8 Prizing Youth, 2009–2010: The Las Vegas Sun and Bristol [Va.] Herald Courier

Chapter 8 Discussion

1. How would you feel about leaving a smaller paper after you won a major prize for your work there? What factors might factor into your feelings?
2. Consider from the standpoint of an editor the value of hiring an aggressive, prizewinning young reporter for her or his first job. What might that prize suggest?
3. If reporters Alexandra Berzon and Daniel Gilbert decided to go into other, non-journalism professions, what might be logical choices for them? Why?
4. What qualities might each of them need to become investigative team leaders?
5. Discuss why Pulitzer jurors and board members might prefer to have a small news organization win the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service as opposed to an established giant.

Chapter 8 Quiz

1. What newspaper later hired the principal reporters behind the Las Vegas Sun's and the Bristol Herald Courier's Pulitzer-winning stories?
   A ☐ The Wall Street Journal
   B ☐ New York Times
   C ☐ USA Today
   D ☐ Philadelphia Inquirer
2. Alexandra Berzon's winning stories at the Sun were
   A ☐ Her first for the paper
   B ☐ Criticized by both casino management and construction unions
   C ☐ Effective in reducing workplace deaths
   D ☐ All of the above
3. When the Sun's Pulitzer was announced Berzon was
   A ☐ Covering a hearing
   B ☐ At her office computer
   C ☐ In the editor's office
   D ☐ Asleep at home
4. Where did Daniel Gilbert learn computer-assisted reporting skills?
   A ☐ The Herald Courier's investigative team
   B ☐ An Investigative Reporters and Editors class
   C ☐ Journalism school
   D ☐ Investigative Journalism for Dummies
5. Gilbert stopped covering the gas industry when he left the Herald Courier:
   ☐ True
   ☐ False