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The Weather

The high yesterday 57° This morning's low 27°

Today: Sunny with a high temperature near 64°,
and a W-SW wind at 5-10 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear and the low temperature will dip to near
36°. Winds will be SW at 5 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny skies and a high temperature near 66°.
Winds will become N-NE in the morning at 5 mph.

Overnight Wednesday: Mostly clear skies with the low
temperature near 36° with wind becoming calm.

Thursday: Sunny skies with a high temperature near 68° wind
will be light from the west.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear skies with a low near 40° and
wind becoming W-SW at 5 mph after midnight.



New Jersey — 35%, Miami, Florida — 34%, West Palm Beach,
Florida — 34%, Fort Lauderdale, Florida — 34%, Jacksonville,
Florida — 31%, Portland, Oregon — 29%, Only one larger city —
Kansas City, Missouri — where rents fell 0.8%, saw costs decline,
according to Redfin.

66% of Teachers Considering Leaving

A whopping 66% of educators throughout Texas said they have recently considered leaving their jobs, according to a Texas AFT survey released today. Texas AFT President Zeph Capo said that teachers' extraordinary discontent has been festering for a long time but has increased over the past couple of years over concerns about COVID-19 safety and health. The survey of 3,800 Texas AFT members was conducted in November.

"The fact that two-thirds of educators are thinking about quitting is really frightening. In addition to long-neglected low wages and the stress of increasing workloads, the Omicron surge has created unbelievable chaos," Capo said. "Educators witness every day the devastating effects on our students when schools have staffing shortages. It's only going to get worse unless teachers' concerns are addressed."

Teachers reconsidering their choice of profession blamed low pay and stagnant paychecks, increasing workload, and concerns for their safety. When asked what would make teachers stay in public education, our members surveyed said the top changes would be:

45% said they want pay Incentives (retention bonus, pay raise).
35% said they want changes to workload (fewer responsibilities).
8% said they want workplace safety improvements

"Teachers need a livable salary that allows them to live in the same district they work in," Capo said. They need a saner workload that doesn't make them sacrifice every evening and weekend with their families. And they strongly believe that we need fully funded schools, so they don't have to spend \$400 out of

Rent Increasing

Americans can't seem to catch a break when looking for a place to live: The monthly rent in America's 50 largest cities rose an average of 14% in 2021, while climbing far higher in the most coveted markets, housing data show.

In December, the average listed rent in the U.S. was \$1,877 per month, according to Redfin, a Seattle-based real estate brokerage. Growing housing costs add to the financial pinch Americans are feeling from inflation, which is rising at its fastest pace in decades.

Austin, Texas, saw the biggest increase last year, with average rent rocketing up 40% compared to 2020. Redfin economist Daryl Fairweather called the surge "mind-boggling."

For comparison, in 2020, average monthly rents across the U.S. rose only 3% compared to a year earlier, according to Redfin data. Other metropolitan areas where rents shot up last year: Nassau County, New York — 35%, New York, New York — 35%, Newark, New Jersey — 35%, New Brunswick,

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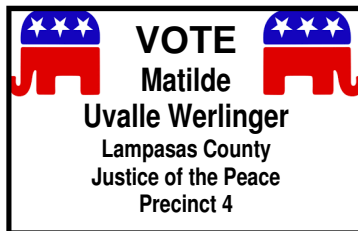
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The Blotter



The Lampasas Police Dept. Blotter for Monday shows a domestic disturbance reported in the 700 block of Old Georgetown Rd. at 9:27am. The afternoon shows a report of lost property in the 300 block of E. 3d St. at 4:28pm, a reported harassment on Perkins St. at 5:39pm and suspicious activity reported in the 400 block of E. 7th St. at 6:40pm. There was a reported theft in the 200 block of W. 3rd St. at 8:19pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Monday shows Lometa with an animal issue and an alarm call. In Kempner there were medical calls, and a missing persons report. Out in the county there were reported disturbances, civil matters, a report of lost/found property, and an accident.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 26 year old Leslie Pacheco of Bloomington California for fraud.

The Burn Ban is in Effect!

their pocket each year to stock their classrooms. And they want a safe working environment.”

Another Texas AFT survey of educators in January showed that only 12% of the 2,500 respondents felt safe being on campus in the Omicron surge.

Capo said in addition to the problem of relaxing safety protocols, members surveyed in January also noted the side effects of the surge. Teachers are paying out of their own pocket for N95 masks. Bus drivers cover two or three routes each day. Nurses are left alone with no one available to help, spending 95% of their time testing students and staff for COVID or trying to do what contact tracing they can. School employees asked to do the impossible with next-to-no-resources—not even guaranteed paid COVID leave if they themselves get sick.

An AFT nationwide survey, however, showed that parents strongly support their schools and teachers more than ever before. The survey of 1,308 parents in December revealed that: 72% say their children's public school provides them with an excellent or good quality education. 78% think the quality and performance of their children's teachers are excellent or good, up 7 points from 2013 (with only 5% saying poor). 79% are satisfied with their children's public schools when it comes to helping their children reach their full potential

Capo added: “They're asking to be provided with N95 masks and rapid tests, to be able to take leave when they're sick. This is basic stuff.”

“Our message to leaders and politicians is: Listen to teachers, to school staff, to students, and to parents. We want to work together in developing solutions to the real issues in our school like safety, supporting students through a crisis, and retaining dedicated, qualified school staff members.”

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Sports

Lady Badger Basketball

The ladies are now 24-11 for the season and will go into the playoffs as the #3 seed as they won the flip with Brownwood. The ladies play at Lago Vista at 6:15 today and host Priddy at home on Thursday at 6pm. Both of these teams are undefeated district champs.

Badger Basketball

Badger Basketball is 2nd in the district, where the standings look like this:

Brownwood 5-0

Lampasas 5-1

Glen Rose 2-3

Gatesville 2-4

Stephenville 0-6

The Badgers next game is Friday the 11th in Gatesville.

Lady Badger Soccer

The ladies travelled to Academy Saturday and brought home a big win beating Academy 6-0. The ladies are now 2-2 on district play.

Bella Lindsey had 3 goals and 1 assist, Brylie Turner had 2 goals, Nevaeh Stevens had 1 goal. Anna Burgess, Nyla Long and Becca Nobles had 1 assist each and Keona Cartwright had a shut out.

The girls travel to Gatesville tomorrow to take on the Hornets at 5pm.

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