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2005 Follies to honor Tutt Bradford

The 2005 Front Page Follies will honor Tutt Bradford, retired publisher of The Daily Times in Maryville and a community leader who led and supported many causes in the area.

Bradford was publisher of The Daily Times from 1955 to 1985. Prior to that, he was publisher of the Bristol (Va.) Herald-Courier and the Cleveland Daily Banner. He was a member of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association Board from 1968 to 1970 and was president of the Tennessee Press Association in 1974.

"The East Tennessee Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists is very proud to honor Tutt Bradford for his many accomplishments in the field of journalism," said Chapter President Dorothy Bowles. "Equally impressive is the huge amount of work Tutt gave back to the community."

Bradford was a member of the University of Tennessee Development Council from 1980 to 1983 and served on the board of Maryville College from 1974 to 1979 and from 1981 to 2003.

Recipient of awards

He served on the boards of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, Knoxville Museum of Art, Thompson Cancer Survival Center, Lakeshore Mental Hospital, the Tennessee Technology Foundation, the Boys Club Foundation, the Blount Hearing and Speech Foundation, and the Blount Library Foundation. He was president of the Blount County Industrial Development Board from 1970 to 1972.

Bradford has received many honors and awards. He was recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Bristol Junior Chamber of Commerce, and he

received the Sequoyah Literacy Award from the Tennessee Historical Commission. Junior Achievement named him to the East Tennessee Business Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1994, the University of Tennessee named him Volunteer of the Year.

The National Society of Fund-Raising Executives named Bradford Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year in 1991. He was president of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce in 1960 and president of the Kiwanis Club in Maryville in 1967.

Newsmaker roast

The Follies are scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

The annual roast of newsmakers is sponsored by the East Tennessee Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and raises funds for communications scholarships at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and Pellissippi State Technical Community College.

This year's skits and songs will feature Coach Fulmer in "The People's Court," Senator Tim Burchett and his "shadow," "Hysterical Preservation" highlighting Cherokee Country Club, and a legal battle royal with Mayor Ragsdale, Sheriff Hutchinson, and Commissioner Wanda Moody.

Local TV anchors and meteorologists will add their special brand of fun to the event. David Eilart will direct the production. He has experience at Dollywood and with plays and the Akima club.

The public is invited. Tickets are \$100 apiece, or \$1000 for a table of 10. Ticket information is available by calling Sally Guthrie at (865)588-1474.

Weiner, Pulitzer Prize-winning science writer to speak at UT Hill Lecture, March 14

Jonathan Weiner, Pulitzer Prize-winning science writer, will speak at the University of Tennessee on Monday, March 14, at 8 p.m. in the Shiloh Room at the University Center. The event is free and open to the public. This will serve as the ETSPJ March meeting.

Weiner's speech, "His Brother's Keeper: A Story from the Edge of Medicine," will relate the true story of an engineer who became an amateur medical researcher in an effort to find a cure for his brother's fatal disease.

The talk is this year's Alfred and Julia Hill Lecture. The Hill Lecture series brings distinguished science communicators to campus to share their thoughts on science, society, and the mass media.

The lectures are made possible by an endowment created by Tom Hill and Mary Frances Hill Holton in honor of their parents Alfred and Julia Hill, founders of *The Oak Ridger*. The Hill family's endowment of the lecture series was a gift to the University of Tennessee's School of Journalism and Electronic Media in the College of Communication and Information.

Weiner won the Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction in 1995 for *The Beak of the Finch*, the story of how evolution is proceeding today in the world around us. It focuses especially on a stoic and resourceful husband-and-wife team who since 1973 have lived for portions of each year on a small island in the Galapagos to study how climate cycles result in evolutionary changes among the finches of the Galapagos Islands that Darwin made famous.

Weiner's next book, *Time, Love, Memory*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award. It traces an

eccentric scientist's discoveries about the origins of human nature.

Weiner is noted for getting close to his subjects, working with them for extended periods of time so that he can depict their research with accuracy and special sensitivity. In his Hill Lecture Weiner will share his experiences working so closely with the people he writes about.

After graduating from Harvard, Weiner began his science-writing career as a senior editor with *The Scientist*. His shorter works have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *New York Times*, *New Republic* and *Washington Post*.

Low-cost parking for Jonathan Weiner's Hill Lecture is available in the University Center garage. Free parking is available in the large lot across from Neyland Stadium.

Region 3 conference, April 8-9

Plan to attend the Region 3 conference, "Journalism: Looking Ahead," April 8-9, at the Charleston, S.C., Riverview Hotel.

Topics at the Saturday sessions include blogging and its influence on journalism, covering the military, freelancing, covering the Hispanic population, and publishing your first book.

Outstanding student journalists in the region will be recognized at the Mark of Excellence awards luncheon.

Mail registration (\$75 for pro members) before March 23 to Holly Fisher, 8370 Water Ash Way, North Charleston, SC 29420. After the 23rd, the fee is \$85. Checks should be made payable to SPJ Region 3.

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Officials honor Vines on her retirement

Georgiana Vines, ETSPJ ex officio board member and former president of the national chapter of SPJ, was honored by various government officials on her retirement from the Knoxville News Sentinel in February.

Mayor Bill Haslam proclaimed Jan. 26 as Georgiana Vines Day. The proclamation was delivered by Amy Nolan, city spokeswoman, at a “Ladies Night Out” at Chesapeake’s. The women in the editorial department used to get together occasionally for drinks and dinner, but hadn’t done so for years. Georgiana’s retirement brought about a renewal of the enjoyable occasion among retirees and current employees.

County Commission, at the instigation of former ETSPJ president Mike Hammond, honored Georgiana’s journalism career with a resolution adopted on Feb. 28.

Gov. Phil Bredesen honored Georgiana with “A Day of Recognition” on March 2 in his office.



Gov. Phil Bredesen greets Georgiana Vines as she arrives in his office where he proclaimed “A Day of Recognition.”



Georgiana Vines samples cake from in the governor’s office. From left are Gov. Phil Bredesen; the governor’s press secretary, Lydia Lenker; Vines; her husband, John Fox; and Knoxville News Sentinel publisher, Bruce Hartmann.

GPC update from Michele Silva, program chair

Thanks to everyone who submitted an entry for the upcoming Golden Press Card Awards. Because of all of you, we have 163 entries this year. Some newcomers entered, and we had entries from as far away as Chattanooga. Entries are all en route to Kansas City for judging. Our ceremony will be held on May 20, 2005, at the University Club. We hope to see you all there.

Mark Your Calendar

March 14, 8 p.m., Jonathan Weiner, Alfred and Julia Hill Lecture, Shiloh Room, University Center,

April 8-9, Region 3 conference, Charleston, S.C.

May 20, Golden Press Card awards program, University Club

June 18, 6 p.m., Front Page Follies, Knoxville Convention Center