

17 In Watergate's Shadow, 1970–1978: Newsday, the Inquirer, and Davids vs. Goliaths

Chapter 17 Discussion

1. Discuss the qualities of Bob Greene that made him such a successful team leader at Newsday. What negatives do you see in his style?
2. The Anchorage Daily News was unusually proud of its first Pulitzer Prize. Discuss why that was. And do you think such pride about winning an award has a downside? If so, what?
3. The Teamster stories didn't find wrongdoing or bring about a measurable change, as most public service Pulitzers do. Do you think it deserved the prize for public service anyway? Why or why not?
4. Imagine being young reporter Ken Herman at the Lufkin News, attending a serviceman's funeral. Discuss how an emotional assignment like that might affect your ability to cover a broader story involving the serviceman.
5. Compare the team leadership style of Gene Roberts at the Philadelphia Inquirer with that of Newsday's Bob Greene. For whom would you rather work, and why?

Chapter 17 Quiz

1. Newsday covered scandals that rocked
 - A Chicago
 - B New Jersey
 - C New York City
 - D California
2. Stories about the Teamsters in the Los Angeles Times beat out those by the Anchorage Daily News:
 - A True
 - B False
3. The Lufkin, Tex., News won its Pulitzer for a story that took place in California:
 - A True
 - B False
4. The winning Philadelphia Inquirer stories about the city's police focused on
 - A Speeding cop cars
 - B Traffic tickets
 - C Interrogations
 - D Shootings of civilians
5. Gene Roberts took a great paper in the Philadelphia Inquirer and made it greater:
 - A True
 - B False