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Post Wins Four Pulitzers!

A roar of applause went through the Newsroom at 3:10 p.m. on Monday, April 17, when Executive Editor **Len Downie** announced that The Washington Post has won four Pulitzer Prizes – the most the newspaper has won in a single year.

"I am deeply interested in the progress and elevation of journalism, having spent my life in the profession, regarding it as a noble profession and one of unequaled importance for its influence upon the minds and morals of the people."

— JOSEPH PULITZER, 1847-1911

"I've had the great privilege and pleasure of saying this before from this same spot in the newsroom – and I'm going to say it again now," said Downie. "This is one of the great days in the history of this great newspaper."

The Pulitzer for investigative reporting was

awarded to **Sue Schmidt**, **Jeff Smith** and **James Grimaldi** for their investigation of lobbyist Jack Abramoff and his relationships with members of congress that led to a federal investigation.

"The fallout from this reporting has been heavy. Indictments. Guilty pleas. Falls from grace, explained Downie. "More dominos are likely to fall...But every major element of the Abramoff scandal has been documented first in The Washington Post."

Pulitzer Prize winners for investigative reporting (l-r) Jeff Smith, James Grimaldi and Sue Schmidt thanked their families and Post colleagues.



Robin Givhan (center) is congratulated by some of The Post's other Pulitzer winners **David Finkel (right)**, **Dana Priest (far left)** and **Sue Schmidt**.

It was a particularly special win for Schmidt, who noted during her comments that it was 50 years ago this month that her grandfather George Schmidt was part of the team of photographers at the *New York Daily News* that won a Pulitzer in the photography category. "It is the lessons of my childhood that brought me here today," she said.

Grimaldi and Smith thanked the editors, team of researchers and the copy desk staff that were instrumental in their reporting. "It is highly motivating being around such great talent," commented Smith.

A Pulitzer finalist six times,

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Bylines

Publisher **Bo Jones** was named chairman of the national Newspaper Association of America (NAA) on April 4 during the organization's annual convention in Chicago. He will serve as NAA chair for the coming year.

Other officers elected were vice chairwoman Susan Clark-Johnson, president of the Newspaper Division of Gannett Co.; secretary Gary B. Pruitt, chairman, president and chief executive officer of the McClatchy Co.; and treasurer George B. Irish, president of Hearst Newspapers, a subsidiary of the Hearst Corp.

Headquartered in Vienna, Va., NAA represents more than 2,000 newspapers in the U.S. and Canada. Most NAA members are daily newspapers, accounting for 87 percent of the U.S. daily circulation. Post personnel from several departments participate in NAA's many committees and programs.

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The Overseas Press Club of America (OPC) announced on Tuesday, April 18 that National reporter **Dana Priest** is the recipient of the Bob Considine Award for best newspaper or wire service interpretation of international affairs. She was honored for her series "The CIA's Secret War." The OPC Awards were founded in 1940 to recognize excellence for foreign coverage in the categories of print, broadcast and photography.

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Associate Editor **Kevin Merida** is the winner of the Vernon Jarrett Medal for Journalistic Excellence in feature writing from the Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. According to an announcement



FILE PHOTO

Kevin Merida wins award.

that ran in the A section on April 8, the award is given for outstanding coverage of people of African descent and the issues that affect their lives.

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Sports reporters **Amy Shipley** and **Dave Sheinin** were honored last month with first-place

awards in the annual Associated Press Sports Editors contest. Shipley was awarded for her profile of shot putter Reese Hoffa's reunion with his birth mother. Sheinin's award was for his article on the fourth and final game of the World Series.

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Janice Stewart, Advertising, was honored for her 21 years at The Post during her retirement reception on Friday, April 7 in the Northwest Building's auditorium. In addition to her award-winning work in advertising sales, Stewart was a long-time mentor and a key supporter of the newspaper's Eastern 500 Club. Speakers and guests at the reception included Chairman **Don Graham**, Publisher **Bo Jones**, President **Steve Hills**, Vice President of Advertising **Katharine Weymouth**, Vice President of Affiliates **Lionel Neptune**, and Director of Major Accounts **Royston DeSouza**. ■



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Wilbur Browning, a Post circulation agent in the Dale City area of Prince William County, presents a check for \$520 to Tess Moore, athletic director for Belville Middle School. The check was provided to the school as part of a subscription sales and fundraising initiative that is being piloted in the Prince William County School System. Virginia zone manager **Tim Mangum** is overseeing the initiative.

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David Finkel is the winner of this year's Pulitzer for explanatory reporting for what Downie called, "a revealing narrative of a good-intentioned but doomed experiment in exporting democracy to Yemen."

In praising Finkel for what he called, "solitary, brave and lonely work," Managing Editor **Phil Bennet** said, "This is as rich a story as any he has told...a deeply humane dispatch."

"It was a remarkable year in my life," said Finkel, "that brought me here today to look at all of you and say thank you very much."

A finalist for the last three years, **Dana Priest** is this

that raised important questions about the CIA's role and conduct in the global war against terrorism," explained Downie.

Priest recounted how she had the unique task of explaining to her young teenage son that she was on the White House enemies list. He in turn gave his wholehearted support to his mom, with a "YES!"

"There is no better or more important time to be a journalist...the stakes have never been higher," said Priest. "I am so grateful to be at the best newspaper in the world."

Robin Givhan is the win-



Managing Editor **Phil Bennett** (right) congratulates **David Finkel**, the winner of the Pulitzer for explanatory reporting.

remarks, Downie said, "Big challenges lie ahead of us. But we have the Newsroom and the newspaper company to meet them. And that is what we will do — starting tomorrow. Today we celebrate."

The first Pulitzer Prizes

were awarded in 1917, per publisher Joseph Pulitzer's 1904 will, which established the prizes as an incentive for excellence in journalism, literature, music and drama. There are currently 21 Pulitzer categories, including awards in poetry, music and photography. For a complete listing of this year's Pulitzer Prize winners and finalists, go online to www.Pulitzer.org.

Note - New York Times reporter **Jim Yardley** (and **Joseph Kahn**) won this year's Pulitzer for international reporting. His father is Post book critic **Jonathan Yardley**, who received a 1981 Pulitzer for criticism. According to The Post's media reporter **Howard Kurtz**, this is the second father-son pairing to win Pulitzers. ■

power, culture, commerce, beauty in the broadest sense and life itself," commented Downie. "For all the edge in her work and the buzz it often generates, she is steadfastly even-handed. Her writing is fun and her journalism is solid."

Givhan thanked her editors and colleagues at The Post for their support and allowing her "to define fashion in the broadest terms...it's how we present ourselves to the world."

The Post also had finalists in two other Pulitzer categories. The newspaper was one of three finalists for the Pulitzer Gold Medal for Public Service for the reporting and editorial comment on the government's accountability for civil liberties infringements as part of the war on terrorism. According to Downie, it is the sixth time in the last seven years that The Post has been a finalist for the gold medal, "an unmatched achievement," he noted.

Steve Fainaru was a finalist in the international reporting category for his series on American soldiers in Iraq. Downie called Fainaru's work a "remarkable on-the-ground portrayal of the pain and existential uncertainty of American soldiers in Iraq."

As he wrapped up his



Pulitzer Prize winner **Dana Priest** shares a laugh with the Newsroom during her acknowledgement speech.

year's winner of the Pulitzer for beat reporting for her series, "The CIA's Secret War."

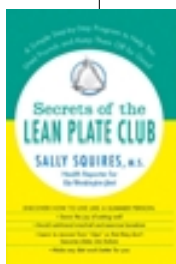
"With the help of her editors - **Scott Vance**, **Mike Abramowitz** and **Liz Spayd** - Dana overcame steadily increasing official pressure on her sources, herself and the newspaper to produce stories

ner of the Pulitzer for criticism for her wide-ranging and impactful fashion criticism. Her stories have included subject's ranging from the Vice President's parka, to Camilla Parker Bowles wardrobe and Star Wars costumes worn by adults.

"Robin Givhan's fashion journalism is about people,

New Lean Plate Club Book Reader Forum on April 29

The Post is hosting a reader forum to celebrate Health columnist **Sally Squires'** new book *Secrets of the Lean Plate Club*. Employees are invited to attend the forum on Saturday, April 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Northwest Building's multipurpose room. This free event includes a discussion about the book and the nationally syndicated Lean Plate Club column, as well as refreshments, and giveaways. Autographed copies of the book will be available for purchase. To reserve your space, call the Public Relations Department at x4-7969.



be found on the *Intranet* home page, including a downloadable FAQ sheet, rules for use of the facility, and a membership application.

and Newsroom staff coordinated by **Victoria Benning**, Arlington/Alexandria Extra editor and **Tracey Reeves**, Prince George's Extra editor.

Fitness Center Info Online

Information about the new Northwest Fitness Center can

Discounted Tickets from Rec Association

The Rec Association has discounted tickets to make it easier for members and their families to enjoy themselves this spring. You can contact any of the Rec Association ticket sellers listed below to become a Rec Association member for the annual fee of \$5, good through the end of 2006.

Movie Theaters

(All AMC tickets work at any Loews due to merger)

- \$6 - AMC Silver** (10 day restriction, no expiration)
- \$7 - AMC Gold** (no restriction, no expiration)
- \$7 - Regal Premiere** (no restriction, no expiration)

For Tickets:

- Adrienne Taylor** at x4-7101 (NW)
- Pam Mitchell-Scott** at x4-5882 (NW)
- John Wong** (backup) at x4-7823 (NW)
- Les Martin** at x6-1107 (CP)
- Daryl Martin** at x6-1963 (SP)
- Jamie Ward-Black** at x2-1604 (Tysons)

- Six Flags Amusement Park**
- \$56 - Play Pass** (same as Season Pass), Must be purchased by May 29
- \$27 - One Day Pass**
- \$8.50 - Meal Voucher**

For Tickets:

- Dean Felten** at x4-4418 (NW)
- John Wong** (backup) at x4-7823 (NW)
- Les Martin** at x6-1107 (CP)
- Daryl Martin** at x6-1963 (SP)

- Kings Dominion Amusement Park**
- \$35** (adult one day pass)

For Tickets:

- Nicole Morton-McFadden** at x4-7041 (NW)
- Adrienne Taylor** (backup) at x4-7101 (NW)
- Les Martin** at x6-1107 (CP)
- Daryl Martin** at x6-1963 (SP)

Marketplace

FOR SALE: Williamsburg 4th of July Vacation Package - three nights in two BR Colonial House, on grounds of Historic Williamsburg, arrival Sunday July 2, departure Wednesday, July 5. Package includes historic area pass for four people, four tickets to Busch Gardens, dinner for four at Kings Arms Tavern on July 3, and golf for four on Golden Horseshoe on July 4. Package worth over \$2,000, asking \$750 firm (purchased at an online fundraising auction and now have a schedule conflict). My loss, your great family vacation! Contact Ellen at x4-7762.

FOR SALE: Vision Fitness, semi-recumbent training bike, perfect condition. Used less than 12 times. Designed for health clubs, the R2200HRT uses its extra-heavy steel frame and top quality components to withstand hours of use and abuse. The Easy-8 console features four Heart Rate Training (HRT) programs with a separate Heart Rate Feedback window for optimal training as well as five custom programs. Bought for \$1,500, sells now for \$1,999. Asking \$800/OBO. You pick it up, take it away. Call Marie Arana at x4-7884 or Jonathan Yardley at (202) 544-7779.

FOR SALE: Four glass and brass curio cabinets (come in a set with mirror backs, several with hooks for hanging on a wall). One is long and rectangular (great for a mantle) and measures 29" long x 4" high x 4" wide. The other three sit next to one another: 2 are curved glass with one shelf (measure 9" at the highest point x 4" wide, 8" long) and fit on either side of a larger cabinet with three shelves (which measures 4" wide and 9" high). All four cabinets are in excellent condition, come in their original boxes, and would be great to display a small collection. \$250. Contact Diane at x4-5968, or reederd@washpost.com.

FOR SALE: A cat lovers dream! 31 cat figurines from the 1986 Franklin Mint limited edition series called the "Curio Cabinet Cat Collection". All figurines are in MINT condition, stand about 2 1/2 inches high, comes with a certificate of authenticity and individual product card that describes the material (such as glass, jade, bronze, etc) and history of the piece. Each piece was originally purchased for \$29, making the entire initial cost of the collection at \$899. I'm willing to part with it for only \$300! Contact Diane at x4-5968, or reederd@washpost.com.

FOR SALE: 2003 Suzuki Hayabusa, asking \$12,500. Gray on gray with custom matching two-tone seat with the Kante emblem, 4,000 miles. Upgrades, custom features include full Yoshimura exhaust system, Power Commander system, chrome wheels, Amenities include: Matching custom helmet with ghost face on the front/rear and leather ICON racing jacket with all season gray jacket. Call Angela at x4-9297, or Keith (240) 882-1377 for questions. Photos are available upon request. Serious inquiries only.

FOR SALE: Vacation week in Villas at The Boardwalk. This is a beautiful oceanfront resort in Virginia Beach. Check in Saturday 09/09/06 and check out 09/16/06. One BR, two sofas, kitchen. Sleeps up to six people. Accommodations include indoor pool, jacuzzi, gym, restaurant. Asking \$700. Call Trinh at x4-4021 (between 7 to 11 p.m.).

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.

Guides to Your Community Next Week

The Post will be publishing the 2006 Community Guides, a special edition of the weekly Extra sections on Thursday, April 27. This is the third year for the guides which provide comprehensive community



specific information that is useful to both newcomers and long-time residents. The community guide editions are a team effort by Metro bureau