

Have a 'boo-tiful' Halloween

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Editor

It's quickly nearing that time of year when youngsters will don their vampire capes, fairy princess crowns and similes of Spongebob Squarepants and Dora the Explorer – as they canvass the neighborhoods in search of treats. Halloween, the celebration of all things ghoulish and scary, will soon be here.

But why do we celebrate Halloween, which, by the way, is one of the most popular holidays of the year.

Where did the celebration of Halloween originate?

The origins of Halloween are believed to date back to the ancient Celtic celebration of Samhain (pronounced sow-in) more than 2,000 years ago. It was the Celtic belief that on the night before the new year, which marked the end of summer and the harvest, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. They celebrated Samhain on the night of Oct. 31, believing that was the night when ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

The influence of Christianity spread into Celtic lands by the 800s. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated Nov. 1 as All-Saints Day, a day to honor saints and martyrs. It is thought that the pope was trying to replace the Celtic celebration of the dead with a similar, church-related holiday. It was also called All-Hallows or All Hallow-mas; the night before it began was called All-Hallows Eve or Halloween. It was cel-

ebrated similarly to Samhain, with bonfires, parades, and people dressing up in costume as saints, devils and angels. Today's Halloween is a combination of the three celebrations: the eve of All-Saints', All-Saints Day and All-Souls, called Hallowmas.

Trick or treating
The custom of trick or treating is thought to be derived from a ninth century European custom called "souling." On All Souls' Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," square pieces of bread with currants. In return for the "soul cakes," the beggars would say prayers on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. It was believed that the dead remained in limbo for a time after death and that prayers could expedite a soul's passage to heaven.

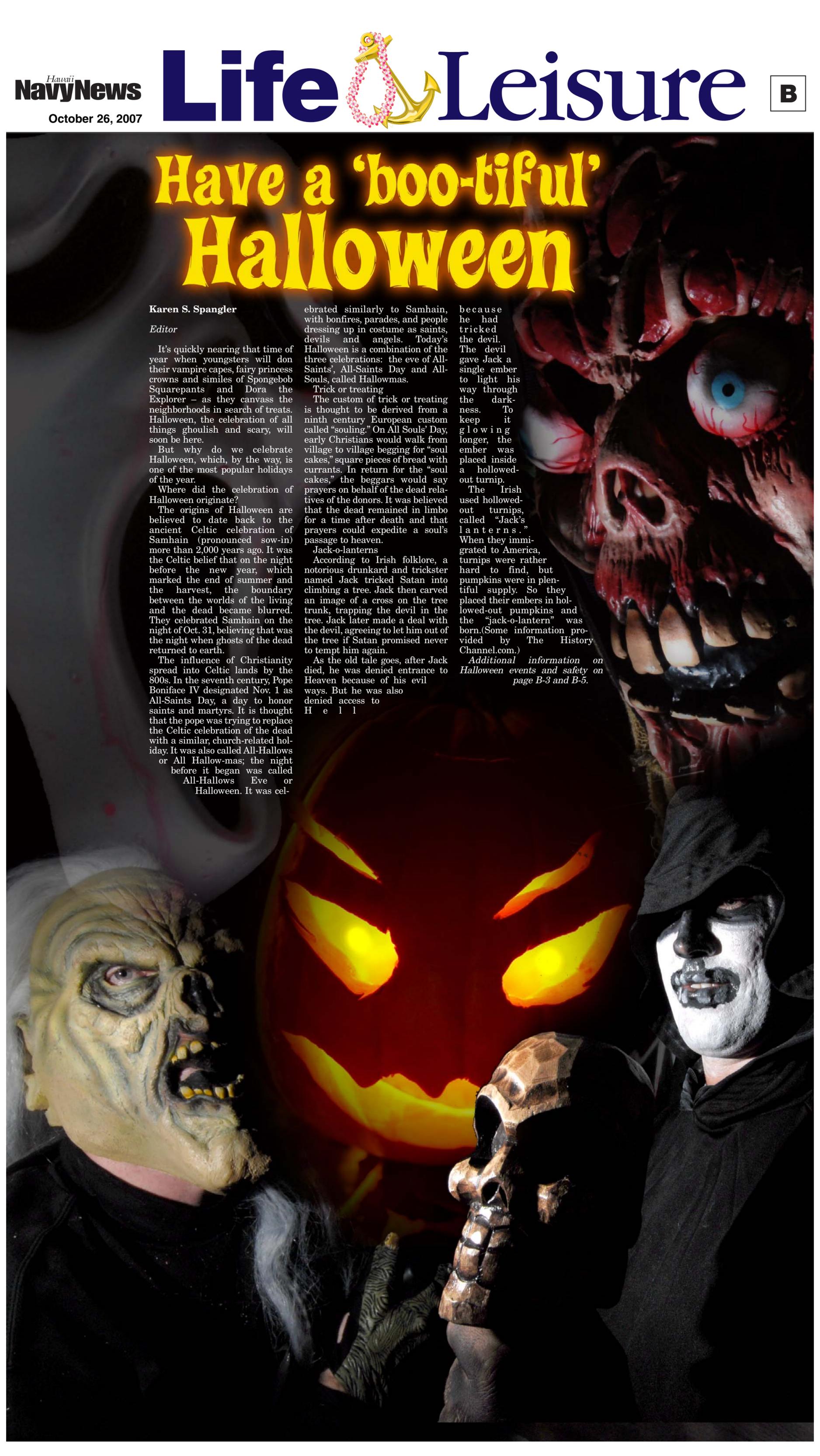
Jack-o-lanterns
According to Irish folklore, a notorious drunkard and trickster named Jack tricked Satan into climbing a tree. Jack then carved an image of a cross on the tree trunk, trapping the devil in the tree. Jack later made a deal with the devil, agreeing to let him out of the tree if Satan promised never to tempt him again.

As the old tale goes, after Jack died, he was denied entrance to Heaven because of his evil ways. But he was also denied access to Hell.

because he had tricked the devil. The devil gave Jack a single ember to light his way through the darkness. To keep it glowing longer, the ember was placed inside a hollowed-out turnip.

The Irish used hollowed-out turnips, called "Jack's lanterns." When they immigrated to America, turnips were rather hard to find, but pumpkins were in plentiful supply. So they placed their embers in hollowed-out pumpkins and the "jack-o-lantern" was born. (Some information provided by The History Channel.com.)

Additional information on Halloween events and safety on page B-3 and B-5.



FFD firefighters visit Navy Hale Keiki School

Story and photo by
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Firefighters from the Federal Fire Department at Naval Station Pearl Harbor visited Navy Hale Keiki School on Oct. 17 as part of National Fire Prevention Month.

The firefighters reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors and install additional ones if necessary. They also advised that families should rehearse their fire escape plan, notifying their children of a "safe meeting place" outside the home.

As part of the fire safety demonstration, firefighters showed the children how they rescue people that they cannot carry out by using a "sleigh." They also distributed fire hats

and workbooks to all of the children at the school.

Sparky the fire dog made a personal appearance at the event. The children loved giving Sparky "high fives."

Youngsters thought that the fire truck was an incredible sight and especially enjoyed it when the firefighting personnel turned on the truck's siren. The children were invited into the world of the firefighters and had an opportunity to go into the fire truck and walk around. The firefighters even extended the ladder way high in the sky.

Firefighters from Federal Fire Department (FFD) at Pearl Harbor shared information about fire safety with youngsters at Navy Hale Keiki School on Oct. 17. FFD presented fire safety events at various schools on Oahu as part of National Fire Safety Month.



Tickets now on sale for Boutiki Tour of Homes

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Tickets are now on sale for the Boutiki's sixth annual Tour of Homes on Dec. 10. The tours will feature several homes that have been festively decorated for the holiday season in the Hale Ali'i, Marine Barracks, Ford Island and Makalapa neighborhoods.

This year's tours will be highlighted by additional information that the residents will share with guests about their decorations and the history unique to each home.

"There's really no better way to get in the holiday spirit and it's all for charity. Support troops and their families. Don't miss this once a year opportunity," said Julie Smith, chairperson of Boutiki.

Pupus will be served at 4



Photo courtesy of Morale, Welfare and Recreation

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p.m. at Boutiki before the tour. The tours will be from 6-9 p.m. The tickets are \$14 and are available at Boutiki.

All of the money raised from sale of the tickets will benefit local and military charities.

The evening will also offer opportunities for exclusive shopping at the Boutiki Gift Shop, located near Scott Pool at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The gift shop will be open for shopping from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-9 p.m.

on that day. It offers a variety of items from local and national artists, such as Hawaiian gifts, furniture, home décor, note cards and jewelry.

Boutiki also welcomes seasonal and new volunteers to assist with the store operations and/or to be docents the night of the Tour of Homes.

The shop has been in operation as a non-profit resale corporation since 1973 and operates with an all-volunteer staff.

As part of its "Let Boutiki come to you" program, Boutiki will bring a sampling of merchandise to a welcome coffee or monthly meeting. Organizations can also host a meeting, coffee or social occasion for up to 20 people at Boutiki at no charge.

For more information, e-mail Boutiki at myboutiki@yahoo.com or call 442-6662.

Halloween Fright Night



Sailors from Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor First Class Petty Officers' Association and Seabees from Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawai'i Self Help and Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 have teamed up to host an all ages spook-tacular event and haunted house through Oct. 31.

It will be held each evening from 6 to 9 p.m. at building

193 on board NAVSTA Pearl Harbor (the old Fleet and Family Service Center behind McDonalds) and is open to all active duty, retired, Department of Defense civilians and their family members.

The festivities will include a haunted house, movie in the park, popcorn and shaved ice.

Admission is \$5 for ages 13 and older and free for 12 and under. FMI: 473-3212.

Special blessing offered for crane and rigger operators, new building

Story and photo by Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

Kahu Kurt Kekuna, pastor of Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu, blessed the men and women of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i's base support vehicles and equipment (BSVE) branch and their new rigger and crane building on Oct. 12.

Construction of the metal, prefabricated building began in March 2007 and was recently completed in October 2007. The workers have been waiting for this facility for the past 10 years. After eight years of planning, the \$550,000, two-story structure will house the rigger inspector's office, a break room for riggers and crane operators, storage for rigging equipment, bathroom/shower facilities, and an open bay area where cranes can be driven into and provided shelter



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when being serviced or repaired.

"With the stringent regulations promulgated by the Navy Crane Centers (NCC), all weight handling equipment [WHE] and crane operations equipment require proper maintenance and storage," said Raymond Kalawe, NAVFAC Hawai'i director of weight handling equipment and crane operations. "With this building, we're able to properly maintain and store all our rigging equipment,

resulting in longevity of the equipment and positive reports during our audits."

Prior to this building, the equipment for crane and rigger personnel was scattered in various areas throughout the transportation compound. The new structure allows the staging of all WHE and crane equipment in a central area, keeping them out of the elements.

A total of 16 employees will call this new building home while at work.

Have a safe Halloween

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Little goblins and witches, diminutive fairy princesses and small cowpokes, and an assortment of other costumed keikis will soon be knocking on doors as they celebrate the annual trick-or-treating ritual on Halloween Eve. While Halloween is a time of mystery and fun for children, there can also be tragic results without adherence to safety rules.

With everyone's safety in mind, here are some basic guidelines for the holiday. Trick-or-treating activities in Navy housing neighborhoods will begin no earlier than dusk and will conclude no later than 10 p.m. on Oct. 31. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or a responsible adult.

By following safety guidelines and exercising some common sense, Halloween can be fun for keikis and still be safe and accident

free. Have a happy Halloween. Be sure to have fun, but be safe.

Safety tips for adults:

- Drive safely and exercise extra caution. Watch out for children, especially when backing your vehicles out of driveways. Turn on your headlights early and drive well below the posted speed limit.

- Leave your porch light on if you want to participate in the festivities. Keep walkways and steps clear.

- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection. Separate suspicious items such as candies with loose wrappings. Any dangerous items should be reported immediately to the police and kept for evidence.

- Give only commercially wrapped treats, coupons, gift certificates, coins, inedible treats such as pencils, etc.

Safety tips for keiki:

- Limit your trick-or-treating to your own neighborhood and only visit homes where the

lights are lit.

- Be highly visible to motorists. Wear light-colored costumes and/or mark them with reflective tape or stickers. Carry a flashlight that is in good working order.

- If you wear a mask, make sure that you can see clearly through the eyeholes or, better yet, wear makeup. Trim your costume short enough to prevent tripping. Don't wear high heels or poorly fitting costume shoes.

- Be fire safe. Make sure your costume is flame resistant. Don't use lighted candles in your jack-o-lantern.

- Use crosswalks when crossing the street. Wait for the proper signal and look both ways before crossing. Watch out for cars turning at intersections and never walk into the road between parked cars. Stay on the sidewalk and walk on the left side facing traffic.

- Before you eat treats, be sure that the goodies are inspected by a parent or responsible adult.

Going the extra mile...



Photo courtesy of Ironman World Triathlon Championship

Navy Lt. Andy Baldwin, an undersea medical officer assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One at Pearl Harbor, crosses the finish line at the Ford Ironman World Triathlon Championship held Oct. 13 on the Big Island of Hawai'i. Baldwin placed 81st in his category in the grueling 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile marathon. It was his fifth Ironman competition in the last six years.

MWR presents "Heroes and Villains"

Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will present "Heroes and Villains," a pre-Halloween costume contest, on Saturday at the Country Bar at Club Pearl at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Those attending should dress up as their favorite hero or villain. Cash prizes will go to the best hero and villain costumes, respectively, based on creativity and originality. For first place, each winner receives \$100 and second place winners get \$50.

All costumed patrons will be eligible to win cash prizes from random

drawings held throughout the night. The event is open to all MWR authorized patrons, 18 years and older. Sign up from 9:30 to 10 p.m. at the Club Pearl lobby.

Winners will be announced in the Country Bar. Those who are in costume will receive free admission.

For more information, call 473-1743.



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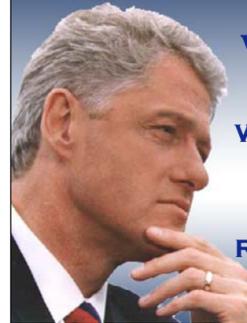
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Who said it?

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."



Answer to last week's **WHO SAID IT?**

"THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH AMERICA THAT CANNOT BE CURED BY WHAT IS RIGHT WITH AMERICA."

- Bill Clinton

Bodies of Water

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Q. Who was the first to receive the Medal of Honor?



Last week's question...

Where is the deepest point on the ocean floor?

Answer... The Challenger Deep is the deepest point at 35,802 feet. It is located off the coast of Guam in the Marianas Trench. This depth was recorded in 1960 by the Trieste, a manned submersible owned by the U.S. Navy.

Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

☛ SUPER GARAGE SALE AND CRAFT FAIR
 Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host the Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair from 8 a.m. to noon on Nov. 3 at Richardson Field. All military-affiliated vendors can apply for a 10-foot by 10-foot space for a cost by visiting the Navy Information, Tickets and Travel office or by going online at www.greatlifehawaii.com. Space is limited; early registration is recommended. Admission to the event is free and open to the general public. FMI: 473-0606.



☛ PRESALE PRO BOWL TICKETS AT ITT
 Presale Pro Bowl tickets will be available for purchase beginning Nov. 2 at any Navy Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office. Ticket purchase is open to all active duty, Reserve, retired, Department of Defense personnel and their family members and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. The game is set for Feb. 10, 2008. No refunds or exchanges are allowed. FMI: any Navy ITT office, Bloch Arena at 473-0792, the NEX at 422-2757, Barbers Point at 682-2019, and Kunia at 655-3128.

For more information on Navy Region Hawai'i MWR events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com

Community Calendar

☛ October

☛ Through Oct. 28 ~ The Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall at Pearl Harbor is celebrating its fifth anniversary. Patrons can enter to win prizes or receive a \$5 NEX gift card for every \$75 purchase. Guest appearances will include John Cruz, Paul Brown, Kim Taylor Reece, Sounds of Aloha and more. FMI: 423-3330.



☛ Today ~ Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor will host a 2007 Hawaii-Pacific Combined Federal Campaign donation car wash from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the 1st Lieutenant parking lot adjacent to building 1754 on board NAVSTA Pearl Harbor.

☛ November

☛ 1 ~ Former NHL hockey players and military hockey players will "skate for charity" during a hockey game at 7 p.m. at the Ice Palace in Aiea. All proceeds from the hockey game will benefit Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth and are available at the Ice Palace. FMI: 487-9921.

Sharkey Showtimes



Halloween (R)

As a child, young Michael Myers committed one of the most unspeakable crimes imaginable. Subsequently locked in an asylum and placed under the care of Dr. Loomis, the hollow-eyed boy grew into an emotionless man determined to escape back to his hometown of Haddonfield and complete the murderous mission that he began so many years back.

TODAY

7:00 PM Halloween (R)

SATURDAY

3:30 PM Mr. Woodcock (PG 13)

6:30 PM Halloween (R)

SUNDAY

3:30 PM Balls of Fury (PG 13)

6:30 PM Halloween (R)

7:15 PM Balls of Fury (PG 13)

THURSDAY

7:00 PM Shoot Em Up (R)

