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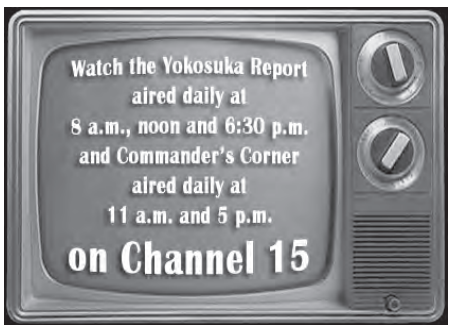

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Heads Up Yokosuka!
Community announcements/Action line

2011 Stocking Stuffer Bazaar – FFSC Friends and Family and the Fil–Am Association will hold a Stocking Stuffer Bazaar in the Kinnick High School Cafeteria Dec. 17-18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Second Hand Rose Closure – Second Hand Rose will be closed until Jan. 10. No donations will be accepted during this closure.

Temporary Post Office Closure – Yokosuka and Ikego post offices will extend operating hours for parcel pickup on Christmas Eve. Yokosuka post office will hand out parcels from 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Ikego post office will hand out parcels from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Remember, both offices will be closed for all business on Christmas Day and the following Monday, Dec. 26.

CNIC Immunization Policy for Child and Youth Programs (CYP) – A recently published policy memorandum from CNIC establishes that all children six months and older who attend Navy CYP programs are required to receive the annual influenza vaccine effective immediately. This is in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which recommends the annual administration of the influenza vaccine for all persons six months and older. Additionally, CYP professionals, regular volunteers and child development home providers shall obtain appropriate immunization against communicable diseases in accordance with recommendations from the ACIP, which includes the annual administration of the influenza vaccine. The requirement for appropriate immunization is a condition of continued employment or active participation in the CYP program. For more information call the CYP Administrative Office at 243-5542.

Medical Home Port Program – U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka recently implemented the Medical Home Port program which introduces a new model of patient and family-centered healthcare delivery for primary care. The model emphasizes team-based healthcare, with the patient being essential to the team and establishes the provider/patient relationship as paramount. This leverages other members of the primary care team to also actively participate in patient care. Since its implementation, it has become necessary to balance the number of patients assigned to each provider based on current availability and scope of medical practice across three primary care clinics – Family Medicine Clinic, Pediatrics, and Internal Medicine Clinic. Because of this, some patients will receive notification of a change of assigned Primary Care Manager and clinic that best suits your medical needs. Inherent to implementing the new program are challenges to changes that the patients may experience. These changes are necessary to align patients and providers appropriately and distribute workload to ensure the best possible access to care. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. Please do not hesitate to contact the Medical Home Port Team Nurse for any questions you may have. Your Medical Home Port Team is here to serve your healthcare needs.

Free Taxi Voucher Program – Show your car keys to an on base club manager and get a taxi voucher for an on base taxi to take you to your base residence or to a Yokosuka train station for FREE. Ask a club manager for more information. The Taxi Voucher Program is good from now through Jan. 15, 2012 and is sponsored by New Car Sales and administered by the CFAY Morale, Welfare and Recreation Food and Beverage Department. Contact ETC James Rose at 243-3266 for more information.

CFAY Paving Projects – As you may have already noticed, pavement construction is taking place on Yokosuka base. This is just the beginning of a number of repaving projects that are to take place to better the condition of major roads on base. The following are the dates and location of the paving projects:

- **Rickert Steet:** Sept. 26 - Feb. 14
- **Howard Street:** Oct. 24 - April 6
- **GW Parking:** Nov. 21 - Feb. 20
- **King Street:** Feb. 7 - April 20

These dates are subject to change, depending on weather, materials, base events, etc. Please take the following actions when driving around construction sites:

- Slow down in construction sites.
- Look out and obey directions of flagmen in the construction areas. They are there to help mitigate and control traffic.
- Eveyone's patience and cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- Always practice safe driving.

Information Control Points in the Event of Power Outage – In the event of power outages, emergent information can be found at the following locations:

Yokosuka
- Community Readiness Center
- Housing Office Bulletin Board
- Carney Gate Quarterdeck
- Tower first floor bulletin boards

Ikego
- Community Center
- OIC Office Bulletin Board
- Post Office
- Tower first floor Bulletin Board
- Mini Mart

Negishi
- Community Center
- OIC Office Bulletin Board
- CBQ/NGIS
- Chapel
- Veterinary Clinic
- Installation gates
- Richard E. Byrd Elementary School
- Teen Center

Emergent information includes facility and school closures, late openings and other critical information.

Correction – The byline for the *"Blithe Spirit"* story which ran on page 10 of the Dec. 9 edition should have read "story by MC2(SW/AW) John Smolinski and Alexus Graddic."

Tis the season for stealing

By Capt. David A. Owen,
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For some reason, over the past two years December has not only marked the beginning of the holiday season, but also a noted increase in shoplifting at the Navy Exchange (NEX). There were multiple occurrences last December and already there have been several instances of people being caught this month. Despite our best efforts and repeated announcements, the problem continues to grow. The offenders are a diverse group, including active duty service members, civilian adults and children. The range of consequences is also diverse, depending on the offender, victim and circumstances of the theft. Typical consequences may include: a Civilian Administrative Forum hearing, community service hours, restitution, the shoplifting awareness course, punitive action under the UCMJ, debarment from the NEX or installation, and removal from Japan.

Those most affected by shoplifting are those SOFA members who are honest and do not steal. Consider the lost revenue of the NEX and other merchants. Our MWR budget is augmented by approximately 25 percent of the locally-generated NEX profit, shoplifting from our NEX results in fewer MWR program dollars for our Sailors and their family members. Also, consider the countless hours spent investigating, processing paperwork, conducting interviews and hearings and supervising community service hours. There are better things to be done with that time.

Shoplifting and stealing have no place within our community and will not be tolerated. Everyone who works or lives on this installation must be better than to allow themselves to sink to the low level of becoming a common thief, and no one deserves to be a victim of such a petty and thoughtless crime. Our SOFA members are stealing out of greed or for sport. To those who like to utilize the "five finger discount": you are only hurting your own and in the end yourself.