One of the new SPJ’s president’s first public appearances is always at Fort Worth SPJ. It’s a tradition. Long live tradition. RSVP to come meet J. Alex Tarquinio and hear her plans for SPJ.

A graduate of UC Santa Cruz and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Tarquinio has two decades of experience as a writer and editor and has written about business and politics in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Most recently, she covered the negotiations preceding the first summit between the United States and North Korea in articles for Politico Magazine and the New York Post.

Previously, she worked as a staff writer at The Wall Street Journal’s Smart Money Magazine. She received a German Marshall Fund fellowship for a reporting residency in the divided island nation of Cyprus. As a freelance writer, her byline has appeared in The New York Times (which published nearly 200 of her articles), The International Herald Tribune, The San Francisco Chronicle, Barron’s and Reader’s Digest, among others.
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Texan News, Tarleton’s student news organization, published a story in which a former student said a professor invited her to “dinner, drinks and movies” while his wife was away. The student said she responded with a text: “I don’t think that’s appropriate.” She said he replied, “I guess that makes sense.” She eventually stopped attending the class and withdrew from the university. The student filed a complaint with the university’s Title IX coordinator and was told that three others had complained as well.

The student requested records associated with the complaint she filed, but the Attorney General’s Office allowed the university to withhold them. Texan News filed a public information request for the professor’s personnel file and received 113 pages, but nothing mentions the student or the investigation.

Eventually, eight students accused the professor of inappropriate conduct. Months went by, with attorneys involved. Now a revised Texas A&M University System policy prohibits employees “from pursuing or having a consensual relationship with an undergraduate student.” Employees who violate the rule can face disciplinary action, including dismissal.

“The System regulations are not in response to any particular case,” the A&M vice chancellor of marketing and communications e-mailed Texan News, “but it was felt that the policy changes were in the best interest of our students.”

Malone, who holds a Pulitzer Prize from his days at The Dallas Morning News, continues to mentor his students in fact-driven reporting. The student who wrote the stories about the sexual harassment allegations completed a top broadcast internship with CBS News in New York and will graduate from Tarleton in May 2019.

– Linda Pavlik

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... on the scene (most pictured, some not — it’s a test!)

Max and Sandy Baker, General Berry, Mike and Sandra Cochran, Bob Cox, Dolby and Ed Gatgeber, Cecilia Jacobs, Delma LaFollette and Kendra Lee, Lee Maliss and Linda Pavlik, Kim Pearle-Jones, Kay Pitt, Carolyn Pernot and Jack Strickland, Apons Nance, Barry Smitherman, Tracy Smith, Jackie Tewan, Martha Towson, Phil and Rita Wassen, Stacie Whiting, Chole Whittington, Tom Williams, Monica Byrdwitt, Susanhane City, Michael Foster-Samuels, JR Welby, Eric Ratigan, Tahisha Reeder, Ashley Castner, Rodger Thalov, Jeff Prince, Jack Z. Smith, Steve Kaskovitch — photos by Kay Pittle
Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas update: Violations of open records laws and other electronic communications laws were a Lewisville print shop as well as a Dallas-based digital marketing company. In May, a North Texas court ruled that侵犯隐私的商业行为应被视为刑事行为。

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Job openings in journalism.com and aejournalism.com appear in this report. The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce seeks a creative specialist. Fortunately, you would work with Andrée Bennett House (thus the fortunate part), chamber communications VP and longtime PRSA leader, who describes the position as production artist, social media help, website updater, photographer, videographer, jack of all trades. Info. DFW International Airport seeks a social media specialist, a digital rock star who knows how to deliver a message that resonates with more than 80 million customers. Info. FortWorth.com is building a team of freelance, contracted writers to support content and serve as subject matter experts covering news, stakeholders and events. Writers currently needed to cover arts and culture, nightlife, family and LGBTQ. Info. KABB-TV in San Antonio seeks a general assignment reporter. Requirements include experience with media creation tools, contemporary newsroom systems and social media platforms; strong writing and copy editing skills; two years as a reporter. Info. The journalism department in the Bob Schieffer College of Communication at TCU invites applications for a full-time (non-tenure-track) assistant professor of contemporary newsroom systems and social media platforms; strong writing and copy editing skills; two years as a reporter. Info.

In a new webinar from the SPFU Training Program, Lynn Walsh and Andrew Rotherham discuss the Ethics Advisor and the ethics behind ethical reporting, using SPFU's Code of Ethics as a guide...

A coalition of 30 media organizations, led by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and including SPFU and the American Society of News Editors, is calling on the state Supreme Court to deny the Broward School Board’s motion to penalize the news organization and two of its reporters for breaking the Official Secrets Act while investigating a massacre of Rohingya Muslims. SPJ outgoing president condemned the action on SPJ’s behalf and urged the Myanmar government to “rescind the sentence or commute it to time served and release the journalists immediately.”... A California man was released on bail after being charged with threatening to kill employees of The Boston Globe. The Globe is publishing a series called “In the Fold,” on the history of and impact of the newsroom on the Parkland shooter’s years within the school system.

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