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First Look

Car wash/bake sale

The Community Appreciation Day Booster Club is having a car wash/bake sale 2 p.m.-6 p.m., today, at the commissary. For more, call Tech. Sgt. Matthew Kaczor at 2-1319.

Food, clean car

The Asian Pacific Heritage Committee is selling lumpia, egg rolls and crepes at their car wash 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday in the Commissary parking lot. All proceeds go towards the Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration in May. To volunteer or for more, call Tech. Sgt. John Kraft at 2-6838 or Master Sgt. Onofre Martin at 2-1454.

Top of Olympus

The event is 8 p.m.-3 a.m., Saturday, at the Top of the Rock club main lounge. Ages 18 and up. Olympic events, games, and prizes. Dress to impress the gods. For more, contact Kara Warren at 2-3202 or kara.warren@lajes.af.mil.

SUM dinner

The company grade officer council hosts the Single and unaccompanied member dinner at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, at the base chapel. The menu consists of crock pot dishes. For more, call Chaplain (Maj.) Stan Pieczara at 2-4211.

Preflight

■ Days since last DUI 75
■ DUIs since Jan. 1 ... one
■ Current AEF Silver (5&6)
■ Current FPCON ... Alpha
■ Combat Nighthawk: Capt. **Ingrid Ford**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; 1st Lt. **Jerry Ottinger**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Master Sgt. **Howard Chatman**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; Master Sgt. **Larry Yates**, 65th Contracting Squadron

Island medical specialists

Sao Miguel hospital becomes alternate treatment site for Lajes patients. Page 4.



Dr. Francisco Maduro-Dias (right), director of the Angra Museum, gives a tour of the museum to the West Virginia Air National Guard group that visited Lajes Wednesday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

Mountaineers touch down at Lajes

West Virginia civic leaders visit base, see mission

by Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor
NCO in Charge of Public Affairs

West Virginian civic leaders descended on Lajes Field Wednesday morning as part of a European tour to familiarize themselves with the mission of the Air Force and its overseas capabilities.

The 29 community leaders with ties to the West Virginia National Guard toured Portuguese air base No. 4, and saw the Portuguese army's Forte Sao Joao Batista. They were also offered a walking tour of Praia da Vittoria or a trip to the Angra da Heroismo museum.

Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, addressed the group about the Lajes mission, and Lt. Col. Tim Fay, 65th Operations Support Squadron commander, gave the wing mission briefing.

"This is what we do at Lajes: take care of our

air expeditionary forces," Colonel Jacobi told the group. "We enable them to get to and from the fight — and we're very proud of that.

Lou Kriso, an electrical engineer making the civic leader trip, spent the morning exploring the base and learning its mission.

"This is a great place," Mr. Kriso said. "It reminds me of a Hawaiian island. It's beautiful out here."

Meanwhile, Kyle Paradise, a civil service worker with the Army, said a tour like this is important. Mrs. Paradise said the flight and the tour help civic leaders get familiarized with how the Air Force works.

"There can be issues with employers and working with the National Guard," Mrs. Paradise said. "Something like this can certainly be an experience for some of the employers who are part of this trip."

The tour left Lajes Thursday for Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Bases in Germany.

Help for students

Parents have an easier way to find child care

by 1st Lt. Yvonne Levardi
Chief of Public Affairs

A new bulletin board at the base education center is helping parents find child care, allowing for time to enroll in college courses and make the grade.

The "Key Ingredient to Development Success is Childcare Arranged Real Easy" bulletin board is an information exchange board venue inside the education center lobby.

The board exists so parents may post child care needs or offers, or for child care providers to list availability, according to Erika Golart, 65th Mission Support Squadron community education liaison. Providers need to contact the education center office for approval to post.

"One of the challenges for people getting their education while at Lajes is finding child care so they can attend class," said Ms. Golart. "With the K.I.D.S. C.A.R.E. board, we hope to provide students a way to

address the challenge."

A survey done by the Combat Education Base Education Steering Committee found the requirement of a babysitter affected 16 percent of survey respondents.

"Parents spell out when they can trade babysitting days."

-Erika Golart,
community
education liaison.

The need was second only to "family needs take priority" of the different types of education obstacles that participants identified, according to the survey.

The committee's goal is to identify potential barriers to Airmen wishing to advance their education

and assist the education office in addressing educational and training needs of the Lajes community.

"We asked students to identify their obstacles to getting an education," Ms. Golart said, "and in return we're finding ways to break through those obstacles."

To use the board, students fill out a card with their name, contact information, days and times care is needed. They include the number of children and their ages, and the type of arrangement preferred.

"Parents spell out when they can trade babysitting days," Ms. Golart said.

An example, Ms. Golart said, would be, "My spouse can watch the kids on Tuesday evenings if you can find a way to cover Thursdays."

"We hope this takes off. We just introduced the board (Apr. 1) and we don't have any postings yet," she said. "We are simply trying to get the word out."

For more, call the education center at 2-3355.

Focus Notes

Hidden Hero

The Lajes Hidden Hero working group is meeting 2-2:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the family support center classroom. Current members and all Lajes volunteers are invited to attend. For more information, call Else Wingert at 2-6307.

Lunch and learn

A lunch and learn seminar on taking distance education classes is 11-11:45 or noon-12:45 p.m., Monday, at Bldg. T-400 in the auditorium. Bring a lunch and eat while you learn. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Matthew Kaczor at 2-1319.

Virtual library

A Project Wizard information quest contest has begun and will continue until May 15 at the base library. Win prizes worth over \$5,500 by researching answers on e-resource databases. For more, call 2-3688.

Lajes Combat Touch events

All events are at the base chapel unless otherwise noted.

Catholic events:

Divine Mercy Sunday Mass, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Catholic Women of the Chapel Meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

First Communion Workshop, April 24, 11 a.m.

For more, call Chaplain (Maj.)

Stan Pieczara at 2-4211.

Protestant events:

Protestant Women of the Chapel Retreat, today - Sunday, at the Caracol Hotel in Angra.

Men's Breakfast/Leadership Study, Sunday, 8 a.m.

Children and Youth of the Chapel Movie Night, April 23, 7 p.m.

Protestant Men of the Chapel Re-

reat, Apr. 30 - May 2, at Pacal de Santa Catarina in Angra.

For more, call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke at 2-2478.

Singles of the Chapel:

Game Night, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Movie Night, April 24, 7 p.m.

For more, call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke at 2-2478.

Town hall meeting



Major Anthony Ramage, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, speaks about the housing maintenance self help store at the town hall meeting April 8 at the Top of the Rock club. Other topics and ideas discussed at the meeting were energy, water and power conservation, yard of the month program, cable network distribution and housing security. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

Search has rewards

by Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor
NCO in Charge of Public Affairs

Searching for answers on an Internet-based database could net Lajes library patrons prizes like an MP3 player, books and phone cards.

"Information Quest" began across USAFE bases Thursday. Part of the Project Wizard initiative, Information Quest is a way to familiarize people with Lajes Base library's resources, according to Carol Wood, Lajes library director.

"This contest is important to the library because it brings one of the library's great assets — the databases — to the forefront," she said. "This contest is a great way to get everyone involved and interested in what the library has to offer."

With 13 computers available, Mrs. Wood said the library offers access and availability to complete the contest goals. Information Quest contestants will answer a set of questions using the USAFE Virtual Library.

To gain access to the databases, patrons come in and fill out a short form to get a username and password.

"Users can also come by and pick up a Data Source Sheet that gives them the database addresses, user IDs and passwords," Mrs. Wood said.

The USAFE Virtual Library is a collection of databases library cardholders can access with a username and a password.

Contestants that answer 50 questions correctly will be eligible to win the contest's grand prize, an MP3 player or a compact flash drive, according to the contest rules. Contestants with at least 11 correct answers will enter drawings for books and phone cards. Better than \$5,500 in prizes is available, according to contest organizers.

People can enter the contest by signing up at the Lajes Base Library. Players must be 18 years old and be eligible for a USAFE library card. Answer sheets are due to the library staff by May 15.

Melinda Mosley, USAFE Command Librarian, agreed that Information Quest is a great way to familiarize library patrons with the technological resource.

"Information Quest is a fun way to learn about the great resources available at our libraries. I think people will be amazed at where their search for answers leads them and how useful this will be in the future," Ms. Mosley said.

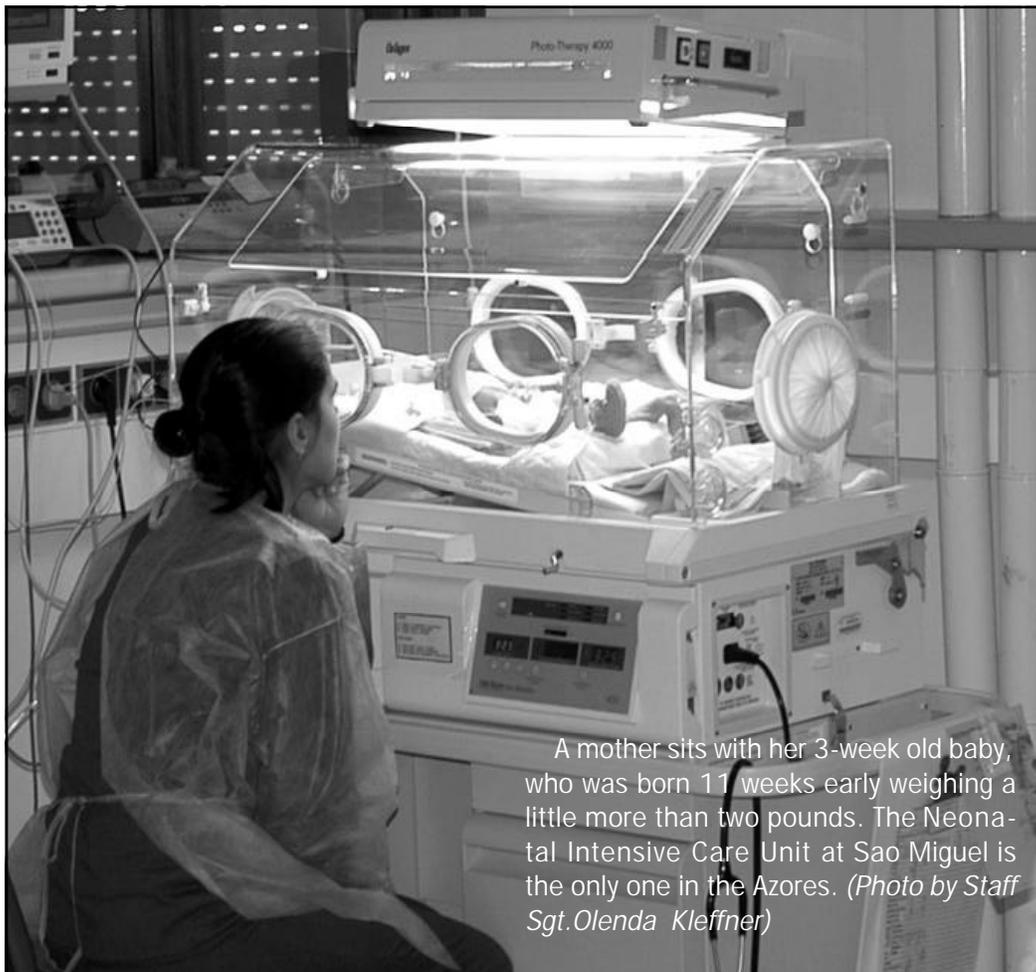
Everyone who answered at least 11 questions correctly from Lajes and elsewhere will be entered in a command-wide drawing. The grand prize is a digital camera. The winner of the camera will be announced the week of May 24, according to contest organizers.

Mrs. Wood said the USAFE Virtual Library could be accessed through any computer with Internet access by going to <http://www.usafelibraries.org/>.

Special duty



Senior Airman Jeffrey Openbrier, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, talks to Master Sgt. Weldon Selders, a recruiter from Randolph AFB in San Antonio, Texas, after the Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Team briefing at the Base Theatre, April 8. The briefing was for senior airman - master sergeants who are interested in becoming a military training instructor, a recruiter or learning about other AETC special duties. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)



A mother sits with her 3-week old baby, who was born 11 weeks early weighing a little more than two pounds. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sao Miguel is the only one in the Azores. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

Island medical specialists *Sao Miguel hospital becomes alternate treatment site*

by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads Editor

Patients seen at the clinic here, who need additional care, may be sent to Sao Miguel to see specialists who aren't available on Terceira.

About 20 patients have been sent to Sao Miguel since May 2003 when the first patient, an infant, was sent there for pediatric intensive care unit capabilities.

"The availability of the wonderful professionals at Sao Miguel has proven to be a great help to us," said Col. Fred Hannan, 65th Medical Group commander. "Their willingness to take care

of our patients needing their services has been wonderful."

The idea to send people to Sao Miguel came from Fatima Castro, 65th Medical Group beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator at the base clinic.

She said sending patients to Sao Miguel not only meant patients could receive alternate types of care that weren't offered here, but it would also save money and time for everyone.

"Sao Miguel offers services not available here," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Lorna Westfall, 65th Medical Group deputy commander. "Sending patients to Sao Miguel saves money, decreases

loss of duty time and time away from home, and increases types of specialty services available to our beneficiaries in the local area."

Colonel Westfall said some of the services offered at the hospital in Sao Miguel include a neonatal intensive care unit, neurology, neurosurgery, orthopedics and gastroenterology.

Another advantage of being able to send patients to Sao Miguel is it is closer, so the trip doesn't take nearly as long as going to other places.

"It's a 40-minute flight to Sao Miguel compared to a five-hour flight back to the states," Colonel Westfall said.

A patient can be sent to Sao

Specialties at Sao Miguel

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is a unit for children with special needs, including premature newborns and infants hospitalized for illnesses, injuries or other medical conditions.

Neurologists treat disorders of the nervous system, brain, spinal cord, nerves, muscles and pain. Common neurological disorders include: stroke, Alzheimer's disease, headache, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, sleep disorders, multiple sclerosis, pain, tremor, brain and spinal cord injuries, brain tumors, peripheral nervous disorders and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Neurosurgeons are medical specialists who are trained to help patients with head and spine trauma; cerebrovascular disorders, such as aneurysms of the brain and clogged arteries in the neck that can lead to strokes; chronic low back pain; birth defects; brain and spinal tumors; and abnormalities of the peripheral nerves, such as face, arms, legs, hands and feet.

Orthopedics is the branch of surgery concerned with disorders and injuries of the bones, joints, muscles, tendons and ligaments. Orthopedic surgeons perform many procedures including: setting broken bones and putting on casts; diagnosing sprain and other joint and ligament pulls; treating joint conditions such as slipped disks, dislocations, arthritis, and back problems; treating bone tumors and birth defects of the skeleton; surgically repairing hip, knee, shoulder, ankles, wrists, elbows, feet and hand joints; treating degenerative disease of the joints; and replacement of joint with prostheses.

Gastroenterology is the subspecialty of internal medicine that focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of digestive and liver diseases. This includes the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon or large intestine, rectum and anus, liver, pancreas and biliary tract.



(Top) Hospital do Divino Espirito Santo is the hospital where most patients from here are seen.

(Above left) Lt. Col. (Dr.) Lorna Westfall, 65th Medical Group deputy commander, listens to Dr. Rosa Leite, an anesthesiologist at Sao Miguel, as she explains all the capabilities to which they have access in the computerized Intensive Care Unit. All of the patient's laboratory results, vital signs, medications, lab test, diagnostics, patient history and more are available at their bedside.

(Above right) To keep doctors and nurses from having to go back and forth from the ICU to radiology, the x-rays are available in the ICU where the patient is. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

Miguel and back in one day. If they are sent to Germany, Spain or the United States, they could be gone a week or more for a 30-minute appointment.

The airfare is also a lot less: airfare to Sao Miguel is about \$250, compared to \$1,100 to Germany, \$1,200 to Rota and \$1,300 to the United States, the colonel said.

Every patient who is eligible to receive care from the base clinic is also eligible to go to Sao Miguel, Col. Westfall said.

Since most patients haven't been to Sao Miguel before, she said, patients receive instructions before

they leave for Sao Miguel.

"Patients receive written instructions and cards in both Portuguese and English they can show taxi drivers and help them get where they need to be," Colonel Westfall said.

Before they leave, patients are also shown pictures of the airport, hospital and other places they might go so they can recognize where they are, and they are given 24-hour phone access to the 65th Medical Group aeromedical evacuation technicians here.

The majority of the patients who have to receive treatment at Sao Miguel go there for the day, accord-

ing to Colonel Westfall. Occasionally patients may have to stay a little longer, depending on the type of appointment or treatment they are going for, she said.

"We recently used every leg of the local medical network to great success," Colonel Hannan said. "A critical, clinically intensive patient was picked up by our ambulance, assessed in our clinic, transported to Angra, air evacuated by Air Base 4 to Sao Miguel, and admitted there for life-saving care. I couldn't be more proud of our partnerships throughout the network."

Young talent



Makayla Raby, daughter of Kelly and Special Agent Michael Raby, sings "Can't Fight the Moonlight" by LeAnn Rimes during the Lajes Field youth talent show at the Community Activities Center April 9. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Valenca)



Everyday Hero

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Hanshaw

65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty Title: NCO in charge of vehicle management and analysis

Job description: I manage the 65th Air Base Wing vehicle fleet. My office is responsible for acquisition, scheduling maintenance, monitoring utilization, performing fleet analysis, inspecting the fleet and disposition of the Lajes' vehicle fleet.

Time in the Air Force: 16 years

Time at Lajes: One year, 10 months

What's the best aspect of your job: I have to know how each squadron relates to the Lajes mission to determine their vehicle requirements. It gives me a broad perspective on how the base operates.

Spouse/children: Wife Therese, daughters Stephanie and Caylen

Why did you joined the Air Force: As an option to support my mother.

What are your career goals: To become a first sergeant. If I can be successful in that arena, I can be successful anywhere.

Life goal: When all is said and done to look back and honestly be able to say I did it right!

Best Air Force Experience: The opportunities I've had working in different career fields: combat control, one year; vehicle operator/dispatcher, six years; readiness, three years; traffic management office freight specialist, one year; financial management specialist, three years; security forces augmentee, one year; vehicle management and analysis, one year; and hopefully a first sergeant to finish it out.

Hometown: South Point, Ohio

One word to describe you: Adaptable

Hobbies: Driving my wife crazy, chasing my kids, and just about any sport that doesn't involve skis.

Favorite food: Jeff Brzezinski's Buffalo wings.

Pet peeve: Self-interest.

No one knows I'm: A nice guy. Most people look at me and assume that I'm a mean old crusty...



Movies showing at the base theater.

Friday: 7 p.m., "Barber Shop 2: Back in Business," rated PG-13 for language, sexual material and brief drug references. Ice Cube and Cedric the Entertainer. On the south side of Chicago, Calvin is again struggling to keep his father's shop and traditions alive. Urban developers are looking to replace "mom & pop" establishments with name-brand chains. The world changes, but some things never go out of style – from current events and politics to relationships and love, folks can still say anything they want at the barbershop. **10 p.m., "Twisted,"** rated R for violence, language and sexuality. Ashley Judd and Samuel L. Jackson. Police detective Jessica Shepard tracks a serial killer who murders the men she dates. When Jessica begins

blacking out before each murder takes place, her partner, Mike Delmarco, and the police commissioner target her as the prime suspect.

Saturday: 7 p.m., "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton," rated PG-13 for sexual content, some drug references and language. Kate Bosworth and Topher Grace. Rosie heads to Hollywood when she wins a dream date with Tinseltown's hottest eligible bachelor, Tad Hamilton. When Tad meets Rosie and gets a taste of what he's been missing in the "real world," he decides he wants seconds and moves to West Virginia, making Rosie's dream come true.

Sunday: 2 p.m., "Barber Shop 2: Back in Business," rated PG-13. **7 p.m., "Twisted,"** rated R.

Tuesday: 7 p.m., "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton," rated PG-13.

Wednesday: 7 p.m., "Twisted," rated R.

Thursday: 7 p.m., "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton," rated PG-13.

This month in history ...

April 1, 1998:

A platoon of Navy Seabees of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Five arrived in Sao Miguel for engineering projects after devastating floods in October 1997. The Seabees completed their work June 20, 1998.



April 8, 1958:

A Strategic Air Command KC-135 piloted by Brig. Gen. W.E. Eubank, commander of the 93rd Bomb Wing, Castle Chatham Air Force Base, Merced, Calif., flew on a long distance, non-stop flight between Yokota Air Base, Japan, and Lajes Field. At the time, it was the longest non-stop, un-refueled flight in history covering 10,299.3 miles in 18 hours, 50 minutes. It also set a speed record from Yokota to Washington, D.C. of 13 hours, 45 minutes - averaging 545 miles per hour.

(Above) A B-24 Liberator stopped here en route to the United States to make its final home in a museum April 18, 1969. (Right) This is one of 12 B-24's left from the more than 18,000 built. This one is in the Pima Air Museum in Arizona. (Courtesy Photo)

April 5, 1984:

A Class A Mishap occurred when a Military Airlift Command C-130, TN 40539, veered off the runway during its landing roll. The aircraft

caught fire after destroying approximately 200 feet of chain link fence and coming to rest on a local Portuguese national's house. Two years later, April 2, 1986, after a massive overhaul by units sent here TDY, the C-130 left Lajes Field for a depot maintenance facility.

was originally a World War II US Army Air Force aircraft, SN 44-44175, and was transferred to the British through the lend-lease program. It was used to conduct anti-submarine patrols and attacks on Japanese shipping off Burma during the war. After the war, it was among more than 100 B-24s the British gave over to the Indian government. A number of photographs were taken from this aircraft in support of Sir Edmund Hillary's climb of Mount Everest in 1953. It re-

mained in use by the Indian Air Force until 1968 when it was donated to the Pima Air & Space Museum, Arizona by the government of the Republic of India. Although more B-24s were produced than any other American plane during the war, of the 18,000-plus built, only 12 remain today.

This edition of "This month in history" is contributed by Master Sgt. Roger Alves, 65th Air Base Wing historian.

April 18, 1969:

A B-24 Liberator stopped over en route to the United States to make its final home in a museum. This B-24

Chapel Spotlight

What is the chapel's mission?

The Air Force Chaplaincy's mission is to ensure the Constitutional right of "free exercise of religion" and to provide for the spiritual and religious needs of military personnel and their families. We engage in our mission through religious observances, pastoral care, modeling ethical leadership and providing ethical and religious advice to leadership.

In layman's terms, what services does the chapel provide for base?

We provide worship services, national and community religious observances, various rites and ceremonies, religious education, retreats and pilgrimages, and lay groups uniquely designed for singles, women, men, youth and children. We also provide counseling, engage in unit visitation and are members of many base-wide committees.

Who does the chaplain staff serve?

Our services are available to all Lajes' military personnel, Department of Defense employees, U.S. contractors, dependents and transiting military personnel.

For what kinds of assistance do people visit their chaplain?

Some of the major reasons people turn to us are counseling for personal, marriage, and family issues; advice on religious/ethical issues; religious accommodation concerns; specific religious instructions and the performance of rites and ceremonies; information about local contact points for various religious groups; and assistance in times of crisis.

Is a meeting with the chaplain considered confidential, and why or why not?

A private meeting or counseling session with a chaplain is ABSOLUTELY confidential. The most current policy letter from the Air Force Chief of Chaplains reads: "The right of "Confidentiality" means the privilege of absolute confidentiality in communications with chaplains belongs to the client, not to the chaplain. There are no circumstances where a chaplain can disclose information revealed in the practice of his or her ministry without the client's



Chaplain (Maj.) Stan Pieczara, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Coggins, Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke and Tech. Sgt. Edward Stobierski (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

informed permission. Similarly, Air Force authorities will never require a chaplain to disclose privileged information for any reason whatsoever. There should be no misunderstanding: It is the policy of the United States Air Force Chaplain Service that under no circumstances (except with the client's consent) will a chaplain ever compromise the privilege by disclosing information revealed in a confidential setting."

Where is the base chapel located?

The chapel is building T-305 located directly across from the family support center and behind the Chase Fitness Center.

Who works at the chapel and what is your contact information?

Our chapel team consists of Chaplain, Lt. Col. Michael Coggins; Chaplain, Maj. Stan Pieczara; Chaplain, Capt. Matthew Franke; Tech. Sgt. Edward Stobierski; and Senior Airman George Rodriguez. The main chapel number is #2-4211. After duty hours, a chaplain can be contacted through the command post.

Pico is second largest Azorean island

The Island of Pico, or Mountain Island as it is also commonly known among the Azoreans, is named for the impressive mountain that emerges from it.

Pico means "peak" in Portuguese. It's the second largest island of the archipelago with a surface area of approximately 174 square miles and a population of more than 15,000 inhabitants.

Pico is the highest mountain of the Portuguese territory with an altitude of 7,711 feet culminating in the crater of Pico Grande, from which rises the volcanic cone of Pico Pequeno or Piquinho.

The climb to the top of the mountain is difficult, but the breathtaking view of Pico and the other islands makes it well worth the effort.

The island was settled around 1460 when natives of northern Portugal arrived after colonizing the islands of Terceira and Graciosa.

Inhabitants initially concentrated on production of wheat and wood, a dye-yielding plant exported to Flanders, but the production of wine and fishing soon joined these activities.

Pico natives worked hard to turn the lava beds into vineyards. The Verdelho white wine of Pico has gained international fame over the centuries and it is highly appreciated in several countries; namely England, the U.S., and Russia, where at one time was served at the table of the Czars.

American whalers sailing in the Azorean waters around the 18th century introduced a new activity - whale hunting - which was, for many years, an important source of wealth for the island.

Whale hunting lasted until the European Union banned it in 1985.

Now, Pico is experiencing economic growth due to the construction of a new port, an airport and the increase of tourism activity.



Pico is the highest mountain of the Portuguese territory with an altitude of 7,711 feet culminating in the crater of Pico Grande, from which rises the volcanic cone of Pico Pequeno or Piquinho. The peak of Pico is the only place in the Azores that receives snowfall. (Courtesy photo)

The island is divided into three districts: Madalena, São Roque and Lajes.

The village of Madalena, the island's main economic center, gained town status in 1723.

Its port, located directly across from Horta on the nearby island of Faial, provides daily maritime connection with that island.

The island's main port is located in São Roque, a small town facing the channel between São Jorge and Pico.

This is an old town, connected with the whaling industry and the site of the only whale rendering plant on the island.

The plant has a display of giant pots and other tools that were once used to render whale fat.

São Roque also features a campsite where you can set up your tent, take showers and cook for a very reasonable price.

The town of Lajes, located on the sunny, southern side of Pico, was the site of the island's first settlement.

It has an important fishing port and is a former whale-hunting center.

The whalers' museum, established in a former boathouse, is one of the town's highlights. It features a varied collection of scrimshaw items, carved in whale's teeth and bones.

A whaling canoe and several other tools used in the whale hunting are also on display. Although whale hunting has been banned, the town of Lajes still plays an important role in the whaling tradition via whale watching.

This recent activity attracts thousands of enthusiasts who want to see sperm whales up close.

To honor the old whalers, each year the town of Lajes celebrates the "Whalers' Week" during the last week of August.

Other villages around the island that deserve a detailed visit include Santo Antonio, Santa Luzia, Bandeiras, Prainha, Santo Amaro (a small village and the main shipbuilding yard in the Azores), Piedade, Calheta do Nesquim, Ribeiras, São Mateus, São Caetano and Candelaria.

The vineyards of Pico are also very peculiar in that a maze of stone walls forms small fields where the grapevines grow.

The crystal blue sea surrounding the island is a tempting invitation to fish, snorkel and observe underwater lava formations, flora and fauna.

Swimming is possible in several areas along the coast. São Roque and Madalena have salt-water swimming pools.

The countless rabbits that inhabit the island can also provide pleasant hunting opportunities.

Hunters will also have a chance to take aim at pigeons, partridge and quail during hunting season.

Like the other islands, Pico also celebrates the Holy Ghost festival during its season.

Other important festivals during the summer include the festivities of Bom Jesus in the village of São Mateus; Santa Maria Madalena in the village of Madalena; and "grape harvesting week," the second week of September.

You can travel to Pico by ferryboat between the end of May and September, or by airplane year-round.

Round trip airfare costs about \$180, depending on the exchange rate.



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Sports briefs

Youth baseball

Registration for the youth baseball program is at the Lajes youth center. The season runs from April-June 2004. Ages 5-18 may participate. Coaches and officials are needed for this program. A free baseball camp for 4 year-olds will be offered with enough interest. For more, call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197.

Taekwondo

Classes are 6:15-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays for 5-12 year olds; 6:15-7:30 p.m., Thursdays for 13 and up; and 10 a.m., Saturday, at the Fitness Center. For more, call Airman 1st Class Joshua Clark at 2-6126.

Karate

Children ages 5-18 can register now for the Lajes youth program instructional karate class. This is a year-round instructional program. Classes will be Monday nights and Saturday afternoons. For more, call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197.

Yoga

Classes are at 9 a.m., Saturdays, at the Chase Fitness Center. For more, call Airman 1st Class Joshua Clark at 2-6126.

Fitness Monopoly

Everyone's welcome to play at the Chase Fitness Center when working out, by rolling the dice once a day and doing whatever the property landed on asks. For more, call 2-6390.

Teen cardio

Workouts are 3:30-4:30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Chase Fitness Center. Teens, ages 13-15, may use the cardio equipment with staff supervision and a letter of consent from their parents. For more, call Airman 1st Class Joshua Clark at 2-6126.

Intramural Bowling

Top 10

	Team	W	L	TP	Gm	Ser
1.	Starting Now	50	22	26,619	1,094	3,160
2.	LRS 2	44	28	26,077	1,042	3,074
3.	MDOS/MDSS 3	44	28	25,749	1,026	2,942
4.	JAMS 7	444	20	23,013	1,056	3,020
5.	CONS 2	43	29	26,310	1,070	3,091
6.	JAMS Session	43	21	23,470	1,091	3,095
7.	Those Guys	42	22	23,452	1,089	3,125
8.	CONS 1	40	24	23,720	1,103	3,084
9.	The Dogs	40	24	23,448	1,070	3,004
10.	Other CE Team	40	24	23,195	1,102	3,081

Scratch Game, Team

JAMS Session	891
Other CE Team	852
CES 1	802

Scratch Game, Men

Norma Darling	234
Manuel Mendonca	230
Richard King	218

Scratch Game, Women

Diane Katz	185
Kimberly Hellmer	178
Celeste Bland	175

Scratch Series, Team

Comm 1	2,534
The Dogs	2,487
Maulerz	2,338

Scratch Series, Men

Todd Katz	609
David Baca	591
Jason Beecroft	588

Scratch Series, Women

Deb Cooper	537
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Jocelyn Warner	454
Tiffany Brotherton	449

High Average, Men

Terry Mateka	179.75
Thomas Price	179.71
Todd Katz	177

High Average, Women

Deb Cooper	157
Pamela Darling	138
Celeste Bland	138

Most Improved, Men

Dan Knipfer	11.43
Michael Cyr	6
Joseph Pruesser	5.75

Most Improved, Women

Jessica Miller	6
Kristen Nelson	5.05
Kathryn Harshberger	3.22

Hcp Game, Team

Outkast	1,110
Other CE Team	1,102
Those Guys	1,075

Hcp Game, Men

Jason Beecroft	296
Brian Straka	274
Jason Fenstermacher	269

Hcp Game, Women

Deniz Equivel	263
Annette Legaux	258
Maggie Catoe	256

Hcp Series, Team

Other Comm Guys	3,196
Starting Now	3,160
Those Guys 2	3,125

Hcp Series, Men

Thomas Price	707
William Lechner	699
Tim Shackelford	697

Hcp Series, Women

Pamela Darling	717
Dawn Schenck	692
Anita Sommers	686

(Current as of Wednesday. For updated statistics, visit [bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com), click on 'standing sheets' and search for league No. 6075)

AFN Sports on TV

Friday

AFN-Sports

Sports Special: Firefighters' Combat Challenge World Championship, 6 p.m.
Firefighters' Combat Challenge World - World Challenge XI, 7 p.m.
Sportscenter NFL Draft Special, 8 p.m.
NHL: Playoffs - first round, 11:30 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: NY Yankees @ Boston Red Sox, midnight

Saturday

AFN-Sports

MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers @ San Francisco Giants, 2 a.m.

NHL: Playoffs - first round, 7 a.m.

MLB: Oakland Athletics @ Anaheim Angels, 11 a.m.

NHL: Playoffs - first round, 7 p.m.

NFL Europe: Rhein Fire @ Frankfurt Galaxy, 10 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

MLB: Kansas City Royals @ Minnesota Twins, 11 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Sports

Boxing: Race to the Undisputed - Chris Byrd vs. Andrew Gologay; John Ruiz vs. Fres Oquendo, 1 a.m.

NBA: Playoffs - first round, 7 a.m.

Playoffs - first round, 9:30 a.m.

Horse Racing: Coolmore Lexington Stakes & Federico Tesiio Stakes, 1 p.m.

MLB: Detroit Tigers @ Cleveland Indians, 5 p.m.

NHL: Playoffs - first round, 8 p.m.

MLB: Oakland Athletics @ Anaheim Angels, midnight

AFN-Atlantic

NHL: Playoffs - first round, 11 a.m.

NBA: Playoffs - first round, 5 p.m.

Playoffs - first round, 7:30 p.m.

Playoffs - first round, 11 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Advance Auto Parts 500, 5 p.m.

Sports Special: Championships of the NCAA, 9 p.m.

PLANNER

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Friday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 10 a.m.-12:30 a.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-1 a.m.

Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 7 a.m.; Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.; CWOC Mass (1st Friday of the month) 5:30 p.m.; Gospel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.

Child Development Center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast: 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage; Dinner: 4-7 p.m., Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, and stuffed green pepper; Midnight meal: 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight.

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Lasagna, fries or salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

School Lunch: Hearty old fashioned chili, crackers, garden salad w/ ranch, chilled fruit mixed, cinnamon toast, milk.

Skating Rink/Skate Park: Alternating weekends. Open 7-11 p.m.

Skills Development Center: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Teen Center: Teen social, 9 p.m.-midnight.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., seafood buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m., Prime and Wine.

Saturday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 10 a.m.-12:30 a.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-1 a.m.

Chapel: Mass, 10 a.m.; Gospel Children's Choir Practice, 2 p.m.

Child Development Center: Closed
Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Brunch: 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

fish Almondine, stir fry chicken w/ broccoli, pork chops w/ mushroom gravy; Supper: 4-7 p.m., baked chicken, Cajun meat loaf, and steak, Ribeye.

Midnight meal: 11 p.m.-1 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Skating Rink/Skate Park: Alternating weekends. Open 7-11 p.m.

Skills Development Center: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Teen Center: Teen social 8 p.m.-midnight.

Top of the Rock Club: Brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon. Huff and Fin dinner special 5-9 p.m.

Sunday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Closed
Bowling Alley: 4-11 p.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Chapel: Traditional Protestant service, 9 a.m.; Catholic religious education, 9 a.m.; Confessions, 9:45 a.m.; Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Religious Education, 10:30 a.m.; Gospel service & Fellowship, noon; Catholic choir rehearsal, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.; Rosary and Adoration, 5:40 p.m.; PYOC/PTOC, 6:15 p.m.

Child Development Center: Closed
Community Activities Center: Open noon-5 p.m.

Commissary: Closed
Dining Hall: Brunch: 7 a.m.-1 p.m., ginger BBQ chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna; Supper: 4-7 p.m., tuna and noodles, Sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan; Short Order: cheese pizza and Reuben sandwich.

Dry Cleaners: Closed
Fitness Center: Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Gas Station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Gas only)

Library: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Skating Rink: Closed
Skills Development Center: Closed
Top of the Rock Club: Closed

Monday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Closed
Bowling Alley: Closed
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.; Women's Bible study, 7 p.m.

Child Development Center: Open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Closed

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast: 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., roast turkey, baked ham, fish and fries; Dinner: 4-7 p.m., Swiss steak, baked chicken, Italian sausage. Midnight

meal: 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Dry Cleaners: Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Gas only)

Library: Open 4-9 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Roasted Chicken or Meatball sandwich, fries or salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Closed
School Lunch: Cheese pizza, garden salad w/ranch dressing, chilled peaches, Rice Krispie bar, milk.

Skills Development Center: Closed
Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Southern buffet.

Tuesday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 4-11 p.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 7 a.m.; Lunch Brown Bag Series, noon; Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.; AWANA (3 yrs to 6 grade) 6 p.m.; Catholic Women of the Chapel (3rd Tuesday of the month), 7 p.m.

Child Development Center: Open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast: 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Southern-fried catfish, BBQ spareribs, oven-fried chicken; Dinner: 4-7 p.m., Orange-Spiced Pork Chops, Liver with Onions, and Tempura Fried Fish. Midnight meal: 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: 16" pizza with 2 toppings and drinks; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

School Lunch: Boneless buffalo chicken wings, carrot and celery sticks, ranch dressing, crispy potato wedges, fresh fruit, milk.

Skills Development Center: Open noon-8 p.m.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mexican buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m.

Wednesday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 7 a.m.; PWOC bible study, 9 a.m.; PWOC lunch/study, noon; Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.;

Catholic men of the chapel (2nd Wednesday of the month), 6p.m.; Traditional choir practice, 6 p.m.; Bell choir practice, 7 p.m.; Catholic choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Child Development Center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast: 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., pita pizzas, country-style steak, and fried chicken; Dinner: 4-7 p.m., Caribbean Jerk Chicken, beef porcupines, and chicken enchiladas. Midnight meal: 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Fried shrimp, fries or salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

School Lunch: Chicken pot pie wrap, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit, graham crackers, milk.

Skills Development Center: Open noon-8 p.m.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Italian Buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m. Family Buffet

Thursday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass 7 a.m.; Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.; RCIA, 7 p.m.; Gospel Praise Team practice and Men's Bible study, 7 p.m.

Child Development Center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast: 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Southern-fried catfish, BBQ spareribs, oven-fried chicken; Dinner: 4-7 p.m., orange-spiced pork chops, liver with onions, and tempura-fried fish. Midnight meal: 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Midnight meal: 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: 16" Pizza w/ 1 topping or Taco salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

School Lunch: All beef hot dogs on a bun, rice pilaf, baked beans, coleslaw, chilled peaches, milk.

Skills Development Center: Open noon-8 p.m.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oriental buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m., 2-4-1 Steak Night

EVENTS

The deadline for announcements on this page is 5 p.m., Monday for each week's paper. Submit announcements in normal text with the what, when, where, who, why and contact info in an email to news@lajes.af.mil. Dates and times should be in civilian format, and include full name of P.O.C.

Bullfights

Arena bullfight: The first of the season is at 6:30 p.m., April 24, in the Angra bullring. Tickets cost 12 euros per person and can be purchased at the door two hours before the fight.

Closures/Shifts

Club closure: The Top of the Rock club is closed on Sundays, except for special events, until football season begins in September. For more, call 2-3202.

Veterinary clinic: Effective May 1, the vet clinic will be open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. A night clinic from 2-8 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and a late afternoon clinic from noon-6 p.m. will be every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. To screen your pets for parasites, bring a stool sample. For more, call Nichole Cowell at 2-3134.

Holiday closure: The community activity center will be closed April 25, in observance of a local national holiday. For more, call Marco Rocha at 2-4135.

Pharmacy: Patient wait times in April may increase due to a new automation process. As pharmacy personnel become more familiar with processes, wait times will recede. For more, call Capt. John Catoe at 2-3635.

Classes

UMUC seminar: The University of Maryland offers a College Study for Adults (EDCP108G) seminar, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., May 1 and 15. For more, call Melinda Casey at 2-4187.

CPR class: Adult/Child/Infant CPR and first aid class is 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, at the Red Cross office in Bldg. T-112. Cost is \$25, includes book. To sign up, call 2-3516.

Veteran's benefits: A veteran's benefits video/tele-conference is at 1 p.m., April 23, at Bldg. 715. Seating is limited. To reserve a seat, call 2-4138.

Pet first aid: Course on pet first aid is 8 a.m.-noon, April 24, at the family support center. Cost is \$15 per family, includes book. To sign up, call 2-3516 by April 23.

Babysitting class: Noon-4 p.m., April 24, at the Red Cross office in Bldg. T-112. Cost is \$35, includes babysitting bag. Successful completion satisfies Lajes Field Instruction 34-2, for ages 12 and older. To sign up call 2-3416 by Thursday.

School Transitions: Parents are invited to the Military Child Education Coalitions, 'School Transitions: The Essential Ingredients' workshop from 6-9 p.m., April 28, at the Lajes High School, and from 4-7 p.m., April 29, at the Lajes Elementary School. For more, call Elsa Summers at 2-4138.

Organizations

Board elections: USAFE School Advisory Board election ballots are due Monday. For more, contact Monica

Chandler-Potts at 2-1314 or monica.chandlerpotts@lajes.af.mil.

Health care council: The next Health Care Council, a quarterly forum to discuss important health care issues is 1 p.m., May 7, in the base chapel upper classroom. Everyone is welcome. For more, call Capt. Robert Paz at 2-2264.

Events

Car wash/bake sale: The Community Appreciation Day Booster Club is having a car wash/bake sale 2 p.m.-6 p.m., today, at the commissary. For more, call Tech. Sgt. Matthew Kaczor at 2-1319.

Virtul library: An information quest contest has begun and will continue until May 15 at the base library. Win prizes worth over \$5,500 by researching answers on e-resource databases. For more, call 2-3688.

Top of Olympus: 8 p.m.-3 a.m., Saturday, at the Top of the Rock club main lounge. Ages 18 and up. Olympic events, games, and prizes. Dress to impress the gods. For more, contact Kara Warren at 2-3202 or kara.warren@lajes.af.mil.

SUM dinner: Single and unaccompanied member dinner, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, at the base chapel. For more, call Chaplain (Maj.) Stan Pieczara at 2-4211.

Talent show: Elementary school talent show, 6-8:30 p.m., April 23, at the community activity center ballroom. First-3rd place prizes for Grades K-2, 3-4 and 5-6. For more, call Ronna Poston at 2-3491.

Spring jam: The Rising VI will throw a spring break party, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., May 1, at the Top of the Rock ballroom. \$10 includes food, beer, door prizes and music. For more, call Senior Airman Angeliqve Avendano at 2-5203.

Dining Out: Enlisted Dining Out, 6 p.m., May 16, at the Top of the Rock club. Menu includes: Tequila Chicken, Beef Tenderloin and Vegetarian Lasagna. Cost is \$17-16. Attire is semi-formal or Mess Dress. Tickets are available from unit representatives.

Volunteers/Jobs

UMUC instructors: The University of Maryland needs an instructor for speech and other courses, for the 04-05 academic years. A Master's degree is required and teaching experience is preferred. For more, call Melinda Casey or Ana Furk at 2-4187.

Part-time position: Thrift shop coordinator needed. Must be an enlisted spouse or officer spouse club member. Applications available at the thrift shop, Bldg. T-400. For more, call 2-6371 or 2-3567.

Part-time contractor: Instructor needed to provide financial and computer classes at the family support center. For more, call John Cox 2-4138.

WICO position: Women Infants and Children Overseas needs someone with a degree in Nutrition, Dietetics, Nursing or Home Economics and experience in prenatal, maternal or infant nutrition. For more, call Nora Blohm at 2-1440 or 295 549 465.

Services positions: Recreation aids at the skating rink and youth center, a club operations assistant and an office automation clerk at the veterinary clinic are needed. Applications are available at the Non-appropriated Funds Human Resources Office, Bldg. T-112. For more, call 2-5200.

Family readiness: Volunteer assistant needed to help maintain a program dedicated to families of deployed troops. Requires a six-month minimum commitment. Free childcare is available. For more, call 2-4138.

Volunteers needed: Volunteers needed at family services for postal collection, data input, advertising, etc. Free childcare is available. For more, call 2-4146 or 2-4138.

Charities committee: "Chapel Charities", open 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, in Bldg. T-426, needs donations for local orphanages and nursing homes. To volunteer for the committee and base chapel, call Tech. Sgt. Silvia DeJesus at 295-549-430 or 2-1304, or call 2-4211.

Skating rink: Volunteers are needed to distribute skates, sell snack bar items, work the DJ booth, etc. For more, call Sheryl Bush at 2-5216 or 2-6143.

P.O. volunteers: The post office needs volunteers to assist with sorting mail, distributing packages and customer service. Visit the post office for more, or call 2-3625.

CAC attendants: Community activity center volunteer needed to work at the front counter, to assist customers and provide administrative support. Weekend and evening hours are available. For more, call Sheryl Bush at 2-5216.

Spouse appreciation

Open house: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., April 26, at the family support center. For all civilian spouses married to a Department of Defense military member. Includes a spouses' enhancement briefing, the announcement of the Sensational Spouse Award for '03-'04, a "Simmering Spice of Spouse" sauce taste-testing contest, a spaghetti lunch and drawings for door prizes. To sign up, call 2-4138.

Supermarket sweep: A spouses' contest simulating the television game show "Supermarket Sweep" is at 9-10 a.m., April 28, at the commissary. Entry boxes will be at the family support center. Spouses must answer a Health and Wellness Center question to be selected for the sweep. For more, call 2-3889.

Heartlink: An orientation to enhance spouse knowledge about the military lifestyle is at 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., April 29, at the family support center. Heartlink is an interactive program which includes games and prizes. For more, call 2-4138.

Earth week

Earth week: Lajes Earth Week is Saturday-April 24, with Earth Day 2004 on Thursday. This year's theme is Water for Life. Various events will take place. To volunteer, call 2-6557.

Recycled Hats: A contest on the best hat created with recycled items takes place during Earth week. Entries are due by Saturday at the family support center and will be on display all week. Winners are announced on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. For more, call 2-6557.

Flowers and shrubs: Free flowers and shrubs are available at both Pride stores Sunday-April 23. For more, call 2-3794.

Volksmarch: A clean-up walk on base starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, in front of the family support center. A free recycled t-shirt, refreshments and surprises will be provided. For more, call 2-6557 or 2-4138.

Recycling/WWTP tours: Tours of the recycling facilities and the wastewater treatment plant for DoDDs and Portuguese students are 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday and Tuesday. For more, call 2-6557.

Environmental classes: "How to save water" is at 10 a.m., Monday, and "How to make recycled paper" is at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, at the family support center. To sign up, call 2-4138.

Organic food: An organic food workshop highlights the benefits of eating organic, 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the family support center. Participants will receive a recycled apron. To sign up, call 2-4138.

"Water for Life": A public presentation of essays, photos and posters made by elementary school students will be on display 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, at the Portuguese terminal. Open to the public. For more, call 2-6557.

School activities: The Lajes elementary school will have bug activities from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, at the LES; water briefings from 8:30-11 a.m., Wednesday and April 23, at the LES; clean school and community briefings from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., April 23, at the LES; and a clean-up walk from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., April 23 at the elementary school and the inactive flight line. For more, call 2-6216.

Hazardous drop-off: A household hazardous drop-off booth will be in front of the commissary starting at 10 a.m., April 23. For more, call 2-6557.

Clean-up dive: The Aqua Knights conduct a clean-up dive 10 a.m., April 24, in the S. Mateus Port. Everyone's welcome to come out and support the divers. For more, call Erika Golart at 2-6823.

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Monday.

PCS Sale: Plymouth Voyager minivan, 1992, available in June, \$1,999. DeWalt 18v cordless drill, like new, \$199. Yamaha semi-pro keyboard, \$249; office fridge, one year old, \$89; other items available. Call Luis at 295-549-296 (leave msg).

For sale: Tritum 110 Cell phone with owner's manual in English and paid calls of about 20 Euros; European Coverage area, with original box, charger, etc. \$80 OBO. Call Kathy Scharven at 295-908-965.

For sale: Gorgeous ring, size 5, princess cut, 1/2 kt. solitaire with channel set diamonds in a platinum band. 1 kt. in total. Must see. Serious inquiries only. Asking \$1,500 OBO. Call Aaron or Sonya at 295-549-521.

For sale: Maternity clothes. Prices extremely reasonable. Call Aaron or Sonya at 295-549-521.



(Top) Local Lajes children and parents scurry around in front of the Community Activity Center looking for candy during Lajes' annual Easter egg hunt April 10. (Above) Mikayle Gibson, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Tim Gibson, 65th Operations Support Squadron, picks up a bag of candy during the Easter egg hunt. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Robert Valenca)



Lajes celebrates Easter 2004

(Above) Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Coggins, 65th Air Base Wing, delivers the sunrise service at the Family Support Center Sunday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

(Left) Leandra and Mario Sousa, children of Sandra Sousa, 65th Services Squadron, hug the Easter Bunny during the Easter egg hunt April 10. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Valenca)