First Amendment Awards: Call for Entries
Early entry deadline Jan. 18; last chance Jan. 31

“Probably for the next 60-90 days, we’re going to have more deaths per day than we had at 9-11 or we had at Pearl Harbor.” — CDC director Robert Redfield, 12-16-20


Toleda Blade Writers whoa managers ‘manipulated’ stories on pro-Trump mob

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Indigenous journalism: Apocalypse then and now

Byrd Williams IV is the heir to four generations of photographic history. His collection of photos, negatives, journals and equipment, documenting more than 100 years of North Texas history dating back to his great-grandfather, resides in the Special Collections Library at the University of North Texas. But Byrd IV, who grew up in Fort Worth, is more than simply the latest photographer to bear the name. His passion and determination to keep the art of photography vibrant can be seen in his book “Proof” and now in a documentary by Dallas filmmaker Mark Birnbaum. Williams and Birnbaum will share that story and pieces of the collection in an SPJ virtual event/Q&A Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. Check spjfw.org for the invitation to connect with both photographer and filmmaker.

QUICK HITS

• Arlington Conservation Council — ACC annual meeting, Jan. 13. Info.
• BRIT — “It’s all happening at the speed of Zoom.” Info.
• Meetups: hosting an online event Fort Worth Chapter – Nonfiction Authors Associates; Trinity Area Writers Workshop; Williams Media; Writers Anderson; Fort Worth Area Journalists Meetup; The DFW Bloggers Classroom; Back Issues

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

In the days of hot types, a chance was a late edition of the newspaper for which the presses were not stopped until the plates were ready. Those pages were said to be “chasing” a running press.
They call it “Creativity for Good” at Roxo. TCU’s full-service ad + pr agency, and it’s making an impact on places like Southside Preservation Hall, an historic Methodist church turned community arts and events center, and the James L. West Center for Preservation Hall, an historic Methodist church turned community center, providing the community with a stunning multicultural venue.

The Southside Preservation Association and Roxo have a shared desire to enhance our community,” said the association’s Jeff Gibbons. “Roxo is providing the creative strategy we need. It’s a perfect partnership for us.”

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