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Next at Fort Worth SPJ

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



Claire Regan

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 <u>refresher from last year</u> to get you started.













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.
- FWBG | BRIT Lightscape, beginning Nov. 18; Fall Japanese Festival, Nov. 5-6; After Hours in the Garden, Nov. 11; Dog Days, Nov. 12-13. Info. ______

IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB Listings in journalismjobs.com appear in this report. ... Opportunity Home San Antonio, formerly the San Antonio Housing Authority, seeks an assistant director of communications and public affairs. Info. ... Beeville-based Coastal Bend Publishing creates newspapers (websites, newsletters) for six markets north of Corpus Christi, and it seeks an editor to lead the news coverage at its flagship paper. Info. ... Next City seeks a talented journalist for a one-year Equitable Cities Reporting Fellowship for Borderland Narratives based in El Paso. The fellowship, in partnership with the nonprofit news organization El Paso Matters, is designed to bring underrepresented voices to the forefront of the conversation about cities and their future. Info. ... The Dallas Observer is looking for a news editor to lead and manage its reporting team. Info.

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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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.

The Record-Chronicle is already deep into a transition to electronic delivery. <u>In a column</u>, 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.

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.

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.

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

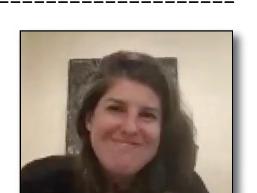
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PEOPLE & PLACES TCC Collegian grad and current UTA Shorthorn reporter José Romero is among 20 promising young journalists chosen from hundreds of applicants for The New York Times Corps, a new talentpipeline program. Romero and Times business reporter 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.

Bill Patterson



Abby Livingston



Jessica Huseman



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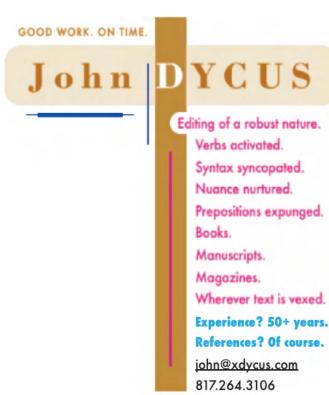
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In debates and TV ads, Democrats focus on abortion rights, not new laws

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His death was ruled 'natural.' But what Tarrant jailers did to him suggests otherwise

Fort Worth Report Peoples, O'Hare: One will be the next county judge

Tarrant judge candidates promise lower taxes. Here's why that's hard to achieve

Since 2016, nearly 1 out of 5 students has left Fort Worth ISD. Tighter budgets could force school closures

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EPA will center climate change response in Texas on sea level rise, floods, drought and severe storms

Social Security benefits to increase 8.7% next year

Servolution: Azle nonprofit helps North Texans in need

The FJR Assassination: Lege turning back the clock on voting rights for people of color

Corrupt Courts Destroying Families: Growing outrage at allegedly unethical family court dealings pushes Texans to reform the system and topple judges who mishandle divorce and child custody cases

Austin nurses win largest hospital union in Texas

Criminal injustice: A view from the juror's box

From world's youngest rodeo clown to TV star

The tale of Eric the Red

Racist busing rides again

<u>Indigenous leaders fight to keep natural gas pipeline off sacred lands</u>

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Of interest to public school supporters: "Voucher Fights: How Oklahoma and Georgia Defeated Vouchers," 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27. ...

The customers always write. In response to last month's <u>Poynter Institute</u> <u>link</u> on digital circulation declining, Cowcatcher magazine entrepreneur **Tim Blackwell** offers: "People are tired of reading what a bunch of idiots run our country and all the other madness. I bet if you took a poll, they would probably say they'd rather watch reruns of 'Friends' than surf the news." And **Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe** likes KERA's acquisition of the Denton Record-Chronicle: "I left the paper in July 2020. But yes, it's really good for the people who are working there, in my opinion." ...

Former Texas Tribune Washington bureau chief Abby Livingston (that's her on p. 2, this issue) has penned a thoughtful, incisive, very human and ultimately heartbreaking piece on what became of her American dream. She speaks with candor on ethics and integrity in politics, and how difficult they can be to find. A must-read.

An educator wins one for himself and for America. And more from Michael Phillips, a man whose reasoned thoughtfulness knows no year.

SPJ factoids: Thirty-one news organizations, including The Austin (Texas) Common, will receive support through the American Press Institute's Election Coverage & Community Listening Fund, an initiative aimed at empowering newsrooms. More <u>here</u>. ...

As reporters covered Hurricane Ian's landfalls in Florida and South Carolina, many helped those impacted, including a reporter who rescued a nurse, a reporter who helped a man save a dog and a photographer who rescued a family. More here, here, here, here. ...

Lawyers in Utah have been volunteering to help reporters at the Salt Lake Tribune appeal public record denials and get information that should be public. More here. ...

Ahead of the midterm elections, more pink slime news outlets are popping up. More here, here, here. ...

Aides to Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi canceled an interview with CNN anchor Christiane Amanpour because she would not wear a head covering during the interview. More <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>. ...

A poll from The 19th indicates that while many Americans believe journalism is a key part of democracy, many of them feel left out. More here. ...

Do cameras belong in the Supreme Court? More <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>. ...

The Chicago Sun-Times has scrapped its paywall and implemented a membership program similar to the one used by public radio. Could this be a replicable business model for others in the industry? More here. ...

Caught my eye: Major brands commit to selling products in refillable containers ... The unlikely cure for burnout? A second job

Closing words [with gratitude to Garrison Keillor and Prairie Home Productions]: "Puritanism: The haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy." — H.L. Mencken

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All about the community of model railroading and rail enthusiasm in the Midwest and Southwest



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