

# FEBRUARY BULLETIN

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
CLASS OF 2002 ON A JOB WELL  
DONE:

REMEMBER FROM WHENCE YOU CAME,  
ALWAYS STRIVE TO BE THE BEST, AND  
NEVER PRESUME THAT YOU ARE  
ALREADY THERE.

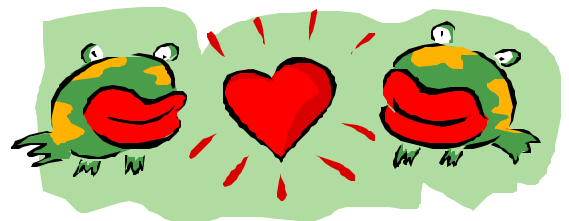
## WHAT'S INSIDE:

LEADERSHIP  
CONGRATS TO THE  
GRADS  
CROSSWORD  
WHAT'S THE  
DIFFERENCE  
BYE BYE RONNIE  
AND MORE



## HUNTING SEASON AGAIN!?

CUPID IS ON THE PROWL.  
WILL YOU BE A VICTIM THIS  
YEAR? YOU NEVER KNOW.  
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO  
EVERYONE AND DON'T  
FORGET TO GET YOUR HONEY  
A GIFT OR YOU COULD END UP  
IN THE DOGHOUSE.



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**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY  
FROM THE BUILDER BULLETIN STAFF**

# Exploring Personal Leadership: A Company in Transition

By  
James Stamper

Many times in life you find yourself leading some function, whether for fun or for business. Some people are naturals at being leaders while other people need training to be good leaders. This situation of leading and managing a job or company function could be very stressful at first without any background or formal training to draw conclusions. There has to be a better way.

Recently, I was involved in a first time offered class called Exploring Personal Leadership. Human Resources specifically formed this class for apprentices that are very close to graduation. This class is an offshoot of the Enhancing Personal Leadership class, which is only offered to employees that are already in management positions in the company. Exploring Personal Leadership class also helps you decide whether a leadership role is where your shipyard career is headed. Human Resources saw the advantages of pre-training their future managers in an attempt to bring our shipyard to a closer-knit teamwork environment.

In the first session of the class there was a lot of examination of how I look at life situations and how I get work done by myself or with a group of people. Everyone in the class learned new things about themselves. They learned why they react to certain things like they do. A Myers-Briggs personality profile was taken to show us the most effective position for us on a work team. The Myers-Briggs also shows all of us ways to break down the barriers of personality conflicts that sometimes occur in the workplace.

The Exploring Personal Leadership class will make you a better leader. The quote that rings true in my mind came from the Vice President of Human Resources Mike Petters. "You are the future leaders of this company!" We thought you all should have an opportunity to realize your full potential from the start not from the middle. Stay tuned for updates on my next leadership session.

## CONGRATS TO THE GRADS

Congratulations to all 115 apprentices who graduated on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003, and thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the graduation successful. A special thanks goes out to Debi Cross, secretary for Dr. Hughes. She was this year's graduation coordinator. Mrs. Cross, a native of Texas, has been coordinating graduations for 8 years now. Of those 8 years, seven were spent at Princess Anne high school where she worked as the school's registrar. This is her first year coordinating for the Apprentice School and she intends to do so for many years. Debi considers the Apprentice School to be the best experience of her working life. Never has she felt so part of a team. She feels her co-workers are excellent and demonstrate outstanding teamanship. Not only does Mrs. Cross think the Apprentice School is a great experience for herself, but also for all the apprentices. She believes the school is a wonderful opportunity with great rewards that require a lot of hard work. The next time you are near the Apprentice School, you should come by her desk in the main office and say hello. A complete list of the year's graduates can be viewed on the next few pages.

By:  
Dave Culpepper

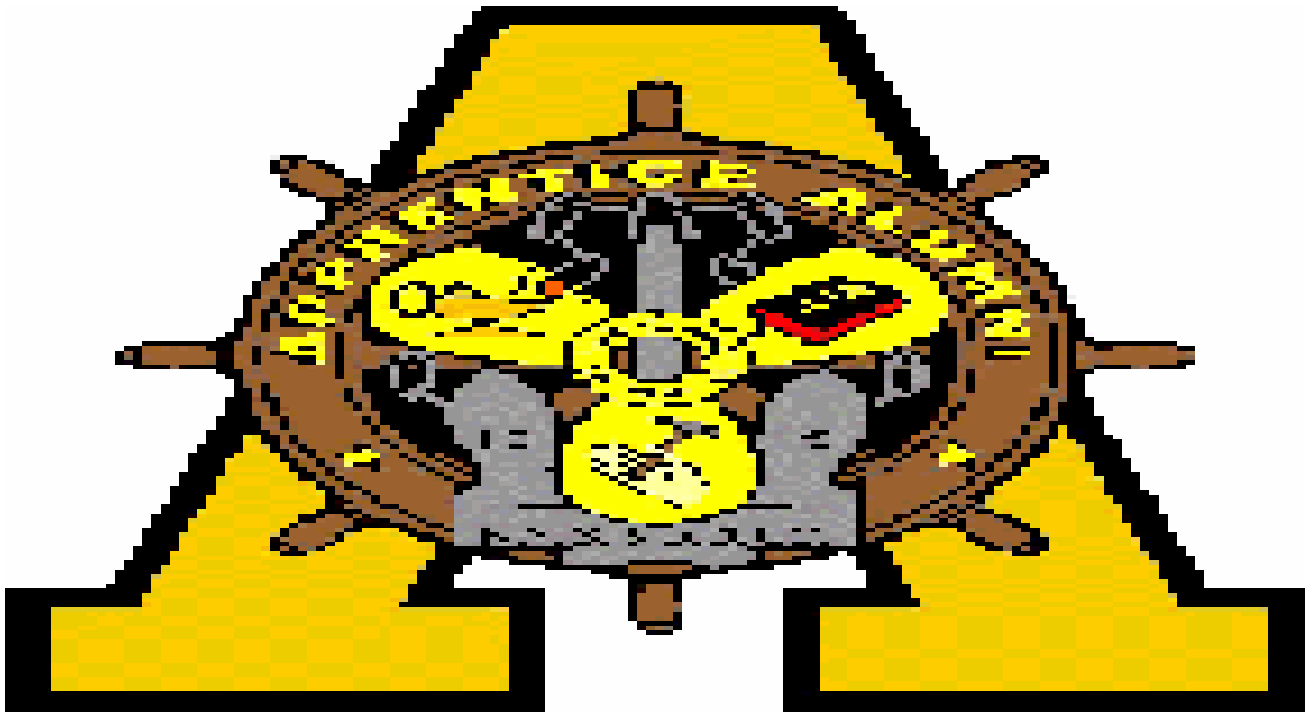
# *List of Graduates for 2002*

<i>Last_Name</i>	<i>First_Name</i>	<i>Dept_Name</i>	<i>Home_Town</i>
ADKINS	LASHON MAURICE	ELECTRICIAN	DANVILLE, VA
ALI	PETER	OUTSIDE MACHINIST	PORTSMOUTH, VA
ARDELJI	JEFFREY JAMES	PIPEFITTER	SUFFOLK, VA
ARTIS	TOMIKA SHANAE'	OUTSIDE MACHINIST	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
BAILEY	JEFFREY SCOTT	PIPEFITTER	JESSE, WEST VA
BALL	JASON THOMAS	MILLWRIGHT	MATHEWS, VA
BARDEN IV	CLYDE CLINTON	ELECTRICIAN	SUFFOLK, VA
BARKER	TAMMY DIANE	PIPEFITTER	HAMPTON, VA
BELL	ANTHONY LEKEITH	ELECTRICIAN	RICHMOND, VA
BELTZ	RODNEY LYNN	SHIPFITTER	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
BENNETT	PHILLIP BRIAN	SHIPFITTER	GATES COUNTY, NC
BIVENS	JUANITA CARROLL	PRODUCTION PLANNER	HAMPTON, VA
BLACKBURN	THOMAS ANDREW	WELDER	CLIFTON FORGE, VA
BLAND JR.	STANLEY JEROME	SHEET METAL WORKER	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
BORDEAUX	JEFFREY LYNN	PAINTER-INSULATOR	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
BOWMAN	KEVIN MICHAEL	MARINE DESIGNER	SMITHFIELD, VA
BRIDGES	MICHAEL SHAWN	OUTSIDE MACHINIST	SMITHFIELD, VA
BRYAN	ANTHONY RODDY	ELECTRICIAN	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
BURRUS	DIRUL-ISLAM I.	WELDER	JACKSON, TN
BUTLER	MATTHEW SCOTT	MARINE DESIGNER	COWEN, W.V.
CHESTER	CALVIN DONTA	PAINTER-INSULATOR	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
DANIELS	JASON RYAN	PIPEFITTER	DALEVILLE, AL
ESCOBAR	RICARDO LUIS	PAINTER-INSULATOR	PORTSMOUTH, VA
ESTES	MICHAEL TODD	MARINE DESIGNER	FARMVILLE, VA
EVANS	TYLER SCOTT	PIPEFITTER	POQUOSON, VA
EVERETT	STEVEN TREMAYNE	ELECTRICIAN	NORFOLK, VA
FREED	MICHAEL SCOTT	MARINE DESIGNER	HAMPTON, VA
GAY	DONDRY ANTONE	MARINE DESIGNER	WINCHESTER, KY
GEBHARDT	MATTHEW DAVID	ELECTRICIAN	
GILLISPIE	PHILLIP SHAWN	SHIPFITTER	POQUOSON, VA
GRAY	TERRY ANTONIO	NON-DESTRUCTIVE	PORTSMOUTH, VA
GREEN	TRAVIS IAN	SHEET METAL WORKER	GLOUCESTER, VA
GREEN JR.	RICHARD MCKINDLEY	PIPEFITTER	KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VA
GSELL II	MICKEY PRESTON	MARINE DESIGNER	GLOUCESTER, VA
HALL	CHRISTINA KAYE	ELECTRICIAN	HAMPTON, VA

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HANKLA	JESSE EUDELL	HEATING & AIR CONDITION	YORKTOWN, VA
HANSEN	MICHAEL RICHARD	WELDER	LEWES, DE
HARRIS	SHERYL DIANNE	ELECTRICIAN	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
HAWKINS	KEVIN PAUL	MARINE DESIGNER	CHESAPEAKE, VA
HINES	ELIZABETH ANNE	PIPEFITTER	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
HINMON SR.	CHAD EVERETT	WELDER	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
HOGGARD	EBEN LOREN	ELECTRICIAN	MARION, NC
HUGHES III	FRANKLIN GALBERTH	MARINE DESIGNER	MYRTLE BEACH, SC
HYLTON	THOMAS ALLEN	MACHINIST	ROCKY MOUNT, VA
ISAKSEN	MICHAEL PATRICK	PRODUCTION PLANNER	GLOUCESTER, VA
ISBLE	MICHAEL JASON	PIPEFITTER	HAMPTON, VA
JACKSON	ANTOINETTE RENETTA	ELECTRICIAN	HAMPTON, VA
JACKSON	JONATHAN LAMONTE	SHEET METAL WORKER	BEDFORD, VA
JEFFERS	JACK KEVIN	SHEET METAL WORKER	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
JONES	ANDRE' LEMAR	ELECTRICIAN	GREENSBORO, NC
JONES	JAMES CHARLES	WELDER	RALEIGH, NC
JONES	MICHAEL JAMES	ELECTRICIAN	SMITHFIELD, VA
JOYNES	TERRANCE MARQUIS	MILLWRIGHT	EASTERN SHORE, VA
KLOTZ, JR.	DAVID ARTHUR	MARINE DESIGNER	NORFOLK, VA
KRYSTYN	PATRICK WILLIAM	MARINE DESIGNER	CHICAGO, IL
LALIBERTY	KEVIN PARKER	MARINE DESIGNER	NORWICH, CT
LAMISON	ALLEN IRVIN	SHEET METAL WORKER	KITTANNING, PA
LANTZ	JASON WADE	PIPEFITTER	YORKTOWN, VA
LAWRENCE, JR.	BRUCE BERNARD.	SHIPFITTER	MIAMI, FL
LOCKETT	DAVID PRESTON	MARINE DESIGNER	HAMPTON, VA
LOYD JR.	THOMAS MAURICE	SHIPFITTER	NORFOLK, VA
MARROW	JERMAINE DELMAR SR.	MACHINIST	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
MARSHALL, II	KENNETH LAMARR	PIPEFITTER	ST. LOUIS, MO
MATHEWS, JR.	MICHAEL W.	OUTSIDE MACHINIST	RICHMOND, VA
MATTHEWS	JUSTIN RYAN	WELDER	HOPEWELL, VA
MAULDIN-MORGAN	KIMBERLY CELIA NEIL	MARINE DESIGNER	ISLE OF WIGHT
MAYNARD	RICHARD BRYAN	PIPEFITTER	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
MCCORD	KIMBERLY POLLARD	PRODUCTION PLANNER	HAMPTON, VA
MITCHEL	CARL DANE	OUTSIDE MACHINIST	GRANTS PASS, OR
MOORE	MICHAEL LEE	ELECTRICIAN	ROCKY MOUNT, VA
NOBLE	JACOB A.	PAINTER-INSULATOR	HAMPTON, VA
O'SULLIVAN	TIMOTHY BRYAN	PIPEFITTER	ALBANY, NY

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PAGE	DAVID MATTHEW	ELECTRICIAN	Newport News, VA
PALMER	LAQUITA RASHELL	OUTSIDE MACHINIST	Hampton, VA
PARK, JR.	JOHN NEELY	MARINE DESIGNER	Portsmouth, VA
PAULING	FLOYD A.	ELECTRICIAN	Hampton, VA
PAULS, IV	WILLIAM RODOPHUS	PIPEFITTER	Poquoson, VA
PEARSON	SHAUN ALFRED	PIPEFITTER	Hampton, VA
PERRY	AMEIKO	SHEET METAL WORKER	Newport News, VA
Peterson, Jr.	Ronald Eugene	SHIPFITTER	Pittsburgh, PA
PITTMAN	JAVAAR LAVEEN	OUTSIDE MACHINIST	Smithfield, VA
POWELL	MICHAEL BLAKE	SHIPFITTER	Virginia Beach, VA
PRUETT	PETER CASMERO	SHIPFITTER	Milford, CT
QUENT	JOHN A.	PAINTER-INSULATOR	CHESAPEAKE, VA
RAWLS, III	AMOS HARRELL	PIPEFITTER	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
REYNOLDS	OZZY OSBOURNE	MARINE DESIGNER	OYSTER, VA
RICHARDSON, JR.	JEFFERY	PIPEFITTER	HAMPTON, VA
RILEY	SHAUN TYRAN	PAINTER-INSULATOR	Petersburg, VA
ROCK	KEVIN	DESIGNER	HAMPTON, VA
SANTROCK, JR.	TIMOTHY FRANKLIN	SHIPFITTER	CHARLESTON, W. VA
SAUNDERS	EUGENE	HEAVY METAL	SUFFOLK, VA
SHELTON, JR.	FLOYD GLENN	PRODUCTION PLANNER	ERWIN, TN
SLAUGHTER	MICHAEL PHELAN	MARINE DESIGNER	SUFFOLK, VA
SMITH	JAMES ROBERT	SHEET METAL WORKER	CRIMORA, VA
SMITH	ROBIN MICHELE	HEATING & AIR CONDITION	HAMPTON, VA
SMITH, JR.	LARRY TINSLEY	OUTSIDE MACHINIST	SOUTH HILL, VA
SPINELLA	JOHATHAN DAVID	OUTSIDE MACHINIST	NORFOLK, VA
STANLEY	NARU JABIN	MAINTENANCE PIPEFITTER	POPULAR, SC
STRAUSBAUGH	AARON LEE	PIPEFITTER	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
TAYLOR	DERRICK MAURICE	SHEET METAL WORKER	AULANDER, NC
TAYMAN	JOSEPH IRVING	PRODUCTION PLANNER	GLOUCESTER, VA
TERWILLINGER	ANDREW PAUL	MACHINIST	BRADFORD, PA
THOMPSON	JASON ANDREW	SHIPFITTER	SUFFOLK, VA
TINGLEY	JOHN MARK	MARINE DESIGNER	BONNERS FERRY, ID
TOMLIN	JOSHUA KAMAU	PIPEFITTER	ALEXANDRIA, VA
TORRES	JOSEPH BRIAN	WELDER/PIPE	RICHLAND, NJ
TORRES	STEVEN MICHAEL	PIPEFITTER	RICHLAND, NJ
TUNSTALL	BRYAN WILLIAM	SHIPFITTER	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
VOLPE	JOSEPH FRANCIS	MARINE DESIGNER	GLOUCESTER, VA
WALKE	CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	ELECTRICIAN	GLOUCESTER, VA

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WEISS	MATTHEW ALLEN	SHEET METAL WORKER	NEWPORT NEWS, VA
WHITE JR.	THOMAS LEE	PIPEFITTER	HAMPTON, VA
WIMMER	DANIEL BRANDON	SHIPFITTER	GRUNDY, VA
ZDUNIAK	SANDRA RENA	MARINE DESIGNER	NEWPORT NEWS, VA



**AWARD WINNERS WERE:**

**G. GUY VIA AWARD:**

**MATT BUTLER, FRANK HUGHES III  
JOHN TINGLEY, AND PATRICK KRYSYTN  
THIS AWARD IS GIVEN TO “SMART PEOPLE”**

**NIELS CHRISTIANSEN AWARD:**

**TIMOTHY O’SULLIVAN, EBEN  
HOGGARD, CHAD HINMON SR., AND  
PETER ALI  
THIS AWARD IS GIVEN TO THE  
“WATERFRONT ROLLERS”**

**CHARLES F. BAILEY AWARD:**

**KEVIN LALIBERTY, FRANK HUGHES III,  
JOHN TINGLEY, KIMBERLY MCCORD,  
JEFF BORDEAUX, AND PATRICK KRYSYTN  
THIS AWARD IS AGAIN GIVEN TO THE  
“SMART PEOPLE”**

**W.R. PHILLIPS JR. AWARD:**

**SANDRA ZDUNIAK AND FLOYD  
SHELTON  
THIS AWARD IS GIVEN TO THE  
“COMPUTER JOCKEY ROLLERS”**

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## AWARDS CONTINUED...

### THE HOMER L. FERGUSON AWARD:

**OZZY OSBOURNE REYNOLDS**

**THIS AWARD IS GIVEN TO THE BEST ALL AROUND APPRENTICE OF THE CLASS. THIS IS DETERMINED BY COMBINING ACADEMIC AND SHOP GRADES.**

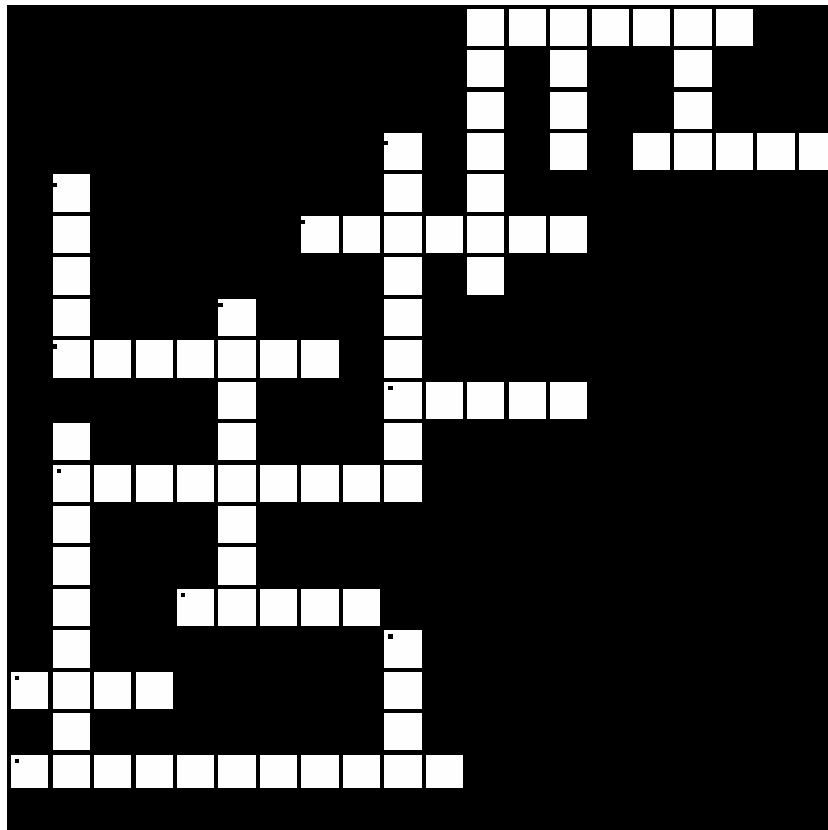


### **Men (and Women) in Gowns**

*By John Tingley*

Let me share a few thoughts about graduation with you, if I may. I was lucky enough to make it all the way to this glorious event just recently. If you're reading this, then you may be on the road towards this final pinnacle of completion as well – either that or you have an un-natural preoccupation with the builder bulletin and all articles herein – or maybe you're just one of those people who likes to read every scrap of written word you come across like some ravenous beast with an insatiable taste for prose. Whatever the case may be, let me tell you *this* about graduation: Don't let anyone take your picture in one of those robes, I don't care what anyone says – you do not look good in them. Yes, yes, I understand and respect the tradition of the robe, but nobody looks attractive in giant sheets of bright shimmering red. Don't even get me started on the hat. I think it's a school's way of letting everyone have one last laugh at you before you graduate, kind of like a "goodbye" hazing. Nevertheless, don't let the attire keep you from attending this ceremony. If you need a reason, try overcrowding. I know that finding a place to hold this massive event can't be easy, but during the ceremony I keep thinking to myself (while wearing my flame-retardant poncho – mind you) if this place catches on fire, we are all in a heap of trouble. Seriously though, graduation is a worthwhile event. The highlight of the recent graduation ceremony had to be the speech presented by the top graduating apprentice, Ozzy Reynolds; it was very well presented and made us all proud to be there. As for myself, the highlight came when vice-president Petters was forced to say "John sings for a rock-and-roll band called Red Metric" while reading from my bio sheet – Wow, can you get better publicity than that? A shameless self-promotional plug in front of 1500 people, you can just image my joy. What's the point? Graduation is your night, not anyone else's, so make it yours in any way you want to – you've earned it. Lastly, let me say this, graduation might include wearing a non-flattering ensemble and present some inherent fire hazards, but in the end you'll be glad you capped off your apprenticeship, took that walk across the stage, and celebrated it with the people who made the journey a memorable one.

## VALENTINES DAY



### Across

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| <p>1. A SHINY AND EXPENSIVE VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT</p> <p>5. THE ROMAN GODDES OF LOVE</p> <p>7. MANY PEOPLE GIVE THESE ON VALENTINE'S DAY</p> <p>9. A GIRLS BEST FRIEND</p> <p>10. THE WEAPON OF CHOICE FOR THIS HUNTER</p> <p>12. THE GREEK GODDES OF LOVE</p> | <p>13. THE SHAPE OF THE TART CANDIES GIVEN ON VALENTINE'S DAY</p> <p>15. COMPLETE THIS COMMON PHRASE USED ON VALENTINES, "BE..."</p> <p>16. CRUSHED WITH SORROW (TWO WORDS)</p> |
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### Down

1. VENUS'S FATHER
2. WHAT MOST APPRENTICES WILL DO ON VALENTINE'S DAY
3. MOST COMMON FLOWER GIVEN ON VALENTINE'S DAY
4. SWEET, BROWN CANDY
5. HE HUNTS ON VALENTINE'S DAY
8. IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR GIRLFRIEND SOMETHING ON VALENTINE'S DAY THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL BE
11. THE CATHOLIC SAINT EXECUTED ON VALENTINE'S DAY
14. ROSE ARE RED AND VIOLETS ARE



# **WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?**

By: "TIMMY THE APPRENTICE"

CVN-76 Ronald Reagan is almost ready to ship out and apprentice crews are starting to leave ship. Where are they going? In addition to overhaul and the new carrier, the Apprentice program will shift some of its focus towards sub construction. It has been a few years since apprentices worked on subs and few if any know what to expect.

Timmy the Apprentice was curious about what it was like, so he asked around. First Timmy tried to find an Apprentice Instructor who had worked on both carriers and subs in the past. Only one person could be found: Stan Reams, X31 Instructor.

The main difference when working on a sub was space or lack of. Unlike a carrier with 10 decks, a sub had only three. There was also a lot less ceiling space: you could probably fit most of a sub into the huge hangar deck of a carrier. Location of equipment was precise. There was no room to reposition things.

The smaller size meant less people working on the ship. You got to know all of the people working on the sub. You got to know everyone there and when someone new came around, you noticed. It was like a big family and everyone looked out for each other. For example, you could leave your tools out and not worry about them being stolen.

Of course that was years ago. What are the subs like now? Timmy asked around and got the same answer every time: Its' a whole new ball game. The subs are constructed in modules that are completed individually and then shipped off to be assembled elsewhere.

## **BYE BYE RONNIE**

The Ronald Regan is nearing completion and is due for delivery on March 13<sup>th</sup>. All apprentices, new and old, have contributed to its construction helping to bring this sleeping giant to life. The catapults have been fully tested, and the ship has been turned around however the Regan is still about a month behind schedule. Deadlines are coming up and mandatory shift changes have taken place in order to crash the schedule. One of the biggest challenges for apprentice crews is keeping people on the ship. Due to school and sports this proves to be a difficult task. In spite of those obstacles apprentice crews have played a big part in many of the ships main systems such as the catapults, the arresting gear, and the island house.

As the completion of the Ronald Reagan nears we look towards other projects that apprentices will help in such as the Virginia Class submarines and CVN77. At the same time we should take the time to reflect upon lessons learned and realize that our sweat and blood are the main ingredients in the Ronald Reagan. We should be proud of the fact that we can say that we have built the most advanced ship in world. I know I am.

BY: David McDade

# IQ ✓

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The original selling idea behind Dr Pepper was?

- A. Cured general sickness
- B. Stopped aging
- C. It was just good
- D. Kept evil spirits from attacking the village and stealing cattle.

What are hydrochlorofluorocarbons used for?

- A. The toxic gas used in the gas chamber
- B. It's temperature pressure relationship
- C. Puts the bang in C-4
- D. It is a made-up word

Which of the following mammals lays eggs?

- A. Blue whale
- B. Kangaroo
- C. Duck Bill Platypus
- D. Mammals do not lay eggs

In 1949, what magazine said, "Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."

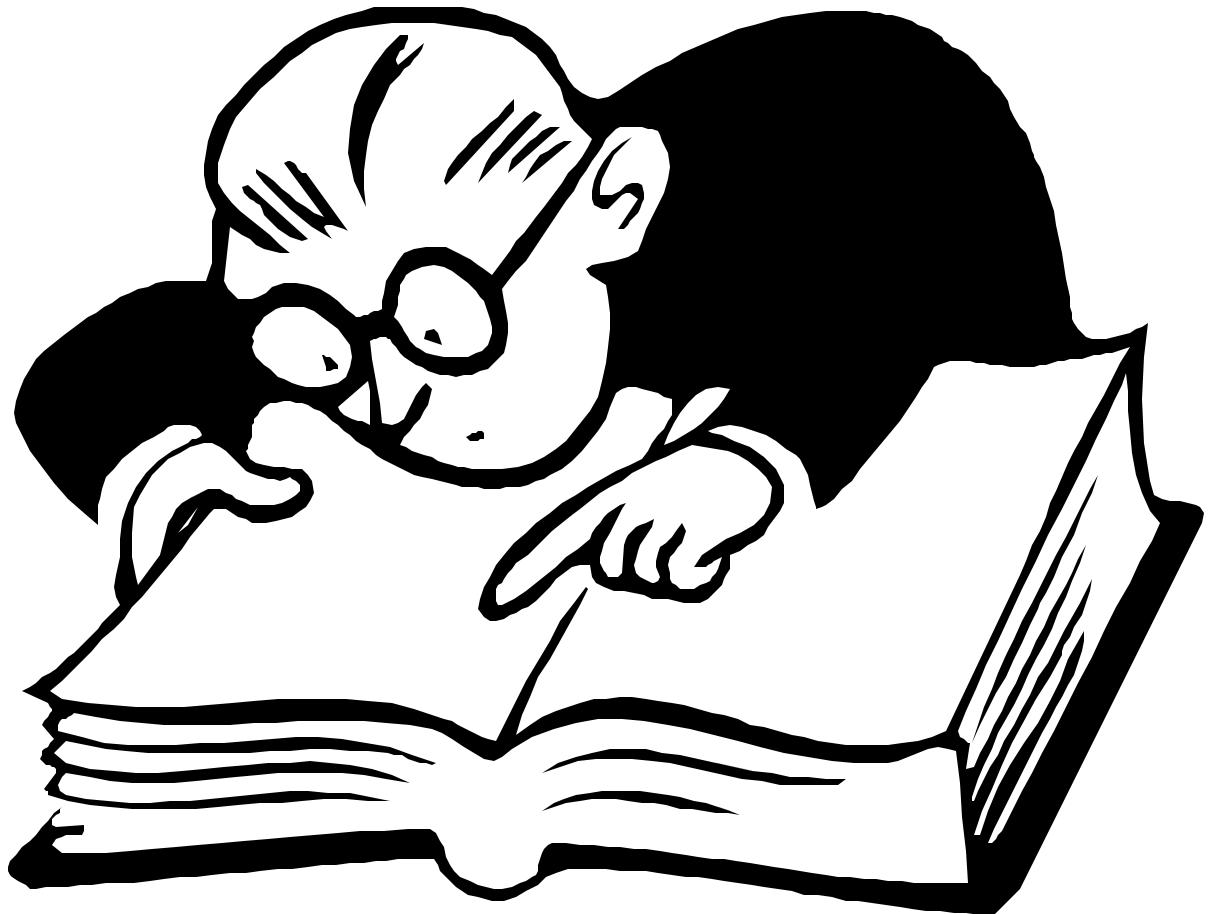
- A. Popular Mechanics
- B. Life
- C. Madd
- D. Cosmopolitan

What is the first product to use a bar code?

- A. Apple computer
- B. Wrigley's gum
- C. Coca cola
- D. What is a bar code

Results based on number right

- 5= Einstein
- 4= Genius
- 3= Smart
- 2= Average
- 1= OK
- 0= Rock



**APPRENTICE SCHOOL MEN'S BASKETBALL  
2002-2003 SCHEDULE**

**FEBRUARY**

4	<b>ROANOKE BIBLE COLLEGE</b>	7:30
8	at Savannah College of Arts & Design	3:00
11	at Southern Virginia University	7:00
14	at University of Pitt - Greensburg	7:00
15	at Mount Aloysius College	2:00
18	at Roanoke Bible College	7:30
22	<b>SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY</b>	2:00

**APPRENTICE SCHOOL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
2002-2003 SCHEDULE**

**FEBRUARY**

1	at St. Joseph's, N.Y. College	7:00
2	at University of Rutgers-Camden	2:00
4	<b>ROANOKE BIBLE COLLEGE</b>	5:30
8	at Southern Virginia University	1:00
13	at Eastern University	6:00
15	<b>MEREDITH COLLEGE</b>	2:00
18	at Roanoke Bible College	5:30

**APPRENTICE SCHOOL WRESTLING  
2002-2003 SCHEDULE**

**FEBRUARY**

1	<b>APPRENTICE INVITATIONAL</b>	<b>All Day</b>
7	at Gallaudet University Dual	7 p.m.
15	at Doug Cherry Team Duals	Easton, Pa.

**MARCH**

1	at NCWA Conference Championship	TBA
14-15	at NCWA Nationals	Easton, Pa.

ANSWERS FOR TRIVIA: WRIGLEYS, POPULAR MECHANICS,  
 DUCK BILLED PLATYPUSS, THEIR TEMPERATURE PRESSURE  
 RELATIONSHIP, CURED GENERAL SICKNESS  
 CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

VALENTINES DAY

