9 The Tradition Survives, 2011–2012: The Return of the Los Angeles Times and Philadelphia Inquirer

Chapter 9 Discussion

1. As a younger reporter, how would you feel about being teamed on a big story with a senior investigative reporter? Why would you feel that way?
2. How much do you think the Times's pullback in covering the suburbs may have led to the rise of corruption in the City of Bell?
3. Research on the Internet why Jeff Gottlieb chose to leave the Los Angeles Times. Is the information credible? Why or why not?
4. Discuss the team inter-workings of John Sullivan, Sue Snyer, and Kristin Graham.
5. Using an Internet search engine, examine the financial position and prospects for both the Los Angeles Times and Philadelphia Inquirer since they won, respectively, the 2011 and 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service.

Chapter 9 Quiz

1. On what previous Los Angeles Times Pulitzer project did reporter Ruben Vives work?
   - A ☐ Corruption in Maywood
   - B ☐ The King/Drew hospital stories
   - C ☐ California wildfires
   - D ☐ None
2. What problem was plaguing the Times during the Bell stories?
   - A ☐ Bankruptcy of its parent company
   - B ☐ A crippling libel suit
   - C ☐ A printers' strike
   - D ☐ Earthquake damage to its building
3. Which top Philadelphia Inquirer editor left the paper after authorizing the school violence project?
   - A ☐ Gene Roberts
   - B ☐ Stan Wischnowski
   - C ☐ Sue Snyder
   - D ☐ Bill Marimow
4. The "holy grail" during the Inquirer school violence reporting was
   - A ☐ A video
   - B ☐ The school's payroll
   - C ☐ A news source
   - D ☐ A religious object
5. Bill Marimow returned as editor of the Inquirer just before the 2012 Pulitzer Prize was announced:
   - ☐ True
   - ☐ False