

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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November Zoom program "Stop the Lip Service: Let's Talk About Diversity," next in the series of meetings on increasing diversity in journalism workspaces — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17. Among the panelists: **Jill Darden**, publisher, Fort Worth Black News. Watch for the link.



**The return of fun**

In the chapter's 75th year, the Cool Yule party returns to the schedule, and you just might win two nights for two in Las Vegas.

Bring books for the JPS readers' library and extra spending capacity for the gift drawing/auction ... 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, Joe T. Garcia's La Puertita (repurposed little church south of the main building) ... enchilada buffet, cash bar, \$30 ... **Dave Lieber** back as emcee.

The Fort Worth chapter was chartered in November 1946. Expect commemorative sidebars, like a toast to past chapter presidents, maybe to the oldest presidency in the room. **Roy Eaton** (1967-68), come on down!

Bring your memories. And clear space in the data bank for more.

Watch for Evite RSVP.

**QUICK HITS**

- Arlington Conservation Council remote monthly program, "Getting Up to (High) Speed on DFW Corridor Study," with **Ian Bryant**; **Chris Masters**, P.E.; and **Israel Crowe**, P.E., North Central Texas Council of Governments — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3. [Info.](#)
- FWBG | BRIT — Photographing with Natural Light, Nov. 5; Homeschool Day: Ecosystem Olympics, Nov. 8; Fall Japanese Festival, Nov. 13-14; Slow Garden Experience, Nov. 13; Self-Care Workshop: Cyanotypes and Light, Nov. 13; Iagemaking with Plants, Nov. 13. [Info.](#)
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IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB *Listings in [journalismjobs.com](#) and [dfwcommunicators.com](#) appear in this report.* ... UT Arlington seeks an assistant director of media relations. [Info.](#) ... The Palestine Herald-Press seeks an accomplished editor to direct a staff of three journalists and several columnists and stringers. [Info.](#) ... The Houston Chronicle is looking for an “engaging writer and proven journalist with a history of dogged reporting” to write editorials, Sunday essays and daily columns. [Info.](#) ... The 19th\* is hiring a chief technology officer to oversee the tech stack and infrastructure for its growing nonprofit news organization. Salary most serious. Remote work possible, but being in Austin preferred. [Info.](#)

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## SPJ president vows grassroots efforts to strengthen, expand chapters

SPJ is launching grassroots initiatives aimed at revitalizing local chapters and recruiting student journalists on college campuses, SPJ national president **Rebecca Aguilar** told Fort Worth SPJ members and guests in a September Zoom event.

"Local chapters need more attention from the national board. You do great things, but I often wonder, 'Is anyone listening?'" said Aguilar, the national organization's first Latina president, a former Fort Worth chapter board member and one of five national presidents from Fort Worth (**Phil Record** being the most recent in 1983-84).

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She cited the work by local chapters in providing ongoing professional education, mentoring student journalists and providing networking opportunities and available jobs as the core of SPJ's commitment to the profession.

For the next 12 months, she said, the national board will focus on strengthening ties between the national office and the chapters to make sure chapters have "what they need to grow and succeed." That effort will be promoted under the [#SPJChapterStrong](#) banner.

In the SPJ president's first public appearance since taking office — traditionally it's with the Fort Worth chapter — Aguilar said she has asked national committee chairs to plan events that include local chapters in Zoom panels or new initiatives. "We have to collaborate to become a powerhouse organization," she said.

She said SPJ should be the go-to organization among the many journalism groups formed over the years.

"We're all parts of other organizations, but we should wake up and say, 'What am I missing out on? Why am I not in SPJ?' That's what they should be saying."

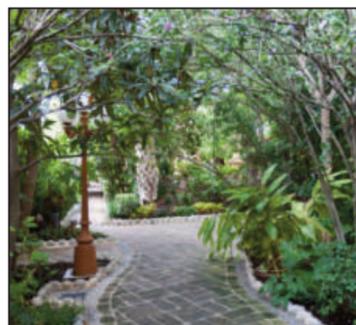
To develop continuity for the initiatives, Aguilar intends to share her agenda with president-elect **Claire Regan**, arts and education reporter for the Staten Island Advance, and engage with **Adam Sennott**, the national board membership chair and New England chapter president, on a "college outreach initiative" to increase student journalists' awareness of the educational and professional benefits SPJ can offer through membership in student or professional chapters.

— Robert Bohler



Partial tally at the September Zoom meeting.

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We're making a lunge at past joys and fresh happy when the Cool Yule party relaunches Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Joe T. Garcia's ecclesiastical banquet annex, La Puertita. High bid a Las Vegas two-nighter and see folks you haven't been around in, what, two years? I'm vaccinated and masked up and ready for a North Side fine time. ...

Here's a headline I like, and not just because I wrote it: [Texas Center for Community Journalism clawing out of pandemic with traveling writing coach, design workshop](#). Way to go, director [Austin Lewter](#), [Robert Bohler](#), [Broc Sears](#) and whoever's up next for taking the expertise to the people. ...

Nobody ever loved his workplace more than I did The Shorthorn at UT Arlington, but I often mused in the 1980s about the only other job I might equally enjoy — adviser for The Ranger at San Antonio College: Energized students who took measured risk for the right reasons. Progressive faculty who taught the First Amendment, tight writing, and print the truth. Now [most of the faculty are retiring and the program could go with them](#). Once there was greatness. It needs to happen again. The Ranger still has work to do.

**SPJ factoids:** The [Pandora Papers](#) are considered the biggest journalism partnership in history — [more than 600 journalists](#) from 150 media outlets reaching 117 countries. Using 11.9 million leaked offshore investment data files, the reporting explores financial secrets of 35 current and former world leaders and more than 330 politicians and public officials. ...

[Eric Falquero](#) at Street Sense Media was awarded the Robert D.G. Lewis Watchdog Award from the [SPJ Washington, D.C., Pro Chapter](#), and immediately he knew how he would use the cash prize — to pay the interns. He writes: "Unfortunately, we all know the facts: Unpaid internships [are racist and classist structures](#) that exploit less-experienced workers." ...

When [Maria Ressa](#), co-founder of Rappler, and [Dmitry Muratov](#), editor in chief of Novaya Gazeta, [won the Nobel Peace Prize](#), the chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee called the pair "[representatives of all journalists](#) who stand up for this ideal in a world in which democracy and freedom of the press face increasingly adverse conditions." ...

In a [letter to The New York Times' publisher](#), over 100 prominent figures in Latin America are urging The Times to continue publishing Spanish-written opinion journalism. Not related but related, the Los Angeles Times is [expanding its audience team](#), adding 15 positions. ...

Missouri Gov. [Mike Parson](#) called for a [criminal investigation into a St. Louis Post-Dispatch writer](#) who discovered a vulnerability that left the Social Security numbers of thousands of public school teachers exposed. ...

[Abdul-Hakim Shabazz](#) was [denied access to a press conference](#) held by Indiana Attorney General [Todd Rokita](#) because he was not "credentialed media." In 30 years covering politics, Shabazz had never been told his Indiana Department of Administration access badge was not enough. ...

[Danny Fenster](#), managing editor of the Yangon-based online news and business magazine Frontier Myanmar, has spent more than four months in pretrial detention in Yangon's Insein Prison and has been charged with a second criminal offense; the military has still not given a reason for the charges. [SPJ has called for Fenster's release](#).

**Caught my eye:** [New simulations model devastating effects of nuclear war on oceans](#). ... [Rising temps linked to bumblebee decline suggest mass extinction](#). ... [Air-gen tech harvests humidity to generate electricity](#). ... [Semi-transparent solar cells could make greenhouses self-sufficient](#).

**Closing words** [with gratitude to [Garrison Keillor](#) and Prairie Home Productions]: "When it comes to people, mercy killing is against the law. When it comes to fiction, it is the law." — [Stephen King](#)

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