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SPJ Cool Yule Party
HOST: SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 6:00 PM
WHERE: M.E.T. BUILDING, U.N.T. HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER
3600 BLOCK OF BUNTING AVENUE, FORT WORTH, TX 76107

AMON!
A One-Person Play
By **DAVE LIEBER**



Bison in a bag



Puppies on a pillowcase

Twenty bucks admission plus some Christmas cash for the gift drawing buy you a high-energy evening — raffle and live auction! **Dave Lieber's** take on **Amon Carter! Leroy Wilson's** barbecue! — Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the MET Building, UNT Health Science Center. You should come just for a chance to win a **Mary Dulle** pie (one prize among many).

If you're in a giving mood — hey, 'tis the season — JPS needs bilingual children's books for its waiting rooms. Bring English-to-Spanish kid lit (no romance novels, please) to donate to the hospital's readers library.

RSVP to **Kay Pirtle** at pirtlemk@yahoo.com. [Map](#).

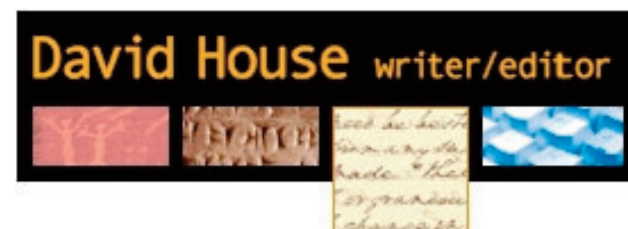
QUICK HITS

- First Amendment Awards application announced — received-by deadline Jan. 7. [Info](#).
- Texas Gridiron Scholarship application announced — received-by deadline Feb. 1. [Info](#).
- **Bobbie Wygant** conversation and memoir signing, "Talking to the Stars: Bobbie Wygant's Seventy Years in Television" — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, Tandy Lecture Hall at the Fort Worth Central Library, 500 W. 3rd St.; no admission charge, but seating limited to 150. [Info](#).
- GFW PRSA holly jolly happy hour (\$5) — 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, Branch & Bird rooftop bar, 640 Taylor St.
- Texas Center for Community Journalism workshop on growing your newspaper (limited to one publisher or editor per paper; no charge for Hyatt Place overnight stay) — 4 p.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 6-7. [Info](#).
- Hispanic Communicators DFW scholarship luncheon — noon Saturday, Dec. 8, Meso Maya, 1611 McKinney Ave., Dallas. [Info](#).
- Writers Guild of Texas holiday party: writerly networking, door prizes, refreshments and announcement of the 2018 [Flash Fiction Contest](#) winners — 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, Richardson Public Library. [Info](#).
- Meetups: [North Texas Editors](#) ... [Bedford Science Fiction Writing](#) ... [DFW Self-Publishing Group](#) ... [GFW Writers](#) ... [Writers Anonymous – Support and Education](#) ... [Fort Worth Chapter – Nonfiction Authors Association](#) ... [Kidlit Critique](#) ... [Trinity Arts Writers Workshop](#) ... [The Writer's Critique](#) ... [Lonestar Sci Fi, Horror, and Fantasy Fans](#) ... [20BooksTo50k - Michael Anderle](#) ... [Fort Worth Area Journalists Meetup](#) ... [The DFW Bloggers Classroom](#)

POWER TO THE PEOPLE Regardless of the season, for Dallas Morning News Watchdog columnist **Dave Lieber** there's always a parade of (blue) lights. To recap, recent "Blue Light Special" Sunday night Facebook live videos have included [harsh criticism of AT&T](#), two [super privacy tools](#) to protect your family, a look at whether the feds can [end robocalls](#) in 2019, and his "[P campaign](#)" to force the [Texas PUC](#) to get tough on electricity company deceptions.

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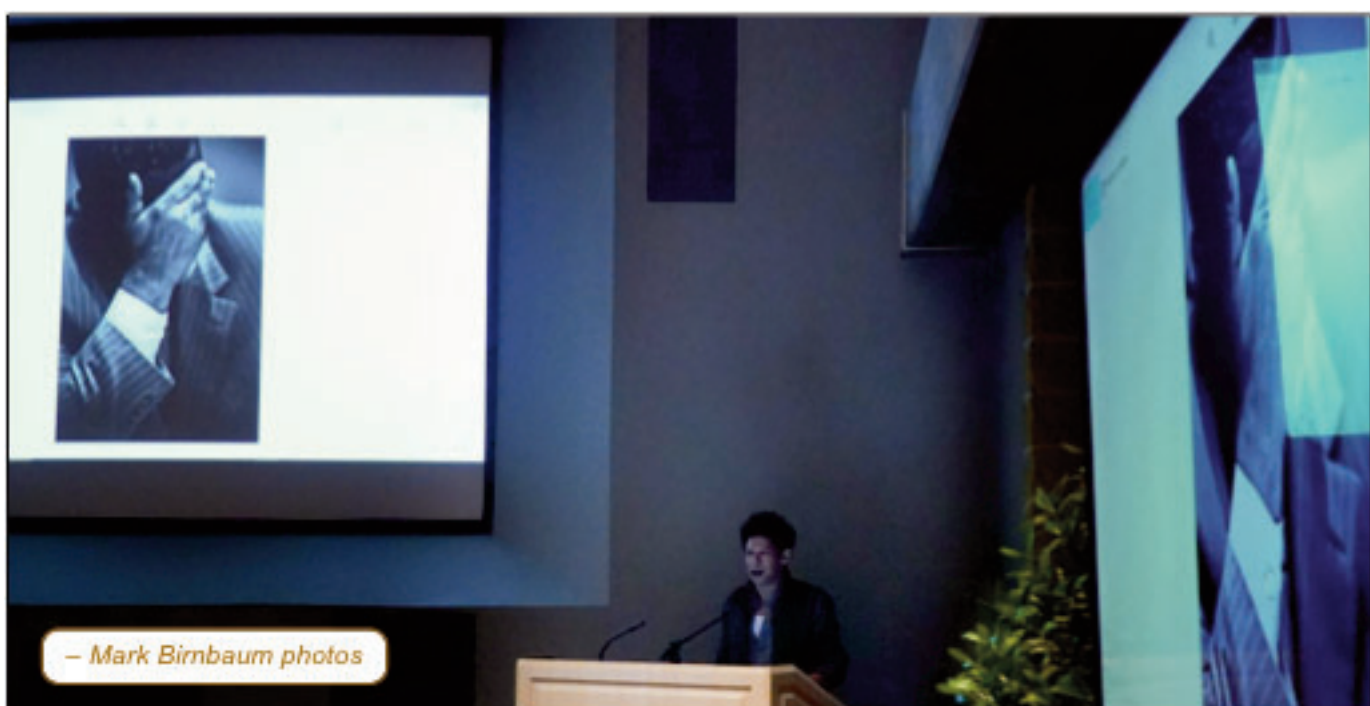
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Chapter officers **Kimberly Evans Idrogo**, left, and **Tabitha Redder** helped lead SPJ at UTA to two Region 8 honors announced at SPJ's Excellence in Journalism 2018 national conference in September — the Outstanding Campus Chapter Award (out of all student chapters in Texas and Oklahoma, for the second year in a row) and Outstanding Program of the Year for a sexual assault awareness discussion in April.



— Mark Birnbaum photos

DALLAS — It was war stories and wide-angle reporting at the KERA studios in November as former Star-Telegram photo editor **David Kent**, **Ashley Stephenson Landis** with The Dallas Morning News and **Danny Fulgencio** at The Advocate explored in a well-attended Fort Worth SPJ panel discussion the change and challenge that is photojournalism today. [Video 1.](#) [Video 2.](#)

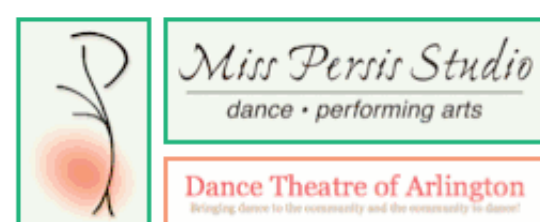
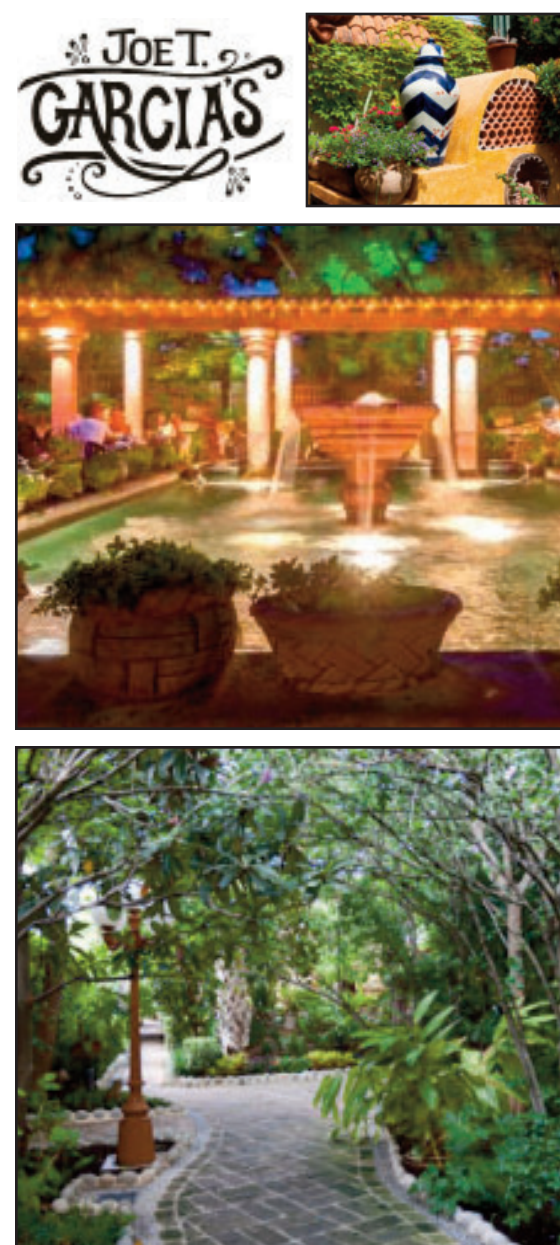


Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas update: [Aligning open government ideals with law enforcement provisions.](#) ... The Texas Supreme Court will review a lower court decision that required prison officials to identify the pharmacy that supplied the state with execution drugs under a 2014 legal challenge. The state's highest civil court had rejected the case in June but reversed itself — a rarely granted move that came after lawyers for Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton argued that the effort to unmask the pharmacy was an attack on the death penalty that will jeopardize the continued availability of lethal-injection drugs. Oral arguments will be heard Jan. 23. [Details.](#) ... How many times have UT students appealed Title IX sanctions to the President's Office? That's the question former Daily Texan reporter **Will Clark** was trying to answer late last year as he reported the story "Presidential Power," which explains UT President **Gregory Fenves'** unique power as the final decision-maker in appeals cases regarding student conduct. As part of his reporting, Clark, a radio-television-film junior, asked the university that question via an open records request, but the request was denied on the basis that confidential student information might be released in the process. [Details.](#)

IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB [Listings in journalismjobs.com and dfwcommunicators.com appear in this report.](#) ... The San Antonio Express-News has an opening for a digital growth producer to update the website and report news — everything from immediate local stories to breaking news and enterprise reports — for mySA.com, expressnews.com and its network of websites and media platforms. [Info.](#) ... Parkland Health & Hospital System needs a proactive and PR-savvy digital communications specialist to coordinate Parkland's visibility, its mission and work in the community. Must have at least two years of social media, communications and/or public relations experience. Experience in digital image, video and audio editing a plus but not required. Must be comfortable learning new technology on the job. [Info.](#) ... KTXS-TV in San Angelo has an opportunity for a multimedia journalist. Responsibilities include reporting, shooting and editing news stories, generating story ideas and producing daily content on a variety of platforms. [Info.](#) ... The Dallas Morning News seeks an accomplished editor to head its award-winning six-reporter investigative team. In recent months the team has published, among other stories, "Pain & Profit" (companies prosper, kids suffer), "Time Bomb" (houses blow up because of gas leaks) and "They're Gonna Kill Me" (an inmate is pepper sprayed and chokes to death). [Info.](#) ... Texas Woman's University seeks a PR manager for its Institute for Women's Leadership and the institute's three centers. [Info.](#) ... United Press International seeks an experienced contract news photographer to visually document stories related to immigration and security. The photographer would work with the UPI reporter based in El Paso to shoot several assignments a month on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. [Info.](#)

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Welcome to Texas, SPJ president J. Alex Tarquinio

The SPJ national president shows off the red cowgirl boots she bought in Fort Worth, Justin time for next year's national convention in San Antonio. **Kim and Buddy Jones** hosted a reception in **J. Alex Tarquinio's** honor in October — great food and conversation on important topics: A summit of journalism organizations is one of Tarquinio's big projects, she told the gathering, in addition to boosting membership.

on the scene ... Margarita Birnbaum, Donald Buckman, Robert Buckman, Kathryn Malone and Dan Malone, Karen Gavis, Kim Pewitt-Jones and Buddy Jones, Kay Pirtle, J. Alex Tarquinio, Gayle Reaves, Craig Smith

— photos by Kay Pirtle and Kathryn Malone



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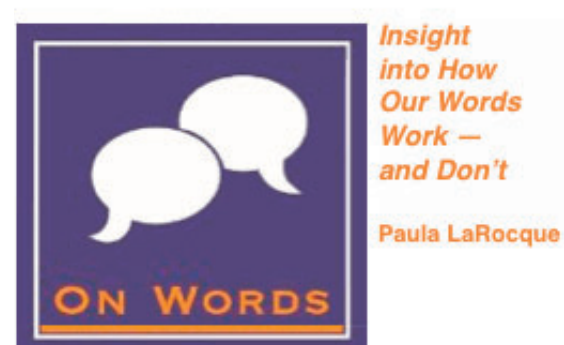
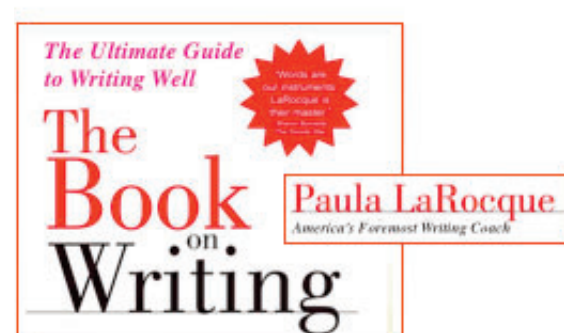
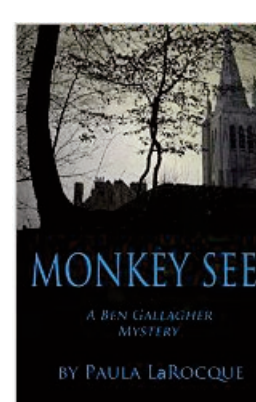
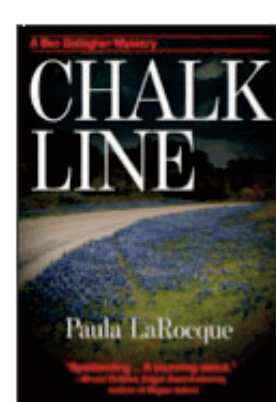
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"There is no greater agony than carrying an untold story."
— Maya Angelou



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The full-service ad agency J.O. writes that it won three Awards of Excellence and two Awards of Achievement in Greater Fort Worth PRSA's 2018 Worthy Awards. [See all the winners.](#)

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

SPJ national headquarters collected \$10,061 from Giving Tuesday. Not bad at all. ...

I always wanted **Bobbie Wygant's** job. Growing up in Fort Worth in the '60s, I could relate to **Elston Brooks** (two white guys from Paschal! loved movies!), and I came to greatly admire **Perry Stewart**. **Bill Garber** made me smile. **Joe Stecko** brought silver-haired sophistication to the orchestra pit at Casa Mañana. Interstate Theatres publicist **Sanda Bloxom** was a goddess. There was a heady universe, a spotlight planet, and **Bobbie Wygant** was the empress chronicler of the realm. How grand that at 90 she's still playing the game, still recalling with precision her career as Channel 5's arts and entertainment reporter. Ms. Wygant, may your memoir enjoy a boffo run, and down the road may there be enough new material to warrant a sequel.

SPJ Factoids: The murder of Saudi Arabian journalist **Jamal Khashoggi** prompted worldwide media outrage and a business backlash. Reporters Without Borders is urging journalists and non-journalists alike to sign a petition calling on Saudi Arabia to release the 28 journalists and bloggers currently detained and to reveal the truth about Khashoggi's death. And The Washington Post says Saudi Arabia's announcement about the death was not an explanation but a cover-up. ... This is the state of nonprofit news in 2018: The nonprofit news sector is coming of age — and older organizations have an edge over the newcomers. But the recent entrants can still draw from their elders' lessons. ... **Hannah Storm** writes a Poynter article detailing her experience being a female journalist: "After I was assaulted, I briefly considered leaving journalism. But this is a profession I remain passionate about. It's one where we have a responsibility to shine a light in the dark, give a voice to the voiceless and hold power to account."

Caught my eye. Study finds Earth heading for catastrophic 5-degree-Celsius warming. ... John Deere's electric tractor: A vision of zero emissions farming. ... 'Blinded' superbugs can't infect what they can't see.

Closing words: "The test of an adventure is that when you're in the middle of it, you say to yourself, 'Oh, now I've got myself into an awful mess; I wish I were sitting quietly at home.' And the sign that something's wrong with you is when you sit quietly at home wishing you were out having lots of adventure." — **Thornton Wilder**, who also said, "There's nothing like eavesdropping to show you that the world outside your head is different from the world inside your head."

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