

"Correction needed, re Karl Grossman's 11/2/2024 Suffolk Closeup article"

Karl Grossman's 11/2/2024 "Suffolk Closeup: It's real and will happen to us" wraps by saying his "first journalism" experience in 1997 was a TV program interview of Ross Gelbspan concerning Gelbspan's then just-published "The Heat Is On" book. Grossman finishes with "Gelbspan, a Pulitzer Prize winner, passed away this past January."

I have Gelbspan's 1997 hardcover, its inside book jacket sleeve unequivocally says, "Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ross Gelbspan ..." I also have Gelbspan's 2004 "Boiling Point" hardcover - right under his name on the book jacket front cover is "Winner of the Pulitzer Prize," with those last three words in all-caps. Preserved on Youtube is the old nearly 28 minute [Enviro Close-Up Grossman Interview](#), where Gelbspan is introduced as "a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist." It ends the same exact way.

With all due respect, Karl Grossman missed an opportunity to perform a genuine act of journalism back in 1997 by not asking: "For what work did you win a Pulitzer?" If he had, Gelbspan would've either immediately ended the interview, or would've offered something like 'I conceived, directed and edited a 1984 *Boston Globe* report that won the Pulitzer' — an objective reporter would immediately recognize that as a red flag NON-confirmation response.

Grossman can atone for that missed opportunity today. The Pulitzer organization is the final arbiter of who its Prize winners are; at their website, Ross Gelbspan's name can be entered into their search window. [The result never changes](#):

Gelbspan. *Never*. Won. A. Pulitzer.

Will you publish a correction directly at Grossman's piece about what is basically ***misinformation*** about Gelbspan, or will you just erase that line and pretend it never happened?

One more thing: if that 'journalism stolen valor' bit of Gelbspan's was not true ... what else did he say which was not true?