Kayla Belcher, Cora Asuncion and Paul Bayer, members of The Sullivans School Safety Patrol hoist huge carp-shaped streamers or *koinobori*, up the flagpole to fly alongside the American flag in honor of the Japanese holiday, Children's Day May 5. The carp symbolizes strength and success. Children's Day, originally known as Boy's Day or *Tango no Sekku*, became a Japanese national holiday in 1948.

Photo by Megan Weathers Cullen

U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka Sailors stand at attention as Director for Administration Lt. Cmdr. Chad Roe, Company Commander HMC(SW) Richard Villareal and recorder HM1(SW/AW) Francis Asuncion perform a uniform inspection April 28. Sailors began wearing summer uniforms on board USNH Yokosuka May 3.

Photo by Ben Avey

Konnichiwa

CFAY Public Works Department Japanese carpenter Shinji Tachikawa, repairs a pavilion roof covering at the Berkey field picnic grounds.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your hometown?	Miura, Japan.
How long have you worked on base?	Thirty-five years.
What is your favorite type of food?	Seafood.
What is your life goal?	To get a big fishing boat.

Yokosuka Middle School (YMS) student Cody Hoffman plays with fellow string students during their first informal performance in the school faculty lounge May 4. The YMS music program has grown stronger this year with the addition of orchestral string instruments. The students, most of whom are learning to play cellos or violins, are being taught by 6th-grade teacher Patricia Hannon.

Photo by Dale N. Duncan Jr.

BM1 William Geurin supervises MASN Jacob Bauserman as he maneuvers a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka during coxswain training May 3.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Mike Mulcare

HTFN John Stull welds pipe hangars aboard *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) April 7. *George Washington*, part of the forward-deployed naval forces assigned to Yokosuka Naval Base, recently completed its Selective Restricted Availability.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Justin E. Yarborough