



GOLD & SILVER CIRCLE PROFILES

by Kevin Wing



During his lifetime, **Rollin Post** was one of the Bay Area's quintessential political reporters. He was a familiar presence on three Bay Area television stations for nearly 30 years, from 1961 to 1997.

Inducted into the Silver Circle of the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in 1990 for his more than 25 years of contributions to the Bay Area and northern California television industry, Post was perhaps best known in the last years of his life for his work as the political editor at KRON in San Francisco.

Post was certainly in his element throughout his career. He lived and breathed politics.



Born in New York City in 1930, Post's father was a New York state assemblyman, and his mother was a fashion model and civic volunteer. Talk about being destined for a career in journalism: Post was named for his grandfather, **Rollin Kirby**, who won the first Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning.

The family eventually moved from New York to southern California. That is where Post attended high school in

Claremont. After high school, he made it to the Bay Area to attend San Francisco State College for a year before entering the Army. After, he attended UC Berkeley, graduating from there in 1952 with a degree in political science.

With his sights now set on launching a career, Post became a copy boy for CBS Radio in Los Angeles. That is where he met **Diane Opley**, who became his wife in 1954. Three years later, he joined KTTV in Los Angeles, where he worked as the writer and producer of *The Paul Coates Report*, a syndicated interview show.

Moving back to the Bay Area in 1961, he joined KPIX as a morning producer and assignment editor. In 1962, he became a reporter for the station. Post went on to work for KQED, where he was a commentator on the evening news roundtable broadcast, *Newsroom*. In later years, he co-hosted *A Closer Look*, with **Belva Davis** (SC '89, GC '13).

Post and Davis worked together for more than 30 years, including 18 years as co-hosts of *California This Week* on KRON.

Post died in October 2011 at the age of 81 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He will always be remembered for his nearly 30 years in the Bay Area as an interviewer, commentator and reporter. He grilled politicians of any stature and scope during his lengthy career. He was a force to be reckoned with.