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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

* 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.

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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. [Info.](#)
- GFW PRSA virtual webinar, "Taking a Stand for Ethics," with Veterans Administration whistleblower **Paula Pedene**, APR, Fellow PRSA — noon Wednesday, Sept. 2. [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 Association of Certified Fraud Examiners in Austin seeks an editor in chief to run the daily editorial operations of Fraud Magazine, ACFE's flagship publication, a four-color, bimonthly magazine with global circulation exceeding 70,000. [Info.](#) ... The Dallas Observer is looking for a news editor with at least three years of editorial management experience and a firm basis in SEO and social media strategies. [Info.](#) ... The Dallas Morning News seeks an editorial writer to join its editorial board. [Info.](#) ... The pioneering Bell, the first company to break the sound barrier and to design the first functional jetpack, seeks a director of marketing communications and brand engagement; work out of Bell's Fort Worth headquarters. [Info.](#)

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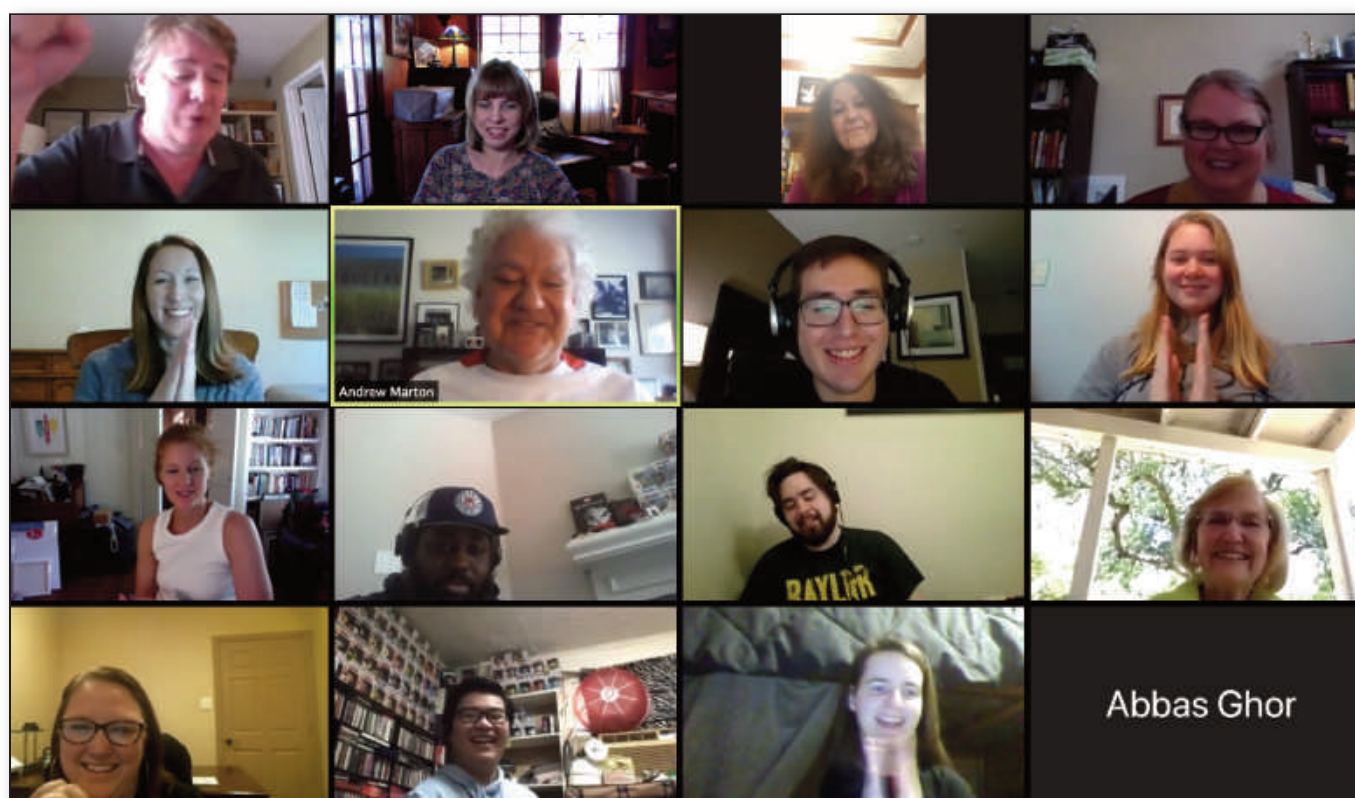
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“What is good journalism?”

Handsome showing by area student journalists

Tarrant County universities and colleges overpowered the in-depth reporting, feature photography and editorial cartooning categories in SPJ Mark of Excellence judging in the spring. UNT swept the online/digital feature videography category. The tally: UNT five first places, 10 finalists; UT Arlington five first places, six finalists; Baylor one win, 11 finalists. TCC scored six finalist placements, TCU earned one win, and Texas Wesleyan was a finalist in one category.



Adviser **Chris Whitley**, upper left, leads the cheers over the Texas APME naming Tarrant County College's The Collegian the state's best non-daily college paper. The news came as Collegian staffers were having their end-of-year awards ceremony,

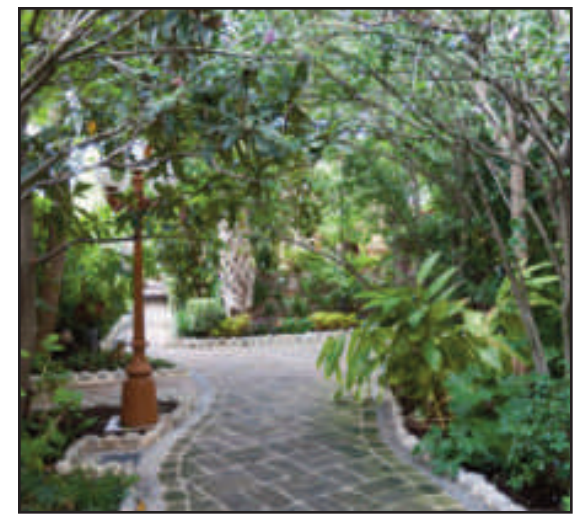
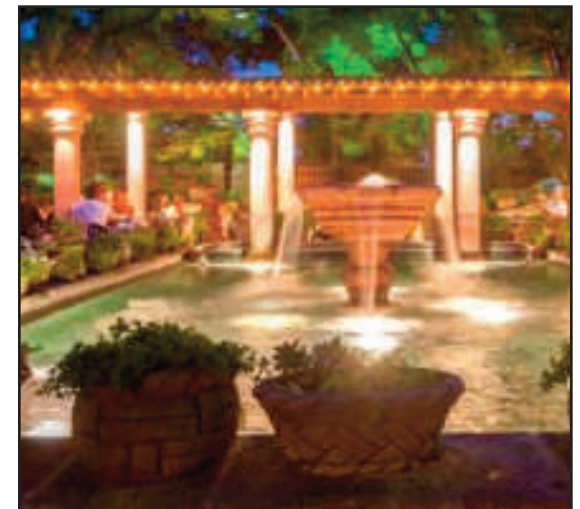
The Collegian Tarrant County College's newspaper was named Texas' best non-daily college paper in the Associated Press Managing Editor Awards on May 1. It's the second straight year and the fourth time in the last seven years that The Collegian has received the award. The news came as Collegian staffers were having their annual end-of-year awards ceremony, this time on Zoom. The staff created digital issues from home since the college shut down in March. The staff also won 15 awards in the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association contest, including **Christa Jarvis** being named Two-Year Designer of the Year. And the paper won six regional SPJ Mark of Excellence Awards, including essentially finishing second in the region in Best All-Around Student Newspaper to the University of Oklahoma.

The Shorthorn When UT Arlington closed, the spring 2020 staff kept on publishing online daily through the e-newsletter with, among other news morsels, wall-to-wall coronavirus coverage and the resignation of the university president. Page views topped 300,000 in March. In spring conference news, the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association named **Reese Oxner** Editor of the Year and The Shorthorn first place in Overall Excellence in Division 1 (both website and newspaper), but the convention was canceled for the first time since World War II. The marketing team took a first at the CMBAM national convention, and **Jade Myers, Duy Vu** and **Chelsea Akpan** were regional SPJ Mark of Excellence winners.

F.O.I.F.T. UPDATE: After the Texas Attorney General's Office rejected most of the secrecy arguments made by the state Health and Human Services Commission, the agency is now releasing the names and locations of nursing homes and state living facilities with covid-19 outbreaks. The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, journalists and interested citizens requested the information under the Texas Public Information Act. The FOI Foundation and others made it clear they were not seeking information that would identify individual patients. [Details.](#)

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They're standing on their head in Indianapolis crafting a remarkable *remote* annual conference. [More here.](#) [Register here.](#) Inform yourself. And while you're doing the right thing, read these [timely updates](#) on the DMN union push. Visionaries seldom have it easy. Out west, LA Times Latino employees [have come together as the Latino Caucus](#) under the Los Angeles Times Guild. In a county where Latinos make up nearly half of the population, Latinos represent only 13 percent of the Times newsroom; of 109 editors and managers, only 11% are Latino. ...

SPJ factoids: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill student newspaper, the Daily Tar Heel, published [an editorial](#) Aug. 7 using a [profane headline to criticize the university](#) for how it has handled the return of in-person classes. Hours after the editorial published, the university announced a reversal to move to all-remote learning. ...

Tribune Publishing is [closing the physical offices](#) of the Daily News in New York, the Capital Gazette and the Carroll County Times in Maryland, the Allentown Morning Call in Pennsylvania and the Orlando Sentinel in Florida; the journalists there will continue working remotely for at least the remainder of the year, the company said. The Sentinel has been in its [downtown office](#) for 69 years. ...

It has been eight years since journalist [Austin Tice](#) was abducted in Syria where he was reporting on the country's civil war. Tice's family and the U.S. State Department believe he remains alive, held by forces loyal to the Syrian government. President **Trump** says Tice's safe return is a U.S. priority. ...

[Manipulated videos](#) and "deepfakes" are becoming more prominent and likely pose a threat in the 2020 election. Former SPJ national president **J. Alex Tarquinio** told [The Hill](#): "There's always been deception in politics, not least of all by some of the candidates themselves. But using deceptive videos on the internet to cast a politician in an unflattering light, that is something new." Fact Checker created a [guide to manipulated video](#) and broke down the three main ways video is being altered: footage taken out of context, deceptively edited or deliberately altered. ...

When "Plandemic," a 26-minute video pandemic conspiracy hoax, went viral across social media, ProPublica healthcare reporter **Marshall Allen** broke down his criteria for [sifting through content](#) to tell the difference between fair and biased reporting. Meanwhile, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) are now including misinformation warning labels. "Preventing epidemics of misinformation from spreading," **Renée DiResta** writes in [The Atlantic](#), "is easier than curing them once they've taken hold." ...

San Francisco reached a \$369,000 settlement with freelance journalist **Bryan Carmody**, whose home and office were raided in May 2019 by police trying to find the confidential source that leaked a report on the circumstances around the death of the city's former public defender. At the time, SPJ called the actions "over the top," adding, "The seizure of any journalist's notes or equipment sets a dangerous precedent." ...

Most of the Deadspin staff who resigned last year after their bosses mandated they "stick to sports" [have reunited to start a digital media company](#), Defector Media, that they will own and operate themselves. It's still a sports site, but the staff will be free to go off-topic. ...

The Houston Chronicle earlier this year became the latest major newspaper to stop publishing mugshots. Although mugshot galleries usually boost traffic to a website, the photos [can have a lasting impact](#) on those featured. The [Marshall Project reports](#) that a mugshot usually is the first thing to pop up in a Google search and often can feed into negative stereotypes.

Caught my eye: [Will the hydrogen revolution start in a garbage dump?](#) ...

NOAA: [March 2020 was the second-warmest March on record.](#) ... [Our food supply system is shaky, but it's not breaking, experts say.](#)

Closing words [with gratitude to **Garrison Keillor** and Prairie Home Productions]: "Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light." — **Helen Keller**

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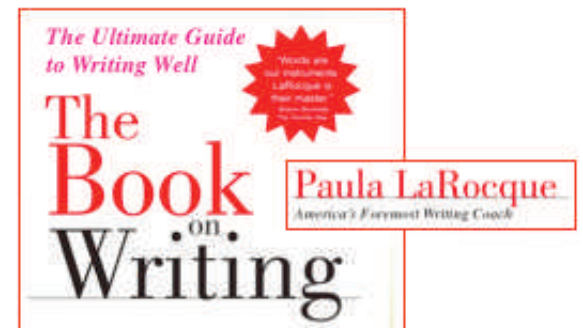
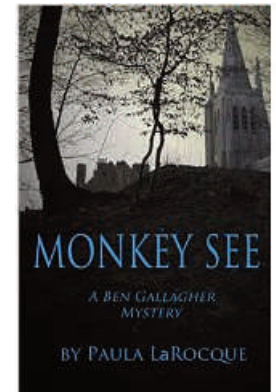


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