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Post Wins Pulitzer! *Applebaum Also Wins Pulitzer for Book*

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On Monday, April 5, a special call from Baghdad, Iraq came into the 5th floor Newsroom. At one end of the phone was Post

reporting. Standing nearby was editorial writer **Anne Applebaum** who was awarded the Pulitzer prize for non-fiction for her book *Gulag: A History*.

Downie began his remarks, "The most important news story of the

past year was the war in Iraq and its aftermath. The Washington Post covered it better than any other news organization. And, among all the great work that everyone did in helping to cover Iraq, one journalist's work especially stood out. Today, that journalist, Washington Post foreign correspondent Anthony Shadid, has won the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting." Once the applause and cheering was over, Downie made

sure that Shadid was still on the line and could hear the applause.

With Shadid listening via phone, Downie recognized Shadid for his on-going reporting from Iraq and his desire to remain in Iraq after most news organizations had

ordered their correspondents to leave. Shadid once told his editor that he had prepared his entire career for a story like Iraq.

Downie said, "He did not simply lead the pack, but struck out in a direction where few could follow. And, I would add, he wrote about what he saw and heard in an eloquent, evocative, involving way that places his work among the best foreign correspondence of our time."

Shadid addressed the newsroom by speakerphone from Baghdad. He began by saying, "It's really an overwhelming moment. About 10:30 tonight, about 2:30 your time, I was sitting in front of the computer with probably about the tenth cup of coffee trying to figure out what the lead would be. Then a bomb goes off outside and I kind of had that feeling that things don't change that much in Baghdad."

Shadid then went on to talk about the importance of this award and the contributions of his fellow Post correspondents. He said, "It's a first rate group of people that I feel lucky to have worked with and that



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Foreign correspondent Anthony Shadid speaks to his editors and colleagues after his Pulitzer for international reporting was announced.

reporter **Anthony Shadid** calling from Iraq and at the other end was Executive Editor **Len Downie**. With the phone on speaker so Post colleagues could hear, Downie congratulated Shadid for winning the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for international

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Bear Hugs that Help

Kathleen Dillon, IT, began what she calls her “Bear Hugs” teddy bear ministry a few years ago when she gave a sick friend a teddy bear. She saw the comfort that this cuddly child’s toy

consolation. Last year she bought and gave away 49 teddy bears.

“The youngest I’ve given a bear to was five months old and the oldest was in their mid-70s,” explained Dillon. “The reasons they needed a teddy bear ranged from heart

surgery to depression and cancer. I hear about situations like a 16-year-old girl with ovarian cancer and send them a teddy bear. It doesn’t matter if I know the person, if I think it’s a good match, I’ll make arrangements to get them a bear.”

One of her colleagues in IT, **Jeanne Koch**, told Dillon about a

missing his father who was stationed in the Persian Gulf. A teddy bear was dispatched to the young boy to hug whenever he missed his father.

Koch has provided several connections for Dillon’s teddy bear ministry through Columbia Baptist, which includes a preschool, day care and a fine arts institute. “We have access to a lot of community members,” said Koch. “It’s neat to have these opportunities...a teddy bear is a cheerful reminder that someone cares about you.”

Dillon has also used her “Bear Hugs” to help friends and co-workers at The Post. She keeps a few bears in her office to drop off in someone’s cubicle if she knows they are having a bad day. One colleague took a bear for company during a hospital stay for surgery.

“We’re all kids at heart and we all have bad days,” she said. “The bears represent love and security.” ■



Kathleen Dillon and some of her teddy bears.

could provide to an adult and decided to give away more bears to people who were in need of some

four-year-old boy at her church, Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, who was having a hard time

IT Celebrates Move

The IT Department celebrated its move to its newly renovated quarters on the 3rd floor of the Northwest Building with an indoor golf tournament and an open house. After years of being scattered on different floors and different buildings, IT staff bonded over a game of golf during the First Annual Mini-Golf Invitational on Friday, March 26. Held in the department’s blue zone, a 9-hole course was created along rows of cubicles and a conference room was turned into a clubhouse. According to the tournament’s creator **Paul Wade**, the tournament was a team building

exercise, providing the opportunity for staff to meet each other during a fun event.

IT’s colleagues in other departments had the opportunity to tour the renovated office space during an open house on Tuesday, March 30. ■

Anitha Bala, IT, takes a shot at playing in the Mini-Golf Invitational.

Watching as she avoids course hazards such as plants and office supplies are Vice President of Operations **Mike Clurman** and **Henrick Jensen**, IT.



I've learned from and that I've modeled a lot of my work after." He paid special tribute to Post reporter **Rajiv Chandrasekaran** who he described as "incredible."

"As a bureau we've been through moments of tragedy and jubilation, we've been through moments of hope and heartbreak and what's kept this operation together is the staff we have here....it's a group of people who came together right after the war when the city was literally falling apart and they stuck together since then, many of them with us the entire time we've been here. And I don't say this lightly, I think any one of us in this operation would die for the other person."

Shadid recognized The Post for its commitment to covering the story in Iraq and thanked his editors **Phil Bennett** and **David Hoffman** and closed by saying, "this award is as much mine as it theirs, the award is as much mine, as it is the staff in Baghdad."

Downie commented that this is the second year in a row that The Washington Post has won the Pulitzer for international reporting and that Washington Post foreign reporting has been chosen as a finalist in one Pulitzer category or another eight times in the past seven years.

Deputy Editorial Page editors **Colby King** and **Jackson Diehl** introduced the newspa-



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Looking at the computer awaiting the announcement of the Pulitzer Prizes are (l-r, standing) **Milton Coleman**, deputy managing editor; **Cheryl Butler**, director of recruiting; **Lionel Neptune**, vice president/affiliates; **Sarah Voisin**, photo and (seated) **Vince Bzdek**, assistant managing editor/news.

per's second Pulitzer Prize winner, **Anne Applebaum**. Her book, *The Gulag: A History* meticulously describes the history and horror of the death camps of the Soviet Union. Diehl said, "Anne Applebaum decided to tackle this historical deficit." He went on to describe her extensive research efforts to uncover and preserve the story of the Gulag. "The result is her book, *The Gulag*, a work of stunning power and importance that has won this year's Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction book."

Downie also recognized the five reporters who were finalists for Pulitzer Prizes. **Bart Gellman** was chosen as a finalist in beat reporting for his coverage of the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. **Anne Hull** and **Tammy Jones** were chosen as finalists in feature writing for their stories about three American soldiers being treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. **Joe Stephens** and **David Ottaway's** investigative series about the Nature Conservancy was a finalist for the award in investigative

reporting.

In his remarks about the finalists, Managing Editor **Steve Coll** noted, "...it's a really remarkable group. I think there are some patterns in this year's three non-winning newspaper finalists and the most prominent and most important of those is the consistent and persistent tireless talent of the five journalists themselves."

Downie also acknowledged the Post writers recognized as finalists for their books: **Dana Priest** for her book *The Mission: Waging War and Keeping Peace with America's Military* and **David Maraniss** for his book *They Marched Into Sunlight*.

Downie closed by saying, "And we continue to lead the way in our coverage of the ongoing situation in Iraq and its growing impact here at home. We thank all of you for your wonderful work last year and the great journalism you are producing this year. And, once again, we hope and pray for the safety of our colleagues bravely working in harm's way." ■



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Pulitzer Prize winner **Anne Applebaum**, Editorial, and her son **Alexander Sikorski**, her husband **Radek Sikorski**, and her parents **Betsey** and **Harvey Applebaum** await the announcement of the Pulitzer Prizes.

PostScripts

Human Resources Move

As mentioned in last week's ShopTalk, please note that Human Resources is moving this weekend and beginning Monday, April 12 will be located on the 3rd floor (L Street side) of the Northwest Building.

Join Race for the Cure Team!

The deadline is May 5 to be a member of The Post's team participating in this year's Komen National Race for the Cure® scheduled for Saturday, June 5 at the National Mall. All Post team members will receive a Post Team T-shirt (in addition to

the T-shirt all registrants receive) and a pre-race breakfast at the Northwest Building.

Registration for the event is \$25 and it begins at 8 a.m. for runners and 8:15 a.m. for walkers. For more information contact **Carrie Morse**, Public Relations, at x4-7972, or e-mail morsecm@washpost.com. Look for the list of Post team captains in the next issue of ShopTalk.

No ShopTalk Next Week

ShopTalk will not be published on Thursday, April 15. The next issue will be Thursday, April 22. The deadline for Marketplace ads for the April 22 issue is Friday, April 16. Please e-mail your ad to ShopTalk@washpost.com.

Washington Post Employee* Golf Tournament

Where: Augustine Golf Club, (Softspike facility, Proper golf attire required)
Monument Drive, Stafford, Virginia (540) 720 7374
I-95 South to exit 140 (Rt. 630), Right at stop sign, Go 4 miles to left onto Monument Drive, Clubhouse on the right.

When: Monday, May 24, 2004
Time: 7:15 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. Shotgun start

Cost: \$75 per person
Includes: Breakfast, Greens fee, Cart, Use of Practice Facilities, Drinks on the Course, Lunch and Player's Gift.

Format: Four Person Captain's Choice
Each player on the foursome tees off and the Captain chooses the best shot. From that position each player then hits the second shot. This is continued until the hole is finished.

Prizes:

- ❖ First Place Team
- ❖ Second Place Team
- ❖ Third place Team
- ❖ Men's Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin
- ❖ Ladies Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin
- ❖ Door Prizes



Please sign-up as a foursome and return this form and your entrance fee by May 1st. If you don't have a foursome, sign-up and you will be matched with other employees.

Name	Department	Phone Number

Please fill out this form and return via interoffice mail or call:

Rich Martin	IT	ext. 4-7531	Ty Hensell	Springfield Production	ext. 6-2444
			Sherry Gryder	College Park	ext. 6-1115

*Employee sign-up period until May 1, 2004. Beginning May 2, tournament is open to family members and other Post affiliated companies.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: Beach home rental - Sandbridge/Va. Beach: Huge, gorgeous home, one block from ocean w/amazing views and direct beach access. 9 BR, 7.5 BA, sleeps 22. Every imaginable feature from a well-equipped gourmet kitchen w/center island to a spacious game room w/2nd mini-kitchen, foosball/air hockey & access to private pool. Many TVs, VCRs, DVDs, fax, stereo/CD and more, MBR w/jacuzzi tub, plenty of open & covered decking. Avail. weeks: April 10, 17 & May 8 (\$1,360); May 15 (\$2,590); June 12 & Aug. 14 (\$4,620); Aug. 28 (\$3,470). Call Gayle at x4-7679; (301) 570-9032.

FOR SALE: A pair of season tickets to the Redskins, section 432, row 12, seats 11 and 12, green parking pass. Total cost is \$1,590 (face value). Call Ellen at x4-6627 or (703) 823-3133.

FOR SALE: 2000 Honda Accord EX, automatic, 4 door, 4 cylinder, leather seats, sunroof, a/c, CD. Great condition. \$10,500. Call Ellen at (301) 986-4180 or Erin at x4-5839.

FOR SALE: Air hockey table complete with pucks and paddles. Dimensions are 6 1/2' x 3 1/2'. Practically new condition. New furniture being delivered so it must go. Paid \$300. U-haul it for \$75. Call Donna x4-5823 or (301) 868-3493.

FOR SALE: Cleaning out my basement and in-home office—selling IBM computer and monitor (\$150), weightlifting bench w/ weights (\$50) and exercise bike (\$40). Call Imani at x4-7894 or (202) 583-5538.

FOR RENT: Apartment in Kalorama/ Dupont/ Adams Morgan area. Large, bright 2BR, 1BA corner apartment, on quiet, beautiful street, mall building features large rooms, big windows, spacious closets. Available May15. \$2,250/month. Call Mitch at (202) 462-9027.

FOR SALE: Computer w/Windows 2000, MS Office, 64 Meg of RAM, keyboard, mouse, IBM 15" monitor, 200mhz processor, USB, modem, sound card w/speakers. Good for word processing or spreadsheet work, for \$170. Also, 1993 Blue Toyota Corolla, four door, 5-speed stick, air AM/FM/CD, 93K miles, good condition. Asking \$2,500. Call Jim at (703) 256-7128, or after 4 p.m. at x4-4234.

FOR RENT: Cathedral Ave. apartment. Great location, walk to restaurants, walk to Georgetown, beautiful, spacious 1 BA apartment, new appliances, new BR. Only 2.5 miles to TWP, \$1,250/month. Call Enrique at (202) 288-9013 or x-4-6195.

FOR SALE: Roll-top desk and chair. Solid wood: 2 file-size storage drawers plus 5 other drawers; storage cubicles and built in light. Like new condition, \$150. Call Pat at (703) 204-3420 or x4-5211.

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