National Arts & Entertainment Journalism Awards, Radio Television Digital News Association and California News Publishers Association honor SCNG journalists

ANAHEIM, CALIF. -- May 17, 2020 -- Southern California News Group (SCNG) journalists have been honored by national, regional and state industry groups for their outstanding work in 2020.

Register food critic Brad A. Johnson won second place in the Food/Culture critic category at the 13th National Arts & Entertainment Journalism Awards, which celebrates the best in arts and entertainment reporting nationwide. Johnson’s entry included reviews for “Knife Pleat,” “Henry’s,” “Fable & Spirit,” and “Puesto at Home.”

Investigative reporter Tony Saavedra received a regional Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) for his work in “The Fight to Know,” a SoCal Connected piece produced by KCET in partnership with SCNG and KQED.

Saavedra played a key role in SCNG’s statewide reporting on SB-1421, which requires law enforcement agencies to disclose records related to use of force incidents. Saavedra participated in The California Reporting Project, a collaboration of 40 statewide news organizations working together to obtain and report on police records newly available to the public.

In the California News Publishers Association’s California Journalism Awards contest, SCNG won eight first-place awards, five second-place awards and 15 third-place awards in the CNPA contest this year.

Tyler Evains took first place in the CNPA contest Coverage of Protests and Racial Justice category for her coverage of the Bruce’s Beach controversy in Manhattan Beach, while Cindy Yamanaka won first place for Coverage of Protests and Racial Justice - Photo for her photo of Trump demonstrators face-to-face with a Black Lives Matter flag bearer.

A complete list of SCNG’s CNPA honorees follows:

**FIRST PLACE WINNERS:**
Coverage of protests and racial justice --- news or feature stories
Tyler Evains: Wealthy white community comes to terms with its racist past
Coverage of protests and racial justice --- photo
Cindy Yamanaka: Confrontation

Coverage of youth and education
Beau Yarbrough, Brian Rokos: What’s happened since the fatal assault of Diego Stolz?

Editorial comment
Harry Saltzgaver: Recount A Necessity

Feature photo
Terry Pierson: Drive-by birthday

Local coverage of Election 2020
Alicia Robinson, Brooke Staggs: Unofficial ballot drop boxes popping up throughout the state worry elections officials

Special section cover
The Beach Reporter: Kindness cover

Sports feature photo
Keith Birmingham: Parking lot celebration

SECOND PLACE WINNERS:
Artistic photo
Mark Rightmire: Ocean’s fury

Sports action photo
Mark Rightmire: Big waves

Sports feature story
JJ Fiddler: Matt Sutfin Flying High Even While In Goal For Rams

Wildfire news coverage
Bradley Bermont: With mammoth Bobcat fire looming, firefighters draw battle lines along Mt. Wilson’s steep slopes

Writing
Keith Sharon: Daughter’s connection to her late father grows like his roses

THIRD PLACE WINNERS:
Artistic photo
Mark Rightmire: Glassy water

Breaking news
Brian Rokos: FBI reassembles shredded plan for 2015 San Bernardino terrorist shooting

Coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic --- fallout
Ryan Carter, David Rosenfeld: East San Fernando Valley: A ‘perfect storm’ for alarming coronavirus spread
Coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic --- health reporting
Bradley Bermont: Inside the ‘anarchy’ of Pasadena’s evacuated nursing home

Coverage of protests and racial justice --- photo
David Crane: Run for cover

Coverage of youth and education
Theresa Walker: For children living in motels, WiFi hot spots make school possible

Feature photo
Watchara Phomicinda: Dog Day Afternoon

General excellence
The Orange County Register: Dailies, 50,001 & over

Local coverage of Election 2020
Jeff Horseman: Who’s knocking on my door? Coronavirus changes Inland candidates’ campaign tactics

Local coverage of Election 2020
Teri Sforza: Mail ballots in Southern California

Photo story/essay
David Crane: A day in the protests

Profile story
Keith Sharon: Loud in the silence: Deaf prosecutor has long fight for justice

Sports action photo
Keith Birmingham: Crowd shot

Video journalism --- news
Jesse Lopez: Kobe Bryant Mural

Wildfire photo
Terry Pierson: Fire reflection

FOURTH PLACE:
Coverage of local government
Hayley Munguia, Emily Rasmussen: Long Beach saw only one major fire in last week’s unrest. But for the business owner, it was 17 years of his life

Coverage of protests and racial justice --- news or feature stories
Jonah Valdez: Sign-language interpreters volunteer at protests: ‘This revolution has to be accessible’

Enterprise news story or series
Scott Schwebke: Unresponsive, elderly patient spent 2 hours in Loma Linda VA waiting room before death
In-depth reporting
Jason Henry: City of Industry solar project

Informational graphic (digital)
Nikie Johnson: Dynamic coronavirus trackers

Land-use reporting
Harry Saltzgaver: Lawsuit Filed Over Dirt Dumped On Puvungna, Preservation Weighs In On Puvungna Dispute

Local coverage of Election 2020
David Rosenfeld: West Basin water board incumbent Don Dear faces questions of electioneering

Sports feature photo
Hans Gutknecht: Goodbye, Kobe

Sports feature story
Kyle Goon: For Lakers support staff, the bubble has been a frantic, collaborative effort

Sports feature story
Mike Guardabascio: The Impossible Loss Of Semaj Miller

Video journalism --- other
Jesse Lopez: Visiting Long Beach History

Writing
Peter Larsen: Jimmy Angel’s an 85-year-old teen idol with tales to tell of Pat Boone, a lucky teddy bear and the mob

Writing
Hayley Munguia: Love in the time of coronavirus: Long Beach couple weds in a changed world

FIFTH PLACE:
Artistic photo
Terry Pierson: Drive-thru Christmas

Coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic --- fallout
Brenda Gazzar, Beau Yarbrough: “Eye of the Storm”

Coverage of protests and racial justice --- news or feature stories
Susan Christian Goulding: Meant for friends, Black cop’s video about racism embraced by Tustin police chief

Feature story
Kelli Skye Fadroski: No Doubt talks ‘Tragic Kingdom’ at 25: The tears, tours and triumphs behind the classic album

Informational graphic
Jeff Goertzen, Kurt Snibbe, Poaching Wei, Harriet Blair Rowan: Coronavirus daily tracker
Profile story
Hayley Munguia: From fleeing Cambodia to helping build Mars rover, JPL engineer embodies ‘perseverance’

Writing
Bradley Bermont: With mammoth Bobcat fire looming, firefighters draw battle lines along Mt. Wilson’s steep slopes

Trump supporters, left, start to descend on a passenger holding a Black Lives Matter sign at Ynez and Winchester Roads, near Temecula Promenade Mall, on Friday, June 12, 2020. The photo, by SCNG staff photographer Cindy Yamanaka, won first page in the CNPA “Coverage of protests and racial justice --- photo” category.

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