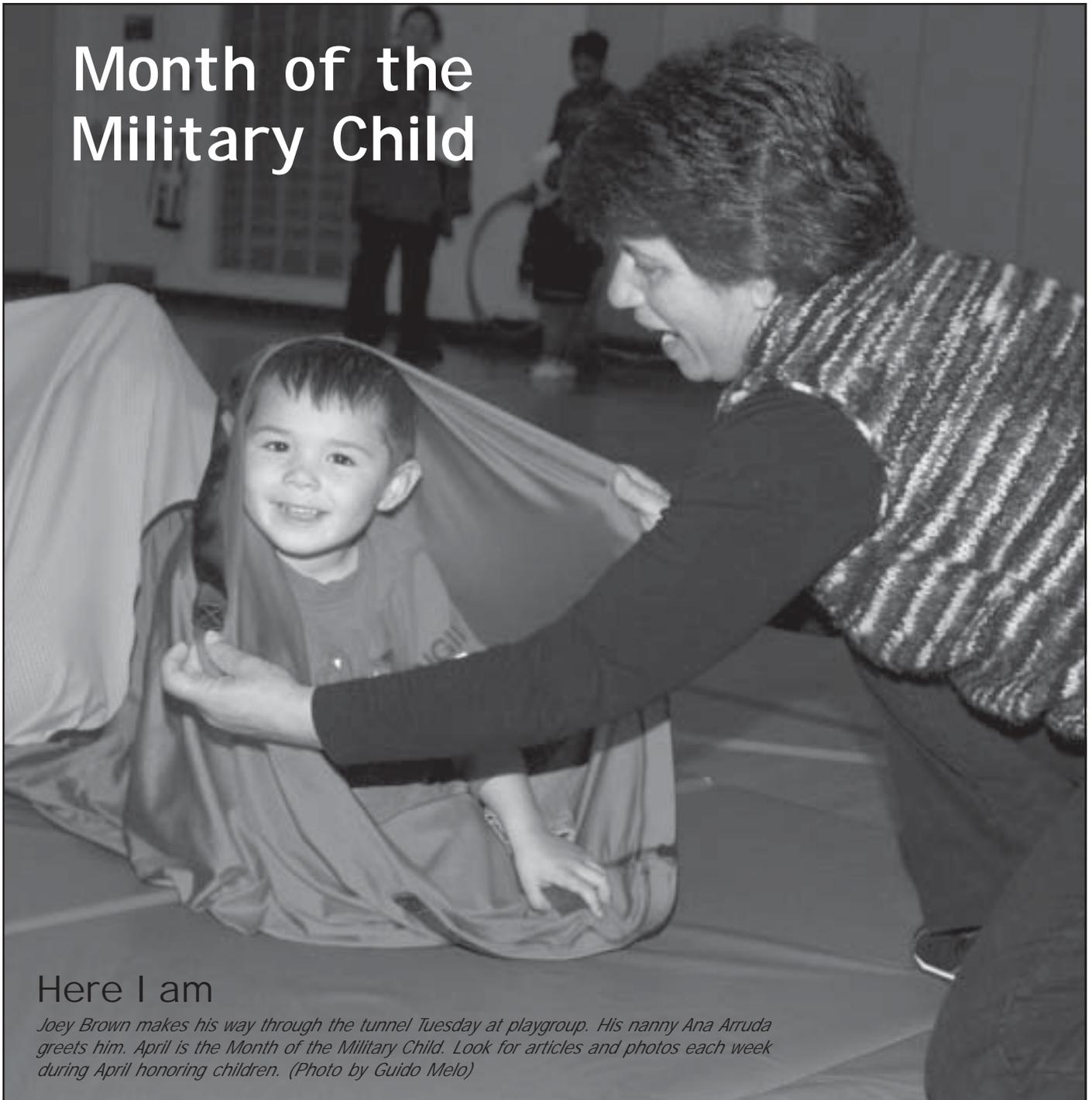


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Month of the Military Child



Here I am

Joey Brown makes his way through the tunnel Tuesday at playgroup. His nanny Ana Arruda greets him. April is the Month of the Military Child. Look for articles and photos each week during April honoring children. (Photo by Guido Melo)

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Weekend weather

Saturday
Mostly cloudy, late showers

*High 64
Low 55*



Sunday
Cloudy with rain

*High 64
Low 55*





Commander's Line: Where's my mail?

Question

I would like to know if there is any way to send feedback "up the line" in the APO system to alert the managers to an increase in problems with delivery.

I believe, based on recent experience, these problems exist and need to be examined. I do not believe the problems are local. I have seen, as a unit mail clerk, that the local operation is about as good as it can get given the manning level. The people here at Lajes are good to work with and are responsive when improvement is needed.

Since October of last year, I have had two boxes go missing completely, two textbooks mailed from the East Coast take a full month to arrive, and several pieces of letter mail show up more than a month late. On the other hand, a package mailed from the Midwest arrived in six days, a box from Florida got here in seven, and a book mailed on Dec. 23 from a remote area of New England took just seven days. I have been here at Lajes for five years, so I am well-versed in the art of waiting for mail, and managing my expectations. But when mail disappears, or goes to Moscow or Thule on a regular basis, it is a bit disturbing.

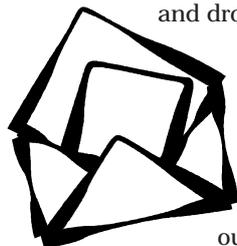
Respectfully,
Waiting

Answer:

Thank you for your inquiries about the delivery of packages and standard mail to the Lajes Field Post Office.

You specifically asked about ways for our customers to send feedback "up the line" due to an increase in problems with delivery. Whenever customers notice something wrong with deliveries, they should fill out a Postal Service form 4314-C, available in the Post Office. If an item has not arrived and is

overdue, then fill out Postal Service form 1510, a Mail Loss report. The last option is a general comment card, USAFE form 831, which can be addressed to the Post Master and dropped in any outgoing mail box.



These forms are sent from this Post Office to our USAFE superiors, the 2nd Air Postal Squadron. The 2nd AIRPS logs the complaints to notice trends in delivery issues. If the problem exists in the stateside gateways that deliver our mail (i.e. JFK or McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.) then 2nd AIRPS forwards the complaint to the Military Postal Agency and the Joint Military Postal Activity. These two groups have responsibility for the stateside gateways.

After your complaint, the post office contacted other customers and they stated similar experiences. The post office has a customer complaint box located in the finance lobby. In addition, I have instructed the postal employees to preemptively offer these forms anytime they hear a customer complain. Lastly, the 65th Communications Squadron commander has contacted the 2nd AIRPS commander directly with these complaints and the 2nd AIRPS commander is now looking for these same trends. Again, thank you for your inquiry.

The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems -- but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line at 535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil.

-Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing commander

Congratulations

to the following lieutenants for their selection to captain:



Jamie Barnes,
65th Mission Support Group;
Jason Carter,
65th Medical Operations Squadron; and
Brandon Wengert,
65th Services Squadron

Straight Talk Line

The number to the Lajes Field Straight Talk Line is 535-3542 or 295-573-542.

This line is updated during emergencies, Force Protection Condition changes and more.



All personnel are encouraged to keep this number for access to important base information.

For more information on the Straight Talk Line, call 535-2369.

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Officials discuss issues regarding hiring domestic employees

By Staff Sgt.
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65th ABW Public Affairs

Officials with the 65th Air Base Wing Legal Office discussed issues involved with hiring domestic employees — such as nannies and maids — at a town hall meeting Monday in the Crossroads Theater.

Lt. Col. Derek Grimes, 65th ABW staff judge advocate, said hiring domestic help is highly regulated by Portuguese labor law and stressed the importance of knowing the rules.

“You must understand that you are an employer and your help is the employee,” he said. “This is not a friendship; it’s a business relationship. If you don’t know the rules and abide by them, you may find a problem on your hands and a large bill to pay at the end of your tour here at Lajes.”

Colonel Grimes gave an example of an officer who had to pay several thousand euros at the end of his tour at Lajes because of a lack of understanding the rules and abiding by them.

“This captain had an agreement with his maid that he would pay her 15 euros a day,” the colonel said. “She stayed a few hours longer to watch his kids. The (original) agreement was to pay her 15 euros but he paid her 25 euros a day – 10 euros in addition to what he normally paid her because of her extra work.”

The captain’s maid worked for him for three years; at the end of the three years as he was leaving, the maid asked for her indemnification (severance) pay.

“She told him that he needed to give her (indemnification) pay based on 25 euros,” the colonel explained. “He said, ‘but our agreement was only for 15.’ She said, ‘No, it may have been 15 originally but you’ve been paying me 25 euros a day and oh, by the way, you should have been

paying Social Security for three years on 25 euros and not 15. And don’t forget my Christmas bonus and my year-end bonus. You didn’t pay me enough the last three years. I didn’t bring it up of course, but now you owe it to me.”

The captain went to court and ultimately had to pay several thousand euros because at that point, in addition to not having paid these expenses, he was also penalized four times the amount of what was owed.

“His assignment got curtailed, he got held here administratively, ultimately lost his line number to major and this was his last assignment,” Colonel Grimes explained.

Colonel Grimes said there are a lot of great maids and nannies who won’t take advantage of their employer but there are also those who will take advantage of the system.

“If you have domestic help or are considering hiring domestic help, get the knowledge you need so you can protect yourself,” he said. “Even if you find yourself in a court battle, you should be fine as long as you understand the rules and have been documenting everything ... properly and consistently.”

Employee entitlements

All domestic employees, regardless of the amount of hours they work, are entitled to benefits, according to Capt. Tony Spratley, deputy staff judge advocate. Full-time employees are those who work 36 hours a week or more, while part time employees are those who work less than a 36-hour work week.

“Whether you hire a part-time or full-time employee, they’re basically entitled to the same benefits, to include annual vacation pay, vacation subsidy, Christmas bonuses, holidays, social security and indemnity,” the captain said.

Two of those entitlements -- vacation

pay and vacation subsidy -- have exactly the same rate of payment.

“Employees who work full time get 22 days per year of annual vacation pay and 22 days a year in vacation subsidy,” the captain explained. “Both vacation pay and vacation subsidy for employees working part time is proportionate to the amount of time they have worked.”

The captain gave an example.

“If a person works 20 hours a week, they are entitled to 12 days of both paid vacation and vacation subsidy a year, while someone who works 10 hours a week gets six days of both entitlements each year.”

Christmas bonuses and holiday entitlements were the next topic of discussion.

“A Christmas bonus is equal to one month’s pay or is prorated if your employee has worked for less than a year,” the captain explained. “The holiday entitlement gives your employee time off with pay for Portuguese holidays, if scheduled work falls on a Portuguese holiday. Also, if your employee works on Portuguese holiday, regardless of whether there’s been an agreement to swap American holidays for Portuguese holidays, they are entitled to double pay and compensatory time off.”

Besides paying employees their wages, employers must pay Social Security to the Portuguese government each month. The employer pays .25 euros per hour worked and employee pays .13 euros per hour worked.

“I’d encourage employers to go downtown to pay their portion directly to social security instead of giving the money to their employee and letting them pay it for them,” the captain said.

Colonel Grimes closed the meeting by encouraging people to visit the legal office for assistance or more information.

What to know

When terminating an employee

- He or she is always entitled to holiday/vacation/Christmas pay/subsidies and usually entitled to indemnification (severance) pay, which is one month of pay per year of service
- If he or she is terminated for misconduct, indemnification won’t have to be paid. Have documentation of misconduct

To minimize potential problems

- Research and understand Portuguese labor law, which is much different than in the United States
- Establish a written memorandum of agreement
- Document everything, to include regular pay, extra pay, time off and Social Security payments
- Ask for referral from at least two people
- Consult with the 65th ABW Legal office, located on the first floor of Bldg. T-100



Smart Card Logon Coming to Lajes Network

By Capt. Korey Blecher
65th Communications Squadron

The Air Force is migrating away from using passwords to logon to unclassified networks.

By July, the primary method for logging on to a standard unclassified Air Force user account will be through a process known as Smart Card Logon. A smart card is the standard Department of Defense identification card also known as the Common Access Card.

The new system will offer increased security, according to Senior Master Sgt. Dave Pate, 65th Communications Squadron Information Systems Flight superintendent.

“One key weakness of our network is the use of passwords,” he said. “Conventional passwords are vulnerable because they are stored on and transmitted over the network and are easily hacked. Adversaries know how to capture our passwords. They access our systems at will and move about freely, posing as legitimate users from the safety of their own base of operations.”

In the future, to logon, personnel will insert their CAC into the reader attached to their workstation and enter the six-to-eight digit personal identification num-

ber created when the card was issued.

The advantage of CAC plus PIN is known as two-factor authentication, explained Capt. Michael Doersam, 65th CS support flight commander.

“It requires something you have, and something you know,” said the captain. “Users need both the CAC and PIN to gain access to the network.” Unlike passwords, PINs are not stored on or transmitted over the network. And since a PIN works differently than a password, it won’t need to be changed unless the individual thinks it has been compromised. “A PIN is not to be shared with anyone,” stressed Captain Doersam.

Networks are essential to the warfighting mission and protection of basic privacy information. Unfortunately, these networks are under attack daily by hackers, saboteurs and terrorists. Besides operationally sensitive information, many personnel and financial transactions are conducted over the network. “That information is personal and we cannot afford the operational or iden-

tity theft consequences if the data were compromised,” Sergeant Pate said.

The SCL’s two-factor authentication will help safeguard this information.

“There will be hurdles along the way,” said Captain Doersam. “Many of these challenges have been identified and solutions are being developed.”

Lajes is pursuing a phased approach — subsequent phases will include fielding secure alternatives where use of the CAC is not practical.

“SCL represents a change in our business processes that affects every member of the Lajes community, and each person will need to prepare as well,” Sergeant Pate said.

“They will need to make sure they have a properly functioning CAC and that they know their PIN.”

PINs can be updated at the military personnel flight.

For more information about SCL, visit the Air Force Public Key Infrastructure Web Site at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/html/sclogon.asp>.



U.S. Air Force photo illustration

Personnel can now ship alcohol in household goods

By Senior Master Sgt. Kurt Uelmen
65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

The Air Force will no longer restrict the shipment of wine or alcoholic beverages in personal property shipments.

The only restriction is any alcoholic beverage in a single container exceeding one gallon is considered a combustible liquid.

The interpretation of a single container is the bottle containing the alcoholic beverage.

Members now have two options when making arrangements for shipping wine or alcohol in their personal property: The member can either make arrangements to ship their wine or alcohol through their local TMO

(separate government arranged shipment is the recommended method) or alternatively, the member may personally arrange for transportation of their wine or alcohol IAW JFTR U5320D.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms regulates the importation of alcoholic beverages into the United States under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Military members should be cautioned that certain countries, states and counties can restrict the importation of wine and alcohol and that they are responsible for any customs or taxes for importation.

If a member elects to make their own arrangements to ship their alcoholic beverages, the cost will be limited to what

it would have cost the government to make a personal property shipment of a like weight. The member is also responsible for any excess cost when special routing or services are requested for movement of alcoholic beverages and will not be reimbursed for importation tax and duties levied for alcohol importation.

When a member decides to personally arrange for movement of their wine or alcohol shipment, TMO will ensure the member’s JFTR weight entitlement has not been exhausted. If the member has weight remaining against their entitlement, the TMO will provide a letter to the member to assist them in processing a claim for reimbursement. Reimbursement is restricted to what it would have cost the government to ar-

range a move of the same weight.

Members are urged to file for reimbursement here at origin to prevent confusion involved with filing a reimbursement claim for shipment of wine and/or alcohol at destination.

Only limited quantities may enter the CONUS duty-free, unaccompanied personal property shipments are subject to duty payments.

The government is not responsible for any fee or customs charges and certain charges may or may not be reimbursable. This new policy restricts USAFE TMOs from authorizing full reimbursement for personally arranged alcohol shipments.

For more information, call 535-5168.



Lajes students compete in Odyssey of the Mind

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

Last month some Lajes Elementary School students took a field trip to participate for the first time in an annual competition.

Seven fourth and fifth graders traveled to Germany March 3-5 for Odyssey of the Mind, a problem solving competition for grades K-12, where they placed third.

"We went to the European division in Garmish, Germany and competed against schools in all of Europe," said teacher and coach, Kathy Gilmour.

"Students had to prepare and present a long term problem and participate in a spontaneous competition at the event for points," she explained.

They researched about the Amazon Rainforest, created a solution in a presentation format with costumes, sets and props about a species of an endangered butterfly.

"I had to create the background scenery of the Amazon Rainforest on a large white

sheet," said Alexandria Ojeda, who was asked to participate in this year's Odyssey of the Mind. "I also played the role of a Blue Morpho Butterfly."

"Last year I was part of the school yearbook and Mrs. Gilmour remembered my creativity," said Alexandria.

To participate, students applied and then were selected according to how committed they were over the course of time, explained Mrs. Gilmour.

Students started training in October and spent many out-of-school hours to prepare and rehearse.

"All work had to be done by the team with no adult assistance," she said.

Participation in Odyssey of the Mind helped students learn how to work on a team and improve their inventive and creative thinking, said Mrs. Gilmour.

Students also had a chance to show off their problem-solving skills during Odyssey of the Mind.

They were given a problem and had to create a solution on the spot within 20 minutes.

"Odyssey of the Mind was a wonderful experience for my



Lajes students placed third in the Odyssey of the Mind competition. Left to right: Alexandria Ojeda, Bailey Grimes, Matthew Donohue, Claudia Griffiths, Tori Brown, Anna Lilley, Tyler Zell. (Courtesy photo)

daughter," said Stephanie Ojeda, a chaperone for the competition. "How many children will ever have the opportunity to travel to Germany and compete in an exciting competition? Every child should get this experience."

Although she said the highlight of the trip was the team placing third, she enjoyed a friendly battle in the snow as well.

"One of the best parts for me was having a snowball fight with all the kids. Boy they can really team up together when it's against a par-

ent," she said.

Alexandria agreed that getting a chance to have a snowball fight was fun. "My favorite part of the trip was being able to say I have been to Germany and playing in all the snow," she said. "The snowball fights were really fun."

"The trip was a little tiresome but really fun," Alexandria's mom, Stephanie added. "It takes a lot to travel with seven children. The children hung-in there and did very well."



45 years later

Lois Henley (front center) poses with her family outside the club Monday. Lois's family surprised her with a trip back to Terceira for her 80th birthday. She was stationed here 45 years ago with her husband and five children. Her youngest daughter was 3 years old when they arrived. Her oldest daughter graduated high school here. The best part, Lois said, was all being together, but she also loved the food. She was looking forward to picking up an Alcatra pot to bring home before they flew out Tuesday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud)

COMUSAFE recaps first 100 days

By Gen. Tom Hobbins
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Our U.S. Air Forces in Europe team has encountered a full spectrum of exciting activities and challenges over the past 100 days. From embracing the impending Air Force manpower restructure to the airlift of Rwandan troops to the Darfur region of the Sudan, our command has been actively engaged in the pursuit of process improvement and ensuring mission success.

The last few months have brought us exercises like Anatolian Eagle in Turkey and Shared Accord in Niger. We've deployed approximately 1,600 USAFE Airmen to locations like Iraq and Djibouti in support of the global war on terrorism. Additionally, we've worked with our NATO allies to contribute to activities like flying Baltic Air Policing missions. The list of mission accomplishments goes on and on, but the main message that resonates is our USAFE team, along with our joint, coalition and host-nation partners, are

dedicated to ensuring freedom's future across the globe.

While focusing on mission accomplishment, our command has also faced some very challenging manpower issues. From the current force-shaping efforts to the future manpower restructure, we have and will continue to see a lot of "people" and "process" changes on the horizon. Air Force Smart Ops 21 will seek to help us ensure we make the right process improvements while continuing to take care of our people.

As we strive to take care of our people, we have maintained focus on building strong relationships with our host nations and partner countries.

USAFE has continued to plan and execute a robust Theater Security Cooperation program that has strengthened our ability to fight cooperatively on a global scale. The dividends are huge, in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 19 of 24 current coalition partners are from the area of responsibility. Our focus is clear; we must continue to invest in the European theater to secure our collective future.

USAFE has a lot to be proud of over the last few months, and I am honored to command and serve with the most experienced, respected and combat-ready forces in the world. I look forward to the next 100 days, and know that we will work to meet any and all challenges together.

"We've deployed approximately 1,600 USAFE Airmen... in support of the global war on terrorism."

- Gen. Tom Hobbins



A McDonnell Douglas DC-8-62 carrying cargo and passengers touches down on runway 33 March 19 at Lajes Field in the Azores, Portugal.



A U.S. Marine Corp AV-8B Harrier of the 2nd Marine Air Wing, 223rd Marine Attack Squadron roars down runway 33 March 14 at Lajes Field in the Azores, Portugal with a Portuguese Air Force Lockheed, C-130 H-30 Hercules, and a Marcel-Dassault Falcon 50 on the ramp. (Photos by James O'Rear)



A KC-10A Extender from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., rotates on runway 33 March 14 in front of a C-17 Globemaster III from Charleston AFB, S.C., at Lajes Field in the Azores, Portugal. (Photo by James O'Rear)



Snapshot of base key accomplishments

Spangdahlem Air Base

- o 52nd Fighter Wing opened European Transportation Training Center; training accessibility increased by 475 percent

- o Participated in Anatolian Eagle exercise

- o Supported NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission

- o Renovated key wing facilities—command post, fighter squadron briefing rooms, clinic

- o 703rd Munitions Support Squadron opened a renovated club and dining facility

Aviano Air Base

- o 31st Fighter Wing opened new Professional Military Education facility

- o Opened new vehicle maintenance and operations and maintenance facility

- o Completed first-ever combined wing NATO strike evaluation with Lakenheath; received Mission Capable rating

- o Hosted First Lady of the United States and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force visits

RAF Lakenheath

- o 48th Fighter Wing completed Phase 1 Operational Readiness Exercise

- o Opened a referral management center for central processing of internal and external medical network referrals

- o Opened F-15C Mission Training Center

RAF Mildenhall

- o 100th Air Refueling Wing opened a new child development center

- o Completed \$9M communications infrastructure upgrade

- o Implemented \$167K in quality of life improvements around the base

- o Created a new dedicated tanker line; increased number of dedicated tankers to each fighter wing by 20 sorties per day

Moron Air Base

- o Constructed new \$750K fitness and sports center

Ramstein Air Base

- o Ramstein AB named one of top three installations in Air Force

- o 86th Airlift Wing opened a new repair facility; improved propeller repair cycle time by 73 percent

- o Led the way for Ramstein acquisition of a Visual Threat Recognition and Avoidance Trainer

- o 37th Airlift Squadron taught the initial cadre of Iraqi AF crews to fly a C-130

- o 435 ABW reorganized vehicle operations

- o 435 Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility moved more than 3,800 patients

- o Installed new Youth Center gym floor and new gymnastics spring floor; implemented \$1.7M playground project and Child Development Center revamp

- o Had 33 percent drop in DUIs in December 2005 – March 2006 vs. December 2004 – March 2005

Lajes Air Base

- o 65th Air Base Wing supported aircraft moving more than 1.5 million lbs. of cargo and more than 5,200 passengers

- o Secured \$437,000 funding to replace and repair base's lightning protection and grounding for air traffic control and landing systems

- o Refueled 826 aircraft

Incirlik

- o 39th Air Base Wing provided logistics support to OIF and Operation Enduring Freedom moving 10,368 pallets and 18,460 short tons of cargo

- o Provided air refueling support to OEF: 17,689,000 pounds of fuel, 248 sorties



COMMUNITY FEATURE

Azores archipelago

Ed highlights each of nine islands continuing with São Jorge

By Ed Lima

Community Relations Advisor

This is the fifth of a series of articles on all of the nine islands which form the Azorean archipelago.

São Jorge

Unlike other Azorean islands, São Jorge is very long and narrow with a line of volcanic peaks down its terrain.

About thirty-four miles long and five miles wide, São Jorge's central plateau is about 2,296 feet. The coast is very steep, almost vertical, particularly on the island's northern side. If you ever stood at the edge of the Grand Canyon you would recognize how it feels to stand on the cliffs' edge of São Jorge.

The exact date of its discovery and settlement is unknown but the earliest reference to São Jorge dates from 1439 and by 1443 the island was already inhabited. A Flemish nobleman, Wilhelm Ven Der Hagen, was among the first settlers who arrived at the island and he founded the village of Topo in 1470.

For centuries, a lack of sheltered ports caused isolation and affected the trade with other islands. The island was also affected by natural disasters, namely volcanic eruptions. The 1808 eruption destroyed the village of Urzelina, leaving only a church bell-tower sticking out of the lava. That tower still stands today and constitutes the village's landmark.

Attractions

The island is divided into two municipalities or districts: Velas and Calheta. Velas is the island's main town, where you will find many attractive old buildings and churches, as well as the island's main port. It's also the main economic and trade center. Calheta, the other seat of the municipality, is a small town, built parallel to the coast with white buildings forming a sharp contrast against the green of the nearby cliffs and the black lava rocks. It offers a characteristic view, especially if observed from the ocean.

Other villages worth visiting, for their scenic beauty and slow and easy pace are Ribeira Seca, Urzelina, Manadas, Santo Amaro, Santo Antão, Topo, Norte Grande and Norte Pequeno.

Among São Jorge's main attractions



are the "Fajãs." These are flat, low-lying areas, originating from the collapse of cliffs and mudslides, which stretch along the coastlines on both sides of the island. Many have been converted into fertile fields where farmers grow yams, corn, vegetables and other products. Some of the fajãs are inhabited and their population increases significantly in the summer months when island natives and emigrants return to occupy their summer houses. Some of the well-known fajãs include Grande, Vimes, São João, Cubres, Ouvidor and Caldeira de Santo Cristo. The latter is probably the best known because it features an underwater cave and a lake where you can find clams (the only place in the Azores where these mollusks can be found.)

Culture

Just like on Terceira, the Holy Ghost Festival is celebrated intensively throughout the island. Street bullfights, imported from neighboring Terceira, are also held sporadically during the summer months. Every year, the town of Velas organizes its "Cultural Week" during the last week in April. It features lectures, conferences, a book fair and musical concerts. The town of Calheta organizes an annual festival in July named "Festival de Julho," which

attracts hundreds of tourists from the neighboring islands.

For those who enjoy outdoor activities, the island offers two campsites, located respectively in Urzelina and Calheta. These two areas are equipped with showers and kitchens and are also supported by nearby restaurants and snack bars. They are ideal for a relaxing week in contact with nature or even just a weekend on the island.

Food

São Jorge's restaurants offer a wide variety of typically Azorean meat and fish dishes. A special mention should be made of its cheese, which is considered the best in the Azores and has long enjoyed international fame. It is much appreciated in Portugal and in the United States and Canada by the Portuguese emigrant communities.

Thanks to an abundance of fish and other marine life, São Jorge is a paradise for those who enjoy fishing, snorkeling and other water activities.

Like in other islands of the archipelago, the regional airline SATA-Air Azores has daily flights to São Jorge. Airfare cost from Terceira is approximately 104 euros round-trip. Ferry-boats also serve the island daily during the summer months, either from Faial, Pico or Terceira.



Side job

Front to back, Kori Lance tapes off the windows as Capt. Cliff Scruggs and Capt. Chris Lance help change the color scheme of the youth center March 25. Several Company Grade Officer Council members volunteered their time to help brighten up the rooms for the Lajes Youth Program. (Photo by Capt. Melissa Waheibi)

Security Forces Police Blotter

March 30

Complainant radioed the SDCC and relayed that he found damage to his silver Dodge Stratus. Damage consisted of paint transfer and a crack on the driver side tail light with several scratches with dents on the bumper.

March 31

Location: T-234/DoDDS Elementary School

Complainant telephoned the SDCC to report a total of 50 euros and a watch was stolen by unknown person(s).

April 1

Location: Fence line adjacent to T-751

Complainant radioed SDCC and reported damage to the fence line adjacent to T-751. Preliminary investigation revealed persons unknown damaged the property by creating a hole approximately 1 foot in diameter and crushing the top of the fence above the hole.

Location: Agualva

Complainant contacted SDCC via landline stating he had been stabbed during an altercation in Agualva and he needed Praia Police (PSP) at that location. The complainant further stated other members were injured in the incident and also needed medical attention. Another complainant stated he was standing outside a club in Agualva and an unknown individual came

out of nowhere and struck him in the head with a bat. Other victims were involved and one was bleeding out of his ear. The injured were transferred to Angra Hospital via Portuguese Ambulance.

April 4

Location: Juncal

Complainant entered the SDCC to report a housebreak-in. He stated that an unknown person entered through the bedroom window. The property stolen consisted of two play station consoles with controllers, one video game, three CD cases, 30 DVD movies, one watch, one Bible, one RCA DVD/Recorder, one bottle Hugo Boss cologne, and one backpack. Complainant was referred to PSP for further investigation.

Location: T-400 series buildings

An unknown caller called the 911 Hotline to report an individual in a silver colored Renault Clio was taking pictures/videos of the T-400 series buildings. SFS was briefed and dispatched. SFS made contact with the civilian who was stopped leaving base by the Gate-4/Beria Mar gate guard. She relayed she was taking personal pictures. SFS confiscated the digital camera and deleted all pictures then terminated the response.

Library notes:

Story Hour is every Friday at 3 p.m. in the childrens' room in the base library.



Sleepytime story hour is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 21.

Children can come dressed in their pajamas with their teddy and blanket. Cookies and milk will be served.

The USAFE-wide **bookmark design contest** is open to children from kindergarten to 12th grade. Entry forms can be picked up at the base library or downloaded from the www.usafelibraries.org website. The contest ends April 30.

For more information, call 535-3688.



Fun run or egg hunt?

Team Lajes members gather to open their Easter eggs from the 5K fun run Wednesday. The fitness center Easter Bunny placed eggs along the course for runners to get candy or prizes. Each runner was limited to two eggs and they had to wait until they finished to open them. (Photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Larson)

April Events

- Tuesday - Softball coaches meeting
- April 14 - Flag football tournament
- April 26 - Golf coaches meeting
- April 28 - Soccer coaches meeting

Youth baseball sign ups

Lajes Youth Sports baseball sign ups are at the Lajes Youth Center, Bldg. T-240. Youth ages 5 to 17 are eligible. The season starts April 29 and ends June 10. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The deadline to register is April 21, and the skills assessment will be held April 22. For more information, call 535-1197.

JUDO

Col. Robert Winston and Capt. Mark Anderson will conduct Judo -- challenging, physical workouts in the combat spirit 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in T-203 (across from the CDC) beginning Monday. Participants are instructed to wear sweats or old BDU's and be prepared to work.

Group Fitness Class

- Monday**
- 8:30 a.m. -- Step with Celia
- Noon -- Spin with Tina
- 4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela
- 5:15 p.m. -- Aero Kombat with Celia
- 6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia
- Tuesday**
- 6 a.m. -- Spin with Dawn
- 8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training with Celia
- Wednesday**
- 8:30 a.m. -- Step with Celia
- Noon -- Spin with Tina
- 4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela
- 5:15 p.m. -- Step with Dawn
- 6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia
- Thursday**
- 6 a.m. -- Spin with Dawn
- 8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training with Celia
- 5:15 p.m. -- Body Sculpting with Manuela
- 6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Manuela
- Friday**
- 8:30 a.m. -- Spin with Celia
- Noon -- Spin with Tina
- 4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela
- 5:15 p.m. -- Step with Celia
- 6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia
- Saturday**
- 10 a.m. -- Spin with Celia
- 11 a.m. -- Circuit Training/Stretching with Rui

Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. -- Step with Celia
- Noon -- Spin with Tina
- 4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela
- 5:15 p.m. -- Step with Dawn
- 6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia

Thursday

- 6 a.m. -- Spin with Dawn
- 8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training with Celia

- 5:15 p.m. -- Body Sculpting with Manuela

- 6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Manuela

Friday

- 8:30 a.m. -- Spin with Celia
- Noon -- Spin with Tina
- 4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela

- 5:15 p.m. -- Step with Celia
- 6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia

Saturday

- 10 a.m. -- Spin with Celia
- 11 a.m. -- Circuit Training/Stretching with Rui



PLANNER



Hours of operation

Ocean Front BX (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-3444

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Flight View BX (Bldg. T-627) Phone: 535-5236

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Main Street Shop-pette (Bldg. T-323) Phone: 535-3280

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Military Clothing

Sales Store (Bldg. T-627) Phone: 535-3816

Sunday-Monday closed; Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Car Care Center (Bldg. T-320) Phone: 535-5125

Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Furniture Store (Bldg. T-800)

Wednesday-Friday noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reel Time Theater (Bldg. T-300) Phone: 535-4100

Showings Wednesday-Sunday

Beauty Shop (Bldg. T-400) (Walk-In Available) Phone: 535-4124

Sunday-Monday closed;

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Barber Shop (Bldg. T-400) Phone: 535-3396

Sunday and Monday closed; Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Car Sales (Bldg. T-202) Phone: 535-3173

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Friday noon to 8 p.m.

Air Terminal Gift Shop (Bldg. T-612) Phone: 535-3227

AAFES Administrative Offices (Bldg. T-800) Phone: 535-3209

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ilha Rent-a-Car (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1278

Sunday closed; Monday-

Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Frank's Franks (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1123

Monday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Vescovi Coffee Shop (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1123

Monday-Sunday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Burger King (Bldg. T-169) Phone: 535-3849

Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

AAFES Ocean View BX and Flight View BX are open on Portuguese Holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except the shoppette, which is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All facilities are open normal hours on U.S. holidays.

Tradewinds Dining Facility Menu

Today

Lunch: Seafood Newburg, Beef and Corn Pie and Roast Turkey*

Dinner: Simmered Corn Beef,* Pineapple Chicken and Yankee Pot Roast

Saturday

Brunch: Swedish Meatballs and Creole Fish*

Dinner: Baked Fish,* Hungarian Goulash and BBQ Chicken

Sunday

Brunch: Oven Fried Fish* and Cantonese Ribs

Dinner: Stir Fry Beef and Broccoli,* Turkey Nuggets and Steak

Monday

Lunch: Pot Roast, Baked Stuffed Fish* and Roast Pork Loin*

Dinner: Chili Mac,* Beef Cannelloni and Southern Fried Chicken

Tuesday

Lunch: Teriyaki Chicken,* Veal Parmesan and Tuna and Noodles

Dinner: Country Capt Chicken,* Meatloaf and Turkey A La King

Wednesday

Lunch: BBQ Ham Steak,* Turkey and Noodles and

Beef Stroganoff

Dinner: Lemon Herb chicken,* BBQ

Spareribs and

Stuffed Pork Chops

Thursday

Lunch: Mexican meal -- Mexican chicken,* Chicken enchiladas and Mexican Pork Chops

Dinner: Roast Pork,* Jaeger schnitzel and Glazed Cornish Hens

*Denotes Healthy Heart item
Menu subject to change

At the Movies

Today: 7 p.m. When a Stranger Calls - starring Camilla Belle, Katie Cassidy

While babysitting, a high school student is terrorized by a stranger who calls her, asking "have you checked the children lately?" The police eventually notify her the calls are coming from inside the house. Rated PG-13 (terror, violence, language) 83 min.

Today: 10 p.m. - Something New starring Sanaa Lathun, Simon Baker and Mike Epps

While 42.4% of African-Americans have never been married, Kenya, a professional African-American woman, is determined to do something about it. She is shocked to discover, however, that she's falling in love with a white landscaper. Rated PG-13 (sexual references) 99 min.

Saturday: 7 p.m. Final Destination 3 - starring Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Ryan Merriman

When a high school student fails to stop the fated roller coaster ride that she predicted

would cause the deaths of several of her friends, she teams with a schoolmate, in a race against time to prevent the Grim Reaper from revisiting the survivors of the first tragedy. Rated R (violence/gore, language, nudity) 82 min.



Sunday: 2 p.m. - When a Stranger Calls, 7 p.m. - Final Destination 3

Wednesday: 7 p.m. - Something New

Thursday: 7 p.m. - Final Destination 3

Next week: *Curious George, Pink Panther and Firewall*

Movies subject to change. For updated listings, call 535-3302. For more information on ratings, visit www.aafes.com.



EVENTS

Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil.

Miscellaneous

Easter Egg Hunt: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the community center at 2 p.m. April 15 for children through age 12. For more information, call 535-5216.

Easter Brunch: An Easter Brunch is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 16 at the Top of the Rock Club. There will be ham, turkey, prime rib, fried chicken, omelet and waffle station and other breakfast food. Reservations are required. Walk-ins will be taken as space permits. Cost is \$13.95 for members and \$15.95 for non members, \$6.95 for children age 6-12. Children under 5 are free.

There will be a member's Easter egg hunt from 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. for children 2 to 8 and from 11 to 11:15 a.m. for ages nine to 15 in the TORC garden. The person who finds the special egg will win a new bicycle.

Murder Mystery Dinner: The Enlisted Spouses Club is sponsoring a Mystery Dinner Theater 7 p.m. April 22 in the Top of the Rock Club ballroom. The event will include dinner, audience interaction, and maybe a murder or two.

Tickets are \$25 and include dinner. For more information, call Kim Pate at 295-549-250.

Education

Central Texas College: Central Texas College is offering onsite Criminal Justice classes. For more information, call 535-6722.

Oklahoma University classes: The Masters of Human Relations degree program with University of Oklahoma is a 36-credit hour, non-thesis degree that can be completed within 16-24 months.

The next course being offered for the Summer is HR 5022-231, "Research in Human Relations," a Core course towards the Master of Human Relations degree. The course dates are May 16-21. The last day to add/drop will be April 17.

OU is currently accepting enrollment for online courses. Enrollment ends April 2. All

online courses are held from May 1 to Aug. 11.

For more information call 535-3171 or stop by Bldg. T-146, room 214.

Jobs/Volunteer

Certified Teachers: DoDDs is looking for certified teachers. Interested individuals can stop by the elementary school office or call 535-3491.

School jobs: All GS positions at the schools here are continuous and open. Don't wait for an opening to apply - if you're interested in a position, apply now. The application procedure is a long one, so start early. For information, call Paula Carnley at 535-4151 or at 535-3491.

Girl Scout Committee Chair: A volunteer opportunity will open May 1. The opening is for a Terceira Island Girl Scouts Overseas Committee Chair position. Applicants need strong management, organizational and leadership skills. Requires application, interview and training (provided in Germany May 5-7). Some Girl Scout experience is helpful, but not mandatory. OCC oversees all Girl Scout activity on Terceira including Overseas Committee Management Team, leaders and troops. Applicants must have one year retainability and cannot be a troop leader while holding the position. Interested applicants can call Toni Leonard at 295-549-514 or Lin Earp at 295-549-711.

Automotive instructors: Central Texas College is seeking applications for Automotive Instructors who have an Associates degree or higher and a minimum of five years' work experience in the maintenance field or a Bachelor's degree and a minimum of three years work experience in the maintenance field. For more information, call 535-6722.

Services vacancies: The 65th Services Squadron vacancy listing is available at the human resources office in building T-112 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For details, call 295-575-200 or 535-5200.

Youth talent show: A

Youth talent show is scheduled for April 13 at the community center. Children 6-18 years of age can sign up at the youth center or community center through today. It can be a solo act or a group in any area of performing arts.

Chapel

Stations of the Cross followed by a "meager meal": 6 p.m. today at the chapel; **Protestant Women of the Chapel fellowship time:** 7 p.m. Monday at the chapel; **Lent Penance Service:** 7 p.m. Monday at the chapel; **Catholic Women of the Chapel Mass and dinner:** 6 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel; **Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration:** 7 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. **Protestant Good Friday Service:** 12 p.m. April 14 at

the chapel; **Good Friday/Passion and Veneration of the Cross:** 3 p.m. April 14 at the chapel; **Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast:** 8 a.m. April 15 at the chapel; **Easter Vigil Mass:** 8:30 p.m. April 15 at the chapel; **Combined Protestant Worship Easter Celebration:** 8:30 a.m. April 16 at the chapel; **Catholic Men of the Chapel Mass and dinner:** 6 p.m. April 19 at the chapel; **New Creation Café:** 7 p.m. April 21 at Ed-dies Place; **Little Flowers Girls' Club:** 3 p.m. April 24 at T-1415B; **SUM Dinner** hosted by Logistics Readiness Squadron: 5:30 p.m. April 27 at the Chapel; **Children and Youth Movie Night:** 6 p.m. April 28 at the chapel. For more information on chapel events, call 535-4211.

Classified Ads

E-mail ads to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

Yard sale in Porto Martins: A-2 Ponta Negra Begins at 10 a.m. Furniture, toys, children's clothes, etc. Call 295-515-966 or cell 919168573 for more information.

Wanted: Looking to buy an automatic car. Please call 295-516-998

Wanted: Bagpipe player with pipes available to participate in wing events in May and June Contact Liam Clancy at 535-2325, or Jared Bickham at 535-5233.

Digital Camera: Sony P-31 w/ 128MB. \$75 obo; Projector: BenQ PB6200. Excellent condition! \$700 obo; 17" & 19" monitors: not quite perfect. \$15 ea. obo; TI-89 Graphing Calc: great shapel! \$75; 19" TV: \$30 obo E-mail gregory.cooper@lajes.af.mil, or call 295-549-818, 967-065-230

Looking to rent: Spacious house, 3+ bedrooms, large fenced yard for toddler, ocean view, newer or no mold problems, garage and room to park two cars, within 15 minutes of the base. Would love heat and even AC if available. Monthly rent \$2,000 or less. Not in a hurry. If this sounds like your house or you know someone who has a house like this, please call 295-516-031.

For Sale: Large 44" Satellite Dish. See all your AFN channels. Almost new, used for only 2 months, \$100. Call 295-549-272

For Sale: Evenflo Stroller/Car Seat Combo for 5-22 lbs. \$50; Bassinet \$20; Entertainment Center fits 32" TV \$75; King Size Bed/Metal Frame \$75; Booster Seat for 30-80 lbs. \$20; Dirt Devil Vacuum \$10; Call James or Danielle at 295-549-541 or 962-074-116. PCS'ing soon. Prices negotiable.

For Sale: 3 Dehumidifiers (110V) \$75 each. Like new, used only twice, and works like a champ. Call Elisa between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. at 964-101 752 or e-mail at erzitter@myrealbox.com

Need Childcare? Availability: Anytime including nights and weekends; 10+ years experience; will care for children of all ages; Trained in First Aid & CPR. Call 295-549-811 Ask for Jenny

For Sale: Forever Mine-Crib, mattress and chest of drawers \$150 OBO; Dehumidifier \$35 OBO; Graco playpen w/carrying case \$50 OBO; Changing table \$20 OBO Call 295-549-485

For Sale: Entertainment Center, almost brand new and in box, \$70; Wooden bookshelf, \$30. Call 295-549-794

Wanted: Drummer for established Rock Band. No Kit Necessary! Call Steve at 295-549-733

Babysitting on weekend nights; will babysit 3 years of age or higher; I am 14 and have taken the babysitter course for CPR/first aid; I have experience with children; Call Brandon at 295-549-579

For Sale: 2000 KTM Duke II. 3969.5 miles, 640cc's. \$4,000 or best offer. For details, e-mail Corsicav83@hotmail.com

For sale: Snuggli infant black/grey front and back carrier for full term infants from 7 to 26 lbs. used only a few times - instruction booklet included \$15; Diaper Genie - has an almost new pack of liners in it \$7 (BX sells refills); Ameda Purely Yours electric double breast pump \$35. Evenflo Babygo Playpen that you can hook up music to. Includes a built in bassinet, toy bar and diaper changing attachment. Navy blue. \$45. Evenflo height adjustable high chair. Has removable tray for dishwasher. \$30. Call 295-516-031

Nanny available: fun loving, creative and honest. First language English, second Portuguese, relocating to Terceira from Canada looking to start a full time position ASAP - concentrating on early childhood education, fine motor skills, and developmental tasks - 5 years experience, fabulous references. E-mail ashleysousa@rmail.com or call 416-354-2630 (Canada)

Nanny available: I'm highly dependable, outstanding on taking care of your children and domestic help. I'm also well known by the management at the CDC. I have reliable transportation, access to the interior of the base and a good command of the English language. Feel free to contact me (Mrs. Judy): 295-517-014 or 962356981