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## In Brief

### NMCRS Fund Drive extended

In order to allow all commands further opportunity to increase this year's contributions through the use of active fund raisers and allotments, the annual Navy-Marine Corps Relief fund drive is extended until April 20. Command efforts will make a tremendous difference to our shipmates, ensuring help from the NMCRS is there when most needed.

### Office of Naval Research to establish Hawaii Detachment

Recognizing the increasing importance the Pacific region plays in science and technology, and testing and evaluation, Senator Daniel Inouye and Rear Adm. Jay Cohen, Chief of Naval Research, will visit CINCPACFLT April 11 to untie the traditional maile lei signifying the opening of the Greater Mid Pacific Branch of the Office of Naval Research (ONR).

In addition to maintaining close relationships with operational heads of Navy, Marine Corps and joint commands, the office will be responsible for effecting liaisons with the local community of investigators and performers that include academic, non-profit, commercial and high-tech businesses.

ONR has been instrumental in developing the basis for RADAR, laser and global positioning technology.

For more information visit [www.onr.navy.mil](http://www.onr.navy.mil) or call MIDPAC ONR Acting Director, Gary Jensen at 474-8410.

### Ford Island Bridge detour

Ford Island Bridge traffic will be affected by lane detours through October, Monday through Friday, 7a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The bridge's two lanes will remain open, but traffic be directed around the trucks by cones and flagmen.

## USS Greeneville undocks

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Following detailed inspections, testing and repair in dry dock, USS Greeneville (SSN 772) undocked April 2.

The submarine entered dry dock in the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Feb. 20 to give engineers, inspectors and mechanics an opportunity to more fully determine the submarine's condition and make necessary repairs.

The ship will conduct a graduated process of ensuring crew and ship readiness to return to sea. This includes basic but thorough refresher training on all aspects of operating a submarine at sea. This process is standard for all submarines prior to deployment.

This process will culminate in a "fast cruise," during which the submarine's crew will simulate being at sea while the ship is actually pier side. This is a routine procedure for ships and submarines that have not operated at sea for longer periods of time.

Upon successful completion of this demonstration, the submarine will get underway for a brief "sea trial" period.



U.S. Navy photo

USS Greeneville (SSN 772) leaves the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility April 2. The submarine will conduct a graduated process of ensuring crew and ship readiness to return to sea.

The purpose of this short underway is to verify that submarine systems are performing as designed. The duration of the cruise will

be determined by systems testing, which may vary depending on what is found. Sea trials will likely occur sometime in mid-April and

typically take one or two days.

The ship was originally scheduled to deploy in June for six months to the

Western Pacific. The submarine's deployment schedule is under review, and its departure date hasn't been definitively determined.

## MIDPAC Sailor saves drowning girl, awarded



J03 Sunday Sawyer photo

Ensign Mathew D. Cantagallo (center left) stands with his wife, Ameer (center right); Honolulu Mayor, Jeremy Harris (far left) and Honolulu Fire Department Fire Chief, Attilis K. Leonard (far right) at an awards ceremony March 28 recognizing Cantagallo's efforts in saving the life of a drowning girl.

By J03 Sunday Sawyer

STAFF WRITER

Ensign Mathew D. Cantagallo was swimming laps around the pool at his apartment complex on a Monday afternoon when he heard a loud scream. He discovered that a small child was

sinking to the bottom of the pool and her babysitter was in shock and unable to provide any assistance.

"I immediately dove under the water and brought the girl to the surface and took her out of the pool," said Cantagallo.

According to Cantagallo, three-year-old

Clarissa had no pulse and was not breathing. Her eyes were rolled back and her stomach was bulging with water.

He started cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and stated that water started gushing from her nose and mouth.

"She had to have had at least two gallons of water in her stomach. The breaths were not going in so I started compressions and finally she started to vomit and breathe," said Cantagallo.

Once the Honolulu Fire Department arrived they stated that had Cantagallo not started CPR on Clarissa she probably would not have survived.

Clarissa was taken to Pali Momi Medical Center and then to Tripler Army Medical Center where she was kept overnight and was then released.

The mother and the young girl visited Ensign Cantagallo the next night to thank him for saving the three-year-old's life.

Having served as a lifeguard for about four years in Rhode Island prior to joining the Navy, the Ensign said he never once performed CPR.

He currently serves as the assistant maintenance coordinator with Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (COMNAVSURGRU MIDPAC). At the time of the rescue, he was assigned as the auxiliary officer on the USS Frederick (LST 1184). Cantagallo received two awards March 28 for his heroism.

One award was presented by Mayor Jeremy Harris for the City and County of Honolulu and another award was from the Honolulu Fire Department.

"It is not everyday that you get the opportunity to save someone's life and to know that she lived because of what I did is a great feeling," said Cantagallo.

## Navy Exchange improves QOL for Halsey Terrace area residents

By Laura McDonald

NAVY EXCHANGE

The Navy Exchange hosted a groundbreaking and ground blessing ceremony April 3 to celebrate the gas lanes that will be installed at Halsey Terrace Mini Mart in the Halsey Terrace Navy housing area. The new gas station will be located adjacent to Halsey Terrace Mini Mart.

Two aboveground fuel storage tanks will be installed with a total capacity of 18,000 gallons. This includes a 10,000-gallon storage tank for regular-grade gasoline and an 8,000-gallon tank that will store premium-grade gasoline.

There will be four Tokheim fuel dispensers equipped with pay at the pump features and a payment system located within the Mini Mart.

The fuel dispensers are blender type models and will be able to dispense mid-grade gasoline.

Construction will begin on April 9 with an estimated project completion date of August 2001.

This new \$730,559 facility will provide service to an estimated 1,500 military members and family members currently living in the Halsey Terrace, Radford, Doris Miller and Catlin Park military housing areas as well as other NEX authorized patrons. Sales at the new Halsey Terrace Gas station are expected to exceed \$1.5 million annually.

In addition to the new gas station project, the NEX will perform an in-house project to re-set the interior of the Halsey Terrace Mini Mart. Another entrance will be installed to better server gas station customers.

NEX spokespeople stated that this project would improve the quality of life for Navy families and generate additional funds that will help the NEX support MWR programs.



Laura McDonald photo

Ground is broken on the Halsey Terrace Mini Mart April 3 by (left to right) Ed Sroat, Rev.; Mike Cottrell, director Hawaii District Navy Exchange; Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway, Jr., Commander Navy Region Hawaii; Capt. David Mathias, executive officer of the Public Works Center and deputy program manager for Facilities and Environmental Safety; Capt. R. Douglas Hughes, chief of staff, Navy Region Hawaii; Amy Phillips, president of the Monalua Community Association; Jack Hamacek, Retail Operations Mini Marts; Glen K. Hamada, architect for Project Plus, Inc.



Relax on the beaches at Barbers Point... See B 1

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