

The Chaser

Fort Worth Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists

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The Prez has a point; she'll share it May 3

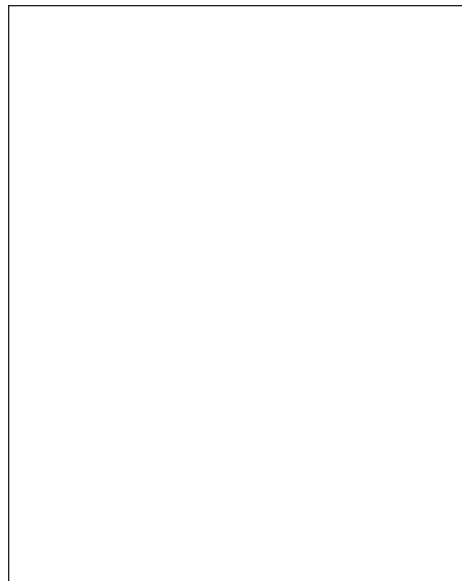
Journalism ethics on the line

From the newly formed Waco task force to the state of the profession, SPJ National President Georgiana Vines will present a view from the top at the May scholarship meeting.

Fort Worth SPJ members, past presidents and students will welcome Georgiana with a Mexican Fiesta Fort Worth style at the Original Mexican Food Restaurant, 4713 Camp Bowie, on Monday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m.

As speaker for the annual scholarship dinner, Vines will rate the media's performance covering the Waco ATF-cult standoff and what that means to today's professionals. She will discuss how the task force was conceived and implemented.

Vines is Assistant Managing Editor, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, which she joined in 1968 as a reporter.



Georgiana Vines

She became metro editor in 1987. Four years ago, she was promoted to Assistant Managing Editor.

She has won regional and national awards for her city hall reporting, while the News-Sentinel has consistently taken honors in Tennessee Press Association contests.

Vines has been a loyal SPJ member since 1983, serving as regional director and at-

large director. She was a charter board member and former president of the SPJ East Tennessee Chapter. Her chapter received the president's award in 1983 for organizing an 11-state First Amendment Congress.

She is a 1961 graduate of Florida State University, Tallahassee, and has done graduate work in political science and communications at the University of Tennessee.

Back at the dinner table, on the fiesta menu will be the Original's famous enchiladas (a secret recipe), rice and beans. It's the kind of food journalists love — good and cheap (\$7 per person). Students eat for half price courtesy of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

For reservations, call Anne Miller's answering machine, 731-1199, by Friday, April 30.



Howdy, new members Elizabeth Afflerback, Scott Collins, Kerry Paul Gunnels, Michelle Hancock (actually a former member back for more), Lynda Marie Jett and Thomas Joseph Williams, and new associate members Betty Bob Buckley and Ruth Ann McKinney.

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TAKES**

Hearty applause for Mark Woolsey, George Hedrick, Verlie Edwards, Doug Jumper, et al., who organized the Region 8 Conference smack in the middle of Gridiron.

Any journalist who ever enjoyed a plate of barbecue, a Rangers game or a '57 Chevy should know about the Fourth Annual "Stars Come Out" Barbecue, June 10 at Arlington Punch Wright Park, and the DFW Classic Car Show, July 31-Aug. 1 at the Arlington Convention Center. S-T is cosponsoring both events. Proceeds benefit Handicapped Resource Association. Call SPJ FW chapter member John Dycus — 277-2138 — for details.

Those fabulous Gridiron Dancers: Back row (l to r), Ann Delbridge, Betty Wright, Anne Miller, mystery face, Genie Guynn, June White and Darla Robertson. Front row (l to r): Candi Vernon, Kay Pirtle, Ruth Ann McKinney, Sallie Wilson and Cathy O'Neal. The mystery face between Miller and Guynn is no mystery, and he's no dancer, either. It's Breck Harris, infamous off-stage announcer.

Thanks to you, 47th Gridiron was a smash hit

Doug Jumper allotted me his space to "thank y'all" for making the '93 Gridiron Show a record breaker for income, number of reserved tables and ad lineage in the show's newspaper.

We expect \$10,000 net for college scholarships, and the chapter's coffers will be enhanced significantly from Cowtown Observer sales and ad revenue.

We are polling those who attended this 47th annual Gridiron for ideas on improvements. We also would like your thoughts. Please drop me a note or fax your suggestions or complaints to 390-7831.

Heading the list of unsung

workers are Lou Brooks for his marvelous job with invitations and ticket sales and Nancy Burford, my associate, who did yeoman service in all areas of the show.

At the risk of omitting so many deserving helpers, I must mention Genie Guynn and her

artistic table decorations, and Maribeth Ashley, who not only hosted the cast party again but with young Dave Hafer did a whale of a job in stage managing. Loyd Turner merits kudos for the seating arrangement.

To one and all, thanks again.

— Jack Tinsley

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