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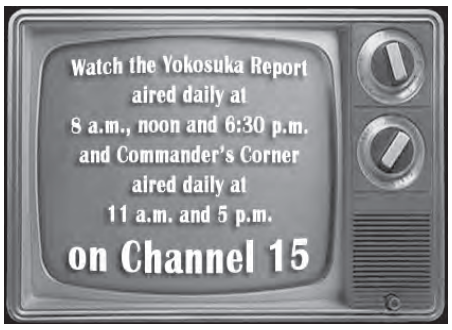

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Heads Up Yokosuka!
Community announcements/Action line

MEDINSGEN Visit – The Joint Commission and Medical Inspector General (MEDINSGEN) will be visiting U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka Nov. 7-10, 2011 to conduct an accreditation survey. Patients and staff members may contact a Joint Commission surveyor during this survey and request a public information interview by calling DSN: 243-5661, visit them in hospital room 3B19, via the complaint hotline at 1-800-994-6610, or via e-mail complaint@jointcommission.org. Concerns may also be brought to the attention of the MEDINSGEN by calling the MEDINSGEN Hotline at 1-800-637-6175, DSN 295-9019 or via e-mail at: navymedighotline@med.navy.mil.

CFAY Paving Projects – As you may have already noticed, pavement construction is taking place on Yokosuka base. This is just the beginning of a number of repaving projects that are to take place to better the condition of major roads on base. The following are the dates and location of the paving projects:

- **Rickert Steet:** Sept. 26 - Feb. 14
- **Howard Street:** Oct. 24 - April 6
- **GW Parking:** Nov. 21 - Feb. 20
- **King Street:** Feb. 7 - April 20

These dates are subject to change, depending on weather, materials, base events, etc. Please take the following actions when driving around construction sites:

- Slow down in construction sites.
- Look out and obey the directions of flagmen in the construction areas. They are there to help mitigate and control traffic.
- Eveyone's patience and cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- Always practice safe driving.

Celebrity Basketball 2011 – Yokosuka Naval Base is proud to host the 2011 Celebrity Weekend, presented by Japan Entertainment Group (JEG). They have called on some of their famous celebrity friends, actors, pro-athletes, and entertainers from both Japan and the U.S. to play for fun in this first ever Celebrity Basketball Game. The guest list includes NBA player Tim Thomas, Hollywood Producer Lee Caplin ("Ali" starring Will Smith); Dante Carver (you know that guy from the Softbank commercials); Charles "CJ" Johnson (Japan Pro League). Kicking off the off the event Oct. 30 will be the Kids Camp, ran by Tim Thomas and other pro basketball players from 10 a.m.-noon at Purdy Gym. This camp is free to kids 6-18 then followed by the Celebrity Basketball Game at 2 p.m. in the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center. Participating with the celebs will be our very own Capt. Owen and the Yokosuka Mayor Yuuto Yoshida. Both of these extraordinary gentlemen have decided to put down their briefcases and be player/coaches. So this will indeed be an entertaining event. They will each pick from the pool of celebrities to build their team... then the challenge is on!!!

Credit Card Theft – Residents are asked to monitor your monthly credit card statements and match all charges to receipts. If there are any discrepancies, such as transactions you didn't make, of if your balance has dropped suddenly without activity by you, immediately report the problem to your credit card issuer and Naval Criminal Investigative Service at 243-7535.

Information Control Points in the Event of Power Outage – In the event of power outages, emergent information can be found at the following locations:

Yokosuka
- Community Readiness Center
- Housing Office Bulletin Board
- Carney Gate Quarterdeck
- Tower first floor bulletin boards

Ikego
- Community Center
- OIC Office Bulletin Board
- Post Office
- Tower first floor Bulletin Board
- Mini Mart

Negishi
- Community Center
- OIC Office Bulletin Board
- CBQ/NGIS
- Chapel
- Veterinary Clinic
- Installation gates
- Richard E. Byrd Elementary School
- Teen Center

Emergent information includes facility and school closures, late openings and other critical information.

Ja-Pun Final Performances – High Energy Unlimited will hold its final performances of Ja-Pun Nov. 12 from 1-7 p.m. in the CFAY Benny Decker Theater. Former members of the troupe will return to Japan for this event including members from the initial cast from 1986. For more information, contact Winky White at winkycwhite@gmail.com, or Winton.White.CTR@srf.navy.mil.

BZ: I would like to give a "rave" for Chiba-san in the Ikego housing office. The customer service he gives is the best! All I have to do is call or stop in and almost instantly the work is done. He has gone above and beyond to help. A couple of days ago (on a holiday) we called about a light in the bathroom that sometimes goes on and sometimes doesn't. The new working day he had returned the call and that night a maintenance person came and fixed the problem. A few months ago I was moving a love seat into my apartment by myself and he helped me get it on the dolly and up into the apartment. When I called last December on a Friday afternoon to report my refrigerator was not working, within 1/2 hour a crew of maintenance people were in my apartment and within another 1/2 hour, I had a new frig. He is always cheerful, always helpful and a wonderful asset to the Ikego Housing office!

Deadline for Seahawk submissions – Deadline for submissions to the Seahawk is the Thursday before the next Seahawk edition. E-mail your submissions to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil. Contact the Seahawk editor by e-mail at Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil or call 243-2567/3003 for specific submission requirements or for more information.

Jack-O-Turnip?

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One of the world's oldest holidays, and one of my favorites, is coming up the end of the month. That of course is Halloween. There are many ancient holidays that likely contributed to Halloween to include the Roman feast of Pomono (goddess of fruits and seeds), and the Celtic festival of Samhain meaning roughly "summer's end." Everybody is familiar with costumes and trick or treating, especially those who live on Gridley lane. I'm sure those residents are already stocking up in preparations for the mass onslaught of witches and goblins that will invade the evening of the 31st. The ghosts of Gridley tunnel might even make an appearance in return for a Snickers bar or bag of Skittles. I keep hoping the rumored ghost that lives at my house makes an appearance some evening as a apparition of a past housekeeper, but to date no such luck.

Among the traditions associated with Halloween is the carving of pumpkins, but this is actually native to North America and was originally associated with harvest time in general, not becoming specifically associated with Halloween until the mid-to-late 19th century. In Europe, the turnip was traditionally used for carving into lanterns. To say the least the pumpkin is much larger, easier to carve and makes for some pretty cool designs. So, for you die-hard traditionalists get yourselves some turnips to set out this year, but I'm pretty sure the majority of the lanterns will be made from the orange gourd-like squash we are all familiar with.

Remember there will be hundreds of children, many guests and unfamiliar with the base, going door to door and walking in the streets on the evening of the 31st. Please be extra vigilant if you are driving on base that night, for there might be several kids dressed as Superheroes, but none of them are made of steel. Enjoy the parties, games and above all: have a safe Halloween.