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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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CATCH UP WITH SPJ-FW PRO!

Network with new and seasoned media professionals at the Society of Professional Journalists Fort Worth Pro chapter's fall mixer

When and where?
 ▶ 6 p.m. Sept. 13
 Funky Picnic Brewery & Cafe
 401 Bryan Ave. Ste. 117, Fort Worth

What's in it for me?
 ▶ Some appetizers provided
 Cash bar
 Quality time with DFW's best!

RSVP
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DEADLINE: Sept. 12

More Info
 Give us a call
 817-480-1229

QUICK HITS

- Arlington Conservation Council monthly Zoomer (recorded), "Recycle This, but not That," with **Tyler Hurd**, city of Arlington solid waste and recycling manager — 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 6 ([Z-link](#)).
- GFW PRSA virtual event, "ChatGPT and Beyond: Elevate Your PR Strategy With AI," with best-selling author/award-winning digital coach **Gary Ennis** — 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, live from Glasgow, Scotland. [Register](#). Worthy Awards [deadline extended](#) to Sept. 8.
- FWBG | BRIT — ¡Celebremos! A Celebration of Latin American Culture & Heritage, Sept. 15-Oct. 15; Dog Days, Sept. 8 and 9; Gardens for Peace, Sept. 9; Beginner Birding, Sept. 9. [Info](#).



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“What is good journalism?”

Texas Open Records Virtual Legal Workshop

Join us for a one-hour workshop during which lawyers will provide an overview of Texas Public Records Laws and highlight how you can use these laws to access information vital to your reporting.

11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12

Presented by:
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5TH ANNUAL HISPANIC MEDIA CONFERENCE

- **Albert Martínez** with The Weather Channel en Español and Dr. **Federico Subervi-Vélez** from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will highlight the 5th Hispanic Media Conference at UTA.
- **O.K. Carter** is leading the charge for Texas authors — meetings every third Thursday starting in September.

REGISTER NOW! Sept. 28-30, 2023 | spj.org/convention.asp | #SPJ23

PEOPLE & PLACES Report for America is now accepting applications — deadline Sept. 18 — from news organizations interested in hosting early-career and experienced journalists in their newsrooms focusing on religion for up to three years, beginning next summer. The Henry Luce Foundation and the Radiant Foundation are funding the positions. More [here](#) and [here](#).

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Saving Turtle Island: This land is our land — humans and nonhumans alike || Raw-Dogging Life: Sometimes it takes almost soiling yourself on a zipline to dry out from pandemic- and grief-related tipping || Building Upon a Rich Legacy: Fort Worth Opera enters its 78th season with new leadership and a new vision

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Will Greg Abbott keep losing on school vouchers? || HB 2127 is about kneecapping democracy || God's army gathers in Fort Worth || How economic despair helps breed racism in America || Drifting toward disaster || Judge strikes down Legislature power grab against cities, HB 2127 || Ignoring water worries, Texas permits lignite mine expansion



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OVER & OUT | John Dycus, Fort Worth SPJ

The nonprofit Tyler Loop won numerous battles over its seven years but ultimately lost the war as it ceased operations in August. You should read board member Neil Katz's sensitive and sad, hopeful and glad, silver-lining farewell letter. Meanwhile, they're suffering even at The Texas Tribune, where CEO Sonal Shah's trailblazing enterprise has its own money woes. God bless all of these folks and their colleagues worldwide. ...

Tell me again why a respected, credentialed, well-paid journalism academician would pick the Aggie pressure cooker. And all along I thought the Legislature's Megalomania Division scuttled the spotlight hire. Turns out the Proud Boys Auxiliary at A&M played a role, too. [here here here] ...

The idea for that "Good Morning America" news feature from the National Cutting Horse Association's Summer Spectacular on the equine athletes (1,900 horses) needing post-performance icy saltwater treatments came from the Greater Fort Worth PRSA August meeting with its "Shark Tank" theme. Longtime board member Andra



Andra Bennett in an almost-cowboy hat

Bennett House wanted something to pitch. Let her tell it. "I considered the ongoing story of every newscast: the infernal heat wave. I had seen cooling stations and spas for horses at Will Rogers in the past, and the NCHA's marketing director, Carly Myers, confirmed that vendors offering saltwater spas, hydrotherapy and even cryotherapy with subzero temperatures were onsite. At the PRSA meeting, sitting next to Matt Brockman, communications director for the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, I needed a memorable horse name to personalize my pitch. 'Li'l Peppy,' he offered. I told the sharks about the subzero cryotherapy for Li'l Peppy, with accompanying photos from NCHA. Mireya Villareal said her producers would want her in that cryo trailer, but she wasn't getting in. Next thing you know, here's Mireya reporting from inside the trailer."

- https://www.cbsnews.com/amp/texas/news/horse-owners-turn-to-sub-zero-relief-in-triple-digit-heat/
- https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/cutting-horse-riders-take-precautions-as-days-reach-100-degree-temperatures/3310405/

Caught my eye: Electric car manufacturing to be cheaper than combustion engines by 2027?

Closing words [with gratitude to Garrison Keillor and Prairie Home Productions]: "A poem should not mean / But be." ("Ars Poetica," 1926) — Archibald MacLeish

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"There is no greater agony than carrying an untold story." — Maya Angelou

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