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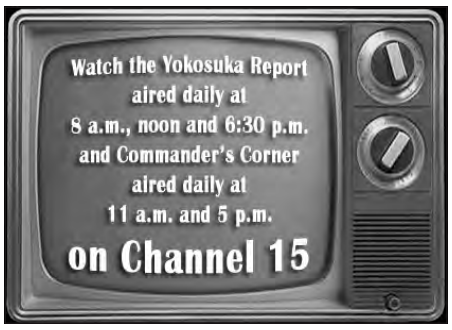

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NEX Pack and Wrap – The Navy Exchange (NEX) Pack and Wrap in building 1823 will discontinue postal shipping services Nov. 20. Patrons who desire to mail their parcels may still do so at the main post office located across the street from the pack and wrap. Call 243-3096 for more information.

Christmas Disco Party Community Relations Event – Volunteers are needed to participate in a Christmas Disco Party community relations event for people with disabilities from the Yokosuka area Dec. 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Yokosuka Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall, located between Yokosuka base and Daiei Shoppers Plaza. To volunteer, send an e-mail with your full name, rate, rank (including warfare qualification), command name, phone number and the last four digits of your social security number to fumiyo.sato.ja@fe.navy.mil.

2011 Navy Ball Committee Rug Auction – The 2011 Navy Ball Committee will host a a rug auction Nov. 13 at The Sullivans Elementary School gym. Preview of rugs to be auctioned is at noon and the auction starts at 1 p.m. Rugs and carpets to be auctioned are 100 percent wool or silk and come from Persia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, Kazakhstan and central Asia. Contact CSCM Gil Bitanga at 243-7317 for more information.

Marriage Enrichment Workshop – A Marriage Enrichment Workshop will be held Nov. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the CFAY Chapel of Hope Fellowship Hall for any married Sailor and spouse. Call 243-7858, or send an e-mail to erumi.kuwaori.ja@fe.navy.mil to register for the workshop or for more information.

CFAY Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Sailor Program – The CFAY Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Sailor Program provides the opportunity for Sailors to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with a local host family. Applications are now being accepted for those families interested in hosting a Sailor for Thanksgiving dinner. Applications are being accepted now and must be received no later than 3 p.m. Nov. 16. Approved applicants will be notified sometime during the week of Nov. 16. Application forms are available for download at https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Yokosuka/index.htm located under the Public Announcements section. Fax the completed application to 243-9901. E-mail to adoptasailor2010@fe.navy.mil for more information.

USNH Yokosuka Flu Immunization – Due to an unprecedented demand fo the seasonal flu immunization, USNH Yokosuka has scheduled another flu clinic Nov. 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Kinnick High School cafeteria. The immunization will be administered by needle, usually in the arm. Call 243-7194 for more information.

U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association Event – The Tokyo Bay Chapter of the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) Alumni Association is planning an informal get together Nov. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Officer's Club Kurofune Lounge. If you are a USNA graduate or family member of a graduate, feel free to come out and join us. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided courtesy of the association. Time, tide and formation wait for no man. So, come out and join us. Contact Brett English by e-mail to tokyobaychapter@gmail.com for more information.

The Sullivans Elementary School Theme Basket Fundraiser – The Sullivans Elementary School will hold their annual Theme Basket fundraiser during parent conferences Nov. 18-19. As this charity event has becomes more successful, the amount of fundraising received now allows donations to go to two orphanages, Kobo Cottage in Hayama and Shunkou Gakuen in Kinugasa. Each year, classes from the school voluntarily sign up for a theme basket. Parents and teachers then donate items that match their theme and the baskets are auctioned off by silent bidding. The baskets will be placed in the lobby of building "B" at the school Nov. 18 and will be available for browsing Nov. 18, 19 and 22 from 7:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The highest bid determines who wins each basket. Bidding on the baskets will officially close Monday, Nov. 22 at 2:15 p.m. and the winners will be notified. You do not have to be present to win and anyone over the age of 18 can bid. We have more than 20 baskets signed up at this time. Some of the baskets themes currently being planned are: Birthday Basket, Fashion for Passion, Pre-school Educational Activity, iFiesta, Hina Dolls, Christmas and Baby's Bath. The Sullivans School Theme Basket Fundraiser is a great way to help raise money for a good cause. Another way to contribute to this worthy cause is to send something to be included in one of the baskets. Any new items can easily be added to one of the baskets. To drop off items to be included in a basket or for more information about the fundraiser, contact Vicky Araki at 243-4757/7336, or e-mail to victoria.araki@pac.dodea.edu.

American Red Cross Courses and Training – The American Red Cross Yokosuka Branch is offering the following courses and training:

- **Nov. 13:** Babysitter's Training, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 16:** I'm In Charge (ages 10 to 12), 3 to 5 p.m.
- **Nov. 17 and 18:** Infant, Adult and Child CPR/AED and First Aid, 4 to 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 19:** First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Course, 4 to 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 20, 21:** First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Course, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call the Yokosuka Red Cross at 243-7490, or e-mail to Yokosuka@usa.redcross.org for more information.

Odyssey of the Mind is coming to The Sullivans Elementary School – Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving competition involving students from kindergarten through college. Team members work together at length to solve a predefined problem and then will present their solution to the problem at an Odyssey of the Mind competition at the school April 2, 2011. Participation encourages creative thinking, innovation and teamwork. We would like to invite your child to participate in this creative opportunity. Sign-ups are desired now as students will need time to prepare for the competition. Students will be assigned to a team of five to seven students with a parent serving as a coach. We also need parent volunteers willing to serve as coaches. To find out more about Odyssey of the Mind, visit their website at www.odysseyofthemind.com. For more information about The Sullivans Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind competition or to participate in the event, send an e-mail to jan.jensen@pac.dodea.edu or kanell.mings@pac.dodea.edu.

Residential Hazardous Material Safety – Residential Hazardous Material (Hazmat) safety is important in preventing fires in and around your home. Hazmat safety involves the proper handling and storage of combustibles and flammable liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, propane, oil, aerosols, certain household cleaning products and painting supplies. The following are some safety tips you can follow to avoid a hazmat emergency:

- Use proper storage containers for flammables and combustibles.
- Never store flammables in direct sunlight or near an open flame.
- Inspect storage areas regularly and be on the lookout for leaking containers, poor ventilation and the smell of fumes.
- Store hazardous materials out of reach of children and pets.

Seahawk-Umitaka Community Announcements, Article and photo submissions – Deadline for community announcements and article and photo submissions for the Seahawk is the Thursday 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.

BZ: My name is Cmdr. Andrew Collier. I am currently assigned to the Mutual Defense Assistance Office at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. I am here on an intermediate duty stop on permanent change of station (PCS) orders following a year at the Japanese National War College. I just wanted to take a minute to let you know what a great job your staff at Personnel Support Detachment Yokosuka is doing, especially PS2 Mohammed Talukder. Talukder is the transfer clerk who has been handling my PCS move with its myriad complications, variations and unusual circumstances. Talukder has been completely customer-focused, totally mission oriented, highly responsive and an absolute pleasure to deal with. In fact, this might be the smoothest and most professionally managed PCS I have ever done in almost 20 years of service. His professional demeanor, military courtesy and mission effectiveness have been absolutely above reproach. Other stand-outs on your staff have been PS1 Donato Atienza in the passport section and PS1 Joyce Lopez. However, I can't say enough about Talukder especially.