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- celebrating Fort Worth SPJ's 2019 scholarship recipients and First Amendment Award winners

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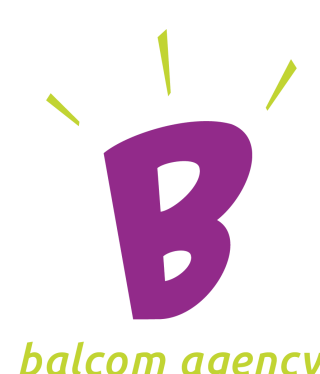
QUICK HITS

- **The Shorthorn centennial celebration and alumni reunion** — 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Bluebonnet Ballroom, University Center
- Arlington Conservation Council monthly program, "City by Nature," with city planner/landscape architect **Kevin Sloan**, UTA CAPP School of Architecture — 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, Fielder House Museum, Fielder Road at Abram Street, Arlington. [Info.](#)
- GFW PRSA networking meeting, "Jobs-to-be-Done," with **Lance Bettencourt**, TCU Neeley School of Business — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, Colonial Country Club. [Info.](#)
- BRIT Reads Book Club, "Reading the Landscape of America" — noon-1 p.m. April 15 (every third Monday). [Info.](#)
- Writers Guild of Texas monthly program, "Down and Dirty Character Development," with 24/7 reader/writer **Amanda Arista** — 7 p.m. Monday, April 15, 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](#)

IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB *Listings in journalismjobs.com and dfwcommunicators.com appear in this report.* ... The Houston Chronicle is looking for an editorial writer with an engaging style and strong reporting background. [Info.](#) ... If you never got over that hankering to live out where the spaces are open (wide, too), the Hearst Corp. West Texas Newspapers Group seeks a sports reporter for the five-times-a-week Plainview Herald. [Info.](#) ... The San Antonio Express-News is looking for a fast and thorough reporter who has a feel for what web audiences want to read. Be prepared to report on breaking news from the scene, over the phone or from the web, post details as they happen, rewrite the story as it develops, and take photos and create video as time and resources dictate. Live tweeting expected. [Info.](#) ... Over the last eight years [State of Reform](#) has developed into a primary digital outlet for reporting on health policy, politics and market activity in select states in the western United States. It seeks a health policy reporter to beef up in its Southwest Edition, which includes Texas, Utah, Arizona and Colorado. [Info.](#)

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Keynote speaker **Beth Frerking** had succinct advice for the SPJ Region 8 Conference last month. Be nimble, she told the young journalists. Be agile. And get it right. Political attacks on journalists underscore the importance of accuracy and doing “impeccable” work.



Frerking, the new vertical editor at The Dallas Morning News, joined almost a dozen other presenters for a day of informative sessions, awards and discussions about unprecedented attacks on journalists and how to rebuild public trust. About 100 journalists, students and j-educators from Texas and Oklahoma attended the conference, March 22-23 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

The conference was dedicated to the memory of **Jamal Khashoggi**, the Washington Post columnist who was murdered last fall after he wrote columns criticizing the Saudi Arabian government. Attendees received conference bags with a special button honoring Khashoggi.

Region 8 coordinator **Kathryn Jones** announced that SPJ will honor previous coordinator **Eddy Gallagher** with a scholarship in her name and will create a network to connect freelance writers in the region. For information on joining the network, e- kathrynjones1956@gmail.com.

“Eddy turned around the region organization when it was in financial ruin,” Jones said. “We couldn’t think of a better way to thank her.”



all from left, above: SPJ national secretary-treasurer **Matt Hall**, editorial and opinion director of the San Diego Union-Tribune, rocks his “libel suit” during the fake news panel; San Antonio Pro Chapter president **Michael Drudge** talks up the national convention in San Antonio this September; keynoter **Beth Frerking**; below: **Stome Jones**, University of Oklahoma (center), and **Yvette Walker** (left), assistant dean of the Gaylord College at OU, at the awards luncheon; SPJ Facebook trainer **Ray Ruiz** and Google Tools trainer **Sandra Gonzalez**; attentive audience for covering the military and the aftermath of war with journalists **David Wood** and **David Bryant** (green shirt), military editor of the Killeen Daily Herald; bottom: **Jessica James** of Texas State University celebrates one of her students’ winning MOE entries; **Eddy Gallagher** and **Max Baker** of Fort Worth SPJ; **Dan Malone** moderates end-of-the-day discussion on journalism under attack.



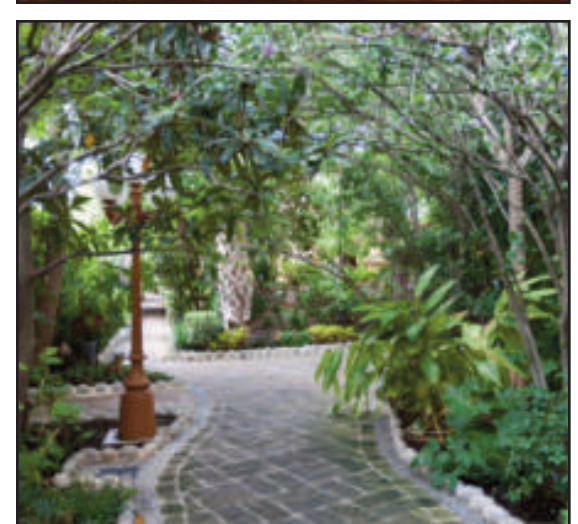
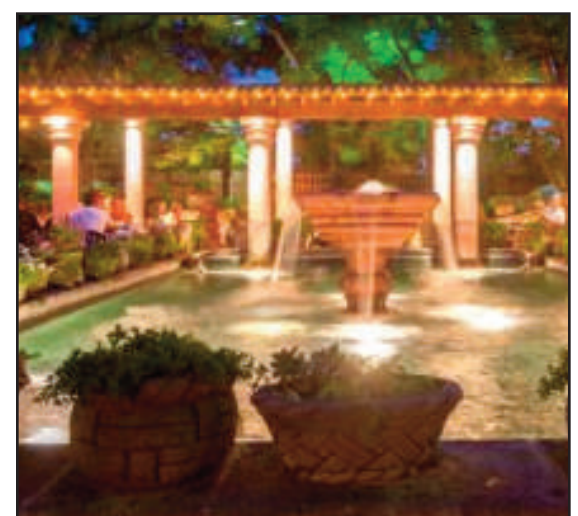
Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas update: [The Texas Tribune: Some of the secrets of Texas government aren’t supposed to be secrets.](#) ... In Texas, records that once might have been public are increasingly difficult to obtain, according to an analysis of 10 years worth of attorney general decisions by KTRK-TV Houston in collaboration with the Houston Chronicle. The review found that the number of appeals from state and local agencies to withhold information has nearly doubled in the past decade.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE: The blue light specials this month are all things “Amon!,” **Dave Lieber’s** play about *the* transformative force in Fort Worth’s history. It debuts May 9 at the Artisan Center Theater in Hurst.

<https://youtu.be/ZIXPkJT-bwk> | Lieber’s favorite interview of the year with the actor/teacher playing **Amon G. Carter** ... <https://youtu.be/FBeMA1jzXxo> | talking about the play ... <https://youtu.be/6kLRDwTJSAg> | early trailer ... https://youtu.be/RV_rEdhd4k | former WBAP program director **Tyler Cox** plays Carter in audiobook ... <https://youtu.be/kvTujEumtCs> | Cox’s interview on WBAP, video’d by **Rick Blair**, the show’s producer.

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Shorthorn winners in a joyful mood at TIPA. Likewise, right, Editor of the Year **Narda Pérez**.

Heyday at TIPA (et al.)

College journalists in the metroplex and down I-35 to Waco aced the field in spring award competitions. If you're alphabetizing the tally sheet, you start with B ...

BAYLOR The Lariat newspaper, Focus magazine and Roundup yearbook won Silver Crown awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, while the Lariat snagged first-place SPJ Mark of Excellence awards in best affiliated website, general column writing and television feature reporting and will advance — like all SPJ Region 8 MOE winners — to national competition.

Other Baylor awards:

- Texas Online Pacemaker, baylorlariat.com – Associated Collegiate Press
- Mobile App/Plug-in of the Year – College Media Association
- Lone Star Emmy, Newscast – National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences
- Best Sports Play-by-Play Audio — College Broadcasters Inc. Intercollegiate Press Association

From the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) ...

- Overall Excellence in Magazine
- Overall Excellence in Yearbook
- Overall Excellence in Television
- Best of Show in Newspaper

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE The TCC newspaper, The Collegian, received the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors award for best college newspaper in the state at the Texas APME convention in Austin. It beat out such four-year schools as Lamar, Baylor, Texas Tech and Texas State to capture the top prize in the university and college division.

The award was one of 22 The Collegian received in three contests this spring. It was named a regional finalist for Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper by the Society of Professional Journalists, which also recognized staffers **Aftin Gavin** for editorial cartooning, **Jamil Oakford** for breaking news reporting and **Daniel LeNoir** for breaking news photography.

The Collegian staff added 17 awards at TIPA in Corpus Christi. The paper finished second in its division for overall newspaper excellence and won six first-place individual awards, including three for **Suzann Clay** in cover design, feature page design and photo illustration. Former editor-in-chief **Kathryn Kelman** won first in general news, current editor-in-chief **JW McNay** won first in breaking news, and campus editor **Michael Foster-Sanders** won first in critical review. McNay also won a \$400 scholarship.

TCU Several student journalists were recognized by Texas APME, led by junior **Grace Amiss**, who took first place in short video for her story on a popular course for Spanish-speaking employees. "Wow, this video is incredible. Well-produced, scripted and edited," the judge said. "Solid use of interviews, voice-overs and b-roll make this one of the best news videos I've watched in a long time." The students competed in the Class A category for news organizations with a circulation of 10,000 or less. TCU students swept the short video category, with **Carolina Oliveras** winning second place and Amiss and **Corinne Hildebrandt** placing third.

Benton McDonald and **Marissa Stacy**'s coverage of last fall's power outage placed second in online live coverage. **Garrett Podell** placed third in Celeste Williams Star Sportswriter of the Year. **Robbie Vaglio** and **Colin Post** received an honorable mention in deadline writing, and Oliveras received an honorable mention in sports feature.

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

Welcome, **Linda Pavlik** and the News Tribune ~ Digital, to Tarrant County nonprofit news, and heads up, McClatchy, she wants a piece of the stories-not-covered pie. Pavlik's reborn News Tribune and **Richard Connor**'s reborn Fort Worth Press should make things interesting. ... Note the big [p. 1 invite](#) to the 16th Annual First Amendment Awards and Scholarship Banquet, a snazzy evening of journalist recognition and handing out money. If you've never been, it's a graceful affair that your presence would enhance. ... Then there's the UTA Shorthorn centennial dinner and alumni unbridled hug-a-thon Saturday, April 27. [Share the link, spread the word](#). For anyone with any connection, direct or indirect, this is not to be missed.



SPJ Factoids: [The Whistleblower Project](#), a collaboration between SPJ and the Government Accountability Project, explores [various aspects of whistleblowing, shares stories of whistleblowers and examines what actions need to be taken in order to protect whistleblowers' rights with proper laws and resources](#). ... The Chicago City Council made a [timely and historic decision](#) when it renamed a prominent downtown street for the pioneering newspaper editor, anti-lynching campaigner and suffragist **Ida B. Wells**.

Caught my eye. [6 positive advancements against climate change to lead us into 2019](#). ... [The most innovative battery designs of 2018](#). ... [California's Monarch butterfly population hits 'potentially catastrophic' low](#).

Closing words: "There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world: and that is an idea whose time has come." — French novelist **Victor Hugo**

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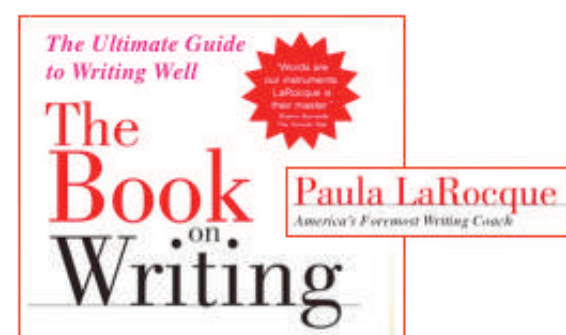
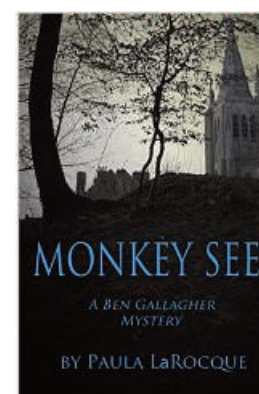
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