Airman Steven Hanson, assigned to the air department of the aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73), applies masking tape before repainting the number 73 on the ship's island May 5. *George Washington* is the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN William P. Gatlin

(Left) Capt. Daniel Grieco shakes hands with Capt. Rudy Lupton during a change of command ceremony onboard the 7th Fleet command ship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) May 11. Grieco relieved Lupton becoming the 24th commanding officer since the ship was commissioned in 1970.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Steven Khor

Richard E. Byrd Elementary School third-grader Imara Cruz gets a little hands-on experience with some goats at the Ueno Zoo petting park April 28. The school took students to the zoo for a spring-time animal study field trip.

Photo by Christine Falvo

Konnichiwa

Chief Petty Officer's Club employee Chief Mess Steward Masayuki Aikawa cooks a beef stir-fry for lunch-time customers.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your home town? Zushi City.

How long have you worked on base? Fifteen years.

What is your favorite food? Sashimi.

What is your life goal? To open my own western-style restaurant.