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PEOPLE & PLACES



The mask is up to the task! **Jennifer Henderson** and her crew at J.O. make a statement and play by the rules, too.

QUICK HITS

- Arlington Conservation Council — no meetings scheduled, but volunteer activities abound at the Molly Hollar Wildscape in Veterans Park. [Info.](#)
- BRIT — it's all happening at the speed of Zoom; in-person activities, too. [Info.](#)
- GFW PRSA virtual webinar, "Unheard: Black Lives and the Fight for Justice," with black Southern communicators **Adena J. White**, APR; **Kara Wilkins**; **Katrina Dupins** — 11 a.m. Friday, July 31. [Info.](#)
- Meetups: [hosting an online event](#) Fort Worth Chapter – Nonfiction Authors Association ... [Trinity Arts Writers Workshop](#) ... [20BooksTo50k](#) - [Michael Anderle](#) ... [Fort Worth Area Journalists Meetup](#) ... [The DFW Bloggers Classroom](#)

IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB *Listings in [journalismjobs.com](#) and [dfwcommunicators.com](#) appear in this report.* The Dallas Observer has an opening for a news editor. Requirements include at least three years of editorial management and an "instinctual knack for daily digital journalism." Job is full time with benefits. [Info.](#) ... Dallas-based Advocate Online Media seeks a "conscientious, relationship-building" reporter/editor. AOM produces four award-winning glossy magazines, along with companion web and social media sites, and it says readership exceeds 500,000 people monthly. [Info.](#) ... The Killeen Daily Herald in Central Texas seeks an experienced print/digital investigative reporter to cover city leadership and issues important to residents. Requirements include ability to track city finances, communicate frequently with council members, and file (and follow up on) document requests. [Info.](#) ... Cover City Hall for The Dallas Morning News. [Info.](#) ... The Denton Record-Chronicle seeks an "aggressive, entrepreneurial, digitally savvy journalist" to cover city government and community life in Denton and Denton County. [Info.](#)

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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 Summers

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“What is good journalism?”

FROM CHAPTER PREZ KAREN GAVIS I hope this finds everyone safe and well. As journalists, we spend vast amounts of our time writing in solitude, but surely no one was prepared for the lockdowns and social distancing brought on by the pandemic.

We have paid a price in cancellations, including our Region 8 Conference and SPJ’s in-person national conference, which would’ve been in Washington, D.C. Sadly, our summer social also bit the dust. Yet as my term as president ends — thank you, Fort Worth SPJ, for the opportunity to serve — there are positives to embrace as well.

Our chapter started 2020 with lots of enthusiasm, which helped maintain momentum as we pressed on during the crisis. While pulling together to meet challenges, we held our first digital banquet, amplified our social media presence and even conducted an online garage sale, which helped ease cabin fever for some during the lockdown.

It all took teamwork, and I believe our upcoming events will demand more of the same plus creative planning. Some programs may move online. Some meetings could take place outdoors. Whatever form the program or venue requires, I look forward to seeing everyone again soon. Take care!

TEXAS CENTER FOR COMMUNITY JOURNALISM With Texas a hotspot for covid-19 cases and regularly breaking records, the Texas Center for Community Journalism moved its Aug. 14 revenue workshop online. The South Texas Press Association made a similar decision for its August convention. Watch the TCCJ website and Facebook page for details. Co-director Kathryn Jones: “Thank you for your understanding as we continue to try to help Texas newspapers and also keep you all safe. The last thing we want to do is put folks at risk.” The decision reflects a larger TCCJ shift to virtual training from in-person workshops at Tarleton State University in Stephenville and at the university’s new campus in Fort Worth. TCCJ will be using social media more to share resources and show how community journalists are covering the pandemic around the state.

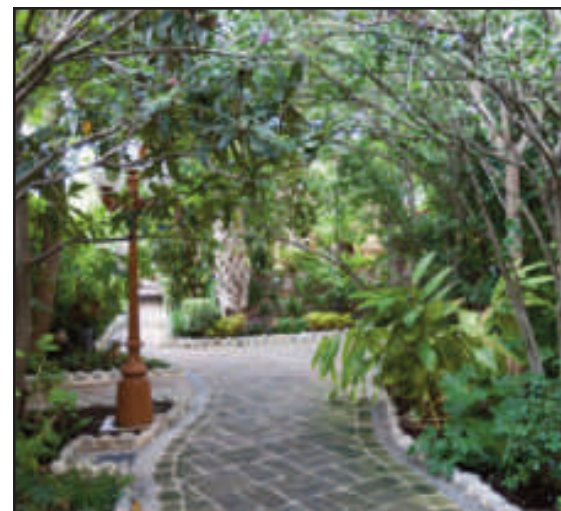
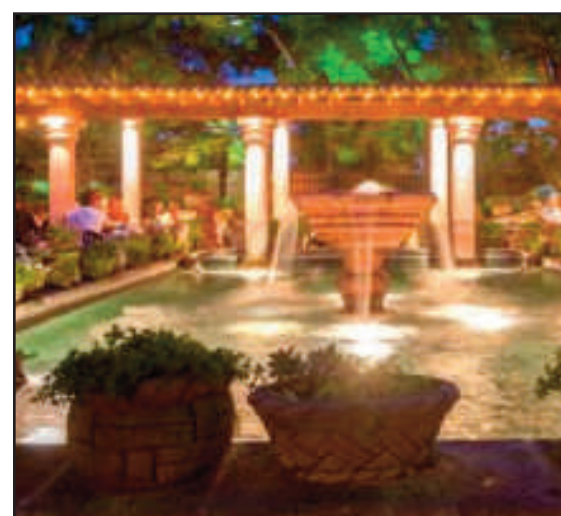
F.O.I.F.T. UPDATE: In a strong ruling for open government, the Texas Attorney General’s Office has rejected most arguments presented by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for concealing information on nursing home names and locations where covid-19 outbreaks have occurred. The attorney general ruling July 6 required release of the bulk of information requested earlier this year by numerous organizations and individuals. Details. ... Travis County will ask the attorney general whether it can withhold communication about a police transparency bill that the county registered in opposition to in 2019. This comes in response to a KXAN-TV public information request regarding county communication about House Bill 147, which aimed to close the so-called dead suspect loophole. The loophole is an exemption in Texas public records law that allows law enforcement agencies to withhold information when a suspect dies in police custody. Details. ...

Watler: Texas should make police body cam video, citizen complaints public

GETTING THE WORD OUT, ONE WEBINAR AT A TIME Two potentially powerful remote info sessions are on tap — “The State of Press Freedom on Campus and Around the World” at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 30, and a virtual media panel at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, with journalists from metroplex news outlets. • #1 Student journalist Sydney Charles, Student Press Law Center staff attorney Sommer Ingram Dean, Courtney Radsch with the Committee to Protect Journalists and SPLC fellow John Wilson will explore the obstacles journalists encounter in covering covid-19 and the unprecedented number of journalists being assaulted, arrested or otherwise prevented from documenting protests related to police violence. More here. • #2 Chris Connelly, KERA News; Robert Francis, Fort Worth Business Press; Luke Ranker, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and Lauren Zelanik, KTVT/CBS 11 will discuss covering and coping with the pandemic and its impact on staffing, assignments and the news business overall. More here.

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Dave Lieber in his Zoom room, conducting the annual DMN interns orientation on the fine points of storytelling. Just like always, except this year he could not buy them all pizza for lunch.

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

When statesmen walked the earth. [Bobby Kennedy](#) announces **MLK's** death, April 4, 1968. ...

In a new [Freedom of the Prez](#) post, SPJ president **Patricia Gallagher Newberry** shares how it's all about the virtual at headquarters. She discusses what you'll get for a ticket to the SPJ 2020 Journalism Conference this September and some of this year's changes. ...

Fascinating concept that [The Dallas Morning News](#) might unionize. So what seems to be the worst possible timing might really be the best? [Behind the scenes at @DallasNewsGuild](#). To ask A.H. Belo to voluntarily recognize the Dallas News Guild, go [here](#). ... Over the past several years, digital media has seen some of America's most explosive labor organizing. Now union activists are [changing the rules](#) and helping save newsrooms from cuts. The Los Angeles Times Guild [struck a deal with the Times](#) to avoid more than 80 newsroom layoffs and other cuts. Vox media and New York Magazine labor unions [negotiated with parent company Vox Media](#) and came to an agreement that while 9% of its workforce would be furloughed from May to July, there would be pay cuts and reduced hours for many employees but a guarantee of no layoffs through the end of July.



SPJ factoids: A test for the digital-subscription model is seeing some success. Pre-pandemic, The Athletic, a sports-news subscription service launched in 2016, had reached [more than 500,000 subscribers](#) and expected that number to double by the end of the year. **Alex Mather**, co-founder and chief executive officer, said the site makes roughly \$64 per subscriber a year. ...

The Pentagon [proposes to cut funding](#) for Stars and Stripes, the independent military newspaper for U.S. armed forces that was first printed by Union soldiers during the Civil War. The 2021 budget request seeks to find money that could be moved from non-military applications into war-fighting areas. A Defense Department spokesperson said about 35% (\$7 million) of the newspaper's budget comes from federal funding. ...

News organizations across the country are [facing a racial reckoning](#). The New York Times and The Washington Post are [promising major changes](#) to move forward on race and address diversity and inequities in their newsrooms and their coverage. ...

Reporters Without Borders has documented violations of the media's [right to cover covid-19](#) in 47%, or 90 of the 193, of United Nations member countries since the pandemic began, and the worst violations are not limited to countries with poor rankings in the [World Press Freedom Index](#). ...

Several high-profile stories recently have caused journalists to [re-examine their longtime reliance on police as a source](#).

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Closing words [with gratitude to **Garrison Keillor** and Prairie Home Productions: "I may sometimes be willing to teach for nothing, but if paid at all, I shall never do a man's work for less than a man's pay." — **Clara Barton**, who founded the American Red Cross ... "Philosophy is like trying to open a safe with a combination lock: Each little adjustment of the dials seems to achieve nothing; only when everything is in place does the door open." — author **Ludwig Wittgenstein**

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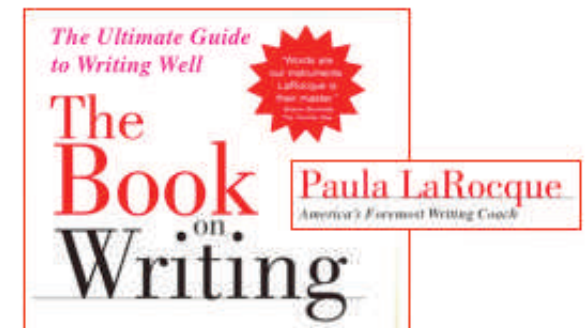
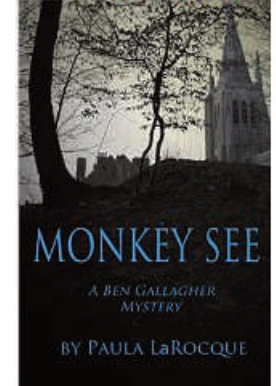
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