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**KTLA, KNBC, KTLA, KABC and KTTV share top TV honors at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Mikes Awards Show: KNX, KFI, KOGO win major market radio newscast awards.**

(Hollywood, Calif.) – It’s perhaps the most diverse group of *Best Newscast* award winners in the history of the Radio & Television News Association of Southern California, with four stations splitting the four major market television categories.

KTLA won the award for *Best 60 Minute Newscast*, for the *KTLA News at 10*. KNBC took top honors for *Best 30 Minute Newscast*, with *NBC4 News at 7PM*. KABC won top honors for *Best Daytime Newscast*, for *ABC7 News at 6 AM*. And, KTTV took away the award for *Best Weekend Newscast*, for *Weekend Fox 11 News at 10 PM*.

In radio, KNX’s *LA’s Morning News* won the award for *Best Newscast, 15 Minutes or longer*, while *KFI’s 1 PM News with Debra Mark* won for *Best Newscast, 15 minutes or Less*. In the small market category, KMJ in Fresno won for *Best Newscast 15 Minutes or Less*.

KCLU AM/FM, the NPR station serving Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, took home the most Golden Mikes of any station large or small, with 11 of the awards.

KNX Reporter Pete Demetriou, KABC Sports Anchor Rob Fukuzaki, and KNBC Investigative Reporter Joel Grover received *RTNA Lifetime Achievement Award* honors at the 2025 awards show; KTLA Entertainment Reporter Sam Rubin was honored with a posthumous *Lifetime Achievement Award*.

The awards were presented on Saturday, March 29 at Loews Hollywood Hotel, as the RTNA celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Golden Mikes are presented annually by the RTNA, the non-profit organization representing broadcast news professionals in Southern California. It’s the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Golden Mikes. The awards honor the best in local broadcast journalism. The Golden Mikes will be presented on Saturday, March 29 at the Lowes Hollywood Hotel.

The RTNA coordinates TV pool coverage of major news events in the region, fights for freedom of information causes, and provides scholarships for the next generation of broadcast journalists.