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**TWO LOS ANGELES AREA JOURNALISTS TO BE HONORED BY THE  
AMERICAN JOURNALISM HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION**



The American Journalism Historians Association (AJHA) will honor NBC4 “Today in LA” co-anchor Lynette Romero and former editor of Long Beach’s Grunion Gazette Harry Saltzgaver at the organization’s 44th annual national convention, to be held Sept. 25-27 in Long Beach, California.

Romero and Saltzgaver will each receive AJHA’s Outstanding Local Journalist Award for Substantial Contribution to the Public Interest. The award is presented each year to journalists in the convention city’s area. It is given to journalists whose work has had a positive impact on the community.

“The selection committee had many terrific journalists to choose from, but Romero and Saltzgaver stood out,” said Madeleine Liseblad, an associate professor at California State University, Long Beach, and a member of the local selection committee. “They may be very different journalists at first glance – one representing broadcasting and the greater Los Angeles area and one representing a smaller Long Beach weekly publication – but they have many things in common. They are not only outstanding journalists with a long tradition in Southern California, but they also believe in being a part of and giving back to the communities they serve.”

Lynette Romero is the co-anchor of NBC4’s weekday morning newscast “Today in L.A.” She has more than three decades of broadcast news experience, having worked as an anchor, reporter, and producer. Romero joined NBC4 in 2022, after a long, distinguished career at Los Angeles station KTLA-TV where she anchored and reported in nearly every newscast. She is an award-winning broadcast journalist whose accolades include six Los Angeles area Emmy Awards, multiple Golden Mike Awards from the Radio and Television National News Association of Southern California, and the prestigious Excellence in Journalism Award by the National Hispanic Media Coalition. In 2022, Romero was named Latina Journalist of the Year by CCNMA: Latino Journalists of California.

The television news anchor is deeply committed to the local community and active in countless charities and events that support students and underserved neighborhoods in Southern California. Romero is also dedicated to raising awareness of Alzheimer’s, memory loss, and dementia facing the aging population, having lost her mother to the debilitating disease.

AJHA’s second honoree, Harry Saltzgaver, has spent over four decades in the newspaper industry as a journalist, columnist, and editor, writing for both weekly and metropolitan daily papers. For over thirty years, he served as the executive editor of the Grunion Gazette, a Long Beach weekly publication. After stepping down from his editor role in 2023, he has continued writing a weekly column. In addition to his newspaper writing, Saltzgaver has also published two books; one is a compilation of his signature column, “A Pinch of Salt.” He has won several accolades for his journalistic work, including from the California News Publishers Association (CNPA). In 2014, Saltzgaver was named National Journalist of the Year for non-dailies by the Gazette’s parent company, Digital First Media.

Saltzgaver’s community involvement runs deep. He has served on various public and on-profit community boards and councils, including the Long Beach Water Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, Goodwill of Southern Los Angeles County, the Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach, the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center and its Army Red Shield, the Public Corporation for the Arts, the local Chamber of Commerce, the Women Shelter of Long Beach, and the Rancho Los Alamitos Board of Trustees. He has been given a Lifetime Service Award from the Lifetime Learning Center at Long Beach City College, and in 2023, Goodwill of Southern Los Angeles County named him Community Leader of the Year. Currently, he is the treasurer of the Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach and the vice chair of the St. Mary’s Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees.

Romero and Saltzgaver will be honored during AJHA's Local Journalist Award Reception in the evening on Thursday, Sept. 25. The reception will be held at the Hilton Long Beach.

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Founded in 1981, the American Journalism Historians Association seeks to advance education and research in mass communication history. Members work to raise historical standards and ensure that all scholars and students recognize the vast importance of media history and apply this knowledge to the advancement of society. For more information on AJHA, visit <http://www.ajhaonline.org>.

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