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Lajes Is In The Fight!

ORI Countdown

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### Tip of the Week

□ *Sense of Urgency -- Even though it's an exercise, try to react as you would during the actual event. For example, if you are a briefer during the reception processing, treat the folks as you would new arrivals to Lajes. If we are in a higher FPCON and you notice something out of the ordinary, or something seems out of place, don't ignore it, take action.*

Courtesy of  
65th ABW Inspections

### Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha  
Threat Level: Low

### Weather Forecast

Saturday

Cloudy  
High 70  
Low 63



Courtesy of the  
65th OSS Weather Flight

## Room with a view

Today Lajes Field will celebrate the soft grand opening of the new fitness center, a project two years in the making. The view from the aerobics room (pictured) as well as equipment rooms allow patrons a view of the Atlantic Ocean while they workout. (Photo by 1st Lt. Shilo Weir)





## Rumor control

# Fate of Lajes Field, wing unknown

By **Col. Robert Winston**  
65th Air Base Wing  
commander

Lately there are a great deal of rumors floating around about the fate of Lajes Field and the 65th Air Base Wing. As your commander, I am telling you that this speculation is just that – rumors.

People all around us are speculating about the future. Will Lajes Field close? Will it be converted to an unaccompanied tour? Will the tour lengths be extended? Is 729th Air Mobility Squadron

leaving Lajes?

These questions and many others are being asked everyday here. I am asking you to consider the source when you hear people asking and answering these questions. I will be the first to know when major decisions affecting this base are made. To date, no such decisions have been made.

Air Force-wide programs like Air Force Smart Ops 21 and Force Shaping have created uncertainty and fear for many of us. These feelings are not isolated to Lajes Field. Manpower cuts

and changes to the way we do business are affecting every installation in the Air Force inventory.

Uncertainty is everywhere.

Rumors spread fast and far, especially in small locations like ours. Rumors have a negative impact of the morale and welfare on our units and on our families. Eventually, these negative effects will impact mission accomplishment.

It is our responsibility as Airmen to stop rumors. We can do this by not repeating the speculation we hear and correcting people when we

know they have it wrong.

Changes will be made to the way we do business. We are losing manpower like the rest of the Air Force. Our budget will be less than last year's. Outside of these truths the final outcome for Team Lajes is unknown.

I know this — decisions about the fate of Lajes Field have not been made. When decisions are made about our future, your unit commanders and I will make every effort to communicate to every level and ensure that the facts are out there.

## In the interest of safety

Col. Robert Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander, presents Tech. Sgt. Caylene Pavich, 65th Services Squadron with a certificate for being selected as the 4th Quarter Wing Unit Safety Representative. (Photo by Jose Raposo)



## Commander's Line

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 the Commander's Line at 535-4240 or e-mail [actionline@lajes.af.mil](mailto:actionline@lajes.af.mil).



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## Lajes rates 'excellent' on LSET inspection

By 1st Lt. Shilo Weir  
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A U.S. Air Forces Europe sponsored Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team visited Lajes Field from Oct. 23 through 27.

The 65th Air Base Wing rated an 'excellent' on the inspection, with a 91.7 percent composite score.

The 13-member team spent five intensive days evaluating and researching how the 65th Air Base Wing mission is getting accomplished.

"The inspectors made sure that the wing is doing the right things, with the right tools in the safest manner possible," said Lt. Col. Roger Wagner, 65th Operations Support Squadron commander.

Although preparing for the inspection was a wing effort, the LSET primarily focused on operations of the 65th OSS and of the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, the colonel said.

"Both squadrons began preparing for the inspection months ago," said Colonel Wagner. "Training records, tool accountability, general safety, and overall mission accomplishment drove us to hone our skills in the right direction."

The LSET inspectors focused on the maintenance and logistics processes throughout the base.

"Safety and technical order/process discipline were major focus areas for the team," according to Lt. Col. Robert Hoff, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander. "They looked at not only getting the mission done but also ensured that we were doing it according to guidance."

Making sure units are in compliance with command and Air Force instructions is a key in this inspection process as well as in supporting the mission.

"Technical Order discipline is critical from the lowest level to the highest level," added Colonel Hoff. "It takes everyone doing their job correctly to get the Air Force mission done."

The LSET inspection was designed not to be a surprise. The wing knew what to do and how to do it, it was up to Team Lajes to execute and they did.

The 65th ABW not only received an 'excellent' rating but they exceeded the performance of their peers, said Colonel Wagner. "The vast majority of all

**Best of the Best**  
The 65th Logistic Squadron was honored with five individual "Outstanding Performer" awards and three group "Outstanding Performer" sections. The award recipients are:

- Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Owen
  - Ana Fontes
  - Supply Customer Service Section
  - Elvira Borges
  - Fatima Drumonde
  - Alvaro Andrade
  - Supply Accountability Section
  - Storage and Issue Section
- Superior Performers named from the 65th Operations Support Squadron are:*
- Tech. Sgt. Robert Dean - Crash, Disabled and Damaged Aircraft Recover
  - Staff Sgt. Eric Carroll - CDDAR
  - Staff Sgt. Jesse Crose - Aerospace Ground Equipment

LSET inspections result in 'satisfactory' or worse ratings. Collectively we scored a 91.7percent — the highest rating seen by any of the inspection team members."

Both commanders believe that the 65th ABW's performance in the LSET was a glimpse of what lies ahead for Team Lajes.

"We learned some lessons from the inspectors," said Colonel Hoff, "but that's why they came here — to make us better and that is exactly what we will do with the team's inputs."

"We can use the LSET inspection to our advantage and improve on our processes and procedures," continued Colonel Wagner. "The LSET was a great precursor to making sure we ace the next USAFE test—the Operational Readiness Inspection in early 2007."

The outcome of this inspection didn't lie solely in the hands of the 65th OSS and 65th LRS. The efforts of the whole team were recognized.

From the moment the inspectors arrived, Team Lajes showed true hospitality and warrior spirit, Colonel Wagner concluded. "The accolades the inspectors passed to us about the baggage detail, billeting, communications support, and overall pride and professionalism definitely set the stage for the 'excellent' result.

"It truly was a team effort!"

### Good to Know

#### Pax Terminal change in operating hours

The passenger terminal now closes between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. To sign up for space-A travel during these hours, customers may e-mail their request to [spacea@lajes.af.mil](mailto:spacea@lajes.af.mil).

For more information, call 535-3227.

#### Base Housing Facilities Excellence Days

Housing Maintenance presents base housing facilities excellence days Nov. 10 and 11. There will be flowers, plants, shrubs, rocks for bordering, grass seed, top soil and tools for loan at Bldg. T-521. Limits may be set for even distribution. For more information, call Housing Self Help at 535-6251.

#### Campaign "Lajes SOS Cagarro 2006"

Help the young Cory Shearwater birds that get disoriented by artificial lights when leaving their nests find their way back to the ocean. They are protected by local and international laws and we should help them. If you see a bird on the ground contact CEV at 535-6558 or carefully take it near the ocean at night.

For more information, call Vitor Berbereia at 535-6558.

#### CFC Campaign

Lajes Field has collected \$46,878.96 from 221 CFC donors. That's an employee participation rate of 29 percent, an average contribution of \$212.12, and a per-capita contribution of \$61.60. Contact your unit key worker for more information or to contribute.

#### Post office no longer takes checks

Effective immediately, the Post office will no longer accept personal checks and/or cash money orders. Payment options include cash, or electronic payment such as a debit or credit card.

For more information, call 535-3389 or 535-4251.



## Program brings CHEER to single and unaccompanied Airmen

USAFE News Service

Enhancing the quality of life for U.S. Air Forces in Europe's single and unaccompanied Airmen is the mission of Project CHEER (Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm and Recreation).

Through March 31, the fiscal year 2007 Project CHEER program will feature hundreds of dollars worth of prizes, a Harley Davidson motorcycle giveaway, and hundreds of events throughout the season. Also, new to the FY 07 program is the launch of the web site, [www.projectcheer.org](http://www.projectcheer.org), which features information on prizes, giveaways, events and all the USAFE command programs taking place.

"Project CHEER gives our single and unaccompanied Airmen a chance to keep busy during the holidays without putting too much stress on their pocketbooks," said Don Ehrman, deputy chief of the 65th Services Squadron.

During the holiday season beginning with Thanksgiving, single and unaccompanied Airmen in USAFE are treated to a variety of special events and programs designed especially for them.

"Each base is hosting a variety of fun activities for Airmen such as ski trips, fitness runs, Armed Forces Entertainment concerts and movie nights," said Mandy

Project CHEER events

### November

*Amazing Race – Nov. 5 - 1400 (Starts at CAC)*

*Hiking Trip – Nov. 10 (Outdoor Recreation)*

*Scrap Booking Frenzy – Nov. 11 (Arts and Crafts Center)*

*\* Members only Saturday Nights – Nov 11 (TORC)*

*Picture Framing Class - Nov 15, 16 (Arts and Crafts Center)*

*Turkey Trot – Nov. 17 (Chace Fitness Center)*

*\* Members only Saturday Nights – Nov. 18 (TORC)*

*Pass Dribble Shoot – Nov. 18 (Chace Fitness Center)*

*Late Night Cosmic Bowling – Nov. 22 (Bowling)*

*Free movie on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23 (AAFES)*

*Terceira Island Tour – Nov 25 (Outdoor Recreation)*

*\* Members only Saturday Nights – Nov 25 (TORC)*

*Dolphin watching – Nov 26 (Outdoor Recreation)*

S m i t h - Nethercott, USAFE Project CHEER point of contact. "Services is proud to play a big part of the program by offering several USAFE Services command programs such as Texas Hold'em, Auto Hobby Car Show, Xbox Challenges, Pool Shark Tournaments, Cosmic Bowling and USAFE Paintball."

"USAFE has done a tremendous job this year in offering prizes and programs targeted at our younger Airmen," said Tommy Brooks, Lajes Project CHEER project officer. "There aren't too many Air Force programs out there guaranteeing a new Harley Davidson."

*Courtesy of USAFE News Service. The 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs office contributed to this article.*

Congratulations to the most recent Customer College Bachelors Class graduates from the Oct. 24-26 class:

Staff Sgt. Carrie Abernethy, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Phillip Williams, 65th Communications Squadron; Staff Sgt. Caleb Blake, 65th CS; Staff Sgt. Wayne Watson, 65th CS; Airman 1st Class Dustin Croft, 65th CS; Delia Bizarro, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Senior Airman Jean Baker, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; Nicole Watson, 65th MDOS; Airman Shari McNeal, 65th Mission Support Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Shari McNeal, 65th MSS; Tech. Sgt. Myra Krause, 65th MSS; and Donna Costin, 65th Services Squadron. Donna Costin was voted as the Distinguished graduate for the class.

Customer College is a program designed to deliver the training, resources, tools and initial skills required for customer service professionals to provide comprehensive care that exceeds customer expectations.

There are two courses offered at Customer College – Phase I is for front line customer service providers and their supervisors. Phase II is intended for customer service supervisors. Enlisted, officers, American and Portuguese civilians and supervisors are eligible.

Lajes Salutes

## Rotavirus vaccine now available at Lajes

By Staff Sgt. **Tiffany Williams**  
65th Medical Operations Squadron

RotaTeq, an oral vaccine used to treat Rotavirus, is now available at the 65th Medical Group.

Rotovirus is a virus that infects the bowels and is the most common cause of severe diarrhea in infants and young children.

In February, the Rotavirus vaccine was licensed for use among U.S. infants. The vaccine is now available and the

Immunization Clinic personnel will begin administering the vaccine at Lajes.

Rotavirus is highly contagious and children between the ages of 6 and 24 months are at greatest risk for developing severe disease from rotavirus infection. Almost all children have become infected with rotavirus by age 3.

A child usually picks up this virus by putting his or her fingers in their mouth after touch-

ing something that was contaminated with the stool of an infected person. With this infection, the child may develop watery diarrhea, fever, nausea,

and vomiting. Nausea and fever usually go away in about two days, but diarrhea can last up to seven days.

*For more information Call 535-3584 or commercial, 295-57-3584. Immunizations clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for the second Wednesday of each month, when they open at 1 p.m.*



## Performance measures = goal day for Lajes Field

The Commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe created the Goal Day Program as a way to reward people for their hard work and to provide an incentive for accomplishing mission goals.

Goal Days at Lajes Field are approved by the 65th Air Base Wing commander when the installation achieves specific set performance objectives using local circumstances, mission requirements and wing priorities.

“There are 33 areas we use to measure our performance each month throughout the wing, said Tech. Sgt. Donna Jacobson, 65th Mission Support Squadron manpower analyst.

“Goal Day criteria includes a general assessment of performance as well as the accomplishment of specific, measurable mission objectives,” Sergeant Jacobson said. “The previous month’s accomplishments determine the potential for a scheduled Goal Day if the wing achieves a 90 percent or better overall.”

The 65th MSS Manpower and Organization Flight collects data from each organization across Lajes with stated mission objectives and compiles a report for the wing commander.

Some examples of information measured in the Goal Day metrics include EPR and OPR timeliness, Government Travel Card account delinquencies and the number of incidents of Driving Under the Influence.

“The metrics are a measure of mis-

sion,” said Lt. Col Julie Harmon, 65th Mission Support Squadron commander. “It’s not intended to punish the wing.

“Goal Days are rewards for the wing’s mission performance,” Colonel Harmon continued, “when Team Lajes works together and the mission is accomplished, we have the potential to earn the time off.”

Although some of the measurements are very unit-specific, every member of Team Lajes has a hand in whether the wing earns Goal Days.

“Not only do we measure unit-level performance like aircraft fuel and aircrew response times, 24-hour vehicle turn around times and the global communications system uptime rates,” explained Sergeant Jacobson, “we also measure criteria in which every Airman plays a role.”

Duty status reporting, annual fitness test pass rates for military personnel and whether Lajes has had any DUIs are among the universal criteria affected by everyone’s performance

“Everyone plays a role every day in ensuring we accomplish our mission,” Colonel Harmon said. “Achieving specific performance measure objectives not only helps us earn Goal Days, it measures our success.”

*Courtesy of the 65th Mission Support Squadron, Manpower and Organization Flight. The 65th ABW Public Affairs office contributed to this article.*

## USAFE Family and Goal Days Program Calendar

Below is the list of USAFE Family and proposed Goal Days for the remainder of the fiscal year. Family days are usually in conjunction with a holiday for an extended weekend. Goal days are earned by the wing, and are subject to change.

- Nov 24. - Thanksgiving weekend - family day**
- Dec. 26 - Christmas weekend - family day**
- Jan. 12 - MLK Day weekend - family day**
- Feb. 16 - Presidents’ Day weekend - goal day**
- Mar. 16 - USAREUR Training Holiday - goal day**
- Apr. 13 - DoDDS Spring Break/ Easter weekend - family day**
- May 25 - Memorial Day weekend - family day**
- June 15 - DoDDs Summer Break - goal day**
- July 5 - 4th of July holiday - family day**
- Aug. 17 - USAREUR Training Holiday - goal day**
- Aug. 31 - Labor Day weekend - goal day**

## Good to Know

### New DSN Dialing Procedures

Lajes telephone operations have undergone a couple of changes. Individuals no longer dial the 94 DSN access code before dialing a DSN telephone number, simply dial the 7 to 10 digit DSN telephone number.

Lajes is now part of the USAFE/EUCOM DSN region. Callers now only have to dial the 7 digit DSN telephone number when calling places within USAFE/EUCOM like Aviano (632-XXXX), Mildenhall, (238-XXXX), or Ramstein (480-XXXX). However, people now have to dial the DSN area code when calling outside of USAFE/EUCOM to places like the states (312-XXX-XXXX) or PACAF (315-XXX-XXXX).

Lodging guests are still required to dial the 94 DSN access code on their lodging room/lobby telephones prior to a DSN number since lodging has a telephone system separate from the Lajes main telephone system. For details, call Lajes Telephone Operations at 535-3300.

### Traumatic Stress Response Team volunteers

Lajes is currently looking to update membership on the Traumatic Stress Response Team (replaces Critical Incident Stress Management Team) and is open to all ranks and career fields. The initial team meeting/training will take place at 11 a.m. Nov. 16 at the chapel.

For more information, call Capt. Devin Marsh at 535-5177.

### Victim advocates

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator office is looking for Air Force trained Victim Advocates (military and civilian) who have arrived here since May. For military, enlisted personnel should carry the Special Experience Identifier (003) and the same number Experience Set for Officers. The 40-hour curriculum can be trained by any Wing SARC to both military and civilians. For details or to become a VA, e-mail christopher.vaca@lajes.af.mil.



## Advanced Education week encourages Lajes

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud  
65th ABW Public Affairs

The education office will host its fourth annual advanced education week Monday through Thursday.

The focus of advanced education week is to inform the Lajes community about all the education opportunities available to them here.

This year's theme is Catching the Education Wave.

The Ed center will be on hand to explain the options available here to advance an education.

There are a variety of colleges and universities on location to assist people in completing their degrees.

"Each school makes a great effort to meet the needs of the Lajes student," said Senior Master Sgt. David Cornillie, 65th Security Forces Squadron, Standards and Evaluation superintendent. "The schools at Lajes are very sensitive to work schedules; attendance for every class I've taken has been manageable," said Sergeant Cornillie, who graduated with a Master of Human Relations Degree with the University of Oklahoma last year.

Schools here offer degrees ranging from associates to masters, to allow Lajes members to continue or complete their education while stationed here.

It is very possible to finish your CCAF (Community College of the Air Force degree) while stationed here. It is also possible to start and finish the Masters in Human Relations degree from the University of Oklahoma while stationed here.

Classes are available online and in the classroom at various times to coincide with people's work schedules.

The opportunity to take classes both online and on-site can work with any schedule.

"I've taken classes online and in the classroom, both have advantages and challenges," said Sergeant Cornillie. "College students today should be prepared to take classes in a variety of formats."

Tuition assistance programs help active-duty members and their spouses with the expenses of continuing their education.

TA covers \$4,500 per year, up to \$250 per credit hour for active-duty members.

Some programs offered here fall

above the cap and the student is responsible for the difference. For example, if a course is \$254 per credit hour. The student must pay \$12 for the course and TA will cover the rest.

Active duty Air Force personnel apply for tuition assistance online at the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

The Spouse Tuition Assistance Program is a benefit that is available to spouses in U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

Currently, STAP provides half the tuition cost per class, up to \$300 per term, with a maximum of \$1500 per year. This is a need based program, but everyone is encouraged to apply.

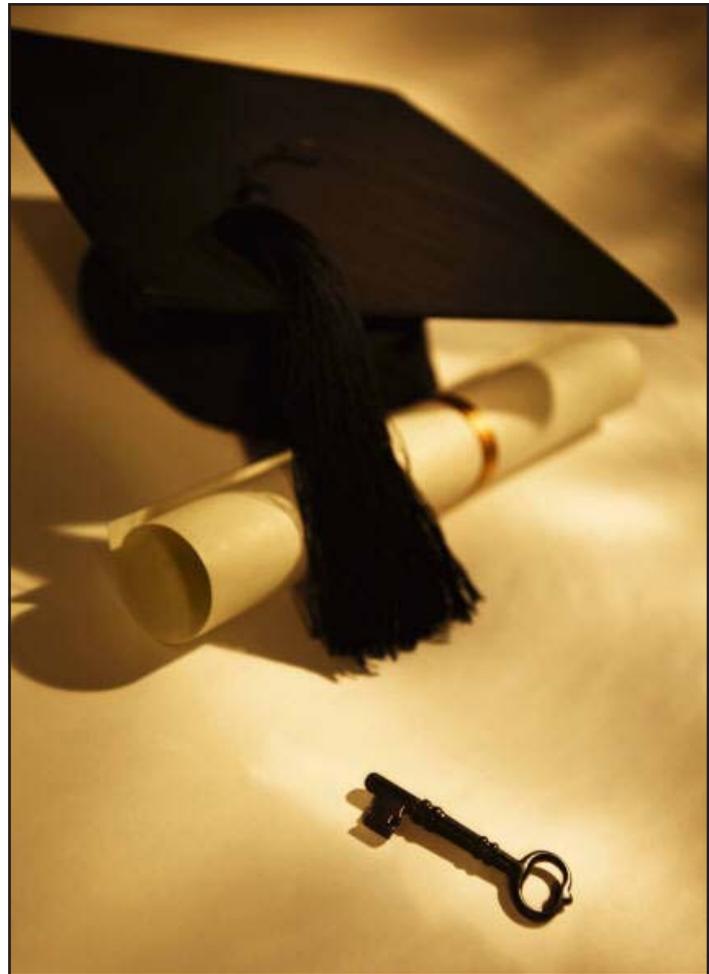
The education center offers DANTE Program College exams, Distance Learning Exam testing, Pearson Vue Certification, Web-based certification and licensing testing, and commissioning program counseling and assistance.

The education center here offers CLEP, DANTE, and Excelsior College exams to help Lajes personnel test for college credit. CCAF will accept up to 30 semester hours of testing credit and most colleges will accept up to 60 semester hours for a bachelor degree. Testing is offered by appointment at the education center, Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m., Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioning counseling is offered on a walk-in basis to help enlisted members learn about various programs in which they can trade their stripes for bars.

CCAF and college counseling is also available on a walk-in basis.

"The Education Center Learning Resource Center has 14 computers with Internet access that can be used by members, spouses and dependents that are enrolled in colleges based at Lajes, or in the states," said Michael Schendel, Education Services Officer.



"Persons enrolled in online classes in the states can arrange to have their exams administered during the three weekly test sessions offered here.

"Members can view and update their Education records at the AFVEC Web site. They can also view the status of course grades and withdrawals and see DANTE Program test scores. Information on various Air Force Education Programs is available at the AFVEC Web site as well," Mr. Schendel added.

Military members enrolled in Professional Military Education courses through correspondence enroll and complete their exams at the Ed Center.

Beginning in 2007, the Education Center will begin administering the 14 Defense Language Proficiency Tests that are available online.

"I took several CLEP tests for my undergraduate degree, said Sergeant Cornillie. "I was able to get credit for Algebra, Humanities and Western

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## community to Catch the Education Wave

Civilization.”

Sergeant Cornillie didn't commit to school until close to the end of his career.

“I realized after a number of years, that civilian education is an essential part of the whole person,” Sergeant Cornillie explained. “The information learned as well as the skills needed to succeed in college courses are the same things that help us succeed in the military. Everyone in or associated with the military is busy; education often takes a back seat to other priorities. Lajes in one place where leadership and the schools work together to help you succeed,” he said. “Take advantage of it!”

“Make education a part of your life, even if it is just one course a semester. If you can't make the on-site classes, try a distance learning course,” suggested Sergeant Cornillie. “Those classes add up and before you know it you'll be only a class or two from a degree and better prepared for success in the military or civilian sector.”

For more information about the educational opportunities available here at Lajes, call

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### chedule of events

4th Annual Advanced Education

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– Catch the Wave Fun Run at  
Fitness Center

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to 1 p.m. – Catch the Wave Lunch  
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to 1 p.m. – Rising with the Wave  
and Learn

uesday  
– CCAF Graduation at the

– Market at the Market

### Programs offered at Lajes

—**University of Maryland University College** offers a variety of degree programs from associates to masters. Course are available online or in the classroom.

—**Central Texas College** offers associate's degrees in Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Development and Paralegal, the Microsoft Certification courses are offered online, as well as a variety of other courses. Continuous registration is offered for DE courses.

—**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University** offers associates and bachelors programs in Professional Aeronautics and Technical Management with minors in Aviation Safety, Security and Intelligence, Logistics, Occupational Safety and Health, and Management. ERAU also offers masters degree programs in Aeronautical Science and Management. There is continuous enrollment in distance learning courses.

—**The University of Oklahoma** offers a masters degree in Human Relations. Students can choose from a variety of on-site and distance learning courses. This degree can be completed in less than 24 months.

—**University of Phoenix** offers the Master of Business Administration and several Master of Arts in Education programs to the Lajes Community. Classes are only 6 weeks long and begin each Tuesday. Individuals can earn a degree in less than 24 months. There is no thesis or entrance exams required.

See contact information below.

## CLEP and DANTES

The education office offers the following College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support tests:

### General CLEPs

College Mathematics	6 SH
English composition (w/o essay)	6 SH
Humanities	6 SH
Natural Sciences	6 SH
Social Science & History	6 SH

### Subject CLEPs

Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	6 SH
College Algebra	3 SH
Freshman College Composition	6 SH
History of the U.S. I	3 SH
History of the U.S. II	3 SH
Information Systems & Computer Apps.	3 SH
Introductory Psychology	3 SH
Introductory Sociology	3 SH
Principles of Management	3 SH

### DANTES – All 3 SH

Fundamentals of College Algebra
Principles of Statistics
Human Cultural Geography
A History of the Vietnam War
Ethics in America
The Civil War and Reconstruction
Foundations of Education
Lifespan Development Psychology
Drug & Alcohol Abuse
Introduction to World Religions
Introduction to Law Enforcement
Criminal Justice
Astronomy
Here's to Your Health
Principles of Finance
Human Resource Management
Organizational Behavior
Principles of Supervision
Business Law II
Introduction to Computing
Introduction to Business
Personal Finance
Management of Information Systems
Fundamentals of Counseling
Principles of Public Speaking
Technical Writing

## On Base Schools

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University [www.erau.edu](http://www.erau.edu) 535-3375 or 295-573-375

University of Oklahoma [www.goou.ou.edu](http://www.goou.ou.edu) 535-3171 or 295-573-171

University of Maryland [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu) 535-4187 or 295-574-187

Central Texas College [www.ctc-europe.com](http://www.ctc-europe.com) 535-6722 or 295-576-722

University of Phoenix [www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu) 535-1970 or 295-571-970



## Local Scouts attend Jamboree Over the Air in Praia

By **Louis Lilley**  
Troop Committee Member

Representatives from the Cub and Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America here joined their Portuguese counterparts for the 49th annual Jamboree on the Air and 10th annual Jamboree on the Internet Oct. 20 through 22 in Praia.

The Portuguese Scouts invited the American Scouts to participate in the event, including a campout at the soccer stadium in Praia.

Portuguese Scouts from all over Terceira, as well as 10 American scouts and five adult leaders representing troops from Lajes Field, participated. As a huge bonus for the local Portuguese Scouts, the Regional



*Anna, Nicole and Amanda Lilley, Madison Daly, John Allan and Dakota Richardson create a QSL card (similar to a post card for the amateur radio enthusiasts) that would be used to send to other Scouts in the world who the Praia camp contacted during the Jamboree. Once radio contact was made, each party mails the other a QSL card for their collection.*

and National Scouting directors came from the mainland for the event.

The National director selects a different camp in Portugal each year, and this year, he selected Terceira.

Communication-themed activities filled the event schedule, with demonstrations in such areas as computer hardware, electricity, semaphore, trail markings, Morse code, and radio

operations.

Highlights from the weekend included a tour of the amateur radio station at the Statue of Mary in Praia, a tour of the bio-diesel and hydrogen generation laboratory near the TTU in Praia, and a scavenger hunt through the city.

Since 1958, JOTA has given thousands of Scouts and Guides the chance to “meet” each other. Not only do participants find it fun to talk to Scouts from other parts of the world, but this event give Scouts the opportunity to learn about other countries and about Scouting traditions around the globe.

Since 1996, JOTI, an annual gathering using computers and the Internet to connect Scouts worldwide, corresponds with JOTA during the third full weekend of October each year. Modern communication technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without even leaving home.

Few people realize that each year more than half-a-million Scouts and Guides from around the world “get together” over the airwaves and on the Internet to participate in these events. This year, local Scouts from Lajes field got an opportunity to not only participate, but also create unique cultural bonds with Portuguese Scouts from across Terceira.

*Cheyenne Richardson, Dakota Richardson, Sierra Richardson, Jesse Richardson, Anna Lilley, Amanda Lilley, Madison Daly and John Allan watch a demonstration of wiring a light and electrical socket, using European standards during the afternoon activity block Oct. 21 at the Jamboree Over the Air, held in Praia. (Photos by Louis Lilley)*



## Chaplain says thanks New Creation Café and farewell

By **Chaplain (Capt.) John Shipman**  
65th Air Base Wing Chapel

November is a time for giving thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, as well as a time to assess the future. Anyone who has served at Lajes more than a month knows that saying farewell is difficult, yet necessary. It's time to thank God for the New Creation Café and to bid farewell to this ministry at Lajes.

The New Creation Café started several years ago to meet the needs of single Airmen serving on the Island. The vision of the founder was to meet once a month at Eddie's Place in the LRS compound. It was viable and worthwhile. Since the beginning of the Café, it underwent a variety of changes to finally include a place for family time with only a few, if any, singles in attendance. Children played ping pong and pool, music was played by a small

local Christian band, while a few parents listened and ate the food which was prepared.

The number of Airmen and their families dwindled to such a small number that the chapel has decided to give thanks to everyone who took advantage of this monthly event and to ask that you recognize the necessity of this action as we end this ministry to focus our ministry efforts on our single Airmen. *Soli Deo Gloria!*



# COMMUNITY

## At the movies 🎬

### Today

**7 p.m. – Hollywoodland** starring Adrien Brody and Diane Lane. George Reeves, the heroic Man of Steel on TV's "Adventures of Superman," dies in his Hollywood Hills home. Felled by a single gunshot wound, Reeves leaves behind a fiancée — aspiring starlet Leonore Lemmon — and millions of fans who are shocked by his death. But it is his grieving mother, Helen Bessolo, who will not let the questionable circumstances surrounding his demise go unaddressed. Helen seeks justice, or at least answers but truth and justice are not so easily found in Hollywood. *Rated R for language, violence and sexual content (126 minutes).*

**10 p.m. – Crank** starring Jason Statham, Amy Smart. Chev Chelios is about to begin his morning with an unexpected wake-up call. Chev has been poisoned in his sleep and only has an hour to live. Now, Chev must keep moving to stay alive: the only way to prolong the poison from stopping his heart is to keep his adrenaline flowing. As the clock ticks, Chelios cuts a swath through the streets of Los Angeles, wreaking havoc on those who dare stand in his way. *Rated R for violence, language, sexuality, nudity, drug use (83 minutes).*



### Saturday

**7 p.m. – The Last Kiss** starring Zach Braff and Jacinda Barrett. A contemporary comedy-drama about life, love, forgiveness, marriage, friendship ... and coming to grips with turning 30. *Rated R for sexuality, nudity and language (104 minutes)*



### Sunday

**2 p.m. – Hollywoodland**  
**7 p.m. – The Last Kiss**

### Thursday

**7 p.m. – Crank**

❑ **Editor's note:** *Movie schedule subject to change.*

## SFS Blotter

### MAJOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT (OFF BASE):

**DATE:** Oct 26

**LOCATION:** Traffic circle adjacent to the Portuguese civilian airport

**SUMMARY:** The complainant telephoned the SDCC stating she was involved in a vehicle accident. She stated that while on her way to work she approached a traffic circle. A Portuguese local national walked out into the street in front of her and was struck by her vehicle. The Portuguese individual stated he was not injured and proceeded to get into an unknown persons vehicle and drive off. SDCC informed her that she needed to report to C-915/SDCC to accomplish appropriate paperwork.

### SUSPECTED ASSAULT:

**TIME/DATE:** Oct 27

**LOCATION:** Gate-4

**SUMMARY:** The complainant telephoned the SDCC stating that a dependant minor was physically assaulted. The dependant verbally stated while he and a friend were walking home from the movies and an unknown minor approached him and struck him across the head. Security Forces made contact with unknown minors, who stated that the dependant was telling lies.

### MINOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT POV/POV:

**DATE:** Oct 28

**LOCATION:** Praia da Vitoria

**SUMMARY:** The complainant telephoned the SDCC to report she was involved in a vehicle accident. The complainant stated that at approximately 11:50 a.m., she was parking her vehicle when another driver attempted to pass her and scratched her vehicle. She stated the other driver verbally offered to pay for damages to her vehicle, they exchanged information and other driver departed the scene. The SDCC took photos of the damage to the complainant's vehicle.



## Jenny, the military spouse

Gear

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# PLANNER

□ **Editor's note:** 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).

## Miscellaneous

**Teen Mystery Night:** The library is holding a free Teen Mystery Night 7 p.m. today. Young adults from 6th – 12th grade are invited to participate for an evening of mystery, friends and fun. Put the clues together and help discover the secret behind "The Battle of the Bands." For more information or to sign up, call 535-3688.

**2nd Annual School Age Family Feast:** From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the Lajes Youth Center. Parents are encouraged to attend. Call Diana Sousa at 535-3273 for details.

**Auditions:** The Enlisted Spouses' Club holds auditions for February's Murder Mystery Dinner Theater from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Community Activity Center. There are nine parts for both men and women. For more information on auditions, e-mail [angela.dodge@lajes.af.mil](mailto:angela.dodge@lajes.af.mil).

**Crud Tournament:** The First Sergeant Council hosts a Crud Tournament starting at 11 a.m. Nov. 9 at the TORC. The cost is \$50 per team with as maximum of 7 players per team. For more information, call Master Sgt. Jim Ritchie, 535-1177 or Master Sgt. Ron Trembath, 535-5240.

**ESC Craft Fair:** The Lajes Enlisted Spouses' Club hosts a craft fair from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 11 at the LYP gym. Portuguese and American vendors of handmade or hard-to-find items are needed and can sign up for a booth for only \$25. For more information, call Jodi Warminsky, ESC President at 965-353-365.

**Thanksgiving Buffet:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 23 in the TORC. Cost is \$15.95 for adults; \$8.95 for children ages 5-12; and free for ages 4 and under. Club members receive a \$2 discount. Call 535-3202 today to reserve a seat or for more information.

**United in Love:** This support group, which takes place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Lajes Chapel, is for wives with deployed husbands. Din-

ner will be served and watch care for children will be provided. Massages and more "pamper me" gifts will also be available. Call Amy Phillips at 295-549-788 for more details.

**African-American Heritage Committee:** The AAHC is having their monthly meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday in the TORC's Officers lounge. Newly elected executive council members will be introduced and upcoming events will be discussed. Call Master Sgt. Richard Barnett at 535-3585 for more information.

**Mama's Milk & Me:** This breastfeeding support group meets the third Saturday of each month at the Lajes Airman & Family Readiness Center. Call the A&FRC at 535-4138 or Billie Curry at 295-543-008 for more details.

**A&FRC open on U.S. holidays:** The Lajes Airman & Family Readiness Center is open all U.S. holidays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with limited services. Team Lajes can use the facility to make "1-800" calls or visit the Internet Café.

**Lajes Youth Bowling League:** A bowling league for children 5-18 (and in school) begins Nov. 12 and meets at 3 p.m. Sundays. There will be a kids clinic and parent meeting Nov. 5. A signup sheet is available at Hillside Lanes. For more information, call 1st Lt. Jamie Barnes at 535-3712.

## Spiritual Fitness

**Catholic worship services:** CCD (through May), 9 a.m. Sundays; Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.; daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

**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 more information.

## Education

**Online OU courses:** Online course enrollments with the University of Oklahoma

begin Nov. 1. For more details, call Cheryl Christensen 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 is required. This month, people interested in starting their graduate degree can save more than \$200. For more information, call Etleva Davis at 535-1970 or e-mail [etleva.davis@phoenix.edu](mailto:etleva.davis@phoenix.edu).

## Lajes Schools

**HS yearbook advertisements:** Lajes American School is selling advertisements to help decrease the cost of the 2006-2007 yearbooks. A full-page advertisement costs \$100; half page, \$50; and quarter page, \$25. This will allow organizations and units to be forever remembered in the yearbook. For more information, or to place an ad, call Nadja Evans at 535-6443 or e-mail [nadja.evans@dodea.edu](mailto:nadja.evans@dodea.edu).

**School Web site:** Visit Lajes American School's Web site at <http://www.lajes-ehs.eu.dodea.edu> for the latest school information.

## Jobs/Volunteer

**Orphanage volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to adopt-a-child from an orphanage in Angra for Christmas. Volunteers will bring the child to base for a day out and get them a present. Volunteers are needed for the older boys and also siblings. For more information, or to donate items, e-mail Monique Thomas at [morenachik03@yahoo.com](mailto:morenachik03@yahoo.com).

**TolTest Incorporated:** TolTest Inc. has an immediate job opening for an assistant quality control manager. Construction knowledge is required for the position. Candidates preferably degreed in engineering or other technical program and must possess knowledge of

Microsoft Office and Adobe. Job responsibilities include visual inspections, measuring, basic report writing and material tracking. Electrical controls knowledge preferred, but not required. DEROS must be after January 2008. Applicants can e-mail their resume to [dan.firsdon@toltest.com](mailto:dan.firsdon@toltest.com).

## Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto: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.

Wanted: HELP!!! I am in great need of a car. Will pay up to \$2000 for a good solid running car with an inspection that is good for at least 8 months. If you have one for sale, call me at 295-549-228 or my cell at 968-424-351. Ask for Bill.

For sale: Sony CD Radio Alarm Clock -Original operating manual -Plays CD's and Radio - Electrically compatible here \$40; MR COFFEE - makes 4 cups -white-only used a couple times \$10; Computer Mouse -InterAct \$5 Call 295-542-341.

For Sale: Fisher Price Kawasaki Power Wheel with 12 Volt Rechargeable Battery Asking \$100 Call 295-549-558 or e-mail [july.dent@lajes.af.mil](mailto:july.dent@lajes.af.mil)

For sale: 2005 Silver 4 door Dodge Neon SXT, 5 speed manual transmission \$13,000 Under 2,000 miles, Plates good through 2007, Inspection's good til Jan 2009. AMFM radio, CD player, subwoofer, AC/heat, Sunroof, Rear Spoiler For more details call 295-549-350 after 6 p.m. or e-mail [nicky.burres@lajes.af.mil](mailto:nicky.burres@lajes.af.mil).

For sale: 3 Speed Worton Cool Breeze floor fan. Great for summer! 220V. Paid 50 Euro, will sell for \$25; Paper shredder, 220V \$15; 24" Multi-system TV. 110/220V Works great! \$30; Free: medium size Dog Kennel. Metal gate slightly rusted. Call 968-095-916.

Free cat to good home: 3 years old, female, spayed with sweet personality. Loves attention. Likes being only cat in house. Call Jenny at 295-549-811 if interested.

Two vehicles for sale: 1990 Opel Calibra. 195,000 Kms. Red German sports car. Turbo. Extremely fast 240 Kph/149 Mph+. CD player. New windshield. Runs great. \$3,100 OBO. 1990 Peugeot 205 160,000 Kms. Over 500 Euro spent on new suspension. CD player. Runs perfect. New tires. \$1,500 OBO. Call 295-549-640 or 961-922-251.

For sale: 1998 Nissan Altima. U.S. specs. Automatic. 90,000 miles. New brakes and tires. Excellent running condition. Asking only \$6,000. Blue Book value is \$7,000. Call 295-549-749 or 535-1241.

For sale: Green 1997 Camaro. Engine: V6 3.8 Liter Trans: 5 Speed Manual A/C Drive: RWD Mileage: 68,400 Price \$5,200 OBO. Call 919-182-497 or 295-542-279.

2000 Yamaha PW 50, automatic trans. Bought used in '03 for \$1K and used less than 20 hours. Comes with matching kid's helmet, throttle limiter and training wheels. Perfect beginner's bike and Christmas present. Will sacrifice all items for \$650. Call 295-549-248 or e-mail [gerald.nunes@lajes.af.mil](mailto:gerald.nunes@lajes.af.mil).

TV series for sale: The Shield: season 1, \$25; season 2, \$25; season 3, \$30; season 4, \$30; or all seasons, \$100; Oz: season 1, \$20; season 2, \$20; season 3, \$25; season 4, \$25; season 5, \$35; season 6, \$40; or all seasons, \$125; Six Feet Under: Season 1, \$20; Medium: season 1, \$15; House: season 1, \$20; 24: season 3, \$15. Call 295-549-248 or e-mail [gerald.nunes@lajes.af.mil](mailto:gerald.nunes@lajes.af.mil).



## Lajes' own participate in Feira do Cavalo

By Staff Sgt.  
Christin Michaud  
65th ABW Public Affairs

Feira do Cavalo, the island's annual horse fair was held Oct. 26-29.

Once part of Angra's Agricultural Festival, the horse portion was separated to include more exhibits and competitions, and now Feira do Cavalo is a show and celebration of the horse, explained Una Clancy, a certified instructress.

The event includes demonstrations and competitions, a chance for people to show off their horse and to spend time with others who have similar interests.

Two of the newcomers to the fair were from Lajes, while other Team Lajes members were involved as well.

Una rode in the opening ceremonies with five other riders performing to music.

Claudia Griffiths, 10, competed for the first time in the level P1 Dressage test with her horse, Malva, an 11-year-old Arabian mare.

"Claudia rode an Arab Mare called Malva in her first ever dressage test and rode extremely well, getting a special mention from the judge," said Una.

Sandra Mota, competed with her horse, a 13-year-old Anglo Arab horse called "Bad Boy" ("Maroto" in Portuguese) who was bred by João Moura (Mainland Portugal's top bullfighter).

"Bad Boy was a bullfighting horse owned these last 10 years by Joao Carlos Pamplona, but is also an excellent dressage horse," said Sandra.

Sandra and Bad Boy competed in the Class V Movement and Conformation Class, taking 5th place.

"It was my first time competing so I was very nervous and ultimately very pleased with the

outcome, she said.

"I'm privileged to be a pupil of Joao Carlos Pamplona at Quinta do Malhinha in Posto Santo, Angra. That means riding everyday," she added. "For those who may think this love of horses needs to come at an early age, I was struck down with the 'horse fever' at age 34.

"My advice for people who are interested in riding and competing is to be prepared to dedicate at least two hours of your day everyday and a lot of hard work."

"It looks effortless from the ground, but in truth it's your body controlling every movement of a 1200 pound animal with a mind of his own," she said.

"In the end, your objective is to get him to willingly perform the movements and do it in what seems to be an effortless manner for horse and rider."

Sandra's passion for horses came from her first visit to Quinta do Malhinha.

"There's a connection to these animals that I can't explain in words. They are so generous and always willing to submit to a gentle hand. I can't imagine my life without them now."

Age, gender or nationality doesn't come into play when there is a common interest in horses, explained Una. "It is the only sport where men compete against women and in certain events adults compete against children. It is possible to have a 7-year-old boy compete against a 70-year old woman."

Although from a different generation than Sandra, Claudia also enjoyed the opportunity to participate in Feira do Cavalo for her first time.

"I had a great time and can't wait to do it again," said Claudia.

The event allowed Americans to experience the culture with Portuguese people who share an appreciation for horses.



Ten-year-old Claudia Griffiths competed in the Feira do Cavalo, held in Angra Oct. 26-29. She and an Arab Mare called Malva competed in her first ever dressage test getting a special mention from the judge. Sandra Mota also competed for the first time and came in 5th place in Class V Movement and Conformation Class with her horse Bad Boy. (Courtesy photo)

## 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 an AAFES coupon.

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.

Week 8 was another tough week. Congratulations to Week 8 winner, **Alexa McMonagle**, who missed five and won with tiebreaker points. Now for the losers -- they get the honor of the "You Don't Know Jack" award. This week it goes to **Aaron Simmons** and **Deb Corder** who both missed nine. If this were a test, that would be a 35 percent - OUCH!

**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](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil). Submissions must be made before the opening kickoff in 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.

"As Howard Dean would say: 'Byahhhhhhhhhhh.'" 

-Alexa McMonagle

## Game Schedule

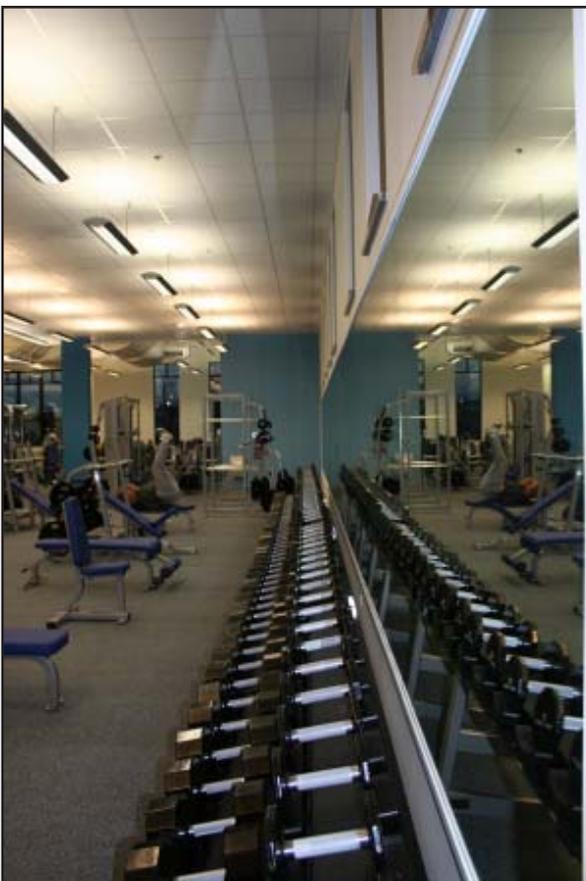
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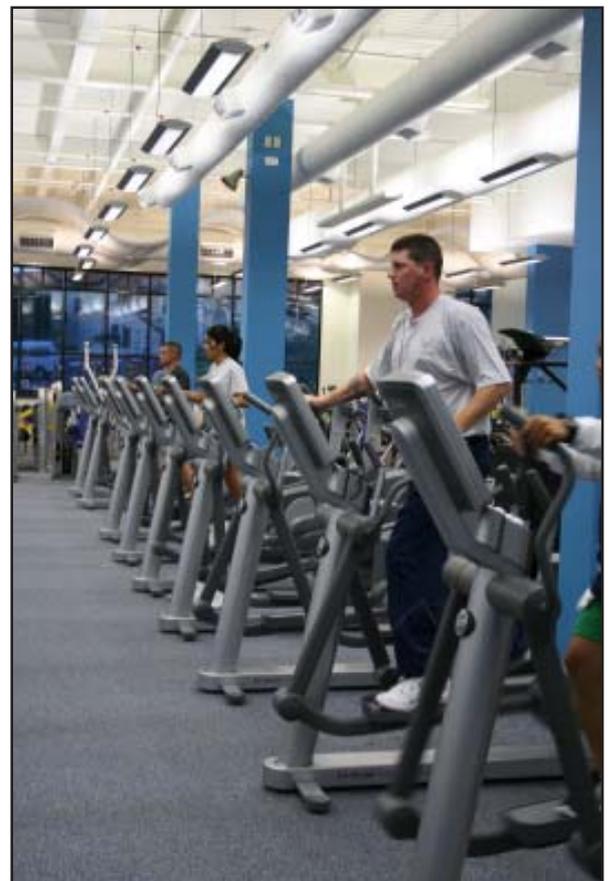
Monday Night's Game

- Oakland at Seattle

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## GYM OPENS



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