development of a robotic arm by researchers at UTARI. The soft robotic exoskeleton lightens the load—literally—by reducing strain on the arm and elbow. Hopes for the device are centered on improving the lives of people whose mobility has been limited by medical conditions such as a stroke or cerebral palsy.



A Texas murder case went cold. Then college students found a suspect: [USA Today](#) is the latest national outlet to tell the story of Dr. Patricia Eddings' cold case class that helped the Arlington Police Department solve a 34-year-old murder mystery. The article details the creation of the course and how these students pored over evidence to find a new twist that [led to an arrest](#) of a woman on Nov. 6.

EXPERT INTERVIEWS

Texas Governor Abbott vows to eliminate school property taxes, but how?: Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, Sriram Villupuram (College of Business) spoke to the [Fort Worth Star-Telegram](#) about Gov. Greg Abbott's proposal to eliminate school district property taxes for homeowners. With a personal income tax banned by a 2019 constitutional amendment, Dr. Villupuram says, "the feasibility depends on what's going to take the place of property taxes."



MORE NEWS



UT Arlington names program's first-ever women's flag football coach: [The Dallas Morning News](#) provided coverage of UTA's hiring of Melinda Nguyen as its first women's flag football coach. It is the first Division I program in Texas. Nguyen guided Kansas Wesleyan to a 49-17 record over three seasons, reaching the NAIA Flag Football Finals in all three seasons. "This is an opportunity to make history in a sport that I'm very passionate about," she said.

HF Controls' \$450K gift backs nuclear and AI research at UTA: [Dallas Innovates](#) reported on the \$450,000 gift from HF Controls to support research led by Yonghe Liu (College of Engineering) on how AI can improve the development, testing, and validation of nuclear plant systems.

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