

# Currents

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November 18 - 22, 2002

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November 21

Bloodmobile

Mobile Unit East of B103

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Call 8-9191 for appointment

Call 0-3011 with questions

### November 22

Old Dominion University's  
Lady Monarchs vs. University  
of Virginia's women  
basketball

7 p.m. ODU Constant

Convocation Center.

Northrop Grumman

employees save \$6. Normal

price is \$13 and group ticket

is \$7. Contact the Groups

Department at (757) 683-

6545 or [crumer@odu.edu](mailto:crumer@odu.edu)

### Nov. 25 – Dec. 13

Holiday Food Drive to benefit  
the Foodbank of the Virginia

Peninsula. Drop off food

donations in one of more

than 200 labeled collection

boxes placed inside

buildings, warehouses, at

piers, docks and trailers.

Note: An item last week said St.

Leo University would be at the

shipyard for college advising on

Nov. 21. The university will not

be here on that day.

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## ✿ Newport News hosts Lean conference

Northrop Grumman Newport News and Old Dominion University hosted the first Mid-Atlantic Regional Lean Conference last week. Held in Portsmouth, the three-day event attracted bankers, computer manufacturers, engineers, technology providers, consultants, shipbuilders, academia and government officials interested in benchmarking best practices in sustaining and leading a "Lean" enterprise.

"The benefits of Lean are so obvious and pervasive that it has become an operational imperative for practically all manufacturers large and small," said Shipyard President Tom Schievelbein (pictured above), keynote speaker at the event.

Newport News employees led portions of the program, sharing what the company has learned during its years of incorporating, sustaining and advancing lean practices at the company. "I'm inspired by the engagement of our workforce," Schievelbein said. "I'm happy to note that, far from losing momentum five years into lean, we have a deeper, wider and more inspired commitment to Lean than ever before."



## ✿ Employees, 900-Ton Crane Featured in Episode of Monster Machines

Northrop Grumman Newport News and Ship Systems Avondale Operations will both be featured this month in a segment of The Learning Channel's (TLC) popular cable television program series *Monster Machines*.

The program, which is scheduled to air November 24 at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on TLC, includes footage of Newport News' 900-Ton crane and Avondale's 81,000-ton floating drydock. Tune in to see Newport News General Foreman Phil Saunders, Crane Engineer Brian Jones and Crane Operator Dave Rushing talk about "big blue's" capability.



## ✿ Making progress with the Labor Management House

Northrop Grumman Newport News and the United Steelworkers of America (Local 8888) are making progress on the construction of a house for the Peninsula Habitat for Humanity. The Labor Management House is going well with vinyl siding and interior insulation virtually complete. Sheetrock installation starts this week with a projected move-in date around Christmas.

Experienced help is currently needed to pour the concrete garage floor, porch floor, driveway and walkway. A small Bobcat is needed as well. If interested in volunteering, contact Everett Jordan, 061 at 8-9637.

