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Lethal lens

Do photographers overshoot their bounds? Bring an opinion Feb. 10

Paparazzi. They killed Princess Di.

Or did they? Instead, were they merely doing their job, recording an international heroine who embraced the media if it furthered a favorite cause, when a game of cat and mouse, the shooter and the subject, turned tragic on a Paris street?

Celebrities court the media — certainly they can't prosper without the attention — but what of the family in mourning that must relive its grief on the front page?

At what point does news photography roar past assertiveness and become intrusion?

Max Faulkner, Fort Worth Star-Telegram photo director, will present some answers and likely throw out a camera bag full of questions for discussion at this month's meeting.

Questions like should photographers Giles Harrison and Andrew O'Brien be found guilty

heart valve surgery.

For a meeting as immediate as the morning's headlines, see you Feb. 10.

RSVP 257-5059

(by Friday, Feb. 6)

where:

Water Street Seafood, University Park shopping center, one block south of I-30 on University Drive

when: Tuesday, Feb. 10

board 5:30 p.m., mingling (cash bar) 6:30, dinner at 7

cost:

\$12, with tip; \$6 students

on the menu:

8-ounce mesquite-grilled chicken breast, 4-ounce brandy mushroom trout filet, mesquite-grilled shrimp-k-bob or fettuccine with fresh tomatoes, basil and garlic, all except the fettuccine served with a salad, rice pilaf, vegetable, fresh-baked bread and tea, soft drink or coffee.

of misdemeanor false imprisonment, battery and reckless driving in a May 1 incident where they allegedly chased the Arnold Schwarzenegger family's Mercedes, driven by Maria Shriver, as the Schwarzeneggers took their 3-year-old son to school.

The Santa Monica deputy city attorney said the photographers, working for the Splash news and photo agency, followed the couple from their home. The men were in separate vehicles. Harrison was to videotape; O'Brien had a still camera.

Defense attorneys said pictures the men took will show they did not commit any crimes.

Schwarzenegger said he felt "very vulnerable and very shaky." The incident happened two weeks after he underwent



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SPJ conference in March

Region 8 journalists go rollin' on the river in historic San Antonio

Visit the Alamo, stroll the Riverwalk, eat, think and be merry while you attend the SPJ Region 8 Conference and Awards Ceremony on March 6 and 7 in San Antonio.

The theme, "Writing and Rolling on the River," sets the pace for professional development sessions, including "On the Border Journalism: What's It like Covering Mexico?" "Feature Writing, Ethics: Is It Different For Print or Broadcast?" "What's New on the FOI Front?" and, for students, sessions on interviewing, résumé writing and crime reporting.

Mike McGraw, investigative reporter for The Kansas City Star, will be the keynote speaker at the awards luncheon.

Each Region 8 chapter will hold one session. The Fort Worth chapter will feature a panel discussion on the Gridiron Club's financial success and endowment fund, Austin's award-winning newsletter and Houston's media guide.

Homewood Suites on the Riverwalk, 432 W. Market St., is the conference site. Rates for up to four people are \$109 nightly, with reservations due by Feb. 13. Call (210) 222-1515.

Conference registration deadline also is Feb. 13, at a cost of \$60 for professional members and \$45 for students. Make checks payable to SPJ Region 8 Conference and mail to SPJ-San Antonio; 12107 Toepperwein Suite 6, Box No. 196; San Antonio, Texas 78233.



Dallas SPJ members Sally Stewart, left, and Katherine Garner with the FOI Foundation of Texas, and Fort Worth SPJ chapter secretary-treasurer Jan Gary, right, at the January meeting.

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FACES & PLACES

Last month's meeting, the Dallas arena joust between **Sharon Boyd** and **Chris Luna**, was handsomely attended by Dallas chapter members. Come again, friends, any time. ... Director **Breck Harris** has retired after 19 years with Lone Star Gas, which should free some time to haul his daughter's horse around. A man of true equine interests, Breck has announced horse shows at the Fort Worth Stock Show for almost 30 years and the American Paint World Championship shows for 20. Breck says he will do as little as possible around his 4½ acres in Burleson, but wife **Gloria** says don't bet on it. ...

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