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HOUSING

Renters targeted, they say

Know your rights when moving in or out, tenant advocates recommend

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When Victoria Post first moved into Lakeside Urban Center Apartments in August 2023, she didn't know what to expect. Neither the 28 year old nor her roommate had ever lived in an apartment.

With its waterfront view and full range of amenities, Lakeside Urban was a picturesque rental property in the upscale Las Colinas community.

What started as an ideal living situation for Post and her roommate has become a contentious nearly yearlong battle over hundreds of dollars in disputed move-out charges after allegations of damage that have led to debt collection and threats to their credit scores.

Legal advocates who specialize in housing issues told *The Dallas Morning News* that experiences such as Post's are the reality for countless renters across the country. This is particularly true in Dallas, they say, because the city grapples with a persistent housing shortage that gives landlords an advantage.

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WASHINGTON

Fed governor suing Trump to keep job

Official accused of mortgage fraud in case that could make it to Supreme Court

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Gov. Lisa Cook will sue President Donald Trump's administration to try to prevent him from firing her, her lawyer said Tuesday.

"President Trump has no authority to remove Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook," said Abbe Lowell, a longtime Washington lawyer who has represented figures from both major political parties. "His attempt to fire her, based solely on a referral letter, lacks any factual or legal basis. We will be filing a lawsuit challenging this illegal action."

The case is likely to end up at the Supreme Court and could more clearly define the limits of the president's legal authority over the traditionally indepen-

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THE 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Siren bill passes House 136-0



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The Guadalupe River is seen in an aerial view Aug. 9 in Ingram. On July 4, the river overflowed its banks in the Hill Country in flooding that killed at least 137 people — including 27 campers and staff members at Camp Mystic, a popular girls' summer camp.

Legislation calls for warning system in parts of state prone to flooding

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AUSTIN — The Texas Water Development Board would be charged with identifying flood-prone areas in the state and requiring municipalities in those areas to install flood sirens under a bill passed by the Texas House on Tuesday afternoon.

Senate Bill 3, by Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, was filed in response to the July 4 Hill Country floods that killed at least 137 people — including 27 campers and staff

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members at Camp Mystic. In the aftermath of the flooding, various lawmakers, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, said sirens needed to be installed in an effort to save lives.

Rep. Terry Wilson, R-Georgetown, said rural communities that are in flood-prone areas have youth

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Camp Mystic, which was located near the Guadalupe River, was devastated by the July 4 floods. Various lawmakers have said warning sirens need to be installed in an effort to save lives.

IMPORTED GOODS

End of exemption for small orders is a big deal

Online businesses, of all sizes, fear tariffs' effects on shoppers

By MAE ANDERSON
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Low-value imports are losing their duty-free status in the United States this week as part of President Donald Trump's agenda for making the nation less dependent on foreign goods and resetting global trade with tariffs.

An executive order signed last month eliminates a widely used cus-

REVENUES may top \$500 billion a year, official says. **7A**
CONSUMER confidence dips. **3B**

toms exemption for international shipments worth \$800 or less starting Friday, nearly two years earlier than the deadline set in the tax cuts and spending bill approved by Congress.

Although the president previously ended the "de minimis" rule for inexpensive items sent from China

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Jenny Kane/The Associated Press

A Sight for Sport Eyes, an online store and shop in West Linn, Ore., has routinely received shipments from the U.K., the Netherlands and Italy that fell under the de minimis dollar cutoff. Prices will go up, the shop's owner says.

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Illinois to Trump: Stay away

Illinois' Gov. JB Pritzker protests troop deployments to Chicago. **3A**
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Fair admission costs more

Tickets purchased online for admission to the State Fair of Texas will cost a little more for fairgoers than they did in previous years. **1B**

BUSINESS

App for college football fans

A new mobile app by Dallas startup Sportsmo will let users see play-by-play updates and make donations during college football games. **3B**

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