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Lara Logan leads journalist all-stars

TV's Karen Jordan and Christian Farr to
emcee CJA's 72nd annual dinner

CBS chief news correspondent **Lara Logan** will be among five journalists who will be recipients of special Sarah Brown Boyden awards when our Chicago Journalists Association holds its 72nd annual dinner on Friday, Oct. 14 at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, 350 N. Orleans, Chicago.

Logan will receive the Daniel Pearl Award for international reporting.

WLS-TV weekend news anchor **Karen Jordan** will share the microphone with husband **Christian Farr**, a WMAQ reporter.

Other recipients include: Chicago Sun-Times columnist **Stella Foster** (Lifetime Achievement); Tribune arts critic and writer **Howard Reich** (Chicago Journalist of the Year);

Tribune columnist **Mary Schmich**/illustrator **June Brigham** (CJA Dale Messick Brenda Starr Award).

Fourteen Chicago-area journalists are to be recognized for their work in specific categories from July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011. A \$1,000 check will be presented to the individual whose work is considered "Best of the Best." Once again, the entries will be judged by CJA board member **John Schmeltzer** and the staff from Oklahoma University's journalism department.

Logan, born in Durban, South Africa, began working as a news reporter in 1988, moving to Reuters Television in Africa four years later where she was primarily a senior producer. Later, she branched out into freelance journalism, obtaining assignments with ITN and Fox/SKY, CBS and ABC. She joined CBS in 2002, reporting from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Lara Logan

She was arrested Feb. 3 in Egypt while covering the revolution there. She and her crew were blindfolded and handcuffed at gunpoint, but later released. On Feb. 15, CBS News released a statement that Logan had been beaten and sexually assaulted four days earlier while covering the celebration in Tahir Square.

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Stella Foster



June Brigham

News about journalism organizations

- Two long time tough journalism competitors are becoming more friendly with the Chicago Tribune about to print the Chicago Sun-Times and its seven suburban daily newspapers in Illinois and northwest Indiana. The Pioneer Press owned by the Sun-Times Media Company will continue to be printed by the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. Approximately 400 Sun-Times union jobs will disappear.
- **Randy Michaels**, a former chief executive officer of the Tribune Company, has purchased three money losing FM stations, WKQX and WLUP in Chicago and WRXP in New York. According to government filings published by the Tribune, the three stations lost a combined \$242 million during the past three years.
- The Pioneer Press earned 29 Illinois Press Association awards this year.
- The Tribune Company named **Eddy Hartenstein** as its president. He is publisher of the Los Angeles Times. Tribune purchased the LA Times 11 years ago. Hartenstein becomes the newspaper's first chief executive officer since the acquisition to come from outside of the Tribune Company's Chicago headquarters. A bid has been made by the Tribune for the Orange County Register in California, according to Crain's Chicago Business.
- An expanded Tribune newspaper is now on the newsstands. The new edition also comes with an expanded price tag.
- **Jeremy Halbeich** has been promoted from vice chairman to chairman of Sun-Times Media Holdings. He also has worked as general manager of the Dallas Morning News.
- The Daily Herald purchased the Business Ledger. **Kim Mikus**, business writer for the Daily Herald, is serving as its editor. **Jim Eisener**, a former Tribune business reporter, started and owned the paper.
- In an editorial, the Daily Herald on March 4, 2011 noted that "the local newspaper remains the best repository for all manner of critical community information."
- Crain Communications has moved its office to 150 N. Michigan Ave from the Stone Container Building at 360 N. Michigan. The company took 54,426 square feet of space for its downsized staff, which now numbers 200 employees. The new offices in the 27-year-old, 41-story 150 N. Michigan building overlook Millennium Park at Michigan Avenue and Randolph Street. The building is easy to recognize because of its diamond shaped slanted roof.
- Columbia College in Chicago has purchased the 110,000 square foot building that housed the Johnson Publishing Company businesses at 820 S. Michigan Ave. Among other things, the college plans to use the building for a central library for the school.
- We have a copy of the newest form needed by journalists to obtain a Chicago police card. For more information, contact

your newsletter editor

- Fifty-seven reporters were slain in 2010 compared with 76 in 2009, according to Reporters Without Borders. However, 51 reporters were kidnapped last year compared with 33 the previous year. The country where most reporters were killed—a total of 11—was Pakistan, followed by Mexico and Iraq with seven each.

News on FM radio

Two FM radio stations have become the first currently in the Chicago area to switch from music to all news.

The FM news output is coming from veteran reporters who have worked here for many years. The New York based Merlin Media Company introduced its news concept on WWWW-101.1, formerly WKQX-FM.

Among the news staff members are **Charlie Meyerson, Debra Dale, Jill Urchak, Ellen Geist, Rob Hart, Ed Curran, Dave Williams** and **Sam Sylk**. The station's web site is fmnewschicago.com.

Randy Michaels, former Tribune executive who controls Merlin Media, is quoted in the Sun-Times as saying "as music moves to the iPod it's time for spoken word to move to FM."

WBBM-AM all-news radio now has its product simulcast on WCFS-FM 105.9. Station management hopes that the addition of the FM station will make it easier to hear its product. WBBM, in addition to news reports, carries the Chicago Bears football games, plays old time radio and provides some CBS network news, commentary and interview programs.

Two new editors move into town

Elizabeth Fenner is changing editorial formats as she joins Chicago Magazine as its new editor replacing Richard Babcock, editor for two decades. She had been assistant managing editor at Money Magazine in New York. She grew up in Winnetka and will live in the River North neighborhood.

Dr. Howard Bauchner has become the 16th editor of the 128 year old Journal of the American Medical Association with a circulation of 300,000. He also will be responsible for nine special journals of the AMA. Bauchner has an extensive editorial background severing on the editorial board of several medical magazines and working as the editor of British medical journals. He also has written more than a hundred published medical articles.

He plans to bring innovation and changes by using the Internet.

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Please send us news about your activities and those of your family, your journalist friends and some of the many interesting happenings you recall that you think would interest our membership.

Say 30 to ♦♦♦

- **Anne Keegan**, 68, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from our organization in 2009. She began her career at the City News Bureau where she fell in love and married journalist Leonard Aronson. She subsequently worked at UPI and then spent most of her professional life at the Chicago Tribune where she became one of the nation's outstanding feature writers or, as it was noted in one of her obituaries, "a Keegan byline...meant the delivery of precise reporting and poetic prose."
- **Ruth Dunbar Davee**, 99, a Sun-Times education reporter and editor for two decades whose best known work was about children's ability to read. Upon leaving the Sun-Times she became assistant director of the Illinois Department of Education. She visited more than 100 countries and through the Davees Foundation gave considerable money to a variety of causes including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. The neurology department at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine is named after her.
- **Colette Kirchner**, 84, whose long career at the Tribune included two decades as executive secretary to editors Maxwell McCrohon, James Squires, Jack Fuller and Howard Tyner. She was the person the editors went to for advice on how things worked at the paper and who they could and could not trust.
- Word has reached us from **Merv Block**, a CJA member who lives in New York City, that **Sheridan (Sheri) Blair** died nearly two years ago. She was one of the most colorful newspaper and television journalists in the Chicago area. Sheri worked for UPI, the Chicago American, and ABC and CBS in Chicago before going to the Washington Post. She later became an author, actress and director at the Georgetown Workshop Theater. She nearly lost her life when stung by a stingray while swimming in the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Kathleen Wantuch**, 67, a reporter and editor who worked for newspapers much of her life at Pointer Publications, the Chicago Tribune, Hammond Times and the Daily Southtown. She later got into politics and from 2001 to 2009 was the village clerk in suburban Dalton.
- **David S. Logan**, 93, a lawyer and managing partner of Mercury Investments, called investigative reporting "the guardian of the public interest." He supported this belief with a \$500,000 grant to the Center for Investigative Reporting and endowed a chair in investigative reporting at the University of California. Among his gifts and those of his wife was \$35 million to the University of Chicago for an arts center that will open next year and also will include neighboring Chicago communities in its activities.

Sarah Brown Boyden Awards

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Schmich and Brigman both began working on the Brenda Starr comic strip about a quarter century ago. The comic strip appeared in some three dozen newspapers seven days a week. South Bend resident **Dale Messick** created the strip in 1940. She had changed her name from Dalia because it was thought women couldn't handle a comic strip.

Foster, being honored for lifetime achievement, is the high energy, vibrant Sun-Times columnist whose column highlights the activities of people who are in the social scene. She began at the newspaper as a secretary for her predecessor, Irv Kupcinec, whom she served for 34 years before taking over his column following his death. During his career, Kupcinec was presented with the Chicago Press Veteran of the Year Award and was active in CJA.

Reich has been the Chicago Tribune's arts critic and writer since 1983. He produced a documentary film entitled "Prisoner of Her Past" based on his book about his mother's hidden Holocaust life. Reich also has investigated and

reported on criminal activities affecting people in the entertainment field. He also is a longtime correspondent for Downbeat magazine and is married to Pam Becker, a Tribune editor.

The awards dinner was established in 1939 by the Chicago Press Veterans Association, renamed the Chicago Journalists Association in 2001.

A substantial amount of the proceeds will go to the organization's nonprofit CJA Charitable Fund.

Another highlight will be a raffle featuring round-trip American Airlines tickets for a flight to any destination in North America, plus a weekend at the historic Palmer House Hilton and opportunities to attend the theater and some of the city's finest dining out spots.

The cost for the event is \$90 per person. CJA members 65 years of age and older will pay only \$65. A table for eight is \$720; \$900 for a table of ten. Self-parking on the premises is \$10.



Mary Schmich



Howard Reich

Our new website, use it for CJA info

We have established a news website that is active and filled with all kinds of information about CJA and its activities. The site is www.chicagjournalists.org.

It is important to know about this web site because we will be sending future newsletters to you by e-mail in order to speed up delivery and lower our costs. For those who do not have e-mail communication, please let us know and we will send you photocopies of the newsletter.

For those who have e-mail, please send us your e-mail address. If you don't have one, let us know so we can mail you photocopied pages of the newsletter. To communicate with the office to let us know how and where to send your newsletter please call 312-458-9792, or mail the information back in the Boyden Awards dinner envelope even if you do not plan to attend the awards dinner.

Phil Moy is doing great work for us in establishing and keeping our web site current.

Daily Herald to charge For online subscriptions

The Daily Herald will become the first Chicago area newspaper to charge for digital access to its content. **Douglas Ray**, chairman and former CJA member and speaker at a noon CJA meeting, wrote in part as follows the reason for the charge:

"We invest significantly in reporters and editors and infrastructure that provides tailored coverage of local news, suburban business developments, politics and entertainment as well as sports. We believe that what we do has value to our readers and community. A new payment structure will enable us to continue to provide that kind of quality local news and the journalism expected from the Daily Herald."

The paper will charge \$1 a week to subscribers to its print edition and \$19.99 for 30 days for a digital only subscription. The paper also will provide many new electronic features and events with its editorial staff and other experts.

News about members and others . . .

- **Joseph Lariosa**, a CJA member who played a key role in the signing of a Reciprocity Agreement between the Philippine National Press Club-USA and our organization, is recipient of the Ford Foundation's Professional Training Fellowship & Chapter. He received the honor at the Asian-American Journalists Association convention held this past August in Detroit.
- **William Cahill**, a retired three-decades-plus-long reporter for the Wall Street Journal, was featured in the Tribune July 23 as one of its super Letters to the Editor writers. He just can't put that pen down even after retirement.
- **Charles Selle** became managing editor of the Lake County News-Sun owned by the Sun-Times Media Company. Asked how long he has worked there, he replied, "Since ancient times."
- **Roy Wiley**, long time CJA board member, has retired after working for 59 years in the profession. He began his career at the Sun-Times after graduating from high school and attending the Medill School of Journalism the following year. He became a police reporter, suburban reporter, auto editor and then assistant financial editor. He left the Sun-Times in 1968 to go into public relations. He has been at Navistar for the last 13 years. The Wiley family was a major supporter of the annual John O'Brien picnic.
- **Van Gordon Sauter** makes our newsletter again, this time because he returned to Chicago after being gone for more than three decades, according to the Daily News Alumni Newsletter. Sauter, a reporter at the News, became president of both CBS and Fox News and held other top jobs when he moved to California. His wife, Kathleen Brown, was transferred here. His new address is 77 E. Walton, Apt. 23F, Chicago, 60611.
- **Ann Marie Lipinski**, former editor of the Chicago Tribune, who left the Tribune to join the University of Chicago, becomes head of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University. Lipinski was a Nieman fellow in 1990.
- CJA board member **Lloyd Weston**, a First Amendment advocate, spoke at the North American Arab Journalists Association concerning the controversy that followed after Helen Thomas and Octavia Nasr were fired. Both have an Arab heritage. Also on the panel was Christine Tatum, past president of the Chicago Headline Club and Society of Professional Journalists.
- **Roger Simon**, a former reporter for the Lake County News-Sun in Waukegan and now a national political columnist, had both of his legs amputated following a blood infection. He is back working.
- **Eddie Deerfield**, a CJA member who is a former reporter for the Chicago Times and a news editor at WGN-TV, has been named a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor. In a letter from Pierre Vimont, the French ambassador to the United States, he was told that the French Republic has "high esteem for your merits and accomplishments, gratitude and appreciation in the liberation of our country during World War II." Deerfield flew combat missions in B-17 bombers. The military medal is the highest awarded by France.
- **Alfred Balk**, 80 a free lance writer, former Sun-Times reporter and a magazine editor at the Saturday Review, the Columbia Journalism Review and the World Press Review, was the center of a successful landmark freedom of information decision involving a homeowners group's attempt to find his source of information for a Saturday Evening Post article. He was an active member of the Chicago Headline Club and Society of Professional Journalists and attended CJA affairs. He received two journalism degrees from Northwestern University.
- **Allison Payne** will leave WGN-TV for health reasons after 21-years as a reporter and news anchor.



Eddie Deerfield



Formerly the Chicago Press Veterans Association

• **APPLICATION GUIDELINES** •
Chicago Journalists Association
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Award Description

Chicago Journalists Association Charitable Fund scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each are granted annually to worthy high school seniors accepted to college and/or to undergraduate students who aspire to careers in journalism and communications. In addition to journalism, students majoring in political science, economics, and the liberal arts will also be considered if their interests in journalism are strong.

- Awards may either be used as scholarships for tuition and fees or be applied to student loans already incurred.
- Applicants will be evaluated on financial need, professional potential, and commitment to journalism.

Required Documentation

To Be Submitted With Scholarship Application

- High school seniors must submit a complete transcript of grades. These should cover the 3½ years ending with the first semester of the fourth year of high school and, when possible, include final high school semester grades.
- College students must include a transcript of all completed courses.
- Each application must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation from faculty members of the applicant's high school or college.
- Each applicant must submit a personal essay not to exceed 500 words that explains his/her career ambitions in journalism. This essay may also outline the applicant's need for financial assistance.
- Applicants may include hard copies or a CD of published articles or other examples of journalism activity—e.g., student newspapers or yearbook, freelance work, or broadcasts.

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Date

Mail all materials to: **Chicago Journalists Association Charitable Fund**
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In an effort to lower our costs, we no longer will print a newsletter. Instead, we will create one for e-mail distribution. If you do not have an e-mail address, please let us know in the form below. We then will provide a computer copy of the newsletter and mail it to you.

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2010 and/or 2011, please do so now.

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