

# MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

October 27 ~	<b>Hypnotic</b>	Sub
November 10 ~	<b>The Marvels</b>	Sub / Dub
December 1 ~	<b>The Exorcist : Believer</b>	Sub
December 8 ~	<b>Wonka</b>	Dub
December 15 ~	<b>Wish</b>	Dub

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# ONE POINT JAPANESE

いろいろな“ように”  
(Various kinds of “ように”)

**A** : インフルエンザが流行っているらしいね。  
 Infuruenza ga hayatte iru rashī ne.  
 (I hear the flu is going around.)



**B** : 小学校もたくさん休みになってるらしいよ。  
 Shōgakkō mo takusan yasumi ni natteru rashī yo.  
 (It seems there are also a lot of elementary schools that are closed.)

**A** : ぼく、インフルエンザにならないように、うがいをしてるんだ。  
 Boku, infuruenza ni naranai yōni, ugai o shiterunda.  
 (I gargle so as not to catch the flu.)

**C** : わたしは手洗いをするようにしてる。  
 Watashi wa tearai o suru yōni shiteru.  
 (I make it a rule to wash my hands.)



**A** : 毎日、よく日本語を勉強していますね。  
 Mainichi, yoku nihongo o benkyō shite imasu ne.  
 (You study Japanese very hard every day, don't you?)

**B** : はい、同僚とおしゃべりできるように、がんばっています。  
 Hai, dōryō to oshaberi dekiru yōni, gambatte imasu.  
 (Yes, I work on it so that I can talk with my co-workers.)

だいたい漢字も読めるようになりました。  
 Daibu kanji mo yomeru yō ni narimashita.  
 (I have become able to read more Kanji.)

**A** : えらいですね。  
 Erai desu ne.  
 (You're great!)



**A** : 毎日ジョギングしてるんですね。  
 Mainichi joggingu shite irundesu ne.  
 (You go jogging every day, don't you?)

**B** : はい、おいしいビールが飲めるように、汗をかいています。  
 Hai, oishī bīru ga nomeru yōni, ase o kaite imasu.  
 (Yes, I am sweating so that I can drink delicious beer.)

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# What's New?

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## Palestinian Embroidery Made in Gaza

Ehime Shimbun Column: “Earth Axis”  
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Impressive stoles, cushions, pouches and other items beautifully embroidered with colorful roses, feathers or geometric patterns are sold on the Palestinian embroidery website “Amal Falestini” based in Shiga Prefecture. The embroidery wares were carefully stitched by about three hundred displaced women in the Gaza autonomous territory of Palestine.

It is said that Palestine was once the crossroads of civilization where the textile industry flourished and Gaza itself the birthplace of gauze and other textiles. We can see a mixture of the country's cultures and distinctive flavors on the embroidery pieces today.

The site manager, Kitamura Kiyomi of Imabari has been fascinated by the brilliant and powerful people and textile culture since she visited Gaza as a volunteer in 1999. She opened the site in 2013 and since 2017 has supported these embroiderers in cooperation with the UN.

She learned that among the women there are many socially vulnerable divorcees or widows who lost their husbands in battle. Many have toiled to survive and raise their children in the midst of the complicated historical situation of the region.

Such women are going to be assaulted by warfare again. Gaza, being besieged completely by Israel, is in a critical state due to the blocking of water, food and other resources.

Ms. Kitamura is making an effort to support the women by receiving orders in advance and sending them the proceeds from the site to ensure that they will stand up from the rubble after the end of the war and live by the needle and thread.

“Amal” means hope in Arabic. We send from Japan hope for an immediate cease-fire and humanitarian aid.



### “Help Mark” Wrist Band

Ehime Shimbun: March 28th, 2023



A wrist band fashioned with a “Help Mark” emblem has been developed by a manufacturer via the Association of People with Developmental Disabilities to notify others of their invisible disability or disease. It is useful in disaster shelters and workplaces. People suffering from senility can use it as a memo pad. The wrist band costs ¥1500.

The “Help Mark” has a white cross and heart mark over a red background. You can easily attach it to your wrist. The surface contains a space specially designed for users to write and erase letters with a ballpoint pen.

people who have the developmental disability ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) or senility tend to forget things, they can use the wrist band to write memos about their schedule. Patients who can't speak or hear can use the wrist band to communicate through writing.

Kazuyama Tomoko, the director-general of the association says, “The Help Mark wrist band can be used to identify someone who needs help in a crowded shelter or at a workplace for the disabled. I hope local governments and companies will stockpile them.”

## Soaking Container Made from Garbage Bag and Cardboard Box

(Ehime Shimbun: August 16th, 2018)

When you want to soak large, dirty household items like a ventilation fan, an air conditioner filter or a gas stove, you may have trouble finding a big enough bucket. In such an instance, you can easily make a container for soaking by using a garbage bag and a cardboard box.

First, prepare a cardboard box which size matches the object, and make a hole in one of the four corners of it. Spread the garbage bag inside the box, and pull the edge of the bag out from the corner hole. That's all.

Fill the container with water after setting it in a place where you can drain the water later. By cutting the corner tip of the bag, you can easily drain the water.



### Frozen Food is Useful in a Disaster

(Ehime Shimbun: March 9, 2023)

Frozen food is useful not only in your everyday life but also in times of disaster. When a power outage prevents you from using your microwave, frozen cooked dishes are a big help as they can be eaten after thawing out at room temperature. You can cut fruits and vegetables such as cabbage, Japanese spinach or banana into bite size pieces and freeze them.

It is a good idea to make ham or cheese sandwiches, wrap them and keep them in the freezer. You can preserve them for about a month. Frozen jam can make a good drink when dissolved in water.

Freezers can keep food cold even during a power outage. If you put frozen food into a cooler, it can maintain a low temperature longer and slow down food decomposition.

## December Event

### 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary Exhibition of Yamasita Kiyoshi

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 ~ January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (except museum's holiday)

9:30AM~5:00PM (enter by 4:30PM)

Akagane Museum

Fee: ¥1,200 (1,000), ¥1,000(800) for 65 and over, ¥800(600) for high school, university and college students

Fee in parenthesis is for advanced sale and group discount.

### Ehime Prefectural Police Brass Band Concert

December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sun)

2:00PM~3:00PM (Open 1:30)

Gym of Wakurie

Fee: Free

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☆ How to Sort Your Trash and Garbage



☆ What's New? in English



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