



tapped as the original host of *A.M. San Francisco* on KGO-TV.

Lange is survived by his wife, Nancy; sons **Gavin** and **Nicolas**; stepdaughter **Ingrid**; stepson **Steig**; sister **Midge**; and four grandchildren.

## William Schuyler, Pioneer of California TV, Has Died *Instrumental In Launching Oakland's KTVU and Monterey's KMST*

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**William 'Bill' Schuyler**, a Northern California native who, in the early years of television on the West Coast, rose to prominence as a broadcasting entrepreneur when he became one of TV's founding fathers in the San Francisco and Monterey bay areas, has died.

Schuyler died Dec. 10.

For his pioneering contributions to the northern California television industry, Schuyler was among the inaugural inductees, in 1986, of the distinguished *Silver Circle* of the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his career accomplishments.

He was born in 1922 and grew up in northern California, eventually moving to southern California as a teenager. During World War II, he was stationed in Japan. After the war he worked for RKO Radio in Los Angeles where he became very interested in a new industry in its infancy, television. Shortly after his marriage to actress **Kristine Miller**, they moved to Santa Barbara where Schuyler was consultant and sales manager for KEYT.

In 1957, the couple relocated to the Bay Area, where Schuyler was part of the team that built KTVU Channel 2 in Oakland. It is where he became the local sales manager for the first

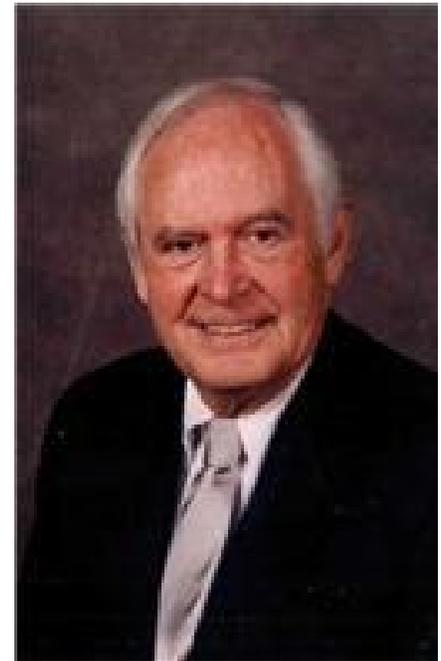
independent television station in the Bay Area.

In 1968, Schuyler and two KTVU associates moved to Monterey to build the original KMST Channel 46. Being a great salesman and before their new station went on the air, he convinced CBS officials in New York to grant them the CBS affiliation for their new station. He was also the station's national sales manager. In 1977, the group sold the station to Retlaw, Walt Disney's television division.

After the sale, Schuyler applied and received the "construction permit" for a new station in Sacramento, KSCH. As the consummate entrepreneur, he searched the country for new media broadcasting ideas including over-the-air pay television, the precursor to other paid broadcast channels. He sold KSCH in 1986, but not before acquiring a new permit for KSMS, another station in Monterey.

Schuyler built KSMS in just 60 days in order to save the local Spanish language broadcasting from being taken off the air. In 1991 he sold KSMS to build another television station in Boise, Idaho.

*(The Monterey Herald contributed to this story.)*



**William "Bill" Schuyler**  
Northern California's "Television  
Maverick"

## A Legendary Luminary At NBC Bay Area: Jan Moellering Celebrates 55 Years At KNTV *Station's Staff Helps Silver Circle Inductee Celebrate In Grand Style*

**By Bob Redell**  
**Chapter Governor**

As unnerving as live television can be, there is always an out. If the microwave or satellite fails, the control room can switch back to the anchors, and the anchors can go to tape. It's virtually impossible for the show not to go on.

So, imagine a time in our not so distant past when there was just a studio, no videotape to fall back on. The only alternative was the dreaded blank TV screen. That was live television without a safety net.

In 1959, **Jan "Moe" Moellering** walked that tight rope as coordinator for KNTV's *Record Hop*. "I just think looking back on the early days," says Moellering, "the *Record Hop* was really, really fun."

*Record Hop* ran five nights a week, for 45 minutes, just before ABC News' 15-minute network newscast with anchor **Ron Cochran**. Host **Frank Darien**