

ShopTalk

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Making Time For Children

Two employees at The Post made it a priority this year to get involved in the life of a child as a mentor. **WENDY EVANS**, Advertising/New York Bureau, and **KARISUE WYSON**, Writers Group, brushed up on elementary and middle school math to help a 13-year-old girl in New York City and an eight-year-old boy in Alexandria, Va.

A Manhattan resident, Evans volunteers for Pantry Sisters, a Harlem-based nonprofit organization for girls that offers a variety of after school programs including dance, academic tutoring and mentoring.

"The girls are in schools that are in low income areas and are struggling with their studies. Pantry Sisters recruits girls to be in the program – the kids you are working with are committed to getting better and they really want to learn more," explained Evans.

This past September, Evans was matched with Melissa, who wanted help with her math. Evans met with Melissa in a church in Harlem every Monday evening.

"She was very shy at first,"

said Evans. "She was behind in a lot of areas, but we focused on how she could improve her skills in math, and other things, like how she could be more comfortable talking to her teacher after class, if she didn't understand an assignment."

"I let her drive our sessions together and she decided that rather than focus on her homework, she wanted to learn some of the math she didn't feel she understood at all. We would talk about ideas on how to use the math, like using fractions for cooking. I would come to the next session with recipes and try to give her a practical application for what she was learning."



WENDY EVANS, Advertising/New York Bureau, with Melissa, the young girl she mentored this year.

At the end of the school year, Evans felt like she had developed a good relationship with Melissa and often had conversations with the young teenager on other topics including boys and making friends. "I really had fun," she noted. "You can never know how a relationship will develop."

Karisue Wyson became a child's mentor after hearing a speech last year by (now Secretary of State) Colin Powell about his program, "America's Promise."

"He said in his speech that it is your job as a responsible adult to make sure that you are involved in some way with a child at least once a week – in a positive way. Soon after I heard the speech, my church was looking for substitute teachers for Sunday school, so I volunteered. Through that, a woman at my church asked if I was interested in helping tutor students at George Mason Elementary (Alexandria). I didn't think I would be able to because it was in the afternoon, but she was able to find a boy who was dropped off at school early."

Throughout the school year, Wyson rose early every Wednesday morning to meet Toure, a second grader,



KARISUE WYSON took Toure, the child she mentors from George Mason Elementary, on a tour of The Post in June, which included a chance to meet Red and Rover cartoon creator Brian Basset.

at 7 a.m. to help him with his math homework.

"I'm terrible at math, but that is what he needed help in and I figured I could handle second grade math. It actually worked out well though, because I would watch him stumble in exactly the same way I did – when you just don't get it." She explained. "I was able to tell him that I did exactly the same thing and that I knew how hard it was."

Wyson enjoyed her work with Toure so much that she hopes to work with him and another child when school starts again in September.

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New Faces



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ANDREA WILSON

JENNIFER BROWN, Accounting, joined The Post as a collection specialist in March. Prior to joining the newspaper, she held a collection position for Public Broadcasting Services (PBS) in Alexandria. In her spare time, Brown enjoys shopping and playing with her six-year-old daughter, Ashley

BETHANY CAIN was hired by the Writers Group as a sales assistant in late March. Previously, she was a member services coordinator at the National Association of Corporate Directors and worked on the 1998 congressional campaign for Iowa's third district. Cain holds a BA in political science from Alma College in Michigan and is a candidate for a MBA from American University. She enjoys reading, cooking and the outdoors.

SUMITHRIN DAVID recently became an ad builder in Advertising Operations. Prior to joining The Post, he was an office assistant for George Washington University and INTELSTAT. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree from George Washington University and in his spare time is a playwright.

DIONNE FLEMING joined Advertising's national account unit as a customer service representative in March. Previously, she worked for the Family Therapy Association and

has held positions in ad sales, marketing, copy writing and recruitment. Fleming holds a BA in marketing from Bowie State University in Maryland. Her hobbies include writing, reading and travel. (Photo not available.)

CRYSTAL GISRIEL was hired by Advertising Operations as a desktop publisher in March. Prior to coming to The Post, she was the assistant manager of the production department at the *Maryland Independent* in Waldorf, where she had also been a head paginator and desktop publisher. Gisriel holds a certificate in graphic arts from St. Mary's County Technical Center and enjoys arts, crafts and dancing.

KEVIN KENNEDY recently joined the Information Technology Department as a computer operator. Prior to coming to the newspaper, he worked for SAIC, Inc. at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He has also worked for the Department of Commerce and Martin Marietta Information Systems. He enjoys watching and playing sports, and cooking.

JENNIFER LEGAT was hired in March for the position of staffing and employee relations specialist in the Human Resources Department. Previously, she was the human resources general manager for

Borders Books and Music. Legat holds a BA in classics from William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y. Her interests include reading, cooking and swimming.

BRIAN LOEW recently joined the Information Technology Department as the manager of strategic planning. Prior to joining the newspaper, he was CEO of Worldweb.net and production editor for London-based MacMillan Magazines. Loew has a BS in physics and a BA in economics from George Washington University. His interests include saltwater aquaria and sailing.

TARA MARVIN joined The Post in March as an outside sales representative for the Advertising Department's technology unit. She came to the newspaper from Ecount, Inc. where she was in corporate sales. Marvin has also held advertising sales positions with CDNow, Lycos/Wired and was a media planner for Foote, Cone & Belding. Mar-

vin holds a BS in advertising and a BS in psychology from the University of Kansas. In her spare time, she enjoys music and tennis.

MARC MASON was recently hired by Advertising as an outside sales representative in the Technology unit. Previously, he was a sales representative for the Arizona Republic's website *AZCentral.com*. Mason earned a BA in advertising from Arizona State University. His interests include following Arizona sports teams, traveling and golf.

MICHELLE NORPHLET joined the Information Technology Department as a computer operator in March. Her previous position was data management analyst for CACI, Inc. She was also a paralegal for the Wisconsin public defender's office for several years and a technology support intern for Z-Tech Corporation. Norphlet holds a BA in pre-law from Wilberforce University in Ohio, an MA in justice and public safety from Auburn

University in Alabama and is currently attending Strayer University for computer programming certification. Her interests include horseback riding, traveling and writing.

LAURIE RAPP was hired in the position of scanner in Advertising Operations in March. Prior to joining the newspaper, she was a desktop publisher and scheduler for Kaplan, Inc., a subsidiary of The Washington Post Company. Rapp has also worked for the Wildlife Habitat Council, Catholic University and the office of Sen. Robert Byrd. Rapp holds a BA from West Virginia University and enjoys lacrosse, gardening and hiking.

RANDY RICHTER joined the Information Technology Department as a programmer/analyst in March. Previously, he was a programmer analyst developer for Discovery Channel. Richter has also worked for Disney World, Harcourt, Brace & Co., the Federal Communications Commission

(FCC), and Lockheed Martin. Richter holds a BA in humanities from Florida State University, an MA in art history from Boston University, and an MBA in international management from Rollins College, Florida. His interests include cooking, reading and traveling.

RONALD RUSSELL joined the Information Technology Department in March as the assistant quality assurance manager. Previously he was a project manager for A&T Systems and spent 25 years working on data processing development in the Middle East and Europe. He also worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 15 years. Russell holds a BS in computer sciences from Roosevelt University in Brussels, Belgium. His interests include getting his children through college.

MARY BETH SHERIDAN joined Metro in March as a staff writer covering immigration. Prior to coming to The Post, she was the bureau

chief in Mexico City for the *Los Angeles Times*. She has also worked for the *Miami Herald* and the Associated Press. Sheridan holds a BA in English from Holy Cross College in Mass. and was a Knight-Bagehot fellow at Columbia University in New York. She enjoys travel, cooking and film.

SCOTT TABER was hired by the Advertising department as a sales representative for the real estate unit in March. Previously, he was the ad director for the *Buffalo News*. He has also held management and sales positions for the *Baltimore Sun*. He holds a BA degree from Gettysburg College in Pa. Taber enjoys sailing, skiing, and music.

HUBERT TELESFORD recently joined the Advertising Department as an on-line sales support representative. Previously, he was an activism coordinator and admaster for *Speakout.com*. Telesford has also been an assistant account executive at Katz-Media and a sergeant in the United States Army Reserve. He holds a BA in radio, television and film with an emphasis in telecommunications management from Howard University. Telesford enjoys photography and playing cricket and ping pong.

YVONNE WASHINGTON was hired by the Advertising Department as a customer service representative in March. Prior to coming to The Post, she was an accounting clerk for Chevy Chase Cars, Inc. She also held customer service and sales positions for Lee Travel in Connecticut. In her spare time, she enjoys dancing, cooking and playing with her six-year-old and nine-month-old girls.

STACEY WERBISKIS was recently hired as a desktop publisher in the Advertising Operations Department. Previously, she was a communications specialist at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Werbiskis holds a BA in English from Furman University in South Carolina. Her interests include hiking, tennis, walking dogs and travel. (Photo not available.)

ANDREA WILSON joined The Post in March as an advertising service representative for the national accounts unit. She previously worked in customer service for Southwest Airlines, *USA Today* and Gannett, Inc. She is currently working toward her BA in business administration from Sojourner Douglas College in Maryland. Wilson's hobbies include skiing, bowling and singing at church.

POST SCRIPTS

PRINCIPALS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Post's Fifth Annual Vincent E. Reed Principal's Leadership Institute (PLI) held its opening session on June 25 and 26 at the Park Hyatt in Georgetown. Thirty-five area school principals are participating in the 2001-2002 Institute. The speakers for the



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U.S. Secretary of Education, Dr. Rod Paige, was a featured speaker at the Principals Leadership Institute.

opening session included U.S. Secretary of Education, Dr. Rod Paige, and Dr. Robert Cooper, author of *The Other 90%: How to Unlock Your Vast Untapped Potential For Leadership and Life*.

Founded in 1997, the PLI provides principals with the two-day residential institute and three additional full-day workshops to assist principals to increase management and leadership skills, network and share ideas. The Institute is named in honor of Vincent E. Reed, a longtime area educator, a former assistant U.S. secretary of education, and former vice president/Communications for The Post.

LIFE IS SHORT

ShopTalk invites all Post employees to write your "Life Is Short" for publication in ShopTalk this summer. We're looking for 100-word or less Haiku-like statements that somehow express your unique Post experience. It could be about your commute, about landing that new account or a conversation you had waiting for the elevator. To be eligible for publication, your "Life Is



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Attendees at the June 28 reception at the Hermitage Inn included **SCOTT VANCE**, Virginia editor; **STEVE FEHR**, Fairfax Extra editor; **PEGGY ROTH**, copy editor, and Fairfax County School Board member Christian Braunlich.

Short" must relate to The Post and be less than 100 words. Throughout the rest of the summer, we will publish the best versions of "Life is Short," with your byline and photo. You can submit your statements via email to ShopTalk@washpost.com or send c/o ShopTalk Editor, Public Relations Department, 7th Floor, Northwest Building. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Connors at x6803.

FAIRFAX CELEBRATES

The Fairfax Bureau and the Public Relations Department hosted a reception to celebrate the launch of the Fairfax Extra on Thursday, June 28 at the Hermitage Inn in Clifton, Va. Almost 200 Fairfax County community and corporate leaders attended the event and had the opportunity to talk to Virginia and Fairfax News staff, as well as Publisher **BO JONES** and Deputy Managing Editor **MILTON COLEMAN**.

MARKETPLACE

ISO ROTTWEILER PUPPY - Looking for a 2 - 4 month-old German Rottweiler puppy for sale. Preferably male w/AKC papers, but will consider a female also. Price is negotiable. Call Christie x5970 or (202) 213-5017.

CLEANING SERVICES AVAILABLE - Experienced, own transportation and reasonable prices. Call Blair at (703) 924-3215 or (703) 319-3390, or Alexandra at x7817.

FOR SALE - '93 Honda Civic EX, original owner, 4-door, fully loaded. A/C, sunroof, power windows/doors, 5-speed, well-maintained, clean, new timing belt. Very dependable. \$5,399. Call Maria at x7352 or (703)924-1126.

FOR SALE - Oak dinette set (table with one leaf and four chairs). \$100/OBO. Call Jeff at x4669 or (202) 363-0444.

FOR SALE - Gently used Mac 7500/100 PowerPC, with 15" monitor, keyboard, 28K modem. \$200. Call Maria at x7352 or (703)924-1126.

FOR SALE - '95 Volvo GLT, Red, 5 speed, alloy wheels, loaded and fun! Comes with transferable Wynn's Warranty. 99K, \$13,250. Call Maurice at x7761 or (703) 820-7033.

FOR SALE - '89 Acura Integra LS, white, 2-door hatchback, 5-speed manual, AC, AM/FM, cassette deck, cruise control, less than 73K miles, asking \$3,500. Call Mike at x4391, or (202) 234-5583.

ROOM FOR RENT - Located in McLean, Va., full third floor furnished room for rent, kitchen, bathroom and dog to share. Perfect for intern or college student. Rush hour bus to and from Metro is 1/2 block away, 1 mile to Metro, quiet neighborhood. \$600/mo and one month's advance deposit. Need references. Call Diane at x5689, or (703) 448-1977.

FOR SALE - Beautiful handmade Persian rug, 6'3" x 4'2", all silk, good investment, market value \$5,000, asking \$3,000/OBO. Call Bob at x2220 (M-F, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., or (703) 671-1646.

FOR SALE - Original, used, but in great shape purses: Coach \$10 & \$30; Dooney & Bourke \$30; Louis Vitton \$300 and Prada \$150. Please call Henrietta at x7089 or (301) 220-2282.

FOR SALE - excellent condition Canadian oak finish entertainment unit - \$165, redwood chair - \$45, 2-year-old refrigerator - \$155, portable washer - \$75, pharmacy cabinet - \$25, off white new rug - \$35. Call Valery at (703)566-9694.

HELP THE HOMELESS - Recycling will help the homeless. Bring in the travel-size toiletries you picked up on vacation and also any large or boot size shoe boxes, bring to Barbara Hudson in Accounting or call x6229 or (301) 593-3422.

ISO CARPOOL - Looking for Post employee/s who would be interested in adding one more to their carpool or starting one coming from the Annapolis/Edgewater, Md. area. My work hours are 8:00 a.m. til 4:30 p.m., I leave Edgewater in the morning around 6:30 - 6:45 a.m. Call Dorothy at x6450 or (410) 798-5477.

MARKETPLACE DEADLINE: Noon Fridays. Please include your name, extension and home phone number. **ADS ARE FOR POST EMPLOYEES ONLY.** Send ads to ShopTalk, 7th floor, or call x6803. To send ads via fax dial x5609; via e-mail send to shoptalk. Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.

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