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Turning the Page

For many in Los Angeles, summer is a season to hit the beach and the books. So the Business Journal asks:

What's on your summer reading list?

► SUE ZISKO

Director of Marketing
NSBN LLP

I have two books in line to read this summer. The first one is for a book group that we have here at work: "Mr. Sebastian and the Negro Magician" by Daniel Wallace. I cannot put the book down, it's brilliant writing. For my other book group it's "The Flea Palace" by Elif Shafak, a Turkish writer. This one is very well written as well and gives a flavor of Istanbul. I'm in yet another book group: "Tropic of Orange" by Karen Tei Yamashita is the book for that group. I haven't started it. But "Mr. Sebastian" is hands down one of my favorites in a long time.



Zisko

L.A. Library Foundation Council Literary Series event spotlighting Zakaria, I am intrigued to learn more about why it is not necessarily a bad thing that the United States may not retain its position of dominance in the global economy.

► JASON WANG

Technology Director
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I have a running reading list. The first is a book called "Divide or Conquer" by Diana Smith. The next one is "Sway: The Irresistible Pull of Irrational Behavior" by Ori Brafman; the next is "Big Russ & Me" by Tim Russert. My last two books are "The Pixar Touch" by David Price and "Groundswell" by Charlene Li.



Wang

► BLYTHE CHAD DECKMAN

Vice President of Engineering
Wavestream Corp.

I read John Keegan and I like to read about church historians – B.K. Kuiper and S.M. Houghton; I've read a bit of that in the past. And "The Chronicles of Namia" – C.S. Lewis is a favorite author of mine – I'm reading that with my children. Jonathan Edwards as well, who is a non-fiction philosopher.

► JOSEPH ALVARNAS

Director of Quality Systems for Cellular Therapeutics
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My fall reading involves either childhood regression – Alfred Hitchcock and the Three Investigators still hold up well – or a slothlike state induced by pulpy sci-fi novels. Summer, however, is my time for poetry. The tactile beauty of the sun, a cool breeze and a glass of champagne make my heart cry out for poetry. This summer belongs to Alexander Pope. Pope's savage and subversive wit is ideal for this election-year summer. Now I just need to pick the right champagne!

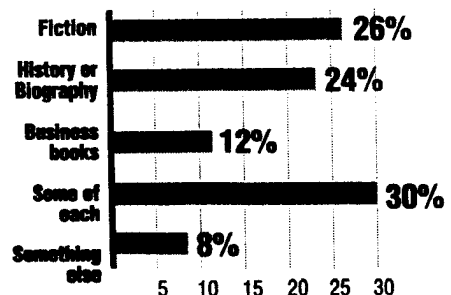
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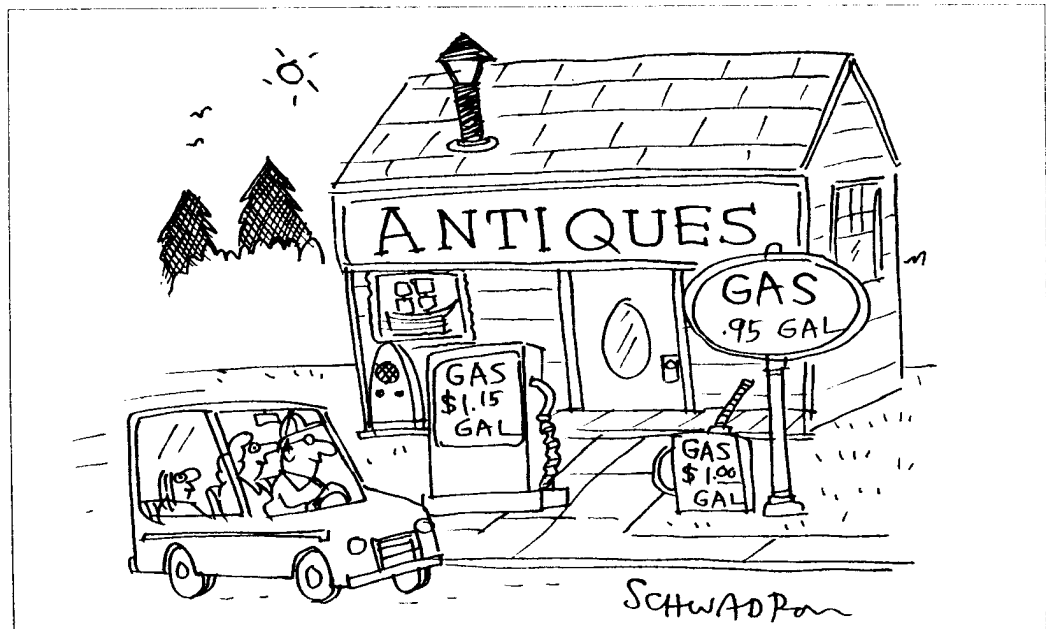
I will be reading "The Post American World" by Fareed Zakaria. As discretionary time is hard to come by, I have not always been good about my book-reading discipline. After attending the recent

Los Angeles Business Journal Poll

What do you plan to read this summer?



Online results for week ending June 24



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