

# Currents

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February 24 - 28, 2003

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 27

Red Cross Bloodmobile

7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

East of B103

Call 8-9191, select option 9  
for appointment

Questions call 0-3011

### February 26 and March 11

Averett University at the  
shipyard

informational  
session/registration

B 500/2

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### March 12

Norfolk Admirals vs.

Hershey Bears 7:15 p.m.

Norfolk Admirals special  
discount for Northrop

Grumman Newport News  
employees. Show company  
ID at the Norfolk Scope box  
office or Ticketmaster outlet  
and get \$2 off all seats

### March 19

Learning Resource Center

Open House

B 500/2

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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## Great Company

### ✦ Northrop Grumman's CEO

Last week, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Kent Kresa announced to employees that the board of directors unanimously elected Ron Sugar to be Northrop Grumman's next chief executive officer effective April 1, 2003. Kresa is stepping down after reaching the mandatory retirement age of 65 for senior executives.

Kresa said he will enthusiastically continue as non-employee chairman. Ron Sugar (*above right*) sent a streaming video message to employees about being elected to succeed Kent Kresa. He told employees he believes that Northrop Grumman is the best-positioned company in the entire defense industry. Employees can still view his message on Gateway. The image above will appear on the Gateway home page and employees can click on that. The transcript of the message is also posted on Yardnet. Newport News President Tom Schievelbein said he looks forward to working more with Sugar. "I have worked for Ron Sugar for the past year and a half in his capacity as the company's president and COO," Schievelbein said. "During that time, Ron has demonstrated a keen insight into the details of our business as well as understanding the importance of leadership to the people at Northrop Grumman. I'm confident that Ron will continue the transformation that Kent has been spearheading for the past 13 years."

### A Message from Ronald D. Sugar

- View video message  
- Read transcript



### ✦ New Northrop Grumman board member

Northrop Grumman Corporation announced last week that Philip A. Odeen, (*right*) a defense industry leader and former chairman of TRW Inc., had been elected to Northrop Grumman's board of directors. His appointment brings the company's board total to 12 directors.



## Great Products

### ✦ The next-generation aircraft carrier

The CVNX program is now called the CVN 21 program, reflecting President George Bush's defense strategy that calls for a focus on capabilities needed to counter 21st century threats. Earlier this month, Bush released details of his Department of Defense budget that includes an additional \$1.1 billion for research, development and acquisition for the planned aircraft carrier (*below*). As part of preparing for longer-term demands, his budget funds programs to transform the capabilities available to U.S. forces. The CVN 21 will begin construction in 2007. The innovations for the next-generation aircraft carrier include an enhanced flight deck with increased sortie rates, improved weapons movement, a redesigned island, a new nuclear power plant, allowance for future technologies and reduced manning. Some of these capabilities previously were not going into a new carrier until 2011.



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## Great People

### ✿ Both Apprentice School teams to National Championships



The Apprentice School men's and women's basketball teams have earned bids to the upcoming United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Championships. The men's team will start play on Thursday, February 27



in the USCAA Division I Championships at RHEMA Bible College in Broken Arrow, Okla. The women's team will start play on March 4 in Auburn, Maine at Central Maine Technical College against New Hampshire Technical Institute. For more information, call Sports Information Director Jim Heath at 688-4935.

## Great Results

### ✿ EH&S employee teams to be recognized in upcoming ads

Northrop Grumman Newport News is proud of the great results from the Environmental, Health and Safety Task Teams. Employee teams recently won awards in categories that ranged from Best Inspection Team to Best Ergonomic Project. Winners will be highlighted by the company in advertisements that will run in the Daily Press. Be on the lookout for those advertisements this week. The first ad will run Thursday and feature the Best Accident Investigation Team (*right*). The others will follow two per week. Congratulations again task teams!



### ✿ Remember to check Yardnet; Benefits and Payroll messages posted

Last week two important messages were sent to employees by e-mail. Payroll sent a message about W2 forms and year-to-date wages on their last pay stubs. Also, President Tom Schievelbein and Mike Petters, vice president Human Resources, Administration and Trades, sent a message directed to salaried employees about the upcoming companywide salaried benefits program. To review these messages, go to the Yardnet home page.

### ✿ Speech by Chairman and CEO Kent Kresa focuses on 21st century warfare

National defense and 21st century warfare were the main topics during Chairman and CEO Kent Kresa's address to the Detroit Economic Club on February 10. In his speech, "Warfare in 2003 and Beyond: Networked Operations and the Growing Role of Military Space," Kresa shared his views of the state of the country's security readiness, especially with respect to military technologies. He talked about the computer-based battle management networks that are making possible a transformation of war fighting. "The new technology will enable our forces to mount much more effective operations and also achieve a much lower casualty rate than has traditionally been possible," he said. Second, Kresa addressed the future role networks are likely to play in the military space arena. "Space is the next frontier, and only those who pioneer, explore and discover on that frontier can ultimately lead. Government and industry must move forward aggressively with development and production of new systems for military space missions," he said. Third, he discussed the "side effects" of heavy reliance on information technology. "As we build strength by extending our networks, we also increase our dependence on information technology and, thus, our vulnerability to cyber warfare," he said. "We need more innovation in cyber security systems — and Northrop Grumman, as the largest supplier of information technology to the federal government, will be deeply involved in that development effort." The Detroit Economic Club was established in 1934 as a platform for the debate and discussion of business, government and social issues.