"Child Raising"

By Chaplain Scott Shafer

There are times when I feel that I am surrounded by complete strangers. You can live with people, see them grow, and all of a sudden they are changed from who they were into a vision of who they might become. That's been happening to me an awful lot lately with our two teenagers in the house.

Growing up, my father always told me about how his parents always saw him as 10 years old. It didn't matter what he would say, or how old he was when he said it, they always saw him as a much younger man. I heard this story, and thought to myself, "This isn't going to happen to me." Famous last words…

As much as I was boggled by how much they grew as infants, that time has largely passed. I don't remember that as much anymore. What I do remember is that they really didn't do a lot of talking back then. It was somewhat quieter, except for all of the eating. Now everything is narrated, every decision is considered and questioned. At times I can wonder if I will ever be able to get a word in edgewise again. It's like trying to watch television in a house where everyone has a remote control. This is disconcerting…

Yet, they grow…and it is hard to describe the combination of overwhelming pride I feel in my children and the choices that they are making, along with the gut wrenching fear of the choices that they could make. I am an adult, and I can see every day the bad choices that people make. I know my own bad choices, and I hope and pray every day that my children are not tempted to go down those paths. I pray that whatever righteousness I possess, they will choose to follow.

In the book of Ecclesiastes we read, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter…a time to be born, a time to die…a time to weep, a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance…" A time for change. We live in the midst of change and whether we are a parent or not…we need to get used to change.

I don't care for the change of ageing, but this October I don't have to do quite as many pushups on the physical readiness test. I wonder what the future will hold for my children, but they are no longer young girls…they are young ladies. Change has taken place. For me, the jury may still be out as to whether or not it is good change. I am still upset over the whole learning to drive thing. But I have to admit that it is good change when our children grow and mature…and find their own voices.

For everything there is a season, you know I think they even quoted this in some Star Trek movie. It's always a season for something. Things are always changing. Maybe its time to enjoy the ride rather than just sitting around pining for the past.

Heads Up Yokosuka

Community Announcements

Cape Fox Professional Services Motorcycle Rodeo – A Motorcycle Rodeo will be held at the Yokohama North Dock Motorcycle Training Range to promote safe motorcycling from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 11. All licensed Status of Forces Agreement motorcycle riders are invited to participate. Spectators are also welcome to attend. Cape Fox Professional Services certified motorcycle safety instructors will hold four primary events to include a slow speed race, poker run, a relay race and a timed circuit course. This event is sponsored by CFAY and Camp Zama Safety Offices. Contact Douglas Knight by e-mail to dknight@capefoxit.com for more information or to sign up. Advance sign-ups are requested, but are not required.

UMUC Asia Orkand Family Military Book Awards – University of Maryland University College Asia (UMUC Asia) is offering the Orkand Family Military Book Awards for active duty enlisted service members. Through this book award program, active duty enlisted service members attending UMUC Stateside, Europe and Asia can apply to receive a $100 award to help pay for textbooks. The awards will be available for the fall sessions and applications are being accepted now. For application and eligibility requirement, log on to http://www.asia.umuc.edu/finaid/orkand.cfm. Contact your local field representative or the UMUC Asia Financial Aid Office for questions regarding available financial aid programs.

The Yard of the Month Program – The program recognizes the efforts by residents in the beautification of their yards and provide incentive to maintain high standards throughout our community. Winners are selected the first week of each month through September. You must reside on base; in a single detached unit or town house for at least 60 days from the selection week to be eligible to participate in the program. Selection criteria are:

- Lawn should be neatly mowed at a height of approximately 2-4 inches, free of weeds and debris and edged along all boarders, fences, walks and parking areas.
- Grass should be consistently green throughout the lawn area.
- Flower beds should be cultivated and free of grass and weeds.
- Shrubs and flowers will be neatly pruned. Dead leaves branches, and dead or unhealthy vegetation should be removed.
- Candidates cannot have received a yard violation notice within the previous three months.

For more information contact the resident liaison at 243-9067.

PSD Yokosuka meets customer needs with new ID card pamphlet

Story and photo by Dan Bowen, CFAY Public Affairs

The Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Yokosuka Identification (ID) Card Office has created a new and handy informational pamphlet explaining the steps and documents necessary for obtaining an ID card for personnel assigned to Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) and its tenant commands.

According to Personnel Specialist 1st Class Henry Gomez, the pamphlet is just one way the office is trying to streamline the process and meet the needs of their customers. "We created this because we noticed people were not getting all of the information they needed before they came to the office," said Gomez. "It just makes life easier, and less frustrating, when [customers] have to leave work, they know they are not going to waste their time coming back here if they don't come with the correct documents."

The pamphlet covers the requirements for active duty Sailors, dependants, civilians, contractors, master labor contract (MLC) employees and full-time students. Of particular note to individuals who will be going to get their ID cards, is the fact that they may need two forms of identification in order to be issued an ID.

Acceptable forms of identification are divided into two categories - primary and secondary. Primary forms of identification include: a driver's license or an ID card issued by a state or outlying possession of the United States containing a photograph; an ID card issued by state, federal or local government agencies or entities containing a photograph; a U.S. passport; a permanent resident card or alien registration card with a photograph; a current temporary resident card; a current employment authorization card; or a Japanese resident card.

(Left) Krystal Williamson works with MU1(SW) Jose Acosta and his wife, Haruna, while they get new IDs at the ID Card Office Aug. 28.

Secondary forms of identification include: a certificate of U.S. citizenship, a certificate of naturalization; a foreign passport; reentry permits, a refugee travel document; a school ID with a photograph; a voter's registration card, a native American tribal document; a driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority, a U.S. social security card issued by the Social Security Administration; a certification of birth abroad issued by the Department of State, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal; a U.S. Citizen ID Card; or an employment authorization document issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

For those interested in picking up a pamphlet, they are now being issued in PSD and at the Area Orientation Brief held every week in the community center.

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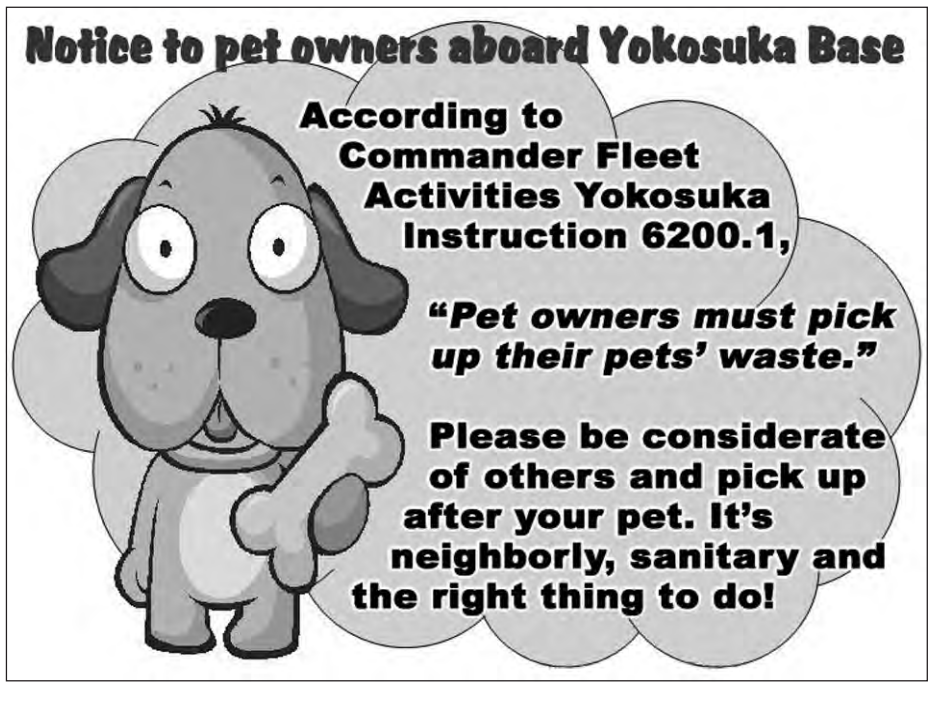
Jewish High Holy Day Services

Rosh Ha Shana	Sept. 18, 5 - 6:30 p.m.	Pot Luck Dinner
	7 - 8 p.m.	Erev Rosh Ha Shana
	Sept. 19, 9 - 11:30 a.m.	Divine worship
Yom Kippur	Sept. 27, 5 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	Sept. 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Kol Nidre service
	Sept. 28, 10 a.m. - noon	Morning service
	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Evening (Neila) service
	6:30 - 8 p.m.	Break the Fast

All events will be held at the CFAY Chapel of Hope. Services in the Jewish Chapel – Meals in Fellowship Hall. Contact the Chapel of Hope at 243-6773/7858 for more information.