The Freedom Convoy and the press

COR on 65 years of Press freedom around the world

New GOP canvassers in Michigan embrace election myths

Dale Hansen: Never too retired to make a speech

QUICK HITS

The Arlington Conservation Council monthly Zoomer, “Grassroots Meetups: FWBG | BRIT — Adventures in Baja California Botany, March 1; Butterflies eChaser — works with the advancement communications and marketing staff to develop strategic video solutions in support of communications and marketing objectives. Info.

One person who knows what Putin is thinking

A resurrected bill troubles digital rights advocates and journalists

Proceeds benefit the Texas Gridiron Club Scholarship Endowment.

Linda Hall, who has retired from Fort Worth SPJ, will emcee.

Awards and Scholarship Banquet on Friday, April 22, at Rolling Hills Country Club in Arlington.

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Linda was patient. Need a little chapter history? Linda was our archivist to help build, curate and preserve DMN material. Info.

The shred scare

Why Texas’ power grid still hasn’t been fixed

The dangers are still on our devices

Voting machines over baseless 2020 claims, accounts show

Joe Rogan

Britain get its own, much sillier, 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 last 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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• FWSPJ-PRSA 2022 monthly networking meeting, “Hidden in Plain Sight: Elevating How We Communicate About Race and Gender,” with Dr. Frederich W. Gooding Jr., and Dr. Jacque Lambiase, both TCU — 12:15-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, Zoom. Info.

• FWBGC | BRIT — Adventures in Baja California Botany, March 1; Butterflies in the Garden, through April 19; Raked Vegetable Gardening, March 5; David Rogers’ Big Bugs, March 11-June 12; Tulip Time, all of March. Info.

• Meetups hosting an online event Trinity Arts Writers Workshop.

In the Workplace: Get A Job. Listings in journalismjobs.com and ifewcommunications.com appear in this report. The Environmental Integrity Project, a nonprofit, nonpartisan watchdog organization, seeks a veteran investigative journalist to research, write and edit in-depth reports about the oil and gas industry. This position will be based in Houston, and the person will work remotely. Info. — The Dallas Morning News seeks a digital archivist to help build, curate and preserve DNN material. Info. — The multimedia director — UT Arlington has an opening for one — works with the advancement communications and marketing staff to develop strategic video solutions in support of communications and marketing objectives. Info.
First, Texas A&M University said its 129-year-old student newspaper would cease printing weekly editions immediately amid an avalanche of criticism over the future of the newspaper. "I'm not going to adopt it as proposed," President M. Katherine Banks tried to partially walk that back. Four Vanguard newspaper editors weighed in:

Robert Bohler, former adviser, TCU Daily SRF: "From what I've read, the admins' initial handling of this was atrocious. The principal figure with the student media was never told anything was up. The next-day decision sounds better, but we'll see. There doesn't seem sufficient support. The admins admitted there's a lot they don't know about journalism but 2) never consulted those who do, and 3) that's pretty cause for concern how they treat the newspaper, its staff and its readers."

Eddy Gallagher, retired director, Tarrant County College student publications: "Although it looks as though President Banks has backed off her initial demands, I don't think it's the end of the week. I have not talked to the underlings on campus. I don't think that the support The Battalion had from former staffers, alumni and journalists across the country. Her initial demands were based on her undisciplined, unexperienced personal opinion. She acknowledged she knew nothing about journalism, but she still decreed that the students didn't need to know print publication. But that's where many of our students start their careers. And many major cities, including several in Texas, still have print editions, as do several smaller towns that rely on them. The good journalism programs prepare their students for print, website, audio, photo and video. No real leader acts this way. Real leaders involve those affected who have knowledge of the situation. This is crazy."

Chris Whitley, CMA president and current director, Tarrant County College student publications: "A university president has a great deal of power. Banks has control over the resources, the operations and the direction of one of the largest universities in America. But the student newspaper should be the one place where students have control. They should get to say what's news to their audience. They should get to report what students are thinking and feeling, even if it contradicts the administration. They should get to decide how their product is distributed. I'm proud to be an A&M graduate but also proud that the organization I lead, College Media Association, joined so many groups, including SPJ, in denouncing this move. As a result of the pressure, Banks decided to include Battalion students and its adviser in a working group to study the matter. It's a positive step, but we will still monitor closely to make sure students regain control. When you ask why you join an organization like SPJ or CMA, this is a big reason — because our voices matter."

Kathryn Jones, SPJ Region 8 consultant and a former journalism instructor at Tarleton State University: "SPJ Region 8 wrote a letter to A&M President Banks and A&M System Chancellor John Sharp. Of particular concern was that Banks did not involve The Battalion staff or its adviser in deciding their future. 'Student journalists cannot effectively do their jobs of covering campus news if the administration removes their editorial independence,' the letter stated. 'Journalism students learn from making their own decisions about the platforms they use to publish their work. Banks has admitted she didn't understand why print is so important in the journalism field (The Battalion has been in print since 1893 and now also publishes online). SPJ Region 8 pointed out to her that many top professional news organizations have made a conscious, market-driven decision to publish both online and in print: ‘Many advertisers prefer print or want digital and print. Clearly, The Battalion attracted a healthy amount of advertising in both formats. Many readers also like to receive news in digital, print and broadcast formats. Print is not dead, it's just part of the mix.’ The Battalion sold almost $60,000 in print ads last fall, plus more than $25,000 in online ads. During a special Student Senate session Feb. 21, Banks said she would ‘never attempt to stifle the voices of students.’ That's not how it appears to the many Region 8 members who went to its Facebook page to register their support for The Batt."

FOI.F. UPDATE Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar has backed away from proposing to reduce the information his office collects on the state’s largest corporate incentive program amid an avalanche of criticism over the future cost to the state. Hundreds of residents and some lawmakers submitted comments on the proposal — nearly all of them opposed — after Hegar’s office made it public in November. “I’m not going to adopt it as proposed,” Hegar said. “The data that people are concerned about or want is still going to be available. Details, … More than two years after her son’s death at the hands of Denton County deputies, Cheryl Kristin Adams says the sheriff’s office still isn’t sharing video documentation from that night even though she has requested body camera footage showing the shooting of Christopher Adams on Oct. 16, 2019."

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