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## BURNING QUESTIONS

With **Tim Madigan**, author of many books & former reporter

Tim will talk about his book "The Burning" featuring the 1921 Tulsa race riots & lessons learned instructive for today's society in racial issue debates

Wednesday, 3/20, 6-8:30 p.m.  
Joe T Garcia's 2201 N. Commerce Street  
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#### QUICK HITS

- Arlington Conservation Council monthly program, "Citizens' Climate Lobby: an Introduction," with **Paula Luna**, Arlington Chapter co-leader — 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, Fielder House Museum, Fielder Road at Abram Street, Arlington. [Info.](#)
- Texas Center for Community Journalism two-day workshop, "Feature Writing: Crafting the Stories that Engage Readers," with wordsmith **Tim Madigan** and photojournalist **Ian McVea** (limited to one representative per paper; no charge for hotel stay, food and workshop tuition, thanks to a grant from the Texas Newspaper Foundation) — 4 p.m.-4 p.m. March 7-8. [Info.](#)
- Hispanic Communicators DFW workshop, "The Best Apps for Journalists," with **Tommy Noel**, The Dallas Morning News; **Christy Robinson**, KERA; **Lourdes Vazquez**, Univision; **Juan Arango**, Diario Sport in Barcelona, Spain — 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 9, The Dallas Morning News. [Info.](#)
- BRIT Reads Book Club, "When Women Were Birds" — noon-1 p.m. March 18 (every third Monday). [Info.](#)
- Writers Guild of Texas monthly program, "Self-Editing Essentials: Proven Methods for Enhancing Every Manuscript," with editor/author **Blake Atwood** — 7 p.m. Monday, March 18, Richardson Public Library. [Info.](#)
- BRIT Research Lecture, "Saving native trees in the urban environment" — noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 19. [Info.](#)
- Meetups: [North Texas Editors](#) ... [Bedford Science Fiction Writing](#) ... [DFW Self-Publishing Group](#) ... [GFW Writers](#) ... [Writers Anonymous – Support and Education](#) ... [Fort Worth Chapter – Nonfiction Authors Association](#) ... [Kidlit Critique](#) ... [Trinity Arts Writers Workshop](#) ... [The Writer's Critique](#) ... [Lonestar Sci Fi, Horror, and Fantasy Fans](#) ... [20BooksTo50k - Michael Anderle](#) ... [Fort Worth Area Journalists Meetup](#) ... [The DFW Bloggers Classroom](#)

IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB *Listings in [journalismjobs.com](http://journalismjobs.com) and [dfwcommunicators.com](http://dfwcommunicators.com) appear in this report.* ... The Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau has an opening for a PR and digital media specialist. [Info.](#) ... The Dallas Business Journal seeks a lead designer to design weekly print edition, including editorial special sections and reports, as well as other duties. [Info.](#) ... The Star-Telegram says it has an opening for an investigative reporter. [Info.](#) ... Texas Instruments seeks a content marketing program manager; position requires strong writing, editing and storytelling skills, including experience using various forms of written and visual content and earned, owned and paid channels to reach the intended audience. [Info.](#) ... The Houston Business Journal is looking for a managing editor to serve as the newsroom's chief operating officer. [Info.](#)

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# Lieber's 'Amon!' play lands a stage



Artisan Center Theater executive producer **Richard Blair**: "When we read Mr. Lieber's play, we were stunned and transfixed at the humor, passion and visionary legacy of **Amon G. Carter**. To a person, we all agreed, **THIS STORY MUST BE TOLD!** **Dave Lieber** is a phenomenon. Very few playwrights hit it out of the park on their first creation. It is clear the 15 years he dedicated to this work were a labor of love. We can hardly wait for our audiences to learn about Amon Carter and his legacy."



left to right from top left:

**Matt Hall**, San Diego Union-Tribune; SPJ national board member

**David Bryant**, Killeen Daily Herald

**Cassie Stafford**, KFDA Amarillo

**Yvette Walker**, Gaylord College of Journalism, University of Oklahoma; SPJ national board member

**Beth Frerking**, keynote speaker, The Dallas Morning News

**Robert Hart**, Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer

**David Wood**, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist; author of "What Have We Done: The Moral Injury of Our Longest Wars"

**Nereyda Vera**, KXVA Abilene

**Raymond Ruiz**, founder of nonprofit El Gato Media Network; SPJ newsroom trainer on how to use Facebook products

**Mitchel Summers**, KXVA Abilene

**Sandra Gonzalez**, SPJ digital tools trainer

## Heavy-hitters portend power-packed R8

**WHAT:** SPJ Region 8 Conference, theme "Shining the Light" (a play on The Washington Post's "Democracy Dies in Darkness" slogan)

**WHEN:** Friday, March 22 (reception with hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, wine, beer), and Saturday, March 23 (continental breakfast, morning and afternoon breakout sessions, awards luncheon and closing panel, "Journalists Under Attack: How to Fight Back and Regain Trust")

**WHERE:** Tarleton State University in Stephenville, about 80 miles southwest of Fort Worth

**TOPICS:** launching a career in TV journalism; fake news — how to spot it, how to combat it; Google tools and how to use them; Facebook tools for journalists; going freelance and the launch of an SPJ freelance network; how to take better news photos; covering the military and the aftermath of war; taking TV sports reporting to the next level

**IS THIS ALL OF THE PRESENTERS?** hey, you holding out for the ghost of **Adolph Ochs**? these are just the ones confirmed at press time

**REGISTRATION:** \$40 in advance, \$50 at the conference

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**MORE INFO:** [Region 8 Facebook page](#), or call or e-mail conference coordinator **Kathryn Jones-Malone** with any questions: 254-974-0326, [kathrynjones1956@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynjones1956@gmail.com)

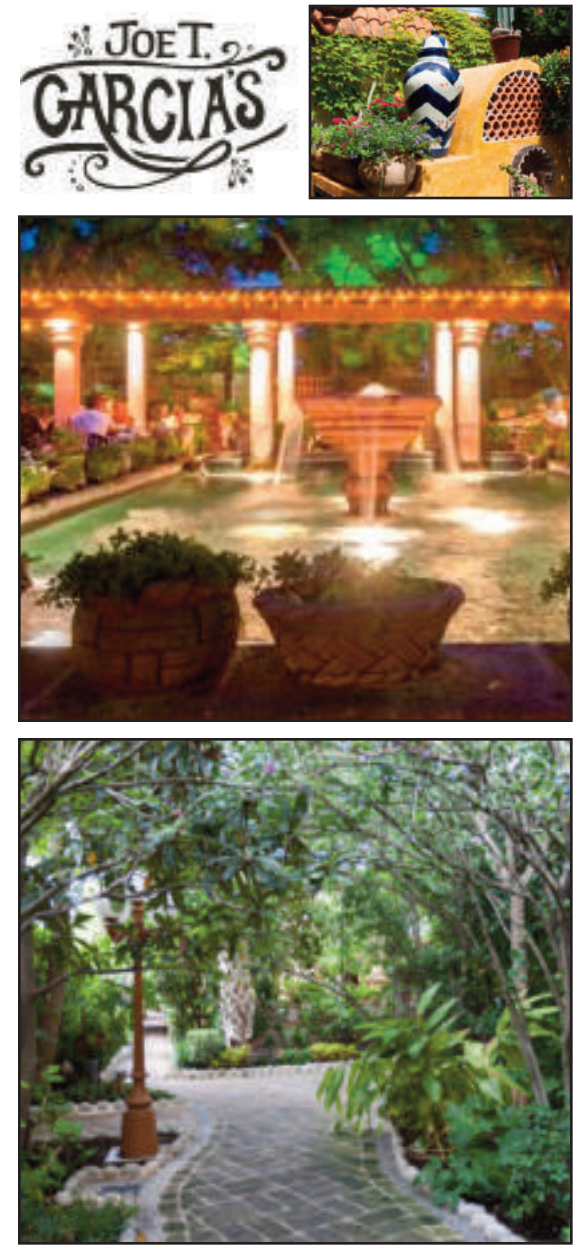
**POWER TO THE PEOPLE:** And there the people were, all 167 of them Feb. 16 at Interabang Books at Preston and Royal in Dallas, tanked up on Geritol and bubbling with consumer populist fervor at the chance to meet DMN Watchdog **Dave Lieber** and learn how to protect themselves.

### PEOPLE & PLACES

The Croly Award, sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, recognizes those who capture the courage, vision and spirit of **Jane Cunningham Croly**, a pioneering journalist who devoted her life to helping women improve their lives and expand their rights. The award winner must demonstrate a concern for the rights and the advancement of women in society; an awareness of women's sensitivity, strength and courage; and/or an attempt to counteract sexism. Apply by April 30. [Info.](#)


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**Beyond the Stats:  
Covering Healthcare**  
*Takeaways from the panel discussion in  
January at the KERA studios in Dallas*



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**Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas update:** During the 2019 legislative session, open government advocates hope they can convince lawmakers to demolish the legal barriers created by court decisions that restrict access to important public information. Among other things, these decisions prevent knowing how taxpayers' money is being spent. [Details](#). Related: Rep. **Todd Hunter**, R-Corpus Christi, has filed two major bills in the FOI Foundation/Texas Sunshine Coalition open government legislative agenda. House Bill 1655 would restore public access to dates of birth in many public documents, including criminal justice records and candidate applications. House Bill 1700 closes the "custodian loophole" in the Texas Public Information Act and would make it easier to obtain public records contained in officials' private devices or e-mail accounts. [Details](#). ... [Corpus Christi Caller-Times: What are SLAPP lawsuits and why do you need a law to protect you from them?](#) ... [Commentary: Transparency, economic development regulations are dying in Texas](#). ... The League of United Latin American Citizens filed a lawsuit Jan. 29 against Texas Secretary of State **David Whitley** and Attorney General **Ken Paxton**, seeking to force state officials to release the data used in support of Paxton's claim that nearly 100,000 voters may not be U.S. citizens. The suit calls Paxton's announcement a method of voter suppression, meant to instill fear in Hispanic voters. "That's all they're doing," said **Luis Vera**, LULAC's general counsel. "They've done it in Florida; they've done it in Arizona and other states. It's voter intimidation, voter threats." [Details](#).

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OVER & OUT | [John Dycus](#), Fort Worth SPJ

The lead headline in this issue should make your heart beat like an ax handle on a wash tub. It stirs the imagination that the [Fort Worth Press](#) has been reborn as a nonprofit. Old name, cutting-edge funding model. It works for The Texas Tribune and appears to be working for Oklahoma Watch and Truthout and the more than 180 nonprofit U.S. newsrooms that are members of the [Institute for Nonprofit News](#), which, by the way, the INN estimates have a staff of about 3,000 — including nearly 2,200 journalists — and combined annual revenue approaching \$350 million. Follow along at [fortworthpress.org](#). We keep seeing light at the end of a tunnel. Maybe this time it isn't a train.

SPJ Factoids: According to the 2018 Kopenhagen Center Report, [women earn less and experience negative company cultures in the communications industry](#). The report also found that many middle-managing and junior-level positions are held by women. ... While the U.S. has the privilege of free press, other [countries continue to struggle with media suppression](#). Under a new administration in Uzbekistan, all journalists imprisoned by the previous administration have been released. ... Covering a shooting is made even more difficult when it's close to home. To further complicate things, hate-mongers are free to spread their beliefs on social media. [What's a journalist to do?](#) ... With help from [journalism students](#), a Miami man was freed after 12 years behind bars for murder. **Tony Brown's** freedom came thanks to students from the Medill Justice Project at Northwestern University, who interviewed a prison inmate who admitted Brown was not the killer. ... **Damian Radcliffe** shares his "[Lessons learned](#)": seven ways news outlets can rebuild trust and sustainability."

Caught my eye. [NRC recklessly disregards critical lessons of Fukushima](#). ... [Climate change is killing reindeer in the Arctic](#). ... [Texas has enough sun and wind to quit coal, Rice researchers say](#). ... [Vulnerable nuclear waste stockpiles becoming global crisis](#).

Closing words: "Don't love deeply, till you make sure that the other part loves you with the same depth, because the depth of your love today, is the depth of your wound tomorrow." — **Nizar Qabbani**, the most popular Arab poet

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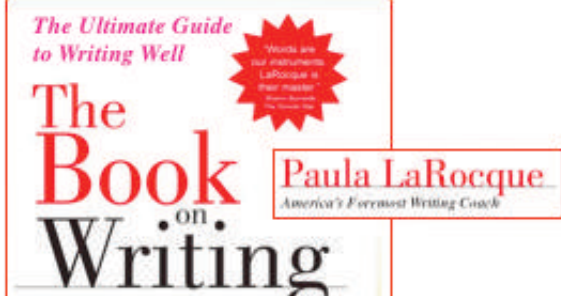
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