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31st annual Evening of Excellence set June 5

The names of winners in the 31st Annual Greater Bay Area Journalism Awards Competition are coming back to the Press Club from judges who are members of six different press clubs around the country.

The plaques will be arriving at the home of San Francisco Peninsula Press Club Executive Director Darryl Compton's San Mateo home in the next few days as activity shifts into high gear for the Evening of Excellence Awards Dinner Thursday, June 5.

A total of 519 entries in 95 categories from 67 media outlets were received. The judging is being handled by the press clubs of Bakersfield, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Florida and Southeast Texas.

Once again, AP's Paul Sakuma has arranged for professional judging for the photo entries by the Orange County Register photo staff.

Sakuma and Compton will put together a multimedia presentation for the Awards Dinner which will take place

at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7. The cost will remain \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members.

Invitations are included with this newsletter. Compton will contact media organizations with the names of their winners as soon as he has the list.

By the way, just a reminder that the availability of six press clubs to judge our contest comes at a price: We have to judge theirs. So, please let us know if you'd be willing to judge.



The editorial leadership of the Gunn High School Oracle and adviser Kristy Garcia (top) pose after the reception.

Gunn High's Oracle takes top PPC honor in high school awards

The Oracle, the student newspaper of Gunn High School in Palo Alto, took first place in the General Excellence category at the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club's High School Journalism Awards which were announced April 30.

The awards, co-sponsored by Hillsdale Shopping Center and Notre Dame de Namur University Communications Program, were presented at an afternoon reception in the Ballroom of Ralston Hall in the NDNU campus in Belmont.

In all, 132 students from 12 publications at nine high schools submitted 248 entries in 12 categories. Professional members of the Press Club judged the competition.

Here is a complete list of winners:

General Excellence

1. The Oracle, Gunn High School
2. The Panther, Eastside College Prep School
3. The Burlingame B, Burlingame High School

Layout and Design

1. Eastside Panther, Eastside College Prep School
2. Tie — Verde Magazine, Palo Alto High School, and The Burlingame B, Burlingame High School

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Student-journalism advisers to be protected by Yee bill that has passed state Senate

By Kathleen Fitzgerald,
Student Press Law Center writer

The Journalism Teacher Protection Act passed the state Senate in April on a 35-2 vote.

The bill would protect high school and college journalism advisers' careers from being jeopardized because of student speech.

Sen. Leland Yee (D-San Francisco/San Mateo) sponsored SB1370, which would "prohibit an employee from being dismissed, suspended, disciplined, reassigned, transferred, or otherwise retaliated against for acting to protect a pupil's conduct" protected by California state law and the United States Constitution.

Yee's communications director, Adam Keigwin, said the bill is a reaction to an increased number of instances where administrators pressure, and in

some cases retaliate against, advisers over student speech. The senator helped pass AB2581 in 2006, which prohibits college administrators on any public California campus from disciplining a student solely on the basis of his or her speech. Administrators are now going after those students' faculty advisers and journalism teachers, Keigwin said.

"We have had at least a dozen cases that we know about throughout the state where teachers have been retaliated against for some reason, so we see a huge need for this bill," he said.

Jim Ewert, legal counsel for the California Newspaper Publishers Association, said his organization asked Yee to sponsor the bill because of the continued pressure on advisers by administrators to engage in the kind of censorship that state law prohibits

administrators from exercising.

"Since the administrators can't do it, they're attempting to bully advisers into engaging in these behaviors," he said. "[Administrators] have disciplined or removed advisers — often very experienced advisers — from newspapers and replaced them with folks who are either brand new teachers or have little or no journalism background."

Of the seven states who have laws protecting student speech, Colorado and Kansas are the only two with provisions extending protection to journalism advisers. If passed, SB 1370 would be the first law solely protecting journalism advisers.

Calls to the Association of California School Administrators and the Association of California Community College Administrators were not returned.

Gunn

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3. The Viking Magazine, Palo Alto High School

News Story

1. Aurelle Amram and Tenny Zhang, The Oracle, Gunn High School.
2. Sasha Guttentag and Tenny Zhang, The Oracle, Gunn High School.
3. Tie — Janey Moon, The Thunderbolt, Mills High School, and Carlo Acenas, The Burlingame B, Burlingame High School

Feature Story

1. Caitlin Watson and Emily Hamilton, Verde Magazine, Palo Alto High School
2. Eric Galamay and Jonathan Jaranilla, The Tom-Tom, Jefferson High School
3. Jessica Linebarger and Sara Connolly, Verde Magazine, Palo Alto High School

Honorable Mention: Faisal Hamid, Thunderbolt, Mills High School

Sports Story

1. Peter Johnson, The Viking, Palo Alto High School
2. Ying Wa Mo, The Tom-Tom, Jefferson High School
3. Alex Cabrera, The Tom-Tom, Jefferson High School

Column

1. Andy Verderosa, The Burlingame B, Burlingame High School
 2. Andy Verderosa, The Burlingame B, Burlingame High School
 3. Jesse Cobb, The Times, Terra Nova High School
- HM: Austin Smith, The Viking, Palo Alto High School

Editorial

1. Elibet Jimenez, The Panther, Eastside College Prep School
2. Alex Ackroyd, Verde Magazine, Palo Alto High School
3. Faisal Hamid, The Thunderbolt, Mills High School

News Photo

1. Meghan McCarron, The Times, Terra Nova High School
2. Jonathan Jaranilla, The Tom-Tom,

Jefferson High School

3. Jessica Kalinin, The Times, Terra Nova High School

Feature Photo

1. Roseanna Maafu, The Panther, Eastside College Prep School
2. Oliver Lorenz, The Thunderbolt, Mills High School
3. Alex Ackroyd, Verde Magazine, Palo Alto High School

Sports Photo

1. Victoria Vargas, The Panther, Eastside College Prep School
2. Julissa Gomez, The Tom-Tom, Jefferson High School
3. Alex Milovidov, Viking Magazine, Palo Alto High School

Website Content

1. The Paly Voice, Palo Alto High School
2. The Tom-Tom, Jefferson High School

Website Design

1. The Paly Voice, Palo Alto High School

The San Francisco Peninsula Press Club
requests the pleasure of your company
at our Thirty-first Annual

Evening of Excellence Dinner

honoring those members of the media
who have distinguished themselves
and our profession during the past year

on

Thursday, June 5, 2008

at

Crowne Plaza Hotel

1221 Chess Drive

Foster City

6-7 p.m., no-host cocktail; 7 p.m., dinner and program

Tickets: \$50 PPC Members/\$55 Non-members

Free parking; information: (650) 341-7420

(Award winners will be notified in advance by email.)



Name(s) _____

Name of every attendee is needed. Use separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Yes, I plan to attend the June 5 Awards Dinner

_____ Member PPC (\$50)

_____ Non-member (\$55)

Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ people.

\$ _____ No, I cannot attend but here's my donation to the scholarship fund.

Checks should be made out to the Peninsula Press Club.

Please return this form by May 29 to:

PPC Dinner

4317 Camden Avenue

San Mateo CA 94403

Tickets will be held at the door.

Please cut out and mail in with your check.

Reporter's Notebook . . .

Larry I. Lokey, the veteran Bay Area journalist and public relations executive who sold his **Business Wire** to **Warren Buffett's** Berkshire Hathaway in 2005, was the commencement speaker May 10 at **Notre Dame de Namur University** in Belmont. Lokey graduated from Stanford University, where he earned a degree in journalism in 1949. . .

The Argonaut, the student newspaper of **Notre Dame de Namur University** in Belmont, took first place in General Excellence in the **California College Media Association** competition in April. . .

Former **San Mateo Times Managing Editor Michelle Carter** has been named to the same position for **Zirana.com**, a new online community news organization. Most recently she has been teaching journalism and communication at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont. She is retiring as a core faculty member and adviser to **The Argonaut**, the student

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Board meetings usually are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the San Mateo Daily News, 2600 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo.

newspaper, this spring. She is a past president of the Press Club. . .

Joe Livernois, a 24-year newsroom veteran at the **Monterey Herald**, has been named executive editor, succeeding **Carolina Garcia**, who moved on to the **Los Angeles Daily News**. Livernois, 54, said he wants the newspaper to be "courageous and aggressive," attributes he said were fostered under Garcia. Livernois started at The Herald as a copy editor in 1984 after stints at the **Carmel Pine Cone and North County News**, a former weekly paper. He has been city editor at The Herald since 2005. He's a former chief of the paper's Salinas bureau and has covered a wide variety of news beats. He's even written a humor column for The Herald. . .

A "strong majority" of newsroom workers at the **Contra Costa Times** and other papers that are part of **Dean Singleton's Bay Area News Group-East Bay** have signed cards indicating they want to be represented by the **Newspaper Guild**, according to union organizers. Organizers didn't give an exact number of those signing cards in the 250-person bargaining unit. "We are well above the 50 percent plus one vote needed to win a secret-ballot election. We waited to file until our margin got big enough that we knew we would win," organizer **Sara Steffens** said in an e-mail to the Press Club. Management has said that it will not recognize the union based on a counting of cards, so an election with secret ballots will take place this summer, the statement said. . .

Larry T. Jordan, a veteran Peninsula newspaper executive, died March 24 at the age of 76 after a brief illness. Jordan was an ad salesman at the old **Palo Alto Times**. When the Palo Alto paper and the **Redwood City Tribune** merged to form the **Peninsula Times Tribune**, he was the merged paper's classified advertising director. He later became the Times Tribune's vice president and advertising director. He retired from the Times Tribune in 1981 and went into print production with **Star Graphic Arts** in Palo Alto and other Peninsula cities. He also helped start the **Palo Alto Weekly**. . .

In a press release last week about its quarterly earnings, **Young Broadcast-**

Press Club Calendar

June 5 — 31st Annual Evening of Excellence Awards Dinner, Crowne Plaza, Foster City; cocktails, 6 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m.

June 11 — PPC board meeting, 6:15 p.m., San Mateo Daily News boardroom, 2600 El Camino Real, San Mateo.

July 9 — PPC board meeting, 6:15 p.m., San Mateo Daily News boardroom, 2600 El Camino Real, San Mateo.

Aug. 13 — PPC board meeting, 6:15 p.m., San Mateo Daily News boardroom, 2600 El Camino Real, San Mateo.

Sept. 7 — Peninsula Press Club picnic, 2-4 p.m. at the home of Micki Carter and Mike Venturino, 2303 Wooster Ave., Belmont CA 94002.

ing confirmed that it is in talks with "interested parties" to sell **KRON**. No details were given about the prospective buyer or buyers. Speculation that it was about to be sold to **Univision** has abounded over the possible sale in the past few weeks. . .

James Day, who helped create **KQED-TV** in 1954 and was a pioneer in public television for five decades, died of respiratory failure April 24 in New York at age 89. Day was president and general manager of **Channel 9** for its first 16 years when the station created programs like Peabody-winning "Newsroom," which started during the 1968 newspaper strike. Day hosted a weekly program, "Kaleidoscope," on which he interviewed personalities including **Eleanor Roosevelt, Buster Keaton, Robert F. Kennedy, Bing Crosby and Aldous Huxley**. During his tenure, KQED started its membership drives that have since been copied by public broadcasters everywhere. He left San Francisco to head **National Educational Television** in New York, the forerunner to PBS. . .

The Berkeley Daily Planet, which has printed twice a week since 2003, is reducing its publication schedule to just one issue per week. The move comes three weeks after **MediaNews Group** closed the Berkeley-based **East Bay Daily News**.