

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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As associate managing editor of the Staten Island Advance, 30-year newsroom veteran **Claire Regan** coaches editors and reporters on content and design and supervises the college internship program. Her editing and design work have been honored by SPJ, the Associated Press, the Society for News Design and the New York Press Club. She's a past president of the New York State Associated Press Association and a board member of the New York City Deadline Club, and she teaches English at Wagner College. And when she [zooms in for a discussion](#) with Fort Worth SPJ at 6:30 p.m. (room opens at 6) Tuesday, Nov. 1, she will be the society's new president. The door's open, step right through.

And then, Tuesday evening, Dec. 5, Cool Yule returns to Joe T.'s. Details next month, but here's a [refresher from last year](#) to get you started.



Claire Regan



- QUICK HITS**
- Arlington Conservation Council monthly Zoomer (recorded), "The moon in all its splendor," with author/journalist/environmental activist **Amy Martin** — 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. [Info.](#)
 - GFW PRSA — PRSA International Conference, Nov. 13-15, Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center. [Info.](#)
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Keeping local news alive: KERA buying Denton paper

The Denton Record-Chronicle, Denton County's primary local newspaper, and KERA, North Texas' source for PBS and NPR programming, are moving toward KERA acquiring the paper. The deal should close in 2023. [More here.](#)



Bill Patterson

The Record-Chronicle is already deep into a transition to electronic delivery. [In a column](#), owner-publisher **Bill Patterson** writes that as local newspapers fade, the need for local news continues to grow, and: "As journalists know, the message matters far more than the medium."

The National Trust for Local News, a nonprofit dedicated to keeping local news in local hands, is facilitating the transaction. The trust works with news organizations across the United States on business model transformations. The Record-Chronicle is one of hundreds of news organizations that have approached the trust seeking a new path forward.

SB 1 seen harmful to voting process

Philadelphia lawyers are uncommon in Texas, but poll workers and journalists may feel the need for one to address the state's new voting laws, a Zoom discussion last month on "Critical Issues Around the Upcoming Election" suggested. The laws enacted following the 2016 elections ostensibly were to combat voter fraud that was never shown to exist.



Abby Livingston



Jessica Huseman

The new regulations, known as SB 1 and signed into law by Gov. **Greg Abbott** in 2021, have the potential to chill voter turnout beginning with the midterms Nov. 8 and weaken election-day management, said Fort Worth NAACP activist **Angela Rainey** and **Jessica Huseman**, the former longtime director of votebeat.org.



Angela Rainey

Rainey said confusion over the restrictions may dissuade new voters. And forcing the disclosure of personal information could deter volunteers who otherwise might assist in the voting process.

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Rainey said the tightened restrictions and the criminal penalties that can accompany mistakes made by election workers or by those helping others cast a ballot has "wreaked havoc" on efforts to strengthen voter turnout.

Voting rights proponents hoped to capitalize on the early voting period to correct any discrepancies in the validation of votes, she said. "We have to start early in the education process, so those barriers are minimized."

Huseman said some anticipated problems may have eased because poll workers have had time to sort through the changes. And she said the ban on large-scale drive-through voting aimed at Harris County would not "alter the way the vast majority of Texans can vote."

Of greater concern, she said, is that the expanded presence of partisan poll watchers, coupled with the new complexities of voter aid and drive-through voting, could accelerate the attrition of capable election officials and thus limit voter access to polling places.

"Most counties have taken the steps needed to create a smoother process for voters," Huseman said. But she said SB 1 "has radically increased the amount of work the administrators have to do for no apparent reason."

Huseman cited the resignation of the Gillespie County elections supervisor, who criticized the demands of the new law, and said approximately 40 county election officials around the state have resigned or retired since the law was enacted. Texas is experiencing a "brain drain when it comes to good election officials. It's a difficult time to be an election worker."

Midterms are about passion, Huseman added. "But from what we've seen in polling, we don't know who's turning out, more so than in any other midterm. And are they going to be voting on immigration or abortion?"

As for polling accuracy, **Abby Livingston**, former Texas Tribune Washington bureau chief, suggested that "a poll is just a guess" based on previous cycles and statistician surveys — online, landline, cellphone, with landline the most reliable.

"Democrats vote early and lead, then the Republicans vote later and catch up," she said. "In Texas, I won't be surprised if after the election, whoever wins, we say, 'We didn't see that coming.'"

Huseman's advice to reporters? "Write judiciously and cautiously."

— Robert Bohler, with additional material from Kay Pirtle

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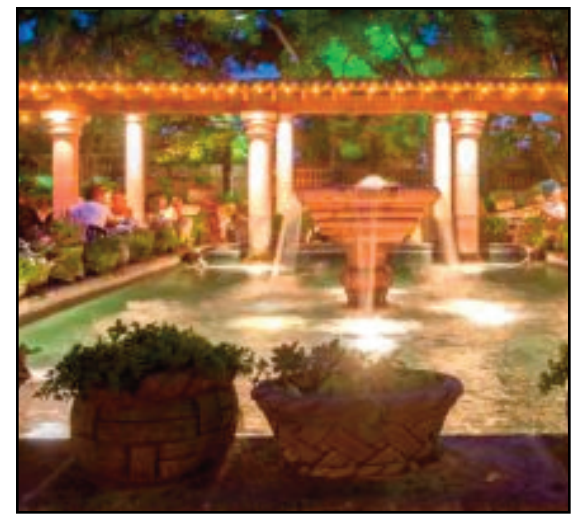
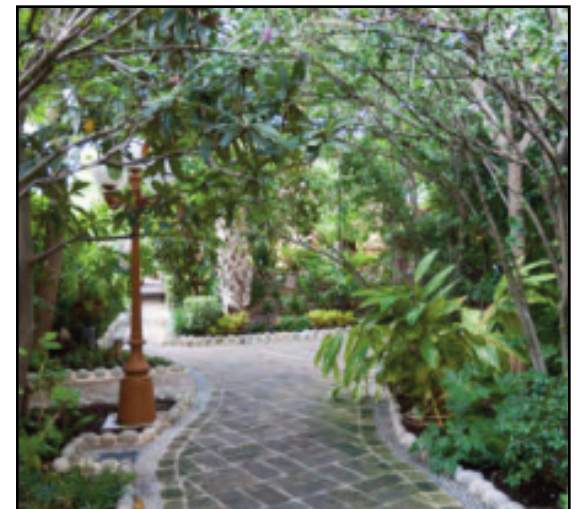
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PEOPLE & PLACES

TCC Collegian grad and current UTA Shorthorn reporter **José Romero** is among 20 promising young journalists chosen from hundreds of applicants for The New York Times Corps, a new talent-pipeline program. Romero and Times business reporter **Cecilia Kang** will meet two or three times a year, throughout his undergraduate career. The Times Corps is meant for students from underrepresented groups in journalism. Applications will open again in spring 2023. ... Thirteen journalism educators with ties to Texas and Oklahoma, SPJ Region 8 — **Robert Bohler, Jan Childress, Dorothy Estes, Beth Francesco, Lloyd Goodman, Nancy Green, Chet Hunt, Kelly Lash, Dick Lytle, Kate McCarty, Bruce Watterson, Bradley Wilson** and **Mark Witherspoon** — are among the first 101 recipients of the ACP Pioneer Award celebrating the 100th birthday of Associated Collegiate Press. The inaugural class will be recognized Friday, Oct. 28, in Washington, D.C., at MediaFest22, a partnership of SPJ, ACP and the College Media Association. [More here.](#)

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