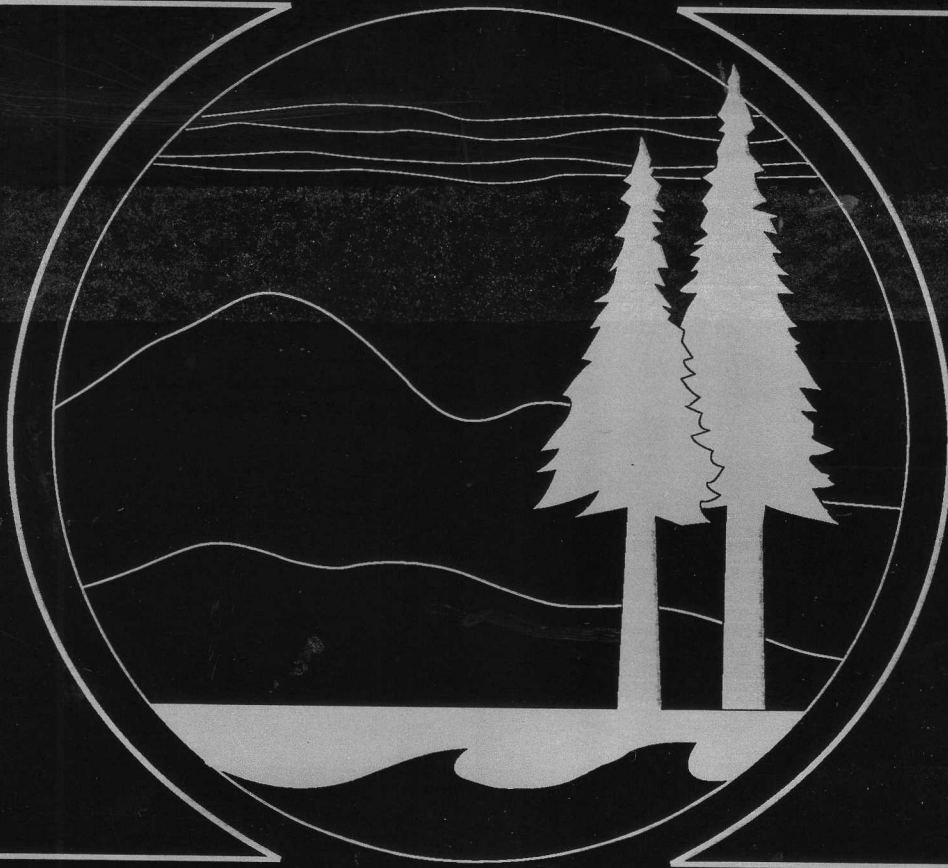

The Press Democrat



YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

May 2, 1989 - 8 p.m.
Luther Burbank Center for the Arts
50 Mark West Springs Road
Santa Rosa

Art

Loren Doppenberg has been graphics director at The Press Democrat since February 1988. Prior to that, he worked as art director at The Des Moines Register. Doppenberg won several state and national awards for illustration and design. A graduate of Northwestern College and Iowa University, Doppenberg resides in Santa Rosa.

Bruce Johnson is an accomplished artist whose works have been included in some 29 exhibitions. His work has been commissioned by cities, museums and major corporations. Known for his outdoor sculpture, Johnson also has been involved in the creation of theater sets, the reconstruction of historic sites, and the design and manufacture of furniture and toys. A graduate of the University of California, Davis, he is a resident of Cazadero.

John Watrous teaches design and computer graphics at Santa Rosa Junior College. As well, he has served as director of the college art gallery for 14 years. Watrous has a background in science and technology and has been instrumental in developing courses in art and technology at SRJC. He holds a master's degree in sculpture from New Mexico Highlands University and is a resident of Santa Rosa.

Athletics

Caren Franci is a physical education instructor and coach at Santa Rosa Junior College. During her 19 years there, she has coached volleyball, softball and basketball. Her basketball teams have won five Camino Norte championships, a Nor-Cal championship and a state championship. A member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, Ms. Franci holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of California, Santa Barbara and lives in Sebastopol.

Tom Mitchell has been head basketball coach at Santa Rosa Junior College for the past five seasons. He was assistant coach prior to that. Mitchell attended the University of Pittsburgh on a full basketball scholarship. He holds a master's degree in psychology, with an emphasis on sports. Mitchell played two years in the Eastern Semi-Professional Basketball League and played professional basketball in Barcelona, Spain for a year. He resides in Windsor.

Rick Vacek has been executive sports editor at The Press Democrat since 1987. For nearly 10 years prior to that he worked at the San Jose Mercury News, first as a sports writer and later as assistant sports editor. Before moving to California, he worked for a suburban supplement of the Chicago Tribune. A native of Chicago, Ill., Vacek attended the University of Illinois. He and his wife make their home in Santa Rosa.

Citizenship

Janet M. Dolan has been Santa Rosa's assistant city manager since 1984. Prior to that she worked as assistant to the city manager of Reno, Nev. Her duties include supervision of the Utilities, Public Works, Recreation & Parks and Community Development Departments. Educated in her native state of Montana, Ms. Dolan studied communications and business and did graduate work in public administration. She resides in Santa Rosa.

Peter Golis has been The Press Democrat's editorial director since 1985. Since joining The Press Democrat as an intern in 1966, Golis has worked as general assignment reporter, political editor, columnist and state capitol bureau chief. He has won awards from the San Francisco Press Club and the California Newspaper Publishers Association. A native of Sonoma County, Golis and his family live in Santa Rosa.

Vance Montgomery has served as executive director of the Redwood Empire Chapter of the American Red Cross for six years. His prior work included a stint as program director for the Valley of the Moon Boys and Girls Club and involvement in the California trucking and logging industry. In 1987 he received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association of Community Leadership Organizations. Montgomery lives in Santa Rosa.

Drama

Mollie Boice is promotions director and actor in residence for the Summer Repertory Theatre. Her theatre career also has embraced work as a director, scenic designer, set painter and playwright. Ms. Boice's many notable performances include appearances in "The Girl in the Red Truck" and "Anastasia." She is presently working with Santa Rosa Junior College students on the creation of an AIDS Theatre Project. Ms. Boice is a resident of Santa Rosa.

Dyan Ellis-Foster is director of Teens Teaching Through Theatre, a group that uses drama as a vehicle to educate teens about issues such as substance abuse, AIDS and suicide. As well, Ms. Ellis-Foster is a video producer. One of her productions about teens last year won a national award at the Leadership Video Festival held at Harvard College. She holds a bachelor's degree in ethical media and resides in Santa Rosa with her husband and two children.

Dan Taylor is assistant features editor and entertainment writer for The Press Democrat. A reporter for nearly 20 years, Taylor has covered the arts and entertainment for 15. As well as helping with the management of the features department, his duties include writing a weekly entertainment column, editing the entertainment section, and coordinating the paper's coverage of the arts. He and his family live in Santa Rosa.

Judges

English/Literature

William Babula is a prize-winning playwright and the author of the critically-acclaimed novel "St. John's Baptism." As well, he is the Dean of Arts at Sonoma State University where he teaches creative writing. Babula taught at the University of Miami in Florida for 12 years and headed up the English Department there. He holds a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, and a master's and a doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley.

Martin Blaze has been a professor of English at Sonoma State University for 21 years. He is also chairman of the English Department and serves as its graduate advisor. Blaze's areas of literary specialization include literary criticism, modern European literature and English romanticism. He also has lectured extensively on Holocaust Literature, William Blake, and American-Jewish Writers. Blaze and his wife make their home in Santa Rosa.

Zilpha Keatley Snyder is an award-winning author of books for young readers. A former teacher, Ms. Snyder credits her country upbringing with inspiring her to write. Her first book, "A Season of Ponies," was published in 1964 and combined her two favorite interests--horses and magic. Since then, Ms. Snyder has written two dozen books, including three Newberry Honor books: "The Egypt Game," "The Headless Cupid," and "The Witches of Worm." She resides in Mill Valley.

Industrial-Vocational

Domenic J. Carinalli has been a dairyman all his life. He has a herd of 325 cows and farms 400 acres. A Western United Dairyman representative, he was director of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau for 16 years. A 4-H project leader for 27 years, Carinalli has been a volunteer fireman for the Hessel Fire Protection District for 23 years. Born and raised in Sebastopol, he and his family still reside there.

Joyce Sharpe has been teaching courses in fashion careers at Santa Rosa Junior College for 19 years. As well, she has first-hand retail experience, having worked at Betticlar's in Santa Rosa for 25 years. Ms. Sharpe attended college in San Francisco and later graduated from SRJC. She is a past board member of Burbank Center for the Arts and is past president of the Symphony League and the Luther Burbank Guild. Ms. Sharpe resides in Santa Rosa.

Mike Tobener has been production director at The Press Democrat for the past two years. He began work at the paper as assistant press foreman in 1984 and was promoted to foreman the following year. Tobener, a native of San Francisco, also has worked for The Oakland Tribune and as general manager for a trucking company. He attended Santa Rosa Junior College and lives in Cloverdale with his family.

Journalism

Gaye LeBaron has been a daily columnist for The Press Democrat for 30 years. She began her career there as a reporter in 1955. An authority on Sonoma County history, Ms. LeBaron teaches local history at Santa Rosa Junior College and is co-author of the book, "Santa Rosa, a Nineteenth Century Town." A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, she has received both state and local awards for her features and columns. She and her husband live in Santa Rosa.

George McCadden worked for United Press International for 15 years. His UPI career took him to posts in many states, as well as Australia where he was Sydney Bureau Manager and Chief Correspondent in the South Pacific. McCadden also worked as Rupert Murdoch's personal representative in the United States and as managing director of an Australian subsidiary of Hill & Knowlton, a public relations firm based in New York. He resides in Sonoma.

Art Volkerts is the former editor of The Press Democrat. Now retired, his career at The Press spanned four decades. Volkerts began working there in 1948, writing sports and farm news. By 1954 he was managing editor. He continued to rise through the ranks and eventually assumed editorial writing responsibilities. Volkert's first newspaper job was at The Sebastopol Times. He and his wife reside in their hometown of Sebastopol.

Mathematics

Jean B. Chan is the head of the Mathematics Department at Sonoma State University where she has been a member of the faculty since 1973. Prior to that, Ms. Chan taught at the University of California, Los Angeles and at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. A graduate of the University of Chicago, Ms. Chan holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a doctorate degree in mathematics. A native of China, she makes her home in San Rafael.

Betty M. Meyer is divisional statistician of the Microwave Technology Division at Hewlett Packard in Santa Rosa. Before coming to Hewlett Packard in 1984, Meyer taught statistics and biostatistics at the University of Michigan and at Texas Woman's University. She also conducted research in nutrition, health and disease at both universities. A graduate of Brown University, she holds a doctorate from the University of Michigan and resides in Santa Rosa.

Bill Thyken has been The Press Democrat's controller for two years. A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Thyken holds a degree in biology. He worked as a teacher and a coach prior to preparing for a business career at Golden Gate University. Thyken was an auditor for a certified public accountant before joining The Press Democrat as accounting manager five years ago. A native of Berkeley, he lives in Sonoma.

Judges

Music

Corrick Brown is conductor and music director of the Santa Rosa Symphony and has held that post since 1957. A graduate of Stanford University, he began studying piano at the age of 5. Brown did graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley and studied conducting at the Vienna Academy of Music. Guest appearances here and abroad have earned Brown much critical acclaim. He makes his home in Santa Rosa.

Blair Hardman is the owner of Zone Recording, a production studio responsible for the recording of soundtracks, albums, song and band demonstration tapes, radio commercials and TV sound. His client list includes both individuals and major companies. Hardman's diverse talents include writing commercials and scripts, producing media ads, teaching music, creating sound effects and jingles, and narration. He is a resident of Cotati.

Eugene C. Shepherd is founder and conductor of the Sonoma County Junior Symphony. An accomplished violinist, he has been concertmaster of the Santa Rosa Symphony for 32 years. A devoted music educator, Shepherd taught band and orchestra for 21 years. The Santa Rosa City Council has twice awarded him for individual cultural accomplishment. A graduate of Julliard Graduate School of Music, he lives in Santa Rosa.

Science

Giovannae Anderson has been a designer of millimeter wave devices and circuits for Hewlett Packard for 10 years. She also owns and operates Software Tailoring, a computer consulting firm for non-profit organizations. Before joining Hewlett Packard, Ms. Anderson worked for IBM where she studied the magnetic properties of materials. A Virginia native, she holds a bachelor's degree in physics, and a master's and a doctorate in electrical engineering. She lives in Santa Rosa.

Jerry Kay is host of the syndicated radio show, "Science in Action," heard everyday on stations in California and Washington. He also hosts a live call-in show, "Science in Action," on KCBS Saturday nights. His company, Kay Productions, in conjunction with the California Academy of Sciences, produces the Science in Action Learning Series, a collection of book-and-cassette kits for children. A San Francisco native, Kay lives in Sonoma.

Philip Swab is a materials scientist in the corporate research department at Optical Coating Laboratory, Inc. Prior to his work at OCLI, Swab was a thin film research engineer at Pennsylvania State University's Materials Research Laboratory. He also did graduate work there. A member of the board of directors of the Discovery Center of Sonoma County, he promotes the interest of youth in the sciences by making learning fun. He lives in Santa Rosa.