

Sharp Talk

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Three Post Pulitzers! *Atkinson Also Wins Pulitzer for Book*

The Washington Post increased its total Pulitzer Prize count to 36 on Monday, April 7, when Executive Editor **LEN DOWNIE** announced that

had recently died while covering the war in Iraq, Post columnist Michael Kelly and NBC correspondent David Bloom. "Their deaths remind us of the commitment and sacrifices being made by the more than 20 Washington Post reporters and photographers — from staffs all over the newsroom — who are covering the war in Iraq and neighboring countries."

Then, with thunderous applause from Post staff, he announced that for the third time in just over a decade, The Post had won three Pulitzer Prizes in one year. Mexico City based staff writers

MARY JORDAN and **KEVIN SULLIVAN** won the Pulitzer for international reporting; Deputy Editorial Page Editor **COLBY KING** received the Pulitzer for commentary, and film critic **STEPHEN HUNTER** was honored with the Pulitzer for criticism.

Managing Editor **STEVE COLL** paid tribute to Hunter in his congratulatory remarks. "There are some things about Stephen Hunter that are plain to see. He has a pow-

Post staff had received three Pulitzer Prizes in journalism for commentary, criticism, and international reporting. Reporter **RICK ATKINSON** also received a Pulitzer for history for his book "An Army at Dawn: the War in North Africa 1942-1943."

Before congratulating the winners during the announcement in the 5th floor Newsroom, Downie asked for a moment of silence to remember the two journalists who



COLBY KING thanked his wife Gwen and his three children during his comments after winning the Pulitzer Prize for commentary.

erful passion for life and art, and the human adventure. He writes like there will be no tomorrow and he does it day after day, every week," commented Coll. "He has helped to define the personality of the newspaper in a voice that surprises, entertains and amazes, and we're very proud to be working with him."

According to Coll, this is the third Pulitzer Prize for criticism that has come out of the Style section in the last six years. Classical music critic **TIM PAGE** received



MARY JORDAN holds daughter Kate (far left) and **KEVIN SULLIVAN** holds their son Tom on his back (far right) as the Pulitzer Prize winning couple wait with Newsroom colleagues for online news of their award for international reporting.

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Post Hoopsters

Three teams of Post staff sweated their way through several hours of three-on-three basketball games at American University on Saturday, April 5 to help raise funds to benefit area homeless people. The Freddie Mac



The *PostUp* team made it to the tournament's semifinals and received a well deserved pat on the back from Ned the Newshound. *PostUp* team members included (kneeling) **ANTHONY SPENCER**, Production/College Park; (left) **KEVIN FOWLKES**, Production/Springfield, and (right) **MICHAEL WELLS, IT**. Not pictured is teammate **ANTOINE MARSHALL**, Production/College Park.

Hoops for the Homeless event raised more than \$180,000 to be distributed to Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria, Va.; Miriam's Kitchen in the District, and Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, Md. The Post was one of the event sponsors.

The Post players were recruit-



Holding court for the *We Deliver* team were (l-r) **KEVIN MERIDA**, News; **AL FORD**, Circulation; **ERIC GRANT**, Public Relations, and **TODD NICOLINI**, Circulation.



The sweaty, but fearless *Newshounds* team included (l-r) **RUBEN RODRIGUEZ**, Public Relations; **KERRY FLAGG**, News; **STEVEN TAYLOR**, Accounting, and **ERIC SMITH**, Advertising.

ed for the tournament by **AL FORD**, Circulation, and came in all shapes, sizes and ages. The Post hoopsters included former high school and college players, as well as a few who have played years of recreational ball. For all twelve players, it was an opportunity to make a difference and enjoy a day of playing basketball.

KERRY FLAGG, News, was a member of the *Newshounds* team. "It has been rewarding, even though I worked until midnight last night [Friday]," he explained during a break in the tournament play. "It makes me

feel like I'm doing a lot more than just giving a little money here and there."

"It has been awhile since I played this kind of basketball," admitted **MIKE WELLS, IT**, a member of the *PostUp* team. "I'm a little tired, but it has been



Anthony Spencer, who worked at the College Park Plant until 5 a.m. that morning, spent some quality time with his son during breaks in playing.

a good opportunity to do something for the homeless in our area and bring some attention to their situation."

Also participating in the tournament were Assistant Managing Editor/Sports **GEORGE SOLOMON** who was a celebrity coach, and vice president/business manager **TED LUTZ** who was on the sidelines to cheer on the efforts of The Post teams.

the award in 1997 and staff writer **HENRY ALLEN** was a 2000 Pulitzer winner. Post TV critic **TOM SHALES** has also received the Pulitzer award for criticism.

“Anyone who wins this award is really just a front for a group of smarter, more talented and harder working journalists of the kind that The Washington Post is famous for, and rightfully so” said Hunter. He thanked the many staff who have helped him throughout the years, including his editors and the Style copy desk.

Editorial Page Editor **FRED HIATT** remarked on the writing and achievements of his deputy editor, Colby King. “Colby is simply one of the best and most gifted



STEPHEN HUNTER referred to the “hard working and talented journalists” at The Post in his comments about receiving the Pulitzer Prize for criticism.

writers I’ve ever encountered,” said Hiatt. “When Colby does a little poking around, the high and mighty in Washington... know to get nervous. He does it because he really cares about the issues and the people he writes about, people that most of the time nobody else is paying much attention to.”

King recalled a conversation he had with The Post’s



FILE PHOTO

Post reporter **RICK ATKINSON**, embedded with the military in Iraq, called into The Post’s newsroom to receive congratulations for winning the Pulitzer for his book “An Army at Dawn: the War in North Africa 1942-1943.”

late editorial page editor Meg Greenfield toward the end of her life. “She said to me ‘I’m not going to leave here until you win a Pulitzer’ and I told her that’s a deal - I hoped that I would never win. Here we are,” he said. “Thank you very much Meg.”

He also thanked his family, friends and co-workers for their support, and made special note of the letter Fred Hiatt wrote for his Pulitzer application. “If any of you want to be standing up here, get Fred to write your Pulitzer letter,” said King.

Downie introduced the Pulitzer Prize winning team of Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan who attended the announcement with their two children, Kate and Tom.

“Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan could not be more a part of The Washington Post family. This is where they grew up journalistically, met and married. Like so many of our outstanding foreign correspondents, they achieved their first successes on the Metro staff. They went to Japan as one of our now many husband

and wife foreign correspondent teams. They went next to Mexico, beginning their tour in 2000 with coverage of the historic election of President Vicente Fox,” Downie commented. “Mary and Kevin’s reporting, widely followed by the Mexican press and officials, also had impact. Cases were re-opened, new investigations were started, and government changes were proposed.”

Desk received a call from Pulitzer winner **RICK ATKINSON**, who spoke to the crowd in the Newsroom on speaker phone from his embedded position with the military in Iraq.

“This is so fabulous,” he said. “I’m hot, I’m tired, I’m filthy and I’m completely thrilled. I couldn’t be more delighted than to share this news with my life long friends at The Post. It’s a great honor to be out here representing the newspaper.”

In addition, National Enterprise Reporter **ANNE HULL** was a Pulitzer finalist in the national reporting category for her series on second generation immigrants in Atlanta.

“I want to thank all of you for producing outstanding journalism throughout the newspaper during the past year,” said Downie at the end of his remarks. “As we return to our all-out coverage of the war in Iraq, we can again take pride that we work for a newspaper dedicated to journalism that makes a difference.”



CREDIT - BILL O'LEARY

Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan are congratulated by Vice President at Large **BEN BRADLEE**.

“I have the best editor and colleague anyone could ever ask for,” said Sullivan in a tribute to his wife and co-worker.

In the midst of the Pulitzer announcements, the Foreign

POST SCRIPTS

NO SHOPTALK NEXT WEEK

The next issue of ShopTalk will be published on Thursday, April 24. The deadline for marketplace ads for the April 24 issue is Friday, April 18 at noon. Ads can be submitted via email at ShopTalk@washpost.com. For more information call Lisa Connors, ShopTalk editor at x4-6803.

Look out.
Something new
is coming.

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Sunday
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PEACOCK HONORED BY CRIME SOLVERS

College Park Plant Security Manager **JAMES "BIRD" PEACOCK** was recently honored by the Crime Solvers of Washington, D.C. for his two decades of service and contributions to the organization. Peacock, who is vice chairman of the board for Crime Solvers, received the award during an appreciation breakfast on March 18 for the D.C. Police Department. Public Relations Manager **LISA JACZKO-BOLTON**, shown here with Peacock, also attended the breakfast.

WEIGHT WATCHERS CLASS FORMING

Employees who are interested in joining Weight Watchers should contact the Northwest Health Center by Wednesday, April 16 at x4-7192. The

12-week program requires 20 employees to sign up at a cost of \$150/person. The class is scheduled to begin Wednesday, April 23 and will be held on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the 7th floor Accounting Department conference room.

APRIL COURSE OFFERINGS

The Organization Development & Training Department has a number of course offerings available for April. For information on course offerings, go online to *IntraNED* and go to the Human Resources home page. To register for a course, you can also call the OD&T hotline at x4-5435.



SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AT POST

Robert Peebles, former superintendent of schools for Alexandria and Dr. Vincent Reed, former Post vice president of communications, who is also a former superintendent for D.C. schools, were guests at the superintendent's lunch held at The Post on Friday, March 28. Reed instituted the monthly lunch gathering of area school superintendents when he was at The Post as a networking opportunity for the education leaders to share challenges and innovative ideas. Speakers this school year have included representatives from the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State.

MARKETPLACE

ISO: Looking for a used stationary bike to buy. Call Barbara at x4-6229, or (301) 593-3422.

FOR SALE: Weight bench \$100, barbells \$75 each set, stepper \$30, rower machine \$50 and ping-pong table \$75. Call Diane at (301) 681-3631 or x4-7402.

FOR SALE: 1carat round diamond ring for \$350/OBO. 1/2 carat round diamond ring for \$200. Contact Tammy Johnson x4-7894 or (202) 526-2997 (evenings).

FOR SALE: Kenmore 30" white gas range, Kenmore 18 cf. white refrigerator. Two yrs. old, like new. \$250 ea./OBO. Call Dennis at (301) 336-6359.

FOR RENT: 3-level 13th Street townhouse at Harrison Square, 1 block from U St. Metro. Built 2001. Has gas fireplace, modern kitchen, 3 BR, 3.5 baths, garage, deck, Wash. Monument view. \$2,400 per month. Call Gene at (301) 934-1081 or (301) 814-1936.

IN SEARCH OF SUMMER RENTAL: Six very responsible college students interning in Washington this summer are looking for a group house to rent from June thru August. Flexible on location, but should be in or very near D.C. — and ideally in Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, Foggy Bottom, or Georgetown. Please call Nurith at (301) 952-2086 with information or suggestions for how to find such a place.

FOR RENT: Condo at Worldgate in Herndon, 2 BR/2 BA, building elevator, garage parking, 5 minutes from Herndon P&R. Bus Stop in front of building, \$1,250. Call Ron at x4-6431 or at home (703) 421-4035.

FOR SALE: Leitz Focomat 1-C 35mm enlarger with baseboard, bulb, Leitz lens and 8x10 and 11x14 easels. Check it out and make an offer. Call Gerald Martineau, photo dept. at x4-4838, or (703) 931-0628.

FOR SALE: J. Crew leather jacket with lining, excellent condition. Can fit men or women up to sizes 12-14. Paid \$300, yours at 1/2 price for \$150. Call Theola at (301) 934-1119 or email: labbet@washpost.com.

FOR SALE: Jennifer Convertibles sofa & loveseat set. Cream with tan stripes. Great condition! \$550/obo. Call Tiffany x7025 or (301) 982-0495.

MARKETPLACE DEADLINE: Noon Fridays. Please include your name, extension and home phone number. **ADS ARE FOR POST EMPLOYEES ONLY.** Send ads to Shop Talk, 7th floor, or call x4-6803. To send ads via fax dial x4-4963; via e-mail send to shoptalk. Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.

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