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First Look

POV pick-up

The Strong Patriot arrives Saturday. Team Lajes members who have incoming vehicles can pick up their POVs Saturday if they have their license plates. For more information, call 2-6175.

Gate change

The Beira Mar gate will now open at 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Portuguese holidays. The next holidays are Nov. 1 and 8.

Change of command

The Air Base No. 4 change of command is at 11 a.m. Tuesday on the flightline side of the Portuguese terminal. Members of Team Lajes who are interested in attending should wear blues. Quiet hours are 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - there should be no vehicles or noisy activity on or near the flightline during this time.

Holiday lunch

A Columbus Day meal is 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday at the Tradewinds Dining Facility. It's free for meal card holders. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mix at 2-4156.

Preflight

- Days since last DUI 250
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- Current AEF 1 & 2
- Current FPCON Alpha
- Combat Nighthawk: **Capt. Cory Aldean**, 65th Medical Support Squadron; **2nd Lt. Mario Richardson**; 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Master Sgt. Brian Brannon**, 65th LRS; **Master Sgt. Robin Brooks**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron

Tight fit



Tech. Sgt. Jason Bairos, the unit deployment manager for the 65th Air Base Wing and the 65th Mission Support Squadron, is fitted for his gas mask Wednesday by members of the 65th Medical Operations Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Element. The test is for potential deployment personnel or people who are in a first responder status. They are tested to make sure they meet their deployment and response requirements. The fitting was to prepare for the Operation First Endeavour exercise Thursday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

Closeout wraps up great CSIP support

by **Capt. Yvonne Levardi**
Chief of public affairs

On Sept. 30, members of the 65th Comptroller Squadron, the 65th Contracting Squadron and others wrapped up fiscal Year 2004.

Combat and Special Interest Programs played a vital part to the wing's success and mission accomplishment throughout the entire fiscal year, said Major Phil Ruter, 65th Comptroller Squadron commander, culminating with receiving and spending nearly \$169,000 in the last 5 hours of the year.

"The \$169,000 for Combat Proud improvements for dorm residents in T-130 and 131 and the finishing touches for our new learning resource center were only a small part of the almost \$800,000 we received

throughout the year for our CSIP programs," Major Ruter said.

The wing also received \$4 million for other base needs to include fixing aircraft parking spots, renovating the dining facility, enhancing the main gate area, unaccompanied furnishings, civilian pay, family housing maintenance, furnishings and building four pavilions. An additional \$592,000 paid for many power conversion requirements, an alarm system upgrade, a foreign object debris cleaner for the flightline, repairs at the main base exchange entranceway and a new compressor at the liquid oxygen plant.

"We did better than expected," said Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander. "Everyone was well-prepared for year-end fallout money. We were positioned well to respond quickly when the call came, and it shows

in how much money we received for the base."

Funding the combat programs is very similar to the normal budget process with project managers putting together a list of unfunded needs for the wing, Major Ruter said. The wing prioritizes that list and submits the list to USAFE. The USAFE commander goes through all unfunded lists line item by line item, and tells each wing what he will fund.

"I know a lot of people put in a lot of extra time to make sure we were able to execute down to the last dollar," Colonel Jacobi said. "I'd like to thank everyone from the 65th Comptroller Squadron down to the resource advi-

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New fitness room for parents

Parents can watch their children play while they work out

by Staff Sgt.
Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads editor

The Chace Fitness Center has a new room designed for parents to work out while their children play.

The room is open to everyone who is authorized to use the Chace Fitness Center, especially those with children ages 8 and under.

Hours are the same as the fitness center and the room can hold up to six children comfortably, said Stacy North, fitness room project officer.

"This is a great program," Mrs. North said. "It gives parents with small children an opportunity to use the fitness center with more convenience."

For parents, there is one exercise bike, two elliptical

trainers, one step machine and two treadmills.

For children, there are toys, puzzles, blocks and a television with a DVD and video cassette recorder player.

Movies are available there, or parents can bring their own as long as the rating is PG or below, Mrs. North said.

"I'm excited about the new fitness room," said Cassie Gleason. "I have three children under 7 and this is a perfect way for me to workout and be with my kids at the same time."

Mrs. North said this project couldn't have been complete without the help of Lajes parents, the local Cadet Girl scouts, Senior Master Sgt. Karen Thomas, Tech. Sgt. Bobby Burger, Chace Fitness Center staff and the 65th Mission Support Group staff.

Child area work out room rules

1. At no time will any child be left unsupervised. If the parent goes to the bathroom, the child goes too.
2. Only six children are allowed in the play area at a time.
3. Children are not allowed in the main workout area, and are not allowed to use any equipment.
4. Parents are responsible for cleaning up after their children. This includes sanitizing the toys played with, cleaning up any mess the child may have made and returning toys to their original location.
5. Parents are responsible for sanitizing equipment after each use.
6. Always keep the sanitizing solution out of the reach of children.
7. Only G or PG-rated movies are allowed.
8. No drinks or food are allowed in the play area.
9. Diapers will be changed only in the appropriate restroom.
10. Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in a loss of playroom privileges.

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sors for all of their hard work."

The end-of-year money received for the CSIPs rounded out a year packed full of base improvements, according to the finance office. Lajes was able to affect all aspects of the base from providing spin classes and videophones for deployed spouses to improving base appearance and upgrading the education center.

"They really did help us out this year," Major Ruter said. "The library got a complete facelift, we built the sun and sand hut from scratch, and the learning resource center is going to be world-class."

List of CSIP projects:

Project CHEER: Bought a computer, DVD projection system and screen, and funded numerous events during the year.

Combat Care: Videophones for deployed personnel, laptop computers, printers and brochures

Customer College: Improvements to the learning resource center, audio/visual equipment for training and Portuguese videos for the class

Combat Education: Communications improvements to the LRC, testing facility renovation, auditorium upgrade, furnishings and new reference materials

Combat Fitness: Fitness running track de-

sign, spin cycles and instructor, treadmills and defibrillators

Project Power Plant: Funded the Lajes Sun and Sand Hut

Combat Proud: Dumpster enclosures, paint for numerous facilities, refinish walls in T-130/131, rock walk

Combat Touch: Passenger terminal Spiritual Refueling Station, flightline chaplain office, furnishings and equipment

Project Wizard: Computers and computer desks, new shelving, circulation desk, wireless library system and horizontal integrated library system.

Hidden Heroes: Outdoor bulletin display board

Combat Touch

All events are at the base chapel unless otherwise noted. AWANA is at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays.

JV/Varsity AWANA is at 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

Protestant Youth Bible Study is at 5:30 p.m.

on Wednesdays in Bldg. T-37A.

Hand Bell Choir The choir meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast is at 8 a.m. Oct. 16 at the base chapel.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Fellowship Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18.

Children and Youth Movie Night is at 7 p.m. Oct. 22.

The Protestant Combined

Fellowship Brunch is at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

For more information call (Capt.) David Knight at 2-4211.

Catholic Parish Bible Study is at 7 p.m. on Fridays.

CCD is at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

RCIA is at 6:30 p.m.

on Sundays.

Catholic Women of the Chapel meet at 6 p.m. Oct. 28.

The next SUM dinner, hosted by DoDDS is at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 28.

The All Saints Hollows Eve Celebration is at 6 p.m. Oct. 30.

For more information on chapel activities, call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Glaros at 2-4211.

Stamp collecting month inspires interest

by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads editor

Since 1981, the U.S. Postal Service has designated the month of October as National Stamp Collecting Month.

The program was designed to introduce children ages 8-12 to a stamp collecting hobby and to raise awareness of the recreational benefits of stamp collecting among all age groups.

Stamp collecting is considered the most popular hobby in the world, according to the United States Postal Service Website.

"We've received some philatelic products and commemorative stamp stock to give away to military postal service customers," said Tech. Sgt. Stacy Servillon, 65th Communications Squadron, Lajes Postmaster. "These products include a guide to U.S. stamp collecting, various first day issue stamped envelopes, activity books, post-cards and a variety of sheets of stamps."

Sergeant Servillon said the post office here will have contests running throughout the month of October.

Each Friday three winners will be chosen to pick up a prize.

Every week three patrons will be picked at random to also receive prizes.

There is also a coloring contest, which

The first United States stamps were issued in 1847. One featured a picture of Benjamin Franklin and cost five cents. The other featured a picture of George Washington and cost ten cents.

will be broken into four different age groups, for children up to 5-years old, 6-7 years, 8-9 years and 10-11 years.

"The children can pick up a coloring sheet from the post office," Sergeant Servillon said. "They just need to make sure it's colored and turn in by Oct. 22. We will choose a winner from each age group Oct. 29."

There is also a stamp design contest for third and fourth graders.

"The students will design and color their stamp," he said. "Our judges will select two winners for best design out of each grade."

Sergeant Servillon said all of the drawings and contests are for U.S. military ID cardholders and their dependents.

For more information about stamp collecting, visit www.usps.gov or call the post office at 2-3125.

How to design a stamp

Almost all subjects chosen to appear on U.S. stamps and postal stationery are suggested by the public.

Each year, Americans submit proposals to the Postal Service on literally thousands of different topics.

Every stamp suggestion is considered, regardless of who makes it or how it is presented.

On behalf of the postmaster general, the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee is tasked with evaluating the merits of all stamp proposals.

Established in 1957, the committee provides the postal service with a breadth of judgment and depth of experience in various areas that influence subject matter, character and beauty of postage stamps.

For more information about designing a stamp, visit <http://www.usps.com/communications/organization/csac.htm>

New services improve AFN TV broadcasts

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. -- AFN Television viewers have seen notable on-air problems in the past few weeks.

While expanded, server-based technology has recently enabled the staff at the AFN Broadcast Center to give more programming choices to most AFN television viewers worldwide, the effort hasn't been problem-free.

As any computer use knows, adding new software and hardware can sometimes be a challenging process.

"The past three weeks have kept our engineers pretty busy," says Bruce Ziemienski, AFN's Director of Engineering. "The new equipment and automation procedures we're using to play out our additional

TV channels have caused us some technical issues that caught our system experts by surprise."

Since the launch of AFN Family and AFN Movie on Sept. 3, AFN viewers have seen discrepancies between advertised schedules and what was being shown.

They've also watched helplessly as their favorite program was cut off by another show.

"I think we're turning the corner now," said Jerry Shorter, AFN's Chief Broadcasting Engineer. "We've had technical growing pains that can and will be resolved."

To provide viewers with the two new services, as well as more programming on AFN Spectrum, 64 more hours of programs are being digitized

every day into the AFN Broadcast Automation System.

In addition to the 100-plus hours already needed to air the other channels, BAS engineers are finding their system is having unexpected difficulty in processing this substantial increase in file management tasks.

"As with any new system, it takes time to become proficient in troubleshooting and repairing new technology," said Mr. Shorter.

AFN also recently installed new equipment to split its services between the two major regions of the world.

All the AFN services are fed in real time to Asia. For the Atlantic region, however, AFN feeds a 7-hour delayed version of AFN Family, AFN Movie and

AFN Spectrum in addition to the other five TV services.

Problems last week affected these regional feeds as well.

"We've tested our back-up transmission paths and established better procedures to ensure problems like what occurred last week are invisible to the audience," said Mr. Shorter.

Who has cable?

Some base areas are receiving the new AFN channels through the new base cable system. This includes the dorms, lodging and some mission facilities. Next in line are Beira Mar then Nascero do Sol housing.

myPay improved

At the Defense Finance and Accounting Services-sponsored myPay website, active duty service members have the ability to do more with their pay.

Members can now view 12 months of leave and earning statements. They can also start, stop and change financial allotments.

A Restricted Access Personal Identification Number is now available for the service member to provide to a spouse or trusted individual. This RAPIN allows them to view and print the LES and W2, but not to make any pay changes.

To activate the RAPIN, sign into myPay and go to the "personal settings" page. Then click on "restricted access pin" to create and input the RAPIN. For the spouse/family member to use the RAPIN, they sign into myPay with the member's SSN and enter their RAPIN.

myPay is located at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Porkchops, anyone?



Walter Garcia and Rodrigo Toledo, both Portuguese security guards, chased down and caught a pig running loose in Nascer do Sol Sept. 29. (Photo by James O'Rear)

Lajes 2004-2005 CFC begins

by Staff Sgt.
Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads editor

The 2004 - 2005 Combined Federal Campaign began Monday and runs through Dec. 3.

CFC offers the opportunity for federal employees to donate to different charities including national, international and local organizations.

"This is a great opportunity for Team Lajes members to help support their favorite charities," said Staff Sgt. Rafael Pena-Perez, 729th Air Mobility Squadron CFC representative. "Everyone who contributes, even if it's a small donation, helps make a difference in the world."

Sergeant Pena-Perez said there are approximately 1,500 different charities to contribute to. Some of the charities involve animals, military, medical, and families, sports, American Red Cross, children, community, Christian and many more.

The CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country.

This annual fall fund-raising drive allows nearly four million federal employees and military personnel to contribute to thousands of local and national non-profit organizations.

Last year, federal employees and military members donated nearly \$250 million to the CFC. For more information, contact CFC project officers or visit www.opm.gov/cfc.

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Air Force revises CJR 'wait list'

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Air Force has revised the career job reservation list in an effort to meet end strength goals under Force Shaping.

While five new Air Force specialties have been identified as constrained, another six have been released from the list. All constrained Air Force Specialty Codes receive quotas; have a rank order wait list established, and all first-term Airmen will need to apply within the appropriate CJR application windows.

"All first-term Airmen must have an approved career job reservation prior to reenlisting in the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Dee Wolfe, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Air Force Reenlistments at the

Air Force Personnel Center here. "That job reservation may now be a little bit harder to get depending on their specialty.

"The list of constrained Air Force specialties and quotas are established by Air Staff," she added.

Limiting CJRs is the latest in a series of Air Force initiatives to ensure the service keeps people only where they are needed.

What that means is first-term Airmen serving in career fields that are currently constrained may not be allowed to reenlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty.

"Those who are not approved for retraining or do not receive a CJR will be projected for separation," said Sergeant

Wolfe. "We encourage Airmen to continue serving the military with the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, through military civilian employment, or through an inter-service transfer to the Army via Blue to Green."

Only first-term Airmen selected for reenlistment by their commander under the Selective Reenlistment Program will be allowed to apply for a CJR.

For further information and a complete list of constrained AFSCs, please contact the local Military Personnel Flight's reenlistment office or visit the CJR website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/CJR.htm>

Open access is same-day care

Team Lajes members can book appointments when they need them

65th Medical Group

Under the 65th Medical Group's open access concept, Team Lajes members are able to book medical appointments when they need the appointment – usually on the same day.

“Open access means we do today's work today,” said Maj. Jill O'Rear, 65th Medical Group obstetrics nurse practitioner.

Major O'Rear said 70 percent of appointments are booked the same day and 30 percent can be booked in advance. However, patients are advised there are some standards for

appointments.

“Urgent cases will be seen as soon as possible – ideally the same day,” the major said. “Routine or follow-up appointments will be booked within seven days, wellness visits and in-house consults within 28 days.”

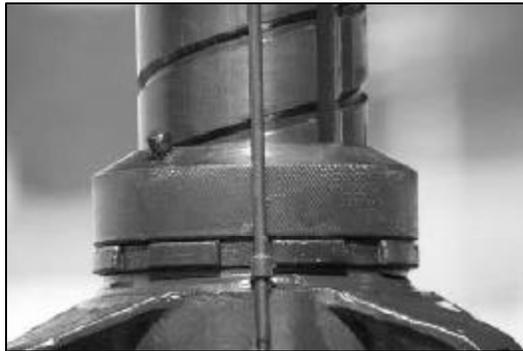
Patients who make an appointment but don't check in at their scheduled time are considered a no-show, she said. If this happens, the sponsor's squadron will be notified and administrative action taken.

“This policy is in effect to prevent patients who arrive on time from having their appointment delayed while late patients are worked in,”

Major O'Rear said.

Patients and parents should always use the “Taking Care of Yourself” and “Taking Care of Your Child” books prior to seeking medical attention, she said. If the book indicates a need for a medical visit, call the 65th MDG appointment line at 2-3261 during duty hours. If it's urgent and after duty hours, members can call the on-call physician at 99-66-647-8370 or call pager number 0429.

“But if you have an emergency – potential loss of life, limb or eyesight – make sure and call emergency services at 911 on base or 295-571-911 from off base,” she said.



C-5 training

(Top left) The aircraft nose jack ram lock is used to prevent compression of the jack in the event of hydraulic pressure loss. (Bottom left) Staff Sgt. Jason Angove, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, monitors the aircraft jack ram lock to make sure there is proper spacing. (Above) Senior Airman Jason West, 729th AMS, Monitors the plumb bob to ensure the plane is level during jacking operations. The C-5 flew in from Westover Mass. for four days while 729th members received training. (Photos by Master Sgt. Anthony Bickerdike)



Putting the treat into trick-or-treat

by Col. Mike Silver
65th Mission Support Group

Halloween – our local “American festa” – is a fun time for everyone to dress up in costumes. It is an especially memorable experience for children to stroll around the neighborhood with their family and friends, collecting candy.

At Lajes Field, we have the opportunity to share our American festa with our Portuguese neighbors, just as they share their festas with us. However, over time the tradition at Lajes has grown away from the original American intention of Halloween. This year, let’s try to re-introduce our American Halloween to the local community.

So, what are the important parts of our trick-or-treat tradition? I’m sure the children’s favorite part is going from door to door collecting candy. In the United States, adults don’t normally trick-or treat from house to house. However, many of them choose to wear costumes and accompany their children for safety reasons and wait along the sidewalk while the children walk up to the door.

As an adult my favorite part is the costumes! I love to see the neighborhood children dressed as nurses, firemen or Elvis.

In fact, I like to see any costume that just makes a child look cute or different. As with some Portuguese festas, costumes are a vital part of the tradition and atmosphere of Halloween. Though some participants have elaborate or expensive costumes with masks, they are neither required nor expected.

Originally, costumes were created from what the child could find at home. Some ideas for a costume are silly combinations of clothes and face makeup put together to be a clown. Children might dress like a sports player – soccer or baseball – or even a swimmer.

On Terceira, children might dress up like a bullfighter. Or, by wearing a white sheet, a child could dress like a ghost or wear a Roman toga. There are many more costumes children can make just with everyday outfits – children are only limited by their imaginations. Costumes are meant to be fun for the kids and entertaining for the adults who wait for them at their door.

Here are some trick-or-treat tips for Lajes housing residents, scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31.

First, for those newcomers to Lajes, expect many trick-or-treaters.

Second, not all families participate in Halloween. Turning on the outside lights

tells trick-or-treaters they are welcome. Outside lights turned off mean please “pass by our house.” Replace unlit light bulbs to make your participation clear.

Third, parents should accompany small children – it’s just too busy to turn them loose.

Fourth, consider pooling candy with your unit neighbors and meeting the children away from the entrance to avoid a bottleneck.

Fifth, set a budget for yourself; when the candy is gone turn off your light.

Finally, speaking of candy running out; remind your children to go to each house only once and to say thank you – and to share the evening treats with their favorite 65th Mission Support Group commander – I’ll even take the candy they reject.

Once again, I’m looking forward to seeing all the costumes, especially the children trick-or-treaters in their costumes. Oh yeah, at my house I often ask for the kid to do a trick in order to earn the treat! Does this sound familiar or is my age showing? Enjoy the candy. Enjoy the costumes. Enjoy the fun. Halloween is a great opportunity to share a little American festa here at Lajes Field with our Azorean neighbors. I look forward to seeing you Halloween night – that is if I can recognize you!

Halloween tradition dates back 2,000 years

by Capt. Yvonne Levardi
Chief, public affairs

The origins of Halloween date back 2,000 years to the Celts and their festival of Samhain. They celebrated the new year Nov. 1, with that day marking the end of summer and harvest and beginning the dark, cold winter. They also believed that on the night before the new year, Samhain, the boundary between the living and the dead was blurred, and on that night the dead would return to the earth. Celtic priests believed the dead would cause trouble but also their presence would make it easier to predict the future. To commemorate the day, they lit huge bonfires, feasted, dressed in costume and attempted to tell each others’ fortunes.

By 800 A.D., Christianity had spread into Celtic lands. Pope Boniface IV designated Nov. 1 All Saints’ Day, a time to honor saints and martyrs. It’s widely believed this was done to replace the Celtic festival of

the dead with a related, but church-sanctioned holiday. The celebration was called All-Hallows, from Middle English Alhallowmesse meaning All Saints’ Day, and the night before, All-hallows Eve or Halloween. Later, in 1,000 A.D., the church made Nov. 2 All Souls’ Day, a day to honor the dead. That was celebrated similarly to Samhain with bonfires, parades and dressing in costumes.

The American tradition of “trick-or-treating” probably dates back to All Souls’ Day parades in England, when families would pass out pastries called “soul cakes” to the poor in return for their promise to pray for the families’ dead relatives. This practice was called “going a-souling” and eventually was taken up by children who would visit the houses in their neighborhood for ale, food and money.

The tradition of costumes for Halloween has European and Celtic roots. Hundreds of years ago, winters were a time of

cold, uncertainty and worry. During Halloween, people believed ghosts would return to earth and people would encounter them when they left their homes. To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people would wear masks so the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits. People also placed bowls of food outside their homes to appease the ghosts and keep them from trying to come inside.

As Europeans immigrated to America, the varied Halloween customs came with them and merged with the mixing of the different European ethnic groups and beliefs. The first American versions of Halloween included public harvest festivals where neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell fortunes, dance and sing. By the mid-19th century, autumn festivals were common. During the second half of the 19th century, new immigrants brought more customs. From the Irish and English came the tradition of dressing

in costume and going house-to-house asking for food or money.

In the late 1800s, Americans moved to make Halloween more about community and neighborly get-togethers, and Halloween parties became the common way to celebrate the day. Parties focused on games, seasonal food and festive costumes. Parents were encouraged to take anything frightening or grotesque out of celebrations and because of these efforts, Halloween lost most of its superstitious and religious overtones by the beginning of the 20th century.

Between 1920 and 1950 the centuries-old practice of trick-or-treating was revived as a relatively inexpensive way for an entire community to share the Halloween celebration. Trick-or-treating centered around children dressing in costume, going house-to-house begging for candy or other treats, and has since grown into the United States’ second largest commercial holiday.

Deferment for seniors

Question:

I'd like some clarification on the new Air Force Policy allowing a member to defer an assignment so their dependent can stay their senior year of high school to graduate. Many of us are under the impression that the request for deferment is automatically approved, regardless of manning. We requested an extension and a deferment so our high school senior could graduate but were denied on both requests.

Answer:

Good question. In March of this year, the Air Force implemented the High School Senior Assignment Deferment (HSSAD) program with a goal to decrease turbulence and increase stability for military family members with dependent children entering their senior year of high school. The sponsor may apply for this program during their DEROS option window, about nine months prior. Requests not made at that time are considered

exception to policy requests and do not take precedence over applications that were made during the appropriate time. Ultimately, HSSAD requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and approved by Headquarters, Air Force Personnel Center with the goal of approving as many requests as possible while meeting mission needs. Mission needs always come first, but HQ AFPC will try their best to accommodate as many seniors as possible.



The Action Line is your means of addressing a problem, concern or challenge you're about something in the 65th Air Base Wing of U.S. Forces AFB.

However, your chain of command should always be your first option. When there isn't the answer, then call the Action Line at 2-4240 and I'll address it quickly and with care. Thank you!

Col. Barbara Jacobi
65th Air Base Wing commander

Program gives high school seniors stability

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Sixty-three Air Force families with a child who entered his or her senior year of high school this year will get to stay additional time at their current duty stations.

The High School Seniors Assignment Deferment Program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers up through the rank of lieutenant colonel, to apply for a one-year assignment deferment.

Back-to-back deferments may be possible and military-married-to-military spouses may also apply, said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Lt. Col. Joseph Wegner applied for the program and his 17-year-old daughter, Michelle, can now graduate with her classmates.

"We figured that in 12 years, Michelle had attended six different schools, so it was important to let her finish high school at the same school," said the colonel who is the director of Air Force corrections for the Air Force Security Forces Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Colonel Wegner said he wishes the program would have been in place when his oldest daughter, Molly, was a high-school senior a few years ago.

He had to leave his family behind while he reported to a new assignment.

"I left the family in place for nine months so she could finish school," the colonel said.

Officials said the mission comes first and will be the overriding factor in granting deferments.

Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, said Col. Jennifer Hesterman, chief of assignment programs and procedures at the personnel center.

"There's a balance between mission needs and helping our families, but our goal is to approve as many requests as possible," she said. "We'll work with people as we always have."

To be eligible, the student must be a family member of, and living with, the Airman requesting the deferment; he or she must also be enrolled in the Defense Department's dependent enrollment system, Colonel Hesterman said.

Officers may apply before they receive an assignment, but enlisted members may apply only after receiving an assignment, said Master Sgt. Letty Inabinet, superintendent of assignment procedures and programs at the center.

When Master Sgt. Brian Burton, a single parent, received an assignment to Sheppard AFB, Texas, he applied for deferment because of his 17-year-old daughter, Briana.

"She wanted to graduate with her friends," said Sergeant Burton, who is the superintendent of advanced distributed learning for Air Education and Training Command at Randolph AFB. "Taking the assignment would have meant moving in the middle of the school year."

Sergeant Burton said the process took about five weeks from application to approval.

Application requests that cannot be supported initially by the assignment noncommissioned officer or officer will be reviewed and validated by the respective AFPC assignment division chief for that Airman's career field.

Officials estimate that annually 20 to 25 percent of officers and senior NCOs have children entering their senior year of high school, and one third of those could be eligible for assignment in any given year.

For more information or to complete an application, Airmen should contact either the local military personnel flight or their commander's support staff.



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Christopher Columbus in the Azores

As Americans get ready to celebrate Columbus Day Monday, I take this opportunity to elaborate on Columbus' unscheduled stop in the Azores while returning to Spain after his maiden voyage to the New World.

After Christopher Columbus and his crew finally found what they believed to be India, but in reality were some islands in the Caribbean Sea, the Niña with Columbus in command and the Pinta began their homeward voyage in January 1493. While sailing in the Atlantic, the two ships were forced to split up due to a storm. The storm drove the Niña and Columbus to the Azores' southernmost island, Santa Maria, where they supposedly arrived Feb. 15, 1493, while the Pinta found its way to Spain.

It had never been Columbus' intention to stop at the Azores.

He had carefully avoided all the Portuguese islands, but his ship and crew had suffered so much that he decided to take a chance in the hope of obtaining supplies and get some rest.

The Portuguese chroniclers of the period say that Columbus and his crew stopped on Santa Maria to fulfill a vow. They made the vow on the high sea during a storm, promising to hear Mass at the nearest church of Our Lady on the first land they should encounter.

In fact there's a small chapel located in the village of Anjos, on the northeast side of the island, where supposedly some of Columbus' men prayed and heard mass. There's also a statue of Columbus in that village commemorating the 500th anniversary of his stop at the island.

According to Silvio A. Bedini's Christopher Columbus Encyclo-

pedia, a small group of Columbus men were attending mass when they were taken prisoners by a group of local villagers acting under the orders of the island's captain, João de Castanheira.

The encyclopedia also mentions there were some attempts to capture Columbus. But he successfully eluded the presumable captors, sailing around the islands of Santa Maria and São Miguel for five days, awaiting the release of his men.

The island's captain finally decided to release the rest of the Niña's crew admitting he had failed to capture Columbus. The Niña was then able to sail again, where it ran into another storm a few days later. The storm carried the ship to the mouth of the Tagus River in Lisbon, before finally reaching Spanish soil.

Although it is almost certain Columbus stopped at the island



of Santa Maria, there are, however, no reliable reports that he actually disembarked and put his feet there.

Majority of fires caused by cooking

by 65th Air Base Wingsafety office

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of house fires in the Air Force for the last three years, and the safety office's focus during fire safety week.

"The safety office needs your help to address the increasing problem of unattended cooking fires," said Tech. Sergeant Bill Rathbun, NCOIC of Safety. "In the past three years the Air Force has recorded more than 100 fires in military housing, 85 percent of which were the result of unattended cooking."

While fortunately, no loss of life was associated with the fires, the price tag was well over a million dollars, he said.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, 3 of every 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen - more than any other place in the home; and two-thirds of the time the fires start within the first 15 minutes of cooking.

"I've read well over 100 house fire reports, and the best advice I can give is to purchase renter's insurance," Sergeant Rathbun said. "This is one of the best ways to reduce out of pocket costs for your damaged items. More than half of the reports that I have read did not have insurance."

Some safety tips to follow in case of a cooking fire:

- * Never leave cooking food on the

stovetop unattended, and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven.

- * Cooking oil, fat and grease - even butter or margarine - should not be left unattended while heating. They self-ignite if overheated. If smoking occurs, reduce the heat.

- * If a grease fire should occur, cover the pan with a lid or cookie sheet and turn off the stove.

- * Never use water or flour on a grease fire. Water will make the fire bigger and can splatter the burning grease. Flour can explode.

- * Never carry the burning pan because the grease may spill.

- * For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from spreading.

- * Double-check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving the house. Make sure all the appliances are turned off.

Preventive measures to remain fire safe:

- * Install a smoke alarm on every level of the home. Test the batteries every month and change them once a year.

- * Always have a fire extinguisher. It is mandatory to have a fire extinguisher on-base homes and highly recommended for off-base homes.

- * It's very important to have a family evacuation plan and to practice the plan in case an emergency arises.

New PCMs on island

by Capt. Yvonne Levardi
Chief of public affairs

An important change at the clinic is a 100 percent turnover of primary care managers, according to Amie Navarro, 65th Medical Group medical services coordinator.

"All of our providers are now on island, and each squadron will be assigned to a PCM," she said. "Ideally each squadron member and his or her family will see that PCM for all of their appointments."

She said letters will be mailed out to let members know who their PCM is. The PCM acts as the member's health advocate and manage all health care needs, she said, including any referrals for specialty care at a military treatment facility or host nation provider.

PCM assignments are:

Maj. (Dr.) Kai Ma: 729th Air Mobility Squadron, 65th Operations Support Squadron and 65th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) David Chin: 65th Air Base Wing and 65th Medical Group

Capt. (Dr.) Mark Anderson: 65th Mission Support Group (except 65th CES); 65th Comptroller Squadron and Detachment 6, American Forces Network.

For more information, call the Tricare service center at 2-2262.

It's nothing like television

Nothing can prepare an Airman fully for a wartime situation

by Capt. Yvonne Levardi
Chief of public affairs

On March 24 Tech. Sgt. Aubrey Posey departed Lajes for Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq for a three-month deployment as ground safety manager for the 506th Air Expeditionary Group. Though his mission was business as usual, nothing else was, and the biggest lesson he learned was that nothing can prepare an Airman fully for being in a wartime situation.

"No amount of exercising will prepare you for the first time you hear the whistle of a rocket attack going on over your head, and then seeing it explode about one-quarter of a mile from your current location," Sergeant Posey said. "I later went out to the facility where it exploded and I could see where the shrapnel blew through the building and the bed post - one guy actually lost his foot."

Living quarters were 18-room modules, with six bunk beds per room. Each person had his own bed, with the top bunk and a wall locker used to store gear.

"At night, when I went to sleep, I would place my flak vest and helmet on the top of my bunk," Sergeant Posey said. "Most of the time during the day I would wear it - it was easier than carrying it. We were required to have it within reach."

The modules had restrooms and showers attached, but personnel had to take "combat" showers.

"You had 30 seconds to get wet and lather up, and two and one-half minutes to rinse," he said.

Sergeant Posey worked seven days a week, usually 12 hours a day, with one or two half-days off depending on workload. He said most of his time was spent closing out write-ups before the next rotation came in, but he was also able to implement some permanent safety solutions.

"I organized a traffic safety council and with the assistance of Roger Stone, the Army safety manager, we ordered more traffic signs and helped determine their placement," Sergeant Posey said. "The base recognized an immediate impact with motorists slowing down in the high pedestrian traffic areas."

He said part of his job was reminding people to keep safety first.

"I was there to remind our Air Force personnel that Air Force Operational, Safety and Health standards still apply at deployed locations," he said. "Some people had the attitude that because



Tech. Sgt. Aubrey Posey stands in front of the destroyed munitions dump at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. Insurgents fired a rocket into the dump and ignited the ordnance. The fire and explosions lasted for four hours. *(Courtesy photo)*

we were in combat, the standards didn't apply. I investigated five class "C" mishaps in which personnel were injured and missed duty."

Although Sergeant Posey's job and mission were clear, the environment in which he worked was anything but stable.

"During the first few weeks we were getting hit with rocket attacks day and night, which didn't help with sleep," he said. "There was no warning so it boiled down to trying to be at a different location than where the previous rocket had landed, because they never landed in the same location twice."

He never really let his guard down, he said, because after a few days without an attack is when they'd be attacked again. That's what reminded the deployed personnel they were in a combat situation.

"You just got used to knowing that at any time you could be attacked," he said. "There is no alarm yellow - it was green to red."

Two weeks after his arrival, the safety office received a staff assistance visit from Headquarters Central Command Air Forces.

"Fifteen minutes after the inspectors landed, they were greeted with a rocket attack," he said. "Later, while we were having lunch with the inspectors, there was an attack that landed just

outside the dining facility that shook the entire building."

Sergeant Posey said the reality of the situation made him more willing to speak up than before the deployment.

"I question stuff more whereas before I would just go along," he said. "The explosions at the munitions dump, for instance. Fire breaks were addressed at the safety council and kind of got lost in the big picture of building barricades to protect us. But in the end, when one rocket went off and caught the munitions on fire - that was four hours of explosions. So you just keep on pushing the idea - this was a safety hazard, we needed fire breaks, and it needed to be hammered home. Luckily nobody got seriously injured."

In the end Sergeant Posey said although he learned a great deal, it wasn't a good time.

"I'll never say I had fun. It was a lot of hard work and we never really slept well because we were either getting attacked, or thought we might be," he said. "But, it was a learning experience - it was totally different than any exercise I've been involved in and it's nothing like on television. I did meet some great people while I was there, but I was glad to get home to see my wife Danielle, and my two kids Morten and Chloe, our miniature daschunds, whom I missed very much."



Battle of the badges

(Above) Members of the 65th Security Forces Squadron line up to face members of the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department during the Battle of the Badges football game Tuesday. (Right) Craig Fagan, 65th Security Forces Squadron, tries to avoid losing his flags during the game. The fire department won 35-12. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)

Sports Briefs

Bowling tournaments: A Scotch Doubles tourney is at 9 p.m. Saturday. It's \$15 per person and payouts are based on the number of teams. A 9-Pin/No-Tap tournament is at 6 p.m. Oct. 16. For more information, call Rich Christie at 2-6210.

Bowling leagues: Intramurals are 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; mixed fours are 6-9:30 p.m. on Fridays; mixed leagues are 6-9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Paintball games: The next two games are scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Oct. 23. A minimum of eight and a maximum of 25 people at least 16-years old can go for \$20 per person. The fee includes transportation, Co2 and a full face mask. For more information, call 2-4140.

Basketball tournament: A 3-on-3 basketball tournament begins at 9 a.m. Oct. 16 at the Chace Fitness Center. It's \$25 per team. For more information, call 2-5151.



Paintball

Bill Comp, 65th Security Forces Squadron, exits a brush line into the sights of Randy Pletzer, 65th Air Base Wing, at the paintball range. The next paintball game is scheduled for 10 a.m.-2p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 2-4140. (Photo by James O'Rear)

PLANNER

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AAFES

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

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.-12:30 a.m., Fri.; 8 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Sat.; 8 a.m.-9:30 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; Hoof & 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 Choir Practice, 7 p.m.; Men's spiritual fitness training, 7 p.m.

Friday

CWOC Mass, 5:30 p.m., 1st Fri.; 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. "Yu-Gi-Oh The Movie," rated PG for scary combat and monster images. Animated. After the conclusion of the Battle City Tournament, deep below the sands of Egypt, an ancient evil has awakened. Anubis, who was defeated centuries ago by Yugi's mysterious alter ego - the ancient Pharaoh - has returned for revenge. Wielding the power of the Eighth Millennium Item, Anubis is determined to destroy Yugi and take over the world. **10 p.m. "Collateral,"** rated R for violence and language. Cast includes Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx. A struggling comedy writer named Max, who drives a cab in Los Angeles to earn a living, gradually realizes that the passenger he's been driving around all day is a hit man who has been rubbing out people at every stop. Max has to figure out how to prevent the killer from knocking off his last victim and how to come out of the situation alive.

Saturday: 2 p.m., "Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement," rated G. Cast includes Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews. Princess Mia is ready to begin her duties as princess of Genovia alongside Queen Clarisse, but she soon learns that Clarisse needs her to take over as queen. The catch? Genovia law states that all queens must be married, so the search for the perfect groom begins. **7 p.m., "Yu-Gi-Oh The Movie,"** rated PG.

Sunday: 2 p.m., "Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement." 7 p.m., "Collateral."

Wednesday: 7 p.m., "Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement."

Thursday: 7 p.m., "Collateral."

Effective Oct. 15, AAFES Reel Time Theater admission prices increase \$.50 for adults and \$.25 for children. This is the first increase in 10 years.

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

AFN Sports on TV

Friday

AFN-Atlantic
WNBA Shootaround:
11:30 p.m.

AFN-Sports
MLB: Playoffs - division series, 11:30 a.m., 8 p.m.
College football:
Clemson @ Virginia, 5 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Atlantic
WNBA: Finals game 1, midnight
College football: teams TBD, 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

AFN-Pacific
College football: UNLV @ BYU, 2 a.m.; teams TBD, 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

AFN-Sports

MLB: Playoffs - division series, midnight
College football:
UNLV @ BYU, 11 a.m.; Big XII - Texas @ Oklahoma, 4 p.m.; teams TBD, 7:30 p.m., 11:45 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic
NASCAR Busch Series: Mr. Goodwrench 300, 11 a.m.
NFL: teams TBD, 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
WNBA: Finals game 2, 11:30 p.m.

AFN-Pacific
NFL: teams TBD, 5 p.m., 8 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: 5 p.m., Caminho Santo Isidro, Casa da Ribeira

Sunday: 5:30 p.m., Porto Judeu de Cima; 5 p.m., Canada São Pedro, Ribeirinha

Thursday: 4:30 p.m., Ribeira dos Pães

Closures/shifts

Hours change: Tricare Service Center hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon for walk-ins and 1-5 p.m. by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 2-2262.

Renovations: The Tradewinds Dining Facility is undergoing renovation to one of the dining rooms. Limited seating is available so patrons are asked get their food to go, if possible. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Andrew Mix at 2-4156.

Classes

Heartlink: The next Heartlink class is at 8:15 a.m. Nov. 9 at the family support center. The program is for people to meet and have the opportunity to learn more about being a part of the military. A free chicken Alcatraz lunch and cooking demonstration will be provided. For more information or to ask about free childcare, call 2-4138.

Resume class: A resume building class is available 6-8 p.m. Oct. 26 at the family support center. For more information or to sign up, call 2-4138.

Education Center

CTC evals: Central Texas College is accepting Tuesday and Wednesday appointments for evaluations of educational experience for CTC credit. For more information, call 2-6722.

Lunch and Learn: Seminars on resume writing are from 11-11:45 a.m. and noon-12:45 p.m. Oct. 18 in the education center auditorium. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

HR training: Assessment and Evaluation in HR Training, for the University of Oklahoma's Master in Human Relations degree runs Nov. 30-Dec. 5. Last day to add or drop this course is Nov. 1.

Online courses: Oklahoma University's spring '05 online courses run Nov. 1-Dec. 5. Online courses fill up quick so stop by

OU's office and see the site manager to register.

ERAU on-site course: Embry-Riddle is holding an ASCI 320, Commuter Aviation class Nov. 10-16. Registration for the Nov. 7 graduate distance learning courses is through Oct 15. Registration for the Nov. 15 undergraduate distance learning is by Oct. 30. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

Events

Holiday lunch: A Columbus Day meal is 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday at the Tradewinds Dining Facility. It's free for meal card holders. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mix at 2-4156.

Fishing trip: The next trips are 2 a.m.-noon Oct. 16 and 30. A minimum of four and a maximum of six people at least 8-years old can go for \$65 per person. For more information, call 2-4140.

Movie marathon: A "Fright Night Movie Marathon" is at 8 p.m. Oct. 15 at the base theater. Movies playing are "The Village," "Open Water" and "Alien vs. Predator." Tickets are \$13 and include admission, medium popcorn and drink, and 10 percent off a Burger King value meal. For more information, call Laura Hillebrand at 2-4100.

Dolphin watching: The dolphin trips are 9 a.m. - noon Saturday, Monday and Oct. 24. A minimum of six and a maximum of 10 people at least 5-years old can go for \$45 per person. For more information, call 2-4140.

Flea Market: The next flea markets are 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Oct. 16 and Nov. 20 at the Lajes Youth Center, Bldg. T-240.

Family fun bowl: Family night is 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays at the Hillside Lanes bowling center. Families take their receipt from the Top of the Rock family buffet night and bowl for \$7.50 an hour per lane. Shoes are included.

Family grill: Oceanview Island Grill family night is every Tuesday. Families receive a large pizza with two toppings and free drinks for \$10. Baskin Robbins blueberry milkshakes are also on special for \$2.50. A combo vegetarian hamburger meal is \$4.75. For more information, call 2-3387.

Costume dance: A Halloween costume dance for ages 9-12 is 3-6 p.m. Oct. 23 at the youth center.

Haunted house: The haunted house is 7-10 p.m. Oct. 29 and 30 at Bldg. T-605. For more information, call 2-3273.

BX Toyland: Toyland grand opening is 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Oct. 16

in the Flight View BX. There will be many toys to choose from, face-painting, coloring contest, balloons, pictures with Santa and drawings for prizes every hour.

P.O.P.S : The Parents Offering Parents Support is a play group for stay-at-home parents of active duty and civilian personnel here. Meetings are 10-11 a.m. every Thursday. The group participates in activities, play time and reading time. For more information, call Pam Darling at 295-549-751

OB info: An OB Town Hall meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21 in the base chapel's fellowship hall. The meeting will address questions and concerns about OB care here and delivery options. Expectant moms can talk to women who have delivered at Angra, Andrews and other stateside locations. Send questions and concerns about prenatal care and delivery to paula.carnley@lajes.af.mil.

Volunteer partys: Hidden Heroes, Volunteer Advisory Council and American Red Cross will host a fall party for all Lajes volunteers, supervisors and peers from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct.22 at Eddie's Place. It's a potluck party so bring a goodie to share. Door prizes will be drawn every half an hour. For more information, call Lauren Jackson or Else Wingert at 2-4138.

Fall festival: The Officers Spouses Club's annual Fall Festival of the Arts is Nov. 13 in the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron compound, Bldg T-608. To sign up, call Karen Bolina at 295-549-218, or email lajesfallfestival04@hotmail.com. Deadline is Oct. 30.

Miscellaneous

Health council: The 65th Medical Group's next Healthcare Consumer Advisory Council is at 1 p.m. Nov. 5 at the base chapel. This is everyone's opportunity to get information on services the clinic provides to beneficiaries. For more information, call Capt. Angela Thompson at 2-6768.

Spouse survey: *Military.com* has posted a survey on military spouse licensing and certification issues that will greatly help DoD identify how many spouses hold state-based licenses and certifications and the extent of their employment in their career fields. The survey can be found at <http://www.military.com/survey/spouse>.

PCS must-have: Families moving from Europe to the United States should ensure that they hand-carry medical records

and children's immunization records. Don't pack these with household goods. Proof of immunizations is necessary for most school enrollment.

Flying board: The next undergraduate flying training board convenes at the Air Force Personnel Center Feb. 8. The selection board reviews applications for pilot, navigator and air battle manager candidates. Officers born after May 1, 1975, and a TFCSD after May 1, 2000, who meet all other eligibility criteria can apply for UFT. Send completed applications postmarked by Dec. 29 to Headquarters AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX, 78150-4733. For more information, call formal training at 2-5143.

AAFES recall: Hasbro Inc. has issued a recall of the "Super Soaker MOnster Rocket," sold at AAFES and other stores from January-August 2004. For information, call Hasbro Inc. toll-free at 1-866-487-4737 or visit www.hasbro.com/pl/page/recall_monsterrocket/dn/default.cfm for a recall form.

Volunteers/Jobs

ERAU job: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is seeking part-time faculty in a variety of disciplines. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

HS positions: The Lajes High School is accepting applications for substitute teachers and a school nurse. For more information, call Karen Bolina at 2-4151.

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110 volt Dirt Devil vacuum cleaner, \$40; 110-volt Philips DVD player, \$55; 110-volt Circular Saw, \$30; circular saw blades, \$1 each; cast iron sewing machine base stand, \$40; 1' marble top, \$30; 3D B2 stealth bomber picture, \$10; 2 gallon metal gas can, \$1; Sunbeam gas grill with cover and tank, \$30; golden color swivel chairs \$30 each or 2 for \$50; Trek Hybrid 970 Bike, \$225; car center for two bikes, \$10; large plastic plant container, \$1; plastic umbrella stand base, \$1; metal decorative basket, \$1; metal aquarium stand holds 10 gallon tank, \$5; college text books, \$1 each; children's books, \$1 - \$5 each; Europe travel maps, \$1 each; Europe travel books, \$2 each; call 295-543-010 or 2-3376 and ask for Darin.

2001 Dodge Durango SLT for sale. Power all, 16" factory wheels, 4.7 liter V8, ac, am/fm/cd infinity system, only 20,450 miles, charcoal gray, dark gray interior, tinted windows, \$19,500. For more information, call 295-549-787.