

Longview paper wins Pulitzer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer was awarded the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for meritorious public service and The New York Times was cited for national reporting and commentary as the 65th Pulitzer Prizes in journalism were announced Monday.

The Longview (Wash.) Daily News, with a circulation of 26,000, received a Pulitzer in local reporting for its coverage of the eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980.

The Observer was cited for its series "Brown Lung: A Case of Deadly Neglect," dealing with the cotton dust breathed by more than 100,000 textile workers in the Carolinas.

Times reporter John Crewdson, Houston correspondent for the newspaper, won for more than 40 articles on illegal aliens and immigration problems. Dave Anderson of The Times was cited for his sports columns.

The Arizona Daily Star was awarded a Pulitzer for special local reporting for its investigation of the University of Arizona athletic department.

The Miami Herald won the award for international reporting for dispatches by Shirley Christian from Central America.

Awards for cartooning went to Mike Peters of the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News and for spot news photography to Larry

Price of the Fort Worth (Texas) Star Telegram for photographs from Liberia.

The award for feature writing went to Janet Cooke of The Washington Post for her article about an 8-year-old heroin addict.

The Pulitzer for criticism was awarded to Jonathan Yardley of The Washington Star for his book reviews.

There was no Pulitzer awarded for editorial writing.

The feature photography award went to Taro Yamasaki of the Detroit Free Press for his pictures of Jackson State Prison in Michigan.

The Pulitzer Prizes were founded by the late Joseph

Pulitzer, publisher of the old New York World. They have been awarded since 1917 by Columbia University on recommendation of an advisory board.

The Pulitzer jury said the Observer "focused its editorial resources to expose and draw public attention to a killer — invisible cotton dust breathed by 115,000 textile workers every day in the Carolinas."

Last February, the newspaper published 22 articles and eight editorials detailing the failure of public officials, businessmen and physicians to deal with brown lung.

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Author wins fiction award

NEW YORK (AP) — "A Confederacy of Dunces," by the late John Kennedy Toole, has captured the 1981 Pulitzer Prize in fiction.

Beth Henley's "Crime of the Heart," was awarded the prize in drama.

The prizes were announced Monday by Columbia University President Michael Sovern.

The history prize went to Lawrence Clemin's "American Education: The National Experience, 1783-1876." The biography award went to Robert Massie for "Peter the Great: His Life and World."

James Schuyler captured the poetry prize for "The Morning of the Poem." The award in general nonfiction went to Carl Schorske for "Fin-de-Siecle Vienna: Politics and Culture."

On the recommendation of the nominating jury, no prize was awarded for a distinguished musical composition by an American.

The last time a prize in music was not awarded was 1965. The prize first was given in 1943.

Toole, who wrote "A Confederacy of

Dunces" in the 1960s and committed suicide at age 32 in 1969, was the first posthumous Pulitzer winner in fiction. His comic novel, set in his native New Orleans, was rejected by many publishers until his mother, Selma Toole, got novelist Walker Percy to read it. Percy then persuaded the Louisiana State University Press to publish the book last year.

Toole taught at Hunter College in New York City, the University of Southwestern Louisiana and Dominican College in New Orleans.

Beth Henley, 28, an author-actress born in Mississippi and now living in Los Angeles, previewed her "Crimes of the Heart" in regional theaters in Louisville, Ky., St. Louis, Baltimore and Los Gatos, Calif., before it ran for five weeks off Broadway this winter.

The play is about three eccentric sisters in small Mississippi town, dealing comically and tragically with their everyday lives.

making the news

From Associated Press Reports

SALEM — The Senate voted 24-2 today to approve more than \$100,000 for two probes of alleged impropriety by state legislators.

A bill that authorizes about \$92,000 for the Department of Justice and another \$8,000 for the Oregon Ethics Commission now goes to the House.

Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer said his staff would question all legislators after charges that Sen. Dick Groener, D-Milwaukie, used a car owned by a former lobbyist and purchased a house from the lobbyist.

Frohnmayer confirmed last weekend that a Marion County grand jury is hearing evidence in the probe.

SALEM — The state Court of Appeals changed its mind Monday and upheld a Lane County murder conviction that the court had reversed last December.

The murder case involves Robert Turner, who pleaded guilty to the December 1976 ax slaying of William Jones, whose body was found in a bag in the McKenzie River east of Eugene.

The Court of Appeals originally overturned the conviction on grounds that Turner's lawyer incorrectly advised him that he could be considered for parole in 10 years when usual state Parole Board standards wouldn't make him eligible for parole for 25 years.

But the appeals court reversed that decision Monday, saying it was based on an erroneous assumption that Turner would have to serve at least 25 years.

200 blacks still detained in London riot

LONDON (AP) — Home Secretary William Whitelaw today announced a major government investigation of Britain's worst race riots since World War II and rejected blacks' demands that he pull out more than 1,000 police sent into the Brixton ghetto during riots this weekend.

Black leaders in the south London ghetto called for a mass rally this Sunday in support of 200 blacks arrested in the weekend clashes, which injured more than 200 people and caused an estimated \$2 million damage.

Whitelaw, who is in charge of the nation's law enforcement, told Parliament, "The police will continue to do their duty to maintain the law on the streets of London." He said an appeals judge, Lord Scarman, will head the government investigation.

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