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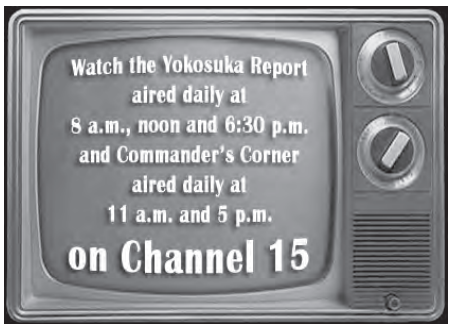

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Carney Gate (main gate) Traffic Advisory – A rally and demonstration will be held at Verny Park next to Daiei Shoppers Plaza Dec. 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. Access to the base at Carney Gate will be limited to inbound vehicle and pedestrian traffic only. All outbound vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be diverted to Womble Gate (back gate) during the demonstration.

Carney Gate (main gate) Construction – There will be lane closures near guard house area due to a current construction project from now through Feb. 5, 2011. Additionally, the boardwalk pedestrian gate will be closed from Dec. 13-23 and Feb. 3-5. Dates on this project are tentative and may change due to site conditions and work progress. Please plan ahead and obey posted traffic signs during this construction period.
現在、カーニーゲート（正面ゲート）では建設プロジェクトが着工している為、ガード小屋付近で車両レーン規制が行われています。この規制は来年2月5日まで行われる予定です（月～金：午前8時30分～午後4時45分。週末・祝日：午前8時～午後4時45分）。尚、ボードウオーク側の歩行者用ゲートは12月13日から23日まで、及び2月3日から5日まで終日閉鎖となりますのでご注意下さい。上記の日程は現場の状況や工事の進捗により変更しますのでご了承下さい。時間に余裕を持ち、ゲートの標識に従うようお願いします。

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Second Hand Rose Holiday Hours – Second Hand Rose will be open at normal business hours Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the first two weeks of December. The third week of December Second Hand Rose will be open at normal business hours Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring daily Secret Santa specials. We will also be accepting donations during store hours. E-mail to secondhandrose1956@yahoo.com for more information.

Gulliver's Gallery Display Event – In Jonathan Swift's novel "*Gulliver's Travels*," Gulliver visited Xamoschi, a small town in Japan that is thought to be current day Kannonzaki in Yokosuka City. It is believed that the English seaman, William Adams, who introduced shipbuilding and Western culture to Japan was used as a model for Swift's novel. Adams, known throughout Japan by the name Miura Anjin, once resided in Hemi, Yokosuka, an area very close to Kannonzaki. In celebration of Adams and of Swift's novel, Yokosuka holds a Gulliver festival in Kannonzaki every year on Nov. 3. Because the author was from Ireland, this gallery event, which runs from now through Dec. 18 and held in the Mercure Hotel lobby, displays postcards made by Irish children to commemorate Gulliver's landing in Kannonzaki. Also, pictures of U.S. Navy personnel playing the role of Gulliver each year during the Kannonzaki Festival and other events connected to Gulliver, including displaying QSL cards from amateur radio club "Uraga Gulliver Family Club," will be on display. Call (046) 822-9685, or e-mail to yoshiyuki-kirigaya@city.yokosuka.kanagawa.jp for more information.
よこすか未来塾提供ガリバーギャラリー – ジョナサン・スウィフトの小説でガリバーは日本の小さな町「ザモスキ」に訪れています。そこは横須賀市の観音崎といわれています。日本に造船技術や西洋文化を紹介した英国の船乗り・ウィリアム・アダムズがガリバーのモデルと思われています。アダムズは、日本中で三浦按針として知られ、観音崎に近い逸見にかつて領地を持っていました。アダムズとガリバーの上陸を記念して、横須賀では毎年11月3日にイベントを開催しています。ガリバーの作者ジョナサン・スウィフト(1667-1745)は、アイルランドゆかりの人です。このギャラリーでは、ガリバーの観音崎」上陸を記念してアイルランドの子どもたちのはがき絵67点、数人の米海軍人がガリバー役の観音崎フェスタやガリバーがらみのイベントの写真、そしてアマチュア無線クラブ・浦賀ガリヴァーファミリークラブのQSLカード等を18日4時までメルキュールホテル横須賀ロビーで展示しています。

Day is done...

By Capt. David A. Owen,
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During memorial services and funerals, a song is played with the lyrics, "Day is done, gone the sun." Many do not recognize the words, but they certainly recognize the melody; "*Taps*."

Out of respect, those in attendance are expected to salute in uniform or come to attention in civilian clothing.

There are several stories as to the origin of "*Taps*," but one of my favorites dates back to 1862 during the Civil War. This particular story has never been validated as true, but it makes for a good tale.

During a battle between Union and Confederate forces in Virginia, a Union captain heard a wounded soldier moaning in pain. Despite not knowing for which side the wounded man fought, the captain risked his life to fight his way to the soldier and then drag him to safety to the Union camp.

As it turns out, the captain had risked his life for a Confederate soldier who unfortunately died during the transit back to the camp. The captain was horrified when he finally stopped to look upon the dead soldier's face and discovered it was his son. The son had been studying music in the South when the war broke out and never told his father of joining the Confederate Army.

The father requested to do a full military burial for his son the next morning.

His request was partially granted. Instead of a band, he was only allowed to have a single musician.

The Captain chose a bugler and asked him to play some notes that would go with a few words he had on a piece of paper. The bugler then composed what we now know as the tune "*Taps*."

However, the captain was not the author of these lyrics. He had found them on a piece of paper he had pulled from the pocket of his dead son. The following are the full lyrics to the song:

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the skies
All is well, safely rest;
God is nigh.