



## NorCal RTNDA

### Radio-Television News Directors Association of Northern California

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## 28<sup>th</sup> NorCal RTNDA JOURNALISM AWARDS

### Radio-Television News Directors Association of Northern California

Presented: Saturday, November 7, 2009, Hotel Kabuki, San Francisco

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern California RTNDA (Radio-Television News Directors Association) News Awards were presented Saturday evening, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Kabuki in San Francisco. Broadcast consultant, media trainer and comedian extraordinaire **Marilyn Pittman** got the evening off with her stand-up routine aimed at local journalists.

**Julie Haener**, News Anchor, KTVU Channel 2 and **Ben Fong-Torres**, *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist and Julie's *Chinese New Year Parade* co-host, were the mistress and master of ceremonies. NorCal RTNDA President **Janice S. Gin**, Associate News Director, KTVU Channel 2, welcomed the attendees and updated them on the new name for the national organization, Radio Television Digital News Association.

Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to **Ross McGowan** recently retired host of *Mornings on 2*, KTVU Channel 2; **Vic Lee**, Reporter, KGO ABC 7; and **Dave McQueen**, recently retired anchor KCBS Radio and formally news director at KSAN.

**KTVU Channel 2** was the big winner with eight awards, followed by **KCBS All News 740 AM / 106.9 FM** with seven, **KPIX CBS 5**, received six; and **KGO Radio NewsTalk 810** with five awards. Best newscast plaques for Television Division "A" went to **KPIX CBS 5** for "CBS 5 Eyewitness News at 6," 60 minutes and **KCRA 3** for "KCRA 3 Reports at 11:00." Division "B" "KNVN 24, Chico, "NBC 24 Action News at Five," 60 minutes and **KFTV Univision 21**, Fresno, "Noticias 21 a las 11." 30 minute. Radio Division "A" went to **KGO Radio NewsTalk 810**, "The KGO 5 PM News," Over 15 minutes and **KQED Public Radio "The California Report,"** under 15 minutes. Best website went to **KQED Public Broadcasting**. Five Individuals received three awards each: **Bret Burkhardt**, KGO Radio NewsTalk 810; **Tony Hodrick** and **Anne Onate**, KTVU Channel 2; and **Anna Werner**, KPIX CBS 5.

Awards were presented to television and radio newsrooms in Northern California and Reno. Only News Broadcast, Breaking News, Program and website were separated into divisions, "A" Markets 1 to 30 and "B" Markets 31 and higher. The entry period was from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2009. The entries were judged by news managers from around the country. 180 entries were received from 29 stations.

A complete list of winners follows:

### TELEVISION

#### News Broadcast 60 Minutes (Div A)

**KPIX CBS 5**, "CBS 5 Eyewitness News at 6 PM," **Dan Rosenheim**, News Director; **CBS 5 News Team**

#### News Broadcast 60 Minutes (Div B)

**KNVN 24**, "NBC 24 Action News @ Five," **Geoff Thomas**, Producer

#### News Broadcast 30 Minutes (Div A)

**KCRA 3**, "KCRA 3 Reports at 11:00," **Anzio Williams**, News Director; **James Stimson**, Assistant News Director; **Carolyn Becker**, Executive Producer; **Ryan Endean**, Producer; **Maryanne Beck**, Assignment Editor

#### News Broadcast 30 Minutes (Div B)

**KFTV Univision 21**, "Noticias 21 A ls 11," **Sandy Sirias**, News Director; **Manuel Moreno**, Producer; **David Ibarra**, **Sayra Vazquez**, Anchors; **Javier Escalante**, Technical Director

#### Live or Breaking News (Div A)

**KTVU Channel 2**, "UC Berkeley Tree Sitters Protest," **Kiley Riffell**, Executive Producer; **Rachel Salazar**, Producer; **Tori Campbell**, Anchor; **Kraig Debro**, Reporter; **Jacob Unger**, Photographer.

#### Special News Program (Div A)

**KTVU Channel 2**, "Holiday in Focus," **Cristina Gastelu-Villarreal**, Producer; **Julie Haener**, Host; **John Mackenzie**, **Greg Grinsell**, **Paul Fifield**, **Anne Onate**, **Martin HOLETON**, **Jacob Jimenez**, **Douglass "Chip" Vaughan**, **Jonathan Hawkins**, **Randee Deason**, **Photographer/Editors**; **Tony Hodrick**, Photographers; **Ron Acker**, **Steve Shlisky**, Editors

#### Special News Program (Div B)

**KFSN ABC 30**, "Children First: Hope In Hard Times," **Tracey Watkowski**, News Director; **Beth Marney**, Public Affairs Director; **Aurora Diaz**, Producer; **Luis Ramentas**, Photographer/Editor

#### Public Affairs Program (Div A)

**KQED 9**, "QUEST: State of Thirst: The California's Water Future," **Amy Miller**, **Chris Bauer**, **Gabriela Quiros**, Segment Producers; **Joan Johnson**, **Sheraz Sadiq**, **Jenny Oh**, Associate Producers; **Josh Rosen**, Series Producer; **Paul Rogers**, Managing Editor; **Laurie Schmidt**, Editor

#### Sports Program (Div A)

**KTVU Channel 2**, "Legends of the Bay," **Pete Lupetti**, Producer; **Joe Fonzi**, **Fred Inglis**, Reporter/Talent; **Tony Hodrick**, Photographer; **Robert Erdiakoff**, Lighting Director; **Steve Shlisky**, Editor

#### Investigative Reporting

**KPIX CBS 5**, "Students Under Siege," **Anna Werner**, Reporter; **Abigail Sterling**, Producer; **Gerald Watson**, Photojournalist; **Greg Marasso**, Editor

#### Multi-Part Series

**KPIX CBS 5**, "Loan Mods," **Anna Werner**, Reporter; **Abigail Sterling**, Producer; **Gerald Watson**, Photojournalist; **Greg Marasso**, Editor

#### Multi-Part Series

**KTVU Channel 2**, "BART Shooting," **Ed Chapuas**, News Director; **KTVU News Team**

#### News Reporting

**KRON 4**, "Did officer punch Oscar Grant?," **Da Lin**, Video Journalist

#### Feature Reporting-Serious

**KPIX CBS 5**, "Children of Chowchilla," **Sandy Lee**, Executive Producer; **Linda Yee**, Producer/Reporter; **Craig Franklin**, Producer/Photographer/Editor

#### Feature Reporting-Light

**KTVU Channel 2**, "Guerilla Art," **Cristian Gastelu-Villarreal**, Producer; **Mike Mibach**, Reporter; **Tony Hodrick**, Photographer; **Ron Acker**, Editor

#### Specialty Reporting

**KPIX CBS 5**, "Anna Werner, "Investigate This"," **Anna Werner**, Reporter

#### Sports-Segment/Feature

**KOLO 8**, "Mutton Buster," **Terri Russell**, Reporter; **Scott Walker**, **Ray Kinney**, **John Lebosquet**, Photographers

#### Weather-Segment/Story

**KPIX CBS 5**, "Roberta Gonzales: Pinpoint Weather," **Roberta Gonzales**, Weather Anchor

#### Video Journalist/Multi-Media Journalist

**KRON 4**, "Da Lin Video Journalist," **Da Lin**, Video Journalist

#### Use of Sound

**KTVU Channel 2**, "Anne Onate Composite," **Anne Onate**, Audio

#### News Photography

**KTVU Channel 2**, "Jimenez Composite," **Jacob Jimenez**, Photographer

#### Video Editing

**KTVU Channel 2**, "Anne Onate Composite," **Anne Onate**, Editor

## RADIO

#### News Broadcast - Over 15 Minutes (Div A)

**KGO Radio**, "The KGO 5 PM News," **Bret Burkhart**, **Chris Brecher**, Anchors; **Rob Artigo**, **Jon Bristow**, **Jennifer Hodges**, Reporters; **Laura Podolak**, **Claudia Lamb**, Producers; **Stan Burford**, Traffic Anchor; **Lloyd Lindsay Young**, Weather

News Broadcast - Under 15 Minutes (Div A')

**KQED Public Radio**, "The California Report," **Rachael Myrow**, Host; **Nina Thorsen**, Producer/Director; **Danny Bringer**, Engineer; **Ingrid Becker**, Senior Producer; **KQED Public Radio News Reporting Staff**.

Breaking News (Div A)

**KCBS Radio**, "Tanker Fire," **Ed Cavagnaro**, News Director; **KCBS News Team**

Breaking News (Div B)

**KCLU AM/FM**, "Tea Fire Hits Santa Barbara County," **Lance Orozco**, News Director; **Jim Rondeau**, Anchor; **John Palminteri**, Reporter

Special News Program (Div A)

**KQED Public Radio**, "Health Dialogues: Health Care Reform," **Scott Shafer**, Host; **Polly Stryker**, Senior Producer; **Raul Ramirez**, Executive Producer

Public Affairs Program (Div A)

**KFOG-FM**, "Beat of the Bay: The Cost of Driving," **Peter Finch**, News Director

Public Affairs Program (Div B)

**KCLU AM/FM**, "The Policy of Torture," **Jim Rondeau**, Host/Producer

Investigative Reporting

**KCBS Radio**, "Hard Times: Calif's Broken Parole System," **Doug Sovern**, Reporter; **KCBS News Team**

Multi-Part Series

**KCBS Radio**, "Down and Out," **Doug Sovern**, Reporter

Multi-Part Series

**KGO Radio**, "Spotlight On A Cure," **Jenna Lane**, **Scott Lettieri**, **Jennifer Hodges**, **Jeannie Lynch**, **Katy Leaver**, **Rosie Allen**, Reporters; **Sylvia Ramirez**, **Laura Podolak**, Producers

News Reporting

**KFBK News/Talk 1530**, "SF Reax Prop 8," **Bob Moffitt**, Reporter

Feature Reporting-Serious

**KAZU**, "A Second Change in Salinas," **Krista Almanzan**, Reporter

Feature Reporting-Light

**KCBS Radio**, "Bye, Bye to the Republican Guy," **Doug Sovern**, Reporter

Specialty Reporting

**KCBS Radio**, "About the Bay," **Mike Sugerman**, Reporter

Sports-Segment/Feature

**KGO Radio**, "Disabled Sailors," **Jenna Lane**, Reporter

Weather-Segment/Story

**KCBS Radio**, "KCBS Weather with Roberta Gonzales," **Roberta Gonzales**, Weather Anchor

Traffic Reporting

**KGO Radio**, "Tanker Explosion," **Ed Baxter**, **Jennifer Jones**, **Stan Burford**, Anchors; **Bret Burkhart**, **Katie O'Shea**, **Gary Hansen**, Reporters; **Jared Serbu**, **Sandra Firpo**, Producers

News Writing

**KGO Radio**, "American Dream: Evicted," **Bret Burkhart**, Writer

Use of Sound

**KCBS Radio**, "Trickle Down," **Mike Sugerman**, Reporter

## WEBSITE

News/Organization Website (Div. A)

**KQED Public Broadcasting**, "www.kqed.org," **Craig Miller**, Senior Editor, Climate Watch; **Gretchen Weber**, Associate Producer, **Climate Watch**; **Gabriel Coan**, Senior Editor, Online Content

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

**Vic Lee**, Reporter, KGO ABC 7; formerly KRON 4

**Ross McGowan**, Host, *Mornings on 2*, KTVU Channel 2, Oakland

**Dave McQueen**, Retired Anchor, KCBS Radio; former News Director KSAN Radio

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