

# Currents

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June 2 – June 6, 2003

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 6

Night school registration application deadline. Summer classes begin June 23 - Aug. 28. For more information, call the night school office at 688-8608, or visit [yardnet/divisions/humres/O26/edurelat/night\\_schl.stm](http://yardnet/divisions/humres/O26/edurelat/night_schl.stm)

### June 9

Bloodmobile at B600  
8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Appointment: 8-8939

### June 10

Bloodmobile at B902  
8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Appointments:  
B902 & 903 call 8-4792  
B9012 & 905 call 8-0308

### September 14

**Correction:** Family Fun Day at Kings Dominion is September 14 – **not** September 20 as previously reported. More details to come.



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## ✦ Reagan completes acceptance trials

The *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) successfully completed acceptance trials over two days last week. Now, the nation's newest and most advanced nuclear powered aircraft carrier prepares for its June delivery and July 12 commissioning. The acceptance trials were conducted with representatives of the U.S. Navy Board of Inspection and Survey for testing and evaluation of the ship's systems and performance.

Upon completion of sea trials, *Reagan* went to Norfolk Naval Station in Norfolk, Va., where it will be commissioned. The ship is pictured above returning from acceptance trials. "This is a proud moment for us," said Bob Gunter, Northrop Grumman Newport News senior vice president, Aircraft Carrier Program. "It's the culmination of years of hard work by thousands of shipbuilders. Soon we will be delivering the most technologically advanced ship in the world to the Navy. And once she becomes part of our nation's defense, we will follow her with great interest and take pride in her contributions to America." For more information about the commissioning, go to <http://www.ussronaldreagan.org/>.



By John Whalen

## ✦ Mike Petters speaks to Achievable Dream students about setting goals

Smiling faces filled the auditorium at Achievable Dream Academy in Newport News as Human Resources, Administration and Trades Vice President Mike Petters prepared to speak to elementary students at the school. Achievable Dream is a partnership between Newport News Public Schools, the city of Newport News, and the community to provide a challenging academic environment for students. Petters (*pictured below*) spoke to students as part of a series of speakers who have come to Achievable Dream. He told the students about the importance of setting goals.



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"Knowing that you can do what you put your mind to is the first step in achieving your dreams," he said. After Petters' speech, students asked him questions on such topics as what it's like to be a vice president and to have been in a submarine. Before leaving, Petters presented each child with a Frisbee displaying the slogan, "Chase Your Dreams."

## ✦ Electrical load reduction plan

The annual review of the Northrop Grumman Newport News Electrical Load Reduction Plan should be completed by Friday, June 13, 2003. Departments should have developed, reviewed and updated their electrical load reduction plans for times of high priced electricity and for potential Virginia Power emergency situations. Copies of these plans should be forwarded to Don McDaniel of O41 Energy Management by June 13. For more information, contact Don McDaniel via e-mail or at 0-4035.

# Currents continued

## ✿ Welding School recognized

On May 18, Gary Roy and Bob Leber, both of O26, accepted an Excellence in Practice citation from the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) in recognition of the company's Welding School Modernization program. The citation provided by the association stated that the Welding School has aggressively modernized its entire training process, procedures, programs, curriculum and content. E-learning technologies played a large part in this transformation. "The Welding School converted 90 percent of the instructor-led curriculum to computer-assisted instruction and 100 percent of the instructor-led classroom training was converted to computer-based training," the citation said. "This conversion allowed instructors to focus on the core learning event – one-on-one practical instruction." This is just one new feature that the school now provides. The ceremony was conducted as part of the opening session for the society's annual conference held in San Diego. Pictured from left to right at the conference is Tina Sung, president and chief executive officer of ASTD; Bob Leber, NGNN training manager; Joseph C. Barto III, president and CEO, Training Modernization Group, Inc.; Gary A. Roy, NGNN Welding School manager; and Rob Maple, chairman, ASTD Board of Directors. In addition, Northrop Grumman Newport News has been selected to receive the state's Business/Education Partnership Award for the work done in transferring the welding school curriculum to local vocational schools.



## ✿ CVN 77 logo contest winners named

CVN 77 Vice President Scott Stabler named the winners of the *George H.W. Bush* logo contest. They are: Tom Koeber, who recently retired from O53; Dave Zanghetti of X10; and Sean Kennison of E71. There were more than a dozen participants in the logo contest. The entries from the three winners were similar and each contained attributes the CVN 77 Program Office was looking for in the new logo. For their efforts, Koeber, Zanghetti and Kennison each received a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant and movie tickets for two. The logo is pictured to the right.



## ✿ CEO and President sends message to all employees

Northrop Grumman CEO and President Ronald D. Sugar expressed last week his sympathy to the family of another Northrop Grumman employee who became a victim of the recent terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia. He noted that the corporation has established the Northrop Grumman Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of employees who have lost their lives in a disaster. For more information on the fund and how to make a donation, go to [http://home.northgrum.com/comm/memorial\\_fund.html](http://home.northgrum.com/comm/memorial_fund.html). To view Sugar's message, go to [http://home.northgrum.com/comm/comm\\_execs.html](http://home.northgrum.com/comm/comm_execs.html).

## ✿ Shipyard a sponsor of Peninsula Fine Arts Center exhibition series

The Peninsula Fine Arts Center is holding a summer exhibition series, "Sizing it Up: From Miniature to Monumental," from June 7 through September 7. Northrop Grumman Newport News is one of the exhibition sponsors. Admission is free on opening day -- June 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The series features contrast in scale. There will miniature paintings and sculptures based on thousands of years of art history and large art objects created by major contemporary American artists. Art will be exhibited within the center's galleries and on the grounds. Children will enjoy "Crazy Colossal Comparisons," a special interactive exhibition just for them. For more information, go to [www.pfac-va.org](http://www.pfac-va.org).

