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Attention Seahawk Readers – This edition of the Seahawk will be the last Seahawk of 2009. We will resume publication in 2010 with the Jan. 8 edition. The entire Seahawk staff wishes all our readers Seasons Greetings and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

CFAY Housing Office Closure – The CFAY Housing Office including Negishi and Ikego, will be closed at noon today for a command holiday function, but will reopen at regular business hours Dec. 21. Contact the CFAY Housing Office at 243-9037 for more information.

Commissary 2009 Holiday Schedule – The following is the commissary schedule for the holiday season:

- Early closure Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.
- Early closure Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.
- Closed Christmas Day
- Reopen Dec. 26 at normal hours
- Closed New Year's Day
- Reopen Jan. 2 at normal hours
- Early opening Dec. 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 a.m.

BZ: Thank you all very much for the support provided for the Negishi Housing Detachment upcoming community relations event for Kawasaki city orphans. Thanks to your donations, the Negishi Officer in Charge Office was able to collect enough food to give to the children when they visit Negishi. A special thanks to the following people for their generosity:

- Mr. Ripley (DeCA Commissary)
- Ms. Marietta Buniao (NEX Negishi Anthony's Pizza)
- Senior Chief Smyth (*USS George Washington* (GW) (CVN 73)
- Mrs. Calhoun (NAVFACFE)
- Mr. Tony Bailey (MWR Negishi)
- Mrs. Courtney Woodworth (GW Family Readiness Group)
- YN1 Shawn McBride and Mrs. McBride (GW)
- Mrs. Yensi Bello (Negishi resident)
- Yuko and Mrs. Gann (Negishi Library)
- Ms. Michelle Stewart (CFAY PAO)
- HM2 Elia (Negishi Clinic)
- Negishi Clinic
- FISC

An additional thanks to all those who donated their time volunteering to help out with this event.

Q: When students have to get a bus for games on the weekend, they are having the bus pick them up at the old Library bus stop. The bus blocks part of Green Street when performing this pickup and this is the only way for me to drive my car to my house. The parents are also parking in the residential areas and their reason is because there is no place else for them to park. Also, when the kids are waiting for the bus, they can be very noisy and tend to play in the street, not just Green Street but the main street as well, which is very dangerous. Maybe a better place for their pickup would be at the Purdy Fitness Center where there is ample parking, no sleeping residents to disturb and far less traffic.

A: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The pick-up point is at this location because the Youth Sports office is located in this area which allows for MWR staff to have ready access to phones, information and equipment should a traveling team need assistance prior to departing for an away game. Our staff is in constant contact with the other bases in the Kanto area ensuring that games are still scheduled on time and that no changes have been made before we dispatch teams. To try and mitigate some of the issues you've brought up, the Youth Sports buses will now pick-up in front of the Youth Center, near the commissary, in hopes that it will lessen the impact on residents but still be fairly close to the Youth Sports Office should staff need to grab something quickly. If you have any further concerns related to the Youth Sports program, please contact the Youth Sports Coordinator Isaiah Mincks at 241-2950.

Q: I think it is great that the base has a Yard of the Month program and I know this encourages people to take good care of their yards so they may be recognized for their hard work and earn bragging rights. I am curious why there is no similar competition for the inside of homes. I was recently inside a friend's house in one of the high rises and she has one of the most beautiful homes I have been in both on and off base. I would think if people entered their names into a contest and the base held a competition, the Housing Office could reward them by having the winning pictures on the CFAY Housing Web site. I can assure you if I had seen her home before coming here I would have probably been on a plane to Yokosuka a lot sooner. Thank you for considering my suggestion.

A: Thank you so much for your suggestion. As Fleet Activities, Yokosuka Commander, I asked that question in May 2007 and again in January 2008, and the answer I received was the same: There is no inside house competition because people felt it would highlight financial differences in families and lead to unhealthy competition to "keep up with the Joneses."

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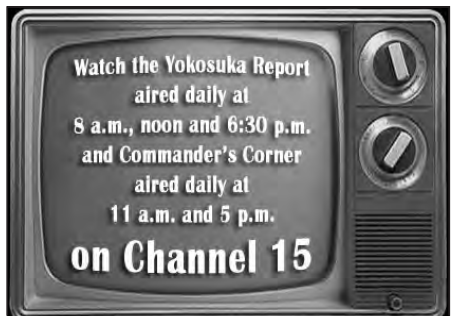

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