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 it up. Your work is important to the people and essential to democracy itself. — Roger Simmons

*In the days of hot typeset, a typesetter was a late edition of the newspaper for which the presses were not stopped until the pages were ready. Those pages should be "chasing" a running press.*
Pick your platform: SPJ21 goes hybrid

A trio of journalism power players — White House correspondent and “Washington Week” moderator Yamiche Alcindor, journalist and Latino USA anchor/executive producer Maria Hinojosa, and Pulitzer Prize winner and Chicago Tribune icon Clarence Page — will headline the SPJ national convention, Sept. 2-4 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.

The SPJ Board of Directors voted to make this year’s convention a hybrid affair, letting participants choose whether to attend in person in New Orleans or virtually from home or the office. SPJ21 is Sept. 2-4 and will feature outstanding educational programming, networking, career-building opportunities and social activities.

Both virtual and on-site attendees should anticipate a comprehensive conference experience. Watch your e-mail inbox and SPJ’s social media for registration details and more information.

Events will be streamed live and available later on demand for all attendees, and technology will allow virtual attendees to chat, network and interact in real time with event speakers.

F.O.I.F.T. UPDATE Texas lawmakers approved two key transparency measures this legislative session to ensure greater access to public records after some governments closed off information during the pandemic. Gov. Greg Abbott signed both bills in the final days of the session. The laws take effect Sept. 1. Senate Bill 930 guarantees the public’s right to know about coronavirus and other communicable disease outbreaks in nursing homes and assisted living centers. Senate Bill 1225 updates existing law to clarify how governmental bodies can use the “catastrophe notice” provision of the Texas Public Information Act.

The public will gain access to information on covid-19 and other communicable disease outbreaks in Texas nursing homes and assisted living centers under a bipartisan transparency bill signed into law May 24.

People & Places The Salt Lake Tribune has switched to totally digital except for one print newspaper per week — a weekender, distributed by mail. Some other newspapers have done the same. Fort Worth Star-Telegram unofficial historian Roger Summers forecasts more of this in 2021. Lauren Gustus, one-time editor of the Star-Telegram, is now Tribune executive editor. Jessamy Brown, rgn, APR, has completed her master’s degree in strategic communication and innovation from Texas Tech University. She serves as secretary on the 2021 Greater Fort Worth PRSA Board of Directors, and is an integral part of the communications team at JPS Health Network.
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Our friend Paula LaRocque faces significant rehab after breaking her hip. The LaRocques’ daughter, Carol Martin, drove from Ohio to Louisiana to help out and is looking for an apartment or small house and maybe a job. Any resources you can offer, such as housing or a job, please contact Paul LaRocque at paullarocque@sbcglobal.net.