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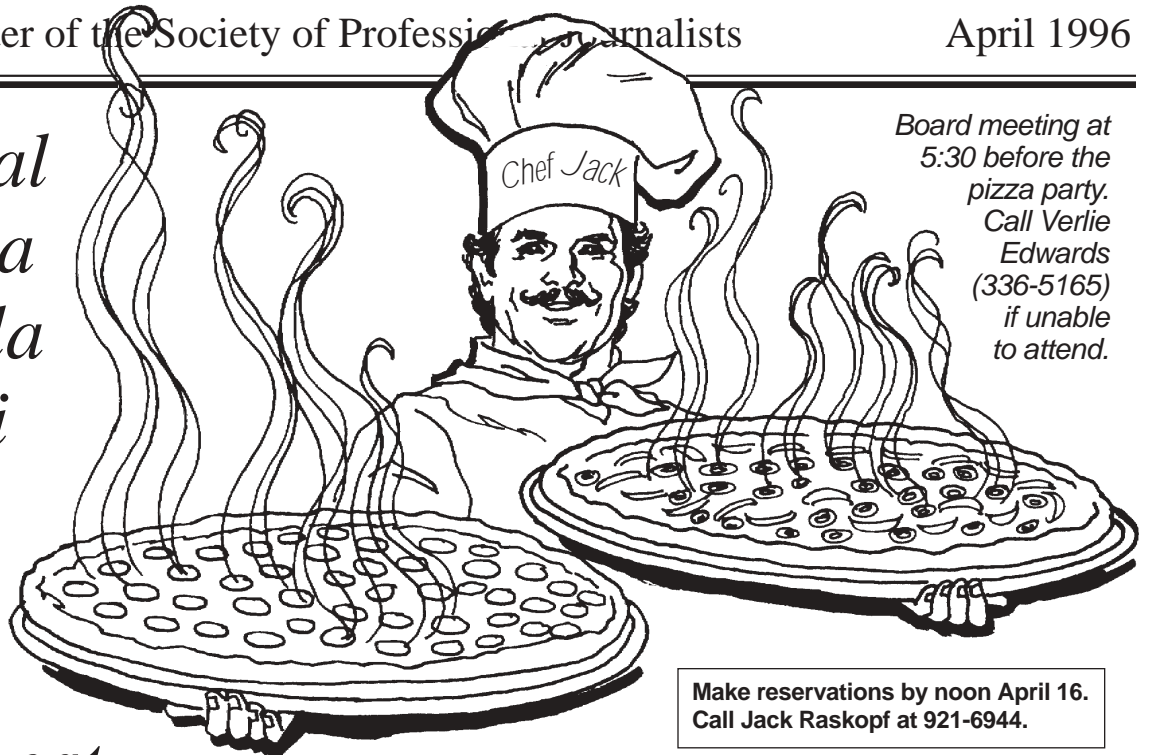
"If it happened in Fort Worth ... it's news to us!"

The Chaser

Fort Worth Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists

April 1996

*The annual
mozzarella
happy fella
pepperoni
zamboni
anchovy
Bon Jovi
all-u-can-eat
feverish pizza feed &
post-Gridiron jolly-up*



*Board meeting at
5:30 before the
pizza party.
Call Verlie
Edwards
(336-5165)
if unable
to attend.*

Make reservations by noon April 16.
Call Jack Raskopf at 921-6944.

This was one of our biggest and best meetings last year. Folks enjoyed it so much we're doing it again.

Everything takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at Best Pizza, 1101 N. Beach St. in Fort Worth. For \$6 (students \$3), you can't afford to stay home. Buy your own drinks, or see if you can get someone else to do it.

From Airport Freeway (Hwy. 121), turn north onto North Beach. Just before the traffic light at Belknap Street, you'll see Best Pizza on your left. It's across the street from Minyard's Market. If you're coming from downtown Fort Worth, take Belknap east to North Beach. Turn right and Best Pizza is immediately to your right.

Lost? Call 838-5491. That's Best Pizza's number. They aren't the best at giving directions, but they'll send a pizza out to wherever you are.

It's time again for the Fort Worth SPJ relaxin' pizza party. No program. Just old friends and new friends getting together.

Bragging time. War story time. Good joke/bad joke time. Gridiron reminiscing time.

Say what you want. The Star-Telegram's Mary Rogers won't quote you or describe how you were dressed. Click won't be there to photograph you. Odds are no one of any importance at all will attend.

Some SPJers who sang in the Gridiron show say they'll show up and sing their songs, read their lines and dance again — unless we buy their pizza and beer.

Verlie Edwards' President's Platform

Wow! A standing-o show!

"Thank you" does not begin to express how much I appreciate everyone's help in making the 1996 Golden Gridiron Show a great success. I've heard nothing but praise for the script, the videos, the Worthington food — everything. Pat yourself on the back. You deserve it.

Just think, we received a standing ovation! That proves we have talent!!

Watch the City Cable 45 schedule for date and times the 50th — and last — Gridiron will take to the air. Thanks to **Sue Winter** and her team for making this possible.

Now that the show is over, scholarships VP **Linda Pavlik** and her team are busily screening the applications we've received. Assisting Linda are **Kay Pirtle**, **Jack Raskopf** and me. The chapter will award between \$4,000 and \$5,000 at the annual scholarship dinner May 2.

Kay Pirtle and I climbed aboard an American Eagle flight at 8 a.m. the morning after Gridiron (can you believe it?) and attended the SPJ Regional Convention in Lafayette, La. Also making the trip were **Nancy Bartosek** and

Linda Swift of the UTA student chapter. It was a great meeting, and kudos to the UTA Short-horn and its staff. They walked away with 14 awards, including firsts in sports writing, feature photography and sports photography.

In addition to making a surprise Gridiron floral tribute to **Ed Hanley**, **Ruta Lee** contributed a generous donation to our scholarship endowment accompanied by the following message:

Dear Ones, this small but loving contribution is in honor of Phil Record, Frank Perkins, Perry Stewart, Larry Swindell, Elston Brooks, Tony Slaughter, Cissy Stewart, Jerry Coffey, Jack Gordon and all the press gang that have made my life in Fort Worth, the life I love most. May the next press generation have the humor and humility, the style and pizzazz of the "Old Farts." God bless them (the OFs) wherever they are! Gratefully, Ruta Lee

We extend our sympathy to **Sharon Belz** on the recent death of her mother.

Verlie

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