Texas Gridiron Scholarships: Apply by Feb. 7
First Amendment Awards 2020: Early-bird deadline Jan. 12
* In the days of hot type, a typesetter was late in his work because of a typesetter’s strike. 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?”

“Amon! The Ultimate Texan,” Dave Lieber’s theatrical springboard to Fort Worth’s past, will have a show Jan. 30 at the historic Haltom Theater, 5601 E. Belknap St. Info here and here. If you’re thinking about going, you might not think too long. Even before the official announcement of the performance, 72 tickets were sold in two days. Theater capacity is 350 seats.

The Coolest Yule

Next month: more pictures from the SPJ holiday party/JPS book benefit/Star-Telegram alumni reunion. Because the great shots just keep coming. If you can’t wait, the whole glorious catalog is here.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Sometimes the good guys win.

• Vindicated! Ostracized school watchdog wins — she was right all along.
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Fort Worth SPJ hit the road in September for a "Meet the Press" mixer at The Dallas Morning News bookstores in Dallas.

Over & Out

Bob Dillard was a born leader, a strong reporter, a true big-picture editor and linking to other countries' interference campaigns.

Over five newspapers, sat on numerous civic boards over the years, he published five newspapers, sat on numerous civic boards and identifies state-run media and "We prioritize knowledge over speed," these digital-first outlets place and "We prioritize knowledge over speed," these digital-first outlets place

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