

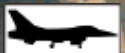


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**Weekend
Weather Forecast
(Lajes Weather Flight)**

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

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

Mostly Cloudy
Wind NW 10 mph
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High 61F / 16C
Low 57F / 14C



Maintainers from Cannon AFB, N.M., replace a propeller on an AC-130 Gunship after an emergency landing here over the Thanksgiving holiday. (Photos by Guido Melo)

Airmen share Lajes goodness after crew's emergency landing

By Staff Sgt. Angelique N. Smythe
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

An AC-130 Gunship crew from Cannon AFB, N.M., heading to a deployed location was very grateful for Team Lajes' assistance and hospitality as they made an emergency landing here just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The crew safely landed Nov. 22 after discovering a propeller malfunction. As they waited for a new propeller to be flown in from another country, they spent the Thanksgiving holiday here at Lajes Field.

"When he realized they were going to be here through Thanksgiving, Lt. Col. Shawn Cotton (65th Operations Support Squadron commander) and his family offered up their home for the holiday," said Maj. Robert Sweeney, 65th OSS director of operations.

One of the AC-130 maintainers said spending the holiday with the commander and his family was a great gesture.

"Colonel Cotton and his wife were gracious to invite us over to have Thanksgiving with them," Master Sgt. Jay Weaver from the 27th Operations Wing at Cannon AFB,

said. "It felt like family."

This act of kindness was just one of the many examples of what most people here call sharing or experiencing the "Lajes goodness."

"Thanksgiving is all about gratitude and the blessings of being Americans," said Colonel Cotton. "Sharing that celebration with a few of our fellow American warriors

is a memory my family and I will always hold dear."

The crewmembers also received assistance from some Portuguese local nationals.

"They needed a crane to conduct the maintenance but we didn't have one on base," Major Sweeney said. "So, Jackie Paulino, a local national here in the OSS, coordinated getting a crane from off base for the maintenance crew's use and they were able to work on changing the propeller."

Help also came from an aerospace ground equipment shop local national who served

as a translator to the Portuguese crane driver.

On behalf of his crewmembers, Sergeant Weaver expressed his gratefulness to Team Lajes, the 65th OSS, Supply and Logistics for their exceptional support and for helping them to get back on the road.





Two Sticks of Gum

By Lt. Col. Shawn Cotton
65th Operations Support
Squadron commander



Last week I passed through the Frankfurt, Germany airport as I returned from a TDY. Until 2005, Rhein-Main Air Base was located on the south side of that airport, sharing the ramp and runways. Being there reminded me of some of the rich history of that location. Over 60 years ago, Rhein-Main was the primary American terminal in Western Germany for the Berlin Airlift, also known as "Operation Vittles." As a young cadet almost 20 years ago, I had the opportunity to meet Col. Gail S. Halvorsen, a hero from that operation. You may know him by his nickname, the Berlin Candy Bomber. His story is inspiring, and from it we can glean important lessons.

As a young pilot during the Berlin Airlift, Halvorsen had a chance meeting with several German school children at the perimeter fence of the Tempelhof Airport. He struck up a conversation with these hungry children who taught him an important lesson for all of us. They said, "Don't give up on us. If we lose our freedom, we'll never get it back." American-style freedom was their dream. Hitler and Stalin were their nightmare.

Halvorsen became so enthralled talking with these amazing children that he lost track of time. He looked at his watch and said, "Holy cow, I gotta go! Goodbye. Don't worry." Before he took three steps, he wondered how he could reward these grateful kids. He pulled out the two sticks of Wrigley's Doublemint gum he happened to have in his pocket, broke them in half, and passed the four pieces through the barbed wire. There was no fight. The kids who got gum carefully tore the tin foil and passed it to the others, who put it up to their noses

to smell. Dumbfounded by their kindness, Halvorsen told them, "Come back tomorrow, and when I come back to land, I'll drop enough gum for all of you."

This was the start of something remarkable. What began with two sticks of gum grew to involve Halvorsen's crew, then his squadron, then candy makers and citizens from all over the United States as boxes and boxes of candy-laden parachutes were dropped to the children of Berlin. In all, more than 21 tons of candy were dropped during the airlift. This gesture of goodwill helped foster a bond between America and the people of Germany that lasts to this day. At the 50th anniversary of the airlift, Halvorsen and a restored C-54 Spirit of Freedom returned to Berlin. People streamed through--men and women who had been there during the blockade--their eyes moist, saying, "Thank you, for freedom!"

More than just a heartwarming tale, we can take a few key points from this story. First and foremost, freedom is precious. Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." This leads nicely into my second point.

As Airmen we are ultimately in the business of preserving freedom. We do this through very diverse tasks. We cannot lose sight of the fact that whether we're turning wrenches, fighting fires, crunching numbers, securing a network or piloting a jet, we are securing the blessings of liberty for real people.

Lastly, never underestimate the good that can come from a simple act of kindness. For two sticks of gum, you can set miracles in motion. The opportunities are all around us. Start something today.

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Recognizing Domestic Violence

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Domestic Violence has many faces and forms and it's more than just verbal attacks, screaming, physical or sexual assault. It can also be a more subtle type of abuse, such as emotional abuse. This form of abuse can occur between married couples or those dating or in other intimate relationships. Emotional abuse comes in many forms and the most common ones are excessive contact and jealousy.

Excessive contact most often occurs with a number of regular texting or phone calls. At first, it might seem flattering, "oh, wow, he or she really likes me." But as the relationship continues, the contact goes up dramatically, as the partner checks on them constantly. They need to know where they are and with whom they're with. In doing this, they establish a controlled schedule for the partner. Unfortunately, when something as innocent as working late or stopping by the commissary on the way home causes a deviation from the schedule, the partner becomes jealous and assumes wrongdoing.

Like excessive contact in the beginning of a relationship, jealousy can be flattering at first when one's partner gets a little upset when they receive attention from someone else. However, it can soon manifest from flattery to extreme abuse. Accusations of infidelity and excessive distrust will escalate despite the victim's efforts to appease their partner. The abuser becomes suspicious of relationships with some of their partner's family and friends because they spend too much time talking together, perceive dislike from family and friends, or say family and friends are a bad influence. The abuser may often resent a child or pet for taking up too much time and love. As the partner tries to appease the abuser, they tend to succumb to isolation.

As the abusers gain greater emotional control over their partners, they begin to become afraid the victim will leave. In order to prevent this, they begin to isolate them from any potential influences or assistance which will help them leave the situation. The isolation may include taking away money, debit or credit cards, cars, phones, and even restricting the victim to their

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Holiday Fire Prevention

By Jorge Estrella

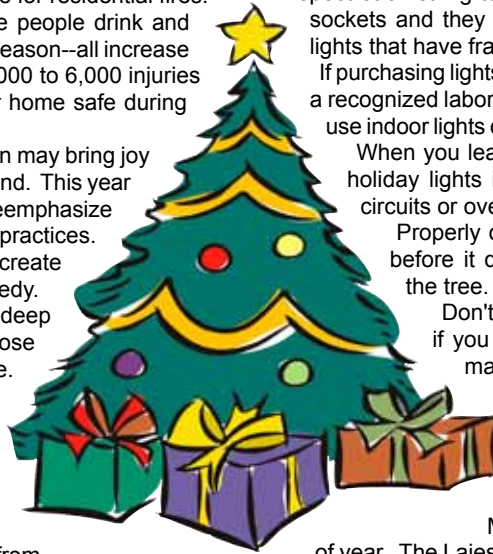
65th Civil Engineer, Lajes Field Fire Department

The year-end holiday season is a prime time for residential fires. Decorative lights, candles, and parties where people drink and smoke--especially at the onset of the heating season--all increase the likelihood of fire. Nationwide there are 5,000 to 6,000 injuries during the typical holiday season. Make your home safe during this special time of year.

Decorating your home for the holiday season may bring joy and satisfaction when you keep fire safety in mind. This year the Lajes Fire Department urges everyone to reemphasize fire prevention in the home to assure fire-safe practices. When decorating, please keep in mind not to create a potential fire hazard that could cause a tragedy.

Choose a fresh tree (look for one with a deep green color and strong pine scent). Avoid those with brittle needles that readily fall from the tree.

Keep the tree outside until you are ready to decorate it. Cut approximately two inches off the trunk so it will absorb water more easily, then place it in a sturdy base holder. The stand should hold at least one gallon of water. Select a place where the tree doesn't block a door or hallway and that is well away from heat sources. Check the water level daily. A 6-foot tree will use one



gallon of water every two days. Keep small children and large pets away from the tree.

Never use candles on the tree. Prior to putting on electric lights, inspect each string to make sure there are no cracked or broken sockets and they are working properly. Discard those sets of lights that have frayed or bare wires.

If purchasing lights, look for a label or tag bearing an approval by a recognized laboratory or testing company. Never purchase or use indoor lights or indoor extension cords for outdoor displays.

When you leave your home or go to bed, turn off all your holiday lights in order to avoid accidents related to short circuits or overheating.

Properly dispose of your tree soon after the holidays, before it dries out. Never use your fireplace to burn the tree.

Don't hang decorations on or around your fireplace if you intend to use it. When using your fireplace make sure the flue is open, a spark screen is in place, and the matches are stored in a fireproof container well out of the reach of children.

Make sure your smoke detectors work, especially for off base residents!

Make your home safe during this special time of year. The Lajes Fire Department wishes you and your family a very fire safe holiday season.

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home. Additionally, the isolation also becomes emotional through criticism. In this the victim's accomplishments are minimized and lower the victim's self esteem. Some of the easily identifiable triggers to this are comments such as "no one except me will ever love you because..." or telling the victim, "how lucky they are to be in the relationship."

There are many signs of emotional abuse, and this article briefly

touched on a few of them. Leaving an abusive relationship can be difficult and recovery is often challenging.

There are many resources available to anyone who may find themselves in an abusive situation and in need assistance.

Get help immediately. The Mental Health Clinic is a great start. They are open daily and can be reached at 535-5177. If an individual does not feel comfortable visiting the Mental Health clinic, he or she may try calling the U. S. National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-8233.



ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL VISITS LAJES FIELD

(Left) Ehud Gol, Israeli Ambassador to Portugal, meets with Col. Dave Parr, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander, during his visit to Air Base No. 4. Gol has served as Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, following which he held the post of Deputy Director General for Western Europe. (Photo by Guido Melo)



A Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and live Nativity Scene took place on Lajes Field Dec. 2. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Books on Demand: New Program for Library Customers

By Darlene Price, USAFE Command Librarian

Is there a book that you want that's not currently in the library? If so, it can be ordered for you. That's right. The USAFE Library Service Center (LSC), located at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, recently started a program called 'Books on Demand' which is designed to order exactly what the customer requests. Of course, the LSC has to adhere to certain acquisitions policies—but, after that—customers are free to request the items of their choice. Choices can range from print books, e-books, educational DVDs, audio products, children's books and more. The program has been in existence for less than a year and is gaining momentum. Instead of librarians selecting all of the reading materials for customers, customers are given the opportunity to make their own selections. The program was originally designed for deployed troops and personnel at remote and isolated locations. But, due to the economic purchasing wisdom of "just-in-time" and not "just-in-case", the program has been extended to military and family members at main operating bases. The program is administered through the website, www.usafelibraries.org, and is available to all Air Force personnel assigned to USAFE. Of course, all purchased items remain property of the Air Force, but—that's not a hindering factor for customers. Receiving what you want, when you want it is the driving force behind the program's popularity. Base personnel who are non-Air Force can take advantage of a similar opportunity by submitting a request to their nearest base library. Other than the \$75.00 purchasing limit per month for each sponsor, 'Books on Demand' still offers a near "sky is the limit" approach to quality library services.

(Added by William Niblick, Lajes Library Director)

Here at Lajes we have a wrinkle to this program. The library will take your request and try to fill it before submitting it to the LSC. The reason we do this is how the items are shipped. Items requested through the LSC go to Ramstein first and are then mailed to the Lajes library. If we use our available contracts to purchase or obtain the items, they are mailed directly to us. This gets the items in the patron's hands quicker. This is just one of many programs the library has, so stop by and see what other programs we have to offer.

LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Alejandra Anderson
Rank: Technical Sergeant
Unit: 65th Force Support Squadron
Hometown: Miami, Fla.
Duty Title: NCOIC, Personnel Systems Management
Accomplishments: Tech. Sgt. Anderson epitomizes what an NCO should strive for. Since arriving in April 2011 from Ramstein Air Base, she's tackled her position head-on!

As a personnel systems manager, she is responsible for maintaining the accuracy of Citrix and Oracle Distributed personnel computer systems. Anderson's tenacious Case Management System oversight of over 200 cases ensured a dramatic reduction in overdue cases leading to a #1 rating in USAFE. As a leader among her peers, Anderson was involved in every booster club event helping to raise over \$3,000 for the 65th FSS holiday party. Lastly, her can-do-attitude ensured the PDF Line earned accolades from the Inspector General team during the combined ORI/LCI inspection and directly led to the unit achieving an "Excellent" rating.



Name: Sra Maria F. Lourenco
Rank: LGS-07
Unit: 65th Force Support Squadron
Hometown: Riberinha, Azores
Duty Title: NAF Human Resources
Accomplishments: Sra. Lourenco is currently filling in as the sole Non-Appropriated Fund Human Resource Officer for Lajes Field. In her duties, she performs personnel support for the NAF employment program to

include providing internal and external vacancy placement duties for 65th FSS, processing personnel actions such as appointments, separations, and insurance changes, and updates and maintains staffing data for personnel assigned. For the past 13 years, she has provided outstanding service to her customers and continues to exemplify the Air Force core values as a partner within the Lajes community.



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Feature



Approximately 300 people attended the 65th Air Base Wing Chapel for a Holiday Cantata Dec. 4 at Lajes. Performers included the Lajes Field School Choir, a joint Catholic and Gospel Choir from the Chapel, the Lajes Praise in Motion Dance Team, Santa Luzia Children and Youth Choir, Novis de Alegria Choir from Angra and the Rua Agape (Spirit of Love) Choir from both Angra and Praia. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Lajes Field High School students perform, "A Christmas Carol," at the Community Activity Center, Dec. 2, 2011. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Congratulations to Team Lajes' newest Noncommissioned Officer Professional Enhancement Course graduates who graduated Dec. 2 at Lajes Field, Azores. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Team Lajes welcomes newest member!

Zholé Dévoy Edwards was born Nov. 12, 2011, to Tech. Sgt. Durrell Edwards, 65th ABW/HC, and his wife, Contessa Edwards. The proud siblings are Kydale and JJ.

Congratulations!



100% PT Test

Tech. Sgt. Dustin Guiducci, 65th Operations Support Squadron, runs on the Lajes Field track Nov. 18. Guiducci scored 100 percent on his physical training assessment during the month of November. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Mark your calendar

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM: For those who have chosen an angel, make sure the gifts are returned by Dec. 10 to the angel tree donation box that is located at the Chapel and at the BX. For more information, call Mrs. Jacinta at the chapel at 535-4211.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR:

The professional development seminars are scheduled for 11 a.m. Dec. 12 and 19 (Communication and Assertiveness (supervision decisions)) and Jan. 9 and 23 (Conflict Resolution in the Workplace) at the Education Center Auditorium in Building T-146. For more information, contact SMSgt David Harvatin at 535-6197 or david.harvatin@lajes.af.mil.

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE: The 2011 Annual Awards Banquet is January 2012 and the Annual Awards Committee is in search of emcees and anthem singers for the event. Tryouts are scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. in the TORC ballroom. For more information, contact MSgt Hanks at 535-3276 or TSgt Dieterle at 535-6280.

CHAPEL ANGEL TREE DONATIONS NOV 15 – DEC 10: Help make children in the military and local community who are in need happy this holiday season. To donate new clothing and toys, visit the Base Exchange and Lajes Field chapel. Simply choose an angel off one of the Christmas trees, purchase a gift, and place the bagged gifts in the box, along with the angel. This is sponsored by the Lajes Field chapel and Top 3. For more information, contact the chapel at 535-4211.

FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS: A financial workshop presented by the Pentagon Federal Credit Union will be held in Building T-126 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9 to cover basic budget and Friday, Dec. 16 to cover car financing. To register, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 535-4138.

CHRISTMAS PING PONG TOURNAMENT: A Christmas Ping Pong Tournament is scheduled for 2 p.m. Dec. 9 in Building T-307 for ages 18 and older. Sign up by Dec. 6. This is sponsored by the Solid Rock Oasis Airman Ministry Center. Call 535-4019 for more information.

MILITARY CAREER DAY MILITARY CAREER DAY: This is scheduled for Dec. 8 from 10:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: The 65th Contracting Flight has three requirements opening at the chapel. The positions include a Catholic musician, Protestant musician, and a Catholic pastoral associate. Please contact Airman 1st Class Sam Culberth at sam.culberth@lajes.af.mil to get a copy of the Request for Quote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: For maximum coverage of base-wide activities,



Feature

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: What time the plane leave?

PORTUGUESE: A que horas parte o avião?

PRONUNCIATION: Ah kay orash part-uh ay-vee-ohm?

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MID-DAY ALL REQUEST SHOW: Be sure to tune into Island 96.1 on your radio to hear all of your favorite hits. Don't forget you can submit your request for any songs you want to hear during the Mid-day show from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact AFN at DSN 535-3121, cell phone at 295-573-121, or via office communicator at Rodrick.Aust.



At the Movies



- 7 p.m. Saturday - Paranormal Activity 3, R, 83 minutes
- 4 p.m. Sunday - Johnny English Reborn (PG), 102 minutes.
- 7 p.m. Sunday - Footloose (PG-13), 113 minutes.

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



ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima
Community Relations Advisor



A historical look back to December, 1971...



President Richard Nixon and his French counterpart at the time, George Pompidou, during the Atlantic Summit on Terceira Island, December, 1971.

President Richard Nixon came to Terceira Island in December 1971, to participate in a summit with his French counterpart at the time, George Pompidou.

The Atlantic summit was convened for both leaders to discuss a monetary crisis involving both countries. Nixon arrived on the evening of Dec. 12, and left in the afternoon of Dec. 14. Upon his arrival, he was greeted by the Portuguese Prime Minister at the time, Marcelo Caetano, who had also come to the island to serve as host to both foreign dignitaries.

Nixon and Pompidou met for two days in Angra in the same building that today serves as Headquarters for the Regional Department for Education and Science.

While on Terceira, Nixon stayed in the quarters of the U.S. Forces Azores Commander, Brig. Gen. Thomas Aldrich, while the French president stayed at the Serreta Inn, in the town of Serreta. That inn is currently deactivated.

The summit marked the first time in history that Terceira had the honor to host an international summit and to have three distinct dignitaries, one national and two foreign, on its soil at the same time.

More recently, on March 16, 2003, the island, namely Lajes Field, was also the stage of another international summit, when U.S. President George W. Bush met with the Prime Ministers of Great Britain, Spain and Portugal to discuss the situation of Iraq before the war broke out.