

# NATO SKYWATCH

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## Dignitaries at NATO Air Base

On 4 and 5 May 05, three dignitaries landed at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen. The reason was the presentation of the Karl's Preis, (Charlemagne Award) an event that is organized every year by the city of Aachen.

The recipient of this year's Karl's Preis was Dr. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, President of Italy.

Also, the King of Spain, Juan Carlos I, landed here and the President of Germany, Mr. Horst Köhler used the NATO airfield to fly in to. All departed again in the afternoon of 5 May.



Many Italian Component personnel and their dependants were waiting at the flight line entrance to catch a glimpse of the President.

Photo Mark Boggess



Brig. Gen. Axel Tüttelmann welcomed King of Spain Juan Carlos I (left picture) and Mr. Horst Köhler, President of Germany (right picture), after their landing.

Photo Georg Schmidt

## Consolidated Inspection starts today...

By Capt. Robert A. Firman

The long-awaited Consolidated Inspection begins today. Conducted by a team of inspectors from Force Command, the inspection is designed to review the critical processes that keep the base operating.

The inspection is scheduled to run through 10 June.

As the process begins, there are several simple things everyone can do to get the inspection started well. Among the easiest is to ensure your

work area is clean and organized. A neat space makes a good first impression.

It's also important to remember that the goal of the inspection is to improve the way business is done on base.

"These inspectors have one goal: help us improve our processes," said Maj. Glen Whittingham, chairman of the committee directing the inspection preparation effort. "If we meet inspectors with an attitude of

cooperation and demonstrate pride in what we do, the inspection will be on the right track from the beginning."

Here are some additional tips for success:

- Demonstrate a positive attitude
- Review your key processes and the self-inspection checklist
- Maintain a clean and orderly work area
- If an item can be corrected on the spot, do it. You may avoid a write-up altogether.

**CI Things to Know**


When: 30 May to 10 June

Where: Base-wide

Who: All base offices and organizations

Why: To verify compliance with Component, Force Command and NATO guidelines and directives

How: A team of inspectors from Force Command will operate on base for the duration of the inspection



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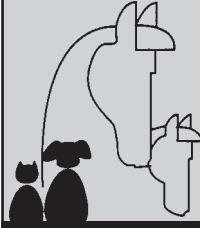
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**Civil emergency officials agree anti-terrorist measures**

Heads of civil protection and civil emergency planning organisations from NATO and partner countries agreed on 26 April on a joint plan for improving civil preparedness against terrorist attacks.

The plenary meeting of NATO's Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee in Helsinki on 25 and 26 April also considered how to ensure effective civilian support to military crisis response operations, such as NATO's ongoing operation to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan.

*Protecting populations*

At the meeting, top civil emergency planning officials from the 46 NATO and partner countries discussed and agreed on an Updated Action Plan for the Improvement of Civil Preparedness for possible terrorist attacks with chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons.

This plan encompasses a host of measures to improve the preparedness of individual countries and of NATO as a whole to respond rapidly and effectively to the consequences of terrorist attacks with these weapons.

Some of the specific issues discussed include better disaster response coordination, the protection of critical infrastructure, such as energy and water supplies, and support to victims of a potential attack.

The Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee is the senior advisory body to the North Atlantic Council on matters concerning protection of the civilian population and the use of civil resources in support of Alliance objectives.

It meets several times a month in permanent session with representatives from Allied and partner delegations at NATO Headquarters and twice a year in plenary session with Heads of civil protection and civil emergency planning organisations from capitals.

# UNICEF recognizes Component donation

(Original: German. Translation by SWCL)

From: UNICEF Deutschland  
Date: 27.04.2005  
To: Brig. Gen. Axel Tüttelmann  
Commander  
NATO E-3A Component



Dear Brigadier General Tüttelmann,

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UNICEF is also helping to care for the many traumatized children. In the camps, meeting areas for children have been set up and equipped with simple toys, and children who are alone receive help in finding their family members again. UNICEF is establishing emergency schools and providing school supplies. With the first aid flights, 7,000 “schools-in-a-box” reached the crisis-hit region. They each contained exercise books, pencils and other materials for 80 children. UNICEF is likewise helping to train teachers and carers in how to deal with traumatized children, and is assisting in the rebuilding of schools and medical centres.

On behalf of the children of South-East Asia I thank you most sincerely for your valuable support.

Yours truly,

[signed]  
Dr. Dietrich Garlichs  
CEO

**New NATO logistics capability**

An agreement signed at NATO Headquarters on 26 April creates a new NATO multinational logistics capability that will facilitate the movement of troops on missions or exercises.

Six countries have come together to create a special multinational unit

whose mission will be to develop movement and transportation plans and prioritise movement requirements of troops in theatre.

This initiative results from the shift to more expeditionary operations beyond NATO's territory and the recognition by

Allies and Partners of the need to increase the speed of deploying forces, to maximize the efficiency of logistics in theatre and to minimise the cost of sustaining these operations.

The six countries are: Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Lithuania, Romania and the Slovak Republic.



## Spain and Denmark celebrate relationship

On 26 April, a flag-raising ceremony was held outside Building 210 where the Spanish and Danish National Support Units are located. The ceremony consisted of a short parade with two national formations, one commanded by Col. Ángel Burgos de la Roca, the Spanish Senior National Representative (SNR), and the other commanded by Lt. Col. Erik Jacobsen, the Danish SNR.

After the ceremony a small informal reception was held in the Danish NSU where typical products from Denmark and Spain were enjoyed by members of both nations. The ceremony culminated with a token exchange of cultural gifts between Col. Burgos and Lt. Col. Jacobsen celebrating the excellent relationship enjoyed by the two nations.

Photo Thomas Christensen



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# Suggestions put into action and rewarded

Text Maureen Geraets-Head  
Photos Andrea Hohenforst

You do your job, following the usual guidelines and instructions. But something tells you that by making a little change to the standard procedure it could be done better, more efficiently. So you investigate, you create and in the end you submit your idea for approval. Sometimes it takes years before the technical orders are changed, all internal offices and external agencies, Force Command and Boeing have given their approval. However, this should not discourage anybody from starting the suggestion procedure.

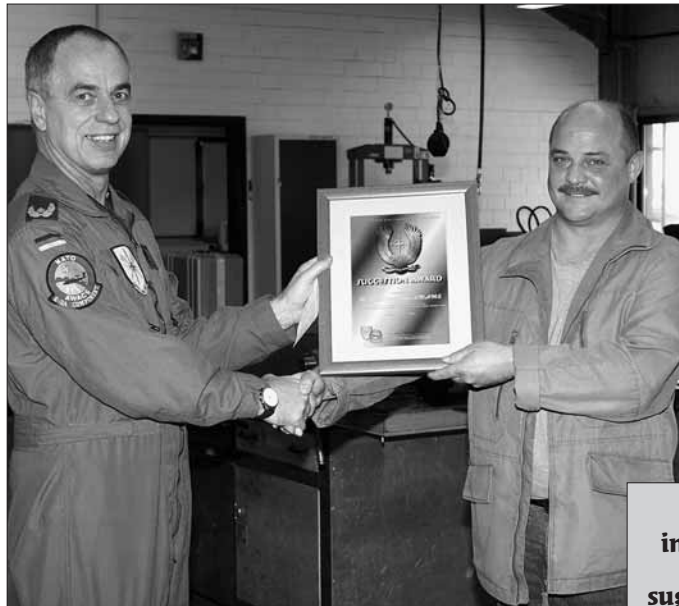
With your creative idea, the Component and NATO could save lots of money, and you could make a little extra – just like three members of the Logistics Wing recently did.

On 18 May 05 they were awarded for their can-do attitude during a suggestion awards ceremony with Brig. Gen. Axel Tüttelmann, Component Commander, presenting the Suggestion Award certificates and cheques.

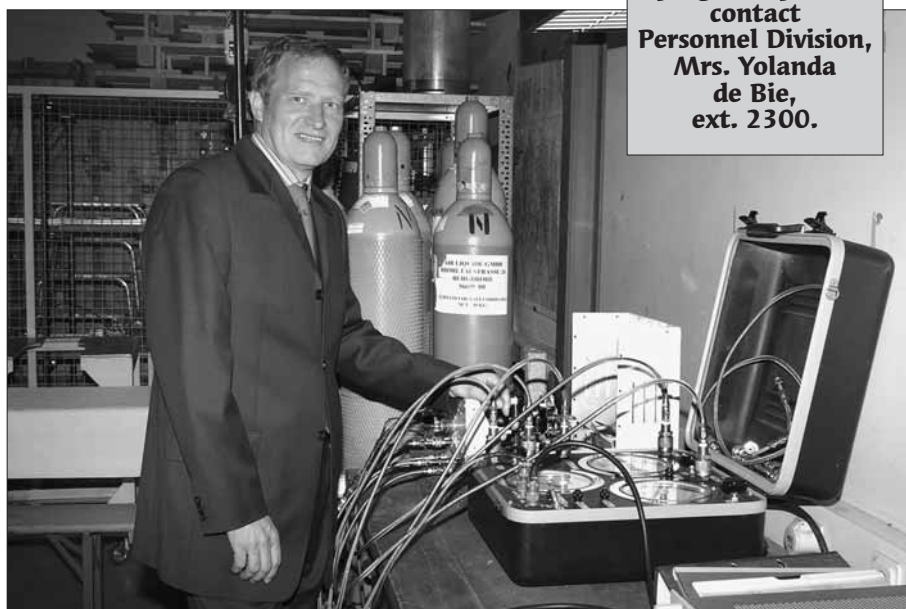
Mr. Franz-Josef Kochs is a well-known face in the suggestion business. It's Mr. Koch's fourth improvement suggestion, all resulted in financial benefits to the Component. This suggestion was to replace the aircraft's refrigerator inner door liner with stainless steel liners instead of the grey plastic ones, creating a durable, resistant and more hygienic liner. This steel liner does not need to be replaced whereas the plastic liner had to be replaced 10 to 14 times per year.

Mr. Hubertus Weijenberg's suggestion was to overhaul the SF6 control box in-house instead of having to pay a contractor to do the job. A saving of roughly €1.26 million – calculated at 35 control boxes that would have to be fixed within the initial first year.

Mr. Rudolf Berner's idea was implemented in February 2003 for the E-3A HF transmit antenna connector. Up until now, the repair and replacement work was manpower intensive and costly. He came up with a structural improvement using rivets and now the wing tips – as a rule – pass the bonding check. Savings in the first year equalled €31,500.



Mr. Franz-Josef Kochs receives his award for suggesting stainless steel liners be placed on the E-3A refrigerator doors.



(Above)  
Mr. Hub Weijenberg's creation: a handy test kit in a carrying case capable of measuring all calibrated parameters of the SF-6 control unit.



(Left)  
Mr. Rudolf Berner improved the repair procedure for the E-3A vertical fin tips and Brig. Gen. Tüttelmann presented him the award.



Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4954/5, opening hours: Mon-Fri, 0815-1300.

## Family Trip to Dinant and Chateau Freyr with Boat Tour and Castle Visit

The IYA is offering a family trip to Dinant and Chateau Freyr on Saturday, 18 June, 0800-2000. First we will travel to the famous town of Dinant in the middle of the Ardennes with its citadel and historic architecture. A boat will take us up the River Maas with its magnificent countryside to the beautiful castle and gardens of Freyr, which we will visit. Point of departure and return is the parking lot outside the Front Gate. Cost is €19,50 for ages 12 and up, €14 for ages 3-11, and €8,50 for ages 2 and under.

## Summer Break Program

Between 20 June and 19 August the IYA is organizing weekly sessions for children aged 6+ with activities from 0930 to 1630. The children can be dropped off at 0800, and picked up no later than 1730. The program includes fun games, swimming, arts & crafts, sports, scavenger hunts, free play, special projects, and movies, but will also depend on the weather. Cost is €36 per child, including lunch on Friday, plus the cost of the field trip. The third child only pays half price, and additional children are free. Slots are limited.

## Summer Break Trips for Component children aged 6 and up:

De Efteling Amusement Park, NL, 22 June, 0800-2000, €34  
Duisburg Zoo, 29 June, 0800-1730, €17  
Phantasialand Amusement Park, 6 July, 0800-1930, €36  
Rursee, cruise/hiking/swimming, 13 July, 0800-1730, €17 (castle visit instead of swimming in colder weather)  
Bobbajaanland Amusement Park, B, 20 July, 0800-2000, €32  
Kernie's Familienpark, 27 July, 0800-2000, €28 including all you can eat/drink: french fries, ice cream, hot chocolate, soda.  
Movie Park Germany, 3 August, 0800-2000, €29  
Bokrijk Open Air Museum and Playground, B, 10 August, 0830-1730, €16  
Walibi Belgium Amusement Park, Wavre, B, 17 August, 0800-2000, €33

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Raffle tickets can be bought at the Norwegian National Support Unit from 1 June, or during the International Cultural Festival. For more information please contact LtCol Kjetil Mikalsen, Squadron 2, ext. 4230.

### Canadian Raffle

- 1st prize: Garmin GPS approx. value €560
- 2nd prize: Grandmother clock, approx. value €500
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# New park features ‘blind dates’ and a lot more

*‘The park is a story and education comes first’*

Text and photos Maureen Geraets-Head

**“Please follow me”, the young park guide says, “and watch your step, it’s a bit muddy. The official entrance is still under construction, getting its final touch...”**

I’m thinking to myself that rubber boots would have been more appropriate. Two days before the new GaiaPark Kerkrade Zoo is about to open its gates it brings back memories of rough farmland that used to be here. The first impression is muddy soil, bulldozers and trucks, people working hard to get everything ready for the opening. It is hard to imagine that in 48 hours this park is going to be ready to open its gates to the public.

It took two years to transform the farmland and soccer fields into an impressive 15-hectare park in Kerkrade, the Netherlands. More than 80 varieties of animal will find a new home here. “The GaiaPark Zoo is a story, where education comes first”, explains director Jan Nonneman in his introduction. “We want our visitors to have a wonderful day and give them the opportunity to learn something at the same time.”

“Right now, we have some gigantic blind-dating ongoing in our park. For instance, the dwarf-hippopotamus couple: The hippo Ms. Torpedo comes from a British Zoo and Mr. Dichael is from a zoo in Denmark”, tells Nonneman during the park’s introduction.

During a walking tour of the park, Zoo Manager, Wim Verberkmoes, proudly explains, “The animals that you see here have been gathered from zoos all over Europe. Our ultimate goal is that the various males and females that have never seen each other before will form a couple and start a family. Some

of these animals like the gorillas and the African wild dogs are on the endangered animals list and by trying to breed them here we hope to prevent them of dying out”, Mr. Verberkmoes adds.

For Component members, the GaiaPark is only a 15-minute drive from the border. Once you’ve passed the official entrance, large signs show the visitor how to explore Amazonia with its Capybaras, the tropical birds living in a giant walk-in birdhouse, and a variety of cute monkeys. Visitors even get to walk between the monkeys. Or the Congo, showing how the bongo antelope, dwarf-hippopotamus and gorilla lives. And Namibia, with giraffes, cheetahs, African wild dogs, zebras and Meerkats.

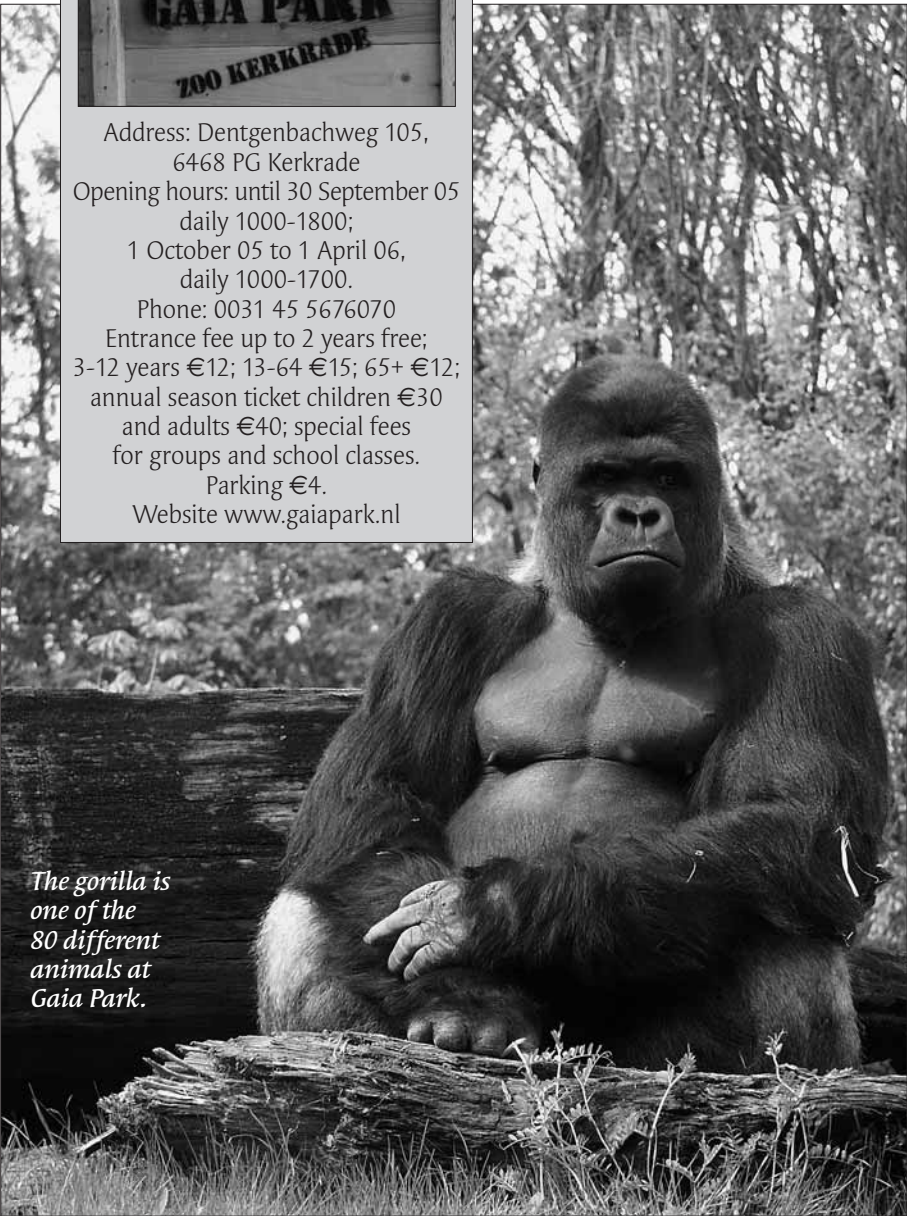
It’s hard to believe that this region, Limburg, was located on the edge of the equator millions of years ago. This was during the Carboniferous period and in the park this era can be found in the Amazonia area. Then, some 100 million years ago, this area was right at the coast and the Namibia area reflects this with its large animals of today. For the Ice Age, you go back just some 10,000 years in time, following the park’s Mammoth route with its hairy muskoxen, reindeers and gluttons. All these themes can be found by simply following the tracks and by doing so you learn more about its animals and nature from both the past and present.

The official opening festival is schedule for 1 June. Then all the different animals can be seen in the park’s natural environment. One doesn’t need to drive for an hour anymore to visit the closest zoo. This park is definitely a great bonus to this area. A modern, educational park with lots of details from the past and present where the whole family can spend an interesting day.



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By Sports Department

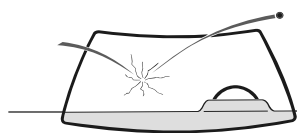
This year’s Component Sports Day is planned for 30 June. The Sports Department personnel are working hard to make this Day a full success.

**Schedule:**

Time:	Event:
0815	Opening ceremony.
0830 - 0930	Breakfast walk from about 5 km through the base forest.
0900 - 1230	German Sports Award and various tournaments.
0930 - 1700	Family Fun.
1100 - 1200	Bench Press.
1200 - 1230	Tug-of-War.
1300 - 1500	Fun Games contest.
1530	Awards presentation.
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DH, Officers', Frisbee and Sentry Clubs now on the BASS LAN System. Menu information under Public Folders/Base Support Wing/Services Squadron/Clubs or IDH. Also, check out the Services-Squadron web page for programme information and upcoming events.

## E-3A Component Clubs

Sunday Brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Regular prices: Brunch: Members/€9.20, Guests/€10.70. Lunch: Members/€6.10, Guests/€7.65. Children 4-12 years/half price. Reservations should be made NLT 1200 hrs on the Friday before. Club cards are required. For additional information, please contact the Officers' Club, ext. 4990, or the Frisbee Club, ext. 4994.

- 05 Family Brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed.
- 12 Both clubs closed due to International Cultural Festival.
- 19 Brunch at the Frisbee Club. Officers' Club closed.
- 26 Greek-style Brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed.

## Officers' Club (SWPO/4990)

Operating Hours Bar: Monday-Friday : 1100-2300 Restaurant: Monday-Friday: 1130-1330 Sunday: 1100-1400. (alternating with the Frisbee Club). Reservations are required for Sunday Brunch by 1200 on the Friday before. Club cards required when using the Frisbee Club (ext 4994). *Lunch at the Officers' Club: Monday-Thursday A la carte menu served.* Monday + Wednesday A vegetarian special also available. Friday Buffet Style Lunch. *Throughout the month Membership Appreciation. One time each month for each Officers' Club member, buy one drink of your choice and get an equivalent drink of your choice free of charge. Club cards required.* Happy Hour: Tuesdays 1700-1800 and Fridays 1600-1800, free snacks available.

# MWA INFORMATION June

- 17 Mongolian BBQ. Reservations required.
- 20-23 Salad specials during lunchtime!
- 30 Club closed due to Component Sports Day. *Special Notes: The Officers' Club has rooms available for your conferences, meetings, presentations or Commanders' Call. Make your reservations now. Officers' Club Participation in Frisbee Club Events: During Frisbee Club opening hours, Officers' Club members are eligible to utilise the Frisbee Club for breakfast, dinner and Sunday Brunch (on an alternating basis between the Frisbee and Officers' Clubs). Club cards required when Officers' Club members are using the Frisbee Club. Cancellations for Officers' Club events will be accepted up to two days prior to the event on ext. 4990. After this time, a cancellation fee of €5.00 per person must be charged for non-excused absences. Also, visit the Officers' Club Web Page on the Component Information Portal, through Base Support Wing, Services Squadron, Clubs, for the latest information.*

## Sentry Club (SWPJ/4997)

As well as the daily special, the Sentry Club will now offer a weekend special comprising of a soup (or dessert) and main course. The weekend special will be advertised in the Sentry Club and on the Component Web page. *The Sentry Club is also able to support conferences and meetings with coffee, soft drinks, brötchen or freshly prepared muffins.* The "off sale" operation can also provide Warsteiner Beer in 30 and 50 ltr containers, various soft drinks in 1 ltr bottles and tables, benches and other items to help in organising your party. Please order in advance. Additional information on any of the above can be obtained from the Sentry Club Manager,

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Make a reservation today at the Frisbee Grill and enjoy the cosy atmosphere and good food! *Remember-the Frisbee Club is open for breakfast and dinner to all Frisbee and Officers' Club members (club cards required).* *Throughout June: Happy Hour: Monday-Thursday: 1700-1800 Friday with free snacks: 1700-1900.* Every Monday Night Steak Night in the Frisbee Grill during normal restaurant times. During May Frisbee Grill open Mondays for steak dinners only. Normal sized steak : €6,00 and Large steak €8,00.

- 02 International Wives Club Bingo Night.
- 07 BINGO and SKAT.
- 16 Spanish Night (Restaurant closed).
- 21 BINGO.
- 28 DOKO (Card Game).
- 30 Club closed due to Component Sports Day.

## Sports Department (SWPT/4946)

Throughout June Outdoor Soccer League on Mondays and Wednesdays.

- 02 Softball League begins. Games every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- 14 Deadline registration for Component Sports Day team sports. 1000: Meeting in the Officers' Club Casual Bar with all Sports Representatives about Component Sports Day 2005. 1030: Component Sports Day 2005 Helpers' Meeting at the Officers' Club Casual Bar.
- 30 Sports Day. Open to all

Component members and their families.

## International Pre-School

(SWPS/4957)

- 13-14 As of 0800-registration for the new 2005/2006 school year-first come, first served! Classes available for children as of 3 years of age. Morning classes from 0745-1230, afternoon classes from 1400-1630
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- 20 Last day of school for Pre-School Class.
- 22 1800: Old Gym: Pre-Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony.
- 23 Starting 1730: Sleep-over Party for graduates at the school.
- 24 0800: Breakfast for graduates and their families/IDH. *For additional information, please call the Pre-School on ext. 4957.*

## International Library

(SWPL)/4956

Monday-Friday Operating Hours: 1100-1600 *The "NewsBank" subscription has been extended. Click on to "Newsbank" through the usafelibraries.ord page.* <http://www.usafelibraries.org.1-1.php> where the "AIR FORCE TIMES" will be available. This paper will no longer be available in a printed version at the International Library. Also check out the military periodicals database and the "Armed Forces" and "Government News" database on "Newsbank" as well.

- 06-10 The International Library will be closed for inventory purposes. Management apologises for the inconvenience.

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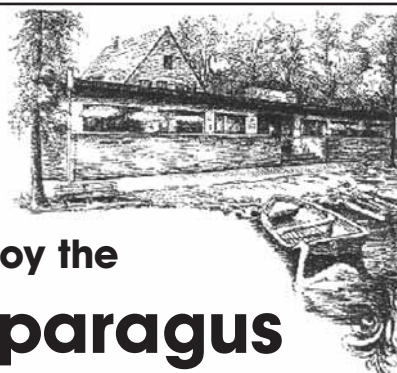
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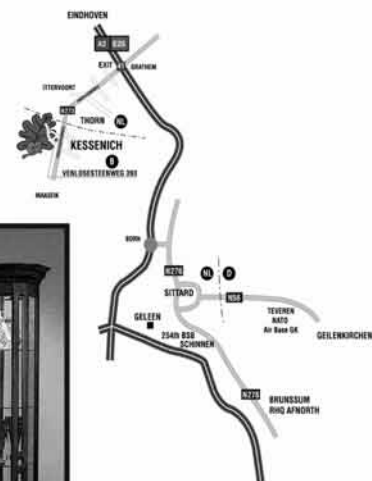
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