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New mineral bath

On Dec. 2, the new mineral thermal bath in Boeblingen opened its gates to the public.

The bath is open daily from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., entrance fee is DM 11 per visitor. For information, call 07031-226028.

Reforger

In view of the "Reforger 90," taking place Jan. 2 through 31, the ADAC (German Automobile Club) warned drivers in German papers recently of considerable traffic obstruction.

From Jan. 15 through 26, "Staus" are to be expected on main highways within the area of Stuttgart, Singen, Ravensburg, Memmingen, Landsberg, Munich, Landshut, Regensburg, Nuernburg and Heilbronn.

Credit card

On Dec. 1, the city of Stuttgart launched a pilot program: taxi riders needn't pay in cash. Instead credit cards from Visa/Landesgirokasse and customer credit cards from Breuninger Department store may be used.

One hundred and fifty out of the 750 taxi enterprises in Stuttgart are joining the model program.

Stuttgart city council

The third-largest town of Czechoslovakia, Bruenn, became Stuttgart's 9th sister-city. Lord Mayor Rommel of Stuttgart and Lord Mayor Pernica of Bruenn, sealed the partnership Dec. 4.

Mutual activities will begin with cultural exchanges.

Obertuerkheim by-pass

Mayor Dr. Hans-Dieter Kuenne, Stuttgart, opened the new by-pass Bruckwiesenberg/Hafenstrasse in Obertuerkheim on Dec. 5.

Drivers between Bad Cannstatt and Esslingen no longer have to squeeze through Obertuerkheim.

Construction costs were DM 46 million. Easier traffic handling is also expected for Untertuerkheim, Wangen and Hedelfingen.

Stuttgart city council

The new Stuttgart city council, elected Dec. 5 and headed by Lord Mayor Rommel, is at work.

CDU (Christian Democratic Union) has 20 seats, SPD (German Social Democrats) 18, Green Party 7, FDP (Free Democratic Party) 6, Republicans 6, and FWV/UBL (Free Voters Union) 3.



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briefs

USAREUR schedule

The USAREUR holiday schedule is as follows:

- Dec. 20-30, holiday schedule;
- Dec. 25, national holiday;
- Dec. 26, USAREUR-wide training holiday;
- Jan. 1, national holiday;
- Jan. 2, USAREUR-wide training holiday.

Housing schedule

The GSMC Housing offices at Robinson Barracks, to include the Furnishing Customer Service Section, and the HRO offices at Nellingen Barracks, Ludendorff Kaserne, and Panzer Kaserne will be closed at noon on Dec. 22 for their annual Christmas Party. Normal operating hours will resume on Dec. 26.

CPT schedule

The Central Processing Facility will be officially closed for business on:

- Dec. 22, noon-2:30 p.m., employees' annual Christmas Party;
- Dec. 25, national holiday;
- Dec. 26, USAREUR-wide training holiday;
- Jan. 1, national holiday;
- Jan. 2, USAREUR-wide training holiday.

Fingerprinting

The GSMC Provost Marshal's office and AAFES will be providing fingerprinting service to parents at the Robinson Barracks Main Exchange next to the Sight and Sound Center on Dec. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

AAFES will be handing out free Children's Emergency Phone Books with a fingerprint card. These phone books are for teaching young children the proper use of the telephone and are especially geared to meet the needs of the overseas military community.

Pay date

The pay date for military servicemembers in the month of December will be the 29th, the Friday before New Year's Day.



photo by Bob Crockett

Gift of giving

Deborah Bianchi (left) and Sue Bowers, volunteers with the Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim Army Community Service office, cuddle some of the stuffed animals which will be given away during the community's Holiday Food Basket program. More than 250 food boxes will be distributed by requesting units Dec. 19-20. These holiday menu food donations and money came from organizations and individuals as part of a Holiday Gift Basket and Toy donation drive. Toys and wrappings will be available the same days as referred food basket recipients. The special toy store will be at Ludendorff Kasern, bldg. 603, above the Snack Bar.

West Germany toughens rules of road

Stiffer penalties for speeding and other traffic violations will go into effect in West Germany on Jan. 1, according to a recent ADAC (Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobilclub) press release. Drivers who greatly exceed the speed limit or harass drivers by following too closely may find themselves walking or taking public transportation.

The new laws will take effect after seven years of deliberations at federal government level, and will implement a nationwide standard system of fines. Previously, fines varied in amount from city to city.

Motorists caught exceeding the speed limit by more than 26 kilometers an hour twice within a year will lose their license for a month and will be fined DM 100 for

each violation. The period of license suspension may be adjusted upward if a driver exceeds the limit by more than 40 kilometers per hour. Speeders who endanger older citizens, the handicapped or children can be fined up to DM 120 under the new laws. Drivers who fail to yield at crosswalks can expect fines up to DM 100.

Penalties for parking and stopping violations will also increase. Drivers who take up excessive parking space may face a DM 20 fine. Double parking fines will jump from DM 20 to DM 30, and parking past the allowed meter time will now cost DM 20 and up to DM 40 if the driver has stayed three hours longer than allowed.

A new traffic ordinance will be put in effect to deter high-speed tailgating, and

finer will be tailored to speed. For example, following too close at speeds under 80 kilometers per hour will cost DM 50; between 80 and 130, the fine can be between DM 80 and DM 250, and at speeds over 130, a driver can be charged between DM 100 and DM 300. For any fine over DM 300, the license can be revoked for up to a month.

The government is also targeting truck drivers who follow too close and do not obey the prescribed 50-meter interval. Police will begin fining the violators DM 100 in the new year, according to the press release. The government has released a flood of information on the new laws to warn drivers well in advance that they are serious about safety on the high-speed German roads and congested inner cities. (ADAC)

Commander's comment

REFORGER '90 focuses on training smart, not fast

For 21 years now, American and NATO forces have conducted an annual military training exercise to demonstrate our ability and readiness to speed troops and equipment to Europe in defense of our Allies.



Called REFORGER, for Return of Forces to Germany, the exercise involves deploying thousands of troops and tons of material from the United States to Germany. Intense planning and organizing of diverse units — from National Guard and active duty to Danish, French, Canadian and German troops — means that effective coordination and communication are top priorities.

The goal of REFORGER '90 is two-fold: to better train units and to safeguard the environment. To accomplish this, REFORGER '90 emphasizes training

smart, not in haste.

This year, more headquarters and key leaders will take part in the exercise, while less vehicles and troops are involved. The responsibility of the chain of command to take care of soldiers is paramount. No less important is the responsibility to protect the environment by minimizing maneuver damage and to operate safely at all times.

Preparing with the right kind of briefings increases combat readiness by enabling participants to deflect obstacles when they're expected. For example, training in January presents special difficulties because of the weather. Keeping warm and dry, and knowing the symptoms of cold weather injuries prevents accidents.

The exercise takes place mainly in the German states of Baden-Wuerttemberg and Bavaria. Moving the large numbers of troops into deployment positions means long convoys on public highways at all hours. Sensible sleep schedules, then, are the rule, so fatigue — a primary cause of accidents — is avoided.

Considering the wide geographical area REFORGER covers, safe driving should be stressed by

commanders to all drivers of tactical and non-tactical vehicles. Hazardous winter conditions can easily lead a truck off the road ruining a farmer's field, and injuring a soldier.

It all comes down to common sense, really. Training accomplishes the goal of maintaining a combat-ready force ready to defend our country when called. Well-trained units are prepared for all predicaments. Common sense can often be the guide out of tough situations that aren't anticipated.

Preparation for REFORGER '90 has been ongoing and as the exercise approaches, we realize the challenge for both the military members and their families.

It's also the holiday season, a busy time for all of us. The operating tenet of REFORGER, training smart and not in haste, can be applied as well to celebrating the season. Enjoy every moment of the upcoming holidays, safely and responsibly.

To all the members of the Greater Stuttgart Military Community, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

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

Yes, Virginia, Santa Claus lives!

The following editorial appeared in the New York Sun on Sept. 21, 1897.

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "if you see it in the Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehended by their little minds. All minds,

Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no childish faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyments, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.



Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The

most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in

the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only fancy poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory behind. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and he lives forever. A 1,000 years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

For your Citizen Profile, I would like to submit the name of LaVonna Harland. She is a resident of Kelley Barracks, bldg. 3407, apartment A-8, and will be returning to the United States with her husband shortly.

I would like to focus attention on LaVonna's performance as a Family Child Care Provider. She is probably the most loving and giving person I have seen in this profession since I've been in Germany. She cares for the children of others out of pure love for the



Harland

little ones.

Much to the relief and excitement of parents, she declined a job offer from NAF for much more money in order to stick with the greater rewards of serving children. Although she has no children of her own, to look at her house and the time and effort she spends in learning how to work with children — the toys and learning tools she has invested in her "business" — and the love she displays toward the little ones, you would think she's been a full-time mother.

Many parents could learn a lot from the marvelous sacrifices this sweet young woman has extended to the children she serves. She is truly worth much more than she is paid for because of the genuine love and concern she shares with those needing it most — today's children.

Sincerely,
Jody Wardell
Kelley Barracks

citizen profile



photo by Bob Crockett

Gussy Santa

Cheryl Hyer played Santa Claus this year at the Gussy Goose Craft store at Grenadier Kasern. Hyer is a sales associate and says of her job, "it's like going to work and having fun." Hyer helps customers with purchases, teaches sewing classes and orders supplies. If you know of someone in GSMC who deserves recognition for their efforts, contact the Citizen staff at 420-6067/7213. All recommendations should include a daytime phone number, brief list of duties and accomplishments, and must be typed and mailed to GSMC Public Affairs Office, ATTN: Editor, Stuttgart Citizen, APO 09154.



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142,000 injured last year

Before buying Christmas toys, check for safety

Santa Claus checks his list twice. So should everyone else who is buying toys — to make sure they are safe.

Debbie Tinsworth, a statistician for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, said there were 142,000 toy-related injuries that required trips to hospital emergency rooms last year. Children under 5 made 72 percent of those trips.

Most of the injuries didn't result in death or permanent damage. Most fatalities involved choking on balloons or small balls. Other toy-related deaths and serious injuries involved riding toys that were ridden into traffic or swimming pools.

Tinsworth said that most toy tragedies were not caused by defected toys. The tragedies occurred when young children got hold of toys with parts that were too small for them to use safely or when children on riding toys were not supervised.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission does not classify bicycles and skateboards as toys and lists those

injuries separately. In 1988, 525,000 bicycle injuries and 80,000 skateboard injuries required hospital treatment.

Three-quarters of the deaths from bicycle accidents involved head injuries, so giving your child a helmet along with the new bicycle is a good idea. Tinsworth said the Safe Kids Program, part of the curriculum at Department of Defense Dependents Schools and most public schools, is emphasizing the importance of wearing helmets.

Age recommendations are put on products primarily for safety reasons, said Tinsworth, and products that specify "not for use by children under 3" usually contain small parts or could pose a choking hazard. She said that toys stating "not for use by children under 3" usually contain small parts or could pose a choking hazard. She said that toys stating "not for use by children under 8" often contain sharp points.

Before buying toys for the exchanges, quality assurance people check them to make sure there are no

safety hazards. Among the things to avoid are:

- sharp points and edges;
- small parts on toys for young children;
- loud noises that can damage hearing;
- absence of appropriate warnings, such as the warning on cap guns not to fire them near the face or head;
- burning hazards, such as toy stoves that can burn a child;
- strangulation hazards; and
- entrapment hazards, such as toy chests that can smother a child or injure him if the lid falls.

Experts agree that safety warnings and well-designed toys are no substitutes for proper supervision of children.

It's important to teach older children to keep their toys with small parts away from infants and toddlers. And small children should never play on riding toys near water or traffic. (American Forces Information Service).



photo by Bob Crockett

General visit

Lt. Col. Paul Nagengast, (left) Boeblingen-Sindelfingen Military Subcommunity Commander and GSMC Commander Maj. Gen. James B. Allen Jr. brief Air Force Gen. James P. McCarthy during a visit to Panzer Kaserne. McCarthy, who is the deputy commander-in-chief of the U.S. European Command visited several locations throughout GSMC.

Energy conservation vital throughout holiday season

The money awarded GSMC by VII Corps for saving energy this past year went into the construction of new bus stops. That's money well-earned by everyone who was conscientious enough to conserve energy.

One of the simplest tasks to do is save energy. The effort it takes to close a door or turn off a light could amount to a considerable monetary savings for the community. That savings is often put to work to better the community and make life more pleasant for its residents. The construction of new bus stops this past year is a prime example.

With the holiday and winter season upon the Greater Stuttgart Military Community, thoughts of what gift to buy or what card to send are on everyone's mind. Turning up that heat an extra two or three degrees and then cracking a window because it's too hot is all too common.

Dripping faucets, showers, and latrines are a waste of water which sucks dollars down the drain. Hot water should

only be used if necessary.

Heating is where a lot of the energy is wasted. A window not closed tightly, a radiator with a small leak, or a door not shut may all seem insignificant, but small problems can turn into a major loss in energy and dollars.

Electric lighting is another major user of energy. Cleaning light fixtures on a regular basis allows more light to filter through, and may be enough to light an entire room instead of using two dust-covered lights. Turn lights off when not using them even for short periods of time. Make maximum use of daylight to light rooms. Turn off unattended electrical appliances and unplug transformers.

Refrigerators often are a cause of energy waste. Make sure the doors fit snugly and keep them closed as much as possible. If frost builds up to 1/4-inch then defrost.

Saving energy doesn't take much effort. Just be conscious of your surroundings. A little energy awareness can go a long way and put energy savings to work for you.

Photo update due every 5 years

Soldiers who are required to have an official photograph in their personnel files now have an extra two years between photo sessions.

According to information released last month by the Total Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va., NCOs and officers must now update their official photograph every five years. Previously, new photos were required every three years.

Another change to the photo policy requires new staff sergeants, command sergeants major, first lieutenants, and brigadier generals or higher to have a photo taken within 60 days of pinning on their new rank.

Army policy requires all officers and warrant officers, as well as staff sergeants and above, to have a full-length official

photograph in their personnel file. The photos are used by officials who select soldiers for promotions, assignments, and training.

Officials at PERSCOM say the new policy is designed to reduce the administrative workload for soldiers and their chain of command.

"PERSCOM recently undertook a study to eliminate training distractors for soldiers," said Brig. Gen. William Meehan II, the Army adjutant general. "As a result, we are working to reduce or eliminate the administrative workload for units in the field and to keep soldiers training with their units."

PERSCOM officials say the new policy does not prevent a soldier from requesting a new official photograph more frequently for any reason. (Ar News)

updates

Hiring Fair schedule

The next Hiring Fair is scheduled for Jan. 3 at the Robinson Barracks Chapel Annex for general clerical positions. Inservice and military spouse preference candidates report at 9 a.m. and family members report at 10 a.m.

Hiring Fairs are held every Wednes-

day at the various subcommunities. Candidates should bring these documents:

- completed applications (SF 171 or AE 57 for Local National employees);
- passport;
- identification card;
- reassignment letter for inservice employees;
- copy of 50 for inservice employees.

For more information on schedules, or schedule changes, contact the Job Infor-

mation Center, 420-6406/6054, or the local ACS Employment Counselor.

AIDS Day winners

Lt. Col. Robert Petzold, Chief of Preventive Medicine, drew the following names for the World AIDS Day Information Contest held Dec. 1. The winners may collect their prizes at Robinson Barracks, bldg. 135, Community Health

Nursing Office, between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or call 420-6075.

The winners are: Nick Ivanovic, Lisa Tomlin, Mark Willard, Ramon Alcontara, Julie Gonzales, Warren Matchette, Thomas Grant, Bernard Rawlings, Rick Seaton, John Thornton, Sara Whyt, Sgt. Cooper, Lisa Belgrade, Ron Hicks, Hans-Peter Kluget, Greg Schmitt, David Schilling, James Shull, John Followell, Alfred Allen, and James Bryant.



Thanks to the staff of the Robinson Barracks Army Community Service office and all ACSs throughout GSMC.

A special thanks to all who make GSMC a Community of Excellence

It's common knowledge that not all soldiers and civilians work from 7:30 - 4:30 with weekends and holidays off. Not everyone works in comfortable offices and has all the equipment and manpower they would like to get the job done.

During this special time of the year, the Stuttgart Citizen shines the spotlight on just some of the organizations and individuals who make up the workforce of the Greater Stuttgart Military Community. Instead of working at their desks, behind serving lines or with tools of their trade, we simply grouped them together.

Some work around the clock and are heard but not seen - such as telephone operators and postal workers. Others like to be seen and heard - like military police.

Other people work silently on your behalf and make it their business to serve the needs of the entire military community. The Army Emergency Relief and the Army Community Service are just a few of these groups.

Still others do their best work when called upon, such as medical and finance specialists.

For those offices and individuals not highlighted here, we want you to know that GSMC cares.

We salute you all!



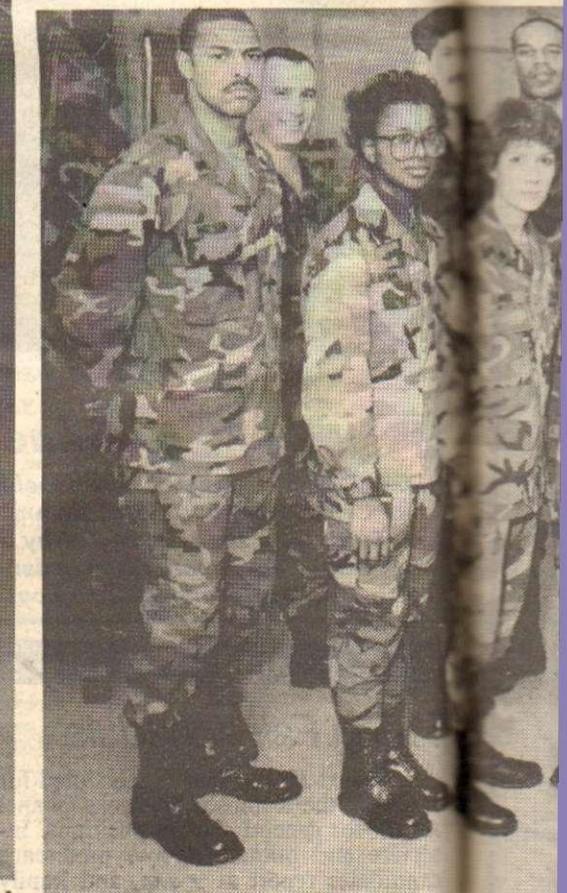
Thanks to the staff of the psychiatry and medical /surgical unit at 5th General and all medical personnel.



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acks Consolidated Dining Facility and all cooks throughout GSMC.



Marshal's Office at



Thanks to the Telephone Exchange, 589th Signal Company at Robinson Barracks.



Control Room, 106th Finance Service Unit and all finance specialists.

Note from the editor



Although it's been nearly a year, it seems like only last month that I arrived in the community and took over the reigns of the *Stuttgart Citizen*. As the editor of a weekly newspaper, things happen fast and in such a large community, a lot of things happen. Time speeds by.

And as the year comes to a close I think about the hundreds of people I've met who helped make this community a better place to live and work. I also think about our role in telling you about these people and their efforts to keep you informed on important topics.

For every story we print, there are 50 more that space doesn't permit. That's why we publish every week rather than every other week; to bring you more information faster.

Where do we get our stories? You tell us about most of them. Whether it's something you know, heard or saw; phoned in, sent through distribution, or passed on personally, we look into it

and try to get it into the paper. Some stories shape up as news briefs to the community, so we put them on page one in short, concise form. Some find their way to the sports page and still others of a social nature appear in the *Stuttgart Notes*.

Like any newspaper, our top story appears on **Page One** and to make sure you don't overlook us, we always have a photograph or artwork. Sometimes these stories have a feature slant and sometimes we bring you hard news that affects us all. Again, our biggest source is you, the reader.

Page Two (Opinion) is highlighted by GSMC Commander Maj. Gen. James B. Allen Jr. and his timely messages to the community. Because people like seeing pictures of people, we bring you the "Citizen Profile." The Chaplain's Corner, letters to the editor, "Questions and Answers" and comments from around the world also share this page.

We focus on military news from around the world on **Page Three** (Command). Although we rely heavily

on our news releases, you often help us with your expert analysis of how it affects GSMC.

As a continuation of the previous information, **Page Four**, (Community) brings it closer to home. Here, we feature such things as educational, safety, seasonal, health, family, financial, postal and dozens of other personal and professional concerns. You are our barometer for this page.

As not to burden you with heavy topics, we have a page designed especially for you. With **Page Five** (Feature), we try to get to know people, places and things in the community and introduce them to you in a very attractive way. Because we serve community interests - and there are many - we take special pride in covering these stories.

Page Six (Sports) is devoted to health and fitness. Physical activity, whether for recreation or competition, is a vital aspect of our daily lives. This page has it all, from aerobics to volksmarching, from high school championships to youth service competition.

For those who want to get out and enjoy Stuttgart and it's many cultural attractions, "Stepping Out" on **Page Seven** offers nearly three dozen things to do each week.

Often referred to as the second front page, we round out the paper with "Marketplace" and "Movies" on **Page Eight**. Theatre-goers, bargain hunters and job seekers get the latest word on what's available.

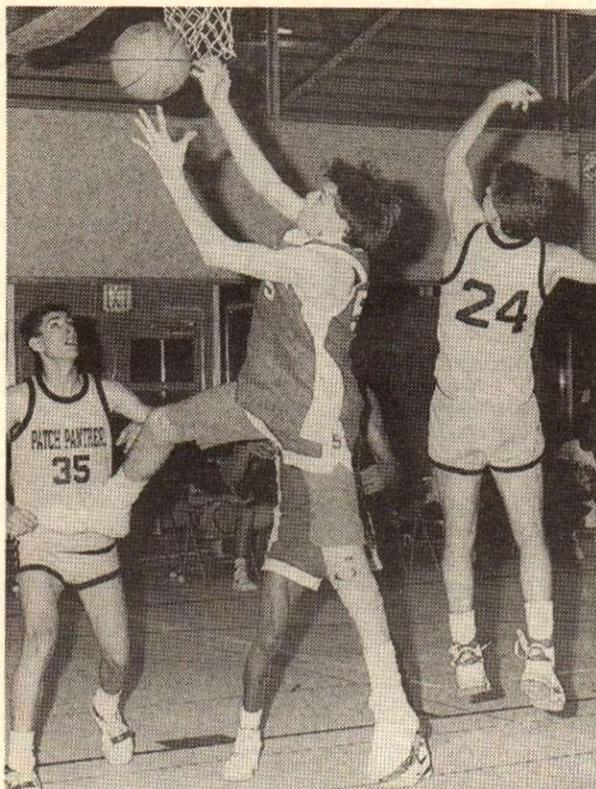
Again, what we print is what we receive.

For the next two weeks, we will celebrate the holidays with our families and friends just as you will. And although we won't publish during this time, we'll still be around planning the new year and working on stories.

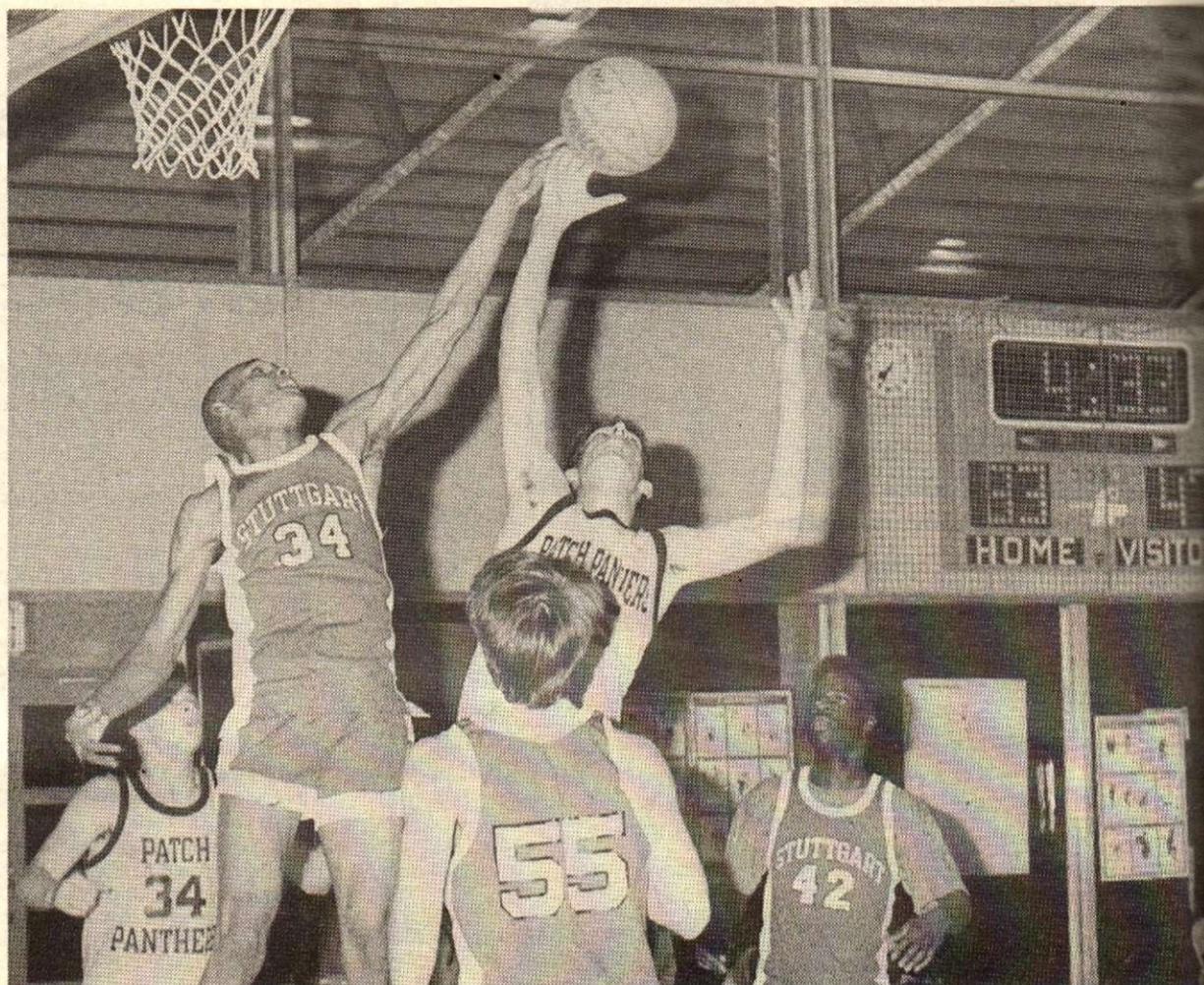
From everyone her on the *Citizen* staff and the Public Affairs office, we thank you for your help and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Stallions survive Panther attack in 54-41 win



Above, Stuttgart's Jeff Dukeman snatches a board from Patch's Scott Reynolds (35) and Brian Anderson (24). Right, Stuttgart's Ronnie Blair (34) vies for the rebound while Patch's Jay Gleisberg (left), Stuttgart's Jeff Dukeman (55) and Pat Dorsey (42) try to anticipate where the ball will fall.



story and photos by Lionel R. Green
Stuttgart Citizen

The Stuttgart Stallions and Patch Panthers tipped off their high school basketball seasons in a non-conference game Dec. 5 at Patch Barracks. The Stallions survived a furious Panther attack in the third quarter and went on to defeat Patch handily, 54-41.

The Stallions smothered the Panthers in the first quarter, 13-2, on a combination of stingy defense and terrible Patch shooting.

In the second quarter, Stuttgart extended their

lead to 14 points, 18-4, before Patch exploded for nine unanswered points to cut the lead to five, 18-13. The rivals went into halftime with Stuttgart up 20-13.

A slam dunk by Kevin Davis early in the third quarter ignited the Stallions to the lead, 28-20. But the fire didn't last long as Patch came back with seven points in a row, trimming the lead to one, 28-27.

Patch was never in the game after that.

Stuttgart regrouped and scored the next six points to lead, 34-27, and finished with a 14-4 run after the Patch seven-point outburst to head into the fourth quarter with a comfortable 42-31 lead.

A technical foul on a frustrated Patch player and

solid offensive rebounding kept the Panthers caged as Stuttgart extended the lead to 14 points, 47-33, with just over four minutes left.

Patch pulled to within nine points twice, the last time at 50-41, but the Stallions layed in the final four to win, 54-41.

Ronnie Blair shot for 17 points and yanked down 11 rebounds and Darius Buckson added eight points to lead the Stallions.

Patch's Brian Anderson had 11 points and Jason Burns netted 10.

In the girls' game, Renee McClennon had 14 points and jerked down 10 rebounds in leading Stuttgart over Patch 41-33. Kim Dillard scored 11 to lead Patch.

With the VII Corps Stuttgart Stallions (and Lady Stallions) kicking off the basketball season for GSMC on Dec. 3 followed by the Stuttgart-Patch high school game Dec. 5, the winter sports season is now in full swing with only the YS basketball season waiting to begin Jan. 6.

The VII Corps teams continued their winning ways Dec. 10 by beating the Schweinfurt Magicians. In the men's game, the Stallions blew an 18-point halftime cushion against the Magicians, but survived an 87-point Schweinfurt explosion to win a thriller, 133-130.

Tony Gibson led Stuttgart with 30 points followed closely by Anthony Glaude with 29. Ted Moore capped the list of 20-point scorers with an even 20.

The ladies once again played a solid, consistent game handling Schweinfurt, 66-52. The Lady Magicians were victimized by a White rabbit, but they didn't pull it out of their hats. Rather Stuttgart pulled Lisa White out of their bag of tricks as she blistered the nets for 24. Bridget Benson and Meledey Bland continued their solid play scoring 12 and 10 points.

Both teams are now 2-0 in their Western Leagues as the 1989 part of their season is over. They will meet Aschaffenburg next year on Jan. 21 at Aschaffenburg.

On the Prep varsity sports scene, Stuttgart and Patch had rocky opening conference games Dec. 9 with only the Patch girls coming out as winners. In games Dec. 12, the Stuttgart boys were the only winners as their girls and both Patch teams fell.

The Stuttgart boys lost a seven-point fourth quart-

Sports Talk

by Lionel R. Green

er lead en route to a heartbreaking defeat in overtime at the hands of the Wiesbaden Warriors, 59-56, in their opener. Aquil Vallioprangos scored as many points as letters in his last name with 14 to lead the Stallions, while Ron Strong pumped in 10 and Pat Dorsey added eight.

The Lady Stallions couldn't recover from Wiesbaden's big third quarter —the lady Warriors outscored Stuttgart, 15-4 — and fell 39-27. Renee McClennon picked up where she left off last year in leading the Lady Stallions with 16 points.

The Patch boys probably wish they could take their first quarter back against the Bitburg Barons. If they could, they would be losing 38-34 heading into the fourth quarter. But, enough about wishing. The Panthers spotted the Barons 15 points in the first quarter before getting on track in the second in losing 54-35 to Bitburg. Tarique Adams had 10 points and Jason Burns had seven to pace Patch.

Well, the best has certainly been saved for last. And the best last week was the Lady Panthers. Patch outscored Bitburg every quarter in ripping the Lady Barons 41-19. Kim Dillard and Stephanie Burton shared top scoring honors with 12 apiece.

In other high school action on the weekend of the 9-10 of December, the Stuttgart and Patch wrestlers went head-to-head with each other as well as Wuerzburg and Bitburg. Stuttgart won two of three team

matches only losing to Wuerzburg, while Patch split two by beating Wuerzburg but losing to Stuttgart.

For Stuttgart, Ed Galang, coming off an impressive year, pulled a hat trick by putting three guys down for the count. Galang boasted a 13-1-2 record last year, won the Southern Regionals, and made it all the way to the championship round before losing. Dennis Kampa also had three pin wins and Brady Miles made it three for three winning two by pin and one by disqualification. For Patch, Adam Arson pinned both of his opponents, and Neil Quinlin had a couple of pins.

The Stuttgart and Patch Rifle teams competed in Karlsruhe Dec. 9. With six teams battling for number one, Stuttgart placed fourth 123 points behind winner Mannheim, who scored 1309 points. Patch had a fine effort in placing sixth with 1070 points.

In local YS sports, the Stuttgart Piranhas chewed up Mannheim 313 to 94. Nicole Streck, Shannon Cogan, Jodie Nelson and Tania Hernandez all were triple winners in the girls division. Zak Ward and Mike Vahlsing led the boys' frenzy with three wins apiece. Stuttgart made the victory a total team effort by winning all the relay events.

The YS is enthusiastic about this year especially after a couple of very successful basketball sport camps at Pattonville and Nellingen and the new coach's certification training held this month. In fact, this could be one of the most exciting and productive years for children, teens, and adults involved with YS basketball ever.

That's the sports talk around GSMC. Happy holidays!

Stepping Out with Evi Hofielen

Dec. 18-24
DAILY

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

ESSLINGEN: thru Dec. 21, Rathausplatz, Esslingen, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; STUTTGART: thru Dec. 23, Marktplatz, Schillerplatz, Hirschstrasse, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; LUDWIGSBURG: thru Dec. 23, pedestrian zone, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

FLEA MARKET: thru Dec.

22, Karlsplatz, Stuttgart, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

MOSCOW STATE CIRCUS-Cannstatt fest grounds (not Dec. 18), Tue-Fri 8 p.m., Sat 4/8p.m., Sun 3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18

CHRISTMAS CAROLS -by Onnen Chorus, courtyard of Old Castle, 6 p.m.

UDO JUERGENS & ORCHESTRA PEPE LIENHARD -Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Hall, 8 p.m.

COVER BAND -Feuilleton, Haussmannstr. 235, 9 p.m.

DAVE KUSWORTH & THE BOUNTY BROTHERS -"Roehre," Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

MIDNIGHT JAM SESSION -Litfass, Schwabenzentrum, Eberhardstr. 37, midnight Tuesday, Dec. 19

STUTTGART DIXIELAND ALL STARS -Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

"ELEKTRA" -opera by Richard Strauss, Wuerttemberg State Opera House, 7:30 p.m.

MIMO-AIR -pantomime performance, Makal City Theater, Marienstr. 12, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

CHRISTMAS CONCERT -Chorus Goeppingen, courtyard of Old Castle, 6 p.m.

JUMPIN' HORSE JAZZMEN -Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

RUSSIAN STATE BALLETT -Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

STURDY BLUES BAND -Feuilleton, Haussmannstr. 235, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21

"TOSCA" -opera by Puccini, Wuerttemberg State Opera House, 7:30 p.m.

"TRILOGIE" -Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

RUSSIAN STATE BALLETT -Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

CHAMBER MUSIC -concert at Wilhelma Theater, Neckartalstr. 9, Bad Cannstatt, 8 p.m.

LORETTA & THE CHIPMUNKS -guitar-pop, Altes Schuetzenhaus, Burgstallstr. 99, Stuttgart-Heslach, 8:30 p.m.

ESKIMO'S ECSTASY -funk jazz, "Roehre," Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

DUDES - rhythm, soul, blues, Feuilleton, Haussmannstr. 235, 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO -by J. S. Bach, Liederhalle, 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT -works by Monteverdi, Gabrieli, Stiftskirche, Stiftsstrasse, 7 p.m.

HIRTE & HIRTE -Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

"FREISCHUETZ" -opera by Weber, Wuerttemberg State Opera House, 8 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY -EV Stuttgart vs EC Bad Toelz, Waldau, Stuttgart-Degerloch, 8 p.m.

BIG BAND CONCERT -by Goethe-School Ludwigsburg, Musikhalle am Bahnhof, Ludwigsburg, 8:30 p.m.

COUNTRY GREEN -Longhorn-Club, Heiligenwiesen 6, Stuttgart-Wangen, 8:30 p.m.

JUMPIN' JIVE -Laboratorium, Wagenburgstr. 147, 8:30 p.m.

THE LIPS -Feuilleton, Haussmannstr. 235, 9 p.m.

STUTTGART GUITAR MEET WITH KURUCZ, ACKER, FISCHER & SCHMITZ -"Roehre," Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23

CHRISTMAS CONCERT -Stadthalle, Sindelfingen, 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS -sing along with local choirs, Schwabenlandhalle, Fellbach, 7 p.m.

ROYAL GARDEN RAMBLERS -Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC SYMPHONY SOUND ORCHESTRA -Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

MANCHEBO CALYPSO -reggae, soul, Feuilleton, Haussmannstr. 235, 8:30 p.m.

FIESTA LATINA WITH NAHUAL -Laboratorium, Wagenburgstr. 147, 8:30 p.m.

TOXIN -"Roehre," Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS CAROLS -by Goeppinger Liederkrantz, Schlosshof, Pfarrstrasse, Goeppingen, 4 p.m.; by Esslinger Liederkrantz, Rathausplatz, Esslingen, 4:30 p.m.

HOUR OF CHURCH MUSIC -Stadtkirche am Marktplatz, Ludwigsburg, 10:30 p.m.

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE!



GSMC holiday chapel schedule

Dec. 19: Patch — GSMC-wide Penance Service, 7 p.m.

Dec. 22: Pattonville Chapel Grounds — Live Nativity, 6 p.m.

Dec. 23: Flak — Adult Christmas Party, 5 p.m.

Dec. 24: Patch — Lutheran Service, 8 a.m.; Catholic Mass, 9:30 & 5:30 p.m.; Collective Protestant Service, 11 a.m.; Patch United Fellowship, 2 p.m.; Coffey — Eastern Orthodox Service, 3 p.m.; Robinson Barracks — Catholic Christmas vigil, 5 p.m.; Pattonville — Children's Christmas Mass, 5 p.m.; Nellingen — Christmas Eve Mass, 5 p.m.; Candlelight Services; Panzer, 6 p.m.; Krabbenloch, 6 & 7:30 p.m.; 5th General Hospital, 7 p.m.; Pattonville — Protestant Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 p.m.; RB — Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 p.m.; Kelley — Episcopal Service, 8:30 p.m. & Catholic Mass, 22:30 p.m.; Pattonville — Midnight Mass, 23:30 p.m.; Patch — Catholic Service & Midnight Mass, 23 p.m.

Dec. 25: Coffey — Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy, 9 a.m.; Nellingen — Christmas Day Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Panzer — Christmas Day Protestant Service, 10 a.m.; RB — Catholic Mass, 10 a.m.; Patch — Christmas Day Protestant Service, 10:30 a.m. & Christmas Day Mass, 12:30 p.m.; Panzer — Christmas Day Mass, 11:30 p.m.

For regularly scheduled Morning Services on Dec. 24, contact the chapels. For further information, call 420-6461/7319.

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Meet-the-Germans

The Meet-the-Germans program gives an opportunity to get acquainted with German families or individuals who are interested in sharing social activities with Americans.

Contact the Public Affairs Office located at Robinson Barracks, bldg. 111, room 215, and fill out a questionnaire, or call 420-6373 or 0711-819-6373.

Christmas visitation program.

The GSMC Public Affairs Offices have started a program called Host Nation Christmas Visitation or "Operation Good Cheer."

If you are a single, enlisted soldier, or junior officer and are interested in spending Christmas in a German family's home, call or stop by your respective PAO for information and sign-up: Bad Cannstatt-Zuffenhausen, 420-6373/7128; Boeblingen, 431-2710/2612; Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim, 4282-343/665; Nellingen, 421-6237; Moehringen, 4212-514/834.

OCWC college mixer

The HQ USEUCOM Officers' and Civilian Wives' Club is hosting a College Mixer for all Patch College students Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Patch Officers' Club.

For information, call 07044-42403.

SAC meeting

The Pattonville Elementary School Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting Jan. 16, 1990, 6 p.m. at the school.

All interested parents are encouraged to attend. For information, call 4282-558.

Free Christmas movie

The Bad Cannstatt-Zuffenhausen ACS offers a free Christmas movie "Santa Claus - The Movie," Dec. 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the basement of bldg. 106, Robinson Barracks.

For information, call 420-7110/6046.

Rec rooms available

The Kornwestheim Rec center has rooms available to use for parties, meetings, official or private functions. Reservations must be made three weeks in advance and the rental fee is \$10/hour.

For information, call 07154-29244.

Teen dance night

The Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim and Patch Youth Services are sponsoring an all night teen dance Dec. 31 from 10 p.m.-8 a.m. at LKYS, bldg. 939, and at PYS, bldg. 2337.

Snacks, drinks and breakfast is included. Space is limited, sign-up before Dec. 22.

For a fun and safe New Year, join the Youth Services, ACS Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Dad's Club and Alcohol Substance Abuse Counseling Service (ASACS).

Dance contests, door prizes, games, skits and a lot more exciting things are happening New Year's eve at the LKYS or PYS.

For information, call Patch YS, 430-7204 or LKYS, 4282-550.

Live nativity

There will be a Live Nativity presented by the Pattonville Protestant Chapel, Dec. 22, 5-9 p.m. on Chapel grounds.

Everybody is invited to attend.

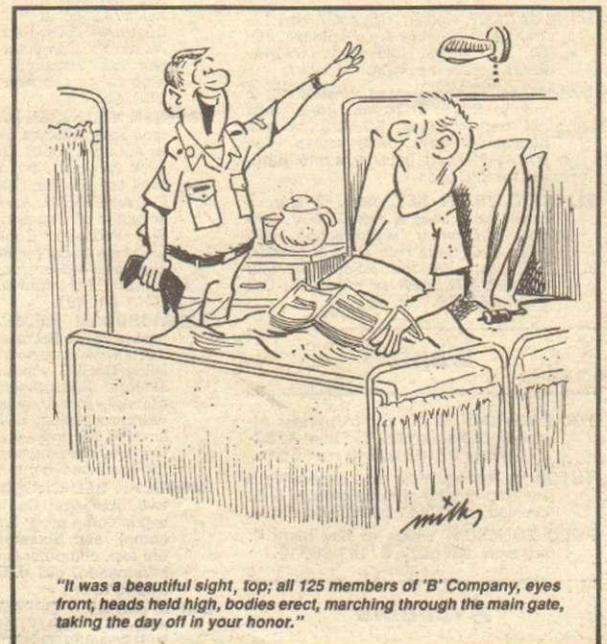
For information, call 4282-811.

German track club

The Kornwestheim Salamanders German Track Club is looking for kids 8-12 years of age to participate on their team. They compete in all track events, indoor & outdoor, beginning mid-January.

Practices are held Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. in Kornwestheim. Transportation can be provided.

For information, call Fletcher Bailey, 4282.



"It was a beautiful sight, top; all 125 members of 'B' Company, eyes front, heads held high, bodies erect, marching through the main gate, taking the day off in your honor."

