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The Houston Chronicle seeks a "versatile high-energy reporter" to cover Covid-19 lockdowns: When will isolation end, and what happens next?

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The Intensity of the Coronavirus outbreak has forced cancellation of this year's awards and scholarship banquet scheduled for Friday, April 17. This will not affect the chapter awarding scholarships and naming winners in the First Amendment Awards contest. Other ways are being considered to celebrate those winners, to raise money for the scholarship fund, and to thank those who continue to support SPJ and journalism in this very troubled time. More information will be coming soon. Stay safe.

In the days of hot type, a chaser was a late edition of the newspaper for which the presses were not stopped until the plates were ready. Those pages were said to be "chasing" a running press.

In these times when journalists are disrespected, condemned, ridiculed, assaulted and constantly face layoffs, pay cuts and worse, let it be known that we honor and support journalists and journalism. Keep at it. Your work is important to the people and essential to democracy itself. - Roger Sumners
Undeterred by the global health crisis and their schools closing — by having to file stories from their kitchen or their car — college journalists in North and Central Texas soldiered on, informing their readers.

TCC Student Publications director Chris Whitley: “The Collegian student staff at Tarrant County College worked from home to put together an eight-page digital version, the first digital-only TCC newspaper in the school’s 53-year history. Students wrote about how the college initially defied the governor’s order to close, only to reverse itself after a firestorm of criticism. Students posted about each twist and turn regularly on The Collegian’s social media pages. Meanwhile, photographers surveyed the empty campus, and designers crafted pages on their home computers. The Collegian originally meant to take the following week off because staffers were supposed to attend the state college media convention. With that canceled, they decided to continuously create digital editions every week for the rest of the semester, come what may. ‘Virus ain’t stopping us,’ said editor-in-chief Jill Bold. And so launched a motto around which to unify for the semester.”

How student reporters and j-faculty in North Texas are adapting
McClatchy, the second-largest newspaper company in the United States, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Feb. 13. The filing will allow McClatchy to restructure its debts, and it hopes, shed much of its pension obligations. The new owners, a New York-based hedge fund Chatham Asset Management LLC, plan to operate McClatchy as a private company. Impact on employees in its 30 newsrooms was not immediately known. ...