

## Hurd calls for no-fly zone

Former U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-San Antonio, said President Joe Biden and leaders of NATO should consider establishing a "humanitarian no-fly zone" over war-torn Ukraine.

"You prevent other aircrafts from coming in that space, but you're not using that to target Russian tanks and things like that," Hurd said on Sunday's edition of *Loose Star Politics*, a political show produced by *The Dallas Morning News* and KXAS-TV (NBC5). "You're preventing the Russians from maintaining an air superiority over the Ukrainians."

Last week Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pleaded with members of Congress to back a no-fly zone over Ukraine and fortify his country's air defense systems against Russian strikes. But Biden and NATO have ruled out enforcing a no-fly zone in order to avoid a military conflict with Russia, a nu-

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clear power. Specifically, Biden says he doesn't want World War III.

Hurd, a former CIA clandestine officer, disagrees that a no-fly zone would provoke World War III, and pointed out that Russian President Vladimir Putin could deploy a nuclear weapon whenever he saw fit. It's important, Hurd said, to stand up for the principles of freedom and democracy.

"We've said we're going to defend NATO countries, if one Russian boot steps in there. If that happened in Poland, we would use the entire force of NATO and the United

States," Hurd said. "It goes back to some very basic principles: protect innocent lives ... do everything we can to prevent the loss of life."

Hurd said he doubts Russia wants to fight a war on multiple fronts, despite Putin's bluster.

"They're having a hard time fighting the Ukrainians right now by themselves," Hurd said. "Do you want America involved in that? Do you want NATO involved in that? Do you want that they would probably try to open up a multi-front war, they're having difficulty already, but we have to be prepared for them to escalate."

Hurd's view reflects the complexities of the Russia-Ukraine war on American politics, particularly inside the Republican Party, where a small minority of congressional members haven't supported some efforts to stop Russia's aggression.

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### RICHARDSON POLICE

## 2 officers sue city over tickets

Claim that department has illegal quotas led to '21 probes

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Two Richardson police officers filed a lawsuit last week alleging that the department requires illegal traffic ticket quotas.

The lawsuit against the city and senior police officials was filed Thursday in Dallas County on behalf of officers Kayla Walker and David Conklin.

Eric Roberson, an attorney representing the officers, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The lawsuit was not avail-

able in court records Saturday.

Police Chief Gary T. Little denied that his department has traffic ticket quotas.

Such quota systems are illegal under the Texas Transportation Code. The officers are asking a judge to declare the policy illegal and stop the department from instituting ticket quotas for patrol officers.

Walker first came forward with the ticket quota allegations at a Richardson City Council meeting in April 2021, saying senior members of the

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## Bursts of celebration

Above, a group of men and women formed a circle as they danced and tossed powder at each other during the Holi Mela Dallas Festival of Colors at Southfork Ranch in Parker. The annual event on Saturday included a 2.5-mile Color Run, with proceeds going toward Ukraine relief programs; live DJs; Dhol drummers; and multicultural street food. At right, Dee Hill performs a belly dance.



### SOUTH DALLAS

## 10 shot, several injured at party

Gunfire broke out early Sunday at a spring break event hosted by teenagers

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A mass shooting outside a party venue in South Dallas early Sunday left 10 people shot and others injured during the rush to escape gunfire, police said.

Dallas police said officers responded about midnight to The Space Dallas, in the 5200 block of Botham Jean Boulevard near U.S. Route 75, to reports of a shooting.

Police and Dallas Fire-Rescue told WFAA-TV (Channel 8) that several people had been injured and crews took people to hospitals in at least four ambulances. WFAA reported the victims were aged 14 and older.

One person was reportedly in critical condition, police said Sunday afternoon. The conditions and injuries of the other victims were not known.

Police have not said whether an arrest has been made.

Joe Morgan, 55, was working crowd control at the venue Saturday night, where a group of teens were hosting a spring break party, he said. Morgan said hired security for the event confronted some of the patrons before he heard the sound of multiple guns being fired from across the street.

Morgan said "chaos" erupted, and he was trampled by people fleeing

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