

THE VIGILEER

Fly Bys

Bella Befana Bazaar

Aviano shoppers can flock to Hangars One to Three for the annual Bella Befana Bazaar today from noon until 8 p.m. The bazaar is also open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The bazaar offers more than 110 vendors from around the world.

Holiday Greetings

People still have a chance to film Hometown Holiday Greetings until 4 p.m. today in front of the Aviano Base Exchange and Commissary. Families of deployed servicemembers are encouraged to make a greeting.

Congratulations

The following majors were selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel: Karn Carlson, 16th Air Force; Gregory Hebert, 31st Operations Support Squadron; Mark Oordt, 31st Medical Operations Squadron; Stephen Pedrotty, 31st Fighter Wing.

Oil change

Spouses of Aviano servicemembers who are deployed for more than 30 days are eligible to receive a free oil change for their primary vehicle. Call the Aviano Family Support Center for more information at Ext. 5407.



Airman 1st Class Desiree Hayden

Girl power

Aviano Girl Scout Samantha Wellman shows her grit as she and Tech. Sgt. Bruce Bond put out a controlled fire Sept. 22 at the Aviano Fire Department. Samantha was there along with her troop for a tour of the department and lessons about fire safety.

CFC campaign starts overseas

The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas begins its annual fundraising here Monday.

Officials hope to raise even more money this year than last year.

"The goal is to have 100 percent contact with all possible donors," said Capt. Breck Woodard, CFC-O Aviano project officer. "Unit representatives will be in contact with people in their organizations over the next couple of weeks."

In 2003, CFC-O raised \$14.1 million, which represented six percent of total donations, even though the overseas community only represents two percent of the federal workforce.

Of that total, Team Aviano contributed \$238 thousand composing ten percent of USAFE contributions.

This year, the opportunity to win a 2005 Jeep Liberty Renegade, regardless of contribution, is meant to encourage even more contacts than in years past.

Capt. Joyce Beatty, assistant CFC-O Aviano project officer,

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Mensa parking: Cars parked illegally in the Italian Mensa parking lot near the theater will be ticketed by the 31st Security Forces Squadron.



Checks in check

A new federal law will make checkbook balancing even more important. At the end of October, checks won't "float" anymore, but instead be cleared electronically.

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Peer problems

Seemingly safe software can actually be more of a nuisance than a convenience. Whether searching for music or information, it's important to know the facts about peer-to-peer software.

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Orthopedics

Aviano people with muscle or bone problems needn't look far for excellent care. They can find professional experts right in Sacile at the Aviano Orthopedic Clinic.

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Air Force

Chief's Sight Picture

Recognizing the Responsibility of Command



U.S. AIR FORCE

Leading Airmen as a commander of a wing, group, or squadron is one of the most important and challenging opportunities in our Air Force.

Two years ago, Secretary Roche and I put into action two initiatives for commanders charged with leading the men and women of our Air Force.

First, we authorized wear of the command insignia.

Today, commanders across the Air Force are justifiably proud to wear this distinctive badge of leadership.

Secondly, we instituted Commander Responsibility Pay as an additional way to recognize and emphasize the leadership responsibilities of command.

Congress authorized CRP in 1958 and by Law, each service is authorized to pay up to 10 percent of their service members in each of their command ranks of Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, and Major.

Over the past two years you have embraced the Air Expeditionary Force and tackled the overwhelming demands of dealing with new and evolving threats to our national security.

In so doing, you enabled Joint Force Commanders to call upon the best air and space forces in history to help liberate more than 50 million people in two different countries.

Because of our critical expeditionary commitments, the number of command positions has grown beyond our Congressional authority to pay them.

Consequently, we must adapt our CRP structure and reduce the number of command positions qualifying for CRP.

Consistent with our focus on the AEF, warfighting, and deployed operations, we will designate specific command billets for CRP based on one or more of the following characteristics:

- Likelihood of deploying to a combat zone



File photoTech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

The decision to cut Commander Responsibility Pay was not an easy one, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "As we've looked at this, we've had to make some hard decisions and reorient the program," he said.

- Uniqueness or criticality of the primary mission
- Deployment for a year or more

Commanders at all levels, in every mission area, and at every location, are vital to our Air Force's success.

The tremendous care we take in identifying and selecting our commanders testifies to the value we place on command.

The change to CRP will not affect wear of the "command insignia" which is an Air Force initiative not governed by any statutes.

Command is the most important task in our Air Force.

I thank all commanders for the tremendous job you have done accomplishing the mission and taking care of the Airmen in

your charge.

Commander Responsibility Pay

Pay now received by some field-grade officers in command positions will end in October.

The commanders affected by the CRP reduction will see the adjustment in their October pay.



John P. Jumper
AIR FORCE
Air & Space Power

Wing earns satisfactory rating

The 31st Fighter Wing and its units receive praise and critique during the recent unit compliance inspection.

By Capt. Eric Elliott
31st Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

After a week of digging through files, testing plans, observing procedures and interviewing Airmen, the U. S. Air Forces Europe Inspector General Unit Compliance Inspection Team declared the 31st Fighter Wing mission capable.

"We've come a long way over the last few months and I think we'll be a stronger organization for it," said Brig. Gen. Phil Breedlove, 31st FW commander.

The wing scored an overall satisfactory rating in the inspection.

According to the IG team's grading scale, a satisfactory rating means the wing's performance and operations meet mission requirements, that procedures and activities are carried out in an effective manner, and that resources and programs are efficiently managed. While minor

deficiencies may exist, they do not impede or limit mission accomplishment.

"Satisfactory doesn't always taste so good" said General Breedlove, "but we have to put it into perspective.

"Three months ago when we started to seriously prepare for this inspection, we had just come off of four other major inspections and several large deployments - both planned and unplanned. I've seen a lot of improvement in a lot of different areas during this time and am happy with the progress and with the results," he said.

The IG team graded units across the base on a five-tier rating system ranging from "unsatisfactory" to "outstanding".

Grades were based on a unit's ability to accomplish its mission and compliance with instructions, regulations and Air Force policy.

Units were graded at the group, squadron and flight level.

The inspection team

"The next challenge will be to correct the problems identified by the inspectors and to incorporate their recommendations."

-Brig. Gen. Phil Breedlove,
31st Fighter Wing commander

included more than 130 specialists from USAFE headquarters, other USAFE bases and even other Major Commands.

"The next challenge will be to correct the problems identified by the inspectors and to incorporate their recommendations," according to General Breedlove. "We still have plenty of work to do,"

"But in the mean time, let's take a couple of days and a four-day weekend next week to rest and recharge our batteries before we have to crank back up and meet the challenges that will come our way over the next year," said General Breedlove.

Facts about domestic violence

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

- Nearly one third of American women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.

- On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in the United States every day.

- About one in five female high school students report being physically abused by a dating partner.

- Women are seven to 14 times more likely than men to report suffering from physical assaults from an intimate partner.

- Pregnant or recently pregnant women are more likely to be victims of homicide than to die of any other causes, and evidence exists that a significant proportion of all female homicide victims are killed by their intimate partners. (www.endabuse.org)

Down Day: The 31st Fighter Wing will observe a down day Oct. 8 since the wing went 31 days without a drunk driving incident in August.

New federal law prohibits "check floating"

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Caston
31st Fighter Wing Legal Office

A new federal law called "Check 21" goes into effect Oct. 28 and consumers may be more likely to bounce checks and may find themselves paying higher bank fees.

Check 21 is a federal law designed to allow banks to handle more checks electronically, according to www.federalreserve.gov.

All checks will be cleared electronically within minutes even at night and during weekends.

For example, if a person writes a check at the base exchange on Saturday assuming it won't clear before the paycheck is deposited in his account Monday, the check will bounce and that person will be charged overdraft fees.

Other ways "Check 21" will affect consumers include:



Courtesy graphic

Under the new Federal law, a check written on Saturday morning will be cleared at the bank by Saturday afternoon.

- People won't be able to get original paper checks back, because banks will no longer have them.

- Checks will clear sooner, increasing the risk that a check will bounce if funds are not in the account at the time the check is written. People shouldn't write a check

unless they know for sure the funds are already in the account to cover it.

- People may not get access to the funds from checks deposited any sooner because the new law does not shorten check hold times.

After 30 months, there must be a study on whether banks are making funds available to consumers earlier than the allowable hold periods.

- Banks will save money on processing checks, but banks are not required to share these savings with consumers.

For more information on Check 21, people can visit <http://www.consumersunion.org/finance/ckclear1002.htm> or <http://www.federalreserve.gov/paymentsystems/truncation/default.htm>

People can protect themselves by keeping their checkbooks balanced and closely monitoring their financial records to ensure a positive credit rating.

Aviano needs refs, scorekeepers

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs,
Vigileer editor

A local sports organization seeks individuals who have a love for competition and know the rules of the game – a penchant for black and white stripes helps, too.

The Aviano Sports Officials Association needs referees and scorekeepers to work at local and regional sporting events here.

The positions available are not for the faint of heart, said Staff Sgt. Joe Adams, association president.

“I think its harder to be a referee than to be a player in the game,” he said. “Everything [you do] is scrutinized. You have to know every rule of the game, not just some of them. And you have to apply those rules in a split second on the field.”

More than 16,000 Americans are registered as sport officials, according to the National Association of Sport Officials. The association defines a sport official as someone who “can bring control to chaos, understand fairness, promote safety and encourage good sportsmanship...[they must] have the positive characteristics of a police officer, lawyer, judge, accountant, reporter, athlete and diplomat.”

Sergeant Adams agreed it takes a dedicated and decisive person to be a sports official. He has more than six years experience as a referee, a job that began while he was stationed in Biloxi, Miss.

“A friend of mine was officiating at some college games and he got me involved,” he

Do you have what it takes?

- Are you emotionally prepared?
- Are you calm under pressure?
- Can you take verbal criticism without becoming defensive?
- Can you stay calm when confronted by others who are not in control of themselves?
- Do you have the time to commit to becoming qualified? If you answered yes, ASOA needs you!

said. “I played sports in high school, and I wanted to remain involved with it.”

His career as a referee has seen its fair share of glory and guilt.

“Referees never want to decide a game. They want to let the players do that,” he said. “There was a game in Biloxi where my referee partner and I awarded foul shots to a player who we later realized didn’t deserve them, and that team won when they shouldn’t have won. I lost sleep for three years over that one.”

Despite the incident, Sergeant Adams said being a referee is a worthwhile experience.

“Nothing beats being out there on the field, or the court, and making sure the game is played fair and that the best team wins,” he said.

The ASOA holds training clinics for each sport. Most games happen at Aviano, though some travel around Italy and Europe can be expected. Those interested in joining the association can e-mail Sergeant Adams at joseph.adams@aviano.af.mil.

RESCON CORNER

	DUIs
Week	1
28 days	2

17,419 - Number of Americans killed by a drunk driver in 2003.

RESCON Alpha

The 31st Fighter Wing remains in RESCON Alpha. The wing will return to RESCON Normal only if we can go 31 days without a DUI. That is a very realistic goal as long as people look out for themselves and one another. If your plans include drinking, they better include a safe way to get home. Use Airmen Against Drunk Driving for a free, anonymous ride home. Call them at 0434-66-5938. Also, Aviano’s been hit with rain over the past few days. Drivers need to slow down, turn their headlights on and be defensive drivers. Also, as the days get shorter, Airmen need to pull out their reflective belts and start wearing them at night or during inclement weather. (31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Buckle up! It’s the law.

Practice good protocol: Don’t disobey Italian laws. It is illegal to drive and talk on a cell phone without a hands-free device.

Sortie Board

	Hours	Sorties
31st FW		
Goal	910.3	580
Ahead or Behind	+15.8	-27
510th FS		
Goal	488.4	305
Ahead or Behind	-8.4	-17
555th FS		
Goal	421.9	281
Ahead or Behind	+24.2	-10



Tech. Sgt. Justin Pyle

In control

Master Sgt. Don Colbert, left, scans the horizon from an aircontrol tower at Lask Air Base, Poland Sept. 17 during a TDY there. Sergeant Colbert is a 16th Air Force air traffic controller here. He was in Poland along with the Texas National Guard to familiarize the Polish Air Force with F-16s.

High school seniors, families may get one-year deferment

Sixty-three Air Force families with a child entering their senior year of high school this year will get to stay additional time at their current duty stations thanks to a recently implemented policy.

The High School Seniors Assignment Deferment Program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers up through the rank of lieutenant colonel, to apply for a one-year assignment deferment. Back-to-back deferments may be possible and military-married-to-military spouses may also apply.

Even with the changes, officials said the mission comes first and will be the overriding factor in granting deferments.

"Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis," said Col. Jennifer Hesterman, chief of assignment programs and procedures at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. "There's a balance between mission needs and helping our families, but our goal is to approve as many requests as possible. We'll work with people as we always have."

To be eligible, the student must be a dependent of, and living with, the Airman requesting the deferment; he or she must also be enrolled in the Defense Department's dependent enrollment system, according to Colonel Hesterman.

Officers may apply before they receive an assignment, and enlisted members may apply only after receiving an assignment, according to Master Sgt. Letty Inabinet, superintendent of assignment procedures and programs at AFPC.

Application requests that cannot be supported initially by the assignment NCO or officer will be reviewed and validated by the respective AFPC assignment division chief for that Airman's career field to ensure this is the right call for the

Class of 2005 Timeline

- 2004-2005 high school seniors were born in 1986 or 1987.
- Today's seniors were about 4 or 5 years old when the Desert Shield turned into Desert Storm Jan. 17, 1991 during the First Gulf War.
- Today's seniors were about 13 years old when NATO launched Operation Allied Force against Yugoslavia March 24, 1999 from Aviano Air Base.



member and the Air Force.

Officials estimate that annually 20-25 percent of officers and senior non-commissioned officers have children entering their senior year of high school and, perhaps, one third of those could be eligible for assignment in a given year.

The recent policy change makes official what was already being done informally whenever possible in the past, according to Colonel Hesterman.

In some cases, assignments teams were already successfully working with Airmen to allow families stability when children were coming up on graduation, she said.

For more information or to complete an application, Airmen should contact either the local military personnel flight or their commander's support staff. (Air Force Personnel Center news release)

AADD: Airmen Against Drunk Driving provides a free ride home. Call 0434-66-5938 before its too late.

Some Airmen can carry over "use or lose" leave

Airmen who couldn't take leave because of a deployment can now retain that leave time until September 2005.

Active-duty Airmen who were unable to take leave because they supported contingency operations may be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Congress intended members to use leave as it is earned for rest and respite from arduous duties and for personal needs, Air Force officials said.

Servicemembers may accrue up to 60 days leave, but accrued leave exceeding 60 days at the end of the fiscal year is usually lost unless special leave accrual is approved.

Those affected by contingency operations can retain up to 120 days of leave until Sept. 30, 2005, said Air Force Personnel Center officials at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

"This program is meant to enable people to take leave they've earned," said Senior Master Sgt. Don Taylor, the center's customer support operations superintendent.

The carry-over leave must be taken in 2005 so Airmen do not lose leave next year, he said.

For more information, call the local military personnel flight. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

CFC, From Page 1

said applying to win the new vehicle is quick and simple.

"All people have to do is complete a drawing form, located in the pledge card, and they will be entered to win the car. They don't have to donate anything to the campaign to enter the drawing," she said.

Donors who are unsure of the exact name of their preferred charity can do a keyword search on the CFC-O Web site to find charities listed under a subject.

To be included as one of the more than 1,500 approved charities in the CFC, they must have documented proof that it meets strict public accountability standards and that its overhead costs are less than 25 percent, which means more of your donation will go to the cause. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

All U.S. Government personnel serving overseas, military or civilian, are able to give to the CFC. Department of Defense contractors and foreign national employees are also allowed to and encouraged to give.

Donors and their units can also receive awards based on the amounts of their donations.

The minimum gift for military personnel and civilians is \$1 per pay period. For as little as \$2 a month, CFC organizations can provide enough corn seed to plant, harvest and feed 14 needy American families.

The Combined Federal Campaign ends Dec. 3. (CFC-O Aviano news release)

Beware of shareware

Use caution when using peer-to-peer software for downloading music, movies and information

By Capt. Nicholas J. Sabula
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In the age where downloading your favorite song or movie can be had for only a few keystrokes, a new threat has emerged for the Defense Department employee connecting from home.

Peer-to-peer networking, also known as P2P, is a method of file sharing, where a downloaded program installed on a computer acts as a search engine, scanning the Internet for music, movies and other files or programs to download.

But user beware: those free downloads can turn out to be something entirely different than you expected.

"There's definitely a risk when it comes to peer-to-peer software," said Airman 1st Class Matthew A. Luxon, 31st Fighter Wing computer security manager. "In fact, using P2P to get free files can harm you."

The risk comes from sharing the contents of a computer as a virtual library, making a computer's entire contents available to everyone using the program online, including those attempting to obtain information for malicious intent or commit cyber attacks.

Large on a list of concerns is keeping For Official Use Only information safe, such as an appointment letter with personal information or a unit plan.

"It's important to make sure that what you're bringing home to work on isn't something you want compromised, such as Privacy Act information," said Airman 1st Class Michael Kagan, 31st Communications Squadron unit

security manager and 31st Fighter Wing Information Assurance manager. "A lot of people work on things with social security numbers and if those get compromised, that's a big issue; it's not classified, but it's also not releasable to people without their permission."

Besides sharing out potentially sensitive files, using P2P software poses another risk by installing additional software without the user knowing it. Some of it can slow down, damage or make a computer vulnerable to hacking.

"What people fail to realize when they install the software is that you might as well classify the software as a virus," said Airman Kagan. "It's in the user agreement that when you click 'I agree' you are actually giving the software permission to install additional third-party software."

While most P2P software is free to use, it installs what is known as adware - small

Are you sure the P2P software you're using is safe? In most cases, it's hard to tell.



programs that display popup online ads on a computer.

"Adware isn't a problem. It's the spyware that comes with it," said Airman Kagan. "Spyware runs itself as a background program and usually you won't even know it's there."

Spyware is an additional program that loads itself into a computer, tracking personal information like places visited online and can take personal information such as passwords, telephone numbers and other private information and send it back to the adware companies. The information is meant to be non-invasive, helping determine what advertisements to put on a screen, but some programs can go beyond this.

"There is spyware that's so extreme where it will know every single key you're typing in," said Airman Luxon.



"Say you're trying to log into myPay. Without you knowing it, your personal information could have been sent to one of these adware companies or even worse," said Airman Kagan.

Files can also contain a virus or even a Trojan file, which allows a hacker to delete files or steal personal information. Hackers routinely scan a range of internet addresses, looking for systems with a Trojan they can access.

P2P software is used by hundreds of thousands of users, sharing millions of files worldwide. Files such as music or movies could be copyrighted, making them illegal to download.

Airman Kagan advises people not to use the software, or to take some precautions if they intend to.

"My advice if someone were to use this peer-to-peer software is to make sure they know what files and folders they're sharing out, because when you share out a folder you have to make sure you're not putting things into that folder that could be compromised, such as work files," said Airman Kagan.

Most P2P software allows the user to select what folders on their computer are shared, giving everyone using the software access to their contents. However, someone could potentially leave all drives on a computer open to snooping if they don't take the necessary steps to unshare the information. Even taking this step may not prevent the risks associated with the software.

"Basically, the user should educate themselves on what they're loading and how it works," said Airman Luxon.

Airman Kagan said that making sure virus protection is updated and scanning files you download may help, but there's only one true way to ensure a home computer and its contents stays safe -- it's not to install P2P.



Cheerleaders

The Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders give free performances 5 p.m. today at La Bella Vista Club and 6:30 p.m. at the Bella Befana Bazaar. All are invited to attend.

The Refuge

The Refuge is now open Monday through Saturday evenings in Dorm 1424's dayroom. Airmen are invited to drink free coffee and Italian sodas while surfing the internet for free.

New hours

Starting Monday, the operating hours at the Army Air Force Exchange Service Four Seasons remote warehouse for merchandise pick-up are 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Ext. 5876.

Fire prevention week

The Aviano Fire Department offers a one-for-one fire extinguisher swap at the Aviano Base Exchange 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The AFD encourages all people re-

siding off-base, in built-to-lease and GHRP housing to have fire extinguishers checked for serviceability.

Legal assistance

Beginning Monday, legal assistance will be done by appointment. The Aviano Legal Office will have morning and afternoon times available to accommodate shift workers. The office hours for power of attorney and notary service are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Those with questions for an attorney or needing legal advice can call Ext. 7843 for an appointment.

Screening

The Aviano Elementary School conducts a base-wide screening for 3- to 5-year-olds with possible developmental or language delays noon to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the elementary school. To schedule an appointment, e-mail susan.dilorenzo@dodea.edu or call the school at 0434-66-5677. Walk-ins will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Spouses meeting

The 31st Civil Engineer Squadron spouses meet at noon Oct. 6 in the CE conference room. All spouses of the 31 CES are invited to attend. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. For more information call 338-375-6996.

Focus group

The Army Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency invite Aviano people to a focus group 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the 31st Mission Support Group conference room to discuss ways to improve AAFES and DeCA operations. To reserve a space, call Ext. 7614. For more information, call 338-852-3076.

Healthy babies

The Aviano Red Cross offers Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby, a four-week course 5:30 to 10 p.m. starting Wednesday. The cost is \$15 per individual or couple. Call Ext. 5576 for information.

Office closure

The Aviano Housing Management Office and Furniture Management Office closes Thursday for a squadron function and Oct. 11 for the U.S. holiday.

Class registration

Embry-Riddle Aviano starts registration for Term II classes Oct. 15. This term offers the following classes: Basic Algebra, College Algebra (CCAF applicable), Basic Meteorology, Airport Management and Safety classes. For more information, call Ext. 5140.

Parenting seminar

The Military Ministry, in partnership with FamilyLife, both ministries of Campus Crusade for Christ, and the Aviano Chapel, hosts a Military Parenting Seminar Oct. 15 through 17 at the Schloss Heroldeck Castle in Austria. For more information about the seminar, call Chaplain (Capt.) Glenn Hawkins at Ext. 5211, or send an e-mail to glenn.hawkins@aviano.af.mil

or pick up brochures located around the base.

Movie prices

The Army Air Force Exchange Service increases theater admission rates \$.50 for adults and \$.25 for children Oct. 15. New AAFES Reel Time theaters admission rates are still more than 33 percent below the 2003 average commercial prices posted on the National Association of Theater Owners Web site.

Invitational tea

Margaret Dyer, Chapter No. 83, Order of the Eastern Star, hosts an Invitational Tea from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in Area D. Ladies interested in becoming Eastern Stars or wishing to attend this event should e-mail margaretdyer83@yahoo.com for more information or call Ext. 8406.

Red Cross classes

The Aviano Red Cross offers a Community First Aid and Safety Course featuring adult, infant and child CPR and first aid 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 16. The cost is \$35. An infant and child CPR class 6 to 11 p.m. Nov. 10. The cost is \$20. Preregistration and payment is required for all health and safety courses. Call Ext. 5576 for information.

Breastfeeding

The Aviano La Leche League welcomes pregnant and breastfeeding women to a meeting 10 a.m. Oct. 18 in the Aviano Chapel Education Center. This month's topic will be the advantages of breastfeeding. LLL provides information and support on all aspects of breastfeeding. For more information, call 0434-755-606 or e-mail LLLAviano@yahoo.com.

Enlisted spouses

The Aviano Community Enlisted Spouses Club meets 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 18 at La Bella Vista Club. Free child care is provided at all ACES meetings. For more information about the club, call Elena LeGree at 0434-657-420 or 339-192-5769.

Reel Times

Today, 5 p.m. - "The Bourne Supremacy" Rated PG-13 - An execution causes serious trouble in the CIA. Starring: Matt Damon and Franka Potente.

8 p.m. - "The Bourne Supremacy"

Saturday, 7 p.m. - "Alien vs. Predator" Rated PG-13 - Aliens battle for domination. Starring: Lance Henriksen and Sanaa Lathan.

Sunday, 7 p.m. - "Thunderbirds" Rated PG - The world calls upon International Rescue. Starring: Bill Paxton and Ben Kingsley.

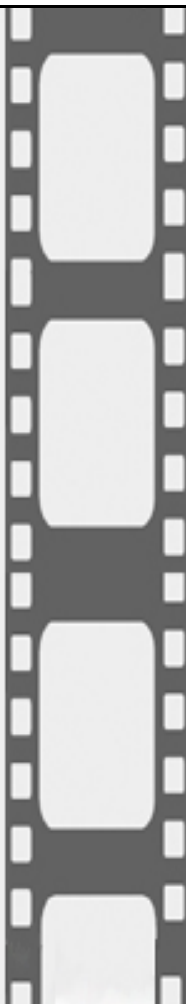
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Oct. 8, 5 p.m. - "Without a Paddle" Rated PG-13 - Three friends search for lost treasure. Starring: Seth Green and Matthew Lillard.

8 p.m. - "I, Robot" Rated PG-13 - A detective investigates a crime perpetrated by a robot. Starring: Will Smith and Bridgit Moynahan.

Oct. 9, 7 p.m. - "Harold and Kumar go to White Castle" Rated R - Harold and Kumar spend Friday night satisfying an urge for White Castle. Starring: John Cho and Hal Penn.



Maj. Joseph Bartle III, an orthopedic physician assistant with the 31st Medical Group, chats with patient Juanita Delaney, left, at the Sacile Clinic Sept. 23. The clinic offers orthopedic surgery, referrals and evaluations for the community.



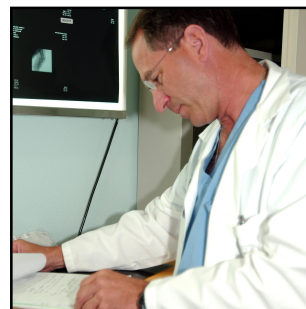
Photos by Senior Airman Priscilla Robinson

The Foot Doctor

The Greek word 'ortho' means straight and 'pedics' comes from the Greek 'pais' meaning children. For many centuries, orthopedists have been involved in the treatment of crippled children. Over the years, the field has expanded to encompass many sub-specialties and the treatment of a wide variety of musculo-skeletal disorders in patients of all ages.



Major Bartle examines Ms. Delaney's foot. She visited the clinic because of pain in her foot due to a bone that developed abnormally. After X-rays were taken, she and Major Bartle were able to discuss her options.



People at Aviano who suffer from sore muscles, achey joints or other musculo-skeletal problems don't have to travel far for expert treatment. They can find that and more among the professionals at Aviano's Orthopedic Clinic in Sacile, Italy.



Major Bartle and Ms. Delaney go over her paperwork and x-rays so she can make an informed decision about the possibility of surgery on her foot.

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Vacation location

Aviano travelers can make an appointment with an Information, Tickets and Travel representative to design their next vacation. Call Ext. 5072 for more information.

Travel Web site

Americans with travel plans should visit <http://travel.state.gov> to get the latest travel advisories in Europe. Maintained by the U.S. Department of State, the Web site offers a list of places suspected of anti-American activity, as well as other information for travelers. Call the 31st Fighter Wing Manpower Office at Ext. 7308 with questions about the site or other antiterrorism force protection measures.

Chapel Conference

The Fall 2004 European Protestant Men Of the Chapel Conference is Oct. 15 to 17 at the Sauerland Stern Resort Hotel, Willingen Germany. For more information, call the USAFE Chaplain's Office at DSN 480-6961, Commercial 06371-476961 or e-mail usafe.hcx@ramstein.af.mil.

Open-air markets

Local Italian villages hold open-air markets one day each week. The following schedule identifies the market day for area villages: Monday - Maniago, Azzano Decimo, Vittorio Veneto, Lignano; Tuesday - Aviano, Casarsa, Codroipo, San Quirino; Wednesday - Pordenone, Budoia, Cordignano, Oderzo, Latisana; Thursday - Roveredo, Fontanafredda, Fiume Veneto, Sacile, Montereale, Portogruaro; Friday - Cordenons, Porcia, San Vito al Tagliamento, Conegliano; Saturday - Pordenone, Spilimbergo, Caorle, Treviso; Sunday - Udine



Trieste, Italy, is home to the Miramar Castle. It also sits on top of a large cave system.

Trieste: A coastal castle and cave exploration adventure

Aviano people needn't travel far to get a good dose of castles and caves.

They need only visit Trieste, Italy.

Trieste sits on a plateau formed by limestone, which is permeable to water. This causes the formation of caves.

Trieste is home to the Grotta Gigante, which is Italian for "giant cave."

The cave is known among cave explorers for the Ruggero Pillar, which is a column of stone more than 12 meters tall.

The cave also offers panoramic views of its interior.

In October, the hours of the cave's tours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the caves is 7.50 Euro.

People can drive there by going on the A4 toward Trieste, and taking the

Opicina Village exit, then following signs to the Borgo Grotta Gigante.

The Miramar Castle in Trieste was built as the "love nest" of Maximilian of Habsburg and Charlotte of Belgium. It was built from 1856 to 1860 to a design by Carl Junker on the orders of Archduke Maximilian.

Features of the attraction include an expansive garden, two ponds (one noted for its swans and the other for its lotus flowers), an annex, a bronze statue of Maximilian and a small chapel. Concerts are regularly performed in the garden.

The lavish rooms of the castle are also open for tourists.

People from Aviano can take the A4 to Trieste and follow signs to the castello from the Trieste exit. (31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Travel in Italy: Americans traveling in Italy should always carry their military identification cards, as well as passports and soggiornos.



Florence, Italy, is home to many famous works of art including Michaelangelo's "David". It's also rumored that the subject of Leonardo di Vinci's Mona Lisa lived there.

ITT: Information, Tickets and Travel

Upcoming tours from the Information, Tickets and Travel office include:

- Saturday - Oktoberfest Express
- Saturday - Guided Florence
- Oct. 9 to 11 - Special Amalfi Coast
- Oct. 9 - Guided Trieste
- Oct. 9 - Bayern Schloss
- Oct. 11 - Nove, Italy
- Oct. 16 - Croatia by boat

The ITT escort will ensure the group arrives and departs from the

destination as scheduled and will do everything possible to make the trip safe and comfortable.

He or she will provide general information about the area, as well.

Water and snacks are allowed on ITT bus, but alcohol is strictly prohibited.

Travelers are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather.

Travelers are encouraged to bring a small pillow for the bus ride. Luggage must be small enough to fit underneath the seat in front of you.

For more information about ITT tours, call Ext. 5072 or 5026.

Air Force wins championship

U.S. Air Forces in Europe members perform well at 2004 Armed Forces Golf Championship

The Air Force golf team won the 2004 Armed Forces Golf Championship at Fort Carson, Colo., Sept. 21 to 25.

The host Army team jumped to a three-stroke lead over the Air Force (731-734) after the first day of play. Team's scores are determined by adding the 18-hole stroke total of the six men and three women on the team.

Brian Billingsley, from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., kept the Air Force competitive with his 1-under-par 71, tying Mark Johnson of the Army for the best score of the day.

Tammy Garcia, from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, led all women golfers on opening day with her round of 84.

Jeff Scohy, also from Wright-Patterson AFB, shot the best round on the second day of play — a 5-under-par 67.

Matthew Peterson, from Offutt AFB, Neb., had a 3-under-par 69, while Billingsley and Arnell Garza, from Fairchild AFB, Wash., came in at 70.

The Air Force also had the top three women's scores of the day with Karin Tjelmeland, from Lajes

Field, Azores, with 78 to lead the group.

Garcia and Amy Rongey, from Osan Air Base, South Korea, both shot 81. The combined scores of the Air Force team beat the Army's total by 21 strokes, giving the Air Force an 18-stroke lead over the Army after the second day of play.

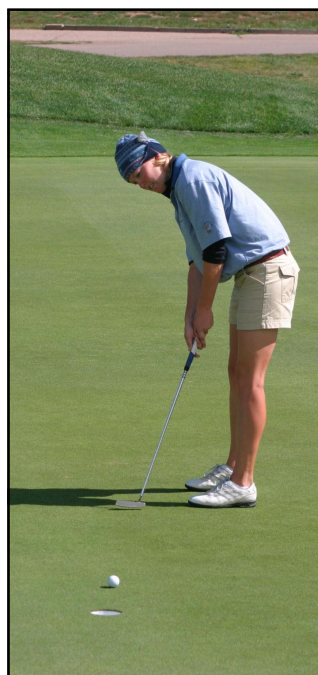
Scohy's 69 once again led the Air Force team on Day 3, followed closely by 72 from Billingsley, Garza and Barry Cousler, from Offutt AFB.

James Logan Gage, from Patrick AFB, Fla., was not far behind with a score of 73. Rongey's 86 led the women on Day 3. These scores contributed to the Air Force's overall 41-stroke lead going into the final day of play.

Peterson's 70 led the Air Force on the final day of competition. Scohy, Cousler and Garza all shot 72, while Billingsley ended the tournament with a 73.

Rongey led the women with an 84. The Air Force claimed the team title with a 2,793-stroke total, followed by the Army (2,842), the Navy (3,000), and the Marine Corps (3,096).

Scohy topped all competitors with his four-day total of 283, followed closely by Billingsley's 286. This earned them gold and silver



Steve Brown

medals for the championship. Tjelmeland was the top female golfer with her four-day total of 341. Army won the women's silver medal with a 342 total, while Garcia won the bronze medal with 344.

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Fly Bys

Batting cages

The 31st Services Squadron's Outdoor Recreation's new batting cages are now open to the Aviano Air Base community 2 to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$1 for 15 pitches. Bats are provided, but patrons may bring their own. For more information, call Ext. 8623.

Cross country

The deadline for submitting resumes to the Aviano Dragon Fitness Center for the Air North Cross Country Championship is Oct. 8. All active duty Air Force members are eligible. For more information, call the Aviano Dragon Fitness Center at Ext. 7459.

Global Volksmarch

The 2004 Global Volkssport Program takes place Oct. 10. Participants of the walk will meet in the Roveredo Square at 8 a.m. Lunch, lapel pins and commemorative plants are provided. Call Ext. 8623 for details.

Basketball tryouts

Aviano men's varsity basketball team tryouts are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 20 through 23 at the Aviano Dragon Fitness Center.

Pushup help

The Striving for Excellence in Air Force Physical Training clinic is Oct. 18 at the Dragon Fitness Center. Call Ext. 7574 for more information.

Fitlinxx

All Airmen should log 12 workouts a month in Fitlinxx and be an active participant in this mandatory program.

Ice hockey

The Aviano Ice Dragons base hockey team seeks players for the 2004-2005 season. All ability and experience levels are welcome. For more information, call Michael McGeever at Ext. 8455, Billy Liska at Ext. 8767, or Roberto Scussat at Ext. 4664.

Recognition: Send information about your sports team and games to the Vigileer at vigileer@aviano.af.mil.

Girls Volleyball: Aviano team defeats Rome

The Aviano Women's Volleyball team traveled to Rome to play against the Marymount Royals Sept. 24 and 25. The Lady Saints defeated the Royals on Sept. 24 in two matches 25-3, 25-8 and carried on to win Saturday morning 25-5. Aviano continues its three-year undefeated title after its first two weekends of competition.

With controlled play by the Saints, Senior Captain Ashley Mead was a tough hitter proving to cause Marymount many mistakes. Senior Eliana Sheets pounded the opposing team during her incredible string of serves. Brand new 5'10 junior

Jessica Corder cleaned up the net and killed the quick set. The women will host their second home game at Aviano against the Sigonella Jaguars and the Milan Panthers today and noon Saturday at the Dragon Fitness Center. Saints players include: seniors Captain Bree Mariz, Ashley Mead, Eliana Sheets; juniors Taty Wan, Emily Donnelly, Jessica Corder; sophomores Ingrid Bratteng, Vanessa Russo, Kim Adams, Kim Avery, Tori Leon, Laurie Cundiff, Katie Engelhardt; and freshman Jessica Sheets. Coming next week: Aviano Saints Mens Volleyball. (Compiled Au Bree Mariz, Vigileer student staff writer)

No excuses: It was your fault

Accidents at Aviano don't just happen. Drivers need to take responsibility for their actions.

By Master Sgt. Kenneth Engelhardt
31st Security Forces Squadron

Having lived and served at Aviano for the past four years, I am not an expert at traffic safety, but I consider myself experienced.

This article concerns Aviano accidents and the people who cause them.

I know that if you were in an accident, it was probably the other guy's fault, right? When I was younger and did stupid things, I always found a way to put the blame on someone else, too. But with age occasionally comes wisdom.

Let's examine the myths about accidents in the Aviano area. This is not a scientific study, and the views presented are the opinions of a grumpy old master sergeant, based on more than a few years' experience and observation.

Myth: "I had the accident because the roads here in Italy don't have banked curves, like the roads in the states."

Truth: You didn't wreck because of centrifugal force, you lost control of your car because you were driving too fast. It was your fault. Unless you are driving on the NASCAR Winston-Skoal-Lip-and-Lung-Cancer Racing Circuit, you do not need banked roads to avoid driving into a cornfield. Slow down. It's that simple. Blaming the road for your accident is sillier than blaming Ozzy Osbourne for your teenager piercing his face and hating you. Slow down.

Myth: "I was distracted."

Truth: Let's call this one like it really is; you consciously made a bad decision. You wrecked your car because you couldn't wait for a stop sign or red light to change the CD in your CD player. You spent over \$1,000 on a car stereo that is really loud, and you felt the overwhelming need to pump your bass up through the streets of Aviano. And that's another thing - we all know that our Italian hosts are so starved for culture that they really need to hear your "music" thumping outside their house. Forget the history of this nation, because the music and art produced in Italy pales in comparison with those CD lyrics that can't be repeated here, or in front of your mother. Speaking of your mother, call her. It's been a while. And slow down.

And don't think it's the young Airmen with the loud speakers causing the problem, either. The "distracted" driver may also be in the midst of an important conversation. Yet, how many times do you have to be told not to talk on the cell phone while driving? I know how it is when you're driving down the AP Highway and the phone rings. You have to make a decision. Do I answer it or not? Guess what? If you can't

pull over safely, the number that called you will be displayed on the cell phone. Pull over and call them back later.

Of all the tickets I've issued for this offence, not once was the violator waiting for a liver transplant, and the call they answered was the liver donor. Usually, the violator is simply saying, "I'll be home in a few minutes." Guess what? The person you're calling will know that information very soon...say, in a few minutes when you get home.

Myth: "The car in front of me stopped (or turned) suddenly."

Truth: You were tailgating. You were following the car in front of you too closely. Do you know the legal safe following distance on base is one and half car lengths for every 10 miles per hour? That means you should be four and half car lengths from the car in front of you on perimeter road in Area F.

And yes, I know that many other European drivers follow too closely. This is one time that you should not blend in with your environment. I don't understand why you will tailgate on the AP highway, pass illegally, tailgate some more, just to wait in line at the gate to show your ID and drive 30 miles per hour to work. I can promise you this -- if you are tailgating a grey mini-van missing two hubcaps, don't be surprised if that driver slows down. And if you're on base, expect the grey mini-van to stop and the driver to get out to ask if there is a medical emergency that requires his assistance. You will not get there quicker by tailgating. Slow down.

Myth: "I was just driving like the Europeans drive."

Truth: You were driving too fast, and you should be more considerate of others and yourself. If you want to be a race car driver, get out of military immediately, and move near a race track. Let me know where you'll be moving to -- I have a family. In the mean time, slow down. If you have nothing else to spend your COLA on except for racing tires, decals and a loud muffler system, invest in vitamins and exercise equipment. That way, the people who receive your donated organs will get quality products. Slow down.

If you're still reading, thank you. Like I stated earlier, this was not a scientific study, just the views of a grumpy old masters sergeant who has seen too many accidents. I hope I have gotten through to at least one person. If one person drives slower after reading this, it was worth my time writing it. If you liked this article, I'd like to recommend "Aviano Instruction 31-204, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision," available electronically on the Aviano Intranet. Maybe a grumpy old master sergeant in your unit will read it to you.



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