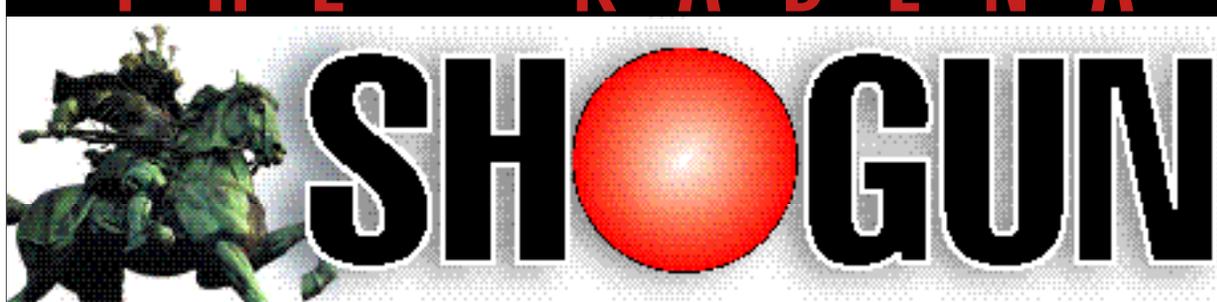


MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	54.5
Hours flown	58.4
Monthly offset	3.9
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	120
Hours flown	102.8
Monthly offset	-17.2
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	231
Hours flown	239.9
Monthly offset	8.9
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	268
Sorties flown	276
Monthly offset	8
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	258
Sorties flown	252
Monthly offset	-6

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 16

# THE KADENA



# SHOGUN

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## WEEKEND WEATHER

**TODAY:** Mostly to partly cloudy  
NNE winds @ 12-18 knots  
High: 75 Low: 64

**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy, isolated rain showers  
E-NE winds @ 10-12 knots  
High: 75 Low: 64

**SUNDAY:** Mostly cloudy  
N-NE winds @ 12-18 knots  
High: 73 Low: 64

**FRIDAY MORNINGS COMMUNITYBANK EXCHANGERATES**  
BUYING: \$1=Y108 SELLING: Y111=\$1

# Medical Miracle

## Kadena newborn survives illness thanks to local medics



Air Force/ Charles Steitz

Navy Lt. Cmdr. (Dr.) Rose Tan, (left) Air Force Maj. (Dr.) Steven Olsen and Air Force Major (Dr.) Bobbi Hawk watch over newborn Cheyanne Kendrick, daughter of Airman 1st Class Kevin and Sharon Kendrick, 18th Maintenance Squadron. Cheyanne was the first baby to receive nitric oxide treatment, which saved her life.

By Charles Steitz  
& Sayaka Higa  
18th Wing Public Affairs

U.S. military and Okinawan medics pulled off a miracle by working together to perform a unique procedure at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Lester that saved the life of a newborn baby.

Cheyanne Kendrick came into this world at approximately 8:50 p.m. on March 10 at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Lester. "The pregnancy and days leading up to delivery were normal. Cheyanne was our second child," explained Sharon Kendrick who has a three-year-old son, Keonte.

The birth was normal up until the time obstetricians discovered Cheyanne had become ill during the labor process.

"When I got to the hospital they put me on some machines and her heart rate dropped real low and from then, things happened real fast. I arrived at the hospital at 8:00 p.m. and Cheyanne was born just 50 minutes

later," said Mrs. Kendrick.

"Her heart rate was supposed to be about 130 to 160. When I saw it, it was 70, about half of what it should be," said Airman 1st Class Kevin Kendrick, 18th Maintenance Squadron. At first the obstetricians weren't sure if Cheyanne wasn't getting enough oxygen or a battery from the machine was causing the problem. The doctors kept having Sharon switch positions to get a better reading," said Airman Kendrick.

Every expectant parent hopes for an uncomplicated birth and a healthy baby. Some babies, however, do face delivery room complications officials said. One fairly common condition according to doctors that may affect a newborn's health is meconium aspiration. "Meconium aspiration, also referred to as meconium aspiration syndrome, is a common cause of illness in newborns. Most cases are not severe," explained Air Force Major (Dr.) Bobbi Hawk, medical director, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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## 'The Kadena Shogun' takes second place in Air Force

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Air Force officials recently named "The Kadena Shogun" the second best newspaper in the Air Force.

Brig. Gen. Frederick Roggero, the Air Force's top public affairs officer, announced the results of the Air Force-wide Media Contest March 20.

The "Lackland Tailspinner" from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, was named the Air Force's best tabloid format newspaper, followed by "The Kadena Shogun" and "Desert Wings" of Edwards AFB, Calif.

Senior Master Sgt. Terry Somerville, the Air Force's newspaper consultant, said Wednesday that it was a close race between the Shogun and Tailspinner.

"Second place is a significant achievement," he added. "At this level, you're competing against the best journalists in the Air Force, so your newspaper has to be strong in every category

– writing, editing, design, art and photography."

Sergeant Sommerville also said that the judges liked the Shogun's headlines and tight editing.

"The Shogun packs a lot of good information into a small package," he said. "It's one of our best newspapers."

Each of the 76 newspapers from across the Air Force had to submit two copies of different issues to their command throughout the year – with the March 14, 2003 issue being a mandatory submission.



The pool of newspaper judged in the Air Force competition was then narrowed down to 11 command-level newspapers.

"The Kadena Shogun" represented Pacific Air Forces after winning first place in the command's contest.

## Water rationing begins Monday night

By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Water rationing off base will begin Monday from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Okinawa officials said Monday.

Approximately 415,000 households or nearly 1.19 million people off base will be affected by the new policy.

By rationing water, local officials hope to save 3 to 10 percent of normal usage according to published reports.

Temporary water rationing is a key part of the local government's plan to prevent it from taking further measures to restrict water use on the island.

However, if the plan fails to reap the required savings, Okinawa officials are also mulling a plan to shut off water every other day for 24 hours.

"No matter where you live — on or off base — this is a crisis that affects all of us," said Mark Wheeler, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy Wednesday.

"Whether you live on base or off base, there's only so much water out there. Until it rains we're going to continue to have these type of problems," he said.

To help Okinawa with its water crisis, U.S. military officials will reduce water pressure at Kadena homes and work places beginning Monday.

Water pressure on Monday will also be reduced at Chibana and O'Donnell Gardens.

U.S. military officials say they are banking on reduced water pressure and voluntary water conservation measures in on-base work places and homes to help Okinawa with its water troubles.

Since January, U.S. military officials have been discussing ways to help Okinawa save water after supplies in local reservoirs started dropping.

Last week, AAFES and military officials agreed to close automated car washes during the week to help conserve water. The facilities will be open on the

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# 18th CONS commmander offers tips on leadership

By Lt. Col. Bryan Scott  
18th Contracting Squadron

Below are some tips that I've learned through-out my career about how to be a good leader:

## Supporting the customer even when it's painful:

We all have to remember the reason we're here is to support our customers – even when we think they may have unrealistic requirements, or expect us to pull rabbits out of our hat.

Try as they might, their crystal ball is probably not any better than ours, so we have to remain flexible and try to do what we can to support our customers. The more closely and better we work together, the better support our customers receive and the better the mission gets supported. When you have a requirement that your customer can support for you they return the favor.

## Seeing the customers perspective:

Encourage your people to put themselves in the shoes of their customer before they think a requirement is unrealistic or that their customer just failed to plan well. The customer's perspective is much different and we have to appreciate what they are up against and how difficult their job may be. We recently supported the 18th Services Squadron in buying furniture and supplies to open the new visiting quarters.

This requirement was for more than \$5 million dollars and was for hundreds of different items. It took many hours of working together to get these items purchased and delivered so the new visiting quarters could open on time. Our customers in

Services had to do their normal job and still find time to work the requirements for the new VQs, which I'm sure was challenging. Please try to understand your customers perspective and work with them to support the mission, ultimately that's what all of us are trying to do.

## Staying focused:

At a place like Kadena with so many diverse missions, it is very important that we stay focused on what the mission is and what our job is to support that mission. The difficult part is that the overall mission might stay the same from month to month, but the immediate aspect of the mission may change. The emphasis seems to shift as we put one task behind us and refocus on the next one.

It seems we never get to celebrate the success of what we accomplish because we have to continue to look forward to what we have to do. If necessary, we may have to alter our focus from week to week, especially when we shift our focus from our daily mission to supporting a readiness exercise. Many of us step out of our daily roles and do something that we only do when supporting exercises, but it isn't any less important than what we do every day. Everything we do is encompassed by our mission – even if it isn't the job we normally do.

## Taking care of people:

If you take care of your people they will take care of you. I'm a living example of this. I have always been very fortunate to have a great group of people to work with. My primary concern has always been to provide them with a quality work

environment and offer the training and equipment they need to do their job. If I do this everything else seems to fall into place. If people are hot or cold they will not perform at their highest level, so giving them a quality environment to work in directly affects their productivity. Training is also very important to our people. How can I expect them to perform at the highest level required to support the very active mission we have here unless they get the level of training required to do that. People always come up with excuses why they can't send people to training, "I can't afford to lose them for that amount of time, we can't afford it, and it doesn't work for us to have the person gone at that time."

There is usually no "good time" to be short handed, but if you look at the long term perspective the person who receives the training will be more efficient and can get their job done quicker, and benefit from it in the long term. The sooner they attend training, the quicker they can start to work more efficiently and be better workers or leaders. I have seen the payback and am a true supporter of taking advantage of training opportunities.

## Loyalty:

I've had six different supervisors the past six years – all of whom expressed loyalty to the team and mission. This was extremely important. If we aren't loyal to the team effort then we can't be counted on when the going gets tough – that's when they need our best efforts. If we continue to question the direction the leadership puts out then we create questions and doubt in our people. In the military there isn't room for doubt when the mission is on the line.

## ACTION LINES

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Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington  
18th Wing commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play.

If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it.

Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

## Can we recycle plastic?

Why don't we recycle plastic? My other concern is the lack of recycling. Why aren't there repercussions for not following a mandated rule?

Unfortunately, recycling plastics on Okinawa is currently impossible. There is no local market available to Kadena for the sale of recyclable plastics.

Furthermore, shipping plastics to markets off-island is economically unfeasible. The 718th Environmental flight is researching technologies to make the recycling of plastics possible, and we hope to add P.E.T. (Polyethylene Terephthalate) plastics, which are clear or transparent types of plastic, to

PHONE NUMBERS	
AAFES Action Line.....	645-4301
Base Exchange.....	633-4570
Clubs.....	634-3002
Commissary.....	634-3640
Finance.....	634-1996
Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline.....	634-0404

our list of recyclables within the current fiscal year.

Senior leadership is committed to the recycling effort on Kadena. The 18th Wing commander issued a policy making recycling mandatory for all Kadena residents in November 2002. We are aware that participation is low, and it's regrettable that base command would have to force residents to recycle.

Currently, a fair and equal enforcement policy is being developed and we expect to implement the policy by the end of the fiscal year. The 18th Civil Engineer Group is determined to make recycling as easy as possible, thus we are currently reviewing recycling containers and pickup schedules to find ways to encourage participation.

Home Telephone Helpline.....	634-4080
Housing Maintenance.....	634-HOME
Kadena Services.....	634-1719
Medical and Dental.....	630-4785
Safety.....	634-SAFE
Security Forces.....	634-1397



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## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. David Jones

18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Fuels Training and Mobility NCO

Hometown: Willingboro, N.J.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Jones maintains highly accurate methods of tracking and monitoring mobility requirements ensuring readiness is maintained for 136 personnel in his unit.

Time at Kadena: 4 years

Editor's note : *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Base officials recommend current customers of Americable to stop allotments to the company to prevent future pay problems. Allotments for the new company will be available once it has the capability. Customers who wish to cancel an allotment must visit the 18th Comptroller Squadron and pickup the required paperwork.

**HOME BUSINESSES:** The family support center is looking to hear from home businesses to be part of a new yellow pages project. To be included in the publication, e-mail [oehring@kda.attmil.ne.jp](mailto:oehring@kda.attmil.ne.jp).

**OFFICECLOSURES:** Kadena telephone customer service, telephone trouble reporting and communication cable digging permit offices will close today at 11 a.m. for a unit function. Customers wishing to pay bills may continue to do so at the 18th Comptroller Squadron in Building 721-C. For more information, call 634-1005.

**CHAPEL CHANGES:** Kadena's Gospel service and General Protestant service will switch chapels permanently Sunday. The Gospel service will move to Chapel 3, while the General Protestant service will move to Chapel 2. Both services begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

**SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM:** The civilian personnel flight is now accepting applications for Kadena's Summer Hire Pro-

## National Prayer Luncheon



Air Force/ Staff Sgt. Anika Williams

Catherine Kirk performs at the National Prayer luncheon at the Rocker NCO Club March 19.

gram at Bldg. 721. Applications will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. SOFA-sponsored family members of DoD military and civilian employees who are 14 to 22 years old are eligible to apply. Employ-

ment will begin July 6 and end Aug. 20. Sponsors may apply on behalf of their family members who are not currently on island. Applicants' passports and Social Security cards will be required for verification. For more

information, call 632-7914.

**SPRINGBREAK TRIP:** There will be a spring break trip to Tokashiki Island April 5-10 sponsored by the Kadena Chapel & Malach Ministries. The cost is \$295 per person and is open to SOFA-sponsored high school students. For more information, visit [www.shorebreak04.com](http://www.shorebreak04.com) or call 634-9600.

**RENOVATIONSCLOSURE:** The combat arms readiness training facility will be closed from Thursday through June 15 for renovations. Contact a unit scheduler for weapons qualification training.

**NUTRITION & CARDIOCLASS:** There will be a performance nutrition and cardio and resistance training class held at Building 88 from 6 to 8 p.m. April 2. The class, which is limited to 96 people, offers tips on meal planning, weight loss and healthier eating habits. Registration costs \$25, which will be collected at the door. To register, e-mail [jrmoorefitness@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmoorefitness@yahoo.com) or call 893-7441.

**BAZAAR:** Kadena High School will host a bazaar inside the gym from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 3 and noon to 5 p.m. April 4. Proceeds will benefit the graduating senior class.

**SAFETY MESSAGE:** Starting Monday, a 20-minute water safety, air bag and seat belt television segment will air on cable Channel 6 every hour for one week.

# BABY: Kendrick newborn first to receive nitric oxide treatment

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"MAS occurs when a newborn inhales a mixture of meconium (baby's first feces, which ordinarily passes after the birth) and amniotic fluid during labor and delivery," added Dr. Hawk.

Meconium is passed in up to 12 percent of births, not all infants develop the syndrome. Of these babies, 35 percent either inhale the meconium in utero or with the first breath. In time their own body will recover from this disease process," explained Navy Lt. Cmdr. (Dr.) Rose Tan, a neonatologist with the neonatal intensive care unit.

Although rare, a small percentage of babies with severe MAS develop aspiration pneumonia. Dr. Tan said, "Less than one percent inhale meconium into their lungs and acquire lung disease. The disease can be so severe that they die before they have had time to recover."

At the U.S. Naval Hospital on Okinawa, the neonatal intensive care unit is operated by the Air Force with Navy assistance. "We probably get the full spectrum of severity and maybe only one case per year that is life threatening," added Dr. Hawk.

In the past the only available option to save a newborn like Cheyanne was a form of cardiopulmonary bypass. After a series of attempts to stabilize Cheyanne, Drs. Hawk and Tan contacted the extracorporeal membrane oxygenation center in San Antonio, Texas. "At the time a newborn qualifies to be a candidate for bypass they, by definition, carry a 90 percent chance of (death)," said Dr. Hawk.

The procedure is a form of cardiopulmonary bypass, meaning that an artificial heart and lung will temporarily take over to supply blood flow to the baby's body. The procedure reduces the fatality rate for these severely distressed infants from 90 to seven percent. There are only 100 such centers in the United States. Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio is where the traveling team is located for the Air Force. However, getting a team to Okinawa takes 36 hours and involves moving 20 personnel and a substantial amount of equipment. The chance of Cheyanne surviving another 36 hours was less than 10 percent.

## A historical first

This was the first time nitric oxide was used on Okinawa to save the life of a newborn baby.

"Through a very fortunate chain of



Air Force/Charles Steitz

The first time nitric oxide was used on Okinawa to save the life of a newborn baby proved successful.

events they were able to provide a life saving medical gift to a newborn at the moment she needed it...a procedure they have never been able to do until now," added Dr. Hawk.

The ability to add nitric oxide to the oxygen to reach the baby's lungs was approved by the FDA in the United States in 2000. This process dilates the blood vessels and allows more blood flow and oxygen to reach the baby's lungs. However, in Japan, this procedure is still in the processes of being evaluated.

Dr. Tan explained the ordering process. "The decision to offer this treatment started over two years ago with a recommendation from Major (Dr.) Steven Olsen, director of NICU transport operations. Dr. Olsen wanted a specialized system that could also be used during transport of a newborn. Therefore, we were able to purchase a small compact portable unit. And we just took delivery of the machine February 15."

On March 10 the accessory calibration equipment arrived just hours before Cheyanne was born.

By the middle of the night on March 11, Cheyanne was declared severe enough to receive the extracorporeal membrane oxygenation procedure.

"At that point Dr. Olsen, was on the phone talking about the possibility of using the ECMO team knowing that we could not give nitric oxide. By the morning of the 12th the baby had a 90 percent chance of mortality and we had exhausted all of our other means of helping her. The ECMO team was put on alert and simultaneously, since we had the equipment to deliver the gas, we made a grand effort to get the gas," explained Dr. Hawk.

The process involved one of the U.S. Naval Hospital's Japanese intern doctors, Dr. Naoto Yokogawa, and over a dozen people who came together as a

team on Friday morning to locate the gas on island and take delivery. They gave themselves a six to eight hour window. That is, should the results prove negative the ECMO unit would be in the air by 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Yokogawa contacted Dr. Ryuichi Genkawa at Chubu Hospital and discovered they had a tank of the required gas. Chubu Hospital had taken delivery of the gas just one day before. Operating outside of normal channels, physicians pulled together to meet the challenge. "Typically hospitals do not sell equipment to another medical facility, but everyone wanted to do the right thing and help Cheyanne," added Dr. Tan.

"Dr. Yokogawa, my colleague, asked me for help since I am familiar with this procedure. The tank had arrived here just yesterday, so we were glad to help," said Dr. Genkawa. "In this case, I understand there was not a moment to lose. In fact, we arranged for an individual to carry the tank by car to their hospital."

## Miracles can happen

During the day, a team worked on the equipment making the necessary calibration to ensure that once the gas arrived the delivery process to the patient could take place.

However, when the tank arrived, another issue developed as the equipment manufactured in the United States required a special adaptor to make the Japanese tank compatible.

As luck would have it, an engineer with the local medical supply company was able to design an adaptor to facilitate the tank fitting procedure, all within hours.

A team of about eight people were able to get the gas, calibrate the delivery system, design an adaptor and begin therapeutic delivery by 5:00 p.m. on March 12. Cheyanne responded immediately.

Not in the clear yet...

After only 12 hours, another crisis arose. It appeared that one tank would be insufficient as half of the gas was already used. Another series of phone calls and requests were made to local hospitals' physicians on island and this time, the Ryukyu's University Hospital helped in saving the life of Cheyanne that had only a 10 percent chance of survival. They were able to contribute another tank by selling it back to the medical gas supplier on island, which then sold the unit to U.S. Naval Hospital.

After 42 hours Cheyanne was taken off the nitric oxide gas. Still weak, but getting better each hour, Cheyanne will be going home in a couple of weeks.

"This truly brought together our community and I am humbled by the experience, from our staff, to the doctors from both the Chubu Hospital and the Ryukyu University Hospital to the medical engineer, we met every challenge and today this young baby girl has a life that will span for decades because of this remarkable effort," explained Dr. Olsen.

"We got through this with a lot of prayers, knowing the doctors were doing their best. We contacted a lot of our family and people from our squadron were great," said Mrs. Kendrick.

"We heard about the new machine on Friday. We learned the machine had just been delivered, but they didn't have any gas for it and that's why the only other option was ECMO. Then around noon on Friday, one of the doctors told us that a container of nitric oxide was at another hospital on island. We heard both hospitals worked together in the past and were on good terms, therefore they were able to expedite the transfer of the gas. Once the therapeutic delivery started, Cheyanne's next blood test was a lot better. That night all of her blood levels improved," explained Airman Kendrick.

Airman Kendrick continued, "Everyday I did a great job. Everyday I came in, there was always a doctor standing over Cheyanne. All the nurses were working their hardest; she always had someone standing over her 24/7. I was wondering if we were civilian, would we have received the same kind of treatment. The doctors and nurses did everything they could and beyond."

# WATER: Officials to reduce water pressure on base

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weekends and are the only authorized on-base locations for car washes following a Feb. 3 limitation by military officials that banned car washes and lawn watering in military housing areas and dormitories at all military bases on Okinawa.

Car washes off base will remain open.

"People will need to stop using water wherever they

can," Mr. Wheeler said.

Voluntarily restricting water use in washing machines, showers and toilets is where residents will be able to help out most with the crisis he said.

"There's no silver bullet with water conservation, you've simply got to use less water and find ways to save it," Mr. Wheeler said.

Saving water is vital to the U.S. military's plan in helping Okinawa with its crisis, Mr.

Wheeler said.

He said if plans are implemented by Okinawa officials to shut off water for 24 hour periods the impact on Kadena will be extremely high because of the testing procedures used in ensuring water is safe for human use and consumption.

Water testing procedures at Kadena take 24 hours to be completed.

If the water system in your housing area is shut off for 8 hours each day, or 24 hours on

24 hours off, water cannot be certified quickly enough to determine if it is safe for human use and consumption.

The water in those areas will remain non-potable until water rationing is completed, according to Mr. Wheeler.

If water systems go non-potable, military officials say people should buy bottled water for cooking and drinking as opposed to boiling water. "What we are trying to save is our quality of life," he

said. "If we get into a situation where water on base has to be shut off for 8 hour periods or for 24 hour periods, we're looking at a real impact on our lives," he said.

In 1994, Okinawa implemented a similar nightly water rationing plan from Jan. 28 to March 1.

The island's water supply was also turned off in 1989 for 24 hours every other day for 52 days according to published reports.



# NCO charged in alleged murder-for-hire plot

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials preferred charges March 12 against a recruiter assigned to the 341st Recruiting Squadron here for allegedly being involved in a murder-for-hire plot and other criminal activity.

Tech. Sgt. Rodney E. Wells is charged in separate incidents of conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to commit murder, soliciting a civilian to commit prostitution and conspiracy to commit assault.

The charges of conspiracy to commit murder involve an alleged agreement between Sergeant Wells, Claire Sickles and a civilian to commit the murder of Mrs. Sickles' husband, Staff Sgt. Daniel Sickles.

Additionally, Sergeant Wells is alleged to have encouraged another staff sergeant to hire him to arrange the murder of the staff sergeant's wife.

When the staff sergeant refused to be a part of the murder, Sergeant

Wells is alleged to have solicited the wife to have her hire him to murder her husband in exchange for a portion of the life insurance proceeds.

In the prostitution charge, Sergeant Wells is alleged to have taken a civilian to Houston for the purpose of helping her find a job.

Once in Houston, Sergeant Wells is alleged to have asked the civilian to have sex with several of his civilian friends in exchange for money.

Sergeant Wells is charged with

conspiracy to commit assault for conspiring with three civilian friends to assault a military co-worker who had expressed concerns to Sergeant Wells' superiors about his off-duty conduct. Sergeant Wells also allegedly threatened the co-worker.

Sergeant Wells has been held in pretrial confinement here since Feb. 6 and will remain in confinement until a trial commences.

Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service

## Spanish pullout 'would send a terrible message,' Wolfowitz says

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - A withdrawal of Spanish troops from Iraq would encourage global terrorists that their strategy of violence and mayhem is working to undercut U.S.-coalition resolve, DoD's No. 2 official recently noted on cable news shows here.

Newly elected Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero has vowed he would pull out the 1,300 Spanish soldiers in Iraq by the June 30 transfer of sovereignty, unless the U.N. assumes authority in the war-torn country.

"It would send a terrible message to terrorists if they think that, by killing innocent civilians, particularly on the eve of a democratic election, that they can make us cut and run," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz told CNN correspondent John King March 16.

Al Qaeda operatives are suspected of having committed the March 11 bombings of Madrid commuter trains that killed more than 200 people and wounded more than 1,500.

The attack, which occurred on the eve of general elections, is thought to have influenced the Spanish electorate to vote out a government that was a strong ally of U.S.-coalition efforts in Iraq.

Wolfowitz pointed out to King that U.S.-coalition resolve to defeat global terrorism didn't wane in spite of past terror attacks on the United States, Indonesia and Turkey.

The terrorists, Wolfowitz asserted, "are

failing in Iraq," adding, "I hope they don't succeed in Spain."

A new U.N. resolution that would aid current efforts to establish democracy in Iraq "could be very helpful," Wolfowitz remarked. "One of the things it would do is to make clear that for some period of time, the security of Iraq is in the hands of a multinational force."

The United States, he said to King, "is very committed" to have the June 30 transfer of sovereignty from the Coalition Provisional Authority to the interim Iraqi government occur on schedule.

Wolfowitz praised Spain's contributions in Iraq and in the overall war on terrorism during a March 15 interview with Fox News Channel journalist Sean Hannity.

Spain, the deputy defense secretary noted, "has been a real standup country, and I suppose maybe that's one of the reasons they came under attack."

Prime Minister Zapatero has used words like "fiasco" to describe the nearly yearlong U.S.-coalition occupation of Iraq. Wolfowitz said he hopes Spanish troops will stay in Iraq, noting he disagrees "very strongly" with Zapatero's assessment of the situation.

Most Spaniards didn't support last year's U.S.-coalition military campaign that deposed Saddam Hussein.

However, "even if people think the war was wrong, I don't see how they could possibly think that letting the terrorists and the killers who are on the loose in Iraq succeed could possibly be a good thing," Wolfowitz concluded.

## TRANSCOM officials continue stateside Space-A travel test

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond  
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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — The one-year test to expand space-available travel privileges to family members of active-duty and retired servicemembers traveling within the continental United States was extended until further notice, according to Air Mobility Command's air transportation division officials.

The extension will allow the test to continue while office of the secretary of defense officials complete their evaluation of the test, wrote Lt. Col. Darcy Lilley, chief of the division's passenger policy branch, in a recent message.

Under the space-A test phase, the family members of active-duty and retired servicemembers are able to travel space-A aboard military flights when accompanied by their sponsors, said John Lundebey, of the passenger policy branch. He said the test does not apply to "gray-area retirees" — Guard and Reserve Airmen who are retired but are not yet eligible for retired pay and benefits.

Mr. Lundebey explained that in December 2000, the commander of U.S. Transportation Command outlined the proposed test as a way to improve quality-of-life privileges for servicemembers and their families. After reviewing the proposal, defense officials approved the one-year test period.

"Prior to the test, regulations prohibited family members from flying space-available within the CONUS," said Mr. Lundebey. "This privilege was available only to active-duty and retired military people. During the test period, dependents can accompany them."

To register for space-A travel, active-duty sponsors must be on leave or a pass and remain in the status while awaiting travel and through the entire travel period, officials said.

Additional space-A travel and signup information is available through the passenger policy branch Web site at <http://public.amc.af.mil/SPACEA/spacea.htm>. A list of passenger terminals and phone numbers can be found there.

# NATO beefs up forces in Kosovo after 17 die in ethnic riots

By Jim Garamone  
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WASHINGTON - Seventeen Kosovars have been killed in the worst outbreak of ethnic violence in that province since NATO forces arrived in 1999, NATO officials said.

A company of U.S. soldiers now assigned to the stabilization force in Bosnia is moving to Kosovo to beef up NATO forces in the area.

Another two companies are standing by, said a NATO spokesman.

Six people were killed in Mitrovica, three in Lipjan, three in Caglavica, two in Urosevac, one in Pec, one in Gnjilane and one in the Kosovar capital of Pristina.

The rioting reportedly began in Mitrovica, when ethnic Albanians gathered to protest the drowning of

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three ethnic Albanian boys March 16. A survivor said Serbs had chased the boys into the river.

Rioting quickly spread to other cities in Kosovo and to the Serb capital of Belgrade. News reports said more than 300 people were injured in the clashes.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer

condemned the attacks and expressed concern for French peacekeepers in the country, some of whom were seriously injured in the rioting.

"A special duty also falls on the political leaders of all ethnic communities in Kosovo to stop the spiral of senseless violence, Scheffer said during a speech in Prague, Czech Republic. "I have called on all concerned, both in Belgrade and Pristina, to do the utmost to prevent further escalation. All ethnic communities must act with calm and restraint."

Army Brig. Gen. Rick Erlandson, commander of the Multinational Brigade East at Camp Bondsteel, called the rioting reprehensible.

"My soldiers will immediately and forcefully stop anyone who violates the rule of law," Erlandson said in a statement. "Our actions have always been founded on the spirit of impartiality, and we will react to any group that stands out as they did yesterday."



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**STAB:** "Burt Norris," played by Matt Norwood, grapples with "Francis Hunt," played by Kasey Helms, who tries to kill her "Aunt Irene" hiding in the closet during the production, "The Woman at Dead Oaks," March 19. More than 500 people came out to watch the murder mystery last weekend.

**ARGUE:** "Francis" discovers that "Burt" is carrying a gun for protection.

**GLOVE:** "Judy Winthrop," played April Rissell, and "Francis" find gloves that were worn by the killer.

**HAT:** "Hackett," played by Jon Cuevas, finds the killer's red wig.



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## Kadena High School's theater department presents ...



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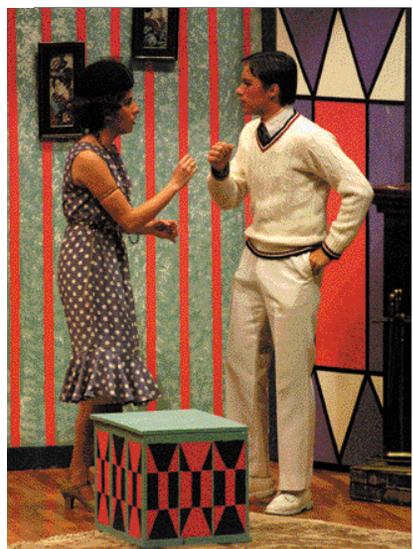


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(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP)  
GUN: "Hackett" reveals that he's been hired by "Charles Jameson," played by Paul Rundle, to investigate "Francis."  
CALL: "Rose Linden," played by Marita Andrade, tries to call the police after finding "Irene's" body in the closet.  
CAST: Kadena High School's cast of "The Woman at Dead Oaks" come out for stage call at the end of the production. The cast shown below are (left to right): Laura Gittins as "The Woman," Erin McClain as "Helen Prentiss," Eric Billings as "Hal Green," Marita Andrade as "Rose Linden," Matt Norwood as "Burt Norris," April Rissell as "Judy Winthrop," Tarren Fitzgerald as "Melissa Boyd," Alice Gittens as "Hannah Boyd," Jon Cuevas as "Hackett," Ben Black as "Fred Grant," Paul Rundle as "Charles Jameson" and Kasey Helms as "Francis Hunt." The director of the production was Vickie Briscoe.



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## Leaders discuss future of unmanned aircraft

by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — With 10 different unmanned aerial vehicle systems flying over Iraq and Afghanistan, military leaders met with members of Congress to discuss the rapidly changing role of UAVs in military operations.

Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan III testified before the House Armed Services Committee subcommittee on tactical air and land forces March 17 to explain how far UAVs have come and how much farther they can go. The general is the U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander and 9th Air Force commander.

"I have seen our UAV force evolve from one that was principally an intelligence-collection platform in Bosnia to one that today has a very potent air-to-ground capability and represents a truly flexible, combat platform," the general said.

This evolution took UAVs from their original mission of intelligence, surveillance and

reconnaissance to the multifaceted roles they play today. Besides providing the traditional role, today's UAVs also engage in high-value targeting, interdiction, close-air support, force protection, man-portable air defense and countermortar suppression, combat search and rescue, special forces infiltration and exfiltration, and battle-damage assessment.

These capabilities are just the beginning, the general said.

"We continue to look for better ways to (use) the [RQ/MQ-1] Predator in support of the ground force and coalition soldiers," General Buchanan said. "We are using (enhanced video receivers) in theater to truly exploit overhead sensors by streaming Predator and other sensor video directly to supported ground units."

As the capabilities of UAVs continue to grow, some members of Congress question the future of manned aircraft.

"I don't think ... it's an answer of either (unmanned) or (manned)," General Buchanan said. "It truly is an inte-



Air Force/ Capt. John Sheets

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM** — An RQ-1 Predator assigned to the 15th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron awaits its next mission at a forward-deployed location.

gration of the right place to put the mission capability."

This integration of manned and unmanned aircraft is working well in operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, he said.

"I can remember (a) particular evening where I actually took (manned) aircraft and I put them in a position to protect an MQ-1 (Predator)," Gen-

eral Buchanan said. "At the same time, the reverse is also true. During OIF, we used UAVs the first night to go ahead, and they helped break down the door to ... bring in manned aircraft."

Eventually, General Buchanan said, CENTCOM commanders may be able to fly a UAV over Iraq one day, and with a launch and recovery

base nearby, turn around and fly that same UAV over Afghanistan the next day.

"I think they're here to stay," he said. "I don't think they're going to replace manned (aircraft). There are some missions where you need a (pilot) in the aircraft. At the same time, I think we're going to see more and more integration."

## U.S. forces get tax break for combat-zone service

by Gerry J. Gilmore  
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Press Service

WASHINGTON — American forces serving in designated combat zones supporting the war against terrorism continue to get a tax break from Uncle Sam.

Depending upon rank, eligible servicemembers can exclude from federal income tax either all or some of their active-duty pay, and certain other pays, earned in any month during service in a designated combat zone.

The Internal Revenue Service's Armed Forces' Tax Guide for 2003 states: "A combat zone is any area the president of the United States designates by executive order as an area in which the U.S. armed forces are engaging or have engaged in combat."

Servicemembers who serve one or more days in a designated combat zone are entitled to federal tax exclusion benefits for that entire month, according to the IRS.

Current designated combat zones include

Afghanistan, Iraq, parts of the Kosovo area and other specified parts of the Persian Gulf region. This includes Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Servicemembers in several other areas specified in law as "qualified hazardous-duty areas" are eligible for the same tax breaks. Bosnia-Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Croatia have been listed since 1995.

The downloadable Armed Forces' Tax Guide for 2003 can be accessed on the IRS Web site. It lists many, but not all, designated combat zones.

Some servicemembers providing direct support for military operations within a designated combat zone or qualified hazardous-duty area, such as Djibouti, Africa, Turkey, Yemen, and the Philippines, are eligible for income tax exclusions.

To be in direct support of a combat zone, a servicemember must be serving in an area the secretary of defense determines is directly

supporting a combat zone. Servicemembers who were deployed from March 19 to Aug. 1 to Mediterranean waters east of 30 degrees east longitude also are eligible for combat zone tax relief, as an "in direct support" area. Servicemembers who served in Israel from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1 also were serving in an "in direct support" area.

While servicemembers can use the tax guide in preparing their 2003 federal tax returns, those who have specific questions about designated combat zones should contact their unit personnel or pay officials or unit tax-assistance officer.

The IRS guide notes servicemembers normally do not need to claim the combat-zone exclusion or subtract eligible earnings on their federal tax returns. The services normally have already excluded combat-zone earnings from the taxable gross income reported on servicemembers' Form W-2s, the guide reads.

The IRS points out that retired military pay and pensions are not eli-

gible as combat zone income-tax exclusions.

In other military pay news, The National Defense Authorization Act for 2004 extended the increase in imminent danger pay to \$225 per month to eligible servicemembers through Dec. 31.

The amount of servicemember federal tax relief depends upon a taxpayer's rank. For example, enlisted people and warrant officers serving in a designated combat zone or qualified hazardous-duty area for any part of a month exclude all gross income earned for military service that month from federal taxation.

For commissioned officers, the monthly income exclusion is capped at the highest enlisted pay, plus any hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay received.

The IRS also allows servicemembers deployed to an area entitled to combat zone tax exclusion extra time to file their federal taxes, usually 180 days after the servicemember leaves the combat-zone or qualified hazardous-duty area.

## Savings program assists deployed servicemembers

ARLINGTON, Va. — Deployed servicemembers have the chance to earn a guaranteed 10-percent interest on their savings annually.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials implemented the Savings Deposit Program in August 1990 for servicemembers who were serving in the Persian Gulf conflict. The program progressively changed to include troops assigned to areas outside the United States, on ships, or mobile units. This program includes Operation Iraqi Freedom servicemembers assigned to a combat zone or in direct support of a combat zone.

"A servicemember can contribute up to \$10,000, but interest of 10 percent will not accrue after that amount," said Roger Castillo, program director.

A person can participate in the program if he or she is serving outside the United States or its possessions supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and has served at least 30 consecutive days in an area that has been designated as a combat zone or in direct support of a combat zone, he said.

Also, people serving on permanent duty assignments outside the United States or its possessions supporting contingency operations and serving on active duty in the designated area for more than 30 days can participate.

To make a deposit into the fund, people should contact their financial office. Withdrawing the money before leaving the combat zone is not authorized, unless there is an emergency. The last day to make a deposit into the fund is the date of departure from the assignment; however, interest will accrue up to 90 days after their return from deployment.

"This is a great opportunity for servicemembers to accrue at a higher interest rate than at an average interest rate of 2 or 3 percent," said Patrick T. Shine, acting director of DFAS.

DFAS officials will post the savings-deposit balance of active-component servicemembers to their leave and earnings statements.



Air Force/ Senior Airman Mercedes McAllister

### Pampered Pet Day

Rachel Barber and her two-year-old daughter, Peyton, enjoy a day out together visiting dogs during Pampered Pet Day at the Kadena base exchange March 13. A dozen dogs looking for a home were brought out for people to adopt courtesy of Karing Kennels. Last month, Karing Kennels set a record number of adoptions with 20 dog adoptions in 40 minutes. The next pet day will be April 10 at the Kadena base exchange from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Kadena Activities

**Free concert:** Eliot Sloan of the Blessed Union of Souls will play a free concert at the Kadena Officers' Club Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. Patrons must be 20 years of age or older to attend. For more information, call 634-3663.

**Photo contest:** 18th Services Squadron officials are hosting a photo contest until June 1. Photos taken during any Services activity, event, program, or facility such as: a sporting event at the Risner Fitness Center or a day out at Okuma, are eligible for the contest. The winner will receive \$500-worth of gift certificates. Photos can be dropped off at the Services Marketing Office, Building 435 along with the contestant's name, phone number, rank (if applicable) and pictures title/description.

**Discover classes:** Visit the Schilling Community Center and sign up for one of the following Discover classes: Karate, Calligraphy, Rinkin Band, a local tour or golf.

### Kadena ITT

#### Local Tours

**Tonight:** *Taste of the Town*, 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$39 for adults, \$27 for children ages 14 to 19, \$15 for children ages six to 13 and \$5 for children under six.

**Saturday:** *le Island Tour*, 7:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$25 for children ages six to 11, \$5 for children under six.

• *Expo Park*, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$32 for adults, \$24 for children ages six to 12, \$5 for children under six.

**Sunday:** *Battle of Okinawa*, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$28 for adults, \$19 for children ages six to 12, \$11 for children ages four to five, \$5 for children under three.

• *Final Whale Watching Tour*, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$84 for adults, \$57 for children.

#### International Tours

**April 3-12:** *Sydney*, Take a trip to Down Under and see various sites such as Watson's Bay, Bondi Beach and ride a four-wheel drive vehicle through a tropical

rainforest on the Blue Mountains. Package includes airfare, hotel for seven nights, breakfast, Sydney city tour, Matilda lunch cruise, Blue Mountains tour and more. Cost is \$1,651.50 for adults (double occupancy - single add \$342), \$1,499 for children (ages two to 11) with one adult, \$1,195 for children with two adults and \$717 for infants.

### Clubs

**Monday:** *Kid's Membership Night at the Officers' Club*, 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a free buffet for the whole family.

**Saturday:** *Teen Membership Night at the Officers' Club*, 6 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$3 per teen.

### Kadena Library

**Saturday:** *Suessentennial Party*, begins at 9:30 a.m. Children ages three to six are invited to celebrate Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday. Three Dr. Seuss books will be read and all children will receive coupons and be eligible for prizes. For more information, call 634-1502.

### Kadena Arts & Crafts

**Fridays:** *Activity Day*, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Kids can play games and get creative. Open to ages 6-8.

### Schilling Community Center

**Sunday:** *Video and Computer Game Swap*.

### Family Support Center

**Today:** *Checkbook Management*, 2 to 4 p.m.

**Saturday:** *Deployed Spouses Dinner*, 6 to 8 p.m.

**Monday, Tuesday:** *Parenting Children*, 8 to 10 a.m.

**Wednesday:** *Designing Spaces*, 10 a.m. to noon.

**Thursday:** *Welcome Walk*, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**April 2:** *Creative Crafts Class*, 10 a.m. to noon.

## Movies

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

### Keystone Theater

**Tonight:** 6 p.m., *Twisted, R*; 9 p.m., *Cold Mountain, R*

**Saturday :** noon, *My Baby's Daddy, PG-13*; 4 p.m., *Twisted, R*; 7 p.m., *Cold Mountain, R*

**Sunday :** 4 p.m., *Twisted, PG-13*; 7 p.m., *Cold Mountain, R*

**Monday:** 7 p.m., *Cold Mountain, R*

**Tuesday:** 7 p.m., *Cold Mountain, R*

**Wednesday:** 7 p.m., *My Baby's Daddy, PG-13*

**Thursday:** 7 p.m., *Hidalgo, PG-13*

**April 2:** 6 p.m., *Calendar Girls, PG-13*; 9 p.m., *Hidalgo, PG-13*

### Foster Theater

**Today:** 7 p.m., *Hidalgo, PG-13*; 10 p.m., *Cold Mountain, R*

**Saturday :** 1 p.m., *Starsky and Hutch, PG-13*; 4 p.m., *My Baby's Daddy, PG-13*; 7 p.m., *Hidalgo, PG-13*; 10 p.m., *Starsky and Hutch, PG-13*



## Chapel

### Catholic

**Mon-Fri. :** Mass, noon at Chapel 2  
**Saturday :** Confession, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Chapel 2; Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. at Chapel 2  
**Sunday :** Mass, 8:45 a.m. at Chapel 3; 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Chapel 1

### Protestant

**Wednesday :** Bible Study at 7 p.m. at Chapel 1.  
**Sunday :** Inspirational, 8:30 a.m. at Chapel 2; Liturgical, 8:45 a.m. at Chapel 3; Evangelical, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at Chapel 1; General Protestant, 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 2; Gospel, 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 3; Sunday school at 10:45 in Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327

**Hindu service:** noon on Mondays at Chapel 1

**Eastern Orthodox service:** call 645-7486

**Jewish services:** call 637-1027

**Islamic services:** call 636-3219

# Sport Standings

## Racquetball

### Division 1

Team	W	L
18 OSS (A)	6	0
18 SFS	5	0
Det. 1, 554	3	1
18 LRS (A)	2	2
18 CES	3	2
18 CS	1	3
18 CMS	0	7

### Division 2

Team	W	L
18 AMXS	5	1
VP9 (A)	1	0
18 MOS	5	2
353 OSS	5	2
18 MSS	4	3
VP9 (B)	2	2
18 OSS (B)	0	1
18 LRS (B)	0	7

## Volleyball

### Division 1

Team	W	L
733 AMS	6	0
DODDS (A)	5	1
18 CES	4	2
18 LRS	4	2
18 CMS (A)	2	4
18 EMS	1	5
18 CS (A)	1	5
18 SVS	1	5

### Division 2

Team	W	L
390 IS	6	0
353 OSS	3	0
18 CMS (B)	4	1
909/961st	4	1
18 CPTS	3	3
18 CS (B)	2	2
623 ACF	2	5
DODDS (B)	1	5
18 MDSS	0	8

SOURCE: 18th SVS fitness center staff (current as of Wednesday)

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### EXTRAMURAL GOLF APPLICATIONS:

Applications for extramural golf are due to the Risner Fitness Center staff no later than Tuesday. For more information, call 634-5128.

### SOCCER CUP TOURNAMENT:

The Kadena Soccer Cup begins at 6 p.m. April 2 and continues all day April 3 followed by the championship game at 1 p.m. April 4. For more information, call 634-5128.

### DRAGON CHEER SQUAD TRYOUTS:

There will be tryouts for the Dragon Cheer Squad at 6 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call Kim Holloway at 633-9316 or Traci Cooke at 633-1069.

### TENNIS LESSONS:

The Kadena Tennis Center offers lessons on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 634-3157.

# Kadena finishes third in Kadena Classic basketball tournament



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

Anthony Harrity shoots a free throw during a matchup against Arose, a local Japanese team in the first round of the Kadena Classic basketball tournament March 12. The Kadena Falcons demolished Arose 90-54 and took third overall in the tournament. "The Truth," a team of Air Force members from a local church, won the tournament with an undefeated record.



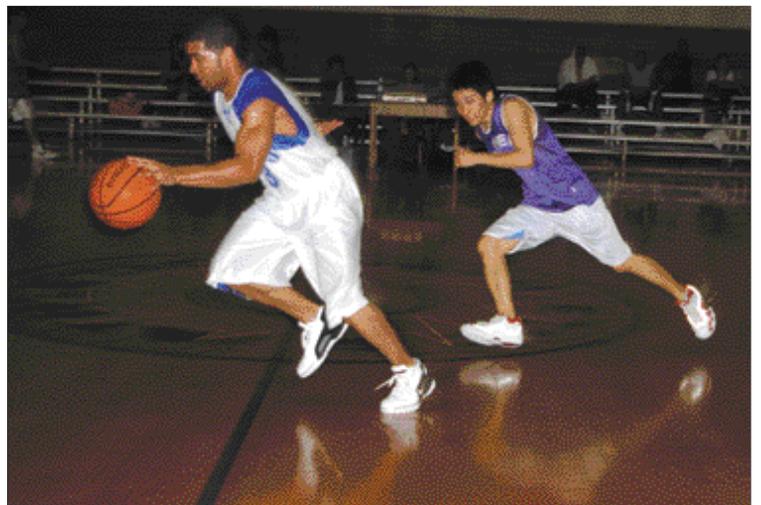
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Theodore Gaines goes up for a rebound during the destruction of Arose in first round action of the tournament.



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Gaines takes a shot against Arose during the Kadena Classic tournament March 12.



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Gaines streaks by an Arose team member during first round action in the Kadena Classic basketball tournament. Organizers hope to host the event annually.