

Traffic rules for Cultural Festival

By IMP Traffic Section

The International Cultural Festival 2005 will be celebrated on Saturday 11 June, 1100-2000 and Sunday 12 June, 1100-1700.

For this special event the following vehicle traffic regulations will apply:

- The Main Gate will be the only access point to the base.
- When entering NAB Geilenkirchen, the three inbound lanes are reserved for visitors only. This route will end in the northern area where the

- parking area for all visitors is located.
- The first outbound lane, close to the Main Gate guardhouse, is reserved for VIP's, deliveries, vendors, handicapped visitors and E-3A Component personnel.
- All E-3A Component members have to turn left entering Cinchan Avenue direction Sentry Club and should park their vehicles south of NATO Avenue.
- Cinchan Avenue will be a one-way street starting from the Main Gate direction southwest to Bldg #99/85th Lane.

- For all Component members parking south of NATO Avenue, the second outbound lane at the Main Gate will be the base exit.
- The parking area at Hangar I south/Bldg #217 is reserved for VIP's and handicapped visitors.
- Due to security reasons and internal emergency/evacuation procedures all roads north of NATO Avenue (1st to 7th street and Saclant Avenue) will be blocked.

Since the Component cannot provide a shuttle bus service, all visitors parked in the northern area have to walk

through a cordoned off pedestrian way to the Festival area and back.

The exit from the northern area will be the West Gate without any exception. The route will be clearly signed out and posted by Security Forces.

All visitors and their vehicles have to leave the northern area until 2300 on Saturday, 11 June and 1900 on Sunday, 12 June. Disobeying this or blocking roads or emergency routes will result in towing away these vehicles.

Please, advise all your guests about these regulations.

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Sports Day

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.
1600 - 2100	Recreational time with live music.



From 1200 there will be a various food service for a low price in the tent. Hope to see you all there and have a great time. Bring your family and your friends and make this Day a big success.

Traditional Hose-Down for Long Time Pilot



Text and photo Andreas Hunold

With aircraft # 444 coming to a stop on Friday, 13 May (no we are not suspicious) it brought an end to a long and proud military flying career of Lt. Col. Wolfgang Arendt.

After many, many happy landings and more than 7,000 flying hours on board various aircraft, received the traditional hose-down from the base fire department under the watchful eyes of many guests and comrades who gathered out on the ramp that after-

noon to celebrate that occasion in style.

As a former 'jet-jockey' and 'fast-mover' flying the Lockheed F-104 Starfighter and later on the Panavia Tornado aircraft, Lt. Col. Arendt was certainly used to speeds of Mach 1.2 or more, however to ensure his safe transition off the ramp and into civilian life he was transported off the flight line by an ancient Güldner tractor doing 1.2 miles an hour.

Lt. Col. Arendt, we wish you Godspeed and all the best for the future!

10,000 Flying Hours on E-3A

Text A1C Daniel Houben

On 2 June SMSgt. Wilfried Grube was honoured for his 10,000 flying hours on the E-3A aircraft.

SMSgt. Grube started his military career 1973 in the German Air Force at a Ground Radar Station. There he worked until 1983 as a crew chief. In July 1983 he joined the E-3A Component.

The first year and a half he worked as an instructor in the Training Wing. Then he got part of the 'Tiger' Squadron 1 in May 1984. In his 21 years in the Squadron he took part in all flown NATO operations like Allied Force, Eagle Assist, etc. as a surveillance

controller, instructor and evaluator.

To congratulate and honour Tiger Grube for his work for Squadron 1 and the Component, Brig. Gen. Axel R. Tüttelmann handed out a plug with Thanks and Greets from his Tiger-Squadron.

Brig. Gen. Tüttelmann also said that SMSgt. Grube is the first and only person that has flown 10,000 hours only on the E-3A aircraft and that it is a matter of personnel fitness. For him the big number of flying hours is only 'A matter of time', as SMSgt. Grube replied to Brig. Gen. Tüttelmann and the gathered Tigers from Squadron 1.

SMSgt. Grube, congratulations and we wish you many more, safe, flying hours for the Component!

Photo MSgt. Mark Boggess



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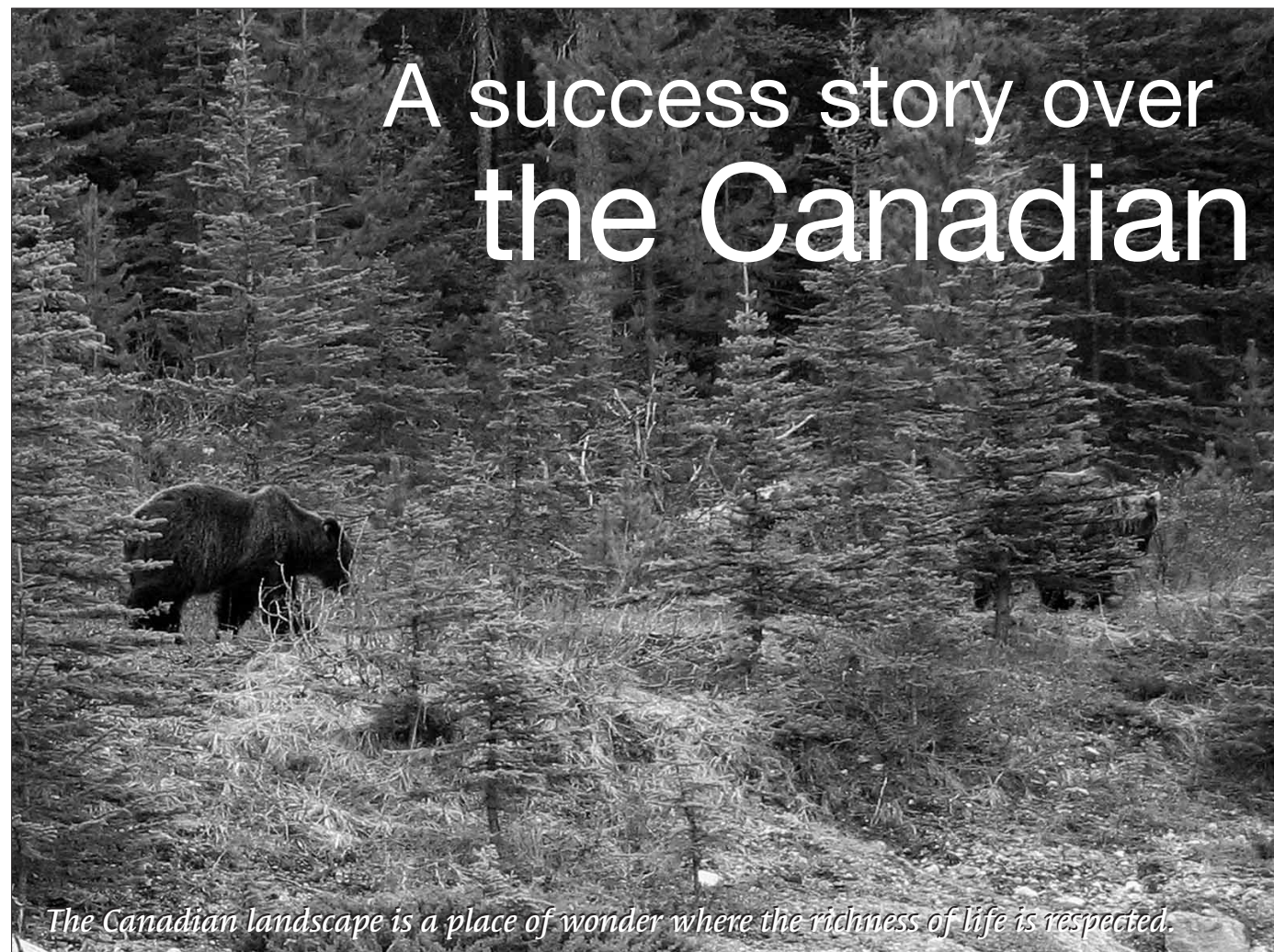
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The Canadian landscape is a place of wonder where the richness of life is respected.

Text and photos
SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg

The skies above 4 Wing Cold Lake supports a great increase in activity as a NATO AWACS and aircraft from 11 nations take off for their first missions during exercise Maple Flag. More than 5,000 military personnel participated in the air combat exercise, which is one of the largest single-fighter exercises in the world. A NATO AWACS detachment joined the first two weeks from 15 until 27 May.

"The Maple Flag exercise is a success story", says 4 Wing Commander Col. 'Duff' Sullivan. "This year for the 28th time, 4 Wing is an international centre of excellence for tactical fighter operations and training. It provides critically important air combat training. With its proven expeditionary facilities and proximity to the largest Air Weapons Range in Canada, 4 Wing is the ideal venue for expeditionary force training."

Tactical director and deployment commander Lt. Col. Karsten Bekaen supports his view. "These combined air operations are difficult to do in Europe, where you have to deal with many airspace restrictions", he said. "The 4 Wing Range provides us the airspace to train these operations with large aircraft packages. The crews train in an advanced air warfare environment and a high threat scenario. As the 42 Ground Radar Site controls the aggressors (defenders), we control the air-to-ground (attackers) package."

"Exercise Maple Flag provides highly developed weapons control and passive control training. The great benefit of the exercise is the face-to-face briefings with the fighter pilots. Together with them we see how we can support them, how to avoid conflicts, work on a communications plan and define identification procedures."

Exercise Maple Flag is a six-week international air combat exercise held annually in north central Alberta. It provides Canadian and allied aircrew with realistic training in a modern simulated air combat environment, and emphasizes air operations involving large coalition forces. During the exercise's three two-week periods, international participants engaged in a simulated, 10-day air campaign. Using the vast, unrestricted airspace of the Range, participants engaged in daily missions that involved confronting and dealing with air- and ground-based threats.

Several scenarios were flown during the two weeks. Besides good training for the weapons and passive control sections, training for the crew in the cockpit was provided as well.

"When the aggressors are coming too close in our direction we train the so-called retrograde procedure", explains Lt. Col. Bekaen, "a way to escape from enemy aircraft."

The crew controlled around 50 aircraft per mission. Close coordination between the air-to-ground aircraft pilots and the AWACS crew led to high situational awareness. "All knew what the plan was, how the mission would be flown and what everyone's needs were", Lt. Col. Bekaen said. "The day was closed with a debriefing with all participants attending. They went through the planning, flying and executing phase. All presented their lessons learned which were

immediately transferred in the next day's mission."

Large varieties of target types are located throughout the Range, making it a dynamic and realistic training environment. These targets are built to resemble tanks, missile launchers, radar sites, industrial sites, command and control centres, and various types of vehicles and aircraft. Among them are seven mock airfields. These airfield targets simulate complex aerodromes, and include runways, ramps, taxiways and dispersal areas. Buildings and ³/₄-scale airframes and vehicles also add to the realism and training efficacy of these mock aerodromes.

Exercise Maple Flag is a Canadian variation of the United States Air

Force's Red Flag exercise. Both exercises were developed in response to a Vietnam War finding that 90 percent of aircraft losses took place during the first ten combat missions. Aircrew who survived these critical first ten missions were more likely to survive the remainder of their combat tour. Maple Flag provides aircrews the first ten missions.

Lt. Col. Bekaen: "These two weeks provided excellent internal training. I was impressed with the good spirit within my detachment. They concentrated on the mission and did a very good job. The robust maintenance crew provided us with a 100% aircraft but as well they twice helped out a Squadron 1 crew at Comox, who were there for another exercise. We flew the maintainers to Comox, they repaired the aircraft and we flew them back."

The exercise promotes initiative and self-discipline in the air, and provides the opportunity for developing tactical and leadership skills. Working together to plan air combat missions and flying these missions in concert with aircraft from other nations fosters and strengthens the professional bonds forged between allied nations.

4 Wing Cold Lake was a very fine host. "We received support of all kinds and they made our work much easier", Lt. Col. Bekaen said. "Besides the hard work we took the opportunity to explore the Canadian area – an impressive country with all its prairies and wildlife, places of great beauty, where nature is able to flourish and evolve."



Fighter allocator Capt. Dirk Wenzel (right) and passive control officer Capt. Mark Lachapelle benefit from the training in an advanced air warfare environment and a high threat scenario.

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NATO AWACS visits Romania

Text and photos Capt. Robert A. Firman

When an E-3A with NATO OTAN in big, black and white letters descends from the clouds, in many parts of Europe it's big news. That is especially true in the new NATO member countries of Eastern Europe like Romania.

NATO AWACS Force Commander Maj. Gen. Gary Winterberger generated a lot of media interest when he took an E-3A and crew from here to visit Bucharest, Romania 31 May for two days of briefings and an orientation flight for a number of senior Romanian officials. Included in the briefings were Minister of Defence Teodor Atanasiu, Minister of Administration and Interior Vasile Blaga, Minister of Transportation, Constructions, and Tourism Gheorghe Dobre, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mihai-Razvan Ungureanu, Chief of General Staff General Eugen-Manolache Badalan, and more.



Following an overview of the AWACS Force and a discussion of the capabilities of the aircraft, six officials boarded the jet for a two-hour demonstration flight over Romania. After landing, Lt. Gen. Gheorghe Catrina, chief of the Romanian Air Force, and Maj. Gen. Winterberger, addressed more than 75 members of the Romanian media on topics including AWACS capabilities, and the potential of Romania to join the Force.

While any decisions about joining the NATO AWACS program have not yet been taken, at least in the short term the people of Romania got an up-close look at one of NATO's premier military capabilities.



International Wives' Club celebrates Italian Evening

The International Wives' Club celebrated an Italian Evening on 12 May. With the theme "Ancient Rome", the evening opened with a costume show presented by several Italian members. Dancing to evocative music, the presentation called to mind the epoch of the Romans.

The evening continued with an Italian dinner cooked by the Italian ladies, some of them dressed in the traditional attire of the Romans. They also served traditional Italian sweets and red wine – both of which were well received by the enthusiastic guests.

The event concluded with a lottery for door prizes, most of which were products of Italian craftsmen.

Garage Sale for U.S. Air Force Ball

To support the U.S. Air Force Ball, a garage sale will be held on Saturday, 18 June and Sunday, 19 June at the parking lot next to the NATEX retail store.

The organization will be collecting donations for the sale from 13 until 17 June, which should be dropped off at the U.S. Family Support Centre between 1600 and 1700.

Component Chaplain celebrates the 48th Soldiers' Mass

By Capt Robert A. Firman

The E-3A Component's Catholic Military Chaplain, Father (Maj.) Gracian Burkiciak, Canadian Air Force, was one of two priests who celebrated the 48th Soldiers' Mass at the Basilica of Vierzehnheiligen, one of the most beautiful churches in Germany.

Every year on the first Sunday in May, the soldiers of the Second World War march uphill to the Basilica to thank God for their return from war and also to pray for and remember their Comrades who lost their lives in difficult and horrible times.

The invitation for Father Burkiciak to celebrate the Soldiers' Mass came from a group of German Reserve Noncommissioned Officers from Bavaria who were visiting the Component in September 2004.

Fr. Burkiciak was escorted to the Mass by Mr. Werner Schumm, Internal Auditor of the Finance Division and Social Manager for the CSA. According to Mr. Schumm, Fr. Burkiciak's participation was "very well received and was seen as a good sign of international friendship, tolerance, acceptance and understanding 60 years after the end of the war."

More than 100 Soldier and Reserve Associations participated with their flags and more than 4000 people attended the mass concelebrated by Monsignor Wolfgang Witzgall and Father Burkiciak.

According to Mr. Schumm, the representative of the German Armed Forces, Generalarzt Brig. Gen. Dr. Roediger, GEAF, offered remarks at the monument for the fallen soldiers. He said that the Basilica of Vierzehnheiligen with its 14 saints is

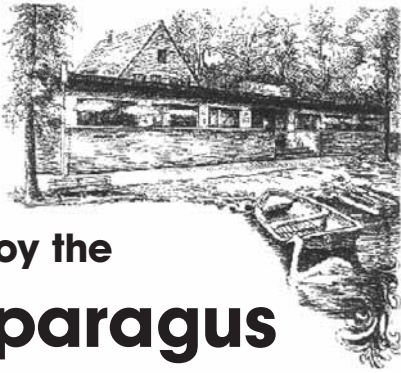
the best place to remember fallen Soldiers and the many other lives lost during World War II. He also remembered the people lost during the Holocaust, and the political, religious and racist tragedies during that time.

Brig. Gen. Roediger also included in his speech the deployed soldiers of the Bundeswehr in the war zones of the world and deployments for humanitarian aid today and asked the congregation to think of and pray for these soldiers.

According to Mr. Schumm, "This great day will always be remembered as an unforgettable event for Father Burkiciak."

Fr. Burkiciak will depart the E-3A Component after the end of his tour in July this year and will become the Catholic Military Priest of COMOX Airbase at Vancouver Island, Canada.

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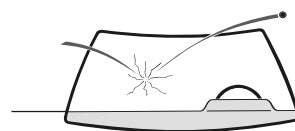
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The International Golf Association's fifth tournament of the season was at the International Gomzé Golf Club in Gomzé, Belgium on 16 May. The hilly course was very challenging to play, but the following players managed good scores and came up with victories.

For the A flight, capturing 1st with 37 points was Tom McAdow, who played a solid game through out the course to win his first tournament of the season. Wolfram De Gavarelli, with 32 points, earned 2nd on a scorecard count back. Wolfram has placed in the money in all five tournaments played. Finishing 3rd was Andy Grubbe, also with 32 points. This was Andy's back to back third place finish.

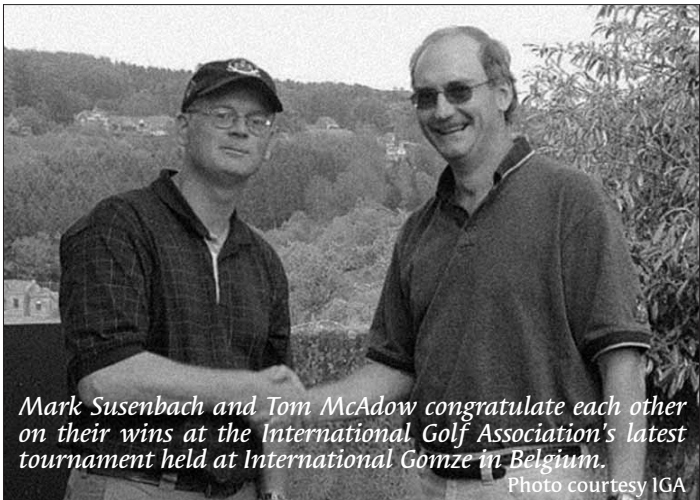
For the B flight, Mark Susenbach barely captured 1st with 32 points, playing a solid back nine to win his first tournament of the season. Monika Savelsberg captured 2nd place with 31 points. This was Monika's second

finish in the money this year. Finishing 3rd for the second tournament in a row was Sammy Frey with 31 points. Sammy just missed second place losing on a count back to Monika. Congratulations to all our winners.

The long drive competition went to Todd Jennings while the closest to the pin competition went to Mark Susenbach when his tee shot on hole 13 landed 4.8 meters from the pin. There were 20 members that took part in the skins competition, but only three skins were won. Andy Grubbe was able to win two skins with a par on hole 3 and a birdie on hole 9. Tom McAdow also won a skin when he pared hole 8. Roland

Mayer won the money pot when he left his tee shot 2.8 meters from the hole on the 124 meter up hill green number 18. Great job to all the winners.

The next IGA tournaments are 24 June in Liege, and 8 July at Spiegelven in Germany. The Club Championship is 16-17 July. Check the IGA webpage at www.igagolf.net for more up coming events.



Mark Susenbach and Tom McAdow congratulate each other on their wins at the International Golf Association's latest tournament held at International Gomze in Belgium. Photo courtesy IGA

IYA

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

Chaperones go free. Slots are limited. Point of departure and return is the IYA parking lot next to Bldg 95.

Program International Cultural Festival

(subject to change)

Saturday, 11 June 2005

Time	Event	Stage
1015-1030	Announcements	
1030-1100	Entertainment anticipated but not confirmed yet	1
1100-1145	Opening Parade/Ceremony and welcoming remarks from Brig.Gen. Axel Tüttelmann, Component Commander and the Mayor of Geilenkirchen, Mr. Andreas Borghorst, with Trommler, Pfeifer and Fanfarenkorps Hoengen and Danish Boys Tivoli Guardsmen.	
1145-1225	Entertainment anticipated but not confirmed yet	2
1225-1255	Entertainment anticipated but not confirmed yet	1
1255-1300	Announcements	
1300-1325	Portuguese Chorus	2
1325-1400	Entertainment anticipated but not confirmed yet	1
1400-1405	Announcements	
1405-1440	Folk Dance Music from Greece	2
1430-1515	Entertainment anticipated but not confirmed yet	
1515-1540	Show Dance Group Stolberg - Donnerberg	1
1535-1600	Marching performance of Tivoli Guardsmen Apron (starting point at the Fire Brigade)	
1600-1605	Announcements	
1605-1630	Norwegian Folk Music performance	1
1630-1700	USAF Band Europe/Five Star Brass Ensemble	1
1700-1740	Dutch Music Band "Harmonie Flos Carmeli"	2
1740-1800	Portuguese Folk Dance Group	1
1800-1805	Announcements	
1805-1850	Performance by Instrumentalverein Suesterseel	2
1850-1915	Show Dance Group Stolberg - Donnerberg	1
1915-1930	Elvis Presley in concert from France	1
1930-close	USAF Band Europe/Five Star Brass Ensemble	1

Sunday, 12 June 2005

Time	Event	Stage
1030-1115	U.S. ARMY Band EUROPE from Schwetzingen, Germany	1
1115-1200	Jazz Band "Sunday Morning Stompers" from Moenchengladbach	2
1200-1225	Folk Dance Music Group from Greece	1
1225-1230	Announcements	
1230-1255	Norwegian Folk Music performance	2
1255-1305	Folk Dance Music Group from Turkey	1
1305-1335	Portuguese Chorus	2
1335-1405	Spanish Folk Dance Group	1
1405-1450	Marching Parade with Danish Boys Tivoli Guardsmen & International Folk Dance Groups Apron	
1450-1500	Folk Dance Music Group from Turkey	2
1500-1530	Scottish Highland Dancers provided by U.K.	1
1530-1545	Elvis Presley in concert from France	2
1545-1610	Portuguese Folk Dance Group	1
1610-1700	Performance of Belgian music band	2

(Update 08 June 2005)

Additional Program for apron near static airplane display (no performances during bad weather):

Saturday, 11 June 2005

Time	Event
1230-1250	U.S. Cheer-Leader Group
1515-1535	Portuguese Folk Dance Group
1600-1620	Greek Folk Dance Group
1730-1740	Turkish Folk Dance Group

Sunday, 12 June 2005

Time	Event
1100-1120	U.S Cheer-Leader Group
1200-1220	Spanish Folk Dance Music Group
1340-1400	Greek Folk Dance Music
1500-1520	Portuguese Folk Dance Music Group

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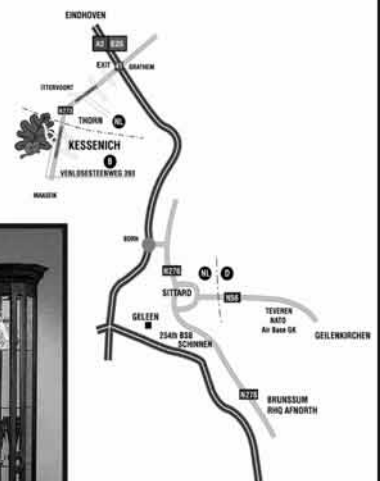
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