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Violence against journalists is increasing. Why? What can be done? Houston SPJ (in Zoom world, relevance knows neither geography nor borders) will join the Houston-Bay Area Amnesty International chapter at 6:15 p.m. Monday, June 6, for a panel on violence against journalists, at home and around the world. Panelists: **Elle Toussi**, co-chair of SPJ's International Community; **Katherine Jacobsen**, Committee to Protect Journalists; and **Lisa Konczal**, Amnesty International-USA. [More here.](#)

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The man who never stopped learning

Phil Vinson was a newspaper guy (**Dorothy Estes** taught him at Poly HS), photographer, author, jazz pianist, ham radio operator, golfer and UTA adjunct who practiced Buddhism for relaxation. And that's just what fit in the obit. He was 81 when he died May 16. Friends and family will celebrate his life at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Worth.

- Laurie Ward photos

- QUICK HITS
- Arlington Conservation Council monthly Zoomer (recorded), "Partnerships, Trees, and Water Quality: Riparian Restoration on Wilson Creek," with **David Cowan**, North Texas Municipal Water District, and **Mac Martin**, Texas A&M Forest Service — 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 1. [Info.](#)
 - GFW PRSA [upcoming events](#)
 - FWBG | BRIT — Family Workshop: Big Bug Builders, June 4; Concerts in the Garden, June 16-July 3; Juneteenth Celebration, June 19; Birding Walk with Fort Worth Audubon Society, June 25; Traveling through Texas' Treasures: Watercolors by Marie Wesby, through June 30. [Info.](#)
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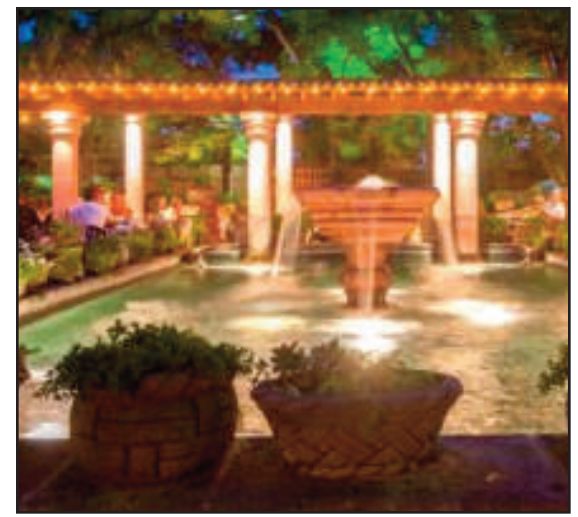
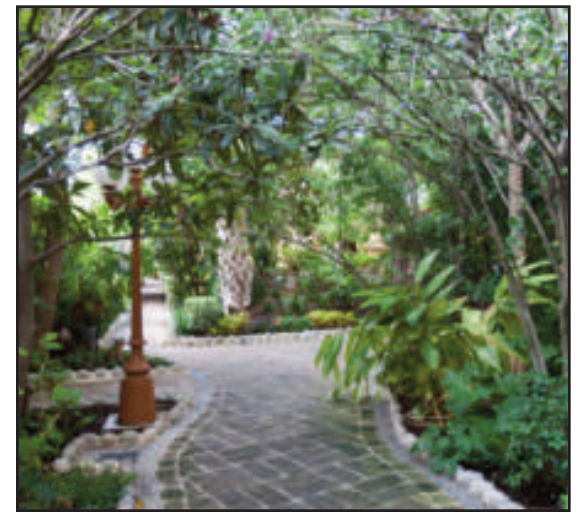
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News orgs, journalists must address job-related anxiety

Whether in a war zone or covering controversy at home, journalists can find themselves in the line of fire. They and their bosses need to get a handle on those stresses, both for the personal and the business bottom line, a trio of mental health professionals told SPJ viewers in a Zoom event May 4.

Similar to combat veterans and first responders, journalists' stress, often from threats to personal safety or empathy with victims, exceeds the normal thresholds faced every day, said Dr. **Madhukar Trivedi**, chief of the Division of Mood Disorders and founding director of the Center for Depression Research and Clinical Care at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"You are, by definition, in those situations," he said. "You're dealing with people when they're most subject to being hurt."

Dr. **Russell Toll**, a UT Southwestern psychiatry assistant professor and Army combat veteran who served in Iraq, defined one key coping measure as "informed pragmatism," the journalist's resilience developed from understanding the physical science that informs an experience.

"With better understanding we can cope better," he said. "You understand the science behind what you're experiencing, a mechanical problem for which there's a mechanical solution. These are human conditions. This is what results from doing the critical work that needs doing. It's part of this journey."

Trivedi and Dr. **Elena Newman**, a University of Tulsa psychology professor, both said news organizations bear responsibility to address the anxieties journalists may develop from deadline pressures and even the nature of the assignments. Newsroom culture can contribute to the problem, and Newman cited when entry-level journalists are handed the public safety beats that routinely expose them to crime coverage, accidents and fires.

"It can't help but change your world view," she said. "If you have a constant diet of it, your world view is going to change."

Newman also is the research director for the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma (she directed the center's satellite office in New York City after 9/11). She noted that with shrinking newsrooms have come fewer opportunities for more experienced journalists to serve as mentors.

"This is a real issue," she said. "How can we create more role models?"

Trivedi said news organizations have plenty of financial incentives to build and maintain healthier work climates.

"They should make (mental health) part of their regular vocabulary," he said.

"They can engage with insurance companies to deliver healthcare for employers. Their own bottom line will improve."



Perhaps journalists can address the anxieties on their own.

"It's (stress) an occupational risk," Newman said. "But it's not destiny."

— Robert Bohler

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PEOPLE & PLACES Fort Worth Report has added two summer interns — recent UTA graduate **Chongyang Zhang** and TCU senior **Lonyae Coulter** — to complement recent UNT grad **David Moreno**. The positions are supported by Fort Worth SPJ and the Amon G. Carter Foundation.



Chongyang Zhang



Lonyae Coulter

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Congratulations to the Houston Chronicle Editorial Board, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, journalism's highest honor, for its "The Big Lie" series and other editorials on Republican voter suppression. ...

This one slipped past me, **Jenny Blair**'s thoughtful piece in the spring 2021 TCU Magazine on the importance and peril and lingering promise of journalism in its many forms and for markets large and small. Telling insights from recent grads complement the seasoned worldview of news veterans like Wise County Messenger publisher **Roy Eaton** and, in an accompanying Q&A, **Bob Schieffer**. [Definitely worth a read.](#) ...

“Time to front page the issue”: **Roger Summers** on the lifelong consequences — and combat mechanisms — of falling reading scores.

SPJ factoids: **Matt Kaminski**, Politico editor-in-chief, and executive editor **Dafna Linzer** defended the decision to publish the leaked copy of a draft of a U.S. Supreme Court opinion that would overturn Roe v. Wade: "The unprecedented view into the justices' deliberations is plainly news of great public interest." More [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#). ...

Journalists focusing on who's winning rather than on policy issues may affect election outcomes. A recent study found that only 10% of news coverage around elections focused on policy issues in the 2016 presidential race. More [here](#), [here](#), [here](#). ...

Two journalists from Knock LA, a nonprofit, independent news website, filed a lawsuit against the Los Angeles Police Department for violating their First Amendment rights. In March 2021, while reporting on the removal of a homeless encampment, **Jon Peltz** and **Kate Gallagher** were arrested for allegedly failing to leave the scene. More [here](#), [here](#), [here](#).

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Closing words [with gratitude to **Garrison Keillor** and Prairie Home Productions]: "You build on failure. You use it as a stepping stone. Close the door on the past. You don't try to forget the mistakes, but you don't dwell on it. You don't let it have any of your energy, or any of your time, or any of your space." — **Johnny Cash** ... "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death." — **Martin Luther King Jr.**

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