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In Brief

Parking at the NEX complex

The Warden Ave. and Radford Drive entrances to the parking lots of the NEX and Commissary were closed last week to allow construction to begin on the Mall at Pearl Harbor. Customers may now use either of the two entrances on Bougainville Drive to access the parking lots.

In early to mid February, a construction fence will prevent customers from parking in the portion of the NEX's and Commissary's parking lots closest to the construction site, however customers will be able to park in the former NEX employee parking lot off of Bougainville Drive.

Customer parking and NEX Shuttle Bus routes may change as construction progresses on the Mall at Pearl Harbor.

Medical facilities to close for improvements

Branch Medical Clinics (BMC) Barbers Point and Shipyard and Branch Medical Annex (BMA) Wahiawa will be closed for a medical training evolution designed to improve future services Feb. 15, 16. During this time frame services will be consolidated at BMC Makalapa, BMC Kaneohe Bay, and BMA Camp Smith.

All beneficiaries will have access to medical services at BMC Makalapa and BMC Kaneohe Bay on these days.

Rams' Warner signing at NEX

St. Louis Rams quarterback and 2000 Outstanding Pro Football Performer, Kurt Warner, #13, will sign autographs at the NEX tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

GSA Closed For Inventory

The General Services Administration (GSA) Customer Supply Center at Schofield Barracks will be closed Feb. 20 - 23 for inventory.

The store at Hickam Air Force Base will be closed Feb. 26 to March 2 p.m. For more information, call Mike Martin at 655-0280 or Rita Loring at 448-8937.

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CNP talks, listens to Sailors

By J03 Brenda M. Diggs
NAVY REGION HAWAII

Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, visited Pearl Harbor last Thursday and Friday and conducted an all hands call with the local Sailors at the Bloch Arena Fitness Center gym and onboard two ships, USS Hopper (DDG 70) and

USS O'Kane (DDG 77).

Hundreds of Sailors gathered in the gym to voice their concerns about top issues in today's Navy such as retention, recruiting, sea/shore duty rotations and manning.

"As Chief of Naval Personnel, I work for Sailors and their families," said Vice Adm. Ryan. "I think it is important they know how much we [the

Navy] appreciate what they are doing and let them know we have made a lot of progress this past year. I came here to get more good ideas and get what it is going to take to get them to stay Navy," Ryan added.

The CNP also held a breakfast with senior enlisted personnel at the Silver Dolphin Bistro to talk about a variety of issues ranging from Job

Advertising and Selection System (JASS), advancement, leadership and retention issues.

"We are trying to reach out and let every Sailor know how important they are and how much we want them to stay Navy," said Ryan.

Throughout his visit, Ryan cited re-

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Theater wide missile defense test successful



U.S. Navy photo

A Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3) launches from USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Jan. 25. The launch was a test of the Navy Theater Wide (NTW) Aegis LEAP Intercept Flight Test Round (FTR-1A) mission in the mid-Pacific using the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai, Hawaii.

By Vida Mossman
PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY

The Navy moved another step closer to developing a Navy Theater Wide (NTW) capability with a successful flight test of the newly developed Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Jan. 25. The Aegis cruiser, USS Lake Erie (CG 70), conducted the Aegis LEAP Intercept Flight Test Round (FTR-1A) mission in the mid-Pacific using Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai, Hawaii.

Equipped with Aegis LEAP Intercept (ALI) computer programs and hardware, Lake

Erie launched an SM-3 missile demonstrating third stage airframe stability and control through nominal kinetic warhead (KW) fourth stage separation.

The SM-3 is the Navy's new exo-atmospheric missile developed to counter Theater Ballistic Missile (TBM) threats outside the atmosphere.

The primary mission of the Navy Theater Wide Ballistic Missile Defense system is to provide defense in depth from the threat of TBM attack for U.S. and allied forces overseas, including vital areas, critical military assets, popu-

lation centers and large geographic regions.

Rear Adm. Rodney P. Rempt, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Missile Defense, deemed the FTR-1A test "a major positive event" in the Aegis Leap Intercept program.

"It's time to deliver what we've promised on the test range," Rempt stated, "the engineering data we'll derive from this test will definitely move us along the SM-3 path to intercept."

The FTR-1A mission flew a guided trajectory within the range safety boundaries. The test was strictly an evalua-

tion of SM-3 airframe stability and control through nominal KW separation. A target was launched to verify launch procedures for future firings; to verify Aegis Weapon System fire control data and tracking performance; and to collect engineering data from the missile, including the KW infrared seeker, all in preparation for follow-on flight missions.

Program engineers will analyze the data and incorporate changes based on their findings, as required.

The test on Jan. 25 was the third in a planned series of nine test flights.

The ALI Project's ground test program has already conducted significant testing of elements of the SM-3 missile.

The ALI Project, a part of the Navy Theater Wide (NTW) Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Program, builds upon the well-proven SM-2 missile family and the Aegis Weapon System, including its vertical launch capability.

Both Aegis and other variants of the SM-2 missile are currently at sea in more than 50 Aegis cruisers and destroyers, with more than 25 ships in the production/planning pipeline.

TRICARE's fully interactive on-line enrollment system

By Sarah Gwin
TRICARE OPERATIONS

Health Net, Inc. (NYSE:HNT) today announced that its Federal Services subsidiary, Foundation Health Federal Services (FHFS), has selected a vendor to implement an online enrollment system for its 1.5 million TRICARE beneficiaries.

Selectica, Inc. (NASDAQ:SLTC), a leading provider of Internet Selling Systems (ISS) for e-businesses, will provide a comprehensive suite of e-Insurance applications to power FHFS' enrollment operations.

"Health Net, Inc. is committed to using emerging technologies, such as the Internet, that will help make the health care experience better, simpler and easier for our TRICARE beneficiaries," said Paul Gilbertson, senior vice president of Business Development for Health Net, Inc.'s New Ventures Group. "We look forward to our relationship with Selectica, as it will allow us

to simplify and expedite the TRICARE enrollment process by moving many time-consuming enrollment functions on-line."

The TRICARE online enrollment initiative is just one of the e-business initiatives spearheaded by Health Net, Inc.'s New Ventures Group, headquartered in San Rafael, Calif. The New Ventures Group develops new technological tools which streamline health care processes, create new information tools to empower consumers and reduce administrative burdens for members, beneficiaries, physicians, hospitals and employers.

FHFS will begin to deploy the new Selectica solution in the spring of 2001. The use of Selectica applications will allow individual TRICARE beneficiaries to check eligibility, enroll in the program, pay enrollment fees, select primary care doctors (primary care managers), update enrollment information, change and view personal information and receive temporary identification

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Howard signs autographs



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EN1(SW) Craig W. Field from Navy Region Hawaii shakes hands with Detroit Lion's wide receiver, Desmond Howard, at Liberty in Paradise on Wednesday. Howard is in Hawaii for his first Pro Bowl appearance Sunday and appeared at the single sailors recreation area for a question and answer session and signed autographs for those in attendance. Check next week's HNN for photo and stories from Pro Bowl week events.