

ShopTalk



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Pressroom Employees Honored at Both Plants

The College Park and Springfield plants held their annual award ceremonies at each of the plants on March 21 and

five-year period. After also discussing the challenges College Park faced—from losing “a collective 342 years of experience out of the room” through the retirement of 13

valuable employees to printing El Tiempo Latino—Gryder noted, “With the enormous loss of experience, the changes in team structure and additional products out of the plant, you might have expected a dip in productivity or an increase in waste or a decline in quality. Instead, 2006 was College Park’s most productive year ever.”

Springfield’s Pressroom Superintendent **Melinda Ford**

made similar observations including overcoming the loss of 400 years of experience through 14 retirements and thanking their “unsung heroes.”

Springfield Plant Manager **Jennifer Rymarczuk** added, “This pressroom made progress on all fronts in 2006: an 85 percent reduction in injuries since 2005, a nine percent reduction in waste, a three percent increase in press speeds and an 11 percent reduction in web breaks.” And then concluded, “We had to reduce cost and you all understood the importance of making changes and you sup-



College Park’s Team 5 won the Lowest Combined Waste Production Award and the Night Run Newsprint Runnability Award. Team 5 (left to right): **John Worthington, Rob Haskins, Renee Mobley, Mark Hare, Charles Woolridge, Tom Huurman, Mike Kelly** and team leader **Tony Matthes** (not pictured: **Rakesh Puri**).

22, respectively. The theme of both ceremonies seemed to be: “safety.” Everyone from Chairman **Don Graham** to team leaders at both plants acknowledged that the most important achievement was keeping on-the-job injuries to a minimum.

At College Park, Plant Manager **Sherry Gryder** acknowledged a decrease in injuries from 26 to four in a

Springfield’s night run Team 8 receiving their Best Quality Award (Left to right): **James Saunders, Steven Neese, Donna Cerwensky, Purvis Garner, Greg Atkins** (assistant team leader) and **Patrick Nolan** (team leader).



Plant Managers **Jenny Rymarczuk** and **Sherry Gryder** offer closing congratulatory remarks to each of their teams during their plants’ respective award ceremonies.

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ported them.”

Both plants turned their pressrooms into makeshift banquet halls. Here are the names of those honored:

Best Quality Awards

COLLEGE PARK

Advance Run:

Team 8: Steve Vaughn (Team Leader), Lee Davis (Assistant Team Leader), Thurman Arrington, Donald Craig, Christopher Hoffman, Victor Smith, Alan Souder, Dorothy Troy and Arthur Watson.

Night Run:

Team 6: Donald Goldsmith (TL), Tracy Hilton (ATL), Eugene Johnson, Michael Jones, Joseph O’Brien, Keith Scott, George Seminara and Joseph Shavatt.

SPRINGFIELD

Advance Run:

Team 2: Sam Dorick (TL), William Adams, Louis Daehnke, Richard Jones, Nhan Le, Bao Phan and Edward Raynor.

Advance Run:

Team 6: Jeff Lizama (TL), Robert Benson (ATL), Anthony Baylon, Paul Knauf, Lemuel Nesmith and Daniel Wilson.

Night Run:

Team 1: Peter Mascarenhas (TL), Jeffrey Allen (TL), William Allis, Francis Hammond, Michael Meyers, Jonathan Morgan, Michael Pham and Robert Smalls.

Night Run:

Team 8: Patrick Nolan (TL), Greg Atkins (ATL), Donna Cerwensky, Purvis Garner, David Link, Steven Neese and James Saunders.

Production Awards

COLLEGE PARK

Lowest Combined Waste:

Team 5: Tony Matthes (TL), Tom Huurman (ATL), Mark Hare, Rob Haskins, Mike Kelly, Renee Mobley, Rakish Puri, Charles Woolridge and John Worthington.

Highest Press Speed:

Team 6: Donald Goldsmith (TL), Tracy Hilton (ATL), Eugene Johnson, Michael Jones, Joseph O’Brien, Keith Scott, George Seminara and Joseph Shavatt.

SPRINGFIELD

Lowest Combined Waste:

Team 12: Minh Nguyen (TL), Richard Shover (ATL), Javed Anwar, Enrique Dionisio, Dale Green, Jeffrey Jones and Soliman Mendoza.

Highest Press Speed:

Team 11: Michael Dikeman (TL), Edward Payton (ATL), Kevin Crowell, Tomas Danulevicius, Randolph Dickerson, Ronald Johnsey, Fred Lauenstein and Robin Oswald.

Newsprint Runnability

COLLEGE PARK

Advance Run:

Team 10: Kjell Johns (TL), James Harris (ATL), John Gilliam, Theodore Harvey, Douglas Hunter, Joseph Jones, Richard Short and Ricardo Sykes.

Night Run:

Team 5: Tony Matthes (TL), Tom Huurman (ATL), Mark Hare, Rob Haskins, Mike Kelly, Renee Mobley, Rakish Puri, Charles Woolridge and John Worthington.

SPRINGFIELD

Advance Run:

Team 9: Earl Days (TL), Kenneth Harrison (ATL), David Harrison, Chanh Van Lac, William McDonald and Matthew Southard.

Night Run:

Team 12: Minh Nguyen (TL), Richard Shover (ATL), Javed Anwar, Enrique Dionisio, Dale Green, Jeffrey Jones and Soliman Mendoza.

Best Paster Percentage:

Lemuel Nesmith (Springfield)

Team Safety Awards:

Multiple Teams at both plants

Perfect Attendance Awards

COLLEGE PARK

Jerry Bell
Ronald Deloatch
Tim Koebler
Ben Michael
Eric Suggs
Ernestine Williams
Charles Woolridge

SPRINGFIELD

William Allis
Dennis Cook
Enrique Dionisio
Chanh Van Lac
James McGovern
Michael Pham
Bao Phan
Thao Phan
Daniel Wilson

Outstanding Service Awards

COLLEGE PARK

Pete Balaras (Electrician)
Jerry Bell (Paperhandler)
John Gushen (Engraving)
Walter Maddox (Machinist)
Leonard Williams (General Worker)

SPRINGFIELD

Dennis Cook (Engraving)
Michael Garofalo (Facilities)
Walter Jeter (General Worker)
Guan Robinson (Electrician)
Philip Stamos (Paperhandler)
Vincent Townsend (Machinist)



College Park’s **Ronald Deloatch** and **Charles Woolridge** are recognized for having perfect attendance in 2006.



Springfield’s **Lemuel Nesmith** receives his award for Best Paster Percentage from technical leader **Robert Kline**.

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Vice President **Jim Coley**, Production, attended both ceremonies and addressed both plants' hard-working teams.



College Park employees enjoy a catered dinner immediately following their awards ceremony. Springfield did the same the following evening.

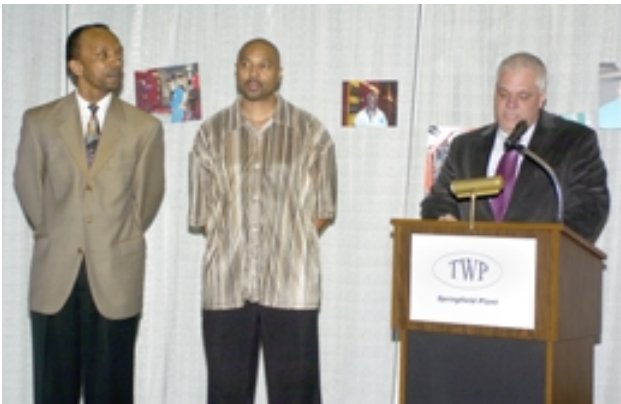


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Maintenance manager **Carlos Almeida** (far right) recognizes two of Springfield's six Outstanding Service Award recipients: machinist **Vincent Townsend** (far left) and electrician **Guan Robinson** (center).

College Park engraver **John Gushen** and machinist **Walter Maddox** receive their Outstanding Service Awards.



Student Journalists Meet Mayor Fenty

A Young Journalists Development Program Event

Newly elected D.C. Mayor **Adrian M. Fenty** (D) stopped by The Post to speak to approximately 60 area high school students that form part of The Post's Young Journalists Development Program on Saturday, March 10. The students are participants in the Urban Journalism Workshop, which The Post co-sponsors with the Washington Association of Black Journalists and the Writing Seminar and Scholarship Program,



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(Above) **Athelia Knight**, director of The Post's Young Journalists Development Program welcomes Mayor Adrian Fenty during a recent YJDP event at the Northwest building.



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Student journalist **Kate O'Connor** from West Potomac High School (Va.) sharpens her interviewing skills with Mayor Fenty.

which The Post also co-sponsors with the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and the Asian American Journalists Association.

Fenty briefly talked about

his administration and his controversial education reform initiative, which seeks to decrease the power of the District's Board of Education by making the school superintendent report to him. He then answered students' questions for almost an hour. Students in the writing seminar wrote about his visit and were critiqued by Post newsroom employees. Students in the Urban Journalism Workshop featured a story about the event in the workshop's newspaper, as well as their radio and television news shows.

Mayor Fenty and his entourage leaving The Post after taking questions from several student journalists.



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High school sports editor **Jon DeNunzio** plays coach and goes over the ground rules with the area's top high school athletes before the All-Met photo shoot.



Photographer **Toni L. Sandys** photographs All-Met wrestler Clyde Jones, Henry E. Lackey High School (Md.).

All-Met Photo Shoot

The Post welcomed the area's top high school athletes on March 19 for the All-Met photo session. The annual All-Met issue will run in The Post on April 6. Sports' **Jon DeNunzio** and **Chris Rukan** helped control traffic, as photographer **Toni L. Sandys** snapped away. The star athletes along with a few All-Met coaches will be honored during a luncheon on June 5.

Education Fund for Bill Grant's Sons

Anyone interested in honoring the late *washingtonpost.com* Sports editor **Bill Grant** can donate money for the college education of his twin sons, Andrew and Christopher. Bill and his wife **Tracy Grant** (KidsPost editor) set up a savings plan and donations will be deposited into that account. Cash or check donations should be sent to **Lexie Verdon** or **Rajiv Chandrasekaran** in the newsroom. Checks should be made out to T. Rowe Price. The Post has agreed to a one-time match for any donations from Post employees, but you do not need to fill out any matching gifts forms. Although this is a big help to a Post colleague, this is not a tax-deductible contribution. Contact Lexie at x4-7458 with any questions.

Walking for Cancer

Marjorie Bado, a part-time nurse at College Park's health center will be participating in the Washington D.C. AVON Walk for Breast Cancer on May 5 and 6. The event raises funds designed to find an early diagnosis for this disease that affects one in eight women. Bado is walking in memory of her cousin who died last year at the age of 48, leaving behind a husband and three young children. Bado is looking to raise the \$1,800 required to participate. Anyone interested in sponsoring her can do so directly through the website: www.avonwalk.org. After clicking on "donate" and "Washington, D.C.," type in "Marjorie Bado" as participant. Contact Marjorie at mbado007@hotmail.com.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: Share Townhouse in Silver Spring, Md. w/ owner. Furnished room. Quiet area. Near public transportation. Reserved parking. Looking for non-smoker and pet-friendly person. Deposit required, but negotiable. \$550 per mo. includes all utilities and cable TV. Contact Marie at 301-384-1012.

FOR SALE: Light oak, 3-piece queen bedroom set, includes: mattress, 7 drawer/2 cabinet, 2 drawer hutch. Asking \$450 for set. Also available: purple oversized chair \$50, Phillips 27-in. flat screen and DVD recorder \$250. Contact Nagita at x4-4808

FOR RENT: Beach House: 3BR, 2BA, 1-loft, end-of-row townhouse in Corolla, on North Carolina's Outer Banks. Three-level home within sight and sound of surf: 2-min. walk to beach (5-min. walk to shops/supermarket). Third-level covered deck to watch sunrise/moonrise over ocean. Plus: wireless internet, cable TV, community pool and tennis courts. Sleeps seven. Contact Mike Ruane at x4-7346.

FOR SALE: Games for XBOX 360. Game is brand new! NBA 07 Live for \$35. Contact Linda at x4-5257.

FOR SALE: Oak student desk with two drawers. Asking \$50. Contact Isabel at x4-4796

FOR SALE: EPSON Stylus CX3200 all-in-one printer/copier/scanner. Excellent condition and plenty of ink cartridges to go with it! Contact Jennifer at x4-7248.

FOR HIRE: Know an elderly person in need of a live-in, home health aide in Montgomery County? Cheerful, hard-working, sense of humor, good cook. Wonderful lady cared for my father years ago. Contact Susan at x4-5032.

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