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POWER TO THE PEOPLE
With a triumphant run of “AMON! The Ultimate Texan” behind him, the scene shifted back to angst and attitude for Dallas Morning News Watchdog columnist Dave Lieber. Turns out he was working on stuff all along. To catch up...

• Before the legislative session ended, he generated both a column and a 90-minute video from a property tax seminar he co-hosted in Frisco featuring Will Wiggins, the “toughest property tax consultant” he could find. 

• Why the Texas roofer registration bill died in a hailstorm of ‘no’ votes from both parties.

• Breaking it down: How the new Texas property tax law affects you.

• If you want privacy on your Internet searches and where you shop and travel, wait two more years.

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Region 8 striving for collaboration
It’s called working together for the greater good. At the TCCJ workshop in Fredericksburg, SPJ Region 8 coordinator Kathryn Jones and Michael Hodges, executive director of the Texas Press Association, informally discussed how the two organizations can help each other.

Hodges said the TPA especially wants to get the word out about its online job bank, which updates as positions become available.

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The Texas Center for Community Journalism offers free one- and two-day workshops to community newspapers throughout the year thanks to funding from the Texas Newspaper Foundation. Topics range from photojournalism to writing improvement to advertising design to management. To get on the TCCJ mailing list, e- tccj@tcu.edu.

Tommy Thomason, founding director of the Texas Center for Community Journalism at TCU, welcomes newspaper to the revenue strategies conference at the Hanger Hotel and Conference Center at the Fredericksburg airport.

SMU associate professor Jake Battell, left, discussed ways to increase, measure and monetize audience engagement as a way to increase revenues at the Texas Center for Community Journalism’s revenue strategies workshop June 21. Also attending from the North Texas area was Randy Keas, editor-publisher of The Community News in Aledo; Dan Malone, associate professor of journalism at Tarleton State University; and Karen Chandler and Charlie Sexton of the Hood County News in Granbury.

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When the offer's so good you can't say no

UTA Student Publications director Beth Francesco is the new operations director for an organization that champions First Amendment rights, journalism training and civic engagement — the National Press Club Journalism Institute in Washington, D.C. Her last day at UTA is July 17.

A UTA graduate, Class of ‘03, she became Student Publications director 10 years later. The Shorthorn, the campus paper, upped its game by maintaining its traditions of accuracy, timeliness, progressive income generation and industry recognition, and the students actually graduate. Francesco led the team that crafted the paper’s Centennial celebration in April — a shining moment. The photos below are from that night, with more pictures here and the full video here. She served on the Fort Worth SPJ board 2017-2018.

"It's exciting, and bittersweet, to leave my beloved Shorthorn and UTA for new things, and I'm incredibly grateful to contribute to our work supporting student media in a new way," she said. "My heart and passion for The Shorthorn and student media will never waver.

"As I always tell our students: if opportunity knocks, pack your bags. I'm at once terrified and excited, but if you don't shake things up every now and then... you could live with benign neglect."

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Then there was that moment in the little office above the editor's office, she was maybe a senior. My mother's memory issues were just appearing. I was frightened. Beth was calming, reassuring. Your mother will be all right. You will be all right. Trust. Breathe. Keep moving forward. And my mother, in that transcendent realm beyond the sky, is now most surely all right. And I am, too. The encounter needn't be lengthy for it to reside in the heart forever.

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