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## Playing with tanks

Manuel "Manny" Martins, 65th Communications Squadron, plays soldier in the Portuguese armored personnel carrier at the Lajes Field 2006 Community Appreciation Day June 15. See more on pages 6-7. (Photo by James O'Rear)

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**Saturday**  
Mostly cloudy,  
isolated afternoon  
showers  
High 68  
Low 63



**Sunday**  
Partly  
cloudy  
High 68  
Low 61





## Son remembers his father's, family's journey

Commentary by Maj. Miklos Kiss  
374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan (AFPN)** — We all carry the baggage and lessons of our ancestors. They shape and mold who we are. I thought it would be fitting on Father's Day to share my immigrant father's story with you. His journey inspired my Air Force service, and I hope it will make you proud to be an American, grateful for your freedoms, and consider that immigration and diversity make America stronger.

My father was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1940 into a world engulfed in war. His father Karoly, my grandfather, fought in World War II — on the other side.

Grandfather Karoly survived a winter on the Russian front fighting alongside the German army and an 800-kilometer march through the Ukraine where one out of three men died. I remember him telling me he, too, would have died had not a German NCO violently kicked him in the behind to rouse him from a roadside nap which would have surely ended in freezing to death.

Karoly was released from the Army and returned to Budapest in early 1944 only to have his neighborhood bombed by American B-24s. In the summer of 1944, my dad can still remember the day a German officer knocked on the door asking for his father's and the family's identity papers to prove they were not Jews. My grandfather could retell the visit like it was yesterday.

"I've never seen such an immaculate uniform in my entire life — pressed black fabric, dual lightening bolts on the collar. The officer was blond with blue eyes. He stood erect and proper. I was quite impressed, and he was rather nice to me," he would tell me.

Grandfather also nearly wet his pants. Though his family was Catholic, documented and safe, he was hiding a

Jewish family in the coal cellar. Punishment for such an act would have probably sent the whole family to Auschwitz. Grandfather had a big heart, but was a good liar; his secret was never discovered.

The Russians liberated Budapest in winter 1944 after a month-long artillery barrage. When you visit my grandparents' house in Budapest, you can still see the shrapnel damage.

Worse wounds were to come. After the war the Communists came to power and in 1947 nationalized everything, including Karoly's restaurant. Karoly's restaurant was his livelihood and passion. The Communists summarily took it away, and he was hired as a bartender and maitre'd. I don't think he ever got over that indignation, but a good father will do anything to provide.

Life got worse. Karoly's wife, my grandmother, a beautiful athlete who swam for Hungary in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, was diagnosed with brain cancer in 1948 and died within a year. Grandfather did not have much luck, but he did have a big heart and three kids to care for. My dad was the oldest.

Life was tough for my dad in post-war Hungary. My dad being the oldest, with his mother dead, was loaded with burdens. The most memorable were carrying the coal up five flights of stairs and riding his bicycle out of the city to bring home milk for his little brother. Despite hardships, Dad still found time to play water polo at his city high school and dream of a better life.

That opportunity came to him and all Hungarians in November 1956. A student uprising grew into popular revolution against the Soviet-backed government. Taking over armories, the revolution was initially successful and the Soviets were ousted from Budapest. For a few glorious days Hungary was free.

A week later the Soviets came back — with tanks. No matter how fervent the desire to be free is, it means little in

the face of a tank battalion. It was under these circumstances my father, then 16 years old, decided to flee with 200,000 of his countrymen to the west.

On a cold November night my dad told grandfather Karoly he was leaving. He wanted no part of Communist Hungary. Grandfather was none too happy about saying goodbye to his oldest son, much less the possibility he might be killed trying to escape. Neither one has ever told me if they argued or fought over it that night, but my dad was determined to leave with or without permission. The Russians were not in control of the entire country yet, and word on the street was the border to Austria was still porous.

The next morning my father and his buddy Tamas Hefner (yes, a distant relative of Hugh) walked down the apartment stairs to catch a train west to the border. Tamas did not make it past the corner; his father was working outside and sent him back home. My dad made the trip to the border alone. (Forty years later, while working in the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, I looked up Tamas Hefner. He is a successful banker and still friends with my dad.)

You could not just waltz across the border into Austria. The official crossing was closed. Where one could cross via farmland, there were open plains, a freezing stream and Russian patrols. A daytime crossing would result in being shot. The cover of darkness offered the only chance to escape, and thousands did.

After the sun went down my dad headed toward the Austrian border. Stripping down he waded across an icy stream with his clothes in a bundle held above his head. After crossing, he put his clothes back on. Still reasonably wet he began the final run. During his night dash across the border my father still remembers every fourth bullet out of the

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## USAFE Surgeon General visits Lajes

The 65th Medical Group hosted the USAFE Surgeon General, Col. (Dr.) Mark Ediger, and the Command Administrator, Col. Michael Schell May 22-25. During their four-day tour, Colonel Ediger and Colonel Schell visited several Portuguese medical facilities to include Angra and Praia Hospitals and the Air Base 4 Clinic.

They also visited several 65th MDG facilities to include the new \$3.2M Dental Clinic and the state-of-the-art Health and Wellness Center, as well as several other medical facilities.

While at the Angra Hospital, Colonel Ediger, Colonel Schell and Col. Denise Lew, 65th Medical Group commander, presented Dr. Olga Freitas, the hospital

director, with a plaque commending the hospital for their overwhelming support of more than 2,500 Team Lajes beneficiaries.

During their visit to Lajes, Colonel Ediger and Colonel Schell had two question and answer sessions with various members of the 65th MDG enlisted staff and local national employees. Before departing Lajes Col. Ediger said, "We finished our visit very favorably impressed by the spirit and professionalism of the medics and the civilian employees in the 65th Medical Group. Their facilities look great, with many significant improvements since my previous visit in 2003."

*(Submitted by the 65th MDG)*

## Good to Know

### Traffic flow disruption

There will be a traffic flow disruption on Rua da Cantina (by the shoppette and post office) Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in order for the Fitness Center contractor to complete the installation of the inner ducts cable run between the fitness center and Bldg. T-205.

Traffic going the direction of community center will use the normal lane; traffic going the direction of the credit union will use the lane by the shoppette parking lot.

### Services feedback

A new system allows people in the Lajes community rate the service they receive at services facilities here.

The Interactive Customer Evaluation system is a web-based tool that collects feedback on services provided by various organizations throughout the Department of Defense.

The ICE system allows customers to submit online comment cards to rate the service providers they have encountered at military installations and related facilities around the world.

It is designed to improve customer service by allowing managers to monitor the satisfaction levels of services provided through reports and customer comments. ICE provides the following benefits:

- Allows DoD customers to quickly and easily provide feedback to service provider managers
- Gives leadership timely data on service quality
- Allows managers to benchmark the performance of their service providers against other DoD organizations.
- Encourages communication across organizations by comparing best practices to increase performance results.
- Saves money

Currently the Lajes Services facilities are using this system. To rate products and services, customers should go to the following website and log in at: <http://ice.disa.mil>

For more information, call Tommy Brooks at 535-6324.

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machine gun was a tracer.

My dad still loves Austrian farmers. Once across the border he was literally put up in a barn hayloft. Kindhearted Austrians repeated similar gestures for weeks along the Hungarian border. The Americans, having somewhat spurred the Hungarian revolution of 1956, set up refugee camps for the exodus and arranged transportation to the United States. It is here that my family's loyalty to this generous nation begins.

My dad took free passage on a U.S. troop ship across the Atlantic in February 1957. He was 16 years old when he steamed past the Statue of Liberty. He remembers arriving in America with only the clothes on his back, \$1.17 in his pocket and a bottle of baby shampoo given to him at the refugee camp. He spoke no English, and had no high school diploma.

The rest of the story offers a glimpse of why America can be a beacon of hope. In a thick Hungarian accent my dad will state: "Anyone who wants to work can make it in America." Living in the basement of an uncle who immigrated to the U.S. in the 1930s, my dad took the train from New Jersey to New York every day to work in Manhattan's kitchens. He worked constantly, took night school, got his General Education Development certificate and learned English.

In 1965, he was drafted in the Army and served in the military police in Darmstadt, Germany. He met my mom, another Hungarian, while on leave in the Netherlands. After his two-year Army stint, he got married and returned to America where he continued to work long hours in hotel kitchens.

My dad loved to say, "God helps those who help themselves." He lived

those words, and through hard work, thrift and perseverance he won the American dream. He bought a home in suburban New Jersey, raised two kids with mom, took the family on vacations back to the old country every fourth summer, fixed his own car and sent two kids to college.

During the prime of his career my dad was the executive chef of the famous "Windows on the World" restaurant atop World Trade Center Two in New York City. Pretty good for a guy who showed up here speaking no English, \$1.17 in his pocket and a bottle of shampoo. He loves to tell this story and say "Only in America!"

I owe America for the opportunity afforded my immigrant family; it is why I joined the Air Force. "America will be viewed as great nation only if she continues to be viewed as good nation," as President Dwight Eisenhower said.

### Maxims from an immigrant father:

1. Hard work overcomes most everything, including poverty.
2. It is a privilege to be able to work.
3. God helps those who help themselves.
4. There is no such thing as demeaning labor if it feeds your family.
5. It's better to work with your brain than with your back.
6. Get an education. It can never be taken from you and it helps with maxim #5.
7. Don't ever think things can't get worse. They can.
8. Bad times do not last forever. Quitting lasts forever.
9. Being happy or sad is a choice. Choose to be happy despite the situation.
10. Love your children more than your own life.



## Lajes sergeant selected as one of 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud  
65th ABW Public Affairs

A Lajes sergeant was selected by Air Force officials as one of the service's top enlisted members.

Senior Master Sgt. Henry Parker III, 65th Services Squadron, was named one of Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2006.

"Sergeant Parker is well deserving of this recognition," said Lt. Col. John Oliver, 65th SVS commander. "His receipt of this award represents the culmination of what has been an outstanding career thus far and a foretaste of the extremely bright future he has ahead."

The 12 individuals selected were chosen based on superior leadership, job performance and personal achievements.

"His leadership and mentorship for all members of our squadron is one of the key ingredients that has propelled us to new heights over the past six months," com-

mented Colonel Oliver. "His candid feedback to everyone he encounters as well as his commitment to 'excellence in all he does' are perhaps his two greatest qualities."

Sergeant Parker competed against 33 nominees who represented major commands, direct reporting units, field operating agencies and air staff agencies.

He and the other nominees are authorized to wear the Outstanding Airman of the Year ribbon, and as one of the 12 winners will wear the bronze service star device on the ribbon. The winners will also wear the Outstanding Airman Badge for one year from the date of formal presentation.

The other winners are: **Senior Master Sgt. Michael Lemke**, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.; **Master Sgt. Renee Williams**, Robins AFB, Ga.; **Tech.**



**Senior Master Sgt. Henry Parker III**

**Sgt. Bradley Reilly**, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

**Tech. Sgt. Billy Tramel Jr.**, Hill AFB, Utah; **Staff Sgt. Timothy Bishop**, Andrews AFB, Md.; **Staff Sgt. Daniel Dierickx**, Klamath Falls, Ore.; **Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hansen**, Holloman AFB, N.M.; **Staff Sgt. David Plachno**, Andrews AFB; **Senior Airman Polly-Jan Bobseine**, Moody AFB, Ga.; **Senior Airman Eric Pena**, Travis AFB, Calif.;

**and Senior Airman Elizabeth Sewell**, Vance AFB, Okla.

They will be honored during the Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition in Washington, D.C., in September. They will also serve as members of the AFA's enlisted advisory council for the next year.

*(Information courtesy of Air Force News)*

## 65th Mission Support Group receives new boss

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald  
65th ABW Public Affairs

Col. Mark Davis took command of the 65th Mission Support Group from Col. Michael Silver during a change of command ceremony Tuesday in front of the Top of the Rock Club.

Colonel Davis said he and his family are honored to be here.

"Sharla, Stephen, Brian and I are blessed and excited to be a part of this community," he said. "I'm committed to providing the best support possible for everyone assigned here and I look forward to the challenges ahead."

Colonel Davis said he's proud to be working with such an outstanding group of professionals – members of the 65th MSG.

"You've proven yourself over and over again," the colonel said. "The challenges seem endless yet you never cease to step up and succeed. Command is a special privilege in the military and I feel especially privileged to be the commander of the best mission support group in the Air Force."

Colonel Robert Winston, 65th



*Colonel Winston passes the 65th MSG guidon to Colonel Davis during Tuesday's change of command ceremony. (Photo by Guido Melo)*

Air Base Wing commander, said Colonel Davis is the extremely qualified for his new position.

"Mark comes here from a demanding job working communication issues at the Pentagon," Colonel Winston said. "He's been a communications officer, has been a communications squadron commander twice, and was the deputy mission support group commander at Yokota [Air Base, Japan], which has a mission very similar to our mission at Lajes.

"He started out his career as an attack helicopter pilot in the United States Army," he continued. "In my experience, Army helicopter pilots are some of the boldest and most audacious warfighters that our country has. I look forward to watching him lead."

Col. Winston said the deployment readiness of Team Lajes is due to the leadership of Colonel Silver.

"When Mike just got here two years ago, Lajes was a fight-in-place kind of base," he said. "We didn't deploy, but started to do so after he arrived.

"He was able to work out with our Portuguese allies a training space where we could do combat skills training to get ready for deploying to the fight," Colonel Winston said. "He then took an asset that wasn't being used too much and had it converted over to being a deployment center, which will help us get our people to the fight quicker."

Colonel Silver's direction in privatizing the dining room at the TORC was yet another key accomplishment, according to Colonel Winston.

"Our club was losing \$200,000 a year but he came up with a visionary plan to privatize the dining room," he said. "At the same time we took care of our workers. We made sure that nobody was fired. We were able to buy them out through the mutual agreement or move them to other jobs.

"This privatization was a win-win situation for everybody and now our club is in the black," Colonel Winston explained. "It has become the model for USAFE."

Colonel Winston then took the opportunity to address the MSG warfighters.

"The many successes that you all have enjoyed under the leadership of Mike Silver are the products of the team that you all built together," Colonel Winston said. "He led and you helped him lead.

"Today you've got a new commander," he continued. "Work with him and build that team. Help him to lead and always remember our mission – to get warplanes, warfighters, and communications to and from the fight."



## Oklahoma ANG unit augments Lajes

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud  
65th ABW Public Affairs

Members of the Oklahoma Air National Guard arrived here June 11 to augment some Lajes organizations last week.

Staff Sgt. Theresa Besta, 185th Airlift Squadron, passed through Lajes while returning from support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, but this is the first time she's had an opportunity to work and interact with the 65th Medical Group.

Sergeant Besta was one of 37 medical supporters and 4 safety personnel from the 137th Oklahoma Air National Guard serving one of their annual tours here at Lajes.

"This is a real win/win," explained Senior Master Sgt. David Montano, 65th Medical Group superintendent.

"They get the experience of working in the Air Force's Best OCONUS Clinic, and we're dialing in a ton of ways to maximize this great opportunity."

It was a win for Sergeant Besta, who said this opportunity allows her to progress her skills and see how other units function. She can bring ideas back to her unit, she explained.

With the support of medical technicians



Lt. Col. (Dr.) Conrad Caldwell, 137th Medical Group commander takes a look at Jacob Beitz ears June 14 during sports physicals. Dr. Caldwell is a flight surgeon with the Oklahoma Air National Guard. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud)

from the Guard, the clinic was able to increase their patient load.

One win for the 65th Medical Group was being able to offer sports physicals to more than 100 people June 14.

"We see 200-300 people in a Guard week-end," said Lt. Col. Kathie McMurry, Chief

Nurse. Guard members helped Medical Group personnel see almost as many patients in one hour as they'd see on a normal day.

Additionally, the Guard members joined the wing and Air Base 4 team in supporting this year's Community Appreciation Day," Sergeant Montano said.

"We're very excited about this great opportunity," Sergeant Montano said.

Three of the members of the 137th augmented Public Health. "It helps us catch up on training," explained Tech. Sgt. Justin Greer, NCOIC. The section currently has a 3-level in upgrade training. The Guard members can offer their expertise to help with training.

The individuals are also helping out with food inspections on base from warehouses that store food to the commissary, added Sergeant Greer.

"Our clinic has not hosted a visiting reserve or guard unit in many years," said Col. Denise Lew, 65th Medical Group commander.

"We are proud of this unique opportunity to contribute in a major way to the community while working side-by-side with our Air Reserve Component brothers and sisters."

## Robbery provokes identity theft measures

By Capt. Jennifer Lovett  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe  
News Service

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** — Documents containing personal information were stolen from the home of a Department of Veterans Affairs employee in May, representing the largest unauthorized release of social security numbers in United States history.

The electronic data files contained the names, birth dates and social security numbers of approximately 26.5 million service members and veterans.

"The veterans affected include members discharged after 1975 as well as spouses and some veterans discharged even earlier who submitted a claim for VA benefits," said Maj. Katherine Oler, U.S. Air Forces in Europe legal office lawyer.

"Although there is no indication that this information has been used fraudulently or that any financial information has been assessed, a member's so-

cial security number can often serve as a thief's stepping stone to important personal financial information," she said.

According to a 2006 Better Business Bureau study, 8.9 million people have been victims of identity fraud, resulting in \$56.6 billion in losses in 2006.

This sets the stage for larger numbers than 2005, which saw 9.3 million victims.

"One in four U.S. households has been the victim of identity theft in the past five years," said Major Oler. "The Federal Trade Commission notes that 13.3 people become the victims of identity theft every minute."

Military members should take steps to protect their personal and financial information.

"It is far easier to take steps to prevent identity theft than to address the problem after the fact," said Major Oler. "Monitoring accounts online is the best way to detect fraud early."

The three national credit-reporting agencies also provide fraud alerts to those who report

potential identity theft. The companies, Equifax, TransUnion and Experian, are required by federal law to notify each other if they receive an alert.

"Once the member creates the fraud alert to one company, that company is required to let the other two know," said Major Oler. "The company will also provide a free credit report."

"Military members should review this report to ensure all their financial information is accurate," she said. "Reviewing these reports also helps identify unauthorized accounts or activities."

Credit reports can be obtained anytime by calling 1-877-322-8228 or by completing the Annual Credit Report request form available at [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Requesting Service, P.O. Box 10528, Atlanta, Ga., 30348-5281.

For further information, contact the base legal office. (Information for this article was compiled from the USAFE legal of-

### Tips for protecting personal and financial information

- Create and maintain password privacy
- Monitor bank and credit card statements for fraudulent activity and keep all carbon copies
- Shred or erase anything with personal information such as CDs, memory sticks, hard drive data as well as hard copies when no longer needed
- Be wary of providing personal or financial data by internet, email or over the telephone

fice, the Equifax and USAA websites.)

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft:

1. Immediately contact the financial institution
2. Close all affected accounts
3. Contact the local office of special investigations
4. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission
5. Place a fraud alert on consumer report



# FEATURE

## CAD 2006



*CAD 2006 opens with the departure of 2 F-16s bound for Greece as part of the Foreign Military Sales program. (Photos by James O'Rear)*



*Above: John Allan and Jordan O'Rear of Boy Scout Troop 1605 pass out programs during CAD 2006. Right: Cars and motorcycle were on display.*



*RC cars fly through the air in the radio control demonstration.*



*Bouncy castles galore serve as a backdrop for a visiting C-130H from Ramstein, Germany at CAD.*



# FEATURE



*65th Comm. Squadron members get their burgers ready for a rush of people.*



*65th Medical Group members re-orient their shelter in preparation for CAD.*



*Elliott Harner leads his father, Maj. Mike Harner from the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, up the ladder of an F-16C from Aviano, Italy.*



*Members of the USAFE band Direct Hit perform on stage.*



*Members of the Asian-Pacific Heritage Hula Dancers perform.*

# Portuguese flag explained

By **Ed Lima**

Community Relations Adviser

Recently there's been a boom of Portuguese flags displayed everywhere, including roofs, windows and even tied to car antennas.

This uncommon situation is caused by an increased sense of patriotism due to the success of the Portuguese national soccer team in the ongoing World Cup in Germany.

The following is an explanation of the symbols and colors of the Portuguese flag:

The current Portuguese flag was instituted in June of 1911 and replaced the Monarchy flag following the foundation of the Portuguese Republic.

The flag is divided in two main colors, green and red.

The center of the flag has the national coat of arms with different symbols. The five blue shields right in the middle of the flag represent the five Moorish kings who were defeated by Dom Afonso Henriques (the first



Portuguese king and father of the Portuguese kingdom) in the Ourique battle in 1139. The dots inside each of the blue shield represent the five wounds of Christ.

The seven golden castles on the red border of the big shield represent the fortified locations or castles conquered by Dom Afonso Henriques from the Moors during his reign.

The yellow armillary sphere — a navigational instrument and symbol of the Portuguese discoveries in the 15th and 16th centuries — was the personal symbol of King Manuel I and was

added to the national flag in 1815.

The green and red colors, which replaced the white and blue in the monarchy flag, stand respectively for hope and the courage and blood shed by the Portuguese who fell in combat.

The following is the English translation of the Portuguese National Anthem's lyrics, also known as "A Portuguesa" (the Portuguese). It was first played in 1890 and approved as the national anthem in 1911.

Heroes of the sea, noble people  
Valiant and immortal nation,  
Arise today once more  
The splendor of Portugal.  
From out the mists of memory,  
Oh homeland, feel the voices  
Of your great forefathers  
That shall lead you on to victory!

Chorus

To arms, to arms  
On land and sea!  
To arms, to arms  
To fight for our Homeland!  
Against the guns we march, we  
march!

# Dining facility serves Lajes patrons

By **Master Sgt. Deborah Corder**  
65th Services Squadron

The Tradewinds Dining Facility is here to serve authorized customers on Lajes.

Many people may wonder if they are authorized to dine in the facility, during which meals, and what some of the policies are.

First, let's break down the categories of customers the facility is here to serve.

TDY personnel (civilian, officer and enlisted) on orders receiving the meal portion of per diem are authorized to dine at the dining facility for up to three meals a day.

Enlisted personnel on meal card (living in the dorms) are provided three meals a day.

Enlisted members receiving basic allowance for subsistence and dependents of E-1 through E-4 may eat one meal (any meal to include weekend brunch) a day at the dining facility.

Dependents of E-5 and E-6 may dine for breakfast Monday through Friday, weekend brunch, and special/holiday meals.

Dependents of E-7 through E-9 may

dine for breakfast Monday through Friday as well as special/holiday meals.

Officers and their dependents may dine for breakfast Monday through Friday as well as special or holiday meals.

Squadron commanders may dine in the facility periodically to determine the quality and quantity of food served to the enlisted force.

Retirees may eat one meal a day (any meal to include weekend brunch)

Department of Defense and U.S. civilians may eat breakfast on Monday through Friday as well as special/holiday meals.

Portuguese base employees receiving their meal under the Portuguese Work Regulation are provided one meal for a normal duty day, two meals if performing overtime and four meals if assigned to a 24-hour shift.

According to AFI 34-239, "The Air Force operates enlisted dining facilities in order to provide the subsistence entitlement to enlisted members who reside in dormitories and to provide flight meal service in support of daily operations."

The Lajes policy letter stating

authorized dining facility customers is based on AFI 34-239, which bases customer eligibility on whether there are "other adequate food service facilities on the base" to support officers, civilians and dependents.

Other policies to be followed when dining at the Tradewinds include the dress code policy.

Due to sanitation and safety standards, as well as to maintain good order and discipline, patrons are asked to refrain from wearing sleeveless shirts, flip-flop style sandals, cutoff clothing, clothing that exposes the midriff or displays profanity, sweaty clothing or hats at the tables.

Another policy is regarding payment for meals. Enlisted meal card holders are asked to display or swipe their Common Access Card at the cash registers. Local national employees provided their meals are asked to display their badges. Cash-paying customers can pay only with dollars; the facility is not authorized to accept euros, checks or plastic.

For more information about who may dine at the facility or policies, e-mail [deborah.corder@lajes.af.mil](mailto:deborah.corder@lajes.af.mil).

## High school students compete in Amazing race



Left: Members of the team "Sext Teenage Dirtbagz" do the hokey-pokey dance in full MOPP gear at one of the stations run by the LRS squadron during Amazing Race 2006. Below: Relatively "simple" tasks like changing a tire were on the slate in the LRS compound during the Amazing Race. (Photos by James O'Rear)



Above: Kylie Rathbun (l) and Leslie Gann (r) try to work out the solution to the word puzzle in the MEO office during the Amazing Race 2006.

Right: Tyler Hoff attempts to push his patient (Daniel Montano) down the medical clinic hallway wearing the "beer goggles" as his teammates look on as part of a challenge.





## Enjoy summer barbecues safely

The 65th Air Base Wing Safety Office would like Lajes personnel and their families to have a safe and enjoyable summer of outdoor activities.

Many people love cooking outdoors with their gas grills and charcoal barbecues. In order to enjoy a summer of outdoor cookouts, remember to always inspect grills before using them and follow a few simple safety tips to avoid accidents and injuries.

Approximately 30 people are injured every year as a direct result of gas grill fires. Propane is a highly flammable gas, and many grill fires occur when the grill is first used.

Risk of fire is greatly increased when a barbecue has been left idle for a period of time and after refilling or reattaching the propane gas container.

To reduce the risk of fire and explosion, follow a few simple safety tips. Before using the grill, make sure to check all the tubes that lead into the grill burner for any blockage. A pipe cleaner or wire can be used to

clear blockages found.

Check hoses for cracking, brittleness and leaks. Make sure to move gas hoses as far as possible from hot surfaces and dripping grease. Check the grill for gas leaks by following the manufacturer's directions. If a leak is detected, immediately turn off the grill and do not attempt to light the grill until any leaks are repaired.

When it is time to light the grill, open the lid, turn on the gas and immediately light the burner. Never use a grill indoors and keep any grill at least 10 feet away from the house or any building.

Remember to never use a grill under any structures that can catch fire. These include carports, patio covers, porches and breezeways.

When storing propane tanks, remember that they should always be stored upright and should never be stored indoors or near the grill. Keep tanks out of hot environments away from direct sunlight. Heat causes propane

gas to expand, which can cause the relief valve to open and allow gas to escape.

Charcoal barbecues are very common. Remember that charcoal reaches extreme temperatures and can remain very hot for a long period of time. Always handle charcoal carefully.

The Safety Office recommends people use charcoal that does not need lighter fluid. Lighter fluid is extremely flammable and should be handled with extreme care.

Never burn charcoal indoors. When it is burned, charcoal produces carbon monoxide, a colorless and odorless gas that can be deadly when inhaled. Approximately 30 people die every year and 100 are injured as a result of breathing carbon monoxide fumes from charcoal grills or



hibachis used indoors.

After enjoying your charcoal barbecue, remember that briquettes remain extremely hot, even after you are finished cooking. Hot coals can result in severe burns if not handled properly.

When disposing of barbecue briquettes, always

make sure that they are completely cooled. Use water to make sure that briquettes are completely extinguished and never bury hot coals or place them into a trash can.

Nothing says summer like a family barbecue, and the Safety Office encourages you to enjoy the summer season. By remembering basic barbecue safety rules and exercising caution when using your barbecue grill, you and your family can have many safe and enjoyable summer cookouts.

*Submitted by Lt. Col. John Roden, 65th ABW Safety Office.*

## SFS Blotter

June 10

LOCATION: T-1010/Cinco Picos Compound

Complainant notified SFS to report the fence adjacent to T-1010 had a three sided rectangular cut, approximately 3 foot by 1.5 foot. The complainant further stated he never noticed the hole was there, nor when it might have happened because he doesn't usually work in that area. Preliminary investigation revealed unknown persons damaged the property by possibly using some form of wire cutting tool.

## Boxing



**Boxing in Building T-203**  
**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**  
**5:30 to 7 a.m.**  
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**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**For more information or to sign up, call Staff Sgt. Ray Sandoval at 535-3457.**

Lajes Field Community Center  
and the  
South Valley Suzuki Music Foundation  
presents in concert  
**SUZUKI VIOLIN TROUPE 25**



WHERE: Community Center Ballroom, Bldg. T-307  
WHEN: Sunday, June 25, 2006  
TIME: 1400 Hrs.

For more information call 535-5216

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# 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.  
**Shoppette** (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 noon to 8 p.m.  
**Military Clothing Sales Store** (Bldg. T-627)

Phone: 535-3816  
 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  
 Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Barber Shop** (Bldg. T-

400) Phone: 535-3396  
 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  
 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.  
**Holiday schedule:**  
 AAFES Ocean View BX and Flight View BX and Burger King are closed on Portuguese Holidays. The shoppette, will open from noon to 8 p.m., and MCSS will be open from noon to 6 p.m. All facilities are open normal hours on U.S. holidays.

## Tradewinds Dining Facility Menu

**Today**  
**Lunch:** Mexican Baked Chicken, \* Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce and Stuffed Green Pepper  
**Dinner:** Lasagna, Spaghetti and Italian Sausage  
**Saturday**  
**Brunch:** Cajun Meat Loaf and Crispy Baked Chicken\*  
**Dinner:** Stuffed Green Peppers, Stir Fry Chicken\* and Pork Chops  
**Sunday**  
**Brunch:** Chicken Parmesan\* and Tuna and Noodles  
**Dinner:** Fried Shrimp, Spinach Lasagna\* and Ginger BBQ Chicken\*  
**Monday**  
**Lunch:** Italian Sausage, Country Captain Chicken\* and Swiss Steak with Tomato sauce  
**Dinner:** Baked Ham, Roast Turkey\* and Fish and Chips  
**Tuesday**  
**Lunch:** Yakisoba, Pork Schnitzel and Onion-Lemon Fish\*  
**Dinner:** Paprika Beef, BBQ Beef Cubes and Chicken Fajitas  
**Wednesday**  
**Lunch:** Beef Porcupines, Chicken Enchiladas\* and Lemon Herbed Chicken\*  
**Dinner:** Pita Pizzas\* and Country Style Steak  
**Thursday**  
**Lunch:** Italian Meal - Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan, Italian Sausage and Chicken Cacciatore  
**Airmen Appreciation Dinner:** Fried shrimp/scampi and Grilled steak/chicken

\*Denotes Healthy Heart item  
 Menu subject to change

## At the Movies

**Today: 7 p.m. - Akeelah and the Bee** - starring Lawrence Fishburne, Keke Palmer

A young girl learns to believe in herself and value her intelligence in this family-friendly drama. Akeelah Anderson is an 11-year-old being raised by her mother, Tanya, who was left on her own after the death of her husband. While Akeelah is a very bright girl, she's hardly a star student and seems afraid of acting like a bookworm around her friends and classmates. However, Akeelah's teacher sees genuine potential in her student and encourages her to enter the school's spelling bee, convinced Akeelah has the brains and the talent to win. Akeelah applies herself and emerges victorious in the local competition, but discovers the going gets tougher when she goes to a statewide bee. Rated PG (language) 112 min

**Today: 10 p.m. - American Dreamz** starring Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid

On the morning of his re-election, the President decides to read the newspaper for the first time in four years. This starts him down a slippery slope. He begins reading obsessively, reexamining his black and white view of the world, holing up in his bedroom in his pajamas. Frightened by the

President's apparent nervous breakdown, his Chief of Staff pushes him back into the spotlight, booking him as a guest judge on the television ratings juggernaut. Rated PG-13 (language, sexual references) 107 min

**Saturday: 7 p.m. - Silent Hill** starring Radha Mitchell, Sean Bean

When the doctor of a troubled young girl recommends permanent psychiatric institutionalization and the girl's concerned mother refuses to accept the grim diagnosis, the mother and daughter flee to a strange abandoned town to seek out answers. Sharon is a very sick child, yet rather than seeing her child suffer the cruel indignities of the medical profession, Rose ignores her husband's pleas and absconds with her ailing daughter to the fog-enshrouded town of Silent Hill. Rated R (horror violence/gore, disturbing images, language) 125 min

**Sunday: 2 p.m. - Akeelah and the Bee; 7 p.m. - Silent Hill**

**Wednesday: 7 p.m. - American Dreamz**

**Thursday: 7 p.m. - Silent Hill**

Next week: *Hoot, Stick it, United 93*



# 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](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil).

## In the Community

**Street Bullfights: Saturday:** 1 p.m. Running of the bulls in Angra (Rua São Pedro); **Sunday:** 6:30 p.m. Port of Porto Martins.

### Sanjoaninas Festival:

**Today:** 10 p.m. - Parade and performance of St. John's marching groups (main street/square); **Saturday:** 10 p.m. - Karate demo (main square); 1 p.m. - Running of the bulls (top of main street); 4 p.m. - Paintball competition (grounds next to the fort); 6 p.m. - Arena bullfight in Angra bullring; 9 p.m. - Parade of juvenile St. John's marching bands (main street/square); **Sunday:** 10 a.m. - Holy Ghost procession (Misericórdia Church, Rua Direita, main street); 1 p.m. - BTT Bike tournament (Mount Brazil); 1 p.m. - Master Classes (main street); 6 p.m. - Arena bullfight; 10 p.m. - Parade of marching bands (main street/main square); and midnight - Fireworks in Angra Bay.

## Miscellaneous

**Alanon:** An open Alanon meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursdays in the chapel (T-305). For more information, contact 295-513-297.

**WICO:** The Woman, Infants and Children's overseas program's new hours are Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located in Bldg. T-425, Room 122. For more information or for an appointment, call Hope McKendree at 535-1440.

**HALO tournament:** An Xbox halo tournament is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday at the community center.

Tournament format will be 1-v-1 setup with final four being in the running for Lajes Champion. Open to all active duty military, civilians and dependents. The top four active duty go for a chance to compete in USAFE championship. Anyone 14 years and up invited, 17 and under may sign up with parent present. Sign up at the CAC or call Senior Airman Andrew Eckholm at 535-2291 or 295-549-638.

**Playgroup:** The EDIS

playgroup will meet in the community center Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. For more information, call 535-3194.

## Jobs/Volunteer

**CDC openings:** The Child Development Center has openings in the infant and toddler rooms for hourly care. For details, call 535-3188.

## DoDDS

**Summer office hours:** The Elementary School office is combining with the High School office as one Lajes American School office located in the present High School office. The office will be open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the summer break period with the exception of July 4. New families can register anytime. For details, call 535-4151.

**Pentagon Federal Credit Union:** Pentagon Federal Credit Union has a job opening for a Branch Service Representative. Previous banking experience preferred. DEROS must be after Mar 08. Apply at Bldg. T-202 or call 295-513221 for more information.

**AAFES U.S. positions:** AAFES is now accepting applications for student hires as intermittent store associates and stockers. AAFES offers a flexible work schedule for students with free to who wish to join them for a different and challenging experience.

Another position available is for a theater supervisor. Experience in theater operations and supervision is preferred. Ability/knowledge to operate/use systems, hardware and software; and a senior store associate at the furniture store. Applicants must be able to work a flexible schedule. Applications are available at all AAFES facilities. Anyone who has applied with AAFES in the past, may wish to resubmit an application since they are only kept on file for 6 months. For more information, call AAFES Human Resources Office, Bldg. T-800, at 535-3634 or 3209.

**English instructor:** Cen-

tral Texas College is seeking an instructor to teach English as a Foreign Language. Contact CTC at 535-6722.

## Education

**Lunch and Learn:** The Education Center will host a Lunch and Learn on Organizing and Outlining Your Thoughts Thursday from noon to 1 p.m., in the ACE auditorium in Bldg. T-126. Attendees can bring their lunch.

**University of Maryland University College - Europe:** Students can earn certificates, and associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in a broad selection of disciplines -- many classes

available online.

**Oklahoma University:** The next course being offered for the Fall is HR 5092-223, Introduction to Graduate Studies in Human Relations, a core course towards the Master of Human Relations degree. The course dates are Aug. 22-27. The last day to add or drop will be July 24.

For more information call Jaclyn Kemp at 535-3171.

## Chapel

Children and Youth Movie Night: 6 p.m. today at the chapel; Little Flowers Girls' Club: 3 p.m. Monday at T-1415B. For details on chapel events, call 535-4211.

## Classified Ads

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

For Sale: White Toyota Tercel 1991 with 124K miles and no problems. -Excellent condition with 14" wheels and mp3 CD 200W car stereo with auxiliary wire for portable mp3 players. New Rotors, Brakes, Wheels, and Tires. Asking \$2,500 or best offer. Contact Clint Crabtree at H-295-516-317 or W-295-576-833.

For Sale: 27" TV Hitachi w/ remote \$80; 15" TV/VCR combo \$20; dehumidifier \$15; Christmas tree 6" w/ lights \$15; aquarium w/ fish - free; vacuum \$30; call Cory or Holly 295-549-178 or 535-3528.

For sale: Dodge Van Caravan 1993 Great Island Bomb! Great for hauling stuff. Dependable. Only \$2,800. Call David at 967-746-643.

For sale: PCSing to a cold climate? White 2003 Explorer Sport Trac XLT Fully equipped for the cold climate with 4X4 & Engine block heater PLUS, Remote Starter for those cold mornings. Fully loaded with everything else! Seats 5 comfortably 19,200 miles, fully loaded. \$17,500 Firm. Must sell by July Call 295-594-650 after 5 p.m.

For sale: 1992 Fiat Uno - runs great! 4 door/standard shift 4 new tires, new brakes inspection good till Nov '06 Leaving July 11 - Must sell! 1000 euros OBO 964-125-077 or 912-260-381

Moving sale: Dehumidifier (110V) works great - \$40; Beginner Men's golf clubs and bag (brand new-never used) - \$100; Golf clubs Wilson Men's tall (titanium/graphite) and bag - \$75; Golf Bag Women's Wilson (Pink/Grey) never used - \$35; Cruiser Golf Cart (still in box never used) - \$35; VCR (110V) - \$40 (great condition - only used few times); 21" TV w/built in DVD player Samsung multisystem (110V or 220V) - \$150; Espresso/Cappuccino Machine (Barely used purchased for 200 euros) - \$100; Plastic table w/4 chairs (outdoor set) - \$40; Grill w/2 propane tanks - \$50; Long Pinewood Picnic Table w/2benches - \$40; Mini Exercise Trampoline - \$10; Ceiling Fan (never used-still in box) 110V - \$20 and Converter Box Autotransformer (300W) transforms 220v into 110v - \$30. All items available immediately. Call 964-125-077 or 912-260-381

For sale: 1993 Golf CL - Great Island car --source of many hours of driving and touring fun around the island. 146,000 kms (Approx 91k miles), Inspection until Feb 07, base pass until Mar 07, new tires (approx 250 miles), new catalytic converter, new brakes, new windshield. Recent tune up. Kenwood Deck with many extras. Asking \$1,500. Serious inquiries only. Call 918-516-829 to schedule a test drive.

For sale: 1993 Renault 19 - 4 drs w/ backseat seatbelts/inspection good til Jan 07/new back tires/Great island car/\$1,250 OBO Call 295-549-212 or email [meissasedal@hotmail.com](mailto:meissasedal@hotmail.com)

For sale: 1992 Toyota Tercel. Car runs great! Only minor rust and no major problems. Car will be available sometime between May - July as I will be getting short notice orders. Will sell for \$1200. Call 295-549-601 for more info.

For sale: 1994 berreta, automatic (no shifting on hills!), \$1,800, call 295-549-512

For sale: 1999 opal corsa, great condition. Has power windows, power locks, seats 5 people, has 2 doors with Portuguese plates. Inspection is good until June 07. Call 968-421-312.

For sale: Fabrics and beads. Getting rid of my hobby materials. Prices vary. For more info, contact Eteva at 295-549-609

For sale: Combi stroller with storage area below. Six years old. Originally sold for \$100+. \$20. White toddler bed w/o mattress - \$10. Contact Sandy 295-549-188.

For Sale: 2005 Toyota Camry LE, automatic, black exterior, 4-cyl (great on gas!), only 10,500 miles, remote entry/alarm, power locks/windows, AM/FM/CD, factory tint, spoiler, dealer maintained, warranty. \$18,500. Call 295-549-609.

For sale: 1992 White Citroen. \$700. 2 Door Hatchback, New Rear Tires, Tuned up in May. Just Inspected! Call Carolyn or Robert Childers at 295-549-271.

For Sale: 93 Honda Accord/Coupe Euro Spec., 5 Speed Transmission, A/C, Power Everything, Extremely Reliable!! Perfect for PCSing to Europe!!! Asking \$2,500 Call 295-549-802 or 535-5259

Need a PCS gift? 500+ images from the collection of James O'Rear are available at the skills center for application to tiles, mugs, etc. Wide selection of island and military shots to choose from.

PCS Sale: Sewing Machine cabinet - \$50; Gas Grille - \$65; Large dog kennel - \$35; 1999 Toyota Corolla, 4DR, PS, PL, PW, A/C, Stereo Radio/Cassette, 77K miles, excellent condition, inspection good til Jan 07, NADA retail - \$6,200, asking \$4,900. Free to good homes - two male half lab/half blue heeler dogs; neutered, all shots current; includes houses, leashes, collars, etc. Great pets/guard dogs. Contact Paul or Paula: Work 535-6113; Evenings 295-549-270