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Next at Fort Worth SPJ ... updates on the [homepage](#) and [Facebook page](#)

Awards and Scholarship Banquet | April 21 | Texas Rangers Golf Club

Details next month



QUICK HITS

• Arlington Conservation Council monthly Zoomer (recorded), "Arlington Environmental Programs: an Update," with **Rebecca Boxall**, City Council District 5 — 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1 ([Z-link](#)).

• GFW PRSA professional development meeting, rescheduled from Feb. 1 (last month's reservations still apply), "Effective Emergency Communication: Successful Messaging for Good Times and Bad," with **Reyne Telles**, city of Fort Worth; **Brian Murnahan**, American Red Cross Greater North Texas — 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1, Ridglea Country Club. [Info.](#)

• FWBG | BRIT — [World of Orchids](#), through April 9



IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB *Listings in [journalismjobs.com](#) appear in this report.* ... They're hiring at the aggressively funded Houston Landing — a reporter to [cover the Houston Police Department and Harris County Sheriff's Office](#), and another for the [City Hall and neighborhoods beat](#). ... Still in the Bayou City, the Houston Business Journal seeks an energy reporter who's "competitive, nimble and driven to break news." [Info.](#) ... Gliding north, the [Tyler Morning Telegraph](#) and the [Longview News-Journal](#) both have reporter openings. ... Back in Houston again, Houston Public Media is looking for a midday radio news anchor. [Info.](#) ... In San Antonio, Texas Public Radio seeks a [booking and engagement producer](#) for The Source, and San Antonio Report is looking for a [business reporter](#).

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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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VITAL READS: Near and National

POLITIFACT (PANTS ON FIRE!)

With **Tyre Nichols'** death, more rhetoric about police reform || Five claims from **Biden's** State of the Union address || False notion that black people are the 'real' Jewish people has gained a foothold, deepening a cultural divide || Biden's tax miscalculation || **George Santos** said, 'I never claimed to be Jewish.' But he did || M-I-C see you later?

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

'I see them now': How army of volunteers search for unsheltered people in Fort Worth || Closed! This City Hall in North Texas shuts down after mass resignations || How an agriculture hub will bring nutritional boost to the Tarrant Area Food Bank || 'Let me tell you a story.' After 41 years, Dallas men meet baby they found abandoned in snow

Fort Worth Report

Fort Worth ISD drops sex ed despite \$2.6 million purchase of materials in April || As fracking increases in the Barnett Shale, Arlington city leaders avoid scrutiny || Many parents can't afford quality child care. Does a solution lie with the Legislature? || Colleyville leaders deny proposal to clear forest for homes. But will the land be preserved?

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Behind **Geren** bill, gambling proponents unveil new plan to legalize casinos || Fort Worth's median home price retreats, erasing uptick

Fort Worth Weekly

Parental rights advocates say leading cause of fatherlessness is lucrative family court system || Requesting Public Info: Taxpayers devising creative ways to compel local government to release material || Aborting Common Sense: A Republican-sponsored bill would require Texas dads to pay child support for fetuses

TEXAS OBSERVER

Breaking the Brazos || An abolitionist gets canned for upholding the values of social work || Texas lawyers violated legal ethics over expired execution drugs || The Border Patrol's power grab || Pawns in the voucher system || Defense denied || Students taking back 'ownership' of education

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Texas lawmakers look to limit what large cities — often led by Democrats — can regulate || Ken Paxton reached a tentative settlement to pay \$3.3 million to former staff. Where will the money come from? || A year since Russia invaded Ukraine, what comes next?

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

How can feds believe cars were going 100 mph in deadly '21 FW pileup?
Is your Atmos gas bill shockingly high? Challenge your meter reading
Top investigator at Financial Crimes Intelligence Center is way too busy
How much did Dallas Central Appraisal District pay in ransomware attack?
When you call Amazon, Google, Facebook, do they pick up the phone?
Nuclear energy regulators go through the motions of public meeting

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

SPJ is partnering with the News Leaders Association to host [Sunshine Week](#), March 12-18, which aims to promote open government and illuminate the dark recesses of government secrecy. There are many ways to participate. Follow the links. Shine on. ...

Sounds meaningful. The [24th International Symposium on Online Journalism](#), happening virtually and in person April 14-15 at UT Austin, will bring together journalists, media executives and scholars to discuss the impact of the digital revolution. Expect panels and workshops — more than 70 speakers from 17+ countries — on artificial intelligence, local news, social media, opinion journalism, mental health and well-being, and covering the climate crisis. ...

Packaging our First Amendment Award entries for judges at Florida SPJ reminded me, again, of what quality journalism Texas news outlets produce. This material is choice. Printed word. Spoken word. Visual. Pray for our journalists and their counterparts the world over, the honest ones, the real ones, for their task is no less than keeping the Huns outside the gate. On a good day they do just that. ...

Praiseworthy journalists, round two, strength at the bargaining table. **Kaley Johnson** and **Emily Brindley** brought an insightful February discussion on the Star-Telegram strike. Watch for program coverage next month. ...

This is only the second two-pager in eChaser history. Back to normal in April.

SPJ factoids: NewsNation's **Evan Lambert** was arrested Feb. 8 while covering a news conference on the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)

A new report puts community groups, startups and collaborative efforts at the forefront of local news' future. [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)

Covering tragedy takes its toll: "It was overwhelming, it was frustrating, it was incredibly sad." [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)

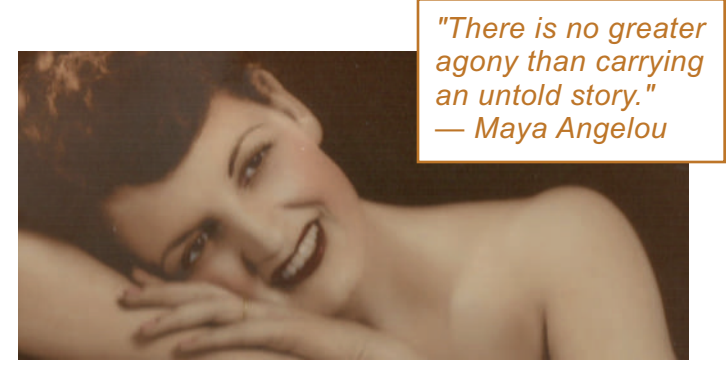
About 1,000 jobs were cut or put at risk at English-speaking news organizations just in January. [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)

Caught my eye: [Incredible aerial sights in 2022 Drone Photo Awards ... All about solar ... It's time to make cities more rural](#)

Closing words [with gratitude to **Garrison Keillor** and Prairie Home Productions]: "The life of man is of no greater importance to the universe than that of an oyster." — Scottish philosopher **David Hume**, who also said, "The truth springs from arguments among friends."

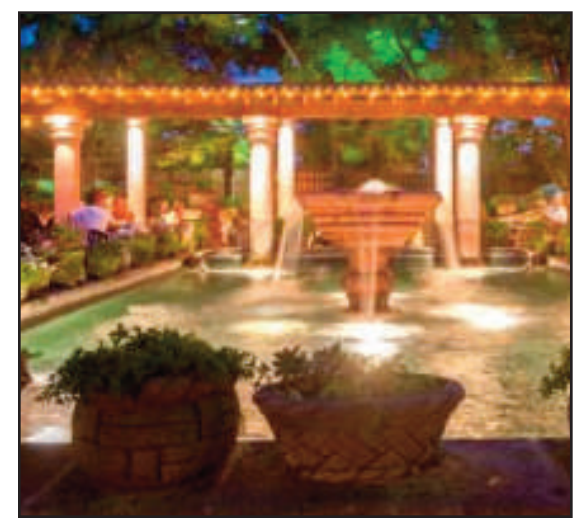
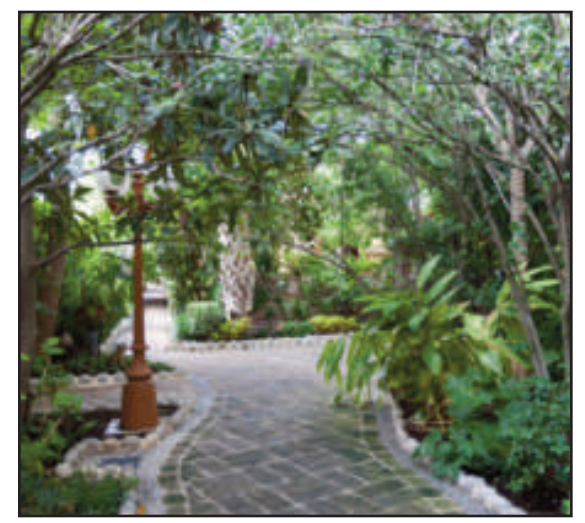
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