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Here comes the rain – and floods – again

By Lisa Wolverton
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The rainy season is upon us. And so is the base's flood problem.

Every year, the "winter" months bring heavy rains that exceed Hickam's storm drainage system capacity, causing reservoirs of water to form in streets and intersections, making driving dangerous.

The culprits? An outdated drainage system and unfavorable geography, said Dennis Yee, civil engineer for the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Hickam's 1940s-era storm drainage system is not able to keep up with development on the base and in surrounding areas, he said. The last 60 years have seen significant development, including a flightline that has doubled in size, resulting in increased areas of pavement and decreased areas of absorbent soil. In addition to stormwater runoff generated inside its gates, Hickam also receives drainage from Pearl Harbor, Nimitz Highway and the airport, creating an even wetter dilemma. If rain water cannot be absorbed by the ground or properly routed via a drainage system, flooding is inevitable.

The base's current storm drainage system is "undersized by 100 percent," said Mr. Yee, citing a storm drain study conducted in 1993.

"In other words, we need twice the capacity we have now," he said.

Twice the altitude would be helpful, too. Because the base is so close to the ocean and is so flat, its low elevation – about 10 to 15 feet above sea level, said Mr. Yee – is contributing to the flooding problem.

"The water table is very, very high," he said, adding that if digging a hole on Hickam, one would hit water at 6 to 8 feet. Consequently, when it rains, the ground takes a long time to soak up the water.

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Photo by Mike Dey

Rain water collects at the Officers Club parking lot near the missing man formation. This is just one of the many places around Hickam that water sits after a heavy rain. Base officials ask motorist and pedestrians to be cautious around the areas.

News Notes

Hickam Officers Dining Out – The 2005 officers' dining out is Feb. 19 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, and dinner begins at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle. Cost for CGOs is $40 for club members and $45 for non-club members. Cost for FGOs is $60 for club members and $65 for non-club members. For tickets and more information call Capt. Rustin Mangum at 449-5414 or Capt. Tamara Groves at 449-1701.

Hickam Officers Spouses Club – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will host "An Original Murder Mystery Theater" presented by the Radford Drama Club Feb. 15. The social will begin at 6 p.m. in the Officers' Club Lounge and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the function is $14.95. Spouses are also invited to attend this event. Those members wearing a black dress will earn a grand-prize ticket. Permanent reservations do not apply due to spouse invitation and the menu selections. Reservations must be made by noon Feb. 11 by calling Jolande Murray (A-L) at 423-7097 or Jeannette Ramirez (M-Z) at 422-7444.

Volunteers needed for "Hats off campaign" – March is the National Red Cross Month when we recognize all the support pro-

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Reservists were announced as selectees for promotion to Colonel Feb. 3.

Thomas Acton, USPACOM
Talentino Angelosante, PACAF/SF
Harris J. Kline, HQ PACAF/JA
Janice M. Montgomery-Suber, HQ PACAF/AMOCC
Gayle Seifullin, 624 RSG
John Spahr, USPACOM

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Tax Tips

What to bring to tax center appointments

Income Tax Filing Requirements

By Capt. Amina Diehl
15th Airlift Wing Legal Office

Electronic income tax preparation and filing started Monday at the Hickam Tax Center, located at Hangar 2. The following information is necessary to prepare tax returns and to electronically file returns. Bring this information to tax center appointments. Call the Legal Office (449-1737) or the Tax Center (448-0712) with any questions.

- Wages: W-2 forms for ALL 2005 employers for each taxpayer (Military: download from MyPay). If you or one of your dependents worked as a contract employee (for example, stocking shelves at the commissary), bring that person's Form 1099.
- Identification: Military ID card for active duty and retired personnel, and Social Security Cards for dependents. If your dependent does not have/is ineligible for a SSN, you must bring their Tax Identification Number to your Tax Center Appointment.
- Birth dates of all dependents.
- Childcare: Information on any childcare providers you have used, including names, addresses, social security numbers (or employer

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Photo by Ed Foster

For the 47th year the carnival will be at Hickam. This year s event is Feb 18 - 20.

Carnival coming to Hickam Feb. 18-20

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The rides, games, entertainment and thrills are just around the corner for Team Hickam.

The 47th Annual Hickam Carnival takes place Feb. 18 to 20 in the Earhart Village also know as Area 61. Admission is free, and there are door prizes, live entertainment, Kiddieland and the midway filled with games and carnival rides.

"It's a party that has something for everyone," said Dana Smith, 15th Service Squadron Carnival coordinator. "Younger children can have a great time, older youth can meet up and socialize, while there are still men trying to win the big prize for their sweethearts.

"This is my first carnival and it's exciting to see how youth and community centers work so well together with the rest of services to create such a grand event," she said.

The midway will be filled with 11 rides from E. K. Fernandez. E. K. Fernandez Shows is a locally-owned, third-generation family business that has been entertaining the

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15th Airlift Wing, 502nd AOG win 2004 AFOUA

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The wing and a tenant unit here were notified by Pacific Air Forces Command Feb. 2 that they were awarded the 2004 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The 15th Airlift Wing distinguished itself by exceptional meritorious service from Nov. 1, 2002 to Oct. 31, 2004, and the 502nd Air Operations Group was awarded for the time period of July 2002 to Aug. 31, 2004. Air Force personnel assigned to the wing and the 502 AOG during those dates are authorized to wear the ribbon or cluster.

Some of the achievements of the wing during this time period was to create a $190 million construction initiative supporting the bed down of the C-17 Globemaster III in the Pacific Theater, the largest mission increase in Pacific Air Forces since World War II.

The wing also provided impeccable support to over one thousand airlift missions, including 200 distinguished visitors, such as the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of the Air Force.

"Congratulations to our 15th Airlift Wing Team of contractors, civilians, enlisted and officers for earning this Air Force Outstanding Unit Award," said Col. Raymond Torres, 15 AW commander. "It is no surprise to me that your consistent hard work and professionalism has been recognized by our Air Force. You are a great Team and should all be proud of your service to our Country and to the United States Air Force."

"The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award recognizes a unit has gone above and beyond the normal call of duty," said Col. Mark Tapper, 502nd commander. "In the case of the 502 AOG, their dedication to mission, phenomenal execution and outstanding team effort garnered the well-deserved Air Force recognition.

"I am proud to be associated with every single one of the Airmen in the group who help continue the proud legacy of excellence."

My not-at-all-funny Valentine

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Managing Editor

I was playing in a soccer club in my hometown of Tampa, Fl., when I first saw her. We had a game scheduled at MacDill, and as I got my visitor's pass, she was hanging onto a bunch of the base team soccer players.

I remember thinking they looked a lot like me, so why shouldn't I take a shot at her.

We hung out intermittently that fall, and even though she wasn't completely a part of my life, I always thought whenever I was around her she carried herself well.

We didn't actually make a real connection until a road trip to Texas in early winter. To be honest, the trip started out kind of rocky as we were together as one for the first time, but by the end of the trip, we had an unshakable bond.

On our first overseas trip when I was a young Airman, we happened to be in Germany when "the wall" was coming down. She didn't mind staying in the billeting room while my mates and I went to the most rockin' demolition party of all time, German and English languages melding into one deafening sound – freedom.

She's been by my side ever since, from the time I got my first letter of counseling to proudly being on my arm four months later when that same officer handed me the plaque as squadron airman of the year.

She's quite a hottie, and even though her waist has expanded a bit over the years, certainly with my assistance, she still cuts quite an image. No matter where we go, no matter what we're doing, everyone I've ever met looks at her with want and admiration. And she's delivered, bringing joy, hope and inspiration to any and all fortunate enough to have been in her company.

Because of her bottomless cup of good will, strength and aid, she's been getting quite a bit of press, both locally and internationally. I know she prefers that she could get back to a place where everyone took her for granted, but if she has to bask in the light, she's done so in ways that makes everyone proud.

I'm not sure how much longer she'll be hanging out with me, which is kind of sad, because with each passing moon, I realize how much I've grown because of her time spent with me.

Yup, my life-long valentine, the Air Force uniform, she's a keeper all right, and I am fortunate she wouldn't have it any other way.

Tuskegee Airmen excelled in Army Air Corps

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) – Today's Air Force family is a mighty quilt that unites servicemembers of all races, religions, nationalities and creeds around the globe.

Our uniforms look alike, but the plurality of those who wear them is rich in culture and history.

This thought made me want to learn a little more about the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of determined men who enlisted to become the United States' first black military Airmen.

The unwavering resolve of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II arose during an era when many people found themselves engaged in another "war" on American soil over segregation and racial equality.

Nonetheless, the Tuskegee Airmen, hailing from various parts of America, strove to become pilots or master other aspects of aviation.

I wondered how such a group, many of whom still had to drink from "colored" water fountains, got such important and necessary training to promote their social and professional advancement.

At the urging of black leaders and the black press, the Army Air Corps began a special project to integrate black pilots into the fighter pilot program. The first aviation cadet class began in July 1941 at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee , Ala. and its pilots trained to fly single- and multi-engine aircraft.

The nine-month training began with just 13 Airmen in the first class. One of the graduates was Capt. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., a West Point Academy graduate. Four other students were commissioned second lieutenants, and five students received Army Air Corps silver pilot wings.

Between 1942 and 1946, 992 pilots graduated from Tuskegee and received commissions and pilot wings. Black navigators, bombardiers and gunnery crews were trained at other bases in the United States.

Soon, hundreds of black Airmen became college graduates or undergraduates by way of the military, and others qualified through comprehensive entrance examinations.

According to the National Home of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Web site, "no standards were lowered for the pilots or any of the others who trained in operations, meteorology, intelligence, engineering, medicine or any of the other officer fields."

Enlisted members received training in a variety of fields -- aircraft and engine mechanics, armament specialists, radio repairmen, parachute riggers, control tower operators, policemen, administrative clerks and many other specialties necessary for full operability as an Army Air Corp flying squadron or ground support unit.

The Tuskegee Airmen prepared to fight, fought to win and took care of each other in the face of adversity. I am grateful for the service of these Airmen, just as I am grateful for the service of all military men and women who fight for freedom, democracy and equality each day.

Action Line

Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

RECYCLABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Comment: I'm wondering if the base could contract with Reynolds Recycling Co. so reverse vending machines could be installed at the commissary, BX or shoppette, to accept recyclable beverage containers. I realize shoppers at the base retail outlets cannot be exempt from the 6-cent charge on each container. However, it seems like there aren't many redemption centers that are convenient to base. This would be a great asset to those of us who don't have the time to travel off base each week to redeem our containers not to mention the storage space for the empties. I appreciate you addressing this matter.

Response: Our Chief of Environmental Quality, visited Reynolds Recycling Co. to see first hand their operation, and how this reverse vending machine (RVM) can be of use to Hickam. He also inquired about the Reynolds' Redemption Center on trailer operation and its practicality to service the base. One unit RVM will cost approximately $1,000 per month ($525 rental and $475 labor). Based on the 2-cent handling fee that the Redemption Center may obtain, it will take a minimum of 50,000 Deposit Beverage Containers (DBC) for one machine to breakeven. We would need three RVMs to handle cans, plastics, and glass.

The supplier of RVM requires a minimum of one-year contract for each machine. Based on the population of Hickam, it was estimated that 76,800 containers may be generated. Although it may possibly pay for one RVM unit, it will not cover the cost for the rental of three RVMs. We also explored the possibility of having Reynolds Recycling bring in a trailer to the base to redeem the DBCs for the base users. Reynolds Recycling is a profit-driven organization, and based on our population, they don't consider it profitable to bring a trailer on the base to provide DBC redemption.

We are currently working the possibility of opening a redemption center on the base. Should you have additional questions or concerns don't hesitate to call Mr. Ron Lanier, 15 CES, at 449-1584, ext. 238.

Hickam Voices

Who was your first Valentine sweetheart?

My first valentine's sweetheart was when I was 14 and his name was Michael. He slipped me a note while being presented an award asking if I would go to a dance. I said yes and to this day I still have the card he gave me.

Airman 1st Class Stacey-Lee Hartigan
PACAF RSS

Nearly 20 years ago, my now husband Tim. We were in 7th grade and I got a card and a rose.

Staff Sgt. Jami Eyler
15th Communication Squadron

My first Valentine was Katrina Hammond and I gave her a box of candy and we exchanged cards. I was 12 years old and in the seventh grade.

Master Sgt. Stephen Johnson Jr.
AFOSI Region 6/SC

My first valentine was Andy from fourth grade. Before Valentine's Day, he grabbed my baseball cap. I gave chase and fell down and had to have seven stitches in my knee. The next day he gave me a red bag with valentines on it with my baseball cap inside, some candy, and a Valentine's Day card with a "get well soon" message.

Capt. Amina Diehl
15th Legal Office

I was 13 and his name was Chris. He surprised me with a beautiful charm bracelet and poem that made my heart flutter I could only imagine what my father would do if he found out. So I gave him the charm back. He lowered his head and never spoke to me again.

Angela Elbern
15th Communications Squadron

Next week's question:

What are you looking forward to enjoying at the Hickam carnival?
Feb. 18
What are you going to spend your tax refund on?

To respond to this question, send an email to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil with a response and phone number to contact you.

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Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300
Life Skills Support Center
449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
Base Chaplain
449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125

Motorcycle insurance: Base safety office has the helpful answers

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

For those people who may be considering buying and operating a motorcycle in Hawaii, there is something they should know.

Several requirements must be met for someone to acquire motorcycle insurance coverage in Hawaii. These also apply to scooter operators.

According to the Hawaii Revised Statute 431:10G-104, "any person seeking to obtain liability insurance coverage for a motorcycle shall first obtain:

- A valid motorcycle or scooter license; or
- A valid motorcycle or scooter learner's permit and submitted proof of enrollment in an approved motorcycle education course approved by the department of transportation; or
- A valid motorcycle or motor scooter learner's permit and submitted proof of enrollment in an approved motorcycle education course to the insurer. In this case, temporary insurance coverage may be secured."

People needing to enroll in a motorcycle safety course should contact the 15th Airlift Wing Safety Office.

Those wanting to enroll in a course sponsored by the Air Force, utilizing his or her own motorcycle, can contact the 15th AW Safety Office, according to Lt. Col. Jeffrey Spear, 15th AW safety chief. "Our office will submit the enrollment information to Leeward Community College who in turn will submit proof of enrollment to the insurer.

"Any insurance coverage obtained prior to submission of this proof of enrollment from LCC is invalid," said Morgan Keene, LCC program coordinator. The temporary insurance is subject to cancellation if the person fails to take, complete and pass the course for which proof was submitted to the insurer.

For more information, contact Lisa Jones at 449-0749.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Dino Teeth

Dillon Spear, 2, rides high on his dad West s shoulders as he checks out the toothbrush given to him from Dudley the Dinosaur Saturday at the B-Xtra. Airman 1st Class Mark Ratliff, 15th Aeromedical Squadron, donned the dinosaur gear to promote National Childrens Dental Month, handing out toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental information.

CARNIVAL, From A1

families of Hawaii since 1903. New to the midway this year is a fun house called the Cliff Hangar and a water game featuring Sponge Bob. Also the charters Barney, Simba and the Tazmanian Devil will be on hand for the children to say "hi" and talk with.

Proceeds from the carnival go to support Hickam's youth and community programs.

Some of the prizes this year include a trip for two to Las Vegas or the use of a brand new Hyundai Tiburon for a year. There are two ways to become eligible for the prizes. First, buy advance carnival scrip. Scrip may be used just like cash at the Carnival and may be purchased in advance from squadron POCs or at 15th Services facilities. The Vegas trip and many other prizes will be awarded on Friday night to those patrons who have purchased advance scrip.

The free car for a year, sponsored by Aloha Auto Group, and other outstanding door prizes will be given out to patrons who enter the contest at the 15th SVS sponsorship tent while attending the Carnival.

Carnival hours are Feb. 18, 5 to 11:30 p.m.; Feb. 19, noon to 11:30 p.m. and Feb. 20, noon to 10 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Feb. 18
6 p.m. - *Band of the Pacific "Hana Hou"*
7:30 p.m. - *Ka'ala Boys*
9 p.m. - *Thick Tubes*

Feb. 19
1:30 p.m. - *Adam Cruz*
3:30 p.m. - *Harrison*
5:15 p.m. - *Paradise Xs*
7:30 p.m. - *Kapena*
9:15 p.m. - *Linus the Band*

Feb. 20
1 p.m. - *The Next Big Thing*
3 p.m. - *Zanuck Lindsey*
4:30 p.m. - *The Rocky Green Band*
7 p.m. - *Paradise Xs*

FLOOD, From A1

This explains why developments close to the ocean, such as Fort Kamehameha housing, are usually hit the hardest during a storm. Additional areas on base prone to severe flooding include the Capehart housing area, O'Malley Boulevard, the Kokomalei Street and Ohana Nui Circle intersection, and the Freedom Avenue and Challenger Loop intersection.

The 15th Security Forces Squadron is responsible for closing streets and rerouting traffic if flooding becomes a safety hazard. If calls are received about stalled cars or if patrols reveal potential for a car to wash up, the street is closed.

"If we don't deem you can drive through there, we close it," said Staff Sgt. Harlan Dredge, NCOIC of Police Services. "It's a judgment call that we make."

Although there is a solution to the problem, it comes with a hefty price tag: tens of millions of dollars and several years of work, said Mr. Yee. Data on the existing storm drainage system is being collected and input into a computer program that will eventually indicate the system's strengths and weaknesses, and where improvements are needed.

"Until an analysis of the entire base is done, (repairs) would be hit and miss," Mr. Yee said.

Are your gums getting their respect?

With the realization that periodontal disease may result in even more serious consequences than tooth loss, some people are beginning to spend a little more time with their toothbrush and floss. Periodontal (gum) disease is a chronic bacterial infection that affects the gums and bone supporting the teeth. Periodontal diseases, including gingivitis and periodontitis, are serious infections that can lead to tooth loss.

While an estimated 35 percent of the population age 30 and over has periodontitis, many people are unaware they are infected. Periodontal disease is often silent; meaning symptoms may not appear until an advanced stage of the disease. Signals that you should visit a dentist or periodontist include:

Courtesy photo

Periodontal disease is a chronic bacterial infection of the gums.

bleeding gums during brushing; red, swollen or tender gums; gums that have pulled away from the teeth; persistent bad breath; pus between the teeth and gums; loose or separating teeth; or a change in the way your teeth fit together when you bite.

A growing body of research has linked periodontal disease to heart disease, diabetes, respiratory disease, and pre-term, low birth weight babies.

Heart Disease: Researchers have found that people with periodontal disease are almost twice as likely to suffer from coronary artery disease.

Diabetes: People with diabetes are more likely to have periodontal disease and periodontal disease makes it more difficult for diabetics to control their blood sugar.

Respiratory Infections: Research suggests that bacteria found in the throat and mouth is drawn into the lower respiratory tract potentially causing infections, pneumonia, or worsening existing lung conditions.

Pre-term, Low Birth Weight Babies: Pregnant women who have periodontal disease may be seven times more likely to have a baby that is born too early and too small because periodontal disease triggers increased levels of the biological fluids that induce labor.

What's the bottom line? Taking care of your gums not only helps prevent tooth loss, it will also make you healthier. If you would like more information concerning periodontal disease or suspect you have symptoms of this disease, please contact your local dentist or the Hickam AFB dental clinic at 448-6371.

Information courtesy of 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron.

First Term Airman Center graduates 32

The following Team Hickam Airmen graduate from the First Term Airman Center today.

FTAC helps transition first term Airmen from a training environment to an operational Air Force, with emphasis on what it means to have a warrior spirit and an expeditionary mindset.

Airman 1st Class	Gregory Ally	15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Airman Basic	Jerry Bonds	15th Civil Engineer Squadron
Airman 1st Class	William Brock	JICPAC
Airman 1st Class	Benjamin Conaway	324th Intelligence Squadron
Airman Basic	Kendra Conkling	15th MDS
Airman 1st Class	Jeffrey Cuddington	PACAF AIS
Airman 1st Class	Michael Dabill	15th Communications Squadron
Airman 1st Class	Don Dale	15th CS
Airman	Tammy Debarge	15th CES
Airman 1st Class	Guy Duquella	15th CES
Airman 1st Class	Devin Espinoza	15th Missions Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class	Laura Fisher	324th IS
Airman 1st Class	Brett Fowler	352nd IOS
Airman 1st Class	Shannel Garner	15th AMDS
Airman 1st Class	Ashley Gillig	PACAF AIS
Airman 1st Class	Brent Gustufson	324th IS
Airman	Timothy Herrick	324th IS
Senior Airman	Jeffrey Hill	324th IS
Airman 1st Class	Christine James	324th IS
Airman 1st Class	Patricia Kelly-Schmutz	15th MDSS
Airman Basic	Isaac Martinez	PACAF RSS
Airman	Anthony Modica	324th IS
Airman	John Poole	15th CES
Airman 1st Class	Geoffrey Rock	352th IOS
Airman	Ashley Royer	15th MDOS
Airman 1st Class	Henry Sims	324th IS
Senior Airman	Cindy Sims	324th IS
Airman	April Spainhower	15th CES
Airman	David Strickler	324th IS
Airman 1st Class	Devon Thomas	15th MSS
Airman	Anique Whitten	324th IS
Airman 1st Class	Christopher Wnuk	15th CES
Airman 1st Class	Leeza Zeigler	15th MDSS

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SNCO

KUKINI CORRECTION

Senior Master Sgt.
Randy Thompson,
HQ PACAF RSS,
was the Team Hickam SNCO of the the quarter. We'd like to congratulate Sergeant Thompson on his award.

NEWS NOTES, From A1

vided to the community by the local Red Cross and its volunteers.

A minimum of 40 volunteers are required from Hickam to assist other military members, firefighters, and police officers with collecting money at intersections around the island in support of the "Hats Off to the American Red Cross Campaign" March 5 from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

All funds collected will go to the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter to support local services for Hawaii's people. All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt, snacks and lunch! If you would like to volunteer e-mail Senior Master Sgt. Richard Cornelius at richard.cornelius@hickam.af.mil or Master Sgt. Anthony Hall at anthony.hall@hickam.af.mil or call 448-6239.

There will be a "kick off" day for this event at Tamarind Park, located at the corner of Bishop and King Streets, March 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Officer Training School – Due to fiscal 2005 Air Force force-shaping efforts, the non-rated (both non technical and technical) portions of the March 28 and May 10 Officer Training School selection boards (05OT04 and 05OT05) have been rescheduled for August 2005, Air Force Recruiting Service officials announced. The rated panels for these boards will convene as scheduled, according to AFRS officials. For more information concerning OTS and the application process, active-duty members should contact their local education office; civilians should contact the nearest Air Force recruiter. The Hickam Base Training and Education Center will be providing more information to the public as it becomes available.

Hickam Thrift Shop – The Hickam Thrift Shop is open for sales Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the second Saturday, (Feb. 12) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted Monday, Friday and the second Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. The shop will be closed Monday, Feb. 21, for Presidents' Day and open for extended evening hours this Wednesday 5 to 8 pm. The Thrift Shop is located in Building 1711 on Kuntz Ave., behind Tickets and Tours. Volunteers are always welcome! Donations are appreciated and may be dropped off at any time in the shed by the front door. For more information call 449-6603.

HOSC scholarships – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club awards scholarships that cover tuition, books, room, board and fees at an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university, vocational or technical school. Family members of active-duty Air Force, full-time Hawaii Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel stationed in Hawaii are eligible for these scholarships. Applications are now available at the Hickam Library, thrift shop or educational office. Deadline for applications is March 1. Full details on eligibility and requirements may be found in the 2004-2005 HOSC Scholarship Award Plan. For more information e-mail Roseann Bronston at hosc-scholarship@hotmail.com.

University of Oklahoma – The University of Oklahoma offers a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics and in Public Administration. Our Non–thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months. Our one-week classes are very TDY/TAD-friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364 or aphickam@ou.edu for more information or visit the Web site at www.goou.ou.edu.

Chiefs Group meeting set for Feb. 25 – The Chiefs' Group of Hawaii monthly meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. in the Tradewinds Enlisted Club ballroom. For more information, contact President, Chief Master Sgt. Paul Lewis at 449-4516 or Vice President, Chief Master Sgt. Troy Engholm at 449-4607.

Tax center now OPEN – The Hickam Tax Center is now open! Walk-ins, for 1040 EZ filers ONLY, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday. 1040EZ filers are single, have no dependents, and own no real estate. Everyone else must make an appointment by calling 448-0712. Appointment hours are Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (last appointment time at 3:30). The Tax Center is closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

CAA package due March 1 – Master and senior master sergeants who wish to volunteer for the Career Assistant Advisor position on Hickam must have their packages in by March 1. Reporting date is May 3. For full application requirements contact Master Sgt. Glenn Taijeron at 448-BLUE (2583).

Great Aloha Run! – Shirt sales extended through Feb. 14! Shirts can be bought Saturday at the B-Xtra from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The T-shirts are ash gray with blue writing (90 percent cotton/10 percent polyester) with the Air Force shield on the front, USAF in block letters and "Tsunami Relief Fund 2004-05" on the back. Cost is $10, of which $7 will go to the tsunami relief effort in the name of "The service men and women of Hickam AFB". Youth sizes of M and L and toddler sizes of 2T, 4T and 5/6 are now available. Those who would like to purchase a shirt can see their squadron Great Aloha Run representative or stop by the Health and Wellness Center (POC is Major Shaffer) between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., now until Feb. 14. Only prepaid (cash only) shirts will be ordered – no COD. T-shirt purchase is voluntary. This is a great opportunity to show pride as an Air Force member and help thousands of emotionally and financially exhausted families in dire need! Participation in the Great Aloha Run is not required to purchase a shirt. "This is an unofficial activity. It is not a part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and it has no governmental status."

Great Aloha Run Transportation – Three 45-passenger buses and one 56-passenger bus with storage capabilities for strollers have been ordered. The storage bus will be designated for participants with strollers. All four buses will leave from the Burger King parking lot Feb. 21 at exactly 5:15 a.m. for the run site. The buses will park at the Kam Lot across the street from the Aloha Stadium. They will return as the buses fill. For more information contact Maj. Shaffer at 448-6731

Get a news note in the Kukini — Got an upcoming base, unit or organization meeting or event? The Hickam Kukini can help advertise it. Just submit a brief to the hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil e-mail address. Deadline for briefs is Thursday at noon the week PRIOR TO the intended publish date.

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identification numbers), and the total amount paid to each provider.

- Interest and Dividend Income: All Forms 1099 from all sources. These include: 1099-R (pensions, traditional IRAs, annuities), 1099-INT (for interest income from, for example, bank savings), 1099-Div (for dividend and distributions), 1099-B (proceeds from broker and barter exchange transactions), and 1099-G (Government payments, for example, a state tax refund).
- If you have a non-deductible IRA, bring your IRS Form 8606 from your 2003 tax return (a Roth is a non-deductible IRA).
- Retirees: If you have a Social Security Statement from the Social Security Administration, bring the statement as some of the benefits may be taxable.
- Personal Residence and/or Rental Property: Bring your Form 1096 (Mortgage Interest Statement). If the following applies to you, contact the Tax Center for advice on documents required to prepare your tax return: If you own rental property, or sold or purchased property in tax year 2004.
- Miscellaneous: Education Expenses (Forms 1096-T and any other educational expenses you may have incurred in TY 2004); charitable contributions; moving expenses (unreimbursed); records reflecting any inheritance; and unreimbursed business expenses.
- Power of Attorney: If your spouse is unable to personally sign the tax return. This can be a general POA, a special POA (these must be notarized), or an IRS Form 2848 (does not require a notary). You can obtain POAs and/or copies of the IRS Form 2848 at the Hickam Legal Office.
- Direct Deposit: If you want to have your refund electronically deposited, you must bring a voided check OR the bank's routing number and your account number.

Photo by Angela Elbern

National anthem

Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron members Staff Sgt. Quanda Miller sings the National Anthem as Airman 1st Class Adrien Cliett, Hickam Honor Guard stands watch during the African-American Heritage Association s luncheon Feb. 4 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club.

Non-Judicial punishment actions

Staff Sgt.
Malachi Carmichael
Military Justice Paralegal

While punishments imposed for similar offenses may appear to vary from case to case, each case is decided based on a number of factors and on its own specific facts. Punishments vary, based on such factors as an offender's age, prior work and disciplinary record, financial condition, suitability for continued service and the level of severity of the particular offense committed. To ensure fair administration of justice throughout the Hickam community, the legal office reviews all cases.

A master sergeant was charged with one violation of Article 112, UCMJ, wrongful use of a controlled substance. On or about Sept. 20, through on or about Oct. 20, he wrongfully used marijuana. He tested positive for the drug during a random urinalysis test.

Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-6 (technical sergeant) and suspended forfeiture of $1,404 per month for two months.

A senior airman was charged with two violations of Article 92, UCMJ, failure to obey a lawful order. On or about May 26, she wrongfully drove on Hickam while she had an order in effect which suspended her driving privileges on all Air Force installations. On or about Aug. 28, 2003, to on or about Aug. 3, 2004, she was derelict in the performance of her duties in that she willfully obtained housing fraudulently and failed to report that she did not have any dependents living with her, as it was her duty to do.

Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the grade of E-3 (airman first class). Additionally, she received a forfeiture of $820 per month for two months, with the second month suspended and 30 days of extra duty.

A staff sergeant was charged with three violations of Article 92, UCMJ, failure to obey a lawful order and two counts of Article 86, UCMJ, failure to go. On or about Oct. 27, through on or about Nov. 4, she willfully disobeyed two field grade officers on three different occasions. On or about Oct. 14, and on or about Oct. 27, she failed to go to her appointed place of duty.

Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-4 (senior airman) and suspended forfeiture of $978 per month for one month.

An airman first class was charged with one violation of Article 92, UCMJ, failure to obey a lawful general regulation and one violation of Article 92, UCMJ, failure to obey a lawful order. On or about Aug. 10, and on or about Aug. 11, he wrongfully accessed his wife's government e-mail account. On or about Aug. 10, and on or about Aug. 11, he disobeyed a lawful order from his commander to not access his wife's network/e-mail account.

Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the grade of E-2 (airman) and 15 days of extra duty.

***Drug use is incompatible with military service. If you are caught using illegal drugs, unless you meet specific criterion, you will be involuntarily discharged from the military.*

Crime Scene

Kind of like being set in stone

An Air Force family member telephoned security forces requesting immediate assistance. The member reported obscenities written in wet cement. A report was filed.

And apparently the keiki was holding the keys

An active-duty Air Force member telephoned security forces requesting immediate assistance. The member reported she accidentally locked her infant inside their quarters.

It was wearing white after Labor Day

A military member phoned the security forces Control Center reporting a suspicious package outside his building. Emergency and police personnel responded and cordoned off the area. The package was secured and determined to be non-hostile.

Boy wants CD, boy has no money

A military family member was detained by Army and Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. He was processed and eventually released to his sponsor. Total cost of stolen merchandise: $16.

Another case of he said, she hit

An active-duty Air Force member reported his troop had been assaulted by his civilian spouse. Patrolmen arrived on scene and determined both members assaulted each other. Both parties were apprehended and charged. The unit first sergeant was notified and responded.

But they did save the two seconds pushing the lock button

An active-duty Air Force member reported items being removed from their unsecured vehicle. Patrolmen arrived on scene and took a written statement. A report was filed.

Editor's Note: For complete stories and more information go to www.af.mil

Officials announce Air Force 2006 budget proposal

WASHINGTON – The Air Force piece of the 2006 defense budget is designed to make the joint team better, officials said.

Announced Monday, the budget grows from $96 billion that Congress enacted for fiscal 2005, to $102.9 billion in 2006, a senior Air Force budget official said. After covering the growing costs of inflation and fuel costs, there is real growth of about $4 billion.

About $34.7 billion, or 34 percent, of the proposed $102.9 billion funding is dedicated to people. This growth covers the costs of a 3.1 percent military pay raise and 2.3 percent increase for the civilian force.

Readiness programs account for $29.9 billion, or 29 percent, of the proposed Air Force funding. This does not include the operations funding for the war on terror, which is funded separately in a supplemental request to Congress. Rather, it supports training and day-to-day operations, and includes increases for higher costs, especially in fuel, and additional dollars for key missions supporting the warfighter.

"We are at war today and the Air Force, as part of the joint warfighting team, is doing its part both operationally and through this budget to support this crucial national priority," the official said.

"The 2006 budget ensures the Air Force can execute the core missions of persistent (command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance), global mobility, and rapid strike, providing the Air Force the ability to help win the global war on terror and to strengthen and transform joint warfighting capabilities while minimizing the risk to our nation," the official said.

The detailed Air Force budget is available at: *http://www.dod.mil/comptroller/defbudget/fy2006/index.html.*

Photo by Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

Extending the mission

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – Staff Sgt. Talbert Reese performs a walk-around inspection before an aerial refueling mission. He is a KC-10A Extender flight engineer from the 9th Air Refueling Squadron.

Program allows full-time study while on active duty

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFPN) – A program allowing active-duty enlisted Airmen to attend college full time without loss of pay or benefits, and to graduate with both a degree and a commission might just be the best kept secret in the Air Force, officials said.

"It's easily one of the best programs in the Air Force, and not a lot of people know about it," said Maj. Gregory Nelms, an instructor and the admissions officer with University of Oklahoma's Air Force ROTC Det. 675.

"You stay on active duty while going to school with full pay and benefits and a full scholarship. Where's the down side?"

The Airman Education and Commissioning Program gives eligible Airmen up to three years to complete a technical, nursing, foreign language or area studies bachelor's degree and then be commissioned as a second lieutenant. Master's degree tracks are also available.

Airmen must adhere to war trophy mailing restrictions

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) – Throughout history, Soldiers have come home with souvenirs from battle. Many of these war-related items end up on display in museums and showcases.

As tempting as it is to bring back reminders of a military campaign, with few exceptions, taking or retaining individual souvenirs or trophies is prohibited.

"It is against the law to take certain souvenirs from a war zone," said 1st Lt. Andrew Ignash, 2nd Air Postal Squadron postal operations flight commander. "You can go to jail for mailing an illegal object."

Shipping weapons as personal property is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Lieutenant Ignash said.

War trophies, defined as enemy weapons, ammunition, explosives or items of equipment, are nonmailable. This includes live or spent rounds, pistols, machine guns, weapons magazines and anti-personnel mines.

Most munitions and military articles of equipment may not be mailed; however, war trophies that obviously pose no safety risk, such as enemy uniform items and flags, may be mailed, Lieutenant Ignash said.

"If you're unsure whether an item can be legally imported, don't try to mail it," said Tech. Sgt. Craig Thomas, the squadron's postal manager. "Ask your postmaster to clarify the rules, follow the regulations as written, and there should be no problem."

Almost all parcels move as cargo on commercial airliners, Sergeant Thomas said. Mailing war trophies can cause mail delays, bomb evacuations and confiscation of parcels when detected during X-rays by foreign government and airline officials.

For more information, contact officials at the post office, customs office or legal office. *(Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)*

Desert Hawk UAV patrols Tallil

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – Not every unmanned aerial vehicle in the sky is a Predator.

Airmen of the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron here are using a miniature UAV called a "Desert Hawk" that provides an extra set of eyes in the sky, gathering information and identifying threats.

The small, 7-pound remote control-led aircraft is used by security forces Airmen and is currently part of the Air Force's force protection airborne surveillance system. It has a four-foot wingspan and flies for about an hour using its rechargeable batteries.

"It is great working with the Desert Hawk," said Staff Sgt. James Ellis. "It is very simple, actually; all we do is program grid coordinates into a laptop and launch."

The manual describes the plane's construction as a state-of-the-art composite material, constructed of mold-injected expanded polypropylene.

"It is basically Styrofoam," Sergeant Ellis said. "It's pretty tough, but we can glue and tape it back together if it breaks."

The plane is launched by a bungee cord and controlled with a portable computer. One of its strengths is its flexibility, officials said. The Desert Hawk can change route while airborne by using waypoints in the computer's software program. The plane can also use interchangeable payloads of cameras and thermal imagers for day and night operations.

Wine tasting event

The Officers' Club will host its monthly wine tasting event on Feb. 18, in the Koa Lounge starting at 5 p.m. This is a members only event and offers some new tastes in wine. Food will also be served. Membership card is required for admittance. For more information, contact the club at 448-4608.

Childcare provider briefing required

A pre-licensing briefing for prospective childcare providers is held the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Family Childcare office located adjacent to the auto resale lot in Bldg. 2116.

Applicants must be base residents, 18 years old, a high school graduate, able to read and write English and pass a National Security check. Call the Family Childcare office at 449-1879 for full details. Please note that all persons caring for other families' children for a total of 10 hours or more per week must attend this briefing and get a license.

Presidents' Day pre-holiday disco

Get ready to boogie! The Enlisted Club's Presidents' Day Pre-Holiday Disco will be held Feb. 20. This fun-filled night features two rooms of entertainment – hip hop, reggae and rhythm & blues on the J.R. Rockers lanai and Ol' Skool in the lounge.

A delicious Soul Plate meal is available from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and admission to the disco is free. For information, call the Club at 449-1292.

Hawaii Trails and Hiking Club

The Hickam Library presents a special seminar on hiking Saturday at 1 p.m. at the library. Guest speaker is Danny Harmon, member of the Hawaii Trails and Hiking Club.

Mr. Harmon will discuss the basic equipment needed to get started in hiking, safety on the trail as well as brief reviews of recommended hiking books. The program is hosted by the library. For more information, call 449-7164.

Wind surfing lessons

Ever wanted to wind surf but just didn't have the equipment or ability to try? Outdoor Recreation has just the weekend for you.

On Feb. 19 and 20, Outdoor Recreation staff will conduct wind surfing lessons at Hickam Harbor from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost for the two days is $75 per person and includes equipment rental and instruction. Don't miss this introduction to one of the fastest growing water sports. Call 449-5215 for more information.

Mamala Bay golf tournament

The 36-hole Mamala Bay golf tournament will be held on Feb. 19 and 20. The tournament will be a 2-person, best ball format with gross and net prizes awarded.

Players may sign up at the pro shop. Entry fee is $30 per team plus daily green fees. Call 449-6490 for full details.

Air Force Teen Aviation Camp

The Air Force Services Agency has announced plans for the 6th Annual Air Force Teen Aviation Camp to be held June 4-9 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. Eligible teens must be high school sophomores or juniors during the 2005-2006 school year and have an interest in attending the Air Force Academy or making the Air Force a career.

This exciting program is open to family members of active duty Air Force, Air Force retired, Air Force civilian employees, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members. The deadline to submit applications is Feb. 28, and applications are available at the Teen Center. Call 449-2233 for more information.

Presidents' Day golf tournament

The Par 3 President's Day Golf Tournament will be conducted on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 21, with tee times starting at 10 a.m. The event will use a 2-person scramble format and cost is $22 per team. Entry fees include green fees and prizes.

Entry forms are available at the pro shop and must be turned in by Friday, Feb. 18. The tournament is open to all authorized personnel, dependents and guests. Call 449-2093 for more information.

Valentine's Day events

Valentine's Day is the holiday of love and the 15th Services Squadron has everything you need to celebrate Feb. 14!

Hickam's pre-teens can get the holiday started with a Valentine's Dance Feb. 11, hosted by the Torch Club from 6-9 p.m. at the Teen Center. Cost is just $3 at the door.

Then Saturday, the Officers' Club offers its annual Valentine's holiday dinner, a five-course feast that includes entertainment by Dennis Green on the baby grand. The menu includes sliced tenderloins, stuffed shrimp, an assortment of desserts and wines. Cost is $44.95.

Mamala Bay Golf Course gets into the act with its Valentine's pro shop sale, which runs through Monday. Get that golfing sweetheart something special during this great sale with discounts of 5 to 20 percent off on all merchandise in stock.

On Valentine's Day, enjoy a day of bowling with your sweetheart. Couples playing between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. receive a special offer – the lady gets a special Valentine's gift and bowls for just $1 per game (three game limit).

The Enlisted Club presents its Sweetheart Dinner, a four-course feast that features stuffed chicken breast and london broil with peppercorn sauce. Cost is $28 with a Member's First discount of $3. Tickets are required for this event.

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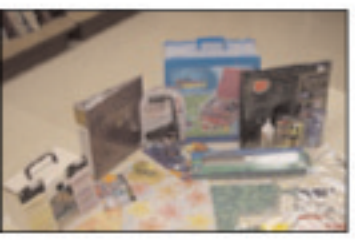
Valentine's Day events (con't)

If it's a romantic cruise you're looking for, Information, Tickets & Travel has just the ticket! A special Valentines Romance Cruise has been booked for the military and includes a two-hour cruise, a delicious buffet dinner, Hawaiian entertainment and dancing on the deck. Cost is just $50 per person. Call ITT today at 449-2230 for reservations.



Scrapbook marathon

Preparing for the next marathon? Well, run right into the Arts & Crafts Center for this month's Scrapbook Marathon to be held on Thursday, Feb. 17, at the center.

Come enjoy an entire evening of scrapbooking from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Meet new friends, share innovative ideas and create some fantastic books! Your purchase of supplies at the Arts & Crafts Retail Store gets you 10 percent off and, to help you through the marathon, there will be free refreshments. Need more details? Call the Arts & Crafts Center at 449-1568.

Adam Cruz returns to Sea Breeze

Popular singer Adam Cruz returns to the Sand Bar & Grill on Saturday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. His smooth guitar stylings and light rock songs have made him a favorite at the seaside restaurant.

Next door, the Sea Breeze Restaurant has announced its dinner specials for March. Heading up the menu is the New York steak and fried shrimp for $18.95; teriyaki chicken and shrimp tempura for $16.95; blackened rib eye and blackened mahi mahi for $18.95; and the famous seafood buffet on Sundays for $21.95.

Hours of operation for the two facilities are as follows: The Sea Breeze is open Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m and Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The Sand Bar is open Monday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m., Fridays from 3 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m to 9 p.m.

Start Sailing Right course

The next Outdoor Recreation 'Start Sailing Right' course will be in March. The date will be announced soon. Classes will be held at the Hickam Harbor office on Tuesday night with a group lesson on Saturday.

Sailing students will be trained to sail the Rhodes 19', the Catalina 14' and the Laser 12'. You'll learn everything from nautical terms, rope tying and navigation. Cost is $160 per person which includes classroom sessions, U.S. Sailing materials and boat rentals. Call 449-5215 for more information.

Valentine's couples golf tournament

Mamala Bay Golf Course invites golfers to play in the Valentine's Mixed Couples Golf Tournament on Sunday. This 18-hole, multiple format event will use second round tee times of 11:45 a.m.

Bring your favorite golfing partner and join the fun. Cost is just $15 per couple.

SPORTS SHORTS

Youth baseball sign-ups
Hickam youth ages 5 to 18 are eligible to sign up for the upcoming youth baseball season through today. The cost is $50. For more information, contact youth sports at 448-6611.

Youth wrestling sign up
Hickam youth ages 5 to 14 are eligible to sign up for the upcoming youth wrestling season through Feb. 28. The cost is $35. For more information, contact youth sports at 448-6611.

Earhart track update
Earhart track has been designated as the official test site for physical fitness tests. Testing times are between 5 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 11 p.m. Units can reserve the track for testing on a first-come, first-serve basis by contacting the fitness center at 448-4639.

Umpires needed
Diamond Head softball umpires need umpires and scorekeepers for the upcoming intramural season. Training will be provided. Please contact Stan Finch at stanley.finch@hickam.af.mil or 449-6958.

Coaches needed
The sports office is still looking for coaches for the 2005 sports season. Coaches are needed for women's basketball and softball. Interested individuals should contact the sports office at 448-4639. Without coaches the base will not be able to offer these activities.

Surfers wanted
The base sports office is looking for active-duty Air Force members to surf in the upcoming Hawaii Armed Services Athletic Council surf meet this weekend. Interested personnel should contact the sports office at 448-4639.

Varsity women basketball players wanted
Women players are needed for the upcoming varsity season. Players can be military, dependents out of high school or Department of Defense employees. To sign up call the fitness center at 448-4639.

Racquetball action Tuesday
324 IS topped 352 IOS 3 matches to zero.
15 CS beat 735 AMS 3-0.
15 AMXS beat HIANG 2-1.

Basketball Schedule

Monday
5:30 p.m.
15 SFS vs HQ PACAF
6:30 p.m.
15 MDG(2) vs 502 AOG(1)
7:30 p.m.
342 IS vs 15 SVS
8:30 p.m.
692 IOG vs CES(1)

Tuesday
5:30 p.m.
PACAF RSS vs PACAF CSS(2)
6:30 p.m.
15 MSS vs 502 AOG(2)
7:30 p.m.
735 AMS vs 15 MDG(1)
8:30 p.m.
352 IOS vs 15 CES(2)

Basketball Scores

Monday
15 SVS 49 — 15 MDG 32
HQ PACAF 51 — PACAF CSS(1) 41
15 SVS 44 — PACAF AIS 34
502 AOG(1) 42 — JPAC 37

15th Communications Squadron goal keeper Jason White looks back in futility as 15th Civil Engineer striker Rhibano DoKong, far left, stuns the line of 15th CS defenders with his third goal of the first half.

King DoKong

15th CES striker does so early, often in 7-0 grounding of 15th CS

Rhibano DoKong, 15th CES, was the star of the show Monday, scoring five and assisting on one of their seven goals.

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Managing Editor

Jorge Monteiro, 15th CES midfielder and primary ball handler, clears space and advances downfield during first-half action.

Kenneth Kurtzhals, 15th CES, beats a 15th CS defender as he leads a break during first half action Monday. Kurtzhals had two goals during the CES 7-0 win to start the base intramural soccer season.

You couldn't blame Rhibano DoKong if he played poorly during the 15th Civil Engineer Squadrons 7-0 defeat of the 15th Communications Squadron during the opening match of the base intramural soccer season Monday night. He had plenty of justification.

A day returned from his week-long participation in the Silver Flag exercise at Yokota Air Base, Japan, an exhausted DoKong broke for lunch on game day not even knowing if or when they were having a match.

"I didn't hear until this [Monday] afternoon that we were on," he said.

But it was the CS players who appeared decimated by jet lag, allowing DoKong to have a hat trick by the game's mid point and a total of five goals before leaving the game early in the second half.

The first half of the first half was a defensive struggle, with midfield play and solid net keeping ruling the field.

In the 13th minute, CES primary pass distributor Jorge Monteiro flicked the ball through two defenders to a fast-streaking DoKong, who sent the shot far post, ripping the net past the diving CS keeper Jason White for the first score of the game.

The scoreboard started moving swiftly after that.

Less than two minutes later DoKong lobbed a pass to Kenneth Kurtzhals, who one-timed it out of the air. The shot ricocheted off a CS defender, arching over the CS keeper.

CES tallied their third score of the half a minute later.

Taking a chest-high pass from Monteiro, DoKong flicked the ball to himself over a CS defender. Hitting the self-pass in mid-air on the outside of his foot, he bent the ball over the lunging White for his second score of the game.

DoKong capped off his first-half trifecta and the CES scoring assault on a quick shot of a header from Derek Mast in the 23rd minute.

Despite the offensive explosion, the score would have been even more lopsided had it not been for some solid net minding by White. He stopped two penalty-driven direct kicks by Monteiro in the first five minutes, and later snuffed a breakaway by Monteiro just before DoKong's final score.

The halftime break didn't serve to cool CES' offensive ways.

Employing a 'build from the back' offense, CES took the opening kick-off and worked the ball back to defender Joshua Biggers, who drew all the CS players to him before dropping a pass to his right.

Mast took the pass on the run, leading a trail of CS defenders to the far corner. Surrounded, he pushed the ball through to a wide-open DoKong for his easiest score of the game.

"I saw that Mast was stuck with the ball on his left foot, and knew he wasn't going to shoot," DoKong said. "I was all alone in front of the net."

CES keeper Joaquin Salazar went on the offense early in the second half. After gathering a CS shot, Salazar punted the ball deep, with the first bounce hitting at midfield, the second bounce landing on Kurtzhals' boot, who promptly left-footed it to the near post and a 6-0 CES lead.

As easy as his previous score was, DoKong's fifth and final tally took a lot of work.

Passing to himself, twice, through a forest of CS defenders, DoKong appeared trapped until a quick twist of his torso opened up daylight for a clear chip over the keeper's head and the eventual final score of 7-0.

Week 5 "Alive in '05" program

Tech. Sgt. Demetra Turner and Mr. Joel Richardson
Hickam AFB Health and Wellness Center

If you haven't made any changes in your eating lifestyle—perhaps reducing calories, fat or sodium—get ready to start! Eating "right" doesn't mean eating bland food.

You can transform any recipe, even your Mom's specialties, into a delicious and nutritional meal. By using a few subtle modifications you can improve the nutritional content without much change in flavor.

1. Pick the ingredients you might want to reduce. For example, in many baked foods, you may be able to cut back on sugar by one-third and still enjoy good results.

2. Try modified foods available in supermarkets. For example, use cholesterol-free egg products, reduced fat cheese or sodium restricted broth.

3. Think about why ingredients are used in the recipe. For example, in meat, poultry, fish, and vegetable dishes, salt enhances taste; herbs make flavorful substitutes. Regular ground beef is a key ingredient in hot chili, but lean ground turkey works just as well. Low-fat yogurt can take the place of sour cream in dips, potato toppers and some creamy sauces.

4. To boost nutrients, decide what ingredients you might add. For example, fortifying casseroles with wheat germ or dry milk powder may go unnoticed.

Adding shredded carrots to mashed potatoes or dried cranberries to oatmeal gives extra flavor and color, along with nutrients.

So far you've focused on changing your diet and your exercise routine. Now let's take a look at another change: the change in how you look at yourself.

If you've been following the "Alive in '05" program, you've probably changed your body and your eating habits, but how about what's inside?

After a month of working out, most post-workout soreness should have subsided.

Has that soreness been replaced by a newfound self-esteem? Do you look in the mirror and like the person you see? What you see doesn't have to be perfect, but you should be able to see all the improvements you have made. And think of the sacrifices you've made to get there; the dietary changes, those 6 AM workout. Has it been worth it? Of course it has! Still doubting the benefits of all this healthy stuff?

Take a look at the great things you are getting from your new healthy lifestyle:

- Lower body fat levels
- More lean muscle
- Higher metabolism
- More energy throughout the day
- Higher bone density
- Better sleep at night
- Reduced tension
- Improved blood cholesterol levels

If you think you haven't experienced these benefits yet, you might be surprised at what you find the next time you look in the mirror. We'll see you next week for the final week of the "Alive in '05" program.

Compare these two recipes for Tuna-Noodle Bake. Notice how the traditional recipe has been changed to make it lower in fat, cholesterol, and sodium, yet higher in fiber.

Learning a new recipe helps to maintain motivation to lose weight, encourages healthy eating and prevents diet boredom. Try to learn at least one new recipe every month.

Original Recipe

8 oz. egg noodle
2 tbsp. butter
2 cans (7 oz each) tuna, packed in oil
1 cup sour cream
3/4 cup whole milk
1 can (3 oz.) sliced mushrooms
1 tsp. onion salt
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 cup plain bread crumbs
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tbsp. butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 F. Cook noodles in salted water as directed. When cooked, drain and rinse. Return noodles to pot; add butter. Stir in tuna, sour cream, milk, mushrooms, onion salt, salt, and pepper. Pour into a greased 2-qt. casserole. Combine bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese and melted butter. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake for 35 minutes.

Makes 6 (1 cup) servings.
480 cal (235 Cal from fat)
Total fat 26 g- Saturated fat 13 g
Cholesterol 102 mg
Sodium 1,100 mg
Total carbohydrate 34 g
Sugar 3 g
Dietary fiber 0 mg

Makeover Recipe

8 oz. whole wheat noodles
2 cans (7 oz. each) tuna in spring water drained (or subsitute with salmon)
1/2 can (10-1/2 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup pureed (1 percent) cottage cheese
3/4 cup skim milk
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup shredded carrots
1/4 cup green peppers
1 tsp. onion flakes
1/4 tsp. each paprika and tarragon
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Cook noodles in unsalted water. When cooked, drain. Return noodles to pot, stir in tuna, soup, cottage cheese, milk, celery, carrots, green pepper, onion flakes, paprika, tarragon and pepper. Pour into a non-stick 2-qt. casserole. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese. Bake uncovered for 35 minutes.

Makes 6 (1 cup) servings.
295 (45 cal from fat)
Total fat 5 g
Saturated fat 2 g
Cholesterol 25 mg
Sodium 640 mg
Total carbohydrate 35 g
Sugar 3 g
Dietary fiber 2 g

Courtesy photo

Quiet please!

Senior Master Sgt. Chris Felth, 56th Air Postal Squadron, helps control the crowd noise during the Turtle Bay Golf Tournament. Sergeant Felth, his wife, Sherry, and daughter, Jennifer, volunteered during the Jan. 24-30 tourney.

Falcon basketball team knocks off Wyoming, 69-66, in OT

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) – Aggressive second-half play by the Falcons paid off dividends as the Air Force Academy women's basketball team overcame a 12-point halftime deficit to defeat the University of Wyoming, 69-66, in overtime here Feb. 5. The Falcons improve to 7-13 overall and 2-5 in the Mountain West Conference, while Wyoming drops to 12-8, 3-4 in conference play. With the win, Air Force matches its Division I-best season win total and sets a new record for most conference wins in the MWC in a single season.

Wyoming owned the opening half, getting out to an early 5-0 lead. While Air Force came back to tie the game at 6-6, the Cowgirls responded with a 7-0 run to regain their advantage, which they held onto for the rest of the half. Despite a few offensive flurries by the Falcons, Wyoming took a 34-22 lead into intermission, hitting 45 percent from the field, including five shots from beyond the three-point line.

The second half was a completely different story, as the Falcons seemed to have something to prove in front of its biggest crowd of the season. Air Force began working away at the margin, pulling within 10 with 14:35 remaining in the half. The Falcons went on to score the next 5 points, including four by Ashley Mickens, but Wyoming again stretched its lead to 8 points at 44-36.

Not ready to back down, Air Force went on an 8-0 run to tie the game for the second time, fueled by solid play from Mickens, Andrea Taylor, Alecia Steele and Ellen Jaeschke. However, Wyoming responded by scoring seven straight to regain control. Once again, Mickens' hustle on both ends of the court helped ignite a spurt by the Falcons that tied the game again, capped off by a jumper by Steele at the 3:23 mark.

Twice more, Wyoming regained the lead, and twice more, Air Force had an answer. After a pair of free throws by Wyoming's Ashley Elliott gave the Cowgirls a 56-54 advantage, Steele grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled on the game-tying shot. Her free throw gave Air Force its first lead of the game with 1:25 remaining in regulation. Lauren Henderson hit a pair of free throws with 24 seconds on the clock to put the Falcons up 59-56, but Wyoming's Kristen Lenhardt made a three-pointer with 10 seconds left to bring about Air Force's third overtime game of the season.

The Cowgirls scored the first basket in overtime, but the Falcons came back to tie and then take a 64-61 lead. However, three straight free throws by Wyoming tied the game for the eighth time with 1:10 left on the clock. A driving layup by Henderson with 44.6 seconds remaining put Air Force back up, but Wyoming's Erin Hicks responded with a jumper just 20 seconds later. With a chance to avoid another overtime period, Henderson once again went in for the score, getting fouled on the drive to set up an opportunity for a three-point play. The free throw was good, and Air Force held on for the 69-66 victory -- its first win in overtime this season.

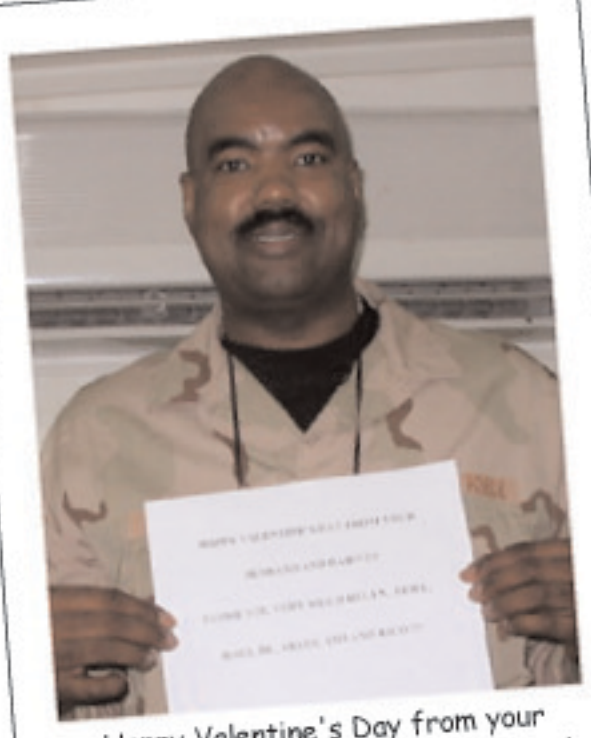
"It's probably one of the best games we've played all year," said head coach Ardie McInelly. "We haven't been able to play all 40 minutes in a game and today, we did that and then some. When we were down by 15, we could have given up, but we didn't. ... It was just a great team effort. Our goal was to hold their top three scorers under their season average, and we did that. We executed our game plan to a T."

Steele and Henderson led the Falcons, who shot better than 40 percent for the game, with 15 points each. Steele added a team-high nine rebounds, while Henderson recorded eight assists and just one turnover. Meanwhile, Mickens tallied a career-high 9 points and eight rebounds.

Hickam's sweethearts near & far

To: Allison Vreeland
Happy Valentines Day Ally!
Love, Lisa

Dearest Snow,
Sending li'l messages of love, to your heart from mine. Jus' to say ... be it morning, noon or night you're in my thoughts all the time.
Love, Sarge



Happy Valentine's Day from your husband and dad. I love you very much Helyn, Ariel, Raul Jr., Aryes, Ami and Rico. - Master Sgt. Raul Wilshire

To: Alex O'Brien
To the best husband in the universe, I feel like so lucky everyday when I wake up next to you! I love you Alex.
Love, Lisa

To: Kory L. Benedetti
A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though she knows that you are slightly cracked.
Love, Lisa

To: Maria E. M.
Sometimes, you inspire me to be inspired. I enjoy everything about you.
Love, Lisa

To: Ashley Jackson
I know I haven't talked to U in a long time, but I care about you and miss U, just 2 let U know.
Love, Lisa

Sofia, 5, Marky, 9 and Betie Glynn send a Valentine a salute to their father and husband, Maj. Mark Glynn, Pacific Air Forces.

To: Rachelle Carnley
In my mind, you are like a volcano, full of energy, your lava is exciting when it's out!
Love, Lisa

To: Karen Allen
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Lisa

To my wife Donna and daughter Chelsea,
Happy Valentine's Day, I love you both for making my life complete.
Love,
Chuck/Dad

Dearest Elvie,
Just wanted you to know how much you mean to me.
You are my Valentine every day of the year.
Love you,
Brad

Robyn – Today's a very special day for sending all my love your way! I love you so much I couldn't wait for Valentine's Day!
Love, John

Happy Valentine's Day Rick, Ashley, Sara, Madyson and Riley.
I love you all very much!!
Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Anniversary
To Ray with all my love,
Bella

To "Lucky,"
Even though we are separated under strange and unfair circumstances, know I think of you and miss you daily...I love you honey...
"Loli"

I would like to send a greeting to my wife of 14 years, Caroline Hayes. I would like to say that I love her and that she is the light of my life Always&4ever!!!
TSgt Hayes

TB,
You mean the world to me. Thanks for being there, ILU
BR

To my family - Super Kiddo, Little Buddy, and Tiny Bahban, I love you, miss you, and can't wait to get home. Happy Valentine's Day! Daddy. - Maj. Mark Glynn

Bambi,
Thanks for a life where every day brings the love of Valentine's Day!
Love you, The PizzaMan

Deb, Katarii-chan, Galink, and Boo: I love you more than you'll ever know!! Smootches all around!!
E/Dad

Dear Chief,
It's Valentine's Day once again
And as I think of you
Wonderful thoughts fill
my mind
As they always do
After all these years
I can still see and feel
The sparkle in your eyes
The love in your heart
So on this special day
to you, I'd like to say
Will you be my Valentine
My Special Love for all time.
Capt & Hanna

Robin,
Happy Valentine's Day, 1 out of 5 ain't bad! Thank you for our five years, our three beautiful children, and your love burritos.
Derrick

To my daughter and my wife. You are my life and I love you for it. Happy Valentine's Day Ang and Em!

Chuck
"Ua Ola Ae Nei Loko I Ko Aloha"
Angie

Sweet Lyn, for fourteen years you have been my heart, my hope, my dreams, you are everything.
I love you with all my soul.
Don

To: Roxanne, a great mother, wife and all around fun gal! Be my Valentine this year and always. I love you so much, you make my eyes wata!
Isaac

Donna:
Another Valentine's Day is upon us, and I find myself even more in love with you now than the last. I love you Donna.
Chris

To: my best friend forever (BFF)
No matter what happens we will always be friends. I still love you and care about you and I hope you have a great Valentine's Day and a Happy Birthday. Love ya
Josh the Bosh

Dear Lourdes,
You're the best thing that ever happened to me. Thanks for your love and the wonderful kids you've given me.
Love you, Ed

Donna-Kaye
You have always been the best thing for me and our family. I love you more each day!
Love, fg

Little Lady,
You're the light of my life, my soul mate and my best friend. I love you with all my heart.
Scott

Staff Sgt. Erin Page, 15th Mission Support Squadron, hoists up her oversized Valentine greeting to deployed husband Staff Sgt. Jacob Prichard, 15th Airlift Wing. Sergeant Prichard was not able to take a photo.

Photo by Angela Elbert

Karen-
Every day, my love for you grows. Thank you for all the gifts you've given me. Together, there is no challenge we can't face. 143
Evan

I hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day. I wish I could be with you. I love and miss you very much. Love always, Dad. Staff Sgt. Joseph Bishop.

To my wife, Daria:
You are my one and only Valentine.
Your hubby,
Joe

Mi Angela,
Love ya…
XOXO

… Happy Valentine's Day, Ronnie .... this is our first as husband and wife .... best friends we are...and confidantes for life .... xoxoxo Vickie

Toni and Casey,
There is only one happiness in life, to love and be loved. Because of you, I do and am. All I do, I do for you and your love. I love you both so very much.
From Your Loving Valentine,
Aloha I'a Au Oe,
Jim

To August Laubach, all my love on Valentine's Day,
and for the rest of our lives. I love you puddin' butt!
From your cowboy

Jessica, Jasmine, Kindra and Zach, although I'll be away this Valentine's Day, just know I love you all, very much. Happy Valentines
Love, Dad

Kona,
I am deeply in love with you. You're so sexy and so beautiful!!! Voglio baciarti. Will you marry me...again?
Ti amo.
Koka

To: TSgt Vernon Grant Jr.
From: Mrs. Atiya Grant
I never knew that I could love someone so deeply, completely, and endlessly until I fell in love with you. May our love continue to grow!!

T-Ru,
Not Valentines, but someone thinks you're *kinda* cool. Let me know when you're willing to pay the price for numbers '2' and '4'.
M-Mu

Dearest Tami,
Even though I'm in Korea this year, it doesn't mean I'm not thinking about you any less as my Valentine. Love you "whole bunches."
MSgt Carlos Pineiro
Just PCS'd to Korea

J,
Thanks for always being there! Your dedication to our family keeps me at peace when I'm away. I Love You!
B

To: FVC
I am truly blessed and honored to have you in my life. I will love you always.
KMC

Missy - 3 months may seem like forever, but with our love, that time will flash by, and not even be a blip in our lives. - Love, Rob

Happy Valentine's Day Bryce and Jr., I love you guys. SSgt. Bush, thanks for everything, I'll miss you and Happy Birthday to my mother Pamela.

Barbara, Missy, Lainey and Carleton: Happy Valentine's Day! Love you!! Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day to the love of my life Ricardo A. Gomez… I Love You!!!!!!
XOXOXO,
Vianca A. Flores

To my loving wife and daughter: Happy Valentine's Day!
Your loving kocisko

Carol,
For 14 years my love has grown for you more and more every day, you are truly the light of my life!
Always&4ever,
Randy

Dear Muppet, Mimi, Mini-Me, Mookie aka Princess Maddison,
We love you from here to the moon and back to infinity and beyond!
XOXO
Mommy and Daddy (Yin/Yang)

Boo-Boo
I never knew that I could love someone so deeply, completey and endlessly until I fell in love with you. May our love continue to grow.
Love
"Red Sonya"

Love notes from family members to deployed sweethearts

Tech. Sgt. Mark Jenson II
Hi daddy, we love you, you're the best dude.
Michelle, Mark and Amber

From left Mercedes, 2, Sabine and Bailey Bishop, 10 months, send their love to deployed husband and father Staff Sgt. Joseph Bishop, 25th Air Support Operations Group.

Ch. Robert Borger
We are so proud of you. We are so thankful to God for your heart to serve him. You are our hero.
Jennifer, Emily and Nate

Tech. Sgt. Jermaine Thomas
We love and miss you and hope your heart is warm even though the temperature there is cold. Always thinking of you with Aloha.
Sheri, Ayanna and Jermaine

Tech. Sgt. Mark Avery
Miss you very much, see you in March. Thanks for the birthday gift.
Betty, Brittney, Rae Dawn, Byryne and Jirien

Master Sgt. Roberto Maximo
We miss you and we love you. Come home safe and soon.
Lucrecia, Charlene and Christina

Staff Sgt. Peter Rieta
We love you very much with all our hearts and miss you lots. Love you Dad!
Crystal and Alexander

Airman 1st Class Elbert Tejano
We miss and love you. Can't wait to see you in March.
Elana and Janelle

To: Nikki T.
Just to let you know, there are people here that miss you and love you, you are the shop's Valentine!
Love
Base Ops

Dear Daddy (deployed to Thailand in support of the relief efforts for the tsunami),
We miss you! We are so proud of you! We love you so very much!
Love, Libby, Nick, & Sunshine (and Mommy, too!)

AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 449-2239 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Thursday 7:00 p.m.

WHITE NOISE – People have always searched for a way to communicate with the other side driven to find a way to connect with loved ones who have passed on. Jonathan Rivers, distraught after the mysterious death of his wife, is contacted by a man who claims to be receiving messages from her through something he calls electronic voice phenomena, or, the "white noise" most of us hear when we flip through the radio dial. Jonathan is at first skeptical, but then becomes convinced EVP is real and tries to contact her himself. Starring Michael Keaton, Chandra West PG-13 (violence, disturbing images and language).

Sunday 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

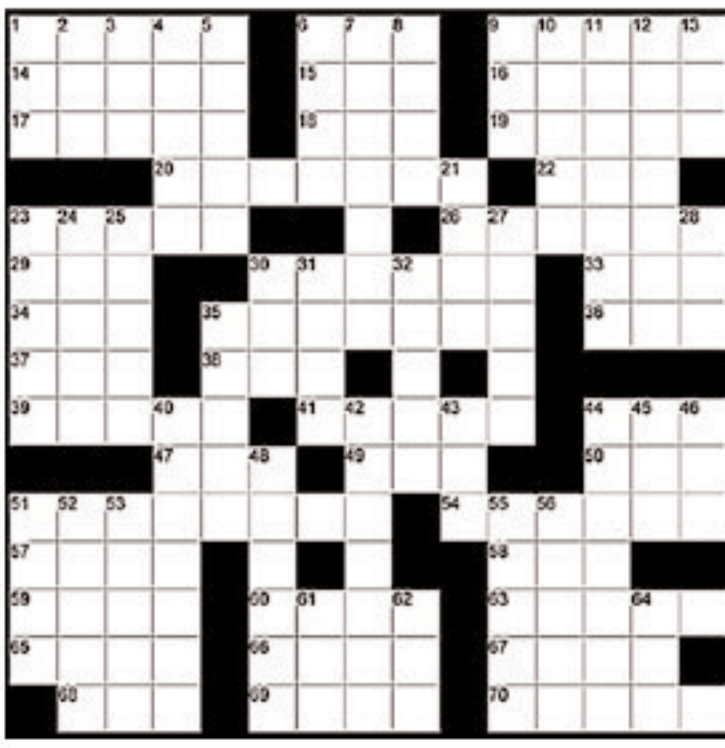
FAT ALBERT – Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids literally come to life and step out of their animated, inner-city Philadelphia, cartoon world. The crew step out of a TV one day and into modern-day America, where they discover pop-top cans, shopping malls, rap and girls, girls, girls. Starring Kenan Thompson. PG (momentary language).

Crossword puzzle: African-American Military Trailblazers

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

ACROSS
1. Disorder or confusion
6. Ho __ Minh
9. Examine by trial
14. Pervade
15. Coop resident
16. Central Perk offering
17. First black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Powell
18. Op and fine
19. Wal-Mart or Target
20. First American of WWI to receive French Croix de Guerre
22. Female sheep
23. Shut out
26. Greatest in age
29. The Greatest
30. Music player
33. Edge
34. Cistern
35. Black fighter ace of WWI
36. ___ Paulo, Brazil
37. Native or resident of (suffix)
38. ___ Angeles, CA
39. Twilled cloth of worsted
41. Fluid in tissue spaces
44. Actress Carrere
47. Aries sign
49. Personal ad abbrev.
50. X or gamma
51. African hunts
54. Course of action
57. Ukraine city
58. Lout
59. Model MacPherson
60. Burden
63. First Black graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy
65. Healthy
66. Sea eagle
67. Garfield foil
68. Singer Doris
69. Cincinnati team
70. First Black Air Force 4-star general of AFMC

DOWN
1. Mil. abbreviation for President
2. Health org.
3. YA-1 aircraft for USAF, in short
4. Séance board
5. Spanish sir
6. Martial arts actor Jackie
7. John Glenn middle name
8. Lean ___ the wind
9. USAF PME
10. Satisfied
11. First black to receive MOH for WWI
12. Closure of a normal body opening
13. Cowboy: "___-haw!"
21. Close
23. First Black graduate of USMA to become general officer
24. Make proud
25. Vampire is one
27. Ancient country of west-central Asia Minor
28. Mil. moving organization



30. Two people
31. Or ____; final warning
32. First Black promoted to the four- star grade
35. Blur or redden (the eyes)
40. First Black flag officer in the Navy
42. Take apart
43. Army AFSC equivalent
44. Plant of the genera Trifolium, Lotus
45. Sam _ __; Penn movie
46. Affirmative vote
48. Black seaman credited w/ 6 plane kills at Pearl Harbor, won Navy Cross
51. Take an oblique course
52. Was hurt
53. Pal
55. 1960s programming language for business
56. British writer Thomas noted for Wessex novels
61. Mining goal
62. __ Moines, IA
64. Tiny

Solution on B6

Photo by Mike Dey

Super Bowled over by prizes

Staff Sgt, Shawn Wiser, 15th Services Squadron, relaxes in one of the prize chairs given away during Super Bowl XXXIX at J.R. Rockers Sunday. Spouse Staff Sgt. Toni Wiser, 15th Contracting Squadron, shows off some of the more than 50 additional prizes, valued at more than $2,500 available to club members during the event.

Falcon wrestlers runner-up at championships

Academy grapplers capture two crowns, place six in top four; only Navy top them

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AFPN) – A pair of individual titles led the Air Force Academy wrestling team to a second-place finish Feb. 5 at the All-Academy Championships here.

The Falcons, who racked up 90 points, finished behind 21st-ranked Navy, which claimed its second-consecutive team title with 126.5 points.

Army came in third with 76.5 points, The Citadel host was fourth with 59 points and VMI rounded out the top five with 29 points.

Brandon Strong took home the individual title at 125 pounds, pinning Navy's Alex Usztics in a time of 1 minute 32 seconds in the finals.

Beau Tresemer claimed an individual title at the 165-pound weight class. Tresemer picked up a solid 6-1 decision over Army's Chad Marzec in the finals.

The Falcons also had six other wrestlers earn top-four finishes.

Jacob Lillich was the runner-up at 174 pounds after dropping a 5-3 sudden victory decision to Navy's Matt Stolpinski. Lillich had a 3-2 lead at the end of regulation, but Stolpinski was awarded a point for riding time to force the extra period and notched a takedown with eight seconds left in the overtime period.

Luke Lefever also lost a close match in the finals, coming up short in a 7-5 decision to Navy's Jon Kane to finish second at 184 pounds.

At 133 pounds, Matt Benza finished in third place with a 10-4 decision over Tony Severo from Army.

Matt Crippes also finished third, pinning The Citadel's Michael Arias in a time of 4 minutes 52 seconds for his team-leading 15th fall of the season.

Brothers Brenden and Trey McLean were also winners in the consolation finals to earn third-place honors in their respective weight classes.

Brenden captured a 2-1 tiebreak against Norwich University's Silver Oghayore at 197 pounds, while Trey pinned the Coast Guard's Adam Kirking in a time of 1 minute 49 seconds to take third at heavyweight.

The Falcons take to mat tonight against the Colorado School of Mines at 7 p.m.

Team Hickam History

The Air Force's most historic airfield

February 1945 – The 15th Fighter Group moved to Iwo Jima

Feb. 11, 1944 – The 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (then-25th Liaison Squadron) was stationed in Lae, New Guinea.

Feb. 12 1942 – The 15th Pursuit Group (Fighter) was redesignated the 15th Pursuit Group (Interceptor).

Feb. 13, 1917 – Capt. John Curry of the Army Air Service arrived in Honolulu to command the first aviation unit established in Hawaii-the 6th Aero Squadron, organized for the aerial coast defense of Oahu. With Curtiss N-9 seaplanes assigned, the squadron was first stationed at Fort Kamehameha, then moved to Ford Island.

Feb. 14, 1973 – The first group of 20 prisoners of war stopped over at Hickam AFB, while en route from Vietnam to CONUS. Over 2,000 base personnel greeted the former POWs as they disembarked the C-141.

Feb. 15, 1965 – A ground-breaking ceremony marked the start of construction of two permanent barracks at Hickam AFB for the first time since World War II. The Mars Construction Company was awarded both contracts for a 100-WAF two-story dormitory in the Hale Aloha (transient billeting) area, at a cost of $189,300; and a three-story, 200-man airman barracks on Hangar Avenue for $329,500.

Feb. 15, 1989 – The 326th Air Division inactivated at Wheeler AFB, marking the end of a 32-year stay in Hawaii

Feb. 16, 1944 – The 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (then-25th Liaison Squadron) was stationed in Nadzab, New Guinea.

Feb. 16 1973 – The new Arts and Crafts Center on Kuntz Avenue in Area 61 was opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an open house.

Feb. 17, 1962 – Formal dedication of new HIANG facilities included participation by the Governor, State Adjutants of the Army and Air Force National Guards, and the Hickam Base Commander. A fly-by of HIANG F-102 jets closed the morning ceremony, and an open house in the afternoon was attended by an estimated 10,000 people.

Feb. 15, 1989 – The 6010th Aerospace Defense Flight was redesignated the 6010th Aerospace Defense Group, which was assigned to the 15 ABW for logistical and administrative support and attached to HQ PACAF/DO for operational and administrative control.

Feb. 17, 1989 – Lt. Col. Jerry C. Angley succeeded Lt. Col. LaMirande as commander of the 9th Airborne Command and Control Squadron.

February 2000 – A 15th Security Forces Squadron team traded in Hawaii's sandy beaches for the sand dunes of Southwest Asia in support Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

Give us your feedback

Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to

hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil.

Tell us what you think or would like to see in Kukini

Hickam Heroes

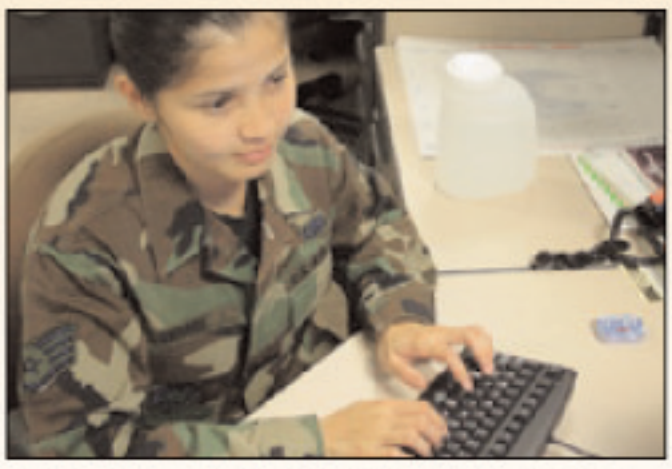
Mike Alves
15th Services Squadron, Lodging Support Services specialist

I dig lodging because: Not only do I get to meet so many interesting people from around the world, but as a 15th SVS team member I ensure folks coming through Hickam receive the very best service while staying at the Royal Alaka'i. It's really tough competing with places like the Hale Koa because they're right in Waikiki, but I enjoy the challenge of meeting the needs of the folks flying through for their deployments, routine TDYs, PCSs, and also the Space "A" folks.

My feedback is in the form of: My boss trusting me to get a project off the ground and seeing it through without over-the-shoulder supervision. The lodging manager's trust in your abilities is the best feedback a person can get.

What his supervisor says: Mike is the type of employee that every supervisor would like to have on their staff. He volunteers to take care of items that are above and beyond the scope of his position description. He takes ownership of everything that he does and he always sees the other person's perspective in dealing with customers and staff members. Although he retired from active duty in 1997, he has never lost his connection with the Air Force or the values learned over twenty years of service.

Kevin Smith, 15th SVS



Staff Sgt. Elaine Moore
Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron, requirements supervisor

My job rocks because: It truly is the heart and soul of PACAF supply. Doing a balancing act of making sure parts are on the shelves and excess supplies are disposed of properly is a lot more complicated nowadays with funding being tight. The best part about RSS is the people I work with. We pool our strengths and really take pride in doing everything right.

I volunteer at: The Veterans Administration Center for Aging. It was great visiting them at Tripler and letting them know how much we appreciate their service to this great country of ours.

What her supervisor says: As part of a team that handles stock levels at PACAF's nine wings valued at over $14B, Elaine is my most knowledgeable NCO. When a tough job needs to be done, I can count on her to take care of it. She accepts each task in a positive manner, gives maximum effort every time, not content until job is completed the right way. Always looking to improve herself, she received a 100 percent during her annual PT test and is currently training for the Great Aloha Run.

Master Sgt. Ramiro Miranda, PACAF RSS

To submit your Airman, NCO, CGO or civilian employee as a Hickam Hero send an e-mail to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil, subject line "Hickam Hero." Please provide phone number of nominee and their supervisor.

Crossword puzzle solution

CHAPEL

Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT
Nelles Chapel
Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Praise Gathering 5:30 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Traditional 8:30 a.m.

JEWISH
Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
473-0050
Jewish Lay Leader
Mr. David Bender
527-5877
Naval Station Chapel
473-3971

CATHOLIC
Nelles Chapel
Weekday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Saturday Confessions 4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass 10 a.m.

ISLAMIC
Friday Congregational Service
(1935 Aleo Place, Punahou)
1 p.m.
Muslim Association of Hawaii
947-6263

BUDDHIST
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple
536-7044

ORTHODOX
For more information, call 438-6687