


briefs
School delay

Ludwigsburg Elementary School classes will begin on August 30 instead of August 28 due to classroom moving and reorganization resulting from renovation and the addition of 14 new classrooms.

Kelley parking

On Aug. 25, there will be limited parking at Kelley Barracks due to VII Corps Change of Command ceremony. Events will prohibit the use of the principal parking areas until 8 p.m. It is strongly advised that personnel who work at Kelley either car pool or use the GSMC bus transportation system for that day.

RB library hours

Robinson Barracks Library announces temporary changes in regular hours of operation. RB Library will be closed on the following Sundays: Aug. 20, 27, and Sept. 6. In addition, the RB Library will close at 6 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: Aug. 23 and 30 and Sept. 6.

Regular hours of operation will resume Sept. 12. Contact Billie Portmann at 420-6424 for more information.

Ludwigsburg rodeo

The Ludwigsburg Carnival and Rodeo opens Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Pattonville Airfield. In addition to rodeo events, Saturday's agenda includes a performance by the 84th Army Band in grand opening ceremonies at 4 p.m., parachutists, and the Remseck Orchestra. Kentucky Karl and his band will start things off Sunday at noon with the Canadian Pipe & Drum coming on at 3 p.m. and the Muikverein Egloheim slated to start at 7 p.m. The rodeo/carnival is open daily through Sept. 4.

School orientation

Ludwigsburg Middle School will hold orientation for all new students and their parents on Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Free babysitting will be provided.

Bus passes

Every student using the bus for transportation to school needs a bus pass (for identification purposes in case of accidents). Passes may be obtained by contacting the installation coordinator's office in each subcommunity or the local school.

New drug test plan protects soldiers

Army strives to prevent incorrect results

Army policy now requires that soldiers who test positive for drugs that can be prescribed legally must undergo a medical review to confirm legal use before commanders may take judicial or other administrative actions, an Army personnel official said recently.

"The new policy seeks to protect soldiers who properly are taking prescribed medicines that might result in a positive drug test and to identify and refer for treatment any soldier who

may be taking illicit drugs, including drugs prescribed for someone else," said Maj. John Alner. He serves with the Human Resources Division of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon.

"Also, the policy is designed to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the Army's drug testing program."

The Deputy Commander for Clinical Services at 5th General Hospital, Col. Brian Baker, calls the policy "common

sense" and notes that a soldier's health records must be reviewed to check for any prescriptive drug usage deemed necessary by military doctors. This must be done before any judicial or other actions are undertaken by commanders. Baker added that the procedure is a long-standing one in USAREUR.

Alner added that the Army currently tests all soldiers for THC (found in marijuana and hashish) and cocaine.

The expanded drug testing program will add a third drug test that will be randomly selected from a group that includes opiates (such as morphine and codeine), amphetamines (speed, for example), and phenclidine (PCP, angel dust). He said that in Europe, cocaine is included in the rotational drug group rather than the mandatory group.

The medical-review referral allows soldiers the chance to provide important information and present documentation that supports the legal use of the identified substance, Alner explained.

After the review, physicians must report their findings to the affected soldier's commander for further appropriate action.

Meantime, the policy allows commanders to take limited action before the medical review and evaluation process, including limiting access to classified information and temporarily suspending the soldier from sensitive duty, Alner said.

Alner added that commanders retain the authority to consult with local legal staffs before deciding to proceed with administrative or other action under the uniform code of military justice.

As a parting comment, Alner said that soldiers and Department of the Army civilians subject to drug testing should rest easy when submitting specimens.

"The lab technicians handle each specimen as if it was their own," he said, "and each positive specimen is analyzed by two independent test using state-of-the-art and highly sophisticated technology." (AFIS)



photo by Bob Crockett

Tree planting

VII Corps commander Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Watts and his wife Anita accept a commemorative shovel from GSMC commander Maj. Gen. James B. Allen, Jr. The occasion marked a tree planting ceremony at Friendship Grove at Robinson Barracks. The ceremony was a farewell to the VII Corps commander, whose command ends Aug. 25, and was the 28th tree planted at the site.

Reward \$1,000

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator(s) of the following housebreaking larcenies:

March 19: person(s) unknown broke into the Nellingen Officers Club and stole money from the facility.

April 22 or 23: person(s) unknown broke into the Nellingen ITT Office and stole money and miscellaneous documents.

May 26: person(s) unknown broke into the Community Club at Robinson Barracks and stole money from the facility.

Anyone having information pertaining to these crimes, please contact special agent Wayne R. Runion at 421-6201/6606 or special agent George Nelson, Stuttgart Resident Agency, USACDC, APO NY 09154 at 420-6045/7344 or the Military Police at Robinson Barracks at 420-7307/7317.

Commander's comment

Excellence in education based on teamwork

Living in Europe presents unique opportunities for learning. Often the culture shock and the adjustment period of our children cloud their vision, causing the opportunities to appear burdensome. A smooth transition from summer vacation to school time and from stateside education to attending school here is a challenge for them.



Parents, students, teachers, administrators, and military commanders all have much to think about as the year begins. All of us have a responsibility to the children to make their school days in Germany easier.

The mission of the school itself is clear-cut — to provide quality education. But, especially in Stuttgart, it's a little more complicated than that.

The school system here is large and complex. There are eight schools in four locations which serve 5,600 students in the Greater Stuttgart Military Community. About 400 teachers instruct the students. Twenty administrators manage the systems, and (assuming 2-and-a-half children per family) there are 2,240 sets of parents. That's a lot of people in different places, with different responsibilities and problems.

The biggest challenge to all involved is that presented by the geographic difficulties of funneling

students from the many GSMC locations into the eight schools.

Basically, students wind up being divided into two groups: those who go to Stuttgart American High School in Pattonville and those who go to Patch High School in Southern Stuttgart.

Students from the Ludwigsburg area and Robinson Barracks feed into Stuttgart American High School, as do students from outlying areas of Schwaebisch Gmuend, Schwaebisch Hall, Goeppingen, and Heilbronn. Students from Boeblingen and Patch Elementary schools feed into Patch High School (grades 7-12), along with youngsters from Nellingen in grades 9-12.

Because of the complexity of the school system, each parent, student, teacher, administrator and commander is left with a separate concern.

For example, the student from Schwaebisch Gmuend who has to get up at 6 a.m. to catch a school bus to Pattonville has a long day after commuting back and forth. If that student wants to participate in extra-curricular activities, the problem intensifies. To meet the needs of the students, the school provides activity buses. But the outgoing student still has a long day.

Meanwhile, with all the students and bus routes, military commanders worry about the safety of the children. Road conditions, traffic routes, and student discipline play roles in the daily delivery of children safely home again. For that reason, enforcing good behavior on student buses is a responsibility none of us can afford to ignore.

Parents have the additional responsibility of

turning their attention to the students' homework and attendance. Parents should be aware of and support the school's absentee policy. Student absence requires a written excuse. Unexcused absences, reported to parents as they occur, should not be tolerated or we shirk our duty of providing for our children's education.

Establishing a routine of study for students is also important. Beware of the child who says he or she has no homework or says it's done. That should be a warning sign to parents to check on the child's academic performance.

In fact, parents should check early on the progress of their child whether it's questionable or not. Several mechanisms exist to foster communication between you, the schools, and the military. The easiest is the easiest: direct contact with teachers and principals. All practice the open-door policy. When the issue extends beyond the parent-teacher-student relationship, the School Advisory Committee, or SAC, operates to address it. Every school has a SAC which provides a direct link to the school principal. SAC's purpose is to give parents a voice in school decision-making. SACs meet regularly throughout the year and parents are encouraged to attend.

Every parent, teacher, student, DoDDS administrator, and military commander share the responsibility to work collectively in supporting the school's policies and programs to improve the educational environment for students. After all, the students are our children and our future. Their education should be our first priority.

Take care of soldiers
Maj. Gen. James B. Allen, Jr.

A soldier's nightmare: inspection day at family housing

Someone was knocking on the door. Knocking hard.

And when Sgt. John Smith answered the door, what he planned to say ("Who the heck do you think you are, banging on my door on Friday night?") froze in his mouth.

Standing at the door, in dress greens with white gloves, was the biggest, meanest-looking person Smith had ever seen.

"I'm Command Sgt. Maj. Buster Buttox, IG quarters inspection team," the Sergeant Major bellowed. "You have two minutes to prepare your quarters for inspection. You will unlock everything that is locked, open every door or drawer that is closed, and have your family fall out here in the living-room. Do it now."

Smith started to protest, but one look at the hard face in the doorway changed his mind. He called out for his wife, Sarah, and his son, Curt. Sarah came out of the kitchen with Curt right behind.

"What's going on?" Sarah asked.

"I'm not sure," Smith responded.

Buttox strode into the living room and began speaking, reading from a clipboard in his gloved hands.

"I'm Command Sgt. Maj. Buster Buttox, IG quarters inspection team. This evening, I will conduct a health and welfare inspection of your quarters. If I find any deficiencies, you will be required to undergo a reinspection within 24 hours. I will begin with you TA-50, Sgt. Smith."

Smith led Buttox to the wall closet. Inside, in a couple of duffle bags, a laundry bag, and two gym bags, was Smith's gear.

"No-go," Buttox said, writing on his clipboard. "Your TA-50 should be ready and packed according to the unit SOP at all

times. You are obviously not ready to deploy."

"Give me a break," Smith responded.

"I didn't know you were coming."

"If you found one of your soldier's gear looking like this, what would happen?" Buttox asked.

Smith didn't respond.

Buttox ran his finger over a shelf in the closet and drew it back, showing Smith the thick gray dust on the white glove.

"No-go."

"But Sergeant Major, that's the closet," Smith said.

"Just how often do you GI this place, Sergeant?" Buttox asked.

"Well, Sarah cleans every couple of weeks, but..."

"Are you telling me you don't have regularly scheduled GI parties, Sergeant?" Buttox bellowed. "This is government-furnished housing. It is just as important to keep this place clean as it is to keep the barracks clean. You will institute a weekly GI party schedule, and I will be around for the first few to make sure you're doing it right. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Sergeant Major."

Sarah shook her head and walked away.

"Now let's see the bedroom."

Buttox walked into the master bedroom. "Where are your clothes?" he asked Smith.

"In the closet here and that set of drawers."

Buttox went to the closet and started tossing clothes out. When he came to Smith's greens, he threw them on the floor.

"Don't you have any organization? Haven't you gotten the clothing diagrams yet? They show you how to set up your closet and arrange things in your drawers. Let's look at those drawers," Buttox said.

He strode to the drawers, looked at the

top drawer, pulled it out and dumped its content on the floor.

"Wrong, wrong, wrong," he yelled.

"Your socks aren't rolled, your undershorts look like they're just thrown in there and your military and civilian T-shirts are all mixed up. Can't you do anything right?"

"But Sergeant Major, my wife does that for me, and besides," Smith said, summoning up his courage, "I'm an NCO. This isn't the barracks; this is my home. What's going on here anyway?"

"At ease, Sergeant," Buttox yelled.

"This isn't your home. This is government quarters, just like the barracks. Why do you think people live in the barracks anyway? Because they're single. Did you know that 60 percent of the Army is married now? Did you know that many of your own enlisted soldiers are living off post in government quarters or on the economy now? But you spend most of your time checking on your soldiers who happen to live in the barracks because they're single. How often do you visit the barracks? How often do you visit your married soldiers? Why do you have a different standard for each of them? Why, Smith?"

"I don't know, Sergeant Major," Smith said.

"Well, I've seen enough," Buttox replied. "This place is a no-go. Get ahold of our new quarters SOP today. It has all the diagrams you need to get ready for tomorrow night."

"But I've got plans for Saturday," Smith said.

"You had plans, Sergeant. You will GI this place Saturday and I will inspect at 6 p.m. And I want to see a GI party schedule with family member duties listed when I come back. I want to see this place spotless.

By the way, how long since you really scrubbed your toilet bowls? They'd better shine when I come back, Sergeant. I can tell I'm gonna be spending a lot of time with you," Buttox said.

Smith woke up, his wife tugging at his arm. His body was covered with sweat. "You must have been having a bad dream, honey," Sarah said. "You were moaning and tossing and turning. You okay?"

"Yeah, I'm fine. I guess it's about time to get up. I need to go in a little early today. We've got a barracks inspection this morning. I might do things a little differently today. After all, it is their home." (ArNews)



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Citizen's response

In light of Women's Equality Week, the Citizen asked female soldiers in the community 'what impact has the right to vote had on you and your career in the military?'



Specialist Jolanda C. Yoakum, 285th MP Co, Robinson Barracks,

"I see women being in a power struggle with men, where women want to be equal and men do not want the women to be equal with them. It was tough to get to where we are today and the right to vote has given us the power to be heard as an equal. I am a voter!"

Specialist Renee Baines, Criminal Investigation Det, Robinson Barracks.

"It gives me a sense of responsibility. I feel men will not view me as an airhead, they view me as capable female who can handle her job."



Specialist Delilah Jolliffe, 128th Combat Support Hospital, Nellingen Barracks.

"Voting allows me the opportunity to express my opinion about certain laws which effect me personally. Knowing I have a say in what's going on makes me more conscientious."

Lieutenant Terri Wedge, 554th MP Co, Patch Barracks.

"If I have a right to vote, I have a say in who gets elected. There is a large enough number of voters with similar interest they can voice their opinion and those in power can make changes."



Pfc Michelle Zempel, 226th Service and Supply, Wilkin Kaserne.

I just have a passing interest in politics, but I do vote. I don't see the right to vote having any direct influence on my career. When I have to change a tire on a 2 1/2 ton vehicle, I do it. What could be more equal than that."



photo by AFIS

Lock and load

Soldiers at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., pose with four prototype combat assault rifles being run through engineering and safety tests there. The weapons tested employ technologies such as Salvo systems, which launch multiple projectiles; improved sighting systems; high-rate-of-fire mechanisms, high-velocity, low-impulse projectiles; and lightweight caseless and plastic-cased ammunition. Teams of soldiers and airmen are test-firing the weapons at Fort Benning, Ga., alongside the M-16A2.

Alcohol abuse leads military concerns

"Alcohol is far and away the biggest drug problem in the military," said Peter Brock, director of Alcoholism and Mental Health Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

"We've learned that the 1988 Worldwide Survey of Substance Abuse and Health Behaviors Among Military Personnel somewhat underreported the number of problem drinkers — we're waiting for the corrected figures on that, but we know more than one-fourth of our people reported that alcohol has in some way impaired their performance over the past year — versus only 2 percent for drugs," said Brock.

"We know more about the health consequences of heavy alcohol use — inflammation of the heart, irregular heartbeat, and aggravation of high blood pressure are just three of the heart problems linked to drinking."

"There's enough stimulation to drink in our culture. A recent study of American television programs found that in the story lines — apart from advertisements — incidents are shown with eight times the frequency that the average person would see drinking in real life. Interestingly, our television shows depict smoking less frequently than it occurs in life."

"In his last major speech, outgoing U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop noted that alcohol advertisements show drinking associated with sports in which drinking is dangerous — car rallies, swimming, and surfing," said Brock.

"Everyone knows the danger of drinking and driving. But a high percentage of drowning and boating accidents are also alcohol-related. In peacetime, far more military people die in accidents than from hostile actions," Brock pointed out.

"A majority of deaths are in automobile accidents, and a good percentage of those have been ruled as alcohol-involved," he said.

Fort Bliss (Texas) did a study of all its people who were picked up for drinking while under the influence, on or off post. The drivers caught DWI (driving while intoxicated) were examined by doctors and given psychometric tests that are used to diagnose alcoholism. Only 13 percent of those who have been caught DWI were social drinkers who'd taken a foolish risk. The rest were found to be alcoholics or people with a pattern of alcohol abuse.

"This news is both good and bad," Brock said. "On

the good side, most social drinkers have learned from the military's education efforts that they'd better have a designated driver when they drink. On the bad side, people who are problem drinkers are not going to be educated out of their problem."

"Over the past decade, DoD has put a lot of effort into dealing with the problem of alcohol. We raised the drinking in our cubs to that of the surrounding area — effectively raising the age to 21 despite pressure from the 'they're old enough to drink if they're old enough to fight' crowd. We cut out 'two-fers' at happy hours in the clubs. We mounted a successful designated-driver program. We require non-alcoholic drinks to be prominently displayed and easily accessible at all our functions where alcohol is served. Some outfits, especially in the Navy, give bartenders education in recognizing when someone has had too much to drink and how to deal with that situation."

"Now we are trying to improve our ability to identify problem drinkers so we can help them," he continued. A civilian hospital (John Hopkins in Baltimore) found that 25 percent of the problems it treats are the result of undiagnosed alcoholism. We don't know what the percentage might be for military treatment facilities, but we want military health-care providers to be more alert to the signs of alcoholism."

"The Navy is sending many of its health care providers to alcohol treatment centers as training. These doctors, nurses, psychologists, and hospital corpsmen have to listen to all the talks that the patients do, plus attend more training in the evening. They also learn about the biochemical and genetic factors involved in alcoholism and about the Alcoholics Anonymous approach to recovery."

"The Army has set up an outpatient alcohol and drug treatment program for teenagers whose sponsors are stationed in Europe. Their families must attend therapy sessions and meetings. As a result, some of the parents have gotten help for their own problems, because alcoholism and drug abuse are more common among children of alcoholics and substance abusers," added Brock.

"In short, we're making progress in our alcohol program. We'd like to make more and see the dramatic decrease in the number of our people who abuse alcohol as we did the number of drug users — but we know it's not going to be easy," said Brock. (AFIS)

Women struggled for right to vote

by Andrea Dabbs

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution reads: "The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex." Simply stated, that means women are permitted to vote, but seventy years ago, voting rights for women was a very emotional issue. Women won the right to vote on Aug. 26, 1929 after a long, bitter struggle.

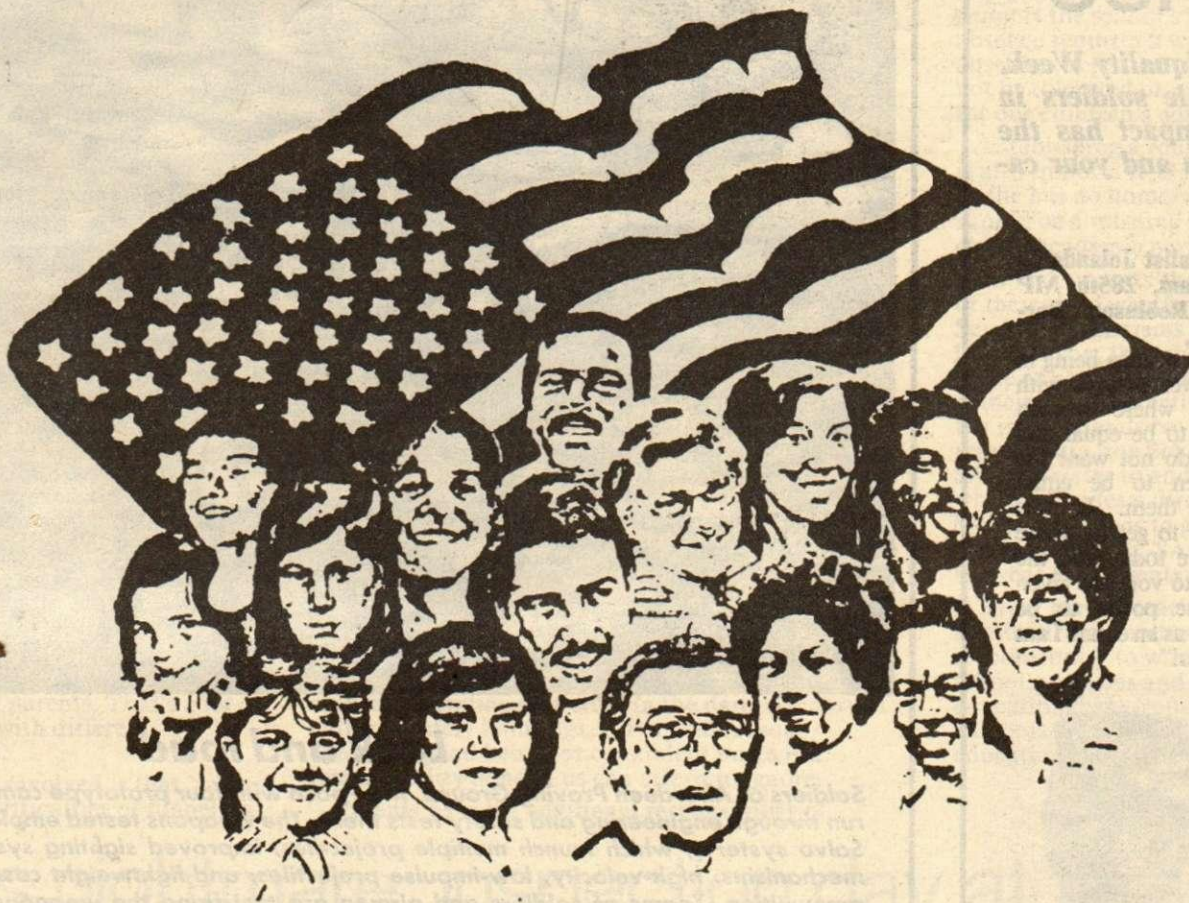
During colonial times, the right to vote was limited to adult, male property owners. Few women dared to demand the right to vote, for fear of being banished from the colony. Then, in the 1830s, American women joined forces with the growing protest against slavery and became Abolitionists who wanted to end slavery for all, including women.

During this time two associations were formed. The National Woman Suffrage Association was established by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony to push for the goal of a Constitutional amendment giving women the right vote. Julia Ward Howe and Lucy Stowe formed a separate association, the American Woman Suffrage Association, to work at the state level.

They both united in 1890 to establish the National American Women Suffrage Association which campaigned for all areas of voting rights for women.

Annual National Conventions were held, the most radical one was the Seneca Falls Convention which insisted that the right to vote was fundamental of all citizens. One woman attending the convention, Amelia Jenks Bloomer, urged women to wear a costume of knee-length skirts and ankle-length pantaloons later known as "bloomers." This became the uniform of the women's rights workers.

The famous four of the American Women's Rights Movement were Elizabeth Stanton, the writer; Lucretia Mott, the spiritual leader; Susan B. Anthony, the organizer; and Lucy Stowe, the speaker. Each possessed a unique talent, and



Today's women juggle many roles, constitute 10 percent of military

gaining the vote was an almost impossible goal for these pioneers of women's rights. None of the famous four lived to see the suffrage amendment to the Constitution. Susan B. Anthony was the last living founder of the women's rights movement. She died at 86 after a convention in Baltimore. She received a standing ovation for ten minutes, after saying, "The fight must not cease. You must see it does not stop!"

Wyoming was the first state to give women the unreserved right to vote, in order to attract more women to the territory where men outnumbered women six to one. In 1913, Illinois became the first state east of the Mississippi to grant women the right to vote. By 1917 sixteen states had granted women some form of the vote. The amendment introduced to the U.S. Senate was known as the "Anthony Amendment," after Susan B. Anthony. In order for an amendment to become a law it had to

be approved by a two thirds majority in the House of Representatives and in the Senate.

The contributions of American women during World War I helped increased Congressional support. These women worked side by side with men, driving trucks, streetcars, and operating freight elevators. When Woodrow Wilson became president he favored the Anthony Amendment.

In June of 1919, the Senate approved it and the suffragists carried their campaign to the state legislatures.

On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state needed to approve the amendment. Eight days later the 19th Amendment to the Constitution became law of the land. After almost a century of struggle, women had won the right to vote.

Since those early times, changes in laws, attitudes, and norms pertaining to women have impacted on the fabric of our nation. Despite these changes, there are still many obstacles. Today's women are "juggling" the demands of many roles. More and more women are working outside the home. Women now have made numerous firsts in history: a woman Supreme Court Justice, in 1984, a woman vice-presidential candidate

major political party. There are more women executives now than ever, both in the public and private sectors. The so-called "non-traditional" jobs are becoming fewer. Women are serving in the Armed Forces in greater numbers.

Military women are recognized for the important contributions they make to national defense. Women serve in many capacities, which has not always been the case. Barely a decade ago less than two percent of active-duty personnel were women. Those who served, did so in "traditional" capacities (e.g. administration and medicine). Today women constitute nearly 10.5 percent of the active force. They serve in many career fields which historically have been staffed exclusively by men. These military women, side by side with military men, put an end to the argument that women were not equal to men and therefore did not deserve the right to vote.

on the shelf

Book evokes visionary evolution of womankind

by Andrea Dabbs

The wait is over. Alice Walker is back with her latest novel, *The Temple of My Familiar* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich). Readers have been anxious to see how she would follow up her hugely successful 1984 Pulitzer Prize winner *The Color Purple*. The book and film rocketed Walker from a respected, but not widely known, author to the ranks of literary stardom.

The Temple of My Familiar is a mystical, magical, extending work of art. Walker describes life in

transformation, "a romance of the ages." This intimate portrait of love will be treasured by all who seek to grow along with one of the most humane writers of our time.

Walker unfolds a myth of human evolution centered around a crew of magical, mystical characters of women. Their reincarnation through the ages charts the development of man, or as Walker prefers, "(wo)mankind." Walker evokes and uses hypnotic phenomena to facilitate that "reassociation" of the inner life which she regards as the essence of life. Walker carries the reader on a journey that traces the evolution of racism and sexism from their early beginnings to the present

with Lissie's many lives.

The book is set in the Spanish flare of South America. The imagery of feathers, capes, and magical music is used throughout the story. Walker provides seeds for new development in the mystical adult personality giving way to a more complete view of the world in transition.

The Temple of My Familiar is a broad extension of a novel. Visionary in tone and unorthodox in form, Walker brilliantly uses words to transform these qualities into meaning. The entire field of mystical magic is revealed through her descriptions of the love between the two characters, Zede and Carlotta. This is truly a first for Walker; it's unlike anything else she has written. A must to read.



photo by Bob Crockett

Ronald Bentz, teacher and counselor at Ludwigsburg Middle School shares a moment with Brian Bressette. The 11-year-old sixth grader was at the school recently with his parents during registration.

DoDDS system invests in quality Meeting challenges, mastering change

by Steve Snyder
Stuttgart Citizen

School begins Aug. 28 in GSMC, ushering forth emotions ranging from agony to ecstasy. The former comes from many students reluctant to curtail vacations, the latter from parents eager to escape spring. Both parties, though, share an interest in quality education and GSMC's instructional apparatus geared towards achieving that end.

GSMC schools are part of the larger Stuttgart School District whose boundaries extend beyond the range of six subcommunities. Within GSMC, there are eight schools serving 5,600 pupils. Some students outside of GSMC's geographic radius but still within the Stuttgart District, attend school here.

The Stuttgart American High School in Pattonville draws students mainly from northern GSMC. Students matriculating at Ludwigsburg Elementary School (K-5), Ludwigsburg Middle School (5-8), and Stuttgart Elementary/Jr. High School (K-8), and youngsters from Schwaebisch Gmuend, Schwaebisch Hall, Weppingen, and Heilbronn will eventually attend the Stuttgart American High School.

Boeblingen Elementary School (K-6), Patch Elementary School (K-6), and Nellingen students in grades 7 and 8 attend Patch High School when of age.

Class size

There are 400 people — including teachers, administrators (20), counselors, teacher aides, etc. — involved in the education process in GSMC's eight schools. Class sizes average about one teacher to 25-27 students.

GSMC schools are part of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) system. DoDDS is a Department of Defense agency designed to provide quality educational opportunities from kindergarten through grade 12 for eligible minor dependents of military and civilian personnel assigned overseas. It's also the ninth largest U.S. public school system in existence, with more than half its 153,000 students worldwide located in Germany in 141 schools.

GSMC schools and others in Europe are accredited by the North Central Accrediting Association (NCAA), the largest such organization in America. Every DoDDS high school has been fully accredited without any discrepancy.

The quality of education in DoDDS and hence GSMC is above average, too. Approximately 40 percent of DoDDS teachers have graduate degrees, which is a percent higher than the national average. Additionally, DoDDS students have consistently averaged higher scores on college entrance examinations than stateside counterparts. In fact, an independent comprehensive study of DoDDS completed last spring indicated that parents are generally satisfied with the quality of DoDDS education.

Requirements include 4 units in Language Arts (English, reading, speech, and journalism); 3 in social

studies (1 unit of U.S. History and ½ unit of U.S. Government required); 2 in mathematics; 2 in science (2 laboratory sciences are required); 1 in Career Education (home economics, industrial arts, business education, cooperative work experience, automotive technology, and electricity/electronics); 1 in aesthetics (art, music, humanities, drama, and dance); 1 in physical education; ½ in Health and ½ in Computer Science.

Unique feature

A unique feature of the DoDDS curriculum is the host national/intercultural program. It involves native teachers acquainting American students with the language, people and cultures of the country — in this case Germany — in kindergarten through grade 12.

Over two-thirds of the teachers in the DoDDS European system are, in fact, overseas applicants. Another third is hired from stateside applications but preference is given to qualified dependents of DoD military and U.S. government personnel on official overseas assignments.

Teachers are, of course, responsible for maintaining discipline in the classroom. While corporal punishment is not permitted in DoDDS schools, school principals are authorized to suspend disruptive students. Expulsions from school are executed at the discretion of the regional director.

There are 376 students enrolled in Special Education programs in GSMC schools and their needs assume a high priority as expressed in several DoDDS directives. Sports are not neglected, either. GSMC schools offer both boys and girls the opportunity to participate in 10 interscholastic sports.

While DoDDS controls the content of education in GSMC schools, getting youngsters to their schools falls in the lap of the Chief of Transportation at the Directorate of Logistics (DOL) for GSMC, Winston Garth. His task is not an easy one.

"We try to arrange it so that no route runs longer than one hour from the schools," Garth said, while noting that students bused in from outside GSMC's boundaries utilize other bus systems and often have rides exceeding one hour.

DOL contracts out for 90 buses which transverse over 160 routes daily, according to Motor Officer Capt. Jane Reed. "We have had very few accidents" over the years, Reed noted.

Still, safety is a paramount concern. And rowdy behavior threatens to disrupt that.

"We're going to have strict enforcement of behavioral standards on buses," Garth said, adding that "safety has priority." Garth says that students who fail to conform to behavior standards on buses "stand to lose their riding privileges." Garth has lined up a staff of six inspectors who will tail buses at random to insure problems are avoided.

All told, Garth estimates that GSMC spends roughly \$5 million a year on school busing to transport students across what is, after all, a geographic entity about the size of the state of Delaware.

School lunch programs

Of the eight schools in GSMC, six have adequate facilities to prepare and serve lunch. Patch High School and Patch Elementary School share a lunchroom facility. Ludwigsburg Elementary School and Nellingen Elementary do not have hot lunch facilities.

The Alternative Lunch Program is an unfunded USAREUR initiative which began in school year 1982-83 to make lunch service available, where feasible, at schools which previously did not offer meals. It is envisioned as a temporary program to satisfy student needs until adequate cafeterias can be constructed. Services included under the program include box lunches brought in from nearby school cafeterias, formal programs for eating at military or other dining facilities, and various other methods designed to provide lunch to students. Ludwigsburg Elementary School has a box lunch program.

A uniform price for the hot lunch meal is charged to students. Meals may be purchased with either cash or coupons. School meal coupons are available for full-price, reduced-price and free meals. Free/Reduced-price coupon booklets may be obtained only from a designated AAFES outlet in the military community where the sponsor resides. If a sponsor resides in economy quarters, he may obtain coupon booklets from the designated AAFES outlet located in the community where his child attends school.

Coupons are redeemed for hot lunches only. No other food or beverage can be purchased with the coupon. Additional food and beverage items such as milk, juice, hamburgers, hot dogs, and french fries are sold in schools with cafeterias as a la carte items.

Free/Reduced Price School Lunch Program

There is an ongoing program in GSMC to assist qualified families with the daily expense of school lunches for their children. The Free/Reduced Price School Lunch Program is confidential and any American family who is within the income eligibility guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture may participate.

To determine eligibility, an application can be obtained from your local school or subcommunity point of contact. Bring a copy of your most recent Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and a copy of your spouse's if he/she is working.

Families who are deemed to be eligible simply go to the AAFES outlet and inform the cashier that they are entitled to Free/Reduced Price Lunch coupons. Each AAFES outlet will maintain a current list of those families eligible to participate.

The coupons for the program look identical to regular AAFES school lunch coupons. The only difference between the two is the price, if any, families must pay for them. So confidentiality is assured.

Bag lunch program

Because of construction delays, the new school cafeteria at Stuttgart Elementary and Junior High School at Robinson Barracks will not be open for the start of the new school year, as originally anticipated. Instead, students will eat lunch in the school gym. As it did last spring, AAFES will continue to provide a bag lunch for students, starting on the first day of school. AAFES will also provide bag lunches for SEJHS junior high students attending the Valdez school.

Only meal tickets will be accepted as payment for the bag lunch. Cash will not be accepted. Meal tickets are available for purchase in books of 10 at any area PX.

If your child attends Stuttgart Elementary and Junior High School and you want your child to have an AAFES bag lunch, be sure to send your child to school on Aug. 28 and thereafter with a meal ticket.

For information, contact Michael Speziale at 420-6164/7363.

Nellingen wins Kaserne-level crown while men's race goes down to the wire

by Lionel R. Green
Stuttgart Citizen

Nellingen Barracks held off regular-season champion Patch Barracks in the final game to take the Women's Kaserne-level Softball Championship held Aug. 12-13 at Patch.

The four-team double-elimination tournament included Heilbronn and Robinson Barracks also. Patch was the favorite going in while Nellingen was a close second. The two teams played each other three times during the tournament and both teams scored a total of 12 runs. The largest margin of victory was just three runs.

In the first round of the tournament, Patch blasted Robinson Barracks 12-2 to advance, and Nellingen ripped Heilbronn 12-3. That set up the first game between Nellingen and Patch with Nellingen upsetting Patch in a tight game 6-5. In the loser's bracket, Robinson Barracks pulled off a mild upset themselves knocking out Heilbronn 11-6. Patch then eliminated Robinson Barracks 10-5.

The inevitable rematch between Nellingen and Patch followed with patch rebounding from the first loss and winning

Community Stallions lose in VII Corps

The Stuttgart Men's and Women's Community-level softball teams were both ousted from the VII Corps Community-level Softball tournament held Aug. 19-20. The Men played at Barton Barracks in Wuerzburg.

The Men's Western League champion, the Stuttgart Stallions who finished with a 20-4 regular-season record, took second place behind Eastern League champ Ansbach.

The Lady Stallions who finished second in the regular season three games behind Western League winner Wuerzburg with a 16-4 record placed third in the VII Corps tournament. Host Wuerzburg won the championship and Ansbach finished second.

this one 5-2. The championship game proved to be just as tough as the previous two games with the winner taking all and the loser taking second. Nellingen won 4-2.

The final regular season Women's Kaserne-level standings were:

Patch	6-1
*Nellingen	5-2
Heilbronn	4-3
RB	2-5

*won post-season tournament

In the Men's Kaserne-level Softball league, the race is hot for the first four spots in the standings that will qualify the teams for the post-season tournament. Going into the final day of the regular season this past weekend, six of the eight teams had shots of going to the tournament.

The standings (not including this past weekend's games) were:

Panzer	7-3
Patch	5-3
Coffey	5-4
Echterdingen	5-4
RB	5-4
Flak	4-6
Nellingen	3-5
BMF	2-8

The Men's Kaserne-level tournament is scheduled for Aug. 26-27 at Robinson Barracks. The first game will be Saturday at 10 a.m.

RB girls take Jr. B division USAREUR title

by Lionel R. Green
Stuttgart Citizen

A pair of 10-run first innings pushed the Youth Services Robinson Barracks team to the top of the Girls Junior B division (13-15 years) softball world.

Robinson Barracks won the USAREUR tournament held Aug. 11-12 at Herzo Base in two straight games defeating Worms both times. In the first game Robinson Barracks dug up Worms 18-1 and then took the championship game 14-10.

The first game was over after one inning with Robinson Barracks exploding for 10 runs.

"Everybody hit well in the first game,"

said second-year assistant coach Tammy Murray, "allowing us to walk away with it."

However, the second game was much tougher. Once again Robinson Barracks scored 10 runs in the first inning, but was held scoreless until the sixth inning. They held on to win 14-10.

"The second game was a lot tougher," Murray said. "After the first inning we went down 1-2-3 until the sixth inning, but Worms never tied the game."

Robinson Barracks finished up the season with 14 wins and just three losses. Murray attributes much of the success of the team to the cheerleaders, otherwise known as the parents.

"We took the season one game at a

time," she said. "We couldn't have done it without the parents, though."

The USAREUR champions are:

Yvonne Brakel
Dorcas Ham
Yancisca Harris
Angie Jackson
Nikki Jackson
Danielle Mathis
Diana Nieto
Sarri Pentecost
Lisa Shaffer
Lori Shields
Dee Stamps
Kim Upchurch
Tweety Willis
Glenn Shields, coach
Tammy Murray, assistant coach

Nine-Ball pool

Attention, pool players! The right combination of skill and luck could take the prize this month in the Nine-Ball Cash Tournament. The entry fee is \$10 per player and prizes will be based on a percentage of the intake. Play begins at 3 p.m. on Aug. 26, at Kelley Community Recreation Center.

For information, call 4212-611/743.

Golf tourney

The 3rd Annual American Red Cross Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 26 at 12:30 p.m. at the Stuttgart Golf Club. Prizes include a new car on two holes for a hole-in-one, a round trip ticket for two to New York, assorted golf equipment, and much more.

Interested golfers who have established handicaps should apply by sending their check or money order for at least \$30 to:

American Red Cross
GSMC
Robinson Barracks
APO 09154

Be sure to include your phone number, handicap, and club affiliation. For information, call 420-6060/6366.

YS cheerleading

The GSMC Youth Services will be holding registration for the 1989 cheerleading season through Aug. 30. The cheerleading season begins on Sept. 9. Registration will take place at all YS centers, Tuesday-Friday from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Late registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis.

All YS members, ages 10-15 years, are eligible for participation. A \$15 sports fee will be charged. Volunteer coaches are also needed.

For more information, contact your local YS.

Jazzercise

Join Jazzercise now! It's a balanced combination of aerobics, toning, and stretching that's good for your body. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday by a certified instructor from 5-6 p.m. at the RB Elementary School Gym. The first class is free.

For more information, call 07154-29244 or stop by the Kornwestheim Recreation Center located across from Wilkin Kaserne.

Pool tournament

Every Sunday at 1 p.m. the Kornwestheim Recreation Center holds a pool tournament. The weekly winner receives a certificate, and the person with the most wins at the end of the quarter wins a trophy. Sign up no later than 12:30 p.m. every Sunday. There is no charge.

For information, call 07154-29244 or stop by the Kornwestheim Recreation Center located across from Wilkin Kaserne.

Taekwondo class

The Kornwestheim Recreation Center is having a Taekwondo class every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. and Friday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per month, for eight classes per month, or \$3 per class (military only).

For more information, call 07154-29244 or stop by the Kornwestheim Recreation Center located across from Wilkin Kaserne.

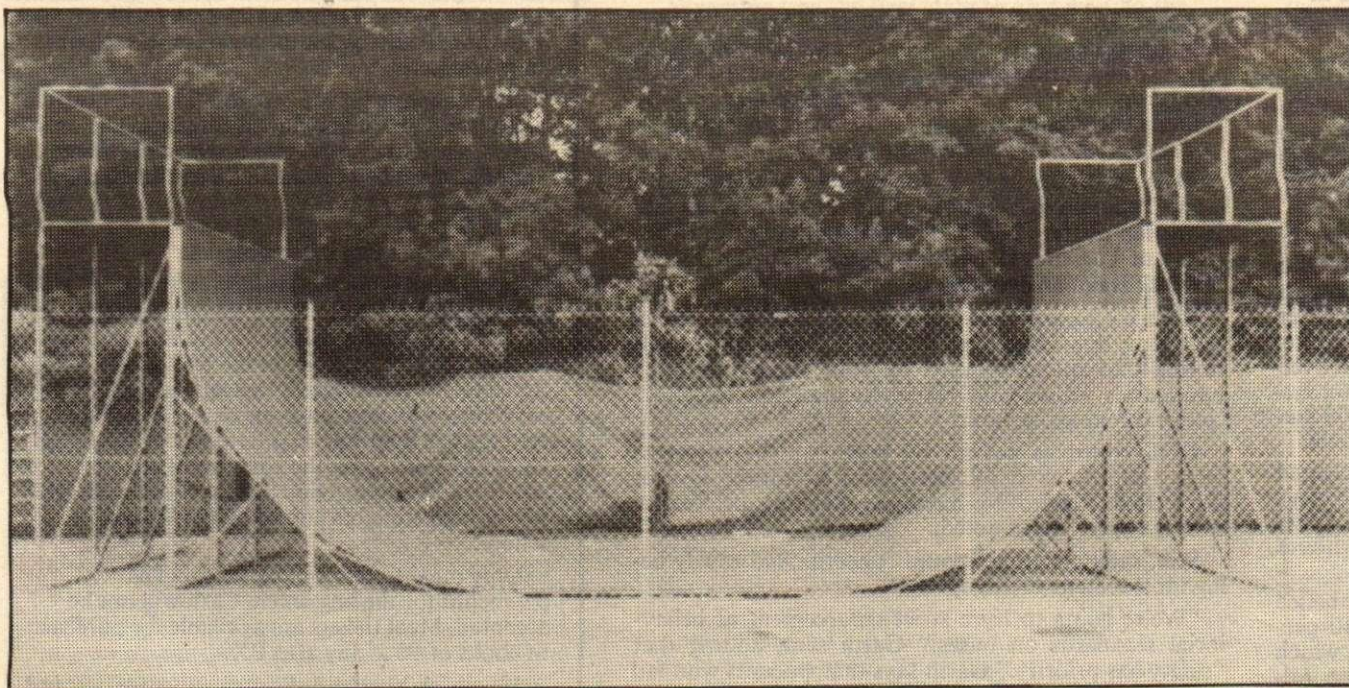


photo by Lionel Green

Ghost ramp

The skateboard ramp at Patch Barracks has been a lonely site in the past month. The ramp opened June 16, and less than a month later closed on July 14. Only about 20 kids used the facility. Pete Wallace, 14, said, "The ramp is too high and not for beginners." The ramp can be resurrected if a volunteer organization takes responsibility for the proper supervision and organization of the ramp.

Stepping Out with Evi Hofielen

Aug 21-Aug 27

CIRCUS RONCALLI — Stadtgarten (city park), Schellingstrasse (near university), Mon, Tue 8 p.m., Wed thru Sun 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

ESSLINGER ZWIEBELFEST — Street Fest in Esslingen, Marktplatz, thru Monday, Aug 28.

LUDWIGSBURGER WEINLAUBE — "Wine Bower", Ratskellergarten, Ludwigsburg, thru Tuesday, Aug 29.

Monday, Aug 21

DANGEROUS LIAISONS — Feature film in English; CORSO Movie-Theatre, Hauptstr. 6, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, 8:15 p.m. & 11 p.m., thru Wednesday, Aug 23.

WINE FEST — Stuttgart-Obertuerkheim.

PANTOMIME PERFORMANCE by Peter Makal — Makal City Theater, Marienstr. 12, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug 22

COLLEGIUM BARBARORUM — Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

CLOWN FESTIVAL — Landesparvillon Baden-Wuerttemberg, Schillerstr. 4, Mittlerer Schlossgarten, 8 p.m., thru Sunday, Aug 27.

KONSTANTIN WECKER in concert — Forum am Schlosspark, Ludwigsburg, 8 p.m.

"DUO DU BRAZIL" — Merlin, Furtbachstr. 14, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug 23

HAPPY WINE CRUISE ON NECKAR RIVER — Departure: Across from Wilhelma Zoo, 6:30 p.m.

SWING MAIL SPECIAL — Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

"DER FREISCHUETZ" — Opera by C. M. von Weber, Forum am Schlosspark, Ludwigsburg, 7 p.m.

"FRANCISCO GILENO" — Merlin, Furtbachstr. 14, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug 24

HABERDASHERY MARKET — (similar to German Flea Market), Stuttgart-Wangen.

H.-J. BOCK AND THE RAGTIME SPECHT GROOVE — Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

WILL POLLIEN & DAN BOLGER — Merlin, Furtbachstr. 14, 8:30 p.m.

RHYTHM, SOUL & BLUES — Feuilletton, Haussmannstr. 235, 9 p.m.

Friday, August 25

STUTTGART WINE VILLAGE — Official opening at courtyard of Old Castle, 5 p.m. "Germany's most beautiful wine village" runs thru Sept 3, daily 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

"SCHAEFERLAUF" — "Shepherd's Run", Markgroeningen, thru Monday August 28.

HOUR OF CHURCH MUSIC — Organ Recital; Works by Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Hindemith, Reger. Stiftskirche, 7 p.m.

GOOD TIME COMPANY — Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

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"PEE WEE BLUES GANG" — "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

BELLE STUFF — Rock, Reggae, Salsa; Taverna Litfass, Schwabenzentrum, Eberhardstrasse, 12 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 26

FLEA MARKET — Karlsplatz, Stuttgart; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

"8TH LAB-FESTIVAL" — Bachelors Walk, The Five Pipes, Combo Latino, etc. Performance in tent at "Untere Anlagen", near Mineral Bath Berg, 2 p.m.-10 p.m.

OLD FASHION JAZZBAND — Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

"ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13" — Feature film in English, CORSO Movie-Theatre, Hauptstr. 6, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, 8:15 p.m., 11 p.m., thru Wednesday, Aug 30.

"MANCHEBO" — Calypso, Reggae; Feuilletton, Haussmannstr. 235, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 27

"8TH LAB-FESTIVAL" — Blue Sevenths, Louisiana Red, Clown Rinaldo, etc. Performance in tent at "Untere Anlagen", near Mineral Bath Berg, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

VILLAGE FEST IN ALTBACH (near Esslingen) — Flea Market, Wine Bower, musical entertainment, etc., all day.

MB BIGBAND FREDERIC RABOLD — Jazz; Kursaal Bad Cannstatt, 6:30 p.m.

"NO. 3" — Rhythm, Soul, Blues; Feuilletton, Haussmannstr. 235, 9 p.m.

VOLKSMARCH

Saturday & Sunday: SCHECHINGEN, POC: Walter Dolderer, Westerfeldstr. 1, 7071 Schechingen, tel: 07175-8192.

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE!



CCD registration

Registration hours for Patch Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes are scheduled Aug. 26 at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 27 at 9:30 a.m. and at noon after mass at Patch Chapel, and Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at Patch Elementary School. CCD classes begin Sept. 10.

For information, contact 420-6461/7319.

USO concert tickets

The USO Stuttgart is now handling the military sales for concert tickets.

Tickets available at the moment are: Beach Boys, Yes, Aerosmith, White Lion, Irish Folk Festival, Erasure, Victory, and Black Sabbath.

For information, contact 420-6261/8364.

LK YS classes

Beginning Aug. 28, aerobic classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. Babysitting is available for a minimum charge.

Tae Kwon Do and ballet classes will resume in September. The fee for Tae Kwon Do is \$26 a month, classes are for ages 6 to adult. The fee for ballet classes is \$16 a month, classes are for ages 5-19.

Sign up now at the Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim Youth Services (LK YS) or call 4282-550 for information.

Children's day

Help the Krabbenloch Rec center to celebrate Children's Day at the Holiday Park Aug. 26. Singles are welcome, too. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by their parents.

Estimated entrance fee to the park is DM19 for adults and DM17 for children, including all rides for a day.

Sign up today and pay \$7 for registration fee. Call 4282-553 or 07141-82301 for details.

HEP meeting

The Hispanic Employment Program (HEP) committee will have a meeting Aug. 25 at 1 p.m., bldg. 107, Robinson Barracks.

Upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 through Oct. 15) events will be planned. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Activities scheduled are:

Sept. 15 — Job-Fair at RB Mall; Sept. 16 — Mini Carnival; Sept. 17 — Hispanic Mass and Potluck; Sept. 22 — Seminar 'How to set goals'; Sept. 30 — Dinner/dance; Oct. 6 — Seminar 'Executive Order'; Oct. 13 — Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon.

For information, contact 420-6059.

CPM I classes

The Civilian Personnel Management (CPM I) Course is a mandatory training course for supervisors of civilian employees (both US and LN).

Classes will be held Aug. 25 and Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon in bldg. 107, room 403, Robinson Barracks.

For information, contact Ms. Flaherty, 420-6041/6480.

Pfennig Bazaar

PCSing? Donations are being accepted for the fall Pfennig Bazaar now.

Call 420-6046 for an appointment with the Bad Cannstatt-Zuffenhausen ACS at Robinson Barracks.

RB YS registration

Registration for ballet, jazz, and tap dance classes is now being held at the Robinson Barracks Youth Service (RB YS) center. Space is limited, sign up today.

For information, call 0711-854764/853395.

Patch Outreach group

Patch ACS 'Outreach Group' will meet Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Patch Chapel center, bldg. 2307, 2nd floor.

For information, contact 430-5274.

USC registration

The University of Southern California (USC) registration is held through Sept. 1.

"Decision Support Systems" course first meets either Sept. 9 or 10 (alternate weekend format), or Sept. 12 (evening format).

Register early, contact 430-5441 or your Education Counselor.

Phantasialand trip

On Aug. 26 the Kornwestheim Rec center hosts a tour to Phantasialand. Cost is \$7, bring DM's for entrance fee, food, and gifts. Departure time is 6 a.m. from the center.

Call 07154-29244 to reserve a place to Europe's most exciting Amusement Park.

LK FMEP seminar

The Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim ACS Family Member Employment Program (LK FMEP) is offering a lunch 'n learn seminar, "PCSing your appropriated fund career," Aug. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the LK ACS lounge.

Reservation is necessary. Stop by the ACS office, or call 07141-882-681/496 or 4282-681.

Kentucky Carl country show

Country music fans take note: Kentucky Carl brings his live country show to the Neckar Rod & Gun Club Aug. 26.

For information, contact 4216-416 or 0711-342840.

Swiss hiking tour

The Swiss hiking tour operator has published its 1989 hiking tour program.

Individual or guided long distance hikes with the family, friends, small or large groups to specific areas, or hiking holidays with special programs for any request are offered in the brochure "per pedes", and can be ordered free of charge at the Swiss National Tourist Office, Kaiserstr. 23, 6000 Frankfurt a. M., telephone number 069-25600124.

Single Parents Group

Kelley ACS is sponsoring a Single Parents Group. This month's meeting will be held on Aug. 23 from 4:45-5:45 p.m. in the ACS lounge, bldg. 3317. For information, call 4212-600 or stop by Kelley ACS.

Ronald McDonald show

On Aug. 22, the Ronald McDonald clown will make his appearance at 4 p.m. at the Army Commissary, Robinson Barracks, with a 45-minute magic show for the whole family.

Entrance is free. Call 494-7113 for information.

Summer band camp

The Music Department of Patch High School will be holding their annual summer band camp on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of August. All members of the cadet and the concert-marching bands are asked to attend. Sessions will begin each day at 1 p.m. in room 309 at the high school and end at 7:30 p.m. Each student is asked to bring their band instrument and a bag dinner.

For information, call 430-7191.



Program Synopsis

KINJITE; FORBIDDEN SUBJECTS — In this action-packed psychological thriller a veteran L.A. cop must overcome his own anti-Asian bias in order to catch a sleazy pimp who has kidnapped the daughter of a L.A.-based Japanese businessman.

MOON OVER PARADOR — While on location in the Latin American country of Parador, a U.S. actor is kidnapped and forced to play the role of a lifetime — the nation's director! (violence, language).

BETRAYED — is an absorbing political thriller concerning the infiltration of a violence-ridden white supremacist movement by an F.B.I. agent who quickly finds herself in a dangerously combustible situation.

POLICE ACADEMY 6 — The police squad that strikes more terror in the city than any criminal possibly could is up-and-at-it again. This time our boys somehow manage, in spite of themselves, to curtail a city-wide crime wave (violence, language).

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