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First Look

Jungle book auditions

The Missoula Children's Theatre will have an open audition from 2-5 p.m., Monday, at the community center, Bldg. T-307, for a cast of 50-60 local students, grades 1-12, to perform in this year's production of the "Jungle Book." The show will be rehearsed throughout the week ending in two public performances at 3 and 7 p.m., Aug. 14, at the community center. For more information, call the youth center at 2-1197.

Singles' dinner, festival

The singles meet at 5 p.m., Saturday at Marcelinos Restaurant Praia. For more information, call Lt. Col. Michael Coggins at 2-4211.

Preflight

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- Current AEF9&10
- Current FPCONAlpha
- Combat Nighthawk: Capt. Kari Fletcher, 65th Air Base Wing; Capt. Ed Liberman, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; Master Sgt. Darcy Eubanks, 65th Services Squadron; Master Sgt. Patrick McGowan, 65th Contracting Squadron

Wherever you are, your vote counts

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
U.S. Air Forces in Europe
Commander

The most important privilege our nation provides its citizens is freedom. Our nation was built on democratic principles and one of our cherished Constitutional Rights is the right of each American to vote.

Today our men and women are globally engaged to help bring freedom, including the right to vote, to people around the world. By registering and voting you honor your fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who are sacrificing their personal freedoms to provide this staple of democracy.

You also reaffirm the sacred value of this privilege to many who have yet to achieve it.

It is the right to vote that allows you to elect officials who reflect your views and will speak for you in government. Why would people choose not to exercise this right?

By not voting, you abdicate that right and responsibility of citizenship that has cost so many, so much to earn. You allow others, with whom you may not agree, to select our future leadership.

The laws and policies enacted today can, and often do, influence the long-term health of our



Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE command chief, fill out their Federal Post Card Applications July 30. The deadline for completing and mailing a Federal Post Card Application varies from state to state. Therefore, completed applications should be sent before or during Armed Forces Voters Week from Sept. 3 to 11, allowing for all applications to meet local deadlines. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Edward J. Braly)

nation. And it's our nation's future – yours and your children's – that should concern you today.

Take the time leading into the 2004 elections to register to vote and request your absentee ballot. The deadlines for completing and mailing a Federal Post Card Application or turning in a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot are both fast approaching. Our goal is for everyone to complete and mail their applications before or during Armed Forces Voters Week, Sept. 3 to 11, to allow applications to meet all deadlines.

America is the greatest democracy in the world. We owe it to ourselves and our great nation to get out and vote. I urge each and every one of you to make your voice heard.

I encourage you to take advantage of a privilege that people around the world continue to fight and die for – whether you are at a geographically separated unit, a one-deep special duty position or deployed in support of an Air Expeditionary Force rotation – no matter where you are, your vote counts!

Combat Proud efforts lead to better quality of life

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — The 'outer cover' of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe speaks volumes of the content inside. The appearance of our installations gives testimony to the incredible people within, routinely performing critical, complex missions, every hour of every day.

Combat Proud, one of our 14 Combat and Special Interest Programs, was established in August 2003 to foster pride and productivity, improve the appearance of our bases, and ensure our long-term force protection posture.

Everyone should be proud of the efforts we've put into improving the appearance of the installations across the command, from removing hundreds of temporary containers that cluttered the

landscape to demolishing old, unneeded facilities. These efforts make way for an improved quality of life standard – a level we all deserve.

All USAFE bases have worked hard to make their installations a better place to live, work and play. The command-wide effort culminated in an evaluation of our

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Lajes youth went for the gold

by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads editor

The "Go for the Gold" Extreme Summer reading program ended July 30, with a party at the Community Activity Center for all the children who participated in the program.

Carol Wood, the library director, said the reading program encouraged children to read, and the Extreme Summer promotion added a fun edge by giving out points and allowing children and their families to win prizes.

During the party, the children played games, had races and ate cake.

Each child received a certificate, T-shirt, shoelaces, crayons and 500 Extreme Summer points for completing the program.

During the seven-week program, approximately 30 children ages 4-12 years old read approximately three books at the library once a week, engaged in group activities to enhance reading skills and participated in a story-time. They also made kazoos, Olympic torches and windmills.

"I think the children had fun during this year's summer reading pro-

gram," said Lori Urfer, children's program coordinator. "I tried to introduce them to fun books along with books about the Olympics and by the end of the program they were reading books to me instead of me reading to them."

The children were also encouraged to read at home.

Each child received a stamp card to keep track of the books they read. After they read 10 books, each child received 50 Extreme Summer points.

They also had a reading log, and for every log that was completed, the child's name was entered into a drawing for a prize.

Trey Kleffner, son of Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner, won a candy machine and two free bowling games for the 4-7 year-old age group, and Jo Anna Givens, daughter of Teresa and Maj. Howard Givens, won a calculator and a \$10 movie theater gift certificate for the 8-12 year olds.

The regular story hour at the library is 3-4 p.m. beginning today and will continue every Friday until next summer.

For more information about library programs or Project Wizard, call 2-3688.



Taylor and Mackenzie Martin, daughters of Cary and Lt. Col. Joe Martin, won the three-legged race during the end of the Extreme Summer reading program party. They both received two free games of bowling for winning the race. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)



Combat Touch

Airman 1st Class Kara Boone, 65th Mission Support Squadron, makes a salad to go with the meal she prepared for the Singles Night July 24 at the chapel. The singles are meeting again at 5 p.m., Saturday at Marcelinos Restaurant in Praia. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

Third AF Commander privileged to serve

by Major General Michael C. Gould
Commander, Third Air Force

Greetings to my fellow Airmen of Third Air Force and your family members. I want you to know how excited Paula and I are to join your team. I've watched in amazement your many accomplishments over the past several years and can honestly say you are changing the world in which we live.

The work you're doing is hard and the sacrifices are many. Deployments take a toll on home station activity and family life, while those remaining at home work even harder to keep the mission moving forward—this is the reality of our Expeditionary Air Force, and you are stepping up to the challenge. For that, I am deeply grateful.

These trying times in which we live and work require us all to keep our lives and daily activities in proper perspective. Foremost in our minds, we should harbor the awareness that it is only because God has blessed us with talents, skills and reasoning power that we are able to service our great nation. We need to always be thankful for those blessings.

Second, we have to realize that taking care of our families takes a conscious effort. Working hard toward that end will pay huge dividends. Whenever able, we need to tell and show our families we love them—make the special effort to attend the ball game, recital or



Maria Cavaco, 65th Operations Support Squadron, shows Maj. Gen. Michael Gould, Third Air Force commander, the weather report for Keflavik, Iceland. Keflavik was the generals next stop after he left Lajes Tuesday. (Photo by Master Sgt. Robert Valenca)

parent/teacher conference!

Likewise, taking care of ourselves takes a conscious effort. We all need to make physical exercise a scheduled activity in our daily routine. Carve out the time and stick to the schedule!

Finally, we need to be passionate about our jobs and have some fun. The best way I know of to do that is to find

satisfaction in our contributions. Every day we have opportunities to make a difference—be proud of what you contribute!

I'm anxious to get out to see you all and extremely proud to be your commander. Thank you for welcoming Paula and me into the Third Air Force family and thanks for your service!

General impressed with Team Lajes

by Staff Sgt.
Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads editor

The new Third Air Force commander made Lajes Field his first base to visit after assuming command July 15.

Maj. Gen. Michael Gould, the Third Air Force commander, said he came here to meet the people and to see the beautiful base.

"We wanted to see what's going well and see where Lajes needs help ... to learn how we at Third Air Force can help you do your job better," the general said.

Although this was the general's first time to visit Lajes since assuming command, it wasn't his first time here.

"My first impression of Lajes is from many years ago when I came through here on

a C-141," he said. "The wind was blowing and we just came in for a gas and go. I didn't get to spend any time here, in fact until this visit I never spent a night here."

During his visit this time, the general wanted to let Team Lajes know how important their mission is.

"Saying Lajes is vital is probably an understatement, it's absolutely essential," General Gould said. "For many, many years this has been a key stopping point for aircrew, and it's going to continue to be important as the Global War on Terrorism continues."

The general said Lajes members have what it takes to be a great team.

"I think you've always done a great job. The service has always been there and you only continue to get bet-

ter," he said. "Having sat through the briefings on the various combat programs that you've implemented, it's obvious to me that each area is looking for ways to improve. That's what make's us such a great team in this Air Force and you all have embraced that concept and are doing a great job."

During his three day visit, the general also had a chance to play golf at the Club de Golf da Ilha Terceira.

"Paula and I got a chance to play with Eddie (the course pro) and what a gentlemen he is," said the general. "He is so hospitable. I'd heard about your golf course for many years, but this is the first time we had the chance to play it. Absolutely gorgeous. We had a great time. It is just a great facility and I hope you are able to encourage all your

people to get out and enjoy it, even if they're not golfers."

The general wanted everyone to know he and his wife, Paula, were glad to visit Lajes and the people who make the mission happen everyday.

"I'd just like to tell the people at Lajes how important their mission is," he said. "One of the best ways to ensure that mission gets done is to make sure the people's needs are met."

"The setting (at Lajes) is just out of this world. It's obvious that people are paying attention ... it makes for a better place to live and a better place to play. Happy people work harder and accomplish the job in a big way."

"I'm real proud of you all and really glad to be here. Thank you for being great hosts, thank you for what you do for our country."

Voting makes a difference

Crossroads staff

The 2004 elections are drawing near. The next president, vice president, 34 senators, 435 representatives, 13 governors and hundreds of local officials will be elected.

Any American military member, civilian, contractor or dependent 18 years of age or older who needs to register should contact their unit voting assistance representative listed below, or the installation voting assistance officer, Capt. Joseph Zell, at 2-7013.

The voting representatives can assist you in filling out the registration form and determining the registration requirements for your home state.

For more information about overseas voter registration, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov.



Voting representatives

65th Air Base Wing	Tech. Sgt. Renee Kirkland	2-3520
65th Civil Engineer Squadron	Tech. Sgt. Cristina Dixon	2-3415
65th Operations Support Squadron	Capt. Joseph Ludwig	2-3514
65th Comptroller Squadron	Master Sgt. John Liddell	2-2402
65th Services Squadron	2nd Lt. Scott Kniola	2-2142
65th Contracting Squadron	Lt. Col. Kristen Nelson	2-4115
65th Logistics Readiness Squadron	Master Sgt. Kurt Uelmen	2-3364
Det 6, AFN	Airman 1st Class Ryan Spear	2-3497
65th Security Forces Squadron	Staff Sgt. Jerome Worthington	2-3611
65th Medical Support Squadron	Master Sgt. Mark Gama	2-3457
65th Medical Operations Squadron	Staff Sgt. Kristie Clifford	2-3464
65th Mission Support Squadron	Master Sgt. Tony Pinkney	2-4286
65th Communications Squadron	Master Sgt. Kurt Bergmark	2-5154
729th Air Mobility Squadron	Airman 1st Class Dawn Davis	2-4200



Chief Master Sgt. Cathi Durick, 65th Air Base Wing command chief, registers to vote by filling out a Federal Post Card Application form Wednesday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

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seven main operating bases by a four-person team led by Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley, USAFE Plans and Programs director.

A similar evaluation of six of our geographically separated units is scheduled to be completed in August. The program has been very successful in giving USAFE main installations and GSUs an overdue facelift.

Everyone should be proud of the efforts we've put into improving the appearance of each of the installations across the command.

We've come a long way and

accomplished a great deal over the last year, but there's still more that can be done to improve the quality of life for our hardworking professionals and our families.

It's time to take Combat Proud to the next level and begin to focus on improving facility interiors while continuing our efforts on overall base appearance.

Several locations have already begun this process, using the exceptional skills and talents of our people to revitalize facility interiors through the Self-Help Program.

I encourage everyone to take the next step and continue to play an active role by improving the places we live and work.

The 2004 Combat Proud Base Appearance Competition inspections have been completed.

The winners are:

Overall Base Appearance:
Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England

Overall Base Appearance Runner Up:
Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Enhancement Award Winner:
Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

Self-Help Award Winner:
Lajes Field, Azores

RAF Lakenheath was awarded \$100,000 for its first place finish. The other category winners will receive \$50,000 each. The award funds will be used to support readiness, quality of life and services as per the guidance provided by Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander.

New commander



Lt. Col. Anne Sproul, the new 65th Medical Operations Squadron commander, and Maj. Jill O'Rear, women's health nurse practitioner, discuss women's health issues during a morning meeting July 29. (Photo by Guido Melo)

WAPS list available

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Promotion-eligible enlisted members can now find out which materials to study for the 2005 testing cycles.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System Catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing> The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

WAPS Career Development Course study material, when required, is automatically shipped to promotion-eligible Airmen by the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning. Enlisted Airmen should check the WAPS Catalog every year to ensure they have the current references, which often includes non-CDC publications, said officials.

AFIADL will begin shipping the CDC's in September for people testing for staff, technical and master sergeant. If CDCs are not received by November, Airmen should contact their unit WAPS monitor to initiate follow-up actions, said officials.

Test administration dates for the 2005 chief master sergeant cycle are Sept. 7-10. The dates for senior master sergeant testing are Dec. 6-17, while testing for technical sergeant and master sergeant takes place Feb. 15 to March 31. Senior airmen will test for staff sergeant May 1-31.

USAFE members can obtain software for home

by Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – As part of the command's enterprise software agreement, eligible U.S. Air Forces in Europe employees now have the benefit of obtaining the same software applications utilized at work for use outside the office.

The Software Assurance benefit, called the Home Use Program, enables people to get a licensed copy of Microsoft Office desktop applications to install on their home computer, said Master Sgt. Paddy Amond, USAFE software manager.

"This is a very valuable benefit for our members," said Sergeant Amond. "Through this agreement, they are able to obtain software that would normally cost \$500 for approximately \$20 – a fraction of the normal cost."

Taking advantage of this should also eliminate any in-

compatibility issues that can surface when transferring information using different software, said Sergeant Amond.

"A lot of people take work home with them," she said.

"Having the same software applications on a member's personal computer helps ensure documents originating in the workplace can be opened and worked on at their residence."

The software under this agreement is a copy of MS Office XP or MS Office 2003 and includes Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Access applications.

Military, civilian, host country and contractor employees assigned to USAFE and who have a workplace computer designated for their use are eligible, said Anne Smith, assistant USAFE software license manager.

"The other major commands should have the same benefit, but USAFE can only exercise the program according to the number of licenses we have under our assurance agreement," said Miss Smith. "People assigned to tenant units here need to contact their command software license managers for their program's benefit code so that their order will be counted against the correct command's numbers."

People who choose to take advantage of this benefit

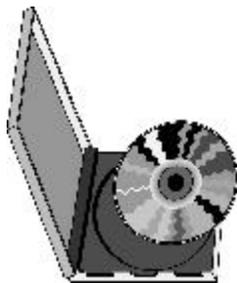
need to log onto the Air Force Portal and follow the detailed ordering instructions located under My Workspace, My Work, USAFE Enterprise SoftwareManagement.

A fee of approximately \$20 will be charged to the member's personal (non-government) credit card to cover shipping and handling.

For USAFE members having a non-U.S. address (not APO), the price may vary slightly because the applicable country's value added tax will be added.

"This is a great benefit for eligible USAFE members," said Miss Smith. "Security options are in place to ensure only those people authorized under the agreement are able to obtain the software and that personal information is protected."

For more information, call Sergeant Amond, at DSN 480-3483, or Miss Smith, at DSN 480-6100.





COMMENTARY

Family key to suicide prevention

by Staff Sgt. Angela Pope
4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN) — I've seen the effects of suicide twice since joining the Air Force.

I'd been in for almost two years, and a young Airman who lived down the hallway from me in the dorm hanged himself. I didn't know him; he had only been at the base for a couple of weeks, in the Air Force for a few months.

I never found out why he felt he had no other way, but I've learned in my five years in the military there are always options. Someone is always willing to help.

My second brush with suicide happened recently. Again, it was a young Airman, new to the military and to the base.

I hadn't met him, but we lived in the same apartment complex. A few weeks ago, he decided to take his own life.

Why did these two Airmen feel they had no other choice? Did they really think suicide was the best solution to their problems? Did they think about their families and how it would affect them? How about their Air Force family?

Though I didn't know either of the young Airmen, I shed tears in both cases.

It was partly because it hurts to lose a family member, even when it's not a blood relative, but mainly because I've also felt suicidal in my life.

I was 15 and my best friend in the

entire world died — my dad. I didn't understand why he had been taken from me. I didn't understand why I had to face such pain.

All I could think about was being with him again, and saying the things I never got the chance to say.

I decided I was going to kill myself so I could be with him again.

My mom knew what I wanted to do and said something to me that shook my world.

It didn't make sense to me then, but now, 10 years later, it does, and I thank her for saying it.

She told me my dad would be mad and wouldn't want to see me if I did that, and I had no right to put her and the rest of my family through that.

So, I stormed off to my room like any teenager would, and cried myself to sleep that night, and every night for the next week.

It took years for me to realize she was right. I think back on everything I've experienced since then, good and bad, and I'm grateful. I would have missed all of it had her words not gotten to me.

Not everyone in the military has someone on whom they can rely, someone to help them out of the fire.

But what every Airman does have is their Air Force family.

From financial troubles to relationship problems to work-related stress, the Air Force has resources to help with any difficulty.

People in the Air Force don't look at dealing with life's problems as a burden, they see a wonderful opportunity to make every member's life

that much better.

And I can speak of that from personal experience, too.

Shortly after I joined the military, I married my boyfriend of two years.

He soon became emotionally abusive and we divorced a few months later. I was a wreck physically, mentally and financially. I

dropped 20 pounds in less than two weeks because I lost my appetite and didn't eat. I couldn't concentrate on work because of my emotional distress. I couldn't pay my bills because of the mounting debts my ex-husband incurred and left for me to pay.

I felt I was no good to myself or to the Air Force and I wanted out.

Thanks to a warm-hearted supervisor, a caring doctor, a chaplain, a counselor and the Air Force Aid Society, I was nursed back to health and shown that I did have a place in the Air Force.

So, during two very hard times in my life, I had two different families on which to rely, two families I love and cherish dearly, two families who will do anything to keep me a part of theirs.

The rough times will pass. But please don't feel like you have to tackle them by yourself. Call a friend, your supervisor, your first sergeant, a chaplain or Life Skills. Or if you don't want to share your feelings with them, call the National Suicide Hotline at (800) SUICIDE.

Take it from someone who's been there, suicide isn't the answer. Family is.



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Local dog looking for a place to call home

by **Monica Chandler-Potts**
Friends of the Animals

"Can you help?" the voice on the other end of the phone asked, "the Porto Martins dog is about to be put to sleep."

"Who?" I asked.

"It's Buddy," my friend said.

That's how the Friends of the Animals got involved in this dog's story. It's also how this dog has become our rescue project.

Buddy is probably a lab and shepherd mix with a docked tail who weighs about 60 pounds.

We learned that he's been roaming Porto Martins since his American family abandoned him when they PCS'd several years ago.

People have shared all kinds of stories about him – "have a BBQ and you can count on Buddy showing up..."

"He plays with my dog..."

"He loves to play in the water at the swimming hole..."

"I feed him...the local restaurant feeds him, too."



Buddy is a lab and shepherd mix with a docked tail who weighs about 60 pounds and is looking for a good home. For more information, call Monica Chandler-Potts at 2-1314. (Photo by Monica Chandler-Potts)

One person even shared their memory of his protecting a friend of hers from a pack of dogs while she exercised on the road in Porto Martins.

The only thing this story lacks is a happy ending...so far.

"We have a responsibility to help this dog find a new family," said Staff Sgt. Mo Frederick, a member of Friends of the Animals, who

has rescued two animals in the short time he's been on the island.

Army Staff Sgt. Troy Livingston, our vet technician, explained the responsibilities of pet ownership.

"Pets must be immunized against rabies annually, and all pets must also be microchipped," he said.

The Friends of the Animals will help Buddy's new family by funding the

vet work Buddy will require.

He'll need to have his shots, be chipped and be neutered before he can be an ideal pet to a family.

He's good with the children he's been around and with other pets in the homes he's visited.

Anyone with a family pet, knows that it's hard work and a commitment they have to make for the lifetime of the animal.

"We just can't have the attitude that 'I can find a home for him or her if the animal becomes too much trouble,'" according to Staff Sgt. Bryan Potts, one of the leaders of the FOA group.

Lajes is a difficult location to re-home pets, especially adult ones, because of the small population.

Our group doesn't usually do adoptions, but in this case, we're working hard to help Buddy find a new home.

If you'd like to help, or for more information about Buddy, call Monica Chandler-Potts at 2-1314 or 295-905-365, Sergeant Potts at 969-273-775, Cherie Patti at 2-5228 or Staff Sgt. Corey Kenney at 2-3685.

According to Lajes Field Instruction 31-2 (June 2003) petowners at Lajes must:

Pet owners must register their pet(s) and present a valid health certificate, rabies certificate and proof of current distemper combination vaccines to the VTF within 72 hours after arrival on Terceira Island or upon acquiring a new pet.

Transfer of ownership info:



- Pet owners PCSing should make all necessary arrangements to ship the animal(s) to the next duty station or place of retirement/separation.
- Abandonment of a pet

constitutes neglect and may be grounds for punitive action.

- Ensure adoption of the animal(s) by responsible personnel. Change of ownership is required through the VTF.

- If unable to place the pet after a minimum 2-week period, schedule an appointment with a veterinarian for euthanasia.

- Upon PCS, all pet owners must out process through the VTF.

- Register dogs and cats with the VTF within 72 hours of obtaining them. If animal ownership changes, the new owner must re-register the animal, ensure

it has a current rabies immunization certificate, a registration microchip and a USFORAZ identification tag. Previous owners will not be out processed until these actions have been completed.

All USFORAZ registered animals must wear a current rabies tag at all times.

For more information, call the VTF at 2-3134.



Shooting for base champs

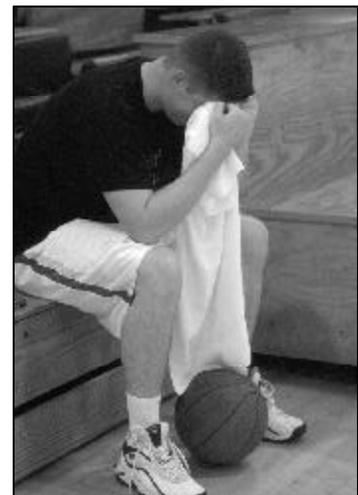
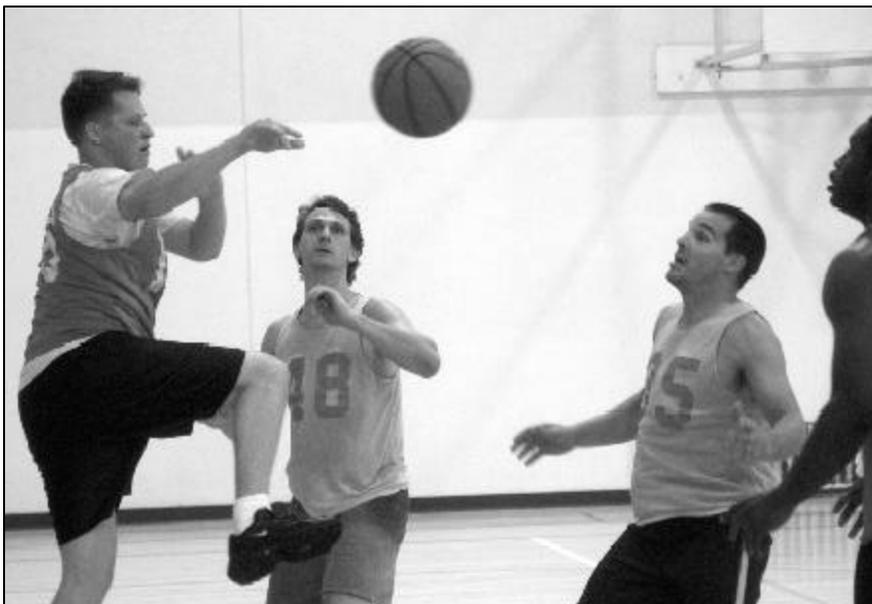


(Above) Aaron Wiley, 65th Air Base Wing, puts up a shot against Phillip Burns, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department, during a close playoff game, July 27. (Photo by Master Sgt. Robert Valenca)

(Right) Michael Herrod, 65 CES, "pulls a J" as Daniel Goodman, 65th Communications Squadron, gets his hand in his face during a game at the fitness center, July 24.

(Below) Stephen Varnado, 65 CES fire department, finds the open man during the championship game against Angra Saturday. (Photo by Airman Josie Kemp)

The 65 CES fire department won the base championship game 67-51 Saturday.



Justin Curtis, 65 CES fire department, is overcome with emotion after his team wins the base championship game Saturday. (Photo by Airman Josie Kemp)

Camp helps Lajes youth learn new moves



(Above) Alex Bickerdike, son of Helene and Master Sgt. Anthony Bickerdike, skates down the ramp at the skating rink during the USAFE youth skateboard and roller blade camp July 26-30. The students learned new safety and skating techniques from professionals visiting here from the United States and Belgium.

(Right) Mikkjel Dolferus, a skateboard instructor from Belgium, helps Timothy Eads (right), son of Lesley and Master Sgt. Daniel Eads, how to properly use his skateboard on the ramp.



(Left) Anthony Capadona, an instructor from the United States, gives skateboard instructions to the group of youth attending the four-day camp. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Sports Briefs

Fitlinxx

All military members are reminded that logging in their workouts is mandatory, at <http://lajes.fitlinxx.com>

5K run

The run is at 3 p.m., Aug. 13. Show time is 30 minutes prior at the fitness center. For ages 18 and up.

Soccer leagues

Registration for youth ages 5-18 is at the youth center. The season will last Aug.-Oct. and members. Volunteer officials are needed. For call Jolene Wilkinson at



soccer leagues for center. The season costs \$25 for coaches and offi- more information, 2-1197.

Cheerleading camps

USAFE will sponsor a youth cheerleading camp Aug. 16-20. Younger athletes will meet at 9 a.m.-noon, and ages 12 and up will meet at 1-4 p.m. at the youth center. For more information, call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197.



Golf tournament

The 65th Medical Group is having a golf tournament at the Terceira Golf Course at 11 a.m., Aug. 19. Entry fee is 10 euro per person plus green fees. Prizes will be given away for longest drive, closest to the pin, top three finishing teams and door drawings. For more information or to submit entries, call Tech. Sgt. Joey Manahan at 2-1370 or e-mail him at joselito.manahan@lajes.af.mil

Paintball games

Games are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. Cost is \$20 per person. Price includes transportation, CO2 and full face mask. A minimum of 8 and maximum of 25 participants can play, ages 16 and above. For more information, call 2-4140.

Sea kayak course

Classes are August 5-7 for \$20 per person. Minimum and maximum is four participants. Minimum age is 13 years old. Upon completion of course, everyone will receive a certificate. If interested, call 2-4140.

Cave exploring

A cave exploration trip leaves outdoor recreation at 9 a.m., Aug. 21. Cost is \$12 per adult and \$15 for children 12 and under. A minimum of six and maximum of eight people, ages 8 and above can participate. Sign up three days prior to the trip. For more information, call 2-4140.

Youth bowling camp

A summer bowling camp that covers manual scoring, bowling etiquette, proper ball fit, bowling technique and pin vs. spot bowling will have two sessions each ending in

a tournament. Session two is 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 18-20, at the base bowling alley, for ages 8 and up. A maximum of 20 children per session can participate. Cost is \$10 per child per session. For more information or to sign up, call 2-6169 or 2-6210.



Sports physical

The 65th Medical Group Sports Physical day is 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 19. Sign up at the Lajes youth center. All youth ages 5-21 years old planning to play any sport this year must have a current annual physical. Parents must bring immunizations records, glasses and contacts to the physical. Things that will be checked include general health screening, vision screenings, education updates, immunization updates and blood work if needed.

Endurance competition

The competition is at 10 a.m. Aug. 21 for ages 18 and up. Registration deadline is 10 a.m. Aug. 18. For more information, call 2-6126 or 2-5151

Shore fishing trips

Fishing trips are at 9 a.m., Aug. 16 and 28. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$15 per child under 12. A minimum of six and maximum of nine people, ages 5 and above can participate. Sign up three days prior to trip. For more information, call 2-4140.



Boat rentals

The Island Breeze boat rental season runs through Sept. 5 at the TTU port. Fifty horsepower Zodiacs are \$20 per hour, gas included. Sea kayaks are \$4 per hour and paddle boats are \$5 per hour. Hours of operation are noon-5 p.m., Saturdays-Sundays, U.S. holidays and Friday family days. A boating safety certification must be obtained prior to renting the Zodiacs at www.boat-ed.com; use the internet version of the Rhode Island test. For more information, call 2-4140.

Hours of Operation

Pool hours: Through Sept. 5

Lap swim: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., open swim: 1-7 p.m., Mon., Wed.-Fri.; noon-7 p.m., Sat.; noon-6 p.m., Sun.

Hillside Lanes: 4-11 p.m., Tue.; 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Wed.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Fri.-Sat.; 2-9:30 p.m., Sun.

Skating Rink/Skate Park: (On alternating weekends) 7-11 p.m., Fri.-Sat.

PLANNER

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Flight View BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon., Tue., Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun.

Ocean Front BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun.

Shoppette: 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun.

Beauty shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue.-Sat.

Dry cleaners: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Mon.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat.

Gas station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., Mon. (gas only); 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue.-Sat.

Lajes services

Child development center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Community activities center: 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Tue.-Sat.; noon-5 p.m., Sun.

Commissary: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon.-Wed., Fri., Sat.; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thu.

Chace Fitness Center: 5 a.m.-midnight, Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-7

p.m., Sat., Sun.
Library: 4-9 p.m., Mon.; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Sun.

Outdoor recreation: 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tue.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun.

Skills development center: noon-8 p.m., Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri., Sat.

Thrift Shop: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Mon. and Wed.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri. and 1st Saturday of the month.

Vet Clinic: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.; noon-6 p.m. 1st and 3rd Wed.; 2-8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wed.

Youth and teen center: 3-6 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8 p.m.-midnight, Fri., Sat.

Meal time

Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon.-Thu.; 7 a.m.-1 a.m., Fri., Sat.; 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun.

Dining hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., dinner 4-7 p.m., midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri., 11 p.m.-1 a.m., Sat.; Brunch 7 a.m.-1 p.m., supper 4-7 p.m., Sat., Sun.

Oceanview Island Grill: 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon.-Sun. Lunch specials:

Mon., roasted chicken or meatball sandwich; Tue., 16" pizza w/ 2 toppings; Wed., Fried shrimp; Thu., 16" pizza w/1 topping or taco salad; Fri., Lasagna. Specials come with fries or salad, and a drink. Pizza specials only come with drinks.

Top of the Rock club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sat.; dinner 5-9 p.m., Tue.-Sat. Lunch buffets and specials: Mon., Southern buffet; Tue., Mexican buffet; Wed., Italian buffet, family dinner buffet; Thu., Oriental buffet, 2-4-1 steak night; Fri., seafood buffet, Prime & Wine dinner; Huff & Fin dinner special.

Chapel services

Adoration and rosary: 3 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 5:40 p.m., Sun.

Mass: 5 p.m., Sun.-Fri.

Meditation and prayer: 6:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

Monday

Protestant women's spiritual fitness training, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Catholic Women of the Chapel, 7 p.m., 3rd Tuesday

Wednesday

Men's spiritual fitness training/lunch, noon; Working women's spiritual fitness training/lunch, noon; Catholic Men of the Chapel, 6 p.m., 2nd Wednesday; Traditional choir practice, 6 p.m.; Bell choir practice, 7 p.m.; Catholic choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday

Gospel Praise Team practice, 7 p.m.; Men's spiritual fitness training, 7 p.m.

Friday

CWOC Mass, 5:30 p.m., 1st Fri.; Gospel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.; Teen Movie Night, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Mass, 10 a.m.

Sunday

Traditional Protestant service, 9 a.m.; Confessions, 9:45 a.m.; Traditional Protestant fellowship, 10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Gospel service & fellowship, noon; Catholic youth organization, noon; Catholic choir rehearsal, 4 p.m.; Rosary and adoration, 5:40 p.m.; Protestant Youth/Teens of the Chapel, 6:15 p.m.



Friday: 7 p.m., "Around the World in 80 Days," rated PG for action violence, some crude humor and mild language. Cast includes Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan. Passepartout, a Chinese thief, steals a valuable jade Buddha and then seeks refuge in the traveling companionship of an eccentric inventor, Fogg, who has taken on a bet with members of his gentlemen's club that he can make it around the world in a mere 80 days. Along the way, Passepartout uses his amazing martial arts abilities to defend Fogg from the many dangers they face.

Saturday: 2 p.m., "Garfield the Movie," rated PG for frightening moments, creature violence and mild language. Cast includes Breckin Meyer and Jennifer Love Hewitt. Garfield's owner takes in sweet but dimwitted pooch Odie, turning Garfield's world upside down. Garfield wants only one thing: Odie out of his home and life! But when the pup is kidnapped by a nasty dog trainer, Garfield, for the first time in his life, feels responsible and springs into action to return the pup. **7 p.m., "Around the World in 80 Days."**

Sunday: 2 p.m., "Garfield the Movie." 7 p.m., "Around the World in 80 Days."

Wednesday: 7 p.m., "Around the World in 80 Days"
Thursday: 7 p.m., "Garfield the Movie"

For information about the movie schedule, call the base theater at 2-3302.

AFN Sports on TV

Friday

AFN-Sports

Action: X Games X - Day 1, 1 a.m.
Tennis: 2004 U.S. Open Series: ATP Western & Southern Financial Group Masters - Round of 16, 7 a.m.
MLB: Montreal Expos @ St. Louis Cardinals, 11 a.m.
Tennis: 2004 U.S. Open Series: ATP Western & Southern Financial Group Masters - Quarterfinals, 5 p.m.
MLB: Boston Red Sox @ Detroit Tigers, 11 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Atlanta Braves @ Houston Astros, 2 a.m.

Saturday

AFN-Sports

MLB: Philadelphia Phillies @ Los Angeles Dodgers, 2 a.m.
Basketball: USA Basketball Men's National Team: USA @ Serbia, 7 a.m.
Tennis: 2004 U.S. Open Series: ATP Western & Southern Financial Group Masters - Quarterfinals, 10 a.m.
NASCAR: Craftsman Truck Series: Power Stroke Diesel 200, 12 p.m.
MLB: NY Mets @ St. Louis Cardinals, 5 p.m.
Action: X Games X - Day 3, 8 p.m.
Tennis: 2004 U.S. Open Series: ATP Western & Southern Financial Group Masters - Semifinals #1 & #2, 10 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Oakland Athletics @ Minnesota Twins, 7 p.m.
MLB: Chicago Cubs @ San Francisco

Giants, 10 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Boxing: IBA Middleweight Title Bout: David Lopez @ Kirinio Garcia, 2 a.m.
Motorcross: AMA Motocross (125cc), 4 p.m.
Motor-cross: AMA Motocross (250cc), 5 p.m.
Action: X Games X - Day 2, 6 p.m.
MLB: Boston Red Sox @ Detroit Tigers, 11 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Sports

Golf: PGA Tour, The International: Third Round, 2 a.m.
NASCAR: Busch Series: Kroger 200 Presented by Tom Raper RVs, 7 a.m.
Action: X Games X - Day 3, 12 p.m.
NFL: 2004 Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction, 5 p.m.
Tennis: 2004 U.S. Open Series: ATP Western & Southern Financial Group Masters - Finals, 8 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Cleveland Indians @ Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m.
MLB: Boston Red Sox @ Detroit Tigers, 7 p.m.
MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates @ San Diego Padres, 10 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

MLS: Columbus Crew @ New England Revolution, 4 p.m.
NASCAR: Nextel Cup Series: Brickyard 400 Presented by Exxon - Mobil Retailers, 6:30 p.m.

EVENTS

The deadline for Crossroads ads is one week out, or the Friday prior to the paper date. Submit announcements weekly in normal text with the what, when, where, who, why and contact info in an e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Dates and times should be in civilian format, and include full name of P.O.C.

Bullfights

Saturday: 2 p.m., Running of the bulls for children, street next to Modelo Superstore in Praia.

Sunday: 6 p.m., Praia beach

Wednesday: 6 p.m., street next to Modelo Superstore in Praia

Aug. 15: 6:30 p.m., road behind Civil Engineer compound

Closures/shifts

TORC closed: The Top of the Rock Club will be closed through Aug. 15 for maintenance. The club will re-open Aug. 16 with normal operating hours.

Bowling center closure: The Bowling Center will be closed Aug. 11 and 15 for Portuguese holidays. For more information, call Rich Christie at 2-6169/2-6210.

Education Center

Registration: The University of Maryland registration is Aug. 9-20. Appointments have priority. Classes begin Aug. 23. To make an appointment, call 2-4187.

Graduate course: Theoretical Foundations in Human Relations, a core course in the University of Oklahoma's Master of Human Relations degree, is Sept. 14-19. Last day to enroll/drop this course is Aug. 16. For more information, call Kalina Hill 2-3171.

New college: Central Texas College is now open in the Lajes Education Center. CTC offers Associates Degree programs in Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Fire Science, Food Service Management and Emergency Medical Technology. Office hours are 8 a.m.-noon, Mon.-Fri. The grand opening is Monday. For more information, call Kimberly Henne at 2-3355.

CTC registration: Criminal Justice course registration at Central Texas College is Aug. 9-20, class begins Aug. 23. For more information, call Kimberly Henne at 2-3355.

ERAU online: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is holding registration for the Aug. 15 undergraduate distance learning term through Thursday. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

Classes

Chess: Free classes are 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, at the community activities center. Ages 6 years and up are welcome. To sign up, call the CAC at 2-4135.

Events

Craft Fair: There is an arts and crafts fair 3-7:30 p.m. every Sunday at the marina in Praia through the end of September. The Praia City Hall's sponsored fair will feature local artisans.

Blues band: Memphis Gold rhythm and blues will play at 7 p.m., Aug. 21, at the Top of the Rock Warrior Field's, upper patio.

Comedy night: Tracy Tedesco and Leon Rogers Jr., comedy duo, Aug. 28, at the Top of the Rock ballroom. Together they provide a show with non-stop laughs and high energy for the whole family. For more information, call Kara Warren at 2-3202.

Pet adoptions: The Lajes Veterinary Clinic now has kittens and puppies available for adoption. Adoption includes a waiver of some veterinary fees. Photos are posted in the public folders and at the clinic. For more information, call 2-3134 or 2-4220.

Reading program: Children can read books, go online and take tests to earn points and win prizes for the Read by Mail summer reading program. All general membership and school age program children are registered. Visit www.bookadventure.org to see what prizes are available. For more information, call 2-1197.

Volunteers/jobs

CTC job: Central Texas College is looking for instructors for their Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Professions, Emergency Medical Technology, Fire Science, and Food Service Management programs. For more information, contact Kimberly Henne at the Education Center at 2-3355.

Creative job: AAFES is seeking a highly motivated person with a creative flair for the position of visual merchandiser. Applications are accepted from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Mon.-Fri. in Bldg. T-800. For more information, call

Nelia Faria at 2-3634.

Theater positions: AAFES is now accepting applications for a theater projectionist. Applications are being accepted 8 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. at Bldg. T-800. For more information, call 2-3634.

Red Cross: The American Red Cross is looking for a Health and Safety Chairman. This is a volunteer position requiring about 2-4 hours weekly. Duties include directing and scheduling CPR/First Aid classes, preparing publicity items, and attending monthly volunteer board meetings. For more information and to apply, call the ARC at 2-3516 or visit the office at Bldg. T-112.

NAF jobs: The following non-appropriated funds positions are open. Outdoor recreation: recreation aid - lifeguard, cashier/checker; youth center: youth recreation specialist and assistants, school age program assistant; central warehouse: supply technician; child development center: child development program assistant; Atlantic Island Kennels: animal caretaker; Sun and Sand Hut/community center: recreation aid.

Volunteer receptionist: A volunteer new car sales receptionist is needed. Applicant must have at least six months left on island, basic computer skills, be able to work 20 hours a week, answer phones, do computer work, greet and assist customers. For more information, call Elsa Wingert at 2-4138.

Volunteer clerk: A volunteer environmental administrative clerk is needed, who can work three hours a day, three days a week, has at least three months left on island and is interested in learning more about the environment. For more information, call Elsa Wingert at 2-4138.

Chapel events

Spiritual fitness: Protestant women's spiritual fitness training is 7 p.m. Mondays at base chapel.

Women's lunch: Working women's spiritual fitness training/lunch is noon, Wednesday, at the base chapel.

Men's lunch: Men's spiritual fitness training/lunch is noon, Wednesdays at the base chapel.

Teen movie night: 7 p.m., Fridays, at the base chapel.

AWANA training and sign-up: 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, 21 and 28, at the base chapel.

Singles' dinner and festival: 5 p.m., Saturday at Marcelinos Restaurant in Praia.

Singles' breakfast: Singles' spiritual fitness training/breakfast is at 10 a.m., Aug. 14, at the Top of the Rock club.

Men's breakfast: Men's spiritual leadership training/breakfast is 8 a.m., Aug. 21, at the chapel.

Singles' dinner and movie: 6 p.m., Aug. 21, at the base chapel.

SUM dinner: A single and unaccompanied members dinner, hosted by the Air Force Sergeant's Association at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 26, at the base chapel.

Children and youth movie night: 7 p.m., Aug. 27, at the base chapel.

AWANA training and sign-up: 9 a.m., Aug. 28, at the base chapel.

Singles' orphanage visit: Meet at the base chapel at 3 p.m., Aug. 28.

For more information about chapel events, call Lt Col. Michael Coggins at 2-4211.

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Lost children's golf clubs in base housing near Buildings T-1560 and T-1562. If found or if you have any information, please call 295-549-752.

For Sale: Black Futon, \$75; coffee table with glass, \$20; crib and mattress, \$15; entertainment center, \$15; lots of stuffed animals, \$25. Please call 295-549-718.

For Sale: 2000 Ford Mustang, silver, V6, ac, auto, pw, pl, pb, 40K miles, great shape, \$10,000. Call Aimee at 916-940-719.

Must Sell: Matching wheeled bookshelves/entertainment center/coffee table - \$250, 29" TV - \$350, 3 large bookshelves - \$60 each, small octagonal end table - \$10, crib mattress - \$20, laser printer - \$40, monitor - \$25, dual voltage alarm clock/radio - \$25, 110 alarm clock/radio/phone - \$5, calphalon 9-piece cookware set - \$200, microwave - \$150, cuisinart food processor - \$150, bread maker - \$100, toaster - \$20, ice cream maker - \$30, electric fry pan - \$30.

Chicago cutlery 9-piece knife set with block - \$100, blue glassware, 12 glasses - \$30, glass dessert bowl set, 1 large bowl, 6 small - \$25, queen-size down comforter - \$50, large square leather pillows - \$25, pink king-size comforter - \$10, full-size sheet set - \$5. Prices negotiable. Call Danyelle or Dan at 295513060.

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