(Left) CFAY Television Producer Dan Bowen shares some advice about being on TV with Yokosuka Girl Scout Cadet Troop 619 prior to them filming a seasons greeting in the CFAY studio Dec. 7. The one minute greeting created by the troop was aired throughout the holiday season on Channel 15 and on both the CFAY Web site and Facebook page.

Photo by Ben Avey

Santa Claus makes a surprise appearance and hands out candy to audience members during a holiday concert Dec. 11 featuring the U.S. 7th Fleet Band and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Band Yokosuka. The concert celebrated the holiday season and showcased the strong alliance between both navies.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Charles Oki

New Year's Special Edition

Konnichiwa

Master Labor Contract employee Jun Saiga adjusts the platform of a forward ammunition elevator from *USS Cowpens* (CG 63).

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where do you work?	SRF-JRMC Machinery Shop.
How long have you worked on base?	Three weeks.
What is your favorite food?	Grilled Barracuda.
What is your New Year's resolution?	To learn new machinery skills.

EM3 Jeremiah Lafrance of *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) and OS3 Jesse Alfaro of *USS Cowpens* (CG 63) drop tickets into a raffle basket during the USO Talk With Your Mouthful breakfast event Dec. 25. In addition to raffling off prizes such as a Nintendo Wii, games and DVDs, single and unaccompanied service members were treated to a steak and egg breakfast and SKYPE kits which enabled them to call their families in the United States for free on Christmas Day.

Photo by Ben Avey

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Commanding Officer Capt. Daniel Weed, passes out English lesson plans to Japanese citizens during an English conversation class he taught at the new Cultural Exchange Center (CEC) Dec. 18. Located outside the main gate on the first floor of Club Alliance, the CEC hosts a variety of organized programs that help to teach guests about Japanese and American culture.

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