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Next at Fort Worth SPJ ...

• **December:** SPJ Cool Yule party/Star-Telegram Reunion Round Two, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, UNT Health Science Center M.E.T. Building

• **January 2020:** Dinner and discussion on the “news desert” that is Arlington, Texas, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, Joe T. Garcia’s Restaurant on Fort Worth’s storied North Side

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**SPJ COOL YULE PARTY!**

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 FROM 6:00 PM  
 TO 9:30 PM**

**QUICK HITS**

• Texas Center for Community Journalism free Thursday-Friday workshop, “The News Online: How Community Newspapers Can Develop a Dynamic Digital Presence,” sponsored with the Texas Newspaper Foundation, featuring newspaper production expert **Kevin Slimp** and **Andrew Chavez** from the digital team at The New York Times — 5 p.m. Dec. 5 through 4 p.m. Dec. 6, Hyatt Place Fort Worth/Cityview. There’s a wait list. [Info.](#)

• BRIT Research Lecture Series, “From Proteas to Welwitchia: Unique Plants of Namibia & the Cape of Good Hope” — noon Dec. 3 (first Tuesday). [Info.](#)

• Arlington Conservation Council annual business meeting and potluck brunch (no program in December) — 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, Montessori Academy of Arlington, 3428 W. Arkansas Lane

• Writers Guild of Texas holiday party — 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. [Info.](#)

• Urban Alchemy Coffee + Wine Bar, events all month — 403 E. Main St., Arlington. [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](#) ... [DFW Bloggers Classroom](#)

**IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB** *Listings in [journalismjobs.com](#) and [dfwcommunicators.com](#) appear in this report.* Freese and Nichols seeks a senior PR/communications specialist. [Info.](#) ... Presbyterian Night Shelter in Fort Worth seeks a development director. [Info.](#) ... Irving-based Cooksey Communications seeks a hot-shot entry-level account executive or someone with 3-5 years experience for senior account executive. Must have strong writing skills using AP style. B2B and public policy experience a plus. E- [colby@cookseypr.com](mailto:colby@cookseypr.com). ... Tex Appeal, a colorful, people-centric, all-digital quarterly magazine based in Bell County, seeks an editor to pretty much run the place. Position is part time, approximately 20 hours a week. The editor writes most of the stories, although a number of freelance writers and photographers also contribute content. Send cover letter, résumé and three writing samples to Tex Appeal, P.O. Box 6114, Temple, TX 76503. ... The Temple Daily Telegram seeks a photojournalist. Newspaper experience preferred, with ability to shoot sports game action a must. [Info.](#) ... College juniors, seniors and graduate students are encouraged to apply for paid summer internships at the San Antonio Express-News. Up to five candidates will be selected for the 10-week program. [Info.](#)

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In these times when journalists are disrespected, condemned, ridiculed, assaulted and constantly face layoffs, pay cuts and worse, let it be known that we honor and support journalists and journalism. Keep at it. Your work is important to the people and essential to democracy itself. - Roger Summers

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“What is good journalism?”

The staff of the Tarrant County College newspaper scored 12 awards last month in Washington at the Fall National College Media Convention, a collaboration of the College Media Association and Associated Collegiate Press. In the two most prestigious categories, The Collegian was a finalist for the online Pacemaker, the highest award in college journalism, and former editor-in-chief **JW McNay** finished second for two-year-school Reporter of the Year.



TCCers at the airport heading home. *bottom row: Jill Bold, Christa Jarvis, Stacy Luecker* | *top row: Chris Whitley, Joseph Serrata, Michael Foster-Sanders, Juan Ibarra*

“It’s important to know that in seven of the 12 competitions where The Collegian staff received awards, they were competing against four-year schools from around the country as well as two-year schools,” said TCC Student Publications director **Chris Whitley**. “I’m proud of them for holding their own against the best college media outlets in America.” Whitley himself was sworn in as president-elect of CMA. The awards:

- Associated Collegiate Press national finalist, Online Pacemaker Award second place, Two-year Ernie Pyle Reporter of the Year, JW McNay fifth place, Best Editorial Cartoon, **Aftin Gavin** honorable mention, Best Editorial Cartoon, Aftin Gavin honorable mention, Best Front Page, **Christa Jarvis** honorable mention, Best House Advertisement, **Carmen Nguyen** sixth place, Best in Show, Two-year Website 10th place, Best in Show, Two-year Newspaper 10th place, Best in Show, Newspaper Special Section

- College Media Association second place, Best Editorial Cartoon, Aftin Gavin second place, Best Newspaper Nameplate, staff third place, Best Two-year Website, staff

The Rambler, Texas Wesleyan University’s printed student newspaper, took second place in the four-year less-than-weekly category of the CMA Pinnacle Awards, and Rambler Media Group students were finalists in ACP awards. **Hannah Lathen**, who graduated in spring 2019, was a finalist for Ernie Pyle ACP Reporter of the Year. She also won honorable mention in the category. Lathen worked with **Hannah Onder**, former editor-in-chief, on the story “Cox suspended 11 days before first football game,” which was an ACP Story of the Year finalist in the Breaking News category.

At UT Arlington, The Shorthorn was named among the top three colleges and universities nationally in the CMA’s Four-Year Best College Media Outlet of the Year competition. Five staffers and adviser **Laurie Fox** attended the convention.

UT Arlington placed third in the Four-Year Magazine of the Year competition in CMA’s Pinnacle Awards for the summer publication Common Ground. The Shorthorn took home six individual CMA awards, including a first place in Best Editorial Cartoon for student **Barbara Kitchens**.

In the Associated Collegiate Press award competition, Shorthorn students won five individual national awards and two staff Best in Show honors for print edition and for newspaper special section.

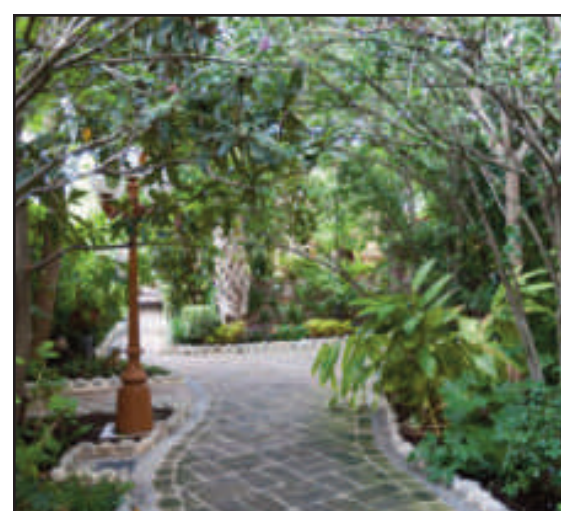
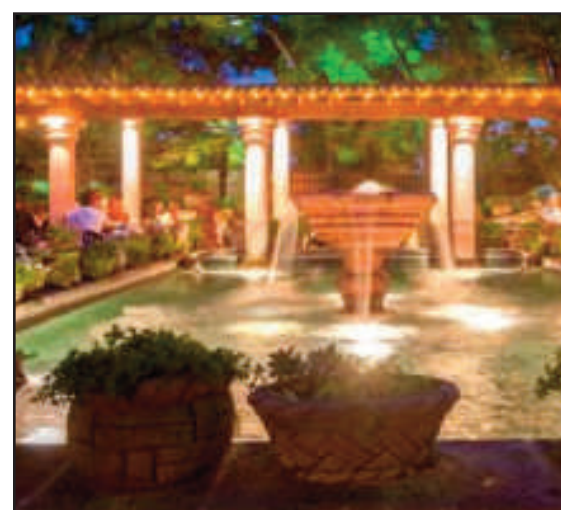
**PEOPLE & PLACES** **Amanda Rogers** is the new editor of Focus Daily News, only the fifth editor in the history of the 32-year-old publication, which covers southern Dallas and Ellis counties. A Mansfield resident, she worked a dozen years as editor of the Mansfield News-Mirror. She also worked for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for six years as a features writer and community editor. In 2012 she founded the World’s Only St. Paddy’s Pickle Parade & Palooza, which has become the largest event in Mansfield. Held in March, the festival drew an estimated 45,000 people this spring. ... **Mary-Margaret Lemons**, president of Fort Worth Housing Solutions, is Greater Fort Worth PRSA’s Communicator of the Year. She was honored Nov. 6 at the eighth annual Worthy Awards dinner. Fifty-eight awards were presented, including 10 Worthy Awards, the chapter’s highest honor.

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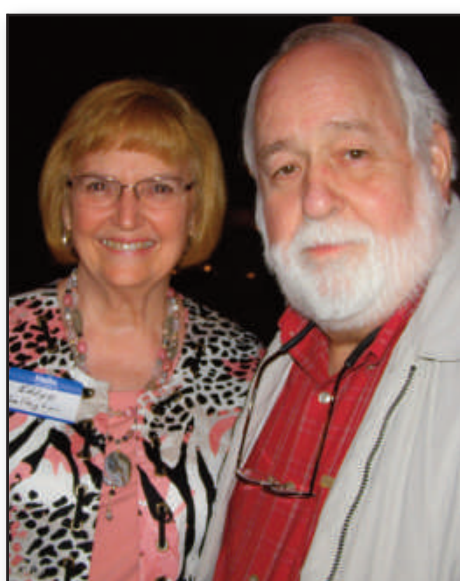
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Elegant and erudite was new SPJ board president **Patti Gallagher Newberry** at a reception Oct. 11 in Arlington.

among the players ... **Don Buckman, Mike and Sondra Cochran, Dusty and Sally Crocker, Madelyn Edwards, Eddy and Ed Gallagher, Karen Gavis, Bianca Montes, Patti Newberry, Linda Pavlik, Kay Pirtle, Carolyn Poirot and Jack Strickland, Shirley and Bill Jenkins** | almost in the picture: **Kim and Buddy Jones, Gayle Reaves, Craig Smith, John Dycus**



photos by **Kay Pirtle & Bianca Montes**



OVER & OUT | **John Dycus**, Fort Worth SPJ

Chapter secretary-treasurer **Kay Pirtle** remembers **Ann Gilliland** as the "powerhouse of energy behind the throne" when Ann was secretary-treasurer in the '80s. Ann kept the chapter headed in the right direction financially. Her most lasting contribution grew out of her campaign to establish a scholarship fund for young journalists. Year after year, she promoted the idea. Finally she got the attention of Star-Telegram executive editor **Jack Tinsley** and **Staley McBrayer**, and they found a bank, Overton Park, that would take the account, provided the chapter loaded \$25,000 into it as soon as possible. Within a few months, sufficient contributions arrived from chapter members, friends and longtime journalists, and the Texas Gridiron Club, Inc., began its mission. Ann died Nov. 16. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 7 at Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Drive, Dallas. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to SPJ. ...



Daughter-in-law **Cindy Gilliland**: "If heaven has beaches (and it better!), Ann and **Jim** are kicking up sand together again."

The Star-Telegram Reunion/Cool Yule party so pleased the masses last year that of course it's back. Bid on a ton of must-haves, including a \$1,000 gift certificate from Ramblin Trails Custom Boots and a legacy portrait by **Byrd Williams IV**, then go behind the scenes of emcee **Dave Lieber's** hit play, "Amon! The Ultimate Texan." **RSVP** right now while your typing finger's warm. If you ever worked at the S-T, you'll see someone you know. ...

**Roger Summers**, reporting for duty: The Dallas Morning News has announced an evening electronic edition and says it's hiring a North Texas editor to direct efforts in several places, including Arlington. Newsletters and freelancers will be part of the push. Also, the Star-Telegram is getting an Arlington reporter. Roger has his ear to the ground. Follow him here.

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Closing words [with gratitude to **Garrison Keillor** and Prairie Home Productions]: "Any reviewer who expresses rage and loathing for a novel is preposterous. He or she is like a person who has put on full armor and attacked a hot fudge sundae." — **Kurt Vonnegut** ... "Truth isn't always beauty, but the hunger for it is." — South African novelist **Nadine Gordimer**

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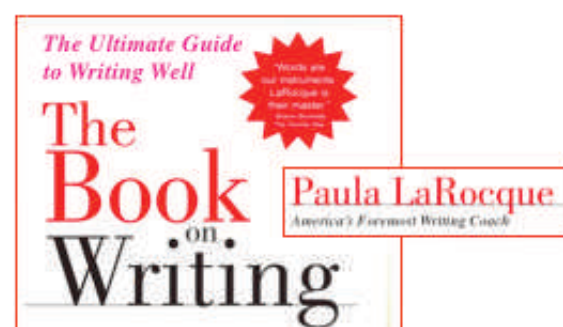
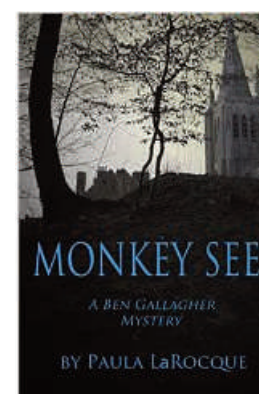
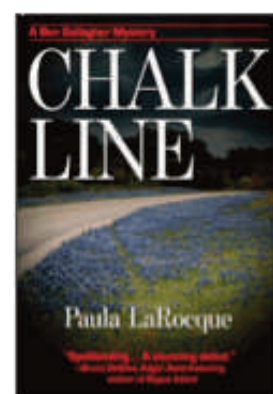
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