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*"If it happened in Fort Worth ...  
it's news to us!"*

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**\$6,000 in scholarships announced**

## Talk show host to headline dinner April 30

WBAP's Mark Davis, host of the area's most popular local talk show, will keynote the annual SPJ scholarship awards dinner April 30 at Cullen Davis' (no relation) old digs, Stonegate Steakhouse.

Eleven students — Darla L. Bean, Heather Clampitt, John Davis, Sandra Escobar, April Flanary, Brandon George, Michael Hines, Matt Houston, Andy McMillen, Kobbi Risser and Charles Whelan — from five schools will be honored.

"It's a privilege to invest our scholarship funds in such worthy young journalists," scholarship chair Kay Pirtle said.

Mingling and gratuitous



Mark Davis

back slapping begin at 6:30, with dinner — chicken in plum sauce, cheesecake kissed with raspberry drizzle — at 7. Call Kay at 232-0625 for reservations. Deadline is April 25; cost is \$15. There's a cash bar.

Davis, a Texas native and University of Maryland graduate, writes a newspaper column and fronts a television show in addition to hosting his name-sake morning radio program.

A former talk show host in Memphis, Tampa and Washington, D.C., he has received several AP reporting and news-casting awards.

## *SPJ's Estes honored for being wonderful*

Longtime SPJ leader and UT Arlington Student Publications director Dorothy Estes was honored March 18 with a ceremony at the state capital.

Business on the Senate floor halted as Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, presided over the passing of a resolution recognizing Dorothy's dedicated service to journalism education. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock gave Dorothy a hug, and the Estes family and friends received a VIP tour of the Capitol.

It was not immediately clear what specific accomplishments prompted the resolution, other than a lifetime of Dorothy just being Dorothy.

Observers suggested that was reason enough.

## ***How successful was the SPJ Region 8 conference?***

- 16 lively, informative sessions • 35 presenters • vibrant panels on the Dallas Cowboys and the Tarrant County newspaper war and the McVeigh coverage**
- 1 unforgettable speech from former House Speaker Jim Wright • significant sponsorships: \$1,000 from the Houston Chronicle and The Dallas Morning News, \$500 from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram
  - 1 great walking tour of the Stockyards (OK, it was a little cold) • and Verlie Edwards got a bouquet of flowers — she deserved the whole garden

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# Gridiron honors trailblazers



An outstanding author wrote: "They earned their spurs in the making and perpetuation of the heritage of the American West." Among these stalwarts, 18 names merit being the first to grace the Texas Trail of Fame in the Historic Stockyards District.

The Texas Trail of Fame will include 2-foot-diameter bronze markers, inlaid into sidewalks and other walkways around the Stockyards. The initial markers will be unveiled May 9 at a roast of **Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry** by members of the Texas Gridiron Club, Fort Worth SPJ's nonprofit scholarship arm. Count **U.S. Rep. Kay Granger** among the roasters, and don't be surprised at who else might show up in the Cowtown Coliseum Arena to verbally lasso and hogtie one of the most respected and fastest rising stars on the state political scene.

Invitations have gone out for the dinner gala. The roast and a special honors presentation to Trail of Fame individuals or their relatives will be open to the public. For information: **Delbert Bailey**, 877-2406. Tickets: **Lou Brooks**, 877-1171.

Initial honorees include **Amon G. Carter, Will Rogers, Sid Richardson, S.B. Burk Burnett, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Charles Goodnight, Tad Lucas, Watt Matthews, Bill Pickett, Quanah Parker, J. Frank Dobie** and **John Justin**. Six markers, in the circular shape of a frontier marshal's star badge, will be unveiled in ceremonies May 10. Other installations, honoring six pioneers each time, are set for August and November.

The Texas Trail of Fame is a nonprofit organization for educational purposes. A drive will be announced soon to perpetuate the placement of markers and offer educational information pertaining to history and heritage appreciation for the American West. A guide to the markers will be available at the Stockyards Visitor Center, 130 E. Exchange Ave.

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