4 Epiphany in Boston, 2003: 9/11 and the Globe

Chapter 4 Discussion

1. Why do you think it took so long for journalists to discover the Church's cover-up of sex crimes by priests?
2. Consider the Florida "sunshine" laws: What advantage do they give news organizations? Is there a downside to society opening public records for media inspection?
3. Compare the Globe's Spotlight Team approach to the team assembled by the Sun Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale to investigate police speeding.
4. If you were Martin Baron would you have pulled the entire Spotlight Team off the Church investigation after the terrorist attacks? Why or why not?
5. What have been the global effects of the Globe Church stories in the years since 2003?

Chapter 4 Quiz

1. Who owned the Boston Globe when it reported the Church stories?
   A ☐ The Associated Press
   B ☐ The Red Sox
   C ☐ The Boston Herald
   D ☐ The New York Times
2. Who headed the Boston Catholic Archdiocese at the time:
   A ☐ Cardinal Cushing
   B ☐ Cardinal Law
   C ☐ Cardinal Sin
   D ☐ Cardinal Spelling
3. What interrupted the Spotlight Team's reporting?
   A ☐ A Red Sox World Series
   B ☐ 9/11
   C ☐ A lawsuit by the Church
   D ☐ A measles epidemic
4. What did Globe readers see on Page One on the day of the Feast of the Epiphany, 2002:
   A ☐ A Church apology
   B ☐ The first story about a cover-up involving Father Geoghan
   C ☐ The last story about a cover-up involving Father Geoghan
   D ☐ The announcement of the paper's Pulitzer Prize
5. What was Michael Paulson's beat when the Spotlight Team began reporting the Church stories?
   A ☐ Entertainment
   B ☐ General assignment
   C ☐ Religion
   D ☐ Courts