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Senior Airman Malt Summers

**Master Sgt. Ruben Branch, 38th Air Expeditionary Squadron utilities technician, (second from right) along with fellow members of an International water assessment team, receive a briefing Nov. 17 from Turkish officials about the damage to the main water pipe serving Duzce, Turkey. See more on the humanitarian assessment team efforts on Pages 4 and 5.**

## Avid Response II comes to close

By Senior Airman Malt Summers

Public Affairs

Operation Avid Response II ended Nov. 19 as the 22-person humanitarian assessment team deployed from Incirluk to Duzce, Turkey returned home.

The 39th Air Expeditionary Squadron, comprised of experts in public health, utilities, structures and electrical engineering, and disaster preparedness, spent five days assessing the needs of the more than 120,000 people impacted by the Nov. 12 earthquake which struck the Bolu region, 115 miles east of Istanbul.

The teams' contributions to the United Nations' portion of relief efforts didn't go unnoticed, according to Gerard Putman-Cramer, deputy director of the U.N. office for the coordination of humanitarian affairs.

"We want to thank our American team for their important input in the past few days," Putman-Cramer said of a needs assessment briefing in Duzce the night before the team's departure. "I don't think we could have arrived at such valuable numbers of what the people need without the help of all the teams represented."

Lt. Col. William Barlow, 39th ACS commander, passed on the same sentiments during the final team briefing.

"Not only the U.N., but also the Office of Defense Cooperation, the Department of Defense and on down to your local commanders have been very appreciative of your efforts," said the Silver Spring, Md., native. "We came here with a job to do and I think we went above and beyond what was required of us to help out those in need."

The residents of Bolu, Duzce and Kaynarca

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# Air Force captures top 10 fugitive

**ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md.** — Airman 1st Class Richard Wayne Ackerman, an Air Force fugitive for nearly two decades, was taken into custody Nov. 11 by members of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Ackerman is alleged to have taken flight to avoid prosecution by deserting in February 1982 while awaiting court-martial at Bitburg Air Base, Germany, for use, possession and distribution of controlled substances.

He was arrested in Columbia, Mo., and is currently in pre-trial confinement at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., for desertion, possession and distribution of controlled substances, and providing false identification documentation.

AFOSI agents from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Offutt AFB, Neb., Scott AFB, Ill., and Whiteman, participated in the subject's surveillance and arrest. Local FBI and Boone County, Mo., Sheriff's Department officials assisted in the arrest.

In cooperation with the Air Force Personnel Center and with other law enforcement agencies, AFOSI is tailing and capturing airmen through its fugitive retrieval program. Since formalizing the program in August 1995, AFOSI has apprehended 30 Air Force fugitives for crimes ranging from indecent assault of a child to attempted murder, as well as narcotics manufacturing and distribution.

## Still at large ...

	Date of desertion:
Fredian Abilar	Feb. 19, 1982
Brian Nelson Arevalo	Jan. 2, 1994
Robert Boehmlein	Dec. 23, 1980
Michael Catalan	Jan. 10, 1997
Tracy Davidson	Nov. 6, 1988
Glenroy Edwards	Aug. 15, 1991
Moses Figueiredo	Jan. 20, 1999
Harold Melching	Oct. 8, 1980
Senier Wonggoun	Jan. 19, 1994

APC maintains an up-to-date list of Air Force deserters, including some from as far back as the 1980s. From that list, AFOSI identifies those who fled to avoid prosecution or punishment for criminal acts or who disappeared after having access to sensitive national security information. It then prioritizes the list of missing airmen based on the crimes they have allegedly committed. A list of the Air Force's top 10 fugitives can be found at <http://www.dtic.mil/afosi>.

To report the possible whereabouts of an Air Force fugitive, call the AFOSI operations center at 1-888-745-1839, or contact your local law enforcement agency.

## Y2K tips

□ Keep records of all bank, credit card and loan statements including Individual Retirement Accounts, 401K accounts and mortgage papers.

□ Secure an adequate cash supply for short-term needs (enough for a three- or four-day weekend). The Y2K rollover is a holiday weekend and people will need cash for traveling, shopping and entertainment.

□ The 38th Comptroller Flight has a contingency plan to ensure funds will be available for check cashing. There is no reason to hoard money or cash checks for massive amounts of money. Be aware that credit cards and automatic teller machines may not be available.

□ There is no reason to hoard vast quantities of food. The base commissary has backup power generators for the main store and cold storage facility. In case of commercial power loss, there is a 60-day

supply of food on hand for everything but meat and dairy products.

□ Plan to use alternate cooking sources, grille charcoal, Coleman stoves, etc. in case of a power outage.

□ Keep a stock of food, batteries, flashlights, charcoal, etc.

□ Clean uniforms and clothes prior to the end of the year. If power is lost, the primary means of cleaning will be by hand.

□ Plan for alternate childcare in case school is not in session and malls are not available.

□ If you travel during the holidays, be aware that air travel may be delayed. Have sufficient funds on hand to deal with any situation. Keep in close contact with your unit during travel.

## Y2K software conversion 'bugs' base ATMs

By Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter  
Public Affairs

A software conversion for Incirlik's automatic teller machines, designed to avert possible problems related to Y2K, is playing havoc with on-base KentBank ATMs.

According to Maj. James Chapman, commander of the 39th Comptroller Flight, the ATMs, located in the club complex, the commissary parking lot and in Hodja Village, are having the most difficulty with ATM cards.

"Credit cards, using the cash advance option, appear to have few, if any, problems right now," Chapman said. "The glitch with the ATM cards, used to access accounts in the States, is that banks do not recognize the transaction, and subsequently, authorization is not given. Or, if the customer does receive cash, the machine keeps the customer's card, and is then out of order because the card is stuck in the card slot."

Chapman said KentBank has agreed to have one of their representatives on base from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until the problem is completely

resolved. The number to call for help is 6-6607.

"Customers are highly encouraged to make their withdrawals during this time so if there is a problem, they can send a rep to retrieve your card," Chapman said.

For most customers, the best options appear to be to cash, checks or use a personal charge card with a personal identification number (if permanent party), or use the government travel charge card (if TDY).

"The machines are consistently going out of service from ATM card attempted withdrawals," Chapman added.

Customers who've lost cards in recent days can call 6-6607 to see if their card has been retrieved. "We have many cards we're holding for pickup at Building 480," Chapman said. "People need only show their ID card to receive their ATM card."

Chapman emphasized that neither the Air Force or finance has ownership of the ATMs. "They are here as a convenience by authority of the Turkish base leadership. We play a liaison function only and share your frustration."

## Avid Response

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were also thankful for the team's presence. "Thank you for coming to help us in any way you can," said Ebri Karakus, a resident of Duzce.

Several team members were approached by residents who, although they didn't fully understand at first why the team was there, wanted to say thank you anyway.

"There were people who had lost everything, and they were still telling us thanks for being there," said Tech. Sgt. Clifford Rumborn, 39th AIS electrical engineer.

For one member of the team, viewing the devastation struck close to home.

"It was very hard to keep from crying," said Muhammad Mustafa Sozuduz, 39th AIS structural engineer. "It was

difficult to see my fellow countrymen suffer in such a way. I felt proud to be chosen to help them."

Sozuduz and Maj. Ferah Ozbek, 39th AES lawyer, who also speaks fluent Turkish, were instrumental in helping Barlow and other HAST team members break the language barrier with local officials.

During a visit to Bolu, Sozuduz was told that half of the city's buildings had received some damage, one third were damaged beyond repair and the remaining structures were completely destroyed. This is information that would have been nearly impossible for the team to assess on their own, according to Sozuduz.

When the medical team visited the director of health care

for the more than 50 tent cities which have sprung up around Duzce to find out about sanitation, Ozbek was told that the team was the first international team to visit the director. "He said no one had addressed the issue with him and he was thankful for our visit," said Ozbek, a native of Sparta, N.J.

The teams' interpreters were invaluable and provided inroads to the local officials who made decisions within the local communities, according to Col. James Venus, 39th AES special representative.

This is the second such deployment in three months for Incirlik members. The first came only hours after the Aug. 17 earthquake which struck near Izmit.

### Captain's bars

The following first lieutenants from Incirlik were selected to pin on captain's bars. The captain selects are Anthony Principi, 39th Wing; Brian Baude, 39th Operations Support Squadron; Stan Carter, 39th Contracting Squadron; Ryan Coyne and Johnny Villena, 39th Supply Squadron; David Correia and Joseph Muscatello, 39th Security Forces Squadron; Michael Ezell, 39th Services Squadron; Jason Diamante and Darin Ladd, 125th Air Base Squadron.

### Name change

The standard abbreviation for base-level Air Force transportation units has changed from TRNS to TRANS effective Nov. 2.

### Summary courts officer

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Airman 1st Class Robert Giese, assigned to the 39th Supply Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, should contact 1st Lt. Paul Martinez, Summary court officer. Call 6-2457 (home) or 8-0180 (work) for more information.

# Not a pretty job, but somebody has to do it

**Story and photos by Senior Airman Matt Summers  
Public Affairs**

**DUZCE, Turkey** — "It's not glamorous, but it's a showstopper," is how Col. (Dr.) Lawrence Riddles, 39th Air Expeditionary Squadron medical representative from Incirlik Air Base, described the importance of proper sanitation for the more than 40,000 families left homeless in Turkey's Bolu region in the wake of country's second major earthquake in three months.

"We are looking for a simple, yet durable plan for the disposal of both solid and liquid waste," said Riddles, a native of Scarsdale, N.Y. "If you don't supply centralized waste disposal people will go where they can... bushes, trees and parks... and this just sets up a site for diseases carried mainly by flies."

Riddles added that although the cold weather has killed off most flies, sufficient numbers still remain to be a potential problem.

In the town of Duzce alone, 50 tent cities have sprung up, temporarily housing 5,000 residents, according to local officials. As of Nov. 18, none of the tent cities had latrines. Those displaced by the quake are using restroom facilities at the city's 20 mosques and other community buildings which received only minor damage.

From a international public health standpoint, the ratio of persons to latrines should be somewhere near 20-to-1, according to Capt. Alexandria Niewijk, 39th AES public health representative.

The 39th AES medical team estimated a need for 3,400 field latrines in the cities of Duzce, Kaynasli and Bolu.

A forecast of rain and snow within the next 10 days has local officials asking for more permanent or contained disposal systems as opposed to slit latrines, or simply holes



**William Gardner, UNICEF emergency program coordinator, briefs Capt. Alexandria Niewijk, 39th Air Expeditionary Squadron public health representative and Col. (Dr.) Lawrence Riddles, 39th AES medical team leader, on a septic-tank sanitation system being installed in a tent city in Kaynasli, Turkey.**

in the ground, according to Niewijk.

"Local officials don't want temporary facilities but want to connect to the existing sewer system," she said. "They fear precipitation will cause slit latrines to overflow and create health problems."

The 39th AES medical team evaluated several tent cities and found at least one in Kaynasli utilizing a septic tank based system designed jointly by United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and Turkish contractors. These durable field latrines are expected to be in place for at least six to 12 months until more permanent housing can be found for residents, according to local officials.

"There are advantages and disadvantages to this particular system, according to Niewijk. "Cost is a negative, but there are several advantages to this system," said the Fort Wayne, Indiana native. "One advantage is that the system can be transported and used again near the prefabricated houses soon to be constructed by the Turkish government for earthquake victims."

Riddles said the military's experience with living in field conditions is a definite advantage when it comes to addressing sanitation needs.

"We do a pretty job of waste disposal in military tent cities and it's this level of expertise we want to bring to the forefront and assist in needs assessment."



**At least 50 tent cities, similar to this one, have sprung up in Duzce, Turkey. As of Nov. 18, none of the cities had latrine facilities.**

# *Bringing 'key to life' to Duzce residents*

**Story and photos by**

**Senior Airman Matt Summers**  
**Public Affairs**

**DUZCE, Turkey** Water roared down a mountain stream above Duzce, Turkey Nov. 17 as Master Sgt. Ruben Branch stood at the sluice gate of the single source of water for the town of more than 70,000.

Although Branch watched thousands of gallons rush through the gate, not a trickle has made it to the people who need it most since the country's second major earthquake in three months.

Branch, a utilities specialist and member of the 39th Air Expeditionary Squadron was joined by three chemists, Lt. Col. Harald Marhold, from the Austrian armed forces, Jakob Huerter from the Swiss Disaster Relief Organization and Basil al Naqib, from the Bundesanstalt Technisches Hilfswerk in Germany. The four men, along with local Turkish authorities, were tasked to evaluate how to restore running water to residents who had been without since Nov. 12.

"Our goal is to get water to the many thousands living in tent cities erected throughout the city of Duzce," said Marhold. "They need this water not only for drinking, but cooking and sanitation as well." In the interim, residents are receiving water from the city's emergency well. The water is unfiltered and a health risk, according to Huerter. German water experts have the capability of chemically testing the water on site and are advising citizens to do so to prevent illness. In the nearby town of Kaynasli, a local company is supplying bottled water for the thousands left homeless.

The international assessment group started their search for answers to Duzce's water problems at the source, a stream some six miles from the city's center. A little more than a year ago the city relied on aquifers, or underground water deposits. Diminishing water levels led city

officials to adopt a new approach. A gravitational system is now in place, utilizing a single 24-inch diameter concrete and asbestos main water pipe to carry water from the source to a water-treatment facility and eventually to the city's populous.

"There didn't seem to be any problems at the source," said Branch, a native of Columbus, Georgia. "But officials showed us two sections of pipe between the river and the treatment facility that had been ripped apart by the earthquake."

The lack of a backup pipe or a safe secondary source of water makes the repair of the existing pipe a top priority. "There could be other problems within the distribution area but we can't tell until the main pipe is fixed and the system is pressurized," said Branch, a 19-year Air Force veteran. "The local officials have said that it will take a couple of days at least to fix the main pipe."

Branch's team also assessed the water-treatment facility and several pumping stations. All looks good at this point, but nothing can really be determined until the water is flowing in the system again, according to Branch.

And time is a luxury the residents



(Top) Master Sgt. Ruben Branch, 39th Air Expeditionary utilities technician, discusses Duzce's water treatment facility with Lt. Col. Harald Marhold, a chemist in the Austrian armed forces, during an assessment of the city's water infrastructure Nov. 17. (Above) Branch, along with Basil al Naqib, a German chemist, receive a briefing concerning waste water at a tent city in Kaynasli.

of Duzce don't have according to Marhold.

"In my estimation the water problem needs to be solved within a week," he said. "Any longer and then it becomes a real health and sanitation issue."



# Perspectives

## Financial management key to secure future

**WASHINGTON** — It's never too soon to start planning for a person's financial future.

While military and civilian retirement systems provide many benefits, proper financial planning can augment these and greatly enhance quality of life for individual and families.

To assist airmen, family members, and Department of Defense civilians in developing the best possible plan for their financial future, the Air Force has established a well-trained cadre of financial management counselors.

Family support centers throughout the Air Force provide personal financial management as one of their core services. Counselors offer a variety of workshops including home buying, understanding mutual funds, long-term

### Financial classes at the FSC

- Basic Investments  
5 - 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7
- Check Register Management  
6:30 - 9:45 a.m. Dec. 9
- Budgeting Skills  
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Dec. 13
- Financial and Consumer Overview  
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Dec. 15

investments, relocation planning and retirement planning.

Additionally, the program offers assistance in budget preparation, debt consolidation and consumer economics. Also available is one-on-one counseling to assist individuals and couples in designing a financial plan for their specific needs and goals.

The personal financial management program is also a key element in the complete package of transition assistance services offered through the family support center. The staff emphasizes the importance of financial preparation to any successful career or life change. They offer assistance in analyzing current status and developing goals and action plans for continued success.

Counselors are available both for individual appointments and to give presentations to units and organizations. Their goal is to assist the entire Air Force family in enhancing their financial security. More information on the personal financial management program contact the Incirlik Family Support Center at 6-6753.

## Action Lines

### Street markings

I've been here seven months now and have watched nothing being done about the state of our street and lack of markings. Is the base leadership the least bit concerned about the lack of even a centerline down our streets? And with the approaching rainy season, and the rain we've already had, the street markings that are there are hard to see. It's a wonder we haven't had more vehicle accidents.

We appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention. At the last Traffic Safety Working Group, your inquiry on the street markings was discussed. The base streets of Incirlik were freshly painted last spring, where applicable. Streets in housing are excluded from centerline striping, just as in small-town areas in the States. Due to environmental factors such as fine grit and hot temperatures, street paint has a limited life here. High-traffic areas such as the front gate are repainted on a regular basis throughout the year for safety reasons. There is currently a project in progress to have all street markings repainted next spring.

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Col. Dutch Remkes  
82d Wing commander

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or e-mail

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## School notes

## Volleyball

Congratulations to Denis Drake for winning a place on the All-Europe Volleyball - Second Team 1999.

## Reading program

High school parents - ask your child to tell you about the book he or she is reading for Drop Everything and Read during their seminar period.

## Study skills

High school parents - please encourage your child to attend after-school study skills every day.

Call 6-8330 for more information.

## Ball:

The high school Winter Ball is scheduled for Dec. 10 at the town center.

## No school

There will be no school for the elementary students Dec. 3 due to a teachers' in-service day.

## Friday

**Dudley Do Right**, base theater, 7 and 9 p.m. (Brendan Fraser, Sarah Jessica Parker) Set in the Canadian Rockies, Dudley Do Right is a hapless young Mountie who discovers that the villainous Snidely Whiplash is planning to swindle all the local citizens out of their land with a fake gold rush scheme and at the same time steal Dudley's lady love, Nell Fenwick. It's up to Dudley to restore peace in the valley. PG (mild comic action violence, brief language and innuendo) 82 min.

**The Muse**, base theater, 11 p.m. (Albert Brooks, Sharon Stone) She has a lineage of a goddess, a touch of diva, good story sense, the basic instincts of a freeloader and the look of love and her name is Sarah. She breaks the gridlock of a Hollywood screenwriter, but also wreaks havoc on his everyday life. PG-13 (brief nudity) 97 min.

**Wreath Decorating**, skills development center, 10 a.m. to noon

**Babysitting course**, American Red Cross. Runs every afternoon, noon to 3:30 p.m., through Nov. 28.

**Morning Star Dancers**, community activity center, 3 p.m. Displays, storytelling and authentic Native American food samples will be provided in honor of American Indian Heritage Month. The Native American dancers will begin at 6 p.m. This is a free DOD show open to everyone.

**Charity Show**, club complex, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The benefits will go to the Adana School for the Deaf. Entertainment provided by British temporary duty personnel. The cost is \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Call Cpl. Ellie Kinsey at 6-6828 for tickets.

## Saturday

**Chill Factory**, base theater, 7 and 9:15 p.m. (Cuba Gooding Jr., Skeet Ulrich) On a hot summer day in Jerome, Mont., two young men, Tim and Arlo, are in the wrong place at the wrong time. Tim is charged with keeping a deadly chemical out ice and transporting it to Fort Magruder 90 miles away. He finds out the best way to transport it is in Arlo's ice cream truck. For both of them keeping cool becomes a matter of life and death. R (violence and language) 105 min.

**In Too Deep**, base theater, 11:30 p.m. (Oscar Epps, L.L. Cool J.) How far can an undercover cop go into the ruthless underworld of an urban drug cartel, filled with violence, power and money, before he no longer can find

his way out. Detective Jeffrey Cole is on a mission so dangerous, it could cost him his life and possibly his soul. R (strong sexuality, language and some violence) 101 min.

**Spades Tournament**, community center, 1 p.m. Ages 18 and over. The entry fee is \$20 for each two-person team. Cash prizes will be awarded. Call 6-6006 to sign up.

**Reggae Night**, enlisted lounge, 9 p.m.

## Sunday

**Chill Factory**, base theater, 7 p.m.

## Monday

**Chill Factory**, base theater, 7 p.m.

**American Pie**, base theater, 7 p.m. (Jason Biggs, Jennifer Coolidge) A group of friends at the end of their senior year make a pact to lose their virginity by prom night. In their attempt to fulfill this mission, they come to some surprising, hilarious and often touching realizations about themselves, their friendships, their notions of love and their relations with the opposite sex. R (strong sexuality, crude sexual dialogue, language, drinking all involving teens) 95 min.

## Wednesday

**Stigmata**, base theater, 7 p.m. (Patricia Arquette, Gabriel Byrne) Terrible things are happening to Frankie Paige, things she can't understand or explain. Paranormal attacks which cause her to bleed from her head, hands, and feet. The Vatican dispatches Father Kierman to investigate. But, what he finds in Frankie will challenge his faith as a priest. Together they fight her demons. R (intense violent sequences, language, and some sexuality) 104 min.

## Thursday

**Stigmata**, base theater, 7 p.m.

## Dec. 3

**The 13th Warrior**, base theater, 7 and 9:15 p.m. (Antonio Banderas, Vladimir Kulich) Based on Michael Crichton's best selling novel, *Eaters of the Dead*, an important emissary is abducted by a band of warriors. He is forced to join their quest to battle mysterious creatures legendary for consuming every living thing in their path. R (bloody battles and carnage) 103 min.

**Movie Marathon**, youth center, 10:30 p.m.

**Holiday tree decorating**, community center, 6 p.m. Help the community center staff decorate the center holiday tree while enjoying



Photos by Staff Sgt. Marie Capoeman

## I'll get a line, you get a pole

(Left) Breeanna Rundell and her dad James try their luck at the fishing rodeo Saturday. (Above) Approximately 500 fish were placed in the base pool for Incirlik folks to cast a line. More than 100 people attended the two-day event sponsored by outdoor recreation.

free coffee, hot chocolate, punch and cookies.

**Christmas cookie decorating**, teen center, 4 p.m.

### Dec. 4

**The Muse**, base theater, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Community First Aid and Safety Course, American Red Cross Building 3830, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$35. The first six people to pay for the class hold a reserved spot. Call 6-6639 for more information.

**Colorama tournament**, bowling center, 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes awarded. The cost is \$12.

### Dec. 5

**The Muse**, base theater, 4:30 and 7 p.m. **Oil painting**, skills development center, 3 - 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 and supplies are extra. Call 6-6051 for more information.

**Wreath decorating**, skills development center, 3 - 7 p.m.

**CPR Challenge**, American Red Cross, 7 p.m. This is for individuals who's CPR certification will soon expire. The cost is \$15. Call 6-6639 to sign up.

### Dec. 7

**Stir of Echoes**, base theater, 7 p.m. (Kevin Bacon, Kathryn Erbe) Based on Richard Matheson's novel of the same title, Tom Witsky finds his blue collar Chicago existence altered

after he is hypnotized at a neighborhood party. What started as a diversion turns disturbing as a post hypnotic suggestion releases a subconscious power Tom didn't know he had. R (violence, sexuality and language) 100 min

**Reading with the Chiefs award ceremony**, library, 3:30 p.m.

### Dec. 8

**Stir of Echoes**, base theater, 7 p.m.

### Dec. 9

**In Too Deep**, base theater, 7 p.m.

### Dec. 10

**In Too Deep**, base theater, 7 and 9:15 p.m.

**Drive Me Crazy**, base theater, 11:30 p.m. (Melissa Jean Hart, Adrienne Grier) Nicole and Chase live next door to each other, but are worlds apart. They reluctantly join forces to navigate the land mines of high school love. Their scheme is to date each other and attract the interest and jealousy of their respective romantic prey. But, they find out that the one they always wanted was closer than they realized. PG-13 (teen alcohol, drug use, and language) 91 min

**Aska**, club complex, 8 p.m. This a heavy metal rock group is performing a free DOD show. Open to everyone.

### Craft bazaar

The skills development center is holding a craft bazaar Dec. 11. Set up your own booth at the Holiday Fest Craft Bazaar.

Call the skills development center at 6-3858 for more information.

### Holiday hours

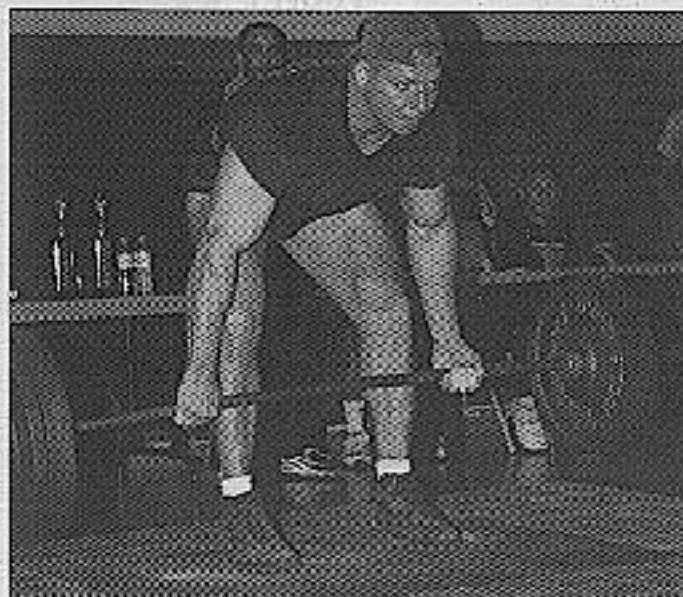
The auto skills center will be open on the following special holiday hours: Dec. 11 - self-help only; Dec. 24 - closes at noon; Dec. 25 - closed; Dec. 31 - closing at noon; and Jan. 1 - closed.

Base Exchange and Toyland holiday hours are as follows: Today - 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. with hourly prize drawings from 8 a.m. to noon.

Beginning Saturday through Dec. 29 the BX will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be closed Dec. 25.

### AAFES flower and gift shop

Is now open across from the base exchange. Call 6-5969 to place an order or for more information.



Photos by Senior Airmen Ned Joiner

**Dead on**

(Above) Robert Taylor took first in the men's division of the Fifth Annual Thanksgiving tournament. Following are the results of the competition.

**Women:** First place Juliet Shorer, squat 175, bench press 135 and dead lift 275; second place LaShonda Hinton, squat 185, bench press 115 and dead lift 225.

**Men:** First place Robert Taylor, squat 525, bench press 375 and dead lift 630; second place Jack Hamilton, squat 550, bench press 385 and dead lift, 530.



Juliet Shorer deadlifted 275 pounds to take first in the powerlifting meet.

**Outdoor recreation hiking trip peaks interest**

By Maj. Mike Young

Operation Northern Watch public affairs

A group of hearty hikers took a trip recently to the mountains near Camiliyayla for a day of exploration, exercise, and fresh air.

This mixed band, ranging in age from 10 to 30, took to the hills on an outdoor recreation center-sponsored trip.

"We knew there was some interest in hiking," said Jim Graves, director of Incirlik's outdoor recreation center, "but we never expected to get 50 people to sign up for the trip."

The last base-sponsored hike was in February 1998, according to Graves. "Although not all 50 of the signups showed, we did have 43 who actually made the trip," he said.

This was also a test to see what the level of interest really is in hiking trips. "In a sense, this was a dry run to see both the interest and hiking ability level of our local population," Graves said. "It was also a chance for people to get out and see other parts of Turkey that they might not otherwise experience."

The feedback from the hikers varied, according to Graves. Although some hikers found the trip to be a bit disorganized, most of the feedback was positive," he said. "With a large group it's difficult to accommodate the varying skill and age levels you find among a number of participants," he explained.

Maj. Mike Young  
Camiliyayla offers hiking paths for all levels.

"Although no more hiking trips are planned for the remainder of this year," Graves said, "we do want to plan some for the new year." He indicated that now he's confirmed a level of interest from the Incirlik community, he wants to try to meet that interest.

## Byrd, Chambers win select-shot tournament

By Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter

Public Affairs

Under overcast skies, Johnnay Byrd and Jason Chambers took to the links, along with 11 other teams at Hodge Lakes Golf Course Saturday for a two-person, select-shot golf tournament. Byrd and Chambers bested the field by two strokes, claiming victory with a two-under-par 70.

The select-shot format pairs two golfers, one with a 15 handicap or more, and one with a 15 handicap or less. Each golfer takes a shot, with the team selecting the best shot to take their next approach from.

The golfers were challenged more than usual by the fact that the course is undergoing a winter seeding program, and were forced to play on temporary greens on seven of the nine holes.

"In addition, we had just aerated the fairways on several holes," said Ferhat Monur, assistant director of golf at Hodge Lakes. "The players had to deal with large stretches of aerator holes that played havoc with fairway shots. That, I think, was a big contributor to fewer teams being unable to shoot under par."

Under pre-tournament rules, players were allowed to take no more than two strokes on the temporary greens, many of which are very small and difficult to reach and putt on.

"Once you got on the green, you could go for it," said golfer Dave Melton. "It was just getting on them that was the difficult part at times."

While they started out strong on the front nine, and were, at one point, four-under-par,

Byrd said the course beat them up pretty good and they had to battle to hold on to their under-par score.

"All those aerator holes and tractor tracks, along with the temps made it really challenging today," he said. "We both had to make some great shots and a few saving putts to achieve the score we did."

The teams of Brad Higginbotham/Pat Cooper and Brian Dudding/Chris Arterburn managed even-par 72s. The tie to determine second place was decided when Monur "walked to the card" and discovered that Higginbotham and Cooper had bested their opponents on the first hole, giving them the advantage.

The next tournament at Hodge Lakes is scheduled for Dec. 11; the format is yet to be determined. Call 6-6249 for more information.



Senior Airman Neal Joiner  
**Pat Cooper and his partner**  
shot an even-par 72 to take  
second-place in Saturday's  
select-shot tournament.

### Turkey Shoot

A turkey shoot begins 9 a.m. Saturday at the shoot range. Call 6-6044 for more information.

### Tryouts

The fitness center is currently taking sign-ups for men's and women's varsity basketball teams. Call 6-6086 for more information.

### Tae Bo

Tae Bo classes are held in the high school gymnasium Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 6 p.m.

### Aerobics

Step aerobics classes are at the fitness center, Monday through Thursday at 5:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Hi-Lo aerobics are Fridays at 5:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Christmas ornaments

The Hodge Lakes Golf Course is now selling Christmas golf ornaments.

### Outdoor recreation

Outdoor recreation is now located in Building 944. Call 6-6014 or stop by for information on equipment rental.

## Standings

### YOUTH BOWLING

#### Biff/Bantams:

Fireballs	18/0
Rugrats	8/8
Scrappies	6/10
The Strikers	4/12

#### Preps:

Strikers	62/2
Falcons	24/40
Hawks	23/41
Wildcats	19/45

### Junior/Majors:

#### The Five Bowlers 42/22

The Brond	41/23
No Limit Strikers	28/36
Pin Setters	17/47



### FLAG FOOTBALL

#### Team Wins-Losses

62B/MXS	15-2
Comm	14-2
58 FS	13-4
MED/CE	13-4
Supply	11-5
SFS-A	8-8
MSS	7-9
OSS	5-14
SFS-B	4-14
H.S.	3-16
VAQ-142	1-16



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## In Turkish ...

sukran -- Thanksgiving (*shuek-run*)  
hindi -- turkey (*heen-dee*)  
hasat -- harvest (*hah-sut*)  
ogretmen -- teacher (*oe-rat-man*)  
ogrenci -- student (*oe-ran-gee*)  
gun -- day (*guen*)  
cicek -- flower (*chee-check*)

## Turkish Thanksgiving?

**Mehmet,** do the Turkish people celebrate a "Thanksgiving?"

Like the Thanksgiving Day celebrated in the United States and Canada, other countries have celebrations or observances in gratitude to God for the fall harvest. Some countries have designated *Harvest Day* celebrations, like England's Harvest Festival.

There isn't a designated *Harvest Day* in Turkey. However, in some regions of the country, ceremonies are held before starting the grain harvest. In other regions, ceremonies are held after finishing the harvest, principally where grapes are grown. Since the climate varies in different regions of Turkey, harvest day or post-harvest celebrations are held on different days.

On the other hand, the tradition of killing a sheep and sharing the meat with neighbors, friends and the poor has some similarities to the American Thanksgiving Day.

Wealthy Moslems kill an animal, usually a sheep, on the first day of the sacrifice festival which lasts four days, and share the meat of the animal with neighbors, friends and poor people. Because the observance is based on the lunar calendar it falls on a different day each year.

Also, during the holy month of Ramazan, Turks give alms to poor and needy people. During that month, wealthy people hold dinners for friends, neighbors and poor people when they break their fast in the evenings.

Eating turkey is not common in Turkey. In recent years some turkey farms were founded to



Senior Airmen Matt Henren

Several of these sheep will be killed and the meat given to neighbors, friends and the poor during the Feast of Sacrifice, the closest celebration Turkey has to the American Thanksgiving holiday.

raise turkey. Turkey is mostly eaten as the main dish at New Year's Eve parties.

## Turkey celebrates Teachers Day

Teachers Day was celebrated throughout the country Wednesday, November 24 is designated and celebrated as the Teachers Day in Turkey each year.

Special programs were broadcast on television and radio stations. President Suleyman Demirel accepted 80 teachers, one representative from each province at the presidential palace in Ankara. Numerous companies gave special discounts for the teachers.

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the modern Republic of Turkey, is considered as the *headmaster* for the whole nation. He received this title in 1928, when he changed the alphabet from Arabic to Latin and wanted everybody to learn the new alphabet. For this reason a campaign was started and nearly every educated Turk supported the campaign by volunteering to teach the new alphabet to the Turkish people. Ataturk himself was also one of the volunteers. He gave lessons to the public in parks and whenever and wherever he had the opportunity.

The most meaningful part of Teachers Day is when students take flowers with their books and give them to their teachers in appreciation for educating, training and enlightening them. There were lines of students in front of florists Wednesday to get a bouquet for their teachers.