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Weekend

Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

Saturday (a.m. / p.m.)

Partly Cloudy / Mostly Cloudy
Wind SE 10 mph
W 10 mph
High 79F / Low 70F

Sunday (a.m. / p.m.)

Mostly Cloudy
Wind SW 10 mph
W 10 mph
High 79F / Low 68F

Lajes students garner awards



Austin Gill receives the Youth of the Year award plaque from Lt. Gen. Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force, in a ceremony at the Pentagon. Gill, a 10th grader this school year, was awarded a free trip to Washington D.C., where he met teens from other Air Force bases to discuss issues and projects for the Teen Council, Aug. 3, 2011. (Courtesy photo)

By Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Two students from the Lajes Department of Defense Elementary/High School were recently recognized for receiving accolades at the base and command levels.

Ethan Cozad, a 4th grader, was recognized in U.S. Air Force in Europe as a regional finalist in the Image Makers National Photography Contest, while Austin Gill received a free trip to Washington D.C., where he was recognized at the Pentagon as the Youth of the Year by Lt. Gen. Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force.

The teen/preteen coordinator at the Lajes Youth Center and Austin's mother, Patricia Gill, said this is the first time a youth has gone that far from Lajes as far as the ImageMakers National Photography Contest is concerned. And the Youth of the Year award is a Boys and Girls Club of America award, which may only be awarded to participants who are members of the Youth Center.

According to (Austin) Gill, who will be going to the 10th grade this school year, this is the second time in a row he has won the Youth of the Year award and he is very excited.

"We are so happy and proud of our son," said Mrs. Gill,

wife of Master Sgt. Robert Gill, 65th Operations Support Squadron. "He worked very hard and really deserved this award."

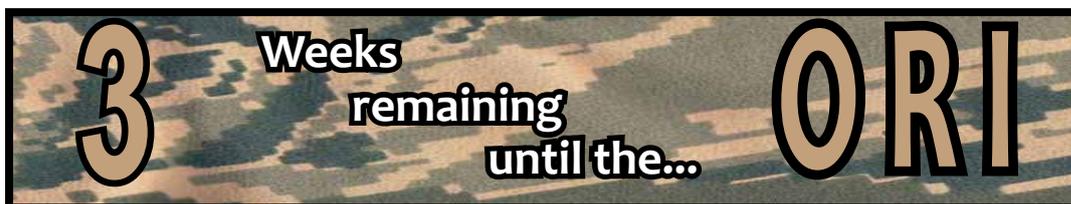
To win the Image Maker award, (Ethan) Cozad, son of Kendra and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Cozad, 65th Operations Support Squadron, captured the best photo in USAFE.

Austin on the other hand, who was the president of the Keystone club, received the award for volunteering over 200 hours last year around the base, and receiving the silver Presidential Volunteer Service Award, and an award in Honor's History debate. He was also on the commander's and principals honor roll for maintaining a 3.8 GPA.

Gill attributes his success this year to persistence and commitment. "I just worked really hard in school and in the community," he said. And his parents helped him along the way, making sure he was doing well in school, and encouraging him to volunteer in the community by doing extra-curricular activities outside of school.

They were always pushing me and telling me to do my best, he said.

But Austin's mother said, despite all the help, their son's character and diligence was what really paid off. "He is a very humble, sweet and caring person and really deserved it," Mrs. Gill said.





Wrong never makes right

By Senior Master Sgt.
Sean E. Cobb

American Forces Network Lajes



Two wrongs don't make a right.

This is such a basic, logical and common-sense ethical principle, yet it's amazing how often the premise is debated in fields like business ethics. However, Airmen are members of the United States Air Force, an organization with professional warriors who uphold the highest ethical standards.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind," and he's right. When someone commits a wrongful action after someone does something wrong, it simply makes the situation worse.

There is a direct application here for people, and especially for Air Force leaders and supervisors. If someone does something wrong—let's say, fails to accomplish his or her assigned duties—what good does it do to meet the individual, lose composure, swear, and maybe even assign a harsh punishment, before fully discovering the facts of the case?

In some instances, this will result in supervisors being questioned for their wrongful behavior, and sometimes the actions taken against the offending members have to be tempered because the supervisors overreacted and committed their own wrongful actions.

It's better to take thoughtful, judicious steps

in dealing with wayward behavior. Oftentimes, there is more than one side as to why something happened. A more lasting resolution can often be derived by digging down into the root of a problem, than by scratching the surface with hasty, misguided actions.

Another key element to consider when things go wrong is this—everyone should be allowed to make mistakes. General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr., former commander of United States Central Command and the top military leader of Gulf War I, said, "Allow for a few mistakes, because people must be given the latitude to learn." Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, the Professional Development Guide, further explains this leadership concept, "To learn and improve, people need to be encouraged to try new things; sometimes their efforts may fail. A fundamental aspect of empowerment is acknowledging the right to fail... There can be no tolerance for violating regulations, jeopardizing safety, or failing due to lack of effort. However, if the setback is the result of a failed attempt, applaud the initiative, and dissect it so the subordinate can learn from what went wrong."

Let's get back to the overarching principle here, though—two wrongs don't make a right. This principle is present in every interpersonal interaction we have in life. We all know football season is getting ready to start up. Anyone who follows The Game knows that it is nearly

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Commander's Action Line

535-4240

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The Commander's Action Line is your link to the commander 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 — but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Action Line at 535-4240 or 65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil.



Col. Jose Rivera
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing

Your healthcare organization is changing!

By Maj. Dawn Black

65th Medical Operations Squadron

The Lajes Family Health Clinic is changing to a new model of Family Health Care—Patient Centered Medical Home. We are leading the way in the Air Force because we are committed to providing you greater, faster access to your healthcare team. Through effective communication and the building of continuous healing relationships, you will receive greater resources to help care for yourself and your family. The key to this initiative is continuity. We are striving to improve the care that we deliver through consistent appointments with the same provider. It is unlikely that every appointment will be with the same provider due to urgent care needs and provider availability, but every effort will be made to ensure you are cared for by the same family health team (technician, nurse, and provider) every time you visit the clinic. Improved continuity means better medical management. We strive to meet all your medical needs through your "medical home." Our goal is to create an enjoyable and productive environment that promotes and delivers world-class healthcare to our community.

PCMH is designed to permit greater flexibility in scheduling patient appointments, while allowing our family-focused Family Medicine providers to get to know their patients. The patient-centered "medical home" focuses on

the patient being the center of healthcare and the driver of care, rather than the passive recipient. Care is coordinated by your individual medical provider who is leading a team of medical professionals providing continuous, comprehensive, and personalized prevention-based healthcare. Care that is truly patient-centered considers patients' cultural traditions, personal preferences and values, family situations and lifestyles. It makes the patient and their loved ones an integral part of the care team who collaborate with healthcare professionals in making clinical decisions. Patient-centered care puts responsibility for important aspects of self-care and monitoring in the patient's hands, along with the tools and support they need to carry out that responsibility.

The clinic will implement PCMH on Sept. 1, 2011. Appointment types will change from "Open Access" same-day appointments to standardized appointment types. Standardized appointment types are broken down into Wellness (preventative, health maintenance care), Routine (a new health care problem that is not considered urgent), Established (follow-up care as directed by your provider), Acute (non-emergent, urgent care) and Procedure (medical procedures) appointments.

During the month of August, the clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Proaction-- key to AF Fitness success

By Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

"Lajes' PT scores lead in USAFE with a 97.04% pass rate," said Col. Dave Parr, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander. However, physical fitness doesn't come easily to everyone.

The ultimate responsibility falls on every Airman to learn the proper way of executing the three fitness components, because it could later become a boomerang to one's career.

Staff Sgt. Alohilani Perry-Peters, 65th Medical Group diagnostic imaging technologist, did not pass her fitness assessment last year, and she had to stand in front of her commander and supervisor to explain why.

Despite working out regularly, Perry-Peters went from being able to do 30 push-ups in a minute to performing less than ten, when a Lajes Fitness Assessment Cell staff member administered the test.

As a tradition, and in compliance with Air Force instructions, the test coordinator personally demonstrated the proper push-ups and sit-ups prior to administering the test.

It was then Perry-Peters realized most of her push-ups wouldn't count, and she'd been doing them wrong all along.

"It was a very frustrating experience when I failed my PT test, more specifically the push-up component," Perry-Peters said.

The mother of two gave up on some extracurricular activities and continued pushing herself with more rigorous workouts. She worked out twice a day for four hours, with two hours in the morning in the Lajes Reconditioning Program, known as RECON, and two hours after work.

"I worked out six times a week; I took one day off," she said.

Despite failing because of the push-ups, she intensified her cardio and leg workouts, and she added more weights. She also sought help.

"Tech. Sgt. Tammy Butler helped me a lot," Perry-Peters said. "Sergeant Butler helped me mentally and physically. She mentored me every step of the way, until it came to my PT test. I noticed a change when I was working out with her because her workout was geared towards my weak areas (core and leg) versus focusing on just upper body and push-ups. She really paid attention to my body."

Even the Lajes leadership and her supervisor stepped in to support her. Her supervisor ensured Perry-Peters worked out during lunch and



Staff Sgt. Alohil Perry-Peters, 65th Medical Group, lifts weights during a workout session at the Lajes Fitness Center Aug. 22, 2011. (Photo by Lucas Silva)

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Important Back-to-School Notifications for Lajes

By 1st Lt. Mara Title
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

During a conversation with Dr. Barbara Hickman, Lajes Elementary/High School principal, she had these important takeaways for parents:

--Although there is open enrollment year-round, Lajes E/HS desperately needs parents to enroll their students as quickly as possible, because this affects staffing decisions as to who will be teaching each class/subject.

--Online registration is only pre-registration; parents have to physically come to the school to register in order for their student to be in the school database.

--Parents will not find out what class their students are in until two days before school starts. Lajes E/HS staff asks for parents' patience and understanding, as these are data-driven decisions, and can't be made until the majority of students have been registered.

--There are ten new teachers, and one returning this year; last year there were 14 new teachers. There will be nine seniors this year, the same as last year.

--For students new to Lajes, the Elementary School has two nice computer labs; there are also computers in the classrooms and math lab for math support. There is also an entirely new special education department. Overall, students get a lot more personalized attention, since it is a smaller school. Although there aren't quite as many sports offered than at most DoDDS High Schools, there are more

opportunities for students to participate in Varsity sports at Lajes, since there are fewer students.

--The partnership relationship Lajes E/HS had with the 65th ABW last year was enormous. This kind of support is uncommon at most bases, and it is inspiring to see base leadership take an extremely active role in the school.

Upcoming Important Dates for Lajes E/HS:

Tuesday, 23 Aug 11 - New Parent/Student Orientation – 1 p.m.

Friday, 26 Aug 11 - Open House (K - 5th Grade) – 9 a.m.

Monday, 29 Aug 11 - First Day of School for 1st Grade - 12th Grade

*Monday, 29 Aug 11 - Kindergarten Orientation – 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Monday, 29 Aug 11 - Friday, 2 Sep 11 - Kindergarten Home Visits

**Thursday, 1 Sep 11 - Open House (6th - 12th Grades) – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 6 Sep 11 - First Day of School for Kindergarten

Wednesday, 14 Sep 11 - First Day of School for Sure Start

* The orientation will be held in your child's classroom from 8:20-9:30 a.m.

**Please note that the Open House for 6th - 12th grades are now on one day, Thursday, 1 Sept 11 at 1:30 p.m.



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always the person who responds to a foul is who gets the flag. One player shoves another player, that player takes a shot back at him, and the referee, whose eye was drawn by the initial shove, sees the victimized player retaliate and his team pays in negative yardage.

In our families--Buddy pulls Sissy's hair, Sissy kicks Buddy in the shin. Next thing you know, a knock-down, drag-out fight develops. Then Mom walks in and they both end up standing in the corner to

cool off and are grounded for the week-end. With our friends--Sally gossips something untrue about Bobby. Bobby finds out, goes on a smear campaign against Sally, and before long a friend circle is broken apart.

All of these situations could have been resolved by following the principle not to commit a wrong in response to a wrong. People can "Take the High Ground," "Be the Better Person," or even "Turn the Other Cheek," but should always remember this--two wrongs don't make a right.

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on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Medical Group will be closed on Wednesdays to conduct mandatory training. Beginning Sept. 19, 2011, the Medical Group will have patient appointments available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; however, every second Wednesday of the month the clinic is closed until 1:00 p.m.

for training. If you require urgent or emergency medical care after clinic hours, please contact the physician on-call at 927-156-485 for guidance. Angra Hospital is open 24-hours for emergency care and Praia Health Center has urgent care services from 8 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

The 65th Medical Group is proud to serve you and your family members. For additional questions, please call 535-3239. We look forward to seeing you during your next visit to the Family Health Clinic!

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conducted a mock test. The flight commander and her first sergeant would go to her office to do push-ups with her. Most times, they would challenge her to a push-up contest.

To crown it all, the wing commander, Col. Jose Rivera, showed up on the day of her recent PT test to provide moral support.

"Colonel Rivera and Chief Dowler ran half way with me on the last lap," she said. "And my friend Sergeant Robinson finished my last lap with me."

She passed the test, scoring 88.4 percent and performing 29 correct push-ups.

Perry-Peters still continues her workout routine and, as a Hawaii native, said she plans to run the Honolulu Marathon in the future.

"I strongly believe physical readiness is important to the Air Force mission," she said. "In order to get the job done at home and in deployed locations, we need to be mentally and physically fit, and the physical fitness program is one of the ways to achieve this."

Her advice to members going through a similar experience is, "be truthful to yourself and do not give up. I had to be true to myself and swallow my pride and ask for help," Perry-Peters said. "My family is my biggest support group, and it's because of them I didn't give up. I realized that this was just another hurdle in my life that I had to conquer. I needed to focus on the task at hand and press on."

She considers herself "blessed to have been stationed here" because of all the support from Team Lajes.

Volunteer with the Base Scouting Programs



Any one interested in joining or volunteering with the base scouting programs is welcome to join them for a camp fire and smores, Friday, Aug. 26 9-10 p.m. at Ocean View park. Terceira Girl Scouts of America has programs for girls from ages 5-18; the points of contact are Mrs. Kristen Scharf, scharfk@aol.com, or Capt Trinette Flowers-Torres at trinette.flowers-torres@lajes.af.mil. Cub Scouts Pack 1605 is for boys from age 7-10 and the POC is Staff Sgt. Ken Lemanski at kenneth.lemanski@lajes.af.mil. Boy Scouts of America Troop 1605 is for boys from age 11-17 and the POC is Mr. Chuck Ciranni at lciranni@hotmail.com.

LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Jose M. Borges
Rank: LGS-09
Unit: AFN-Lajes
Hometown: Fontinhas, Azores
Duty Title: Inventory Management Specialist
Accomplishments: Sr. Borges accounts for 478 equipment items valued at more than 4 million dollars. During a Defense Media Activity Air Force Headquarters audit, he was praised for having the most accurate

inventory. He has tirelessly prepared the old AFN building for on-time demolition by coordinating the removal of out-dated broadcast systems and the rerouting of power and radio lines. Sr. Borges was also responsible for resourcing the installation of a weather station and radio antennas allowing for real-time weather reports and signal monitoring.



Name: Mark Leeder
Rank: Staff Sergeant
Unit: AFN-Lajes
Hometown: Pulaski, NY
Duty Title: NCOIC, Broadcast Maintenance
Accomplishments: Staff Sgt. Leeder is motivated to learn new aspects of the 3D1X2 career field. He's been here for 4 months. He and his family were assigned to Mobility Communications at Tinker AFB, Okl. Here at AFN, he di-

rects daily maintenance operations on more than 4 million dollars worth of equipment. He ensures radio and TV signals are broadcast throughout the Lajes community and base populace. He has also completed several college courses in his short time here and maintains a 4.0 GPA. Staff Sgt. Leeder has brought his hard-charging attitude and is making a difference for AFN-LAJES and the Lajes community.

"6-5...IN THE FIGHT!"



Master Sgt. Tracy Ford lays face down on the pavement after failing to provide Freddie Cowell, son of Tech. Sgt. Fred Cowell, the proper countersign during the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Family Warrior Day, Aug. 22. In addition to learning challenge procedures, participants also had the opportunity to perform Self-Aid Buddy Care, assemble NEO kits and dress in MOPP-4 gear. (Courtesy photo)



Staff Sgt. Jon Adams, 65th Operations Support Squadron, gives hand signals to a pilot of the Canadian air force, after the aircraft landed for a 'gas-n-go' at Lajes Field, Azores, Aug. 22, 2011. (Photo by Lucas Silva)

"The stage was a little bit scary, but I was so excited, I almost cried!" said Nisa, daughter of Master Sgt. Brian Holes, 65th Air Base Wing.



"I like that I could actually scream and be myself," said Tasi, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Johnathan Waddell of the 65th Communications Squadron. "I felt nervous [about being on stage] and was full of butterflies."

Lajes children perform during the Missoula Children's Theater show at the Community Activity Center August 19, 2011. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Erica Horner)



Lajes members vote for their favorite kingdom castle during the "End of Summer Reading Program" party held at the Lajes Library Aug. 10, 2011. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Storms, 65th Air Base Wing command chief, and Lajes key organization presidents discuss various issues affecting the base during a lunch held at the Top of the Rock Club here Aug. 22. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Mark your calendar

AETC SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT TEAM

ARRIVES AT LAJES: The AETC Special Duty Assignment Team will arrive here on Aug. 25, 2011 at the CaC Ballroom to brief Special Duty Opportunities. A Special Duty assignment is another step toward promotion and career progression. For the SrA through MSgt who can self-motivate and self-manage, there are many rewards and benefits by becoming an MTI, MTL, PME Instructor, or Recruiter: unmatched autonomy, modern business technology, world-class sales training, recognition, advancement and potentially \$450 per month in Special Duty pay. For more information about these opportunities, please contact your Wing Career Assistance Advisor, MSgt David Harvatin at 535-6197.



VA BENEFITS TELECONFERENCE: A VA Benefits teleconference is scheduled for Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for active-duty members who are one year from separating or two years from retirement. Open to all veterans, service members and their families. Call 535-4138 for details.

5-K RUN COMMEMORATING SEP. 11: On Sept. 9, there will be a 5K run; show time is 7:00 a.m. at the Fitness Center. Registration is required for military members to be eligible for awards. If you would like to be eligible for the awards given at the end, you must preregister with your unit's POC. Everyone else may register the day of the event. If you have any further questions, please call 535-5177.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY:

A Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the Base Chapel Friday, 9 September 2011. Uniform: UOD (Military) or Business Casual (Civilians) POC: Capt Mark Paine, DSN 535-6206.



BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE

- Friday, Aug. 26: 6 p.m. Posto Santo
- Saturday, Aug. 27: 6 p.m. Canada do Regelo, Fonte do Bastardo
- Sunday, Aug. 28: 6 p.m. Rua do Biscoito, Fonte do Bastardo
- Sunday, Aug. 28: 6 p.m. Canada da Fonte, Biscoitos
- Monday, Aug. 29: 6 p.m. Vila Nova
- Tuesday, Aug. 30: 6 p.m. Vila Nova
- Wednesday, Aug. 31: 6 p.m. Rua das Pedras, Cabo da Praia
- Thursday, Sept. 1: 6 p.m. Vila Nova



Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: I'm learning Portuguese. Could you speak more slowly?

PORTUGUESE: Estou aprendendo português. Podes falar mais devagar?

PRONUNCIATION: Ishto ahprendeendo portugueyash. Poday fahlar miesh devahgar?

At the Movies



- 7 p.m. Friday - Cars 2
- 7 p.m. Saturday - Monte Carlo
- 4 p.m. Sunday - Cars 2
- 7 p.m. Sunday - Larry Crowne



CARS 2: Star racecar Lightning McQueen and the incomparable tow truck Mater take their friendship to exciting new places when they head overseas to compete in the first-ever World Grand Prix to determine the world's fastest car. Rated G, 106 min.



MONTE CARLO: While on a trip to Paris with her best friend and soon-to-be-stepsister, Grace is mistaken for a British socialite, resulting in all three young women flying to Monte Carlo for a charity ball, auction, and the chance for international romance. Rated PG, 109 min.



LARRY CROWNE: Until he was downsized, affable, amiable Larry Crowne was a superstar team leader at the big-box company where he's worked since his time in the Navy. Rated PG-13, 116 min.

Movie times and schedule are subject to change. Call 535-4100 for the latest update.

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A column that looks at the culture and history of the Azores.

By Eduardo Lima
Community Relations Advisor



When does the wine festival take place?

This year's wine festival will take place Sept. 3 in the village of Biscoitos.

The festival will kick off around 2:30 p.m. with a parade between the Wine Museum located at Canada do Caldeiro and the vineyards located next to the seafront, where participants will be invited to help with the picking of the grapes.

Following that, the parade heads back to the wine museum where participants can crush the grapes with their bare feet. Visitors will also have the opportunity to taste the new wine juice that flows from the wine presses.

Members of a local folklore group will also participate in these events and perform throughout the afternoon. The wine festival is open to everybody who wishes to participate or watch.

Wine Museum

The Wine Museum, which is open to the public year-round, is the only museum of its type on Terceira Island.

The visitor's first stop is usually the wine cellar where the wine presses are located. The wine cellar is where people crush the grapes with their bare feet during the vintage season, which runs from late August until mid September. It's in this cellar the winery produces the country renowned "Verdelho" wine and "Vinho de Cheiro," along with the sweet liquor made of wine called "Angelica" and some other brandies.

Huge casks made of American and European wood can be seen in another area of the cellars where the wine ages for nine to 12 years. The museum, located above the wine cellar, depicts the history of wine production in the village since the beginning of the 20th century. Items on display include the tools used to work the vineyards, such as hoes, pruning shears, and baskets, as well as old carpentry tools, ox carts, 19th-century wine presses and old British gin bottles used to carry the Verdelho wine to the Czars of Russia, etc.

Every year, in September, the museum sponsors a festival known as "Festival of the Vintage." It features several activities related with the harvesting of grapes, as well as performances by folklore dancers and conferences about the production of wine.

The Wine Museum is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Admittance is free.