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Schultz wins Pulitzer Prize

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NEW YORK — Rochester native and poet Philip Schultz is among this year's winners of the Pulitzer Prizes announced Monday.

Schultz's *Failure* shared the poetry award with *Time and Materials* by Robert Hass. Schultz, who has written several collections of poetry, including *Living in the Past*, is founder of The Writer's Studio in New York City and a graduate writing program at New York University. Schultz, who lives in East Hampton, was born in 1945 in Rochester. In a recent interview with Garrison Keillor, Schultz said he was a "terrible student" who suffered from dyslexia and didn't learn to read until he was in the fifth grade.

In the journalism category, the *Washington Post* won six Pulitzer Prizes — the most in its history — including awards for its coverage of the Virginia Tech massacre and a series exposing shoddy treatment of war veterans at Walter Reed hospital.

The New York Times received two Pulitzers: one for investigative reporting, for stories on toxic ingredients in medicine and other products from China, and one for explanatory reporting, for examining the ethical issues surrounding DNA testing.

The record is seven, won by the *Times* in 2002, mostly for its coverage of the Sept. 11 attacks.

In addition to the public service medal for the Walter Reed expos and the breaking-news award for Virginia Tech, the *Post* won prizes in:

- National reporting, for its exploration of Vice President Dick Cheney's influence;
- International reporting, for a series on how private security contractors in Iraq operate outside many of the laws governing U.S. forces;
- Feature writing, for Gene Weingarten's story on world-class violinist Joshua Bell, who, in an experiment, played beautiful music in a subway station just to see how commuters would react;
- Commentary, for Steven Pearlstein's columns on the nation's economic problems.

The Chicago Tribune also won in the investigative reporting category, for stories exposing faulty government regulation that resulted in recalls of car seats, toys and cribs.

The Pulitzer for local reporting went to David Umhoefer of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* for stories on how county employees' pensions were padded.

Mark Feeney of *The Boston Globe* was honored in the criticism category for his observations on movies, photography and painting.

The prize for breaking news photography went to Adrees Latif of Reuters for his photograph of a Japanese videographer who was fatally wounded in a street protest in Myanmar.

Preston Gannaway of the *Concord Monitor* in New Hampshire was honored in the feature photography category for a series of pictures chronicling a family coping with a terminal illness.

No prize was awarded this year in editorial writing.

Each of the Pulitzers carries a prize of \$10,000, except for the public service award, which is a gold medal.
