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In Brief

Temporary Subbase Mini Mart opens

The Navy Exchange opened a temporary Mini Mart in front of Bldg. 693 across from Smallwood Hall on March 19. The temporary minimart was opened to accommodate patrons while emergency repairs are made to Subbase Mini Mart.

The repairs to Subbase Mini Mart are expected to be completed in early April. Naval Station Mini Mart in Building 150 will also be open during the repairs to Subbase Mini Mart.

A contract has been awarded to build a new Subbase Mini Mart on North Road beginning in May. The new Mini Mart, which is expected to be completed in early 2002, will include a Seattle's Best Coffee Shop, Subway with a drive through window, and a barbershop.

Bole Road closure

Due to JP-8 fuel piping modernization, Bole Road (located off North Road) is closed until Mar. 31, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

The closure affects all personnel living and working in the hillside complex (Bachelor Housing 1330, 1367, 1368, 1335, 1334, 1497, 1626, 1627, 1628, Gabrunas Hall and Naval Submarine Training Center).

An alternate entrance/exit has been constructed beside Building 1538 (NEPMU 6) parking lot for incoming and outgoing traffic. For more information, contact MSCS(SW) Tumulac at 473-1203/0196.

Commissary early closures

The Pearl Harbor Commissary will close at 3 p.m. on March 27 to conduct an annual accountability inventory.

The Commissary will reopen March 28 at a.m. For more information call 471-8402.

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USNA Men's Glee Club sings at Arizona Memorial



PH2 Chad McNeely photo

During a visit to Hawaii, the United States Naval Academy Men's Glee Club performed numerous times for Pearl Harbor and neighboring communities. The Glee Club both toured and performed at Arizona Memorial March 17.

USS Hopper hosts students during sea trials

By J03 Erin Carlson
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Crewmembers of USS Hopper (DDG 70) don't just work all day running a ship, they also help to enrich the lives of the students at Waipahu Intermediate School (WIS).

Four students were selected from the school to embark the Aegis-class destroyer March 14 to see what goes on during a day of sea trials. The students, members of the WIS student government, were chosen for their out-

standing school service.

"My day was fun, but I got sick!" said Jonelle Cachuela, an 8th grade student at WIS. "I had never rode on a ship before, this was my first time. But overall I think it was all great. I liked how everybody's job had everybody working together."

During their day at sea, the students got a chance to watch first hand how a ship gets underway, eat in the ships galley, meet the crewmembers and captain, and get a personal tour of the entire ship.

The trip was part of the Partnership in Education Program (PEP), which links WIS students with Hopper crewmembers. Hopper's crew has supported PEP through beautification and habitability projects and mentoring and tutoring students at the school since early January.

"The crewmembers come to our school to see how we are doing, and now we get to see what they do each day," said Cachuela.

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Naval Medical Center Sailor comes to aid at accident

By Karen S. Spangler
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Motorists driving on Highway 1 during afternoon rush hour traffic on Feb. 9 were probably horrified as they witnessed a serious accident - a car rolling onto its roof, skidding down the freeway and stopping in the eastbound lane. But motorists were probably more amazed to see a young Sailor in a white uniform leaping the center lane dividers and sprinting across four lanes of busy traffic to come to the aid of the accident victims.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Donald C. Schrader III, a Pearl Harbor Sailor assigned to Branch Medical Clinic, Makalapa, gave no thought to his own safety that day. Risking his own life as he dodged oncoming cars, he was only focused on assisting those injured in the accident.

"In retrospect, I guess it was a stupid thing to do," he said. "But at the time, I didn't even give it a thought."

It's that kind of dedication and attitude that has earned him honors as Sailor of the Year for Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor for 2000. A physical therapy technician

who oversees the physical therapy clinic at Bloch Arena, he has been on duty with the Navy in Hawaii since 1999.

Schrader joined the Navy eight years ago to obtain his education and training as a medical specialist and to fulfill his dream of becoming a physical therapist. "I knew that I always wanted to be a physical therapist. The Navy helped me get there. I love the Navy," he said.

He first received general corpsman training and also completed the Marine Corps field medical course training followed by additional Navy training in the field of physical therapy.

The young Sailor, originally from Ohio, experienced a sensation of deja vu that day as he helped at the accident scene. He related that he, his two brothers and other family members were involved in a similar horrific accident when he was 10 years old. He still has flashbacks of the accident and remembers how people helped his family at the scene.

An eyewitness to Schrader's actions that day recounted that the young medic checked the condition of the accident victims and quickly took charge of the situation, direct-



Karen Spangler photo

HM2 Donald Schrader III demonstrates how to make a temporary neck collar to stabilize the head and neck. Schrader used the technique when he provided emergency medical care to a recent accident victim.

ing bystanders at the scene. According to the witness, the moth-

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Navy Advanced Welding School opens at Pearl Harbor

By Marshall Fukuki
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Sailors stationed in the Mid-Pacific Basin who receive orders to attend Advanced Welding Training may now attend the class here at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) instead of traveling all the way to Great Lakes, Ill.

Keeping Sailors home with their families and reducing Navy training costs are the aims of a new Navy welding school in Bldg. 1770

that was dedicated on March 16.

The formal opening and blessing of the facility in Room 1019 marks a partnership between PHNSY & IMF, Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, and the Chief of Naval Education and Training. CNET, as part of its Homeport Training Initiative, has developed a program to relocate advanced welding and other Navy training courses from centrally located sites out to the Fleet Concentration Areas (FCAs), thus reducing costs associated with moving personnel to the training sites and making the training more widely available. Shore Intermediate

Maintenance Activity (SIMA) San Diego, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard have already opened similar Navy Advanced Welding schools. Pearl Harbor is the fourth and final welding school to come on-line.

The operation of the school is a joint venture between PHNSY & IMF and CNET. "CNET provides all student and course administration services, including curriculum and student control, while the shipyard is responsible for the school's day-to-day operation, including trade expertise and oversight, instructor supervision, and facility management," said welder training

supervisor Andrew Llanos of Code 900T.

The school is staffed and taught by two Navy instructors provided by CNET. The assignment of the school to the Shipyard was mandated by CINCPACFLT. "It's now a part of our mission," Llanos explained.

The first class of six hull maintenance technicians began on March 5.

Two classes per year are planned. The course, often referred to as "Super Welder," was formerly eight weeks long but has been expanded to 14 weeks. This new course is considerably more demanding than the

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Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy Court of Inquiry convened to investigate the Feb. 9 collision between the submarine USS Greenville (SSN 772) and the Japanese motor vessel Ehime Maru concluded Tuesday.

The Court of Inquiry, the Navy's highest form of administrative investigation, had convened on March 5.

The Court, comprising Vice Adm. John Nathman, Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan and Rear Adm. David M. Stone, will commence deliberations Wednesday and forward their findings of fact, opinions and recommendations to the Court's convening authority within approximately three weeks.

The convening authority, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, will review the Court's recommendations and determine what action, if any, should follow.

Until that determination is made, Cmdr. Scott D. Waddle, former Commanding Officer of USS Greenville, will remain currently assigned to other duties and Lt. Cmdr. Gerald K. Pfeifer and Lt. j.g. Michael J. Coen will remain in their present assignments.

NMCRS fund drive continues

Lt. Cmdr. Ozzie Guevara
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One of the ways we support our shipmates, whether afloat or ashore, is to ensure their needs, and those of their families are taken care of at all times.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is our own society dedicated to taking care of Sailors and their families. The following are important dates to remember:

- This year's Fund Drive runs through April 6.

- NEX Koala Moa rotisserie chicken sale on March 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Event will take place behind the main Navy Exchange on Bouganville Drive. Advance tickets may be purchased from the NMCRS Fund Drive keypersons at all Navy and Marine Corps commands.

- Meet the author of "Korea: The Last Fun War" at a book signing engagement at the Main Exchange on 31 March. Proceeds of the sale will go to support NMCRS.

- Navy Exchange NMCRS "Benefit Sale" April 5 and 6 from 5 - 7 p.m. Tickets allow NEX customers to save 10 percent at the Pearl Harbor Main Store, Furniture Gallery, Toyland, Outdoor Living Center and Uniform Center on both days.

Tickets are available for \$5 at all Navy Exchange locations as well as from the NMCRS Fund Drive keypersons at all Navy and Marine Corps commands.

- The 2001 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's Fund Drive is in full swing now. Many other events are being sponsored by local commands throughout the COMNAVREG HAWAII area.

Please contact your individual command's NMCRS keyperson(s) for details. Also, don't forget to start your allotment in support of NMCRS.

For further details on this year's Fund Drive, please contact Lt. Cmdr. Ozzie Guevara at 473-4627.