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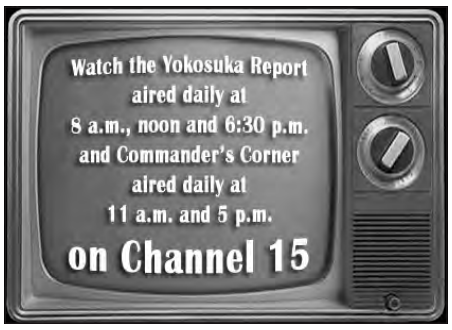

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Community announcements/Action line

National Safety Month 2010 Teen Driving Safety – For 16 to 20-year-olds, nearly one in every three deaths is caused by a crash. In fact, collisions are the number one cause of teen deaths. Letting teens know of the special risks they face as new drivers can help them stay safe behind the wheel.

It's important to:

- Establish a zero tolerance policy for alcohol and drug use.
- Ban calling or texting while driving
- Set a curfew. Teens driving after dark are 4 to 5 times more likely to crash than those driving during the day
- Give your teen experience behind the wheel

Walmart Recalls General Electric Coffee Makers Due to Fire Hazard – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the approximately 900,000 General Electric (GE) 12-cup digital coffee makers sold in Walmart stores nationwide from March 2008 through January 2010. This recall involves GE 12-cup coffee makers sold in white or black. The digital coffee maker has programmable functions and plastic housing. The GE logo is printed on the base of the coffee maker and the model number is printed on the bottom of the base. Model numbers included in the recall are: 169164 (Black) 169165 (white). The coffee maker can overheat, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers. Walmart has received 83 reports of overheating, smoking, melting, burning and fire, including three reports of minor burn injuries to consumer's hands, feet and torso. Reports of property damage include a significant kitchen fire and damage to countertops, cabinets and a wall. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled coffee makers and return the product to any Walmart for a full refund. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product. For additional information, contact Walmart at (800) 925-6278 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.walmart.com.

HP Notebook PC Battery Pack Replacement Program – HP expanded a worldwide voluntary recall and replacement program in cooperation with various government agencies, adding battery packs to the replacement program May 19. HP and the battery manufacturers believe that certain battery packs shipped in HP notebook PC products manufactured between August 2007 and May 2008 may pose a potential safety hazard to customers. The batteries can overheat, posing a fire and burn hazard. HP customers affected by this program will be eligible to receive a replacement battery pack for each verified, recalled battery pack at no cost. Visit http://bpr.hpordercenter.com/hbpr/ for more information.

Travel Restriction for Bangkok, Thailand – According to recent U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) travel advisories and U.S. State Department messages, political unrest and associated violence in Bangkok, Thailand is projected to continue. The U.S. Embassy in Bangkok is closed until further notice. At the request of U.S. Embassy Thailand, USPACOM is considering a travel restriction for Bangkok. Effective immediately and until further notice, leave, liberty or temporary duty travel to Bangkok for Commander U.S. 7th Fleet Personnel is not authorized. This travel restriction does not apply to personnel transiting through Bangkok International Airport.

Road Construction – Contractors will replace the asphalt, gutter and curb along Independence Drive and San Diego Street from now through July 16. The parking lot south of the Officer's Club will be closed from now through May 28 due to this road construction. Independence Drive will have one-lane alternating traffic from May 28 through June 8 and San Diego Street will have one-lane alternating traffic from June 14 through July 16. Please exercise caution during road construction in these areas:

FFSC Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Command Leadership Training – FFSC is offering Family Advocacy Program Command Leadership Training June 18 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Readiness Center. The course provides awareness and prevention training of what constitutes domestic or child abuse, risk avoidance and personal responsibility, and the sensitive handing of reporting procedures for allegations of domestic or child abuse. The course is open to all E-7 and above. Contact Angela Elting at 243-8512 or e-mail to angela.elting.ctr@fe.navy.mil to sign up for the course or for more information.

Sakura Heights Residents' Town Hall Meeting – There will be a town hall meeting in the Sakura Heights Party room June 18 at 6 p.m. Housing personnel will be on hand to discuss issues related to upcoming relocations associated with the Tower Rennovation. Individuals who are unable to attend can have a neighbor ask a question for them, or submit the question via email to daniel.rourke@fe.navy.mil prior to the meeting and the question will be answered at the meeting.

Sakura Heights Renovation Project – The first phase of a complete renovation of Sakura Tower has begun and will continue through July 1. The first phase consists of several actions including updating current resident's housing files, conducting a town hall style Q&A meeting with tower residents, the stoppage of assignments to Sakura for incoming personnel, the moving out of residents who have reached their projection rotation dates and finally the relocation of the remaining residents. The actual work will start December 2011 and is scheduled to be completed November 2012. Every effort will be made to relocate existing residents to a similar unit in their category on Yokosuka Base. Residents wishing to relocate to Ikego or Negishi Housing Detachments, or off-base will be accommodated. Since the move is for the convenience of the government, it will be a government funded move. Contact the Yokosuka Housing Office at 243-9037/4663 for more information.

DBIDS Registration – Don't forget to register in the Defense Biometric Identification Data System (DBIDS)! Due to the updated Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) plan and increase in force protection and random anti-terrorism measures, all military, civilian employees, Navy contractors and their family members including children 10 years of age and older, Master Labor Contract (MLC) employees and local contractors onboard Yokosuka Base or assigned to afloat units are required to register in DBIDS. Personnel who are currently registered in DBIDS but have changes to their profile must come in and update their information. The DBIDS registration office is located at the main gate inside building 1495. Customer service hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
横須賀基地に関係する軍人、軍属、契約従業員及び10歳以上のご家族、MLC従業員、契約業者の方は全て指紋認識データシステム（DBIDS）に登録する必要があります。既に登録された方で、データに変更がある方は、1495ビルのDBIDS登録事務所でデータの更新を行って下さい。受付は月～金曜の午前7時から午後4時まで。

Seahawk-Umitaka Community Announcements, Article and photo submissions – Deadline for community announcements and article and photo submissions for the Seahawk is the Friday before the next Seahawk edition. E-mail your submissions to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil. Please include your telephone contact information in the body of the e-mail so we can contact you if necessary. Contact the Seahawk editor by e-mail to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil or call 243-2567/3003 for specific submission requirements or for more information.

Q: The over-head light fixture light bulbs, Mitsubishi FPL32EN/HF, in the kitchens of the townhouses are not available in the NEX main store or NEX Depot. I believe if the tenants are required to maintain these lights, they should be available for purchase on-base. Additionally, I have priced these lights out in town and they are expensive; approximately $30 per bulb and the overhead light fixture in the kitchens of the townhouses require three bulbs. At approximately $100 for light bulbs, that's a little ridiculous. Suggestion would be to find a light fixture that doesn't require expensive light bulbs.

A: The light bulbs are currently available at HOMES located at Heisei-cho, Yokosuka which is approximately two miles from the base for 1,680 yen per bulb. The prices of the bulbs are higher due to their longer life span (20 times of regular bulbs) over that of normal fluorescent bulbs, and reduced energy consumption. Therefore, the cost of the bulbs are very reasonable in view these benefits. Thank you in advance for your understanding. For further information, contact Housing Inspector Akira Kudoh at 243-9008.