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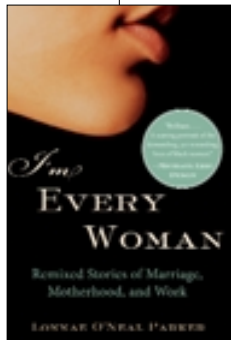
## (Almost!) Spring Book Issue

**A** new library of books by Post authors is available or will be published in the next three months on a variety of topics for both adults and children. The topics range from politics to parenthood, managing your money to managing your weight, and a fictional romance at the Olympics to the very real partisan fight in Congress. Here are several to check out on your next visit to the library or bookstore. They are also available for purchase online at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and [Barnes&Noble.com](http://Barnes&Noble.com) ([bn.com](http://bn.com)).

### ***I'm Every Woman: Remixed Stories of Marriage, Motherhood, and Work***

By **Lonnae O'Neal Parker**, Style  
Published October 2005  
Hardcover, 272 pages

"A Washington Post journalist, wife and mother of three,



Parker offers some sharp insights into balancing the multiple roles that engage contemporary women. Her remix blends history and memoir in 'an assembly of voices and perspectives... of women... whose struggles pre-saged modern womanhood'-that is, middle-class black women for whom deciding not to go to work wasn't an option at all," notes a review by *Publisher's Weekly*.

### ***The Games***

By **Patricia McLaughlin**, News Service (under the name of McLinn)  
Published January 2006  
Paperback, 305 pages

McLaughlin is the author of several romance novels penned under the name Patricia McLinn, available in both English and Spanish versions. This latest is a story



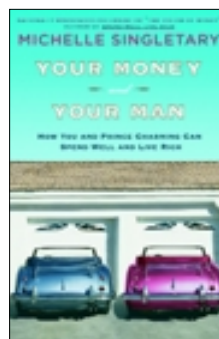
about the loves and friendships of three athletes at the Olympics. Also look for *What Are Friends For?* scheduled to be published in April.

### ***Your Money and Your Man: How You and Prince Charming Can Spend Well and Live Rich***

By **Michelle Singletary**, Financial columnist  
Published January 2006  
Hardcover, 304 pages

"A font of no-nonsense financial wisdom, much of it dispensed in the name of Big Mama, the grandmother who raised her. The book is bursting with excellent and clear instructions for women both single and coupled on everything from budgeting to

investing to handling taxes..." wrote The Post's Book World reviewer **Anya Kamenetz**.



### ***Beast of Love***

By **Alec Klein**, Financial Desk  
Published in January 2006  
Paperback, 192 pages

Klein, the author of *Stealing Time: Steve Case, Jerry*

Levin, and the Collapse of AOL Time Warner, writes his first fiction novel. *Beast of Love* is about an anti-hero named Miles, described as a "slothful Lothario," who finds love and grace.

### ***Tell Them I Didn't Cry: A Young Journalist's Story of Joy, Loss, and Survival in Iraq***

By **Jackie Spinner**, Financial Desk, with (sister) Jenny Spinner, foreword by **David Ignatius**, Post columnist and associate editor  
Published in January 2006  
Hardcover, 288 pages

"Spinner, a Washington Post staff writer, left the steady analytics of financial reporting

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# Promotions & Transitions

**BOBBY BRYANT**, Administration, was recently promoted to building services manager. He was previously a security officer. Bryant began working at the Northwest Building in July 1997, for Guardsmark Security and in March 1999, he joined The Post's Security staff. Prior to that, Bryant served in the United States Marine Corps for 22 years.

**MARCIA SLACUM GREENE**, Metro, has been named to the position of city editor. She was previously assistant District editor for politics and government. Slacum Greene has held a number of positions in Metro since joining the newspaper in 1983, including reporting on politics, social services and housing in the District and a stint on the Metro projects team.

She joined the City Desk as an editor in early 2004. She has also worked for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *St. Petersburg (Fl.) Times*. A graduate of James Madison College and the University of Maryland, she was the recipient of a 1990 Nieman Fellowship to study social policy at Harvard University.

**TERRI RUPAR**, Business, was promoted to deputy copy chief for the Business section earlier this year. Rupar came to The Post three years ago as a summer intern on the National copy desk and was then hired to a position on the Business copy desk. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, she has also taught copy editing at the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund's editing program.

**BOB SAMSOT**, Metro, is the new editor of the Fairfax Extra. He was previously an editor on the City Desk for six years. Before coming to The Post, he worked for *USA Today*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Cleveland Plain-Dealer* and the *Kansas City Times*. While at the *Times*, he was the Metro editor for the team that won the 1982

Pulitzer Prize for local and spot reporting for coverage of the Hyatt Regency Hotel disaster. Samsot was also the professional in residence at the University of Kansas School of Journalism from 1980-1981. He holds a BA in journalism from the University of North Carolina.

**KATHY SLACK**, IT, has been promoted to the position of manager for client support (Help Desk). Slack joined The Post in 1989 as a confidential secretary in the production department and held the same position in IT from 1990-1995 (then called Systems & Engineering). She subsequently moved to the Advertising Systems Unit from 1996-2000 where she was a systems administrator. Slack had been a systems administrator for client support since 2001. She is a past recipient



Eric Thomas is promoted at College Park Plant.

of the Publisher's Award for Outstanding Service and is a certified Lotus Notes administrator.

**ERIC THOMAS**, Production, has been promoted to assistant manager for reliability engineering at the College Park Plant. He has been a machinist since joining The Post in May 2000. Previously, he was a maintenance engineer/relief foreman for Giant Food in Silver Spring. Other management positions Thomas has held include director of engineering at City Pride Bakery and plant engineer at Schmidt Baking Company. He holds degrees in mechanical engineering technology and fluid power from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. ■

Kathy Slack is new manager of Help Desk.



Marcia Slacum Greene is Metro's city editor.

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for the terror-laden beat of Iraq in May 2004. In this memoir, she writes in simple yet descriptive language about the daily challenges and rewards of life in a war zone. Over the course of nine months, she carves her niche at the Baghdad bureau as den mother and human-interest reporter," noted a review by *Publishers Weekly*.

### D.C. Noir (Coyote Hunt)

Contributor **Ruben Castaneda**, Metro  
Published in February 2006  
Paperback,  
325 pages

D.C. Noir is the sixth in a series of noir anthologies set in various cities around the world published by Akashic Books. The book is 16 short stories set in neighborhoods around the District. Castaneda's Coyote Hunt is set in Mount Pleasant. "...Fans of the genre will find enough solid writing, palpable tension and surprise endings to keep them reading," was included in a "Buzz Worthy" review of the book that appeared in Book World on January 29.

### The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise

By **Michael Grunwald**, National Desk  
Published in February 2006  
Hardcover, 464 pages

A *New York Times* review notes, "Mr. Grunwald, a terrific writer, moves along at a cracking pace. The dredges dig, the railroad advances, the

politicians scheme and the dreamers paint their Technicolor fantasies. There is a feverish quality to the endless engineering assaults, the mad plans to rechannel the circulatory system of the Everglades, the blind determination to ignore the forces of nature."

### Mommy Wars: Stay-at-Home and Career Moms Face Off on Their Choices, Their Lives and their Families

By **Leslie Morgan Steiner**, Advertising, former general manager for the Magazine  
Published in March 2006  
Hardcover, 368 pages



*Mommy Wars* is a compilation of 26 essays by women on the front lines of motherhood, including Steiner who is the mother of three. Several of the essays are by

Post writers and contributors including **Lonnae O'Neal Parker, Carolyn Hax, Sydney Trent** and Reshma Memon Yaqub (wife of **Amer Yaqub**, Advertising). "It offers a kaleidoscope of perspectives on the suspicion (or worse) with which members of each faction regard the other, the sacrifices mothers make to fashion happy lives for their families and themselves, and the relative degrees of success women have in making peace with their childcare decisions," noted a review by the *Library Journal*.

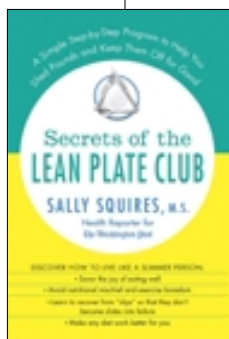
### Fight Club Politics: How Partisanship is Poisoning the House of Representatives

By **Juliet Eilperin**, National Desk  
Published in March  
Hardcover, 176 pages

A *Publishers Weekly* review said, "In this lucidly written and thoroughly researched first book...beginning with Newt Gingrich's nomination as House Speaker in 1994, war-like tactics, manipulation and strategic takeovers have replaced compromise within the House of Representatives, consequently polarizing America's two major parties and leaving the views of its ordinary citizens underrepresented."

### Secrets of the Lean Plate Club, A Simple Step-by-Step Program to Help You Shed Pounds and Keep Them off for Good

By **Sally Squires**, Health columnist  
Scheduled to be published in April  
Hardcover, 288 pages



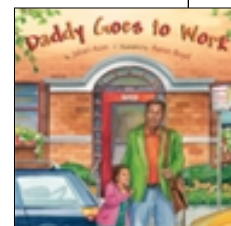
This book brings together the lessons learned and "secrets" to eating healthy and shedding pounds from Squires' nationally syndicated Lean Plate Club column that runs every Tuesday in the Health section. You'll find recipes, tips and techniques, just in time for shorts and bathing suit weather.

### Whose Knees Are These?, Whose Toes Are Those?, Daddy Goes to Work

By **Jabari Asim**, Book World  
March and May 2006  
Board Books and Hardcover, ranging from 11 to 32 pages



Asim, a columnist and deputy editor for Book World, and father of five, has a trilogy of children's books coming out this spring. The books are written for four to eight-year-olds. *Knees* and *Toes* were both published in March. *Daddy Goes to Work* is about Take Your Child to Work Day and is scheduled to be published in May.



### Cellophane

By **Marie Arana**, Book World Editor  
Scheduled to be published on June 27  
Hardcover, 384 pages

A preview of the book by the *Library Journal* said, "Having earned a National Book Award nomination for her memoir, *American Chica*, the Washington Post Book World's editor is now chancing fiction. Her blazing story features an American engineer who situates his paper factory where all the trees are: the Amazon rain forest." ■



## Summer Care and Camp Open House on March 21

For many parents at The Post, the search for childcare for the summer months is underway. To help you find the right options for your child/children, the Human Resources Department's Benefits Group is sponsoring a Summer Care Outreach Open House on Tuesday, March 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Northwest Building's second floor meeting space, in conference room 1. You can pick up your Summer Care Guide and camp brochures, detailing the steps to finding a quality program and lists of area camps. Childcare consultants will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. If you are unable to attend the event, you can call toll-free for a customized search, at 1-800-777-1720.



## Fire Alarm Upgrade

The Northwest Building is undergoing a fire alarm upgrade which began in January and is expected to be completed this spring. The project includes the installation of speakers and strobes, new fire alarm pull stations and firemen phones in the stairwells, among other upgrades. **Steve Bresnahan** and **Bob Wooten**, Administration, have been overseeing the work by contractors which is taking place Monday through Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m.

## More Newsroom Awards

**Phuong Ly**, Metro, is the winner of the Freedom Forum/American Society of Newspaper Editors' (ASNE) 2006 Award for Outstanding Writing on Diversity. She is being honored for a series she wrote that "chronicled facets of the immigrant experience in the Washington Region," according to the recent announcement in The Post's A section. Her writing will be



Phuong Ly



Mark Leibovich

included in "Best Newspaper Writing 2006" by the Poynter Institute. **Mark Leibovich**, Style, was recognized by ASNE as a finalist in the non-deadline writing category for his profiles on several senators and Andrew Card, the White House chief of staff.

Reporters **Susan Schmidt**, **James Grimaldi** and **Jeff Smith** have won the 2006 Selden Ring Award for Investigative Journalism for their dozens of articles uncovering the illegal activities and corruption by lobbyist Jack Abramoff. The Post also won the award last year for the series on lead contamination in the D.C. water supply. Presented by the School of Journalism at the USC Annenberg School for Communication, the award recognizes the year's outstanding work in investigative journalism.

## Save \$\$ on Home Delivery!

Full and part-time Employees of The Washington Post newspaper are eligible to participate in the Employee



Advantage Program. You can save 50 percent off seven-day and 25 percent off Sunday-only home delivery of The Post. To sign up for the program go online to <http://subscribe.washpost.com/employee>. You can also sign up with forms available throughout the Northwest Building and at the College Park and Springfield plants. If you have any questions, contact the Employee Advantage Program hotline at x4-8351.

# Marketplace

**FOR SALE:** Four BR, two BA English bungalow for sale in Northeast DC. Near Catholic University and University of Maryland. One block from multiple bus lines. Huge yard. Built-in bookshelves. Double parlor. Big dining room. Offstreet parking. Sunroom doubles as studio or office space. 3009 Channing Street NE (off South Dakota Ave.) \$410,000. For more info, email [kalitam@washpost.com](mailto:kalitam@washpost.com) or call agent Pat Kennedy (202) 549-5167.

**FOR SALE:** Admiral clothes washer and electric dryer. White. Good condition. \$50 each or both for \$75. Possible delivery help from Rockville. Call Scott at x4-6761 or (301) 461-3600.

**FOR SALE:** Jugs instant screen for baseball. \$75. Call Martin at x6-2282 or (703) 866-5464.

**FOR RENT:** In Corolla, on North Carolina's Outer Banks, a newly-renovated, end-of-row townhouse. Three bedrooms, two baths, one loft, and a two-minute walk to the beach. Yes folks: No more sweaty ten-block trek with the stuff the kids wouldn't carry. Great ocean views, and surf sounds, from third-level covered deck. Access to tennis court and a small community pool. AC, wireless internet, and all the rest. Weekly price range: \$650 to \$895, depending on season. More info: Mike Ruane, x4-7346, or [ruanem@washpost.com](mailto:ruanem@washpost.com).

**FOR SALE:** DVD collectors sets previously viewed. \$10 per each season, original prices \$29.99-\$49.99: Futurama seasons 1, 2, 3, Babylon 5 season 1, Millennium season 1, the Larry Sanders Show season 1, West Wing season 2, the Family Guy season 1. Also, \$20 per each season, original prices \$45.99-\$149.99 for Dead Like Me season 1, 2, and Star Trek The Next Generation Season 7. Call Madonna at x4-7966 or e-mail at [rabatinmj@washpost.com](mailto:rabatinmj@washpost.com).

**FOR SALE:** For Washington Post history buffs — books: "The First 100 Years," hardcover (1977), "Keeping Posted — 100 Years of News," (1977), "Remembered Joys," (1977), and 125th Anniversary section (2002). All four for best offer. Call John Walker at x6-1171, or (301) 577-0489.

**FOR SALE:** Vacation week in Villas at The Boardwalk. This is a beautiful oceanfront resort in Virginia Beach. Check in Saturday 09/09/06 and check out 09/16/06. One bedroom, two sofas, kitchen. Sleeps up to six people. Accommodations: indoor pool, Jacuzzi, gym, restaurant. Asking \$700. Call Trinh (202) 334-4021 (between 7 to 11 p.m.).

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