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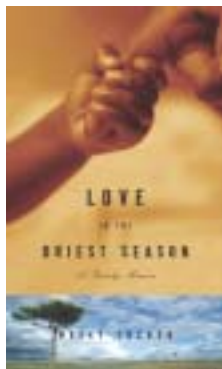
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Winter Book Issue

Just in time to warm the hearts and engage the minds of the winter weary, Post staff have authored several books that are now on bookstore shelves or will be published in upcoming weeks and months.

Next Tuesday, Feb. 24 is the release of Metro staff writer **NEELY TUCKER's** debut book, *Love in the Driest Season: A Family Memoir*. The book is an account of Tucker and his wife, Vita's experience in 1998 meeting and trying to adopt their daughter Chipo, a desperately



the book as a memoir of growing up in Mississippi, relationships and the toll of being a foreign correspondent in war zones. The publisher is Crown Publishing Group, which is sending Tucker on a 23-city book tour beginning March 1.

Accompanying him at a few tour stops will be Chipo, a healthy five-year-old girl with a penchant for pretty dresses and Shirley Temple sodas. You can find Chipo and her parents featured in the February issue of *Essence* magazine.

Also published this month is *I'm with Stupid: One Man. One Woman. 10,000 Years of Misunderstanding Between the Sexes Cleared Right Up* by columnist **GENE WEINGARTEN** and Gina Barreca. Published by Simon &

Schuster, the book is based on Weingarten's and Barreca's humorous "war of the sexes" that has made frequent appearances in Weingarten's Washington Post Magazine columns.

Managing Editor and former South Asia bureau chief **STEVE COLL** is the author of *Ghost Wars*:

The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001.

Published this month by Penguin Books, *Ghost* tells the secret history of the CIA's role in Afghanistan,



from its covert program against Soviet troops from 1979 to 1989, to the rise of the Taliban and the emergence of bin Laden, to the secret efforts by CIA officers and their agents to capture or kill bin Laden in Afghanistan after 1998.

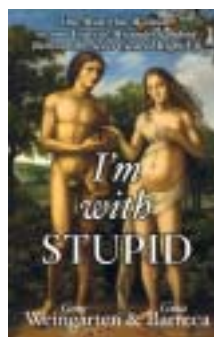
Here are other books by Post authors to look for: (Please note that books that have already been mentioned in past ShopTalk book issues have not been included.)



PHOTO COURTESY OF NEELY TUCKER

NEELY TUCKER, *Metro*, with his wife, Vita and 5-year-old daughter Chipo. His new book is described by Publisher's Weekly as "a gorgeous mix of family memoir and reportage that traverses the big issues of politics, racism and war."

ill eleven-month-old infant living in an orphanage in AIDS-ravaged Zimbabwe, Africa. Tucker who was a foreign correspondent for Knight Ridder at the time also describes



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Promotions & Transitions

JENNIFER ABELLA, News, has moved to the position of copy editor for Weekend from copy editor on the Metro Tab Desk. Abella has been at The Post since the summer of 2000 when she was an intern for the National Desk. Before working full time on the Tab Desk, she worked part time for Outlook, National and Metro. She also interned for the *News & Observer* in Raleigh, N.C. and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Abella holds a BA in journalism, mass communications and political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

BOBBY BRYANT, Security, was recently promoted to the position of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift supervisor at the Northwest Building. Bryant began working at The Post in July 1997 for Guardsmark Security. In 1999, he joined the Northwest Building's Security staff. Prior to that, Bobby served in the United States Marine Corps for 22 years.

KATHLEEN DILLON, IT, has been named testing coordinator for the PAS project (Post Advertising System). Dillon began her career at the newspaper in 1997 as a T5 programmer analyst. Since 2001 she has been assistant manager for IT solutions, reports and data warehouse. Before coming to The Post she worked for 10 years for the consulting firm Systemhouse, Inc. Dillon attended Okaloosa-Walton Junior College in Florida and received an associates of science in drafting. She also earned an associates of science in electric/electron-

ics from the Cleveland Institute of Electronics in Ohio.

WADE GREEN, Security, was promoted to security administrator from security supervisor for the 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift at the Northwest Building. Green is a 23-year veteran of The Post. He was previously a metropolitan police officer for the District.

HARRY HOPKINS, Security, was promoted to midnight security supervisor on the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift. He was previously an assistant supervisor on the same shift. Hopkins came to The Post in 1997 and was previously a site supervisor for Guardsmark. Hopkins attended Virginia Commonwealth University and is currently attending Strayer University to become a Microsoft certified engineer.

JOHN KELLY, News, will be the new columnist beginning next month for the space in the Style section where Bob Levey's Washington column ran for more than two

decades. Kelly came to The Post in 1989 as deputy editor for the Weekend section and five years later became editor. He was the KidsPost editor from its debut in 2000 to 2003 when he moved to Metro to be a general assignment reporter. Kelly has a BA in English from the University of Maryland and was a Nieman Fellow at

Harvard University from 1998-1999.

STEVE LAURITSON, Circulation, was promoted this month to the position of zone manager in Northern Virginia. Lauritson came to The Post in 1999 as an administrative staff associate in Circulation Accounting. He earned an MBA in marketing IT and management IT from American University and a BA in economics from St. Mary's College in St. Mary's City, Md.

RIA MANGLAPUS, News, was promoted this month to bureau manager for the Montgomery County Bureau. She came to The Post in 1985

and has held several positions throughout the newspaper, most recently as a part time on call office manager for the 10 Metro bureaus. Manglapus was also an assistant in Corporate and an aide for News Research, and the Foreign, National and Sports desks.

FERNANDO TORRES, Production, was recently promoted to mailroom foreman at the Springfield Plant. He was previously a mailer, a position he held since coming to The Post in 1988. Prior to that, he was a mailer for Parkers Mail- ing Service. Torres is currently working toward a degree in

computer science at Howard County Community College in Columbia, Md.

MIKE TOWLE, Circulation, was named circulation director for retail and corporate sales last month. He began his career at The Post in 1977. Towle was a circulation single copy zone



MIKE TOWLE is promoted to new position in Circulation.

manager then moved to the Production Department as newsprint manager in 1987. He joined the Advertising Department in 1988 as supervisor for special advertising products and was subsequently promoted to advertising sales representative, sales manager, and most recently, senior advertising sales manager. Towle holds a BS in system technology from the University of Maryland.

TROY VANATTA, Advertising, was promoted last month to outside sales representative for the Automotive Unit. Hired in 2002, he was formerly an inside sales representative for Advertising's Recruitment Unit. Vanatta is a graduate of Penn State University.■



RIA MANGLAPUS is the new office manager for the Montgomery County Bureau.

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Balanchine, Celebrating a Life in Dance

Co-author—**SARAH**

KAUFMAN, dance critic

Published—November 2003
by Tidewater Press

Kaufman wrote an essay in this anthology, which is a glossy photo-and-essay tribute to twentieth-century ballet's most influential choreographer. To commemorate the centenary of George Balanchine's birth, the book explores 50 of the choreographer's greatest works. Full-color and black-and-white photos accompany each essay.

Every Second Counts

Authors—Lance Armstrong and **SALLY JENKINS**, Sports

columnist

Published—October 2003 by Broadway Books/Putnam

The four-time Tour de France winner returns with an inspirational account of his recent personal and professional victories—and some failures—and an intimate glimpse into how almost dying taught him to really live. Continuing the inspiring story begun in his first book, *Every Second Counts* captures the mind-set of a man who has beaten incredible odds and considers each day an opportunity for excellence.

Suburban Sahibs: Three Immigrant Families and Their Passage from India to America

Author—**S. MITRA KALITA**, Fairfax Bureau reporter

Published—November 2003
by Rutgers University Press

Middlesex County, N.J. is home to one of the largest Indian populations in the world outside India. Their mark on the region has been gradual but increasingly definitive. Kalita traces the evolution of the suburb from a destination for new arrivals to a launching pad for them. She focuses on three waves of immigration in the post-Civil Rights era through the stories of three families.

The Perfect Wife: The Life and Choices of Laura Bush

Author—**ANN GERHART**, Style

political reporter

Published—January 2004 by Simon and Schuster



The First Lady's complete story, from her upbringing to her whirlwind three-month courtship with George W. Bush and her role as a mother, wife, and public figure. Gerhart

questions her influences and motivations, reveals the depths to which her husband relies upon her, examines the two tragedies that have defined her, and assesses her achievements to date.

7 Money Mantras for a Richer Life: How to Live Well With the Money You Have

Author—**MICHELLE SINGLETARY**, Business

section "Color of Money" columnist

Published—January 2004 by Random House

Singletary's greatest financial influence was her grand-

mother, Big Mama, who raised Michelle and her sister on a salary that never exceeded \$13,000 a year. Big Mama taught

Singletary the 7 Money Mantras For A Richer Life, which serve as the inspiration for this straight-talking book of practical home financial advice that really works.

The Elephants of Style: A Trunkload of Tips on the Big Issues and Gray Areas of Contemporary American English

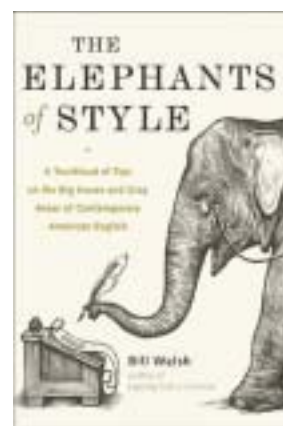
Author—**BILL WALSH**,

National copy desk chief

Scheduled Publication—

March 2004 by McGraw-Hill

Picking up where he left off in *Lapsing Into a Comma*, Walsh addresses the dozen or so biggest issues that every



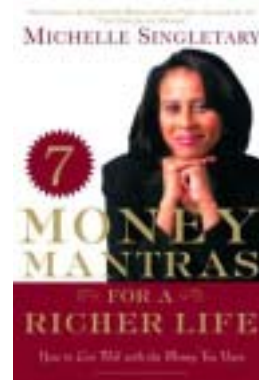
writer or editor must master. He also offers a trunkload of good advice on the many little things that add up to good writing.

The Freedom Line

Author—**PETER EISNER**,

deputy foreign editor

Scheduled Publication—



May 2004 by William Morrow/Harper Collins

During World War II, the Basque region straddling the French and Spanish borders became a center of espionage, hero-

ism, power plays and personal tragedy. *The Freedom Line* tells the forgotten story of a group of young Europeans—Basques, Belgians and French—who so loathed the occupation of their homelands by fascist and Nazi forces that they formed a free-lance resistance organization.

Blood From Stones: The Secret Financial Network of Terror

Author—**DOUG FARAH**,

Investigative reporter

Scheduled Publication—May 2004 by Broadway Books/Random House

In the aftermath of 9/11, President Bush froze all terrorist assets in traditional financial institutions and money channels. But al Qaeda and other terrorist groups have long followed a diversification strategy that has rendered the crackdown by the U.S. and other governments useless. *Blood from Stones* is the first book to uncover the interlocking web of commodities, underground transfer systems, charities, and sympathetic bankers that support terrorist activities throughout the world.

NOTE—Much of this report was excerpted from *Booktalk*, the newsletter for The Washington Post Book Club written by **STACEY PASTOR**, Marketing.■

Valentine's Food at Northwest

An estimated 400 Post staff enjoyed Brock Executive Chef



AIMEE SANDERS, Lyndall Dickinson and CARLETHIA PRATT were the winners of the Valentine's Day dessert contest.

Daniel Dernetz's Valentine's Day-themed food demonstration in the Northwest Building's cafeteria on Thursday, Feb. 12. The demonstration included sampling of chocolate dipped strawberries, stuffed French toast and strawberry shortcake. The event also featured an employee dessert contest judged by JEANNE McMANUS, Food editor; SUSAN BIDDLE, photographer,

and WALTER NICHOLLS, Food staff writer. The winners included Lyndall Dickinson, News, who took first place for her chocolate truffles. Second place went to AIMEE SANDERS, News, for her heart-shaped cake and third place was awarded to CARLETHIA PRATT, Mail Desk, for a three-tier raspberry cake.

Change Without Migraines

Fifty-eight Post directors, managers and supervisors attended the "Change Without Migraines" leadership seminar hosted by the Organization Development & Training (OD&T) Department at the Northwest Building on Wednesday, Feb. 11. The guest speaker was Rick Maurer, author of the books *Beyond the Wall of Resistance* and *Why Don't You Want What I Want*. "He was really good at helping us understand how even the best-intentioned project could derail without buy-in from

the other members of your team," commented SUSAN MORSE, Health assistant editor. For more information about upcoming OD&T leadership and management courses, call the OD&T hotline at x 4-5425, or send an e-mail to ODandT@washpost.com.

Bloodmobile at Northwest Building

The Northwest Health Center will host the American Red Cross Bloodmobile on Wednesday, March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the 9th floor. Blood supplies typically teeter at dangerously low levels this time of year. A bitter flu season and bad weather have also added to the usual winter time donation deterrents. Call the Health Center on x4-7192 to schedule an appointment. Your participation is appreciated!



Employee Discount to Wine & Food Festival

The Post is the presenting sponsor of the upcoming Washington D.C. International Wine & Food Festival and discounts are available to employees. You can save \$16 off the regular one-day admission (\$45 instead of \$61) or \$16 off the regular two-day admission (\$66 instead of \$82) if you order by February 20th. After that date, all prices increase by \$10. The Festival takes place February 28 & 29 at the Washington Convention Center. For information

on the Festival visit www.wine-expos.com. To order your tickets at the Post employee discount visit <http://www.wine-expos.com/dc/wpe/>.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: Cathedral Ave. apartment. Great location, walk to restaurants, walk to Georgetown, beautiful, spacious 1 BA apartment, new appliances, new BR. Only 2.5 miles to TWP, \$1,350/month. Call Enrique at (202) 288-9013 or x-4-6195.

BEACH HOUSES: 4 BR house in Outer Banks' wild horse and nature preserve; pools, tennis, fishing lakes. Also, two BR condo on Seabrook Island, SC, with nature activities, kayaking, golf, tennis and pool. Call Larry at (301) 946-0249.

FOR SALE: Ride-on soft Rock'n Bounce zebra by Today's Kids. Barely used (Amazon price \$59.99, selling for \$25). Medela breast pump, includes two adaptors one for the car and one for regular outlet, \$85. Graco baby swing, w/ three speeds and three reclining positions, \$25. Classic baby carriage by Saks Fifth Avenue, English style in Navy, \$60. Tanita digital baby scale, w/ large LCD display, 20 lb. capacity, \$50. Graco baby saucer, \$20. Avent microwave bottle steamer, \$5. Britax car seat, navy blue, with checked pattern, 35 lb. capacity, \$20. Call Irene at (703) 655-8846 after 3 p.m., or Carlos at x4-7738.

FOR RENT: Dupont (17th & T) 1BR - Large, luxurious, recently renovated condo, hardwood floors, high ceilings, terrific light, CAC, DW, WD. Great location, walk to Dupont or U Street metro. \$1,600/month + elec. Available March 1. Call Seth at (202) 332-4717.

FREE: "World Book" World Atlas, 35-years-old, outdated, but I can't bring myself to just throw it away. Call Margaret at x4-4053 or at home (301) 622-2272.

FOR SALE: Almost new ice hockey equipment, including men's size 9 skates and everything else you need to play ice hockey, good condition, prices negotiable. Call A.K. at (301) 856-3841 or x4-7792.

MYRTLE BEACH RENTAL: Spend seven days in Myrtle Beach this summer at a beautiful Crown status resort located on a championship golf course. Two BR, two full BA, full kitchen and LR, can sleep up to six people. Walk to the Olympic size pool, just 1 mile from the beach. Close to everything else that Myrtle Beach has to offer, \$850. The dates are flexible. Call Joe at x6-1994 or (540) 659-5122.

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