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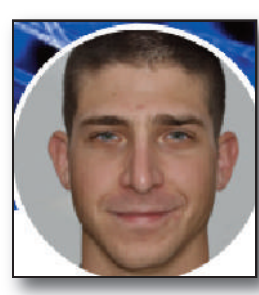
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Journalists, whether at their desks or in the field, are on the front lines of controversial and emotional stories — covid-19, racism, politics, civil unrest, war. Managing the stress at work makes self care a critical part of the job. Expect a meaningful exchange as three professionals in psychiatry hold a conversation on how to manage and keep moving ahead.



**Madhukar Trivedi**

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**Russell Toll**, PhD, assistant professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern and a combat veteran



**Elana Newman**

**Elana Newman**, PhD, McFarlin Professor of Psychology at the University of Tulsa and research director for the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma. A past president of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies, she co-directed the Dart Center's satellite office in NYC after 9/11.

There likely will be a bonus program May 15 on photojournalists' rights. Watch the homepage, Facebook page and your inbox for details.

QUICK HITS

- Arlington Conservation Council monthly Zoomer, "Environmentalism in DFW: An Update," with former state Rep. **Lon Burnam** — 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4. [Info.](#)
- FWBG | BRIT — Capturing Blooms in Acrylics with Zan, May 4; Spring Market in the Garden, May 7; Family Workshop: Big Bugs and Bricks, May 7; Erika Huddleston's Prairie, ends May 13; Girl Scouts: Math in Nature Day, May 14; Dog Days, May 21-22. [Info.](#)
- GFW PRSA professional development program, "Digital Trends: Magnify Messages with Influencers, Data and Connected TV," with Dr. **Guy Golan**, Bob Schieffer College of Communication, and **Elizabeth "Eli" Milstein**, Simpli.fi advertising automation platform — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, Colonial Country Club. [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.* ... Trinity Metro has a job opening — sales business outreach manager — that's part communications, part sales, part marketing. [Info.](#) ... KERA is hiring a news editor to daily define the news agenda and set the tone for newsroom priorities. The position coordinates the KERA staff, the Texas Newsroom collaboration and National Public Radio. [Info.](#) ... KTRK, Houston's ABC-TV station and a Disney property, seeks a reporter to investigate the waste and pollution from Houston's oil and gas refineries, and how these environmental problems disproportionately affect communities of color. The position is sponsored in part by Report for America. [Info.](#) ... The Hearst Community Media Group seeks a reporter for the online publications in Beaumont, Midland, Laredo and Plainview, covering news from digital sources, such as the web and over the phone. Position can be located anywhere in the state. [Info.](#)

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“What is good journalism?”



Retired WFAA-TV sports anchor Dale Hansen with award winner Edward Brown at the 19th Annual First Amendment Awards and Scholarship Banquet, April 22. Details in the June issue on a memorable, upbeat evening.



— Rebecca Aguilar photos

Texas unions making history in real time

It had to be a first. Was there ever an occasion when three of the state’s top newspaper unions joined to stage a brief job action to protest management’s refusal to finalize a contract? Not likely, because aside from a few exceptions (San Antonio Light in the 1990s) Texas newspaper unions didn’t exist. That changed when the Dallas News Guild formed almost two years ago, followed by the Fort Worth NewsGuild and Austin NewsGuild.



At high noon April 26, members of all three unions signed off Slack, left their newsrooms and ceased work for an hour. They took no calls or e-mails from work. Many met in a Zoom call with NewsGuild national president Jon Schleuss. The effort even had a nickname: “y’allidarity.”

Workers at the papers face the same problems — management stalling on contract negotiations. The Morning News and its sister paper, Al Día, are family owned. McClatchy owns the Star-Telegram, and Gannett owns the Austin-American Statesman.

For the record, Fort Worth was the first to engage in a job action. Back in October, FWST reporters worked from home for a week “in solidarity with the growing number of employees who cannot work from the office due to the rising cost of downtown parking,” the guild said in a tweet. “Our parking options run between \$146 and \$275 a month.”

**PEOPLE & PLACES** The first Fort Worth Report / Fort Worth SPJ summer fellowship recipient is a broadcast journalism major at the University of North Texas. David Moreno has covered Denton arts, politics and culture, and he notably highlighted the effects covid-19 had on local businesses in the pandemic’s early months. He has worked as a reporter and anchor with North Texas Television and interned with the Dallas Business Journal, where he published multiple data lists in the DBJ “Book of Lists” in 2017. ... Fort Worth SPJ worked five tables at the 2022 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Conference, March 25 at the downtown Fort Worth Hilton, dispensing information for students eyeing that first journalism job. Chris Cobler, Kailey Broussard, Jocelyn Tatum, Gayle Reaves, Eddy Gallagher, Rebecca Aguilar and Kay Pirtle ranged far afield, hosting small-group discussions, reviewing portfolio and résumé reviews, and otherwise spreading the chapter word. [More on TIPA.](#)

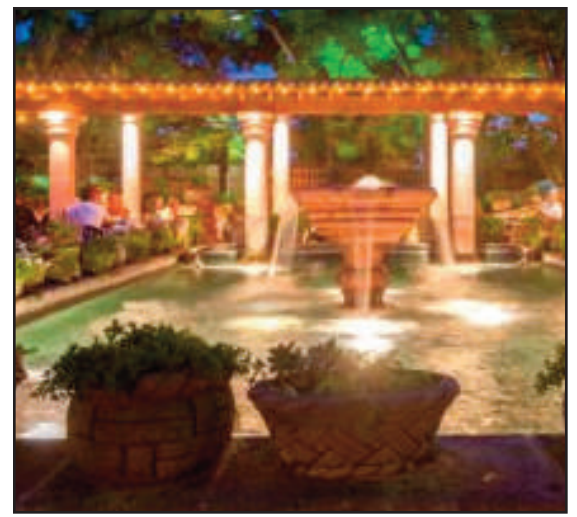
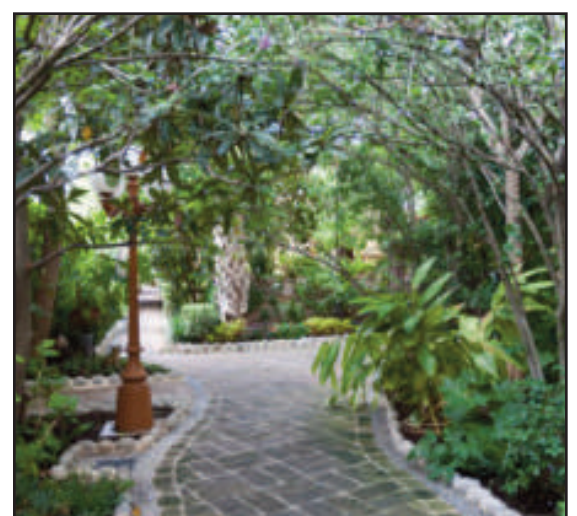


David Moreno

**F.O.I.F.T. UPDATE** Federal Judge Robert Pitman struck down Texas’ drone photography law, ruling that it violates the First Amendment. The law prevented journalists from gathering news. [Details.](#) ... The Wuhan Institute of Virology has the right to ask a partnering lab at the Galveston National Laboratory, University of Texas Medical Branch, to destroy all records of their work together, according to a legal document obtained by U.S. Right to Know. The document raises a number of legal red flags. A memorandum of understanding between the two labs states that each can ask the other to return or “destroy” any so-called “secret files” — any communications, documents, data or equipment resulting from their collaboration. The right remains in effect even after the agreement’s five-year term ends in October. The revelation that the Wuhan lab retained the right to request the destruction of data on U.S. servers funded by U.S. taxpayers comes amid a debate about what sort of investigation is necessary to clear the city’s coronavirus research from suspicions it sparked the covid-19 pandemic. U.S. Right to Know is a nonprofit investigative research group that promotes transparency for public health. [Details.](#)

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

“More than 60 years ago, when I was a j-student at TCU and the dollar went farther, I received \$50 from the Fort Worth SDX chapter. It was a big boost, and I ain’t forgotten.” And thus was **Don Buckman** motivated to contribute to this year’s scholarship banquet. Likewise, **Larry Lutz** and **Roger Summers** could not be there but each threw a handsome donation in the pot. It was that kind of night. High energy, gratitude, lots of smiles. **Dale Hansen** and **Lisa Olsen**. New friends at the table and old friends at the bar. I came away with a little hope for tomorrow. Would that it lasts.

**SPJ factoids:** Now that **Elon Musk** owns Twitter, just what does it mean that he advocates for “free speech”? Musk has said he believes content moderators on Twitter go too far in limiting what is allowed. The organization was among the first to add a “report abuse” button after **Stella Creasy**, a member of the United Kingdom Parliament, received a barrage of rape and death threats on the platform. Journalists also have been targets. More [here](#), [here](#), [here](#). ...

What in the world happened at CNN+? CNN, which makes up less than 10% of WarnerMedia’s annual revenue, invested \$300 million to create the platform and \$100 million-\$200 million on advertising. Following the shutdown news, hundreds of CNN+ staffers may lose their jobs. More [here](#), [here](#), [here](#). ...

An open letter signed by SPJ and a number of other journalism organizations, nonprofits and labor unions calls for diversity transparency in the Pulitzer Prizes. The letter asks that to be considered for a Pulitzer newsrooms must participate in the News Leadership Association’s annual diversity survey. Of the 2,500 news organizations that NLA sought out for the survey, only 303 responded. More [here](#), [here](#), [here](#). ...

The Chicago Reader is now free to transition to a nonprofit organization after co-owner **Len Goodman** and three board members stepped down. The transition was delayed in December due to a dispute over Goodman’s column on vaccinations, which received backlash on social media for disputed scientific claims. More [here](#), [here](#), [here](#).

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**Closing words** [with gratitude to **Garrison Keillor** and Prairie Home Productions]: “Art is not a mirror held up to reality but a hammer with which to shape it.” — **Bertholt Brecht** ... “The writer must believe that what he is doing is the most important thing in the world. And he must hold to this illusion even when he knows it is not true.” — **John Steinbeck**

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