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### **Times Facts**

Bill joined the *Times* in 1989 and was named Washington bureau chief in 2004. He covers national politics, Congress and aviation safety. He has been the *Times'* lead reporter on all the major aviation accidents since 1994. He covered Sen. Bob Graham's presidential campaign in 2003 and was part of the *Times* political team covering the 2004 campaigns. He has written about a wide range of subjects including the U.S. Supreme Court, airline crashes and co-authored a series on beach renourishment called "The Politics of Sand." In 2004, he was named Washington Bureau Chief.

### **Talking Points**

- Aviation safety • The Airline Industry • National & Presidential Politics
- Transportation

Bill is a regular contributor to local and national news programs, he was on NPR's "All Things Considered" discussing his book and was formerly a weekly panelist on *Metro Week in Review* on WETA-TV in Washington, D.C.

### **Education**

Bill has a degree in Political Science from Arizona State University.

### **Background**

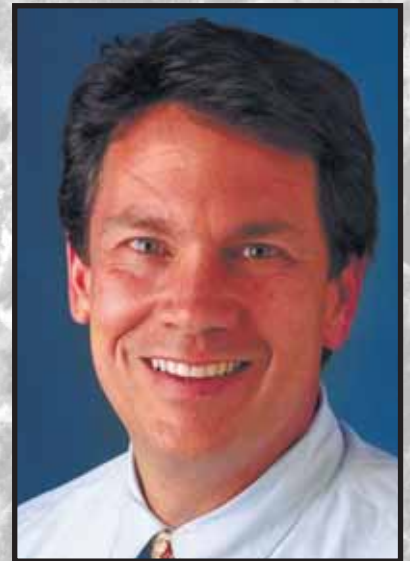
Born in Philadelphia, Bill moved to Phoenix, Arizona as a young child and primarily grew up there. He came to the *St. Petersburg Times* in 1989 after covering state and local politics for the *Fairfax Journal* in the Washington D.C. suburbs. At the *Journal*, Bill covered the state of Virginia campaigns for governor and lieutenant governor. During his career at the *Times*, Bill has focused on aviation safety and written frequently about the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board. He is the author of "The Mystery of Flight 427," which was released in paperback in early 2004. Bill and his wife, Katherine, live in Arlington, VA with their three children.

### **Awards**

In 1998 Bill won the Everett Dirksen award for Distinguished Coverage of Congress. The judges cited the overall quality of his work and noted his strength and versatility as an investigative reporter. In 1999, he again was recognized for his superior national reporting when he won the Sigma Delta Chi award for Washington correspondence.

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