Santa Claus visits and mingles with families of the Ikego Housing Detachment during the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony sponsored by CFAY Morale, Welfare and Recreation Dec. 1.

Photo by Amanda Locklear

FCC(SW/AW) Brandin Singletary helps his daughter with her dinner during the Thanksgiving celebration aboard *USS Fitzgerald* (DDG 62). Each year, the ship welcomes family and friends aboard to help the crew celebrate the holiday with a traditional Thanksgiving feast.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Bill Morrison

Konnichiwa

(Left) PS3(SW) Alycia Hagen of PSD Yokosuka, dances with Japanese people with disabilities during a holiday community relations event hosted by the Yokosuka Lion's Club at the Yokosuka Fukushi Kaikan (welfare center) Dec. 2.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your home town?	Wibaux, Mont.
How long have you been in Japan?	Two years.
What is your favorite food?	Barbecued ribs.
What is your life goal?	To experience life.

Eri and Kenichi Shay, Richard E. Byrd Elementary School students, challenge each other to a *sumo* wrestling match at the Fall Festival Carnival sponsored by the school's PTO Nov. 28. MA1(SW) Adrian DeJesus from CFAY Security refereed the match while volunteering his help with the festival. The festival was planned to coincide with the return of *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) to Yokosuka from fall deployment.

Photo by Nancy Turner

Shoppers browse the selection of Japanese *Kokeshi* Dolls at the Yokosuka Bazaar sponsored by Afloat Training Group Western Pacific held in the Yokosuka Middle School gymnasium Nov. 14 and 15. The event helped raise money for command morale, welfare and recreation programs.

Photo by Amanda Locklear

QMSN Samantha Elwell calculates the range distance as the guided-missile destroyer *USS Mustin* (DDG 89) approaches *USNS Rappahannock* (T-AO 204) for an underway replenishment. *Mustin* is one of seven Arleigh Burke class destroyers assigned to Destroyer Squadron 15 and operates from Yokosuka, Japan.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardelito Gervacio