Fort Worth Inc. Entrepreneur of Excellence Awards, with emcee Four Day
BRIT Reads Book Club, "The Brother Gardeners" — noon-1 p.m. May 20
Writers Guild of Texas monthly program, "Manuscript Development and
Meetups: North Texas Editors

Clearly, the coverage of religion is as important today as it has ever been.
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The Texas Signal, a media start-up with a
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Donald Trump appears to evangelicals despite a past that includes
multiple marriages and alleged infidelity.

In Texas, state lawmakers are considering faith-based legislation, with one
bill seeking to protect licensed professionals who deny services to the
public because of their "sincerely held religious beliefs."

Franklin Graham, a nationally known religious leader, tells Pete Buttigieg,
an openly gay Democratic presidential candidate, to "repent" for his sins.

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The goal would be to guide students in choosing an internship and
better prepare them for the real world. They could get a feel for a job
without an extreme time commitment.

The school has built a survey to gather feedback.

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... Fort Worth Chapter – Nonfiction Authors Association

... Arlington Conservation Council monthly program, "Before Arlington:
Indians, Militiamen, Pioneers and Traders," with Dr. James Blackshear,
teacher of Texas and U.S. history at Collin College in Plano and UNT Dallas
— 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, George V. Hawkes Central Library, 100 S.
Center St., Arlington. Info.

... GFV PRSA networking meeting, "Team Engagement: What Can I Do
Now?" with Kim Spates, APR — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, Colonial
Country Club. Info.

... Fort Worth Inc. Entrepreneur of Excellence Awards, with emcee Four Day
Weekend — cocktails 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30, program 7:30 Thursday, May
9, Cendera Center, 3600 Benbrook Highway, Fort Worth. Info.

... KXAN (Gatehouse) in Austin is

... Sinclair

... Everybody wants an

... Bedfont Science Fiction Writing

... 20BooksTo50k - Michael Anderle

... Writers Anonymous – Support and

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Welcome to the new Region 8 blog. Send chapter news, photos and assorted tidbits to Region 8 coordinator Kathryn Jones at kathrynjones1956@gmail.com. Have a journalism issue you'd like to write about? Submit a column!

Mark of Excellence Awards were announced at the Region 9 Conference at Tarleton State University in March. See the winners list here. Texas State University will host next year’s event in San Marcos, and in April rather than March, due to conflicts with other conferences. Tentative dates are April 24-25.

Early-bird registration is open for the SPJ national convention, Excellence in Journalism 2019, in San Antonio. Do it now and save $100. This year’s specials include a 35-minute boat tour of the San Antonio Riverwalk ($5) and a tour of the Alamo ($20). Questions answered at convention@spj.org.

The play “AMON! The Ultimate Texan,” about the legendary media mogul who dominated Texas for 50 years with his ownership of a newspaper and radio and TV stations, has its world premiere May 9 at Artisan Center Theater in Hurst, 444 E. Pipeline Road. Eleven performances are slated through May 25, including three shows added because it’s almost sold out.


“Amon is the Alexander Hamilton of our region,” Lieber says. “He changed this place forever, but few know why. This play and its companion book will fix that.” More at amonplay.com.

For its 11th year, the TCU Nonprofit Communicators Conference has adopted a workshop format to bring together the voices of nonprofit communicators and executives, academics, and social-good entrepreneurs and innovators. What happens when collective impact becomes a guiding principle? How can nonprofit communicators use innovation and authenticity to boost their mission and daily work? How can they tap into best practices and lay the groundwork for change?

Following the conference, ComNetworkDFW invites attendees to stick around for strategic networking. The hosts will pose topics related to nonprofit marketing, and each table will have five minutes per topic to share best practices. One person from each table will report on something learned, then switch tables and repeat.

When: Friday, May 17
Where: TCU’s Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center, 2820 Stadium Drive (map)
Parking: See next door, or in the parking garage just north of the center; both lots are free.
Cost: $40
Register
Information
Speakers:
Vanessa and Noel Bouche, founders, Sahvera
Sean Cahio, Dallas Social Venture Partners
Lesa Engelthaler, Victory Search Group
Sheryle Gillian, CEO, Causelab
Kirsten Ham, Presbyterian Night Shelter
Aliah Henry, CEO, Henry Group (hosts talk show, “Charity Talk”)
L. Michelle Smith, CEO/founder, no silos communications
Keziah Stegemoeller, Friends of Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy

COMING NEXT MONTH: More of this from the 16th Annual First Amendment Awards and Scholarship Banquet, plus images from the glorious UTA Shorthorn Centennial dinner and alumni reunion.
Don Buckman

Relived from the Army Reserve, retired from Cantey Hanger

B. Journals, 1962: TOU

It’s such a good feeling to return to the Fort Worth Professional Chapter of SPJ after a nearly 50-year hiatus. The warm welcome I received upon my return is greatly appreciated.

1951–1962: Was a 19-year-old paladin for the press in the U.S. Navy and several years later as a journalist in OKC, Chicago, St. Louis, and LA.

1962–1973: Worked at the Times Herald in Detroit, reporting assignments to the Spanish Northwest and the Middle East, and as an editor and ombudsman.

1973–1992: Was a reporter and ombudsman for the Dallas Morning News and was one of the first journalists to be hired by the Dallas Morning News of the nation’s large newspapers. I initially covered science and was later the national investigative editor.


2006–2017: Was a freelance journalist and taught journalism courses for the University of Texas at Dallas.

2017–present: Continue to write freelance articles, contribute to various publications, and teach journalism courses for various universities.

My life membership in SDX, which I had bought 10 years previously. I was positive that I had saved enough to buy a one-way ticket to Dallas and started law school in Austin at the University of Texas. It was far less expensive than going back to law school in LA or Detroit.

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