



# STE Trivia 2020

- Holiday Special



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ANSWER:

**STE-CA.org**



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### ANSWER:

**1940 - On July 1, 1940; Fred Wolcott, technical director of Gilfillan Brothers, and Irwin Stanton of RCA discussed the desirability and the need for an organization which would further the interests of television in the Los Angeles area and in this Country. Harry Lubcke, director of television for the Don Lee Broadcasting System, was contacted because of their pioneering efforts in transmitting television programs, dating back to 1931. The preliminary groundwork for establishment of this organization was done by these three men. A group of people were invited to the first meeting on July 8, 1940. The name of the new organization would be the "SOCIETY OF TELEVISION ENGINEERS." At a meeting held October 14, 1940, a constitution was adopted unanimously by the charter members.**



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**STE – The STE was formed in 1940 and in fact provided input to the National Television Standards Committee (NTSC). In March 1941, the NTSC issued a technical standard for black-and-white television in the United States.**



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ANSWER:

**KNBC**

**KNBH (1949–1954) KRCA (1954–1962) KNBC-TV (1986–1995)**

Channel 4 first went on the air as KNBH (standing for "NBC Hollywood") on January 16, 1949. The station changed its callsign to KRCA (for NBC's then-parent company, the Radio Corporation of America) on October 18, 1954. The call letters were changed again on November 11, 1962, when NBC moved the KNBC identity from its San Francisco radio station (which became KNBR) and applied it to channel 4 in Los Angeles.



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ANSWER:

**February 13th, 2020**

**"New Two-Tier Paradigm Replaces Asset Storage Pyramid",  
by Todd Arnold from Spectra Logic.**



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ANSWER:

**The late John Silva**

**The creator of the first TV news helicopter, John Silva, was KTLA-TV's chief engineer when he outfitted a Bell 47-G-2 with a television camera.**





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QUESTION 8:

What disaster almost happened on the first flight of the KTLA Telecopter with John aboard?



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### ANSWER:

**They forgot to retract the vertical antenna during the first landing attempt.**





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**Fifty**



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ANSWER:

**The Armenian Center in Glendale**

We were frequently “entertained” by the lights popping on at odd times during the presentations



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[Don Lee](#) made a fortune as the exclusive West Coast distributor of [Cadillac](#) automobiles. He expanded into broadcasting by purchasing radio stations [KFRC](#) in [San Francisco](#) in 1926 and [KHJ](#) in [Los Angeles](#) in 1927. The stations were connected by telephone circuits and in December 1928 the Don Lee Broadcasting System was formed.

**... Harry Lubcke, one of the STE founers, was director of television for the Don Lee Broadcasting System**



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**ANSWER:**

Katy Yu (Formerly known as Katy Dolan)



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Jeff Longbottom; Note, Jim DeFilippis was Director of Engineering for that same facility



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George Hamilton – Let George tell the story...