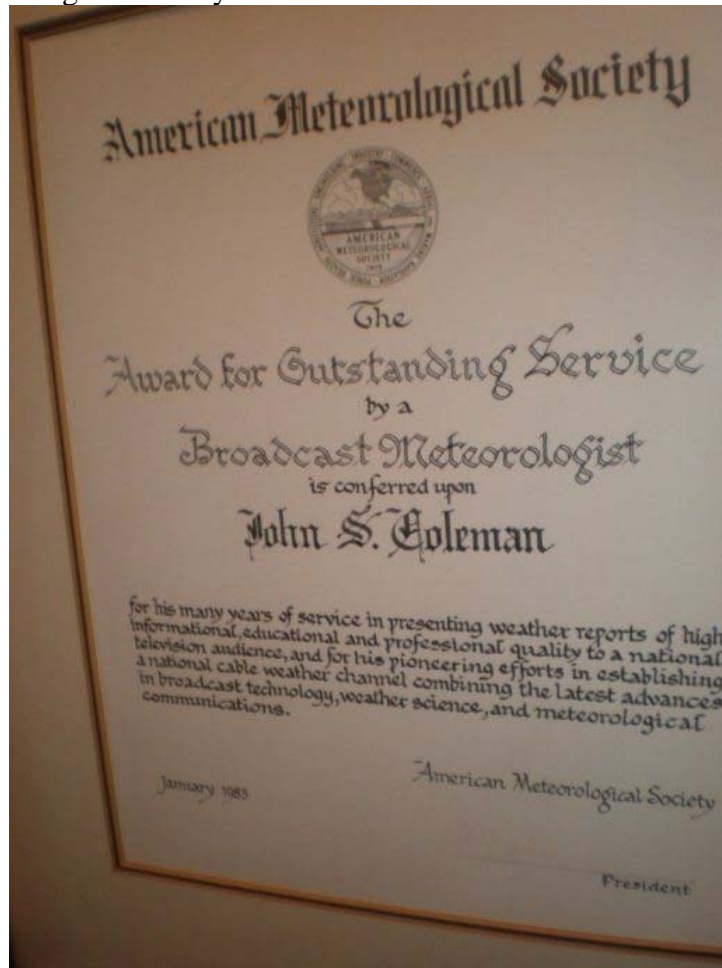


John Coleman notes about the article by Charles Homans.

He demeans KUSI's ratings. We actually come in third among Six PM newscast, beating the ratings of the ABC station. When there is breaking news or weather, our ratings sky rocket to number one.

Our 10 PM news ratings beat the other two local 10 PM newscasts by far and have been beating Jay Leno. No wonder NBC is going to replace him at 10 PM.

Mr. Homans fails to mention that after college I strived long and hard to become a Meteorologist, and finally attained full professional standing as a Meteorologist in American Meteorological Society. And look at the award below:



This is one of my treasures that hangs on the wall of my hallway. It is a large certificate from the American Meteorological Society The Award for Outstanding Service by a Broadcast Meteorologist.

It was presented to me live on "Good Morning, America" in 1982

Mr Homans also demeans "mere" Meteorologist as compared to Climatologist. I think is a right and fair to make a distinction between we Meteorologists and the those with Ph'Ds in our field. Clearly they are far more qualified to do research than the rest of us. But, his dismissal of Meteorologists compared to Climatologists, I do not understand. We all have much of the same education and knowledge. We all deal in temperature, humidity, wind, barometric pressure and related atmospheric measurements. We all are involved with the jet stream and the ocean currents. We Meteorologists are looking at now and the immediate future. Climatologists are looking as the past and long term future. For 56 years I have looked at weather data every day for two or more hours.

I have looked at the outputs of the models since they first were produced on a real time basis forty years ago. I have looked at satellite pictures daily since the satellites went operational in the 1960s. I feel very aware of the short and long term shifts in the patterns. I look at sea surface temperatures and ocean currents regularly. I think I am qualified to have an opinion about climate. And, I am sure many Climatologists feel well qualified to have opinion about the weather. The Global Warming crowd tries to drive a wedge between us and always put the word "mere" in front of the word Meteorologist. There is little doubt that Charles Homans is a "friend" of Al Gore.