

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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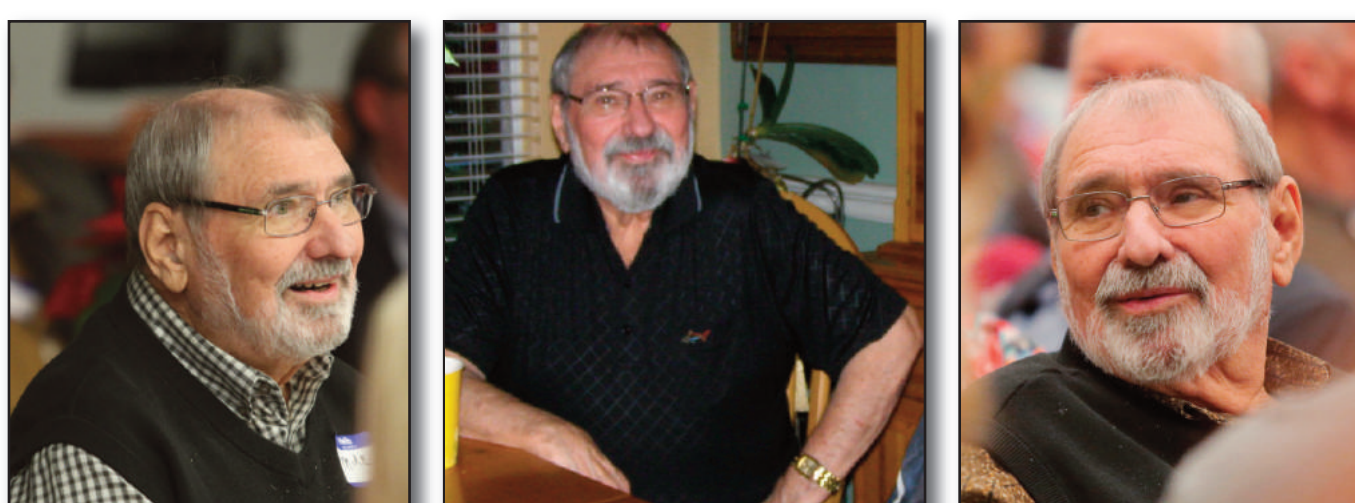


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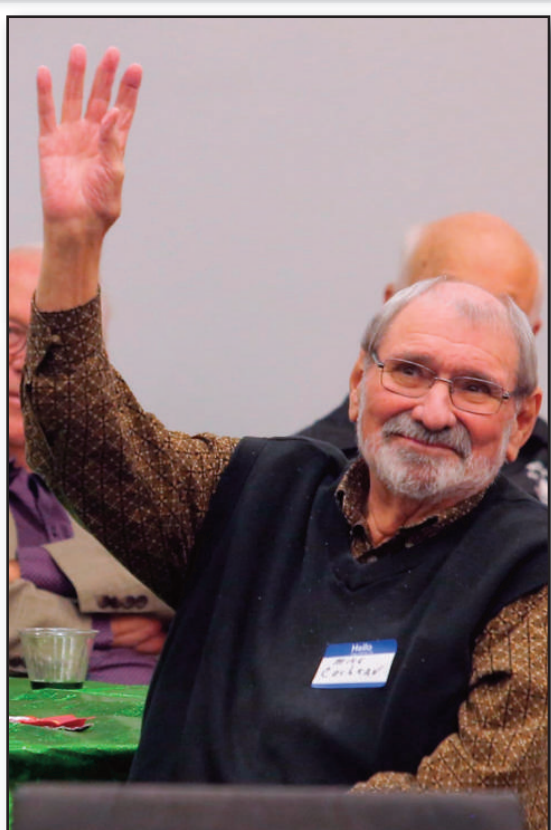
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Mike Cochran was a '57 Cadillac El Dorado Biarritz under a starry Stamford sky.

If you needed him, he was there. He knew how and when to ask the tough question. He covered everything — JFK's assassination, the Cullen Davis tumult, the Apollo 11 moon landing, the 1985 Mexico City earthquake. He was the journalist you wanted to be when you grew up.

Family and friends will celebrate his life at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan 29, at Greenwood Funeral Home. Expect tall tales.



MEMORIES OF MIKE | ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS | FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

The family would be honored by contributions to the Texas Gridiron Club, Fort Worth SPJ's scholarship endowment, P.O. Box 3212, Fort Worth 76113. Cochran was chapter president 1998-1999.

Next at Fort Worth SPJ ... updates on the homepage and Facebook page

QUICK HITS

- Arlington Conservation Council monthly Zoomer, "How Climate Change will Impact DFW," with **Ted Ryan**, National Weather Service — 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2. Info.
- GFW PRSA monthly program, "How We Built This: A Tale of Two Entrepreneurs and the Business They've Cultivated," with S&G Group's **Gigi Westerman**, APR, Fellow PRSA, and **Sandra Brodnicki**, APR — 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Colonial Country Club. Info.
- FWBG | BRIT — Homeschool STEM Studio: 3D Printing, Feb. 7; Dog Days, Feb. 19-20; Butterflies in the Garden ("marvel at the brilliantly colored living jewels fluttering through the Rainforest Conservatory"), Feb. 25-April 10; Spring Pruning: Trees and Shrubs, Feb. 12. Info.
- Meetups: hosting an online event Trinity Arts Writers Workshop ... Fort Worth Area Journalists Meetup

IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB Listings in journalismjobs.com and dfwcommunicators.com appear in this report. ... They're hiring at The Dallas Morning News — multiplatform editor, audience journalist, senior digital director — and at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram — content editor, service journalism editor. ... The Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post, the largest non-metro weekly in Texas, seeks a reporter to cover government, business, crime and features, plus maybe a little photography, video, podcast and website work. You'll be busy, but the views are great. Info. ... Speaking of nice places to live, the Weatherford Democrat needs a sports writer, emphasis Parker and Palo Pinto counties. Info.

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PEOPLE & PLACES Dave Lieber's new play — "PEROT! American Patriot" — is set for nine shows (Feb. 11-13, 18-20, 25-27) at the Coppell Arts Center, the city's new \$22 million venue. Theatre Coppell founder **Wheelice Wilson Jr.** is directing in the theater at the center named after him. In the play, the **Ross Perot Sr.** actor tells the remarkable story of how he started from scratch to build a family fortune estimated at \$7.4 billion. But the emphasis is not on money, but on the family's values and how love, business smarts and philanthropy were passed down from one generation to the next. Tickets. And now that you are of a certain mindset, Lieber would be happy to sell you a copy of his companion book, "Searching for Perot: My Journey to Discover Texas' Top Family" — the first Perot biography in 25 years. Lieber's previous play, "AMON! The Ultimate Texan," played 36 shows in six Texas cities before shutting down because of the pandemic.



F.O.I.F.T. UPDATE The Travis County district attorney determined that Attorney General **Ken Paxton** violated Texas' open records law by not turning over his communications from January 2021, when he appeared at the pro-**Trump** rally that preceded the deadly attack on the U.S. Capitol. Details. ... Fear of retribution from Gov. **Greg Abbott** contributes to Keller school officials' push to keep deliberations private on which books to ban. However, **Joe Larsen**, an attorney on the FOIFT board of directors, says book challenge committee meetings should be open to the public because of the decisions members are empowered to make. Details.

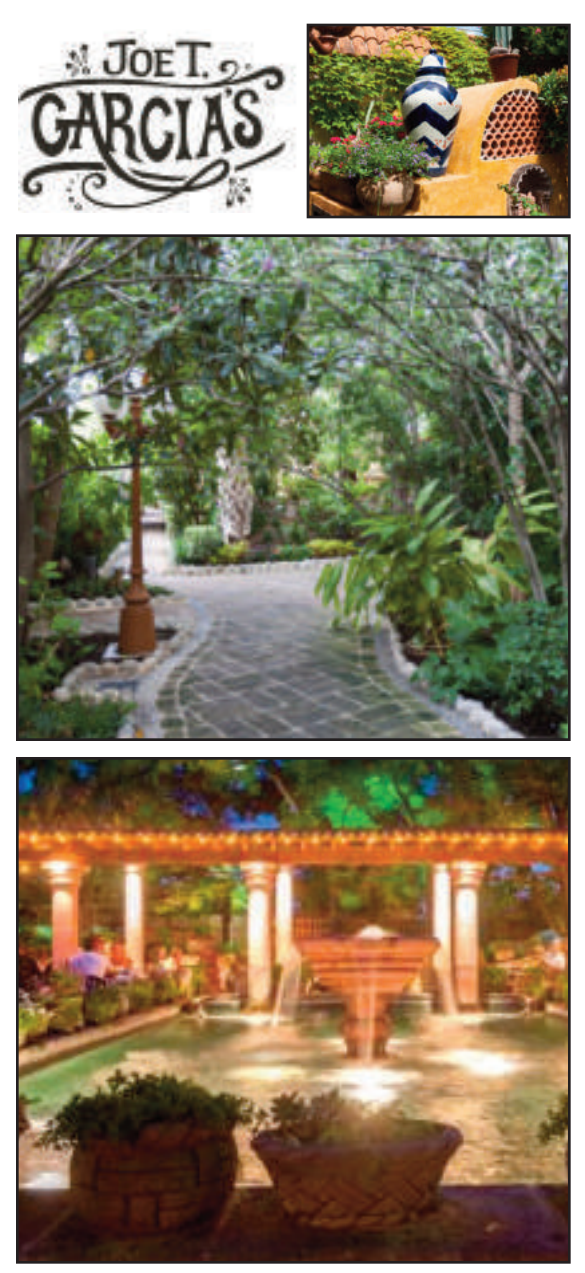
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OVER & OUT | [John Dycus](#), Fort Worth SPJ

When the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame quietly sought recommendations for **Mike Cochran’s** surprise (to him) induction, I [had some thoughts](#), you bet I did. Now, looking back, you would expect a [few choice words from the Associated Press](#), too. We all need heroes. Mike was one of mine. What a guy. ...

The country’s [first universal basic income experiment](#), in Stockton, Calif., appears to be showing positive results, with full-time employment in the UBI group growing faster than in the control group. Interesting, this. ...

Saw this on the internet the other day. *For the privileged, equality feels like discrimination.*

SPJ factoids: A Turkish court [resumed a trial](#) over the killing of Saudi journalist **Jamal Khashoggi**, who was named an SPJ Fellow of the Society in 2019. Khashoggi was murdered at the Saudi Arabian consulate in Istanbul while awaiting paperwork for his upcoming marriage. ...

CNN suspended anchor **Chris Cuomo** indefinitely after new revelations surfaced detailing his efforts to help his brother, former New York Gov. **Andrew Cuomo**, out of an ongoing sexual harassment scandal. ...

Journalists continue to report on the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol, its aftermath and the ongoing investigation, [while still grappling with their own experiences](#) ([here](#) and [here](#)) reporting on the ground. The New York Times Editorial Board reflected in [“Every Day Is Jan. 6 Now.”](#) NBC explored the [“State of Extremism”](#) all week including live reporting. The Atlantic devoted a special issue, [“January 6 Was Practice.”](#) to covering American democracy in crisis. ...

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is [conducting a review of the Counter Network Division](#), which uses some of the country’s most sensitive databases to investigate the travel, financial records and personal connections of journalists, members of Congress and other Americans not suspected of any crime. ...

After **Betty White’s** death Dec. 31, fans took to social media to [blame People for jinxing her](#). She died Dec. 31, a couple of weeks before her 100th birthday and three days after the magazine celebrated that birthday with a glossy photo (“Betty White Turns 100!”). ...

Journalists [will not be allowed to work on the Iowa Senate chamber floor](#) during the 2022 legislative session. The move, decided by Iowa Republican Senate leaders, breaks a 140-year tradition. Likewise [Kansas](#). ...

NPR is [losing its top talent](#), many of whom are people of color. Observers in the media world are [looking for an explanation](#). ...

ABC News [came under fire](#) for how it edited a “Good Morning America” interview with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director **Rochelle Walensky** on Jan. 7.

Caught my eye: [20 million people displaced every year by climate change](#) ... [One of Britain’s rarest butterfly species bounces back from near extinction](#) ... [Heineken turning wasted beer into sustainable energy](#) ... [Ornithologists, birdwatchers uncover staggering magnitude of decline](#) ... [Enough forest has naturally regrown since 2000 to cover mainland France](#)

Closing words [with gratitude to **Garrison Keillor** and Prairie Home Productions]: “The writer of originality, unless dead, is always shocking, scandalous; novelty disturbs and repels.” — **Simone de Beauvoir** ... “Golf is 20 percent mechanics and technique. The other 80 percent is philosophy, humor, tragedy, romance, melodrama, companionship, camaraderie, cussedness and conversation.” — **Grantland Rice**

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