

CURRENTS

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January 19 - January 23, 2004

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20

Women's basketball vs.
Virginia Wesleyan College
7 p.m.
Apprentice Athletic Center

January 22

Bloodmobile
Building 103
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Appointments: Call 8-9191.
select option 9.
Questions: Call 0-3011.

January 27

DMV visit.
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Building 86 in an office behind
the south lobby guard station.
Services include: Driver's
license renewals, reissuing
driver's license because of
address changes, making
duplicate copies of driver's
licenses that have been
lost/stolen, providing written
test for driver's license
renewals, supplying driver
transcripts and issuing
handicap placards with doctor
certification. Services will NOT
include vehicle-related
transactions such as vehicle
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✿ Apprentice School graduate earns 2003 Outstanding Apprentice Award

Robert Arredondo, Jr., (*right*) an electrician in the aircraft carrier program, has received the 2003 Outstanding Apprentice Award from the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry. Arredondo completed his apprenticeship with the Newport News Apprentice School last September and will participate in the school's graduation ceremony January 23. The Virginia Apprenticeship Council presented the award to Arredondo at a ceremony held last month. The council, in association with the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, sponsors the awards program, which honors outstanding apprentices each year who have completed their training program and are nominated by their

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sponsoring organizations. Arredondo was recognized for his excellence in craftsmanship, accuracy, cooperation, leadership, decision-making, and consideration for his company and coworkers. He is pictured left holding his award in one hand and his daughter Isabella in the other. Arredondo's family joined him at the 2003 Outstanding Apprentice Award ceremony held in December. Also pictured (from left to right) are Secretary of Commerce and

Trade Michael J. Schewel; Arredondo's son Robbie; his wife, Jennifer; Commissioner of Labor and Industry C. Ray Davenport; Virginia Apprenticeship Council Vice Chairman Dr. Steven R. Staples; and Virginia Apprenticeship Council Chairman Barry W. Baker. Arredondo is currently responsible for the installation of the electrical systems for the catapult and arresting gears on the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower*. Be on the lookout Wednesday for a special advertisement about him in the *Daily Press*.

✿ Apprentice School graduation

The Apprentice School graduation will be held at Heritage High School in Newport News on January 23. The class of 2003 includes 84 graduates. Scott Stabler, vice president, Carrier Construction (CVN 77), will serve as the commencement speaker.



✿ W-2 guidelines

Please note that gross wages reported on pay stubs do not equal federal wages reported on the W-2. Employees' last pay stub may not include year end adjustments such as moving expenses or imputed income.

*Gross Wage - 401k contributions - medical deduction = Federal Wage for Hourly employees.

*Gross Wage + imputed (excess ins) income - 401k contributions - pre-tax deductions = Federal Wage (Box 1)

*Federal Wage + 401k contributions = Medicare Wage (Box 5)

*Federal Wage + 401k contributions = FICA Wage up to the FICA Wage limit of \$87,000 (Box 3)

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✿ **CVN 21 program manager elected regional vice president of SNAME**

Suzanne Beckstoffer, (right) CVN 21 manager, program support, has been elected Atlantic South regional vice president of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, or SNAME. She will serve a four-year term, which began January 1, representing the Hampton Roads, Chesapeake, and Southeast sections. The society is an internationally recognized nonprofit, technical, professional society of individual members serving the maritime and offshore industries and their suppliers. SNAME is dedicated to offering career guidance, sponsoring applied research, and advancing the art, science and practice of naval architecture, shipbuilding and marine engineering.



✿ **Mariners Club membership drive**

A membership drive for the Mariners Club is underway. The club has enjoyed a rich history of social activities for waterfront middle management. The club's vision is to have employees of the waterfront middle management level – “those who built the ships” – get together in a social setting, grow friendships, and foster teamwork. The members of the club and company continue to benefit from this vision. The club has opened its membership to the entire company labor grade 36 and up. For more information about the club (i.e. events calendar, pictures, application, and etc.), go to www.nnsmarinersclub.com. The club is energized and eager to welcome new members.



✿ **New system to reduce spam throughout Northrop Grumman**

Northrop Grumman employees will see significantly less unsolicited e-mail in their inboxes than in the past. IIS Platform Engineering (PE) has implemented a new, companywide spam elimination system called IronMail. This new system has been installed at all three Northrop Grumman Internet entry points (Baltimore, Md., Dallas, Texas, and Hawthorne, Calif.) and has reduced the amount of unwanted e-mail delivered to Northrop Grumman customers. On a typical day, Northrop Grumman customers receive approximately 500,000 e-mail messages; 60 percent of those messages are identified as spam and filtered by IronMail. Even with the addition of IronMail, the threat of spam is always present. No system can filter 100 percent of unwanted e-mails. Employees who receive an e-mail that appears suspicious and may be spam, please forward it to spam@ngc.com. A member of the IIS PE team will research the message to determine whether the team can add an additional filter or code to block the unwanted message in the future.

✿ **Reminder: Discounts available to shipyard employees for Dragon Tales Live!**

Discounts are available to Northrop Grumman Newport News employees for Dragon Tales Live! It's an all new show for 2004 – The Riddle of Rainbow River. The show will be held at the Ted Constant Center at Old Dominion University from February 5 through February 8. Get more information on the O23 Employee Benefits Yardnet site (<http://yardnet/divisions/humres/O23/EmployeeBenefitsOffice.stm>).

Click on “Employee Discounts” and look for Dragon Tales under special event discounts. Employees can also contact Nick Mastrocco, group sales manager, at 757-683-5000. The show times are:

*Thursday, February 5 – 7 p.m.

*Friday, February 6 – 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

*Saturday, February 7 – 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, February 8 – 2 p.m.



✿ **Discounted tickets available for January 24 Washington Wizards game**

The Washington Wizards play the Indiana Pacers January 24 at 7 p.m. The game is available at a discounted rate to Northrop Grumman Newport News employees, and their family and friends. See more details about this, including cost, on the home page of Yardnet.