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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 CAPPA 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 Area Journalists Meetup... The DFW Bloggers Classroom...

NEWS TRENDS — Digital turns FW nonprofit news scene

Hannah J. Barron From Paschal to the originator of modern sports journalism, Fort Worth Star-Telegram honoree Dale Hansen passionately answers media critics Roger Buxton’s scathing opinion column in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Bright spots in the industry worth celebrating

The post-Mueller rejection of cable news as journalism Podcast: Clerk who took over for racist Alabama editor speaks Knight Foundation doubling spending to boost local news

Freedom of the press organizations warn of dark times in Latin America

Society of Professional Journalists, Fort Worth Professional Chapter

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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 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, email 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."

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/ZlXPkJT-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_rEdhld4k | 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.
Heyday at Tipa (et al.)

College journalists in the tropics 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 ME 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
• Best Sports Play-by-Play Audio — College Broadcasters Inc.

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 Association Press Managers Editor 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 subscribers Aftin Gavin for editorial cartooning, Jamil Oakford for breaking news reporting and Daniel LeBohr 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 Suzanne Clay in cover design, feature page design and illustration. Former editor-in-chief Kathryn Kulin won first in general news, current editor-in-chief J.W. McSpadden won first in breaking news, and campus editor Michael Foster-Sanders won first in criticism. McSpadden also won a $400 scholarship.

TCU

Several student journalists were recognized by Texas APME, led by junior Grace Amis, who took second 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. “Use of interviews with local voices and bi-lingual makes this one of the best news videos I’ve watched in a long time.”

The students competed in the Class A category for news videos with a circulation of 13,000 or less. TCU students sweep the short video category, with Carolina Oliveras second place and Fernanda Corbitt third.

Benton McDonald and Marissa Stacy’s coverage of a last fall’s power outage placed second in online live coverage. Garrett Podell placed third in Celeste Williams’ story on Sportsmanship of the Year. Robbie Vaglin and Colleen Post received an honorable mention in deadline writing, and Olivia received an honorable mention in sports feature.

Note the big p. 1 invite to the 16th Annual First Amendment Awards and Scholarship Banquet, a snazzy affair that your presence would enhance. ... Then there’s the UTA Shorthorn centennial dinner and alumni unbridled hug-a-thon. Welcome, UNUSING REMEMBERING JEWELL MOBLE

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