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Meil received first-place recognition in the Wall Street Journal panel of 50 forecasters for 2004 and ranked among USA Today's "Top 10 Economic Forecasters of 2003" for accuracy. He has also been recognized for contributing "Best Overall Economic Forecast" and "Best Car and Light-Truck Forecast" at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Annual Economic Outlook Symposium.

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