MU2 John Wiley, a Pittsburgh native assigned to the 7th Fleet Band contemporary music ensemble "Orient Express," performs for Japanese fans during the Yokosuka Kaikoku-sai Festival held Aug. 6 in the park located across from Yokosuka City Hall. A variety of food, drink and entertainment was offered during the week-long festival.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 N. Ross Taylor

The Jones Street playground on board Yokosuka base was recently upgraded to keep our children safe and happy. The newly renovated playground has many new features such as a double seesaw, arched four-bay swings, bubble-wall and spiral climber, thunder slide and much more. The old rubber surface was replaced with new multi-colored tiling. A gazebo roof and park benches were also installed. Playgrounds located in the Negishi Housing Detachment area will be similarly upgraded later this fiscal year.

Photo by Toshihiro Tsuruoka

More than 150 personnel from Negishi Housing Detachment and children from nearby daycare centers take part in an *uchimizu* or "sprinkling water on the ground" event at the Kotobuki-cho area of Yokohama Aug. 6. *Uchimizu* is a Japanese summertime tradition designed to reduce ground heat. The water used is recycled from sources such as rain water, bath tub water and air conditioning unit drain water. Many local government water and public works bureaus in Japan support *uchimizu* as it helps to conserve energy and water usage.

Photo courtesy of Rieko Komatsu

Children participate in arts and crafts during a recent Vacation Bible School Program held at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Chapel of Hope Aug. 12. The week-long program is held every summer.

Photo by Mark Elrod

U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka RP3 Lucinda Keeler and RP2(SW/AW) Brunette Marseille address care packages being sent to hospital personnel deployed in support of overseas contingency operations and humanitarian missions Aug. 13. Local Sailors and family members volunteered to support the Family Readiness Group in collecting donations and shipping the care packages around the world.

Photo by Ben Avey

Konnichiwa

CFAY Port Operations Department LCPO and Command 3M Coordinator MMCS(SW/AW) Milton McDonald checks updated force revisions for tug boat YTB 807.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your hometown?	Fayetteville, N.C.
How long have you been in Japan?	Two years.
What is your favorite food?	Barbecue ribs.
What is your life goal?	To be well off and take care of my family.