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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ross Fire continues to spread—How wildfires impact freshwater supplies long after flames are out:

Facilitated by the media relations team, [WFAA](#) interviewed Adnan Rajib, assistant professor of civil engineering, to discuss what happens after the fire is out. Dr. Rajib also joined [KVUE](#) in Austin to explain the differences between the Ross Fire and the massive 2024 Smokehouse Creek Fire in the Panhandle.



UTA research targets drug-resistant bacteria:

Facilitated by the media relations team, [Spectrum News](#) visited the lab of Qing Tang, assistant professor of biology, to discuss her research that targets drug-resistant bacteria. Backed by a new federal grant, the research could help identify better ways to treat dangerous infections.

EXPERT INSIGHTS



What to know about NASA's next telescope, lifting off Sunday morning:

Facilitated by the media relations team, Planetary Coordinator McKenna Dowd spoke to the [The Dallas Morning News](#) about the special public event held at the Planetarium Saturday in celebration of the launch of the Roman Telescope. [Yahoo!](#) shared the story.

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In a Dallas court, the most complete recounting yet of the surrogacy controversy: In an interview facilitated by the media relations team, Heather Jacobson, professor of sociology and a reproductive scholar, provided expertise to [The Dallas Morning News](#) for an article on a highly publicized surrogacy case playing out in a Dallas courtroom.

EXPERT INSIGHTS

Dallas-area birds are building nests with plastic trash: [The Dallas Morning News](#) spoke with Katie Fisher, lecturer in visual communication design, about her research on how Dallas-area birds use human-made materials to build their nests.

Tarrant County employers no longer just wait for graduates. They're helping teach them: Tamara L. Brown, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, participated in a Fort Worth Chamber panel event on Aug. 20, the [Fort Worth Report](#) reported. "I have absolutely no interest in UTA just being a university in this community and in this region," Dr. Brown said. "I want us to be a university for this community, for this region."

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