



TEXAS: Fair, cool, with gusty north winds. Expected range Saturday, 44-64. Friday, 58-75. More US Weather Bureau data Page 16.

A Greater Newspaper Every Weekend

Austin American Statesman (1871–1980)

Newspaper of the Lone Star state's capital

AS THE LEADING newspaper in the capital of Texas, the historical *Austin American Statesman* provides researchers with unique insights into the political, economic, cultural, and social life of this important state, as well as the southwest U.S. from the late 19th through the 20th century. The paper has strong central Texas coverage, especially for political reporting.

Founded in 1871, the newspaper started out as the *Democratic Statesman*. Its political origins were based on the state's Democratic Party. By 1873 the paper began daily morning publication, and in 1914 the *Democratic Statesman* took over the *Austin Tribune*. The newly consolidated paper began to publish each afternoon as the *Austin Statesman and Tribune*. And, in November 1973, the *Austin American* and the *Austin Statesman* were combined and became the *Austin American Statesman*.

Topics covered include:

- Reconstruction Period of Texas
- Development of Austin as a primary railroad hub of the southwestern U.S.
- Founding and growth of the University of Texas
- Austin Dam collapse
- Evolution of Austin as the state capital

Curriculum Focus

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Why the *Austin American Statesman*?

- **Full access to this historical newspaper:** Users can study the progression of events, people, and places over time by browsing this easily accessible primary source historical material from 19th to 20th century Texas. Full issues of the *Austin American Statesman*, which offers coverage of 1871–1980, are available, including news articles, photos, advertisements, classified ads, obituaries, cartoons, and more.
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April 17, 1900: The Austin Dam collapsed, killing several dozen people and left the city without power.

August 2, 1966: Armed with multiple firearms, student Charles Whitman, killed 14 people at the University of Texas.

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