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Lajes Is In The Fight!

ORI Countdown

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Tip of the Week

□ When recalled, immediately put on your uniform and report for duty. Don't concern yourself with shaving, putting on make-up, etc. A sense of urgency is key.

*Courtesy of
65th ABW Inspections*

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

Weather Forecast

Today

Partly cloudy

High 59
Low 57



Saturday

Mostly cloudy

High 61
Low 59



Sunday

Mostly cloudy

High 64
Low 63



*Courtesy of the
65th OSS Weather Flight*



New arrival

Portuguese Air Force Tenente Raul Ribeiro holds the Portuguese flag during a ceremony signifying the end of SA-330 Puma helicopter operations at Lajes Nov. 30. The EH-101 Merlin (shown in top photo) replaces the Puma here. (Photos by Guido Melo)



PERSPECTIVE

Commander's Line:

What's wrong with the APO postal system?

I am writing to see what can be done about the APO mail system that is not doing a good job for the folks here at Lajes.

Let me first say that the local postal staff here at the Lajes Post Office is doing a great job — they have implemented night shifts that handle picking up the mail on Friday and Saturday evenings, which ensures that the mail is sorted and package slips are put out by the open of business the following day.

This has been a very welcome change, and has made many of Lajes' postal customers quite happy.

However, whoever is responsible for getting our mail onto aircraft at the APO facility in New York is doing next to nothing to ensure that our military members and their families can get mail and packages in a timely manner.

I repeatedly order goods from locations in the states, have them shipped USPS Priority Mail in an effort to receive them in anything under a month's time, only to have them arrive at the APO facility and sit for three weeks, often longer before being put on aircraft destined for Lajes and other overseas locations.

Who can we talk to that makes the policies at this APO facility?

Why should we waste our money to have items shipped via Priority Mail, only to have them sit at the APO facility in New York?

If we have two flights arriving here a week that carry cargo, why should it ever take more than a week, no longer than two, for our mail to show up?

Is there something that can be done about this? Thank you.

First of all, thank you for your inquiry about the postal system and your compliments for our local post office.

We have forwarded information regarding the situation you described to our Postal chain of command, the 2nd AIRPS — located at Ramstein.

They are working with the JMPA-A (Joint Military Postal Activity-Atlantic) to get the complete picture of the operation, especially at McGuire AFB, N.J.

The post office does recommend that, if you need an item delivered quickly, continue to use the Priority Mail system. Even though you may experience some delays, it is still the quickest way to get items on their way to Lajes.

If you continue to experience delays in the Military Postal System, please inform one of the Post Office clerks.

The information provided below is an overview of our mail process. Hopefully, this will clear up a few questions about the system.

The New York ISC (International Service Center) is the largest office of exchange for international mail in the world.

The 800,000-square-foot facility processes more than 500 million pieces of mail per year. That represents almost half of the total international mail volume of the United States. In addition, some 80 percent of all military mail moves through the facility.

Mail bound for Lajes is processed at the New York ISC; transferred to the Bulk Mail Center at Trenton, N.J.; then trucked everyday to McGuire and custody of the mail is then transferred to 305th Aerial Port Squadron.

Our mail is then prepped and palletized for onward movement using AMC flights. Mail is staged at McGuire until it's loaded onto one of the two flights to Lajes.

Rest assured that all AMC flights are used to their full potential.

AMC flights are used not only to transport mail but also cargos like personal property (i.e. unaccompanied baggage), aircraft parts or equipment, Foreign military sales, Defense Courier Service Material, hazardous materials, etc. Most of the time, mail gets loaded first before any cargo depending on class.

We receive an average of 44,000 pounds or 2,000 pieces of mail on a monthly basis from McGuire. This is very consistent except during the holiday rush where the mail volume doubles up.

Due to our geographic location, we are not able to offer the class services USPS offers to other locations like Germany, Italy, or even back home. But we do our best to serve our customers well.

535-4240

actionline@lajes.af.mil

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 Commander's Line at 535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil.



Col. Robert Winston

Commander, 65th Air Base Wing

Who to call for assistance

A&FRC	535-4138
Chapel	535-4211
Command Post	535-4200
Commissary	535-6174
Dining Facility	535-2256
Emergency services	911
	295-57-1911 (if off base)
Fitness Center	535-5151
Flight View BX	535-5236
Housing Maintenance ..	535-6251
LE desk	535-3222
Legal office	535-3546
Military Pay	535-5158
Oceanfront BX	535-3444
Post Office	535-3625
Shoppette	535-3280
Veterinary Clinic	535-3134
Youth Center	535-3273

Editor's note: *If calling from off base or from a commercial line, use the prefix 295-57-XXXX.*

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Crossroads

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What exactly makes a good wingman?

By Chaplain (Capt.) Chad Bellamy
50th Space Wing Chapel Service Team

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -- The single greatest characteristic of Americans is their willingness to accept a challenge. That statement in and of itself could venture down many paths, but take a moment to consider how often you've personally challenged yourself.

Have you ever looked at a sudoku board, a crossword or a thousand-piece jigsaw puzzle and thought, "no problem," only to still be working on it two weeks later? The truth is that they are typically more difficult than they first appear.

Today's wingman concept is nothing new. Col. Francis "Gabby" Gabreski, an early Air Force pioneer who is credited with 28 aerial victories in WWII, said this:

"The wingman is absolutely indispensable. I look after the wingman. The wingman looks after me. It's another set of eyes protecting you. That's the defensive part.

"Offensively, it gives you a lot more firepower. We work together. We fight together. The wingman knows what his responsibilities are and knows what mine are. Wars are not won by individuals. They're won by teams."

Today, the strategy of having a good wingman is still relevant, but its application reaches far beyond the arena of aerial assault. When fighter pilots lift off into the great expanses of the sky, they may not know what threats lie beyond the horizon. Similarly, with each new day, we have no idea what lies ahead.

The common denominator is that daily challenges are conquered by responsible choices, and creating a culture of responsible choices is reinforced by the presence of a good wingman. In the spirit of the Gabreski quote, "personal battles are not won by individuals; they are won by the



Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams, 65th Air Base Wing command chief, puts his life in the hands of his wingman, Col. Robert Winston, 65th ABW commander, during their trip to the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Conference in Washington, D.C. The Wingman concept is not just for the junior enlisted. Airmen of all ranks need someone to rely on and trust every day of the year. (Photo by Curtis Kennedy)

reinforcement of good wingmen."

The challenge, like a thousand-piece puzzle, is that it can sometimes be more difficult than it first appears. The path of least resistance shouts for us to do nothing while a fellow Airman makes a life or career-threatening decision; however, accepting the challenge of being a comrade in arms is a daily whisper for us to courageously be involved. The moral courage to do the right thing is more than just ornamented words; it is the foundation of our Air Force Core Values: Integrity First.

One could say the acronym TEAM stands for "Together Everyone Achieves More." For centuries, armed forces have strategized how their individuals can operate as a unit on the battlefield.

Unity is the key to effectiveness: If we want the "more," then we must have the "together." Your role as a sterling wingman is vital to any level of success.

In the coming year, imagine zero incidents of driving under the influence, zero substance abuse cases, zero safety incidents, zero domestic violence reports and zero suicides. If we achieved this vision, our Air Force would be heralded as a picture of strength and community.

This puzzle begins with a thousand little pieces, and even though it may be more difficult than it first appears, what a beautiful picture it will be when all the pieces come together.

Your piece of the puzzle is important. Make good decisions. Let's all be a part of the solution.



Wing Public Affairs is conducting a newspaper readership survey. Participants will help shape how Team Lajes receives information in the future. To receive a survey, e-mail 65abw.pa@lajes.af.mil or call 535-2369/6161. Return completed surveys into Public Affairs in Room 240 of Bldg. T-100 or FAX the survey to 535-6326.

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Meet the New SARC

Rank/Full name: Capt. Christopher J. Vaca
Hometown: Aurora, Ohio
Time in service: 4 years
Previous assignment: Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

Jobs at previous assignment: Section commander for 9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and various jobs within the Military Personnel Flight
Hobbies: Movies, puzzles and talking
What's the most rewarding part of being a sexual assault response coordinator?



Knowing I can help and that it's my primary job while I'm here. This is a very valid and important program and it's exciting to be working on it while it is still in its infancy stage.

What do you look forward to the most during your time here? Learning from and helping anyone at Lajes. It's nice to be able to listen to the good and bad and create something stronger and better for everyone. My role is to lay down the foundation so future Team Lajes personnel will have a faster, more effective and more com-

passionate experience if they have been sexually assaulted.

Goal(s) for the program: I would like to create a strong program which will effectively support victims of sexual assault, continue educating the base on the seriousness of this issue and foster the wingman concept of taking care of each other. This is not always a comfortable topic of conversation, but it is one we need to understand, especially with our deployment cycle. Sexual assault can happen anywhere and we need to take care of each other in our Air Force family.

What else do you want our readers to know about you and/or the SARC program? People can also contact me if they haven't been sexually assaulted. They can call for questions, concerns, suggestions or ideas. My team of victim advocates and I are here to help. No question is too stupid and no issue too small. If anyone wants to talk, I am available. If they aren't comfortable with me, or ready to talk for whatever reason, as mentioned, I have both male and female trained victim advocates that can help them get the answers and support they need. Our Lajes victim advocates are professional, expertly trained, and share my compassion to help. You can also call me at 535-6412; in an emergency, call 535-SARC(7272).

Good to Know

Christmas Cantata

The Christmas Cantata takes place at 5 p.m. Sunday in the base chapel with a community potluck following the service at 6 p.m.

Angel Tree donations

Thursday is the last day to take part in Team Lajes' Angel Tree program, which helps ensure that less fortunate children on the island can receive a Christmas gift this year. Trees are located at the entrance of both BX's. Each tree is filled with paper angels, which include a child's gender and age. To participate, remove one or more of the angels from the tree, buy a gift between

\$15 and \$20, tie the angel around the present and put it into the box located next to the tree. For more information, call Senior Airman Hope Jackson at 535-1282.

Instructor training

The American Red Cross Station in Rota, Spain has assumed administrative oversight for the Health and Safety program at Lajes. All "CPR for the Lay Responder" instructors and instructor trainers should know that their current authorizations will expire in January unless they have completed the instructor update and have the new CPR materials on hand. Visit <https://www.instructorscorner.org/RedCross/Index.aspx> to receive the new training. Once the training is complete, make a copy

of the certificate and mail the original to the Rota Red Cross office for inclusion into your instructor file. The mailing address for the Rota office is: American Red Cross Attn: Station Manager PSC 819 Box 22 FPO AE 09645. For more information, call Ralph Steinheimer at DSN 314-727-2333 or e-mail at steinheimerr@navsta.rota.navy.mil.

Permanent closure

The local Geico office, located outside the Main Gate, will permanently close Dec. 29. To service your account, call toll free from a Portuguese phone 800 811 042. For more information, call Celine Mattie at 295-513-467.



COMMUNITY



Hours of operation



❑ **Ocean Front BX:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday

❑ **Flight View BX:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

❑ **Shoppette:** 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday

❑ **Military Clothing Sales Store:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday

❑ **Car Care Center:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

❑ **Furniture Store:** noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

❑ **Reel Time Theater:** Showings on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

❑ **Beauty Shop:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

❑ **Barber Shop:** 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

❑ **New Car Sales:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday

❑ **AAFES Administration:** 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

❑ **Ilha Rent-a-Car:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

❑ **Vescovi Coffee Shop:** 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

❑ **Burger King:** 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday

Holiday hours: The Ocean View BX, Flight View BX and Burger King are closed on Portuguese holidays. The shoppette opens from noon to 8 p.m., and the military clothing sales store opens from noon to 6 p.m. All facilities are open normal hours on U.S. holidays.



At the movies

Today

7 p.m. – Flicka starring Alison Lohman and Tim McGraw. 16-year-old Katy McLaughlin dreams of fulfilling her family legacy by working on her father's ranch in modern-day Wyoming. But Katy's father wants more for her, insisting that Katy go to college. Like Katy, Flicka, a wild mustang, has a disdain for authority and is not about to give up her freedom without a fight.

Rated PG for mild language (95 minutes).

10 p.m. – The Departed starring Leonardo Di Caprio and Matt Damon. 'The Departed' is set in South Boston, where the state police force is waging war on organized crime. Young undercover cop Billy Costigan is assigned to infiltrate the mob syndicate run by gangland chief Costello. *Rated R for violence, language, sexual content, drug material (149 minutes).*

Saturday

7 p.m. – Man of the Year starring Robin Williams and Laura Linney. Acerbic performer Tom Dobbs has made his career out of skewering politicians and speaking the mind of the exasperated nation on his talk show. He cracked scathing jokes at a fractured system night after night — until he came up with a really funny idea: why not run for president himself? *Rated PG-13 for language, crude sexual references, drug related material, violence (115 minutes).*



10 p.m. – The Departed

Sunday

2 p.m. – Flicka

7 p.m. – The Departed

Lajes Salutes

Congratulations to Team Lajes' December promotees: **To Airman 1st Class — Shari McNeal**, 65 Mission Support Squadron; **Ashley Zamonas**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron; **To Staff Sergeant: Bryan Walsh**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Dustin Atteberry**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Ericka Pinder**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; **Robert Kier**, 65th Operations Support Squadron; **Jennifer Grafton**, 729th AMS; **William Haney**, 729th AMS; **To Captain: Jamie Barnes**, 65th CS; **Traci Bowman**, 65th LRS; **Brandon Wengert**, 65th Air Base Wing

Way to go to **Master Sgt. Donald Andrade**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, for graduating from the U.S. Air Force Senior NCO Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Congratulations to the **65th Operations Support Squadron** for winning November's Achieving Top Levels at Sponsorship Award.

Way to go to the following for helping make Wingman Day 2006 a success: **Master Sgt. Gregory Stout**, **Tech. Sgt. Cecil Jones**, **Staff Sgts. Tim Callery and Charles Thompson**, **Senior Airman Arthur Picanco** and **Airman 1st Class Aaron McLees**

Congratulations to **Airman 1st Class Jason Fowler**, 65th Communications Squadron, for scoring a 95 percent on his Career Development Course end-of-course test and **Staff Sgt. Timothy Livengood**, 65th Operations Support Squadron, for scoring a 91 on his CDC end-of-course test.

Way to go to **Staff Sgt. Jonathan Matlack**, Communications Squadron, on his recent four-year reenlistment.

Congratulations to the graduates of the Nov. 28-30 Customer College Bachelors Class: **Tabitha Vecero**, 65th Mission Support Squadron; **Staff Sgts. Eric Bell**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Meliza Cubacha**, 65th Medical Support Squadron; **Nicholas Rorie**, 65th CS; **Senior Airman Jennifer Wilkes**, 65th MSS; **Airmen 1st Class William Hunt**, 65th CS; **Brittany Goodman**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Jennifer Kotz**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; **Ross Downing**, 65th MDSS; **Airmen Lucas McVay**, 65th MDOS; **Stephanie Gaona**, 65th MSS; way to go to **Staff Sgt. Eric Bell**, 65th CS, for being selected as the Distinguished Graduate.



PLANNER

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.

Around Lajes

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Commissary closures: The Commissary will be closed today in observance of a Portuguese holiday.

Pet Pictures with Santa: This event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Atlantic Island Kennels. Call Cari Hall-Gardiner at 535-3855 to set up a sitting time or for more information.

SUM tour: This free tour for single and unaccompanied members at Lajes is from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 16. The tour will feature lunch, a visit to the new industrial area in the center of the island in both Angra and Praia, and Christmas shopping. To sign up, call 535-4138.

Commissary tour: The Health and Wellness Center's next Commissary tour is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 21. The focus will be on healthy eating habits to prevent unwanted weight gain during the holidays. To sign up or for more information, call the HAWC at 535-3889 or e-mail lisa.tauai@lajes.af.mil.

CDC openings: The Child Development Center currently has openings for children 6 weeks to 4 years old in their hourly care and full time program. Room is also available in the Part-Day Enrichment Program for 3 and 4 year olds. For more information, call 535-3188.

Spiritual Fitness

Upcoming Masses, Services: Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation), 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. today; Advent Penance Service (First Reconciliation), 7 p.m. Dec. 18; Advent Mass, 5 p.m. Dec. 23; no 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on Dec. 24; Christmas Eve

Children's Mass, 5 p.m.; Christmas Midnight Mass, midnight; no Christmas Day Mass.

Regular Catholic Worship Services: CCD, 9 a.m. Sundays; Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Regular Protestant Worship Services: Evangelical service, 9 a.m. Sundays; Sunday School (through June), 10:30 a.m.; Praise service, noon Sundays.

Call 535-4211 for details.

Education

OU spring courses: The next on-site course is "Current Problems in HR," a core requirement of the University of Oklahoma's Master of Human Relations degree program. The course dates are Jan. 23-28. The last day to add/drop this course is Dec. 19. Two on-site electives will also be held: "Spiritual Dynamics of Alcoholism and Recovery" and "Planning Issues in Organizations." The deadline for enrolling in one of the 14 spring term online courses is Dec. 10. The university will close Dec. 25-28 and Jan. 1 for the holiday season. For more details, call Kate Etheredge at 535-3171.

University of Phoenix: The University of Phoenix offers the MBA and several Master of Arts in Education programs at Lajes. Classes are six weeks long and students can earn their degree in less than 24 months. No thesis or entrance exams are required. For more information, call Etleva Davis at 535-1970, e-mail etleva.davis@phoenix.edu or visit Room 227 of the Education Center in Bldg. T-146.

Central Texas College: Central Texas College holds registration for three on-site classes beginning Dec. 26. Register for Distance Education classes at any time; classes start every month. CTC will be closed Dec. 19-21, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for the holidays. For more information, call Anneke Cerri at 535-6722.

New ERAU office hours: The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University office is now open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. The office will close Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for the holidays.

For more details, call Shannah McQuarry at 535-3375.

College education grants: Last year, the Air Force Aid Society awarded \$6.5 million in college education grants to Air Force family members. At Lajes, seven out of nine applications were awarded \$2,000 each. For more details, visit www.afas.org.

Lajes Schools

Customer satisfaction survey: The Department of Defense Education Activity and the Lajes American School is administering its biannual customer satisfaction survey through Feb. 28. For more information, call the Lajes American School office at 535-6216 or visit <http://www.dodea.edu/css/>.

School Web site: Check out what's new at <http://www.lajes.eh.edu.dodea.edu>. The site now includes a "Breaking News" section with recent pictures of school activities. Not only can you be "in the know" on what's going on at the Lajes American School but the site also provides many links that connect you to the AAFES lunch menu, curriculum standards for the school, the most recent newsletter and much more.

Jobs/Volunteer

Part-time WICO position: Choctaw Archiving Enterprise, the organization responsible for implementing the Women, Infants and Children Overseas Program, has a part-time opening in Lajes. The position requires a Bachelor's degree in nutrition, dietetics, nursing or home economics. Experience in prenatal, maternal or infant nutrition is required. Applicants must have a current driver's license. For consideration, e-mail your resume, cover letter and a copy of applicable licenses to: edibiase@cmse.net or wicjobs@cmse.net or fax to: 0039-0434-30-4640 or 001 (210) 341-3455 or mail to: Choctaw Archiving Enterprise Attn: WIC Overseas 2161 NW Military Hwy, Suite 308 San Antonio, TX 78213 Ph: (210) 341 - 3336.

Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to news@lajes.af.mil by 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to the week you need it published. Remember to notify the Crossroads staff when items have been sold.

For sale: 2003 Honda Element EX. 53,500 miles, champagne exterior with gray and black interior, low emissions vehicle, CD player, MP3 ready, built-in subwoofer, manual transmission, 2.4 Ltr, removable rear seats, sunroof, water-proof interior, suicide doors, rubber front and rear bumpers (ideal for this location), extra head clearance and rear seat leg room, lift gate rear for easy loading and great gas mileage. Great car and sad to get rid of. Call CB or Kim at 295-549-681 if interested.

For sale: 1994 Plymouth Voyager. Low mileage, good condition in and out, seats seven comfortably, inspection good until May 2007, recent mechanical inspection. Asking \$2,500. Contact Paul Firman at 295-549-715 if interested.

For sale: 2001 VW Jetta GLS. 48,000 miles, 4 cylinder, 2.0l gas engine, AT, PS, CC, A/C, PW, PL, dual front and side airbags, tilt wheel, 4 wheel disc breaks w/ ABS, 6-disc changer w/ Monsoon sound system, heated seats, sunroof, inspection good until Feb 2007. Valued at \$11,500 but only asking \$10,500 OBO. Call Michael Ott at 968-547-556 if interested.

For rent: 3-bedroom house. Situated on the main road going to Biscoitos (10 minutes from the base by car) in nice and calm neighborhood. Has two double bedrooms, one children's bedroom, two living rooms, a kitchen, a storage room and a garden. Furnished. Cable TV and phone line available. Cost: 900* per month, which is negotiable. E-mail q_uaresma@hotmail.com or call 918-76-8415 for more details or photos of house.

For sale: 2005 Jeep Wrangler Sport. Specs: 8,300 miles. Has 100,000mile/7 year transferable warranty. 4.0L 6 cyl engine, 6-speed manual trans 4X4, soft top, CD/AM/FM 6 speaker (weather-proof) stereo lots of factory-installed and warranted off-road options installed. "Patriot" Blue (looks like a really shiny GOV) w/ grey top and removable grey cloth interior \$25,500 firm, or trade for family car of equal value. Call Katy or Eric Bell at 295-549-555.

For sale: 2005 Silver 4-door Dodge Neon SXT, 5-speed manual transmission, \$13,000. Under 2,000 miles, plates good through 2007, inspection good through January 2009. AM/FM radio, CD player, subwoofer, AC/heat, sunroof, rear spoiler. Call 295-549-350 after 6 p.m. or e-mail nicky.burres@lajes.af.mil.

Homemedics leather massage chair with heat. Has six different massage settings. In excellent shape and works perfectly. Bought new at BX for \$195.00. Must sell for \$125. The Singing Machine CD/Cassette Karaoke System with 5.5-inch TV screen. Works perfect. Comes with two microphones, one CD, and manual. \$65. Entertainment center TV stand. Glass doors w/ shelves and solid wood doors. Dimensions: 49" W x 33" H x 20" D. Bought new for \$395. Must sell for \$200. If interested, call Bill or Juli at 295-549-228.



Sports Shorts

Local shooting competitions

The Portuguese Shooting Club is looking for people to join them in upcoming competitions, which will begin in January. For more details, call Andre Guimaraes at 969-291-004 or e-mail guimaraes@mail.telepac.pt.

Referees needed

The Chace Fitness Center staff is seeking referees for the intramural basketball season. If interested, call Calvin Dixon or Tony Batista at 535-6126.

Bowling with Santa

Event is from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at the bowling center. Cost for kids is \$1 per game and \$.75 for shoes. Adults pay regular prices. Prizes will be

available for those bowling with Santa.

Christmas run

The Praia City Hall holds a Christmas run at 11 a.m. Dec 17 at the waterfront next to the marina in Praia.

For more information or to sign up, call Nelson Coelho at 968-797-964 or e-mail nelson.coelho@cmpv.pt.

Christmas break special

This special is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 19-31 at the bowling center. Cost is \$1.50 per game for an adult and child. Shoes rental is \$1. Those who get a strike with a red head pin win a free game. Bowlers must notify an employee of the red head pin before rolling the ball. For more details, call Jesse Davis or Luci Lima at 535-6169.

Basketball, cheerleading

Basketball/cheerleading sign-ups continue through Dec. 29. Basketball skills day for players ages 7 and up is Jan. 13. The season begins Jan. 27.

Call Cheryl Karnes at 535-1197 for more information.

Advisory council

Lajes' youth sports advisory council meets from noon to 12:50 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Community Center.

People can submit their agenda items to pcal4@yahoo.com by the first Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call Heather Thompson at 535-3134 or e-mail heather.thompson@lajes.af.mil.

Armchair Quarterback Challenge

Each week during football season, the *Crossroads* publishes a list of the National Football League games of the week for Team Lajes to predict. The person with the most correct picks will win a book of AAFES coupons.

The No. 1 ranked Armchair Q.B. each week will get his or her name and photo published in the *Crossroads* and we'll also print any smack talk the winner chooses to submit.

This week's winner, **Christopher Fitzgerald** of the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, only missed three games and put the fire out of the competition. Congratulations!

The "You Don't Know Jack" award goes to **Chris "Topher" Phillips**, who missed an astounding nine games. He better just stick to coaching the kids ... or maybe not. Congratulations to your induction to the Lajes Football Hall of Shame.

"If anybody wants to know how to pick the winners, just take what Larry 'Gutter Ball' Coffman picks and do the opposite. Go Titans!!!"

Christopher Fitzgerald
65th Civil Engineer Squadron



Game Schedule

Week 14

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Atlanta at Tampa Bay | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Baltimore at Kansas City | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Indianapolis at Jacksonville | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Minnesota at Detroit | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | New England at Miami | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | N.Y. Giants at Carolina | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Oakland at Cincinnati | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Philadelphia at Washington | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tennessee at Houston | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Green Bay at San Francisco | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Seattle at Arizona | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Buffalo at N.Y. Jets | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Denver at San Diego | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | New Orleans at Dallas | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Monday Night Game | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chicago at St. Louis | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Total Points for Monday Night Game

Editor's note: Bring picks to the Public Affairs office in Room 240 of Bldg. T-100 or e-mail them to news@lajes.af.mil. Submissions must be made before the opening kickoff to the first game on Sunday. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.