

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 25

Bloodmobile  
Building 103  
7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Appointments: 8-9191

### March 26

72nd Annual Apprentice Alumni Banquet at 6 p.m. at the Hampton Radisson Hotel. For tickets, call departmental Apprentice Alumni delegates, Judy Hester of O22 at 8-2512, or Glen Davenport of Teagle Insurance at 595-8000.

### March 27

Builders Baseball vs. Tufts University  
12:30 p.m.  
War Memorial Stadium

### April 12

Bloodmobile  
Building 600  
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Appointments: Call Bonnie Yacconi at 8-8939

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**Key message:** *We must live our company values.*

### Employees “plant” clams

The company value statement about integrity says, “We fulfill our commitments as responsible citizens and employees,” and that’s exactly what a team of employees recently demonstrated. On March 18, they “planted,” or tossed into the James River, 90,000 clams as part of the company’s commitment to the environment and response to the construction of the new pier, referred to as pier 3. The construction of the new pier called for dredging. Planting the clams helps deal with the environmental effect from the pier’s construction. The clams are not intended for harvesting but instead will serve as a brood stock to produce clam offspring from year to year. Virginia Marine Resources Commission representatives joined the Newport News employee team to help place the clams in the water at a location visible downstream from the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge Tunnel. The Newport News team included **Timothy Axsom** of X36, **Cedric Moore** of X36, **Page Ayres** of O27, **Tiffany Ronsonet** of O27, **Steven Bulleigh** of O27, and Apprentice **Daryl Stackhouse**. Pictured below left (*from left to right*) are Myra Thompson of VMRC, Ronsonet, Stackhouse, Carter Shackelford of VMRC, and Bulleigh. They formed an assembly line to load the clams onto a barge the morning of March 18. Pictured below right are Bulleigh (*foreground*) and Ronsonet of O27 as they dropped the clams into the water.



Photos by John Whalen



### Discounts available to Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks

Northrop Grumman Newport News has worked with Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks to offer employees special online savings to Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Water Country USA and other Anheuser-Busch properties. Offers include discounts on gold and silver passports and single-day tickets. For a limited time, employees can purchase a one-day ticket to Busch Gardens Williamsburg and receive a second ticket for free. This limited time offer ticket must be purchased by May 31, 2004. Tickets may be redeemed any two days from March 27 through August 31, 2004. For more details, visit the Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks discount Web site at [http://commerce.4adventure.com/store/xt\\_promotion.asp?code=NG](http://commerce.4adventure.com/store/xt_promotion.asp?code=NG).



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## ❖ Special new feature added to USS Ronald Reagan

A piece of memorabilia from the *USS Ronald Reagan* christening ceremony is now a permanent feature in the carrier. On March 17, employee **Johnnie Hampton** of X32 (pictured in both photos below) worked to install in hangar bay 2 the large emblem that hung from the *Reagan's* bow during the March 4, 2001 christening ceremony. The circular emblem is about five feet in height. In the picture to the far right, Hampton uses a welding torch to secure the beam that now holds the large emblem. Below,

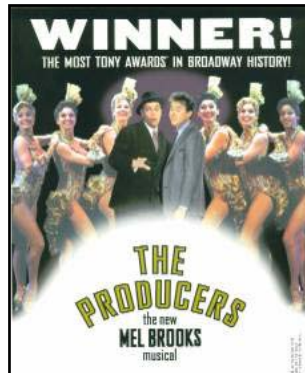
*Photos by John Whalen*

he puts the finishing touches on his work, painting around the emblem. The *Reagan* is at pier 2 for post-shakedown availability, which allows the Navy the opportunity to incorporate last-minute changes, system upgrades and enhancements to the ship. The work is scheduled to be complete in April.



## ❖ The Producers discounts

Northrop Grumman Newport News employees can save up to \$10 on tickets to *The Producers*, which is playing through March 28 at Chrysler Hall. For details, visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/5412> enter the password 5TONYS in the space labeled Chrysler Hall discount.



## ❖ Earth Day events

Join in Earth Day activities, starting with a seed handout on April 20 and then a cleanup effort on April 22 at Christopher Newport Park. For more information, go to the Environmental, Health and Safety Yardnet home page.

## ❖ Local alumni extension of the black engineers society hosts professional development day

The Hampton Roads Alumni Extension of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) will host the 5th Annual Professional Development Day at Hampton University's McGrew Towers Conference Center April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's theme is "Reconnecting: NSBE, Community & You." The program, which is sponsored in part by Northrop Grumman Newport News, is free and open to college students and professionals in all career fields. It will feature workshops on entrepreneurship, public speaking, estate planning, financing a graduate education, the value of Professional Engineer licensure, and more. There will also be a community service networking suite, with local non-profit community service organizations discussing their impact in the Hampton Roads area and how NSBE can offer support. This event is being offered in partnership with the Hampton University Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers. Founded in 1975, the National Society of Black Engineers' mission is to increase the number of culturally-responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively affect the community. NSBE offers professional development, leadership training, mentoring opportunities, and community service and outreach programs. Although Professional Development Day activities are free, registration is requested by April 12. Contact Terri Mills at (757) 754-3878 or via e-mail at [terrylnmills2003@yahoo.com](mailto:terrylnmills2003@yahoo.com) to register, or for more information.

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## 🌟 Celebration held for second Habitat for Humanity house

Northrop Grumman Newport News shipbuilders participated in a March 17 ceremony to celebrate the completion of the house they built for the Peninsula Habitat for Humanity. The home is called the Labor Management House 2. This is the second Habitat house Northrop Grumman Newport News and the United Steelworkers of America (Local 8888) have built together. Construction began in August and more than 80 shipbuilders volunteered their time to the project. "This house stands as a monument to the men and women of Northrop Grumman Newport News," said **Danny Hunley**, Northrop Grumman Newport News director of Trades, Education and Training. "We not only build great ships, we build great communities." Hunley announced the shipyard would sponsor the construction of a third Habitat house. Representatives from Northrop Grumman Newport News, the Steelworkers Union, Habitat for Humanity, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and the Peninsula Community Development participated in the ceremony. The new homeowner, Pearl Whitsett, also attended and expressed gratitude to everyone who volunteered on the project. "Thanks to the shipyard people who built my dream home," she said. "I really appreciate it." Whitslett's granddaughter, 14-year-old Chanda Jones who will also live in the home, said she is grateful too. She wrote a thank you letter, saying she wanted her grandmother to have a home of her own to decorate. She also said, "For most of my life, I have been sharing a room with my little brother, so now I have the opportunity to get my new room. We have twin beds and we had to share one closet and it was cluttered."

*Photos by Chris Oxley*



Labor Management House 2



From left: Shipyard employees **Wayne Walker**, **Tim Smith**, **Dan Scott** and **Deborah Martin** presented Habitat homeowner Pearl Whitsett (*far right*) with a plaque during the ceremony.



During the ceremony, **Danny Hunley** (*far left*), the shipyard's director of Trades, Education and Training, received a framed letter from Peninsula Habitat for Humanity Director Janet Green. The granddaughter of the future homeowner, 14-year-old Chanda Jones, thanked shipbuilders for building the house. Also, pictured is the Habitat homeowner Pearl Whitsett with her grandchildren Chanda and Tony.



From left: Shipyard employees **Wayne Walker**, **Dan Scott**, **Tim Smith**, **Deborah Martin** and **Matt McQuade** listened as United Steelworkers of America representative Bill Harriday made a presentation during the ceremony.