

# Krabbenloch soldier honored for saving life

by Bob Gonsalves  
Stuttgart Citizen

A staff sergeant from Krabbenloch Kaserne who saved the life of a German heart attack victim was honored at a ceremony Nov. 27 at the Kornwestheim City Hall.

Staff Sgt. Jose Carrillo, A Company, 34th Signal Battalion, was awarded a citation of appreciation and a Stuttgart commemorative token from Kornwestheim Lord Mayor Ernst Fischer for successfully performing cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on an elderly German man.

Ludwig Tripp suffered cardiac arrest shortly after 8 a.m. on Oct. 31, 1988 at the Ludwigsburg-Friedberg S-



Carrillo

Bahn train station while traveling with his wife. Tripp's recovery was directly attributed to Carrillo's quick thinking and coolness under pressure.

"I was in the train station going to Robinson Barracks when I saw a man leaning against a wall gasping for air," said Carrillo. "His wife was crying out for help while motioning to her heart."

"I positioned the man on his back and performed CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation for about 15 minutes before the paramedics arrived to take over."

"The man was very pale and his eyes were rolled up in the back of his head. He wasn't breathing. I knew he was in bad shape," said Carrillo.

Carrillo called the hospital where Tripp was taken, but was unable to find out his condition. Carrillo hoped for the best and went about his duties as a multi-channel communications NCO.

Carrillo told his commander about the incident, but kept the story to himself afterwards. Weeks later, an article ran in the Stuttgart Citizen about a couple who wanted to thank a soldier for saving the man's life. The Tripp's problem was that the hero's identification was lost in the confusion of the near-fatal heart attack.

Carrillo's commander read the article and told the

soldier that the family was looking for him. Not long afterwards, Carrillo made contact with the grateful couple.

The Tripps sent an appreciation gift to Carrillo, his wife Layla, and son Jose Alan, but felt that Carrillo deserved more for his valiant effort. The Tripps pushed for a civil award which was finally granted nearly a year later.

For the Tripps, this was not the first time an American came to their rescue. Tripp suffered his first heart attack in September 1987 while the couple was visiting their two sons in California. According to the Tripps, an American's quick actions made it possible for Tripp to reach a hospital in time to receive a pace-maker implant.

Carrillo credited his accomplishment to his Army first-aid training. "If you keep training, the task becomes instinct," said Carrillo. Carrillo added that he hoped that other soldiers will see how important good training is if they're ever faced with a life or death situation.

As far as receiving the award, Carrillo said that it was nice, but it was being able to help the Tripps that makes him feel good.

## briefs

### Postal hours

Expanded Christmas operating hours for GSMC post offices are in effect Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Patch, Kelley, Nellingen, Goeppingen and Heilbronn APOs. Robinson Barracks APO will be open an additional hour on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; operating from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mailing deadline throughout GSMC is Dec. 8 for letters and priority parcels.

### Moonlight sale

The AAFES pre-Christmas Moonlight Madness sale is scheduled at the Robinson and Patch Barracks Exchanges Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to midnight.

The RB exchange will offer an additional Moonlight Madness sale on Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to midnight; and long Saturday hours Dec. 16 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

### ARC classes

The American Red Cross at 5th General Hospital is now offering cardio-pulmonary classes every Tuesday & Wednesday of each month. The first class is scheduled Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.

Military family members, groups and organizations interested should call 4222-742 or 0711-5201-742.

### Hiring fairs

The Stuttgart Civilian Personnel office is sponsoring hiring fairs on the following dates: Dec. 6 at Robinson Barracks Youth Activities; Dec. 13 at Kelley Chapel Annex; Dec. 20 at RB Chapel Annex; all fairs are for General Clerical positions.

The fairs will be held at 9 a.m. for inservice and military spouse preference candidates; and at 10 a.m. for family members.

Hiring fairs are held every Wednesday at the various subcommunities. To take advantage of this recruitment approach, simply report to the next scheduled hiring fair with the following documents: completed applications (SF 171; AE 57 for Local National employees); passport; I.D.; reassignment letter for inservice employees (not required for promotions); copy of SF 50 for inservice employees.

For additional information, copies of schedules, or schedule changes, contact the Job Information Center, 420-6406/6054.

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## Hallowed ground

Construction on the cathedral of Notre Dame began in 1160 and wasn't finished until 1345. The Paris landmark is famous for its well-proportioned architecture and purity of design. The Gallery of Kings, on Notre-Dame's lower facade, contains 28 statues representing the kings of Israel and Judea. The church has survived destruction over the centuries, yielding neither to fire nor revolution. Notre-Dame was re-dedicated to the Goddess of Reason during the French Revolution in 1793 but Napoleon had it re-consecrated in 1802 — just in time for his coronation.

## Ceremony opens Echterdingen heating plant

by Lionel R. Green  
Stuttgart Citizen

The Echterdingen District Heat Plant was officially opened in a ceremony Nov. 17 at the Echterdingen Army Airfield. The plant actually began operating Oct. 1.

Echterdingen's plant is the 14th installation to convert from coal to district heat in GSMC, the fourth this fiscal year. Funker Kaserne, Kelley and Nellingen Barracks are the other three. The Boebingen Maintenance Facility, McGee, Patch and Wallace Barracks are scheduled to convert this fiscal year.

The new facility serves all of Echterdingen, providing heat and hot water to its residents. The plant's institution was the result of 1987 negotiations in which Congress approved the conversion from coal to the most economically-efficient system. Also, stronger German emission laws have sparked the need for the conversion from coal to district heat.

With the new district heat plants, GSMC no longer needs its individual coal and oil boilers.

"The plant will save GSMC \$2 million over a 25-year span," said Michelle Levine of the Environmental Management Office at Grenadier Kaserne. "It doesn't sound like much, but that figure also includes the cost of the building."

The U.S. Forces and the German community worked closely on the Echterdingen project.

The German firm Neckwerke built the distribution lines from the plant to the buildings, while the U.S. Forces were responsible for converting the buildings from steam to hot water.

The conversion from coal to district heat is scheduled to be completed in fiscal year 1991 when the tougher German emission laws go into effect. Robinson Barracks and Valdez Barracks are two of the five installations scheduled for district heat in FY 91.



## Commander's comment

# German families open homes for Christmas

Single soldiers serving in Europe face a difficult time as Christmas approaches. Holidays normally spent with families and friends loom dimly ahead as many experience their first Christmas away from home.

To combat Christmas loneliness, the Greater Stuttgart Military Community runs a program giving soldiers the opportunity to spend Christmas with a German family. Every year, there are many German families who sincerely want to open their homes to American soldiers at Christmas.

The Good Cheer program is a Christmas visitation program for single soldiers, married soldiers living in the barracks and newly-arrived married soldiers who haven't had the chance to set up quarters. The program is designed to match soldiers with German families so they can share the season of Christmas, and give the soldiers a home away from home.



It beats the Christmas blues. And it's a great opportunity for soldiers to meet their German neighbors, get acquainted with Germany, make friends and learn their customs.

Before soldiers meet their German hosts, they'll be briefed on what is expected of them during their visit. This should alleviate the uneasiness that one may feel prior to entering into a new environment.

To further alleviate any uneasiness and to break the ice between American soldiers and their German families, each subcommunity conducts "warm up" parties before Christmas. During the parties, the Germans are introduced to their American guests so both get to know each other a little better. The soldiers need not speak much German because their German hosts must speak some English as part of the requirement to participate in the program.

Soldiers who are interested in spending Christmas with a German family should contact The Good Cheer Program project officer in their community. Points of contact in GSMC are:

Bad Cannstatt-Zuffenhausen: Mr. Knapp, 420-7128/6373.

Boeblingen-Sindelfingen: Ms. Welch, 4312-710/612.

Moechingen-Degerloch: Ms. Patzelt, 4212-514/834.

Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim: Ms. Steegmayer, 4202-343/665.

Nellingen-Esslingen-Echterdingen: Ms. Ruckabek, 4216-237.

Vaihingen: Mr. Kiefer, 430-7248/5677.

We're very fortunate to have German neighbors willing to share the warmth and merriment of their family Christmas. The Good Cheer program has created permanent friendships between many soldiers and German families in years past. Besides helping our community establish better German-American relations, this can be a rewarding experience that gives soldiers insight into a Germany that tourists never experience.

Soldiers away from their families at Christmas this year are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to make their holidays more enjoyable and to meet new German friends. It may be what makes their tour an exciting and memorable one. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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

## Writer discovers happiness is knowing life begins at 40

by Marguerite E. Towson  
ARNEWS

You know those crummy little yellow smiley faces that have the phrase "have a nice day" printed on them? Don't they just make your stomach turn? They're about as cute as old gum stuck to the bottom of your shoe. And who in the world gave that guy permission to drone out that song, "Don't Worry, Be Happy." If I hear anyone else say that one more time, I think I'll go nuts. Well, folks - this is the happiness backlash you've been waiting for.

What is happiness? I had no idea what to write about when it came to happiness. My mind was a complete void, as it usually is, until I really thought about it. I have pondered over that subject for a considerable amount of time now; at least five minutes.

I've been searching for true happiness all of my life, yet it has managed to elude me. Maybe I've been looking too hard (next time I'll try looking for it in my

husband's wallet). Could it be that I could take a cue from Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz" and conclude that happiness is just the simplest things in life and that there's no place like home. And there's no place like my home, believe me.

Happiness? Why, just last week I opened a fortune cookie with this rosy little statement: "Your happiness is intertwined with your outlook on life." That means I'm happy for as long as the supply of toilet paper lasts. Ha! My outlook on life has to be the most pessimistic of all. Murphy's Law (whenever things can go wrong, they will and at the worst possible time) is fruitful and multiplies when it comes to me. At home, I have the attitude of Rodney Dangerfield: "I don't get no respect. My husband's pet name for me is 'Hey, you.'"

At work, happiness is not hearing that sickeningly sweet phrase "Good morning" when it's early Monday and I'm still moping around trying to gear up for a hectic week. Even "have a nice day" will evoke a growl from me. My motto for Mondays is "Go ahead. Make my day."

There's a lot of happy memories I can recall. Like, the day I said "I do" instead of "I don't." Another happy memory is when I got a beautiful new car. Two-and-a-half years after I got it, two engines and a header were replaced.

Happiness was getting promoted - but then my job was reclassified and downgraded. Happiness was being transferred to another job in order to keep my grade - but the job was put under DA review (eventually it went out on contract, but not before I decided to split).

Happiness was when my daughter was born. Now that was truly a happy event and the best thing to happen to me (then again, there's a few more years to decide if that statement remains to be true). Two days after her birth came the devastating eruption of Mt. St. Helen's - could that be an omen? Happiness was the invention of disposable diapers with gathers. What a blessing!

Finally, happiness is knowing that if life begins at 40, I only have four more years to go. The only problem is, I wish I were 25 again and knew then what I know now.



## Letter to the editor

These are just a few thoughts on life here at Robinson Barracks. This isn't the worst place I have been nor is it the best. There are, however, ways of making the daily routine more enjoyable. We don't have to make up a bunch of rules and regulations but only need to adhere to ones already established - or maybe teach people to read signs.

Did you know that there is a black and white sign at the back gate that says: "DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION?" Does it work? No.

Did you know that there are signs posted all over post which say - **Military vehicles will park behind bldg. 106.** Does this work? No. A trip to the PX will prove this to you.

Perhaps you've seen a group of people waiting in line at the teller machine. Have you noticed that there is hardly ever an acknowledgement of officers that pass by, not to mention salutes.

I know members of the military were taught standards to follow, so why do we let things just slide by? I don't have the answers to this question. All we

can do is check our own actions. If we don't maintain high standards, it won't be done.

So if someone comes up to you and questions your actions, don't get mad. They are only trying to make this a better place to live and work. As NCOs, we must set an example. Not only are you just being considerate in helping someone who might not be familiar with rules and regulations but it's also your job.

Sgt. Darrell Vick, Robinson Barracks

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# Holiday drinking has sobering consequences

GSMC's "Celebrate Sober" campaign began Nov. 20 and will run until Jan. 2, 1990. The purpose of the campaign is to promote the responsible use of alcohol and avoid related accidents during the holiday season.

To combat the twin scourges of alcohol and auto accidents, units are encouraged to devise programs designed to keep alcohol use to a minimum and prevent impaired or otherwise intoxicated persons from operating motor vehicles. Some examples of how to accomplish this are:

1. By using the "Buddy System" or "Designated Driver" concept.
2. Some units have a special fund available which the CQ can tap to pay for taxis for intoxicated soldiers to return to the unit.
3. Other units have a person in their chain of command that they can call for a ride.
4. The MPs will assist soldiers in getting rides home or even provide a ride if a patrol car is available.

"We will not leave anyone out in the cold," said Major Lon Walker, GSMC Provost Marshal. Walker emphasized that the MPs will "provide coordination to soldiers and family members within GSMC and make every effort to get them home."

Staff Sgt. Johnny Sniffen, Provost Marshal's Office, urges soldiers to "make provisions beforehand to return home safely." Sniffen noted that "when people get drunk they have a tendency to fall asleep in the car, exposing them to the dangers of hypothermia (reduction of body temperature) or carbon monoxide poisoning if they leave their motor running."

Last year's campaign "definitely made people aware of the problem, got them thinking about it and so started the process of prevention," according to Sniffen.

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week is Dec. 10-16. During the past seven years, the week has focused attention on the deaths and injuries that result from impaired driving. December was chosen because the holiday season provides more frequent occasions to drink.

## AAFES coupons fuel gas savings for citizens in Germany

Every day in Germany, service members and their families pay for the gas they pump into their cars with thousands of AAFES fuel coupons they give to Esso service station attendants.

Have you ever wondered what happens to your coupons?

According to officials of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe, representatives from Esso A.G., AAFES and German customs meet monthly to verify that the POL coupons received from service station dealers are processed properly.

"The basic reason for this meeting is we sell our AAFES customers a tax-free fuel, but our service stations sell taxed fuel," said Dr. Hartmut Woehler, Esso service station accounting manager.

According to Woehler, the dealers settle their accounts on an ongoing basis, usually every second or third day. All coupons are transferred to Esso with a settlement slip to check if the legal requirements have been met.

In cases where they are not met, the settlement is sent back to the dealer, who must then pay the full sales price.

To meet those legal requirements, and before service station attendants can accept a customer's POL coupons, several items must be checked. Each coupon must bear the correct fuel grade and imprinted quantity, the license plate number of the vehicle being fueled, and the signature of the person entitled to receive the fuel.

AAFES customers must take care in filling out coupons correctly and that coupons are not detached from booklets until ready for use.

Filling out the coupons incorrectly can cause discrepancies. On the average, more than 1.5 million coupons are verified monthly and the rate of discrepancies is less than 0.1 percent.

"Discrepancies seldom happen because they are normally identified either by the station dealer, Esso,

### Sobering facts:

Between 1982 and 1988, 166,000 persons lost their lives in alcohol-related traffic crashes — equal to one fatality every 22 minutes.

Between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. on weekends in some parts of the country, 10 percent of all drivers are legally drunk.

Between midnight and 4 a.m. on any night of the week, about 80 percent of fatally injured drivers are legally drunk.

More than 40 percent of all teenage (14-19 years old) deaths result from motor vehicle crashes; about half of these crashes involve drinking.

Approximately 8,000 people between 15 and 24 years old were killed and 200,000 more were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in 1988.

Drivers involved in fatal crashes who had been drinking used safety belts at a substantially lower rate than sober drivers.

U.S. statistics

This year's theme is "The designated driver, someone you can really look up to," emphasizing the importance of designating a driver who will not drink alcoholic beverages.

Jerald Anderson, executive secretary of DoD's Intoxicated Driving Prevention Task Force, said, "It's just a lot easier to designate the driver before you go to

a party than to try to decide who is going to drive after everyone has had something to drink."

Anderson added, "Just because a group has designated a driver does not mean the nondrivers should get drunk. Studies show that by the third or fourth drink, euphoria sets in and people make poor judgments that could harm them even if they aren't driving."

Safety experts warn that because drinking impairs judgment, people misjudge their level of impairment and think they're in great shape when they aren't. This can happen to both the driver and the host. Hosts should insist that intoxicated guests spend the night or ride home with a sober driver. But the host may have had too many drinks — after all, he doesn't have to drive — and think a drunk guest is fine.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 23,300 people died on America's highways in crashes where alcohol was involved in 1988. As a spokesperson for that organization pointed out, "Drunk driving strikes with a frequency and ferocity that would be national news if its victims were reported as a total each day. Instead, the victims are listed individually in the obituary columns in cities and towns where the tragedies occur."

State, local, and military police are especially vigilant during the holiday season. Even if a person doesn't have an accident, he or she could still get stopped by a police officer. The penalties for drunk driving in terms of fines, increased costs or loss of insurance, bad record and adverse impact on career are severe for civilians and even more so for military people.

Said Anderson, "It's not worth taking the chance."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines a traffic crash as being alcohol-related if either the driver or non-occupant had a blood-alcohol concentration of .1 percent or greater. A person with a blood alcohol content of .1 or greater is considered legally intoxicated.

by Evelyn D. Harris, American Forces Information Service and Steve Snyder, Stuttgart Citizen



photo by Bob Crockett

### Gift wrapping

Ida Berdecia (left) and Yvonne Tillery with the 385th M.P. Battalion, view their prize wrappings as Sgt. 1st Class David Smith takes the gifts home. Volunteers will work at the Robinson Barracks AAFES mini mall during shopping hours until 24 Dec. The annual "Gift Wrap" project is sponsored by the North Stuttgart Officer and Civilian Wives' Club with 27 different groups participating. AAFES provides the material and the profits are kept for each group's funded activities.

customs or by AAFES in the coupon check meeting procedures," he said. "If they are stolen coupons, then there will be a special review by CID (Criminal Investigative Division), which has only happened once in the last year."

AAFES and Esso have been verifying POL coupons for the last 32 years. The main concern of the meeting is accuracy.

"I believe this system is very accurate because we have real chain of control procedures starting with the dealer and continuing to Esso controller people," Woehler said.

"Once the coupons have been checked, they are destroyed by fire under the supervision of customs officials," he said. (AAFES-EUR)



# Seminar showcases student leadership skills

by Donna Walker  
Command Information Officer

Almost 70 students from Stuttgart and Patch High Schools came to the Robinson Barracks Community Club to learn about leadership — not from teachers, but from fellow students.

Ranging in age from 14 to 18 years, they bandied about words like Machiavellian, Gamesman, Entrepreneur. But learning about these types of leaders was just the beginning. Other topics included stress and time management, creativity and public speaking.

"The Leadership Seminar is for students who've been elected club or class officers, or who demonstrate leadership abilities," said Nancy Cook, Community Support Officer. "It's meant to assist them in developing leadership talents."

Three SAHS students — Jamie Crockert, Ed Galang and Jennifer Zabel — presided over the seminar, leading group discussions. They are participants in the school's TAG, Talented and Gifted, program run by Suzanne Allen, an enrichment specialist for the school.

"Anyone can be a part of our activities if they want to think, act and be professional," she said. "But basically it's a talent pool of 130 to 140 students who represent the school's top 15 percent academically."

Take Jamie Crockert, for example, the student coordinator for the event. To begin the day's seminar, she stood quietly in front of the group for several minutes.

"It's a speech technique," she explained, "to get the group's attention."

With a quickness that underscored importance, she launched into a presentation of leadership styles. "What is a leader?" she asked. Met with silence, she began to call on her peers by name. As they threw her answers, she wrote their responses down and displayed them on an overhead projector.

"Now, taking what you've just learned, each table will pick a leadership style and come up with a skit that demonstrates it. The rest of us will guess which managerial style you're acting out."

Ten minutes later, skits started. Well-dressed and articulate, the students role-played with the ease of veteran actors.

"It's important to know the most effective way to lead," Jamie said later, explaining why she chose the topics presented at the seminar. "You don't want to harm your group with non-productive leadership."

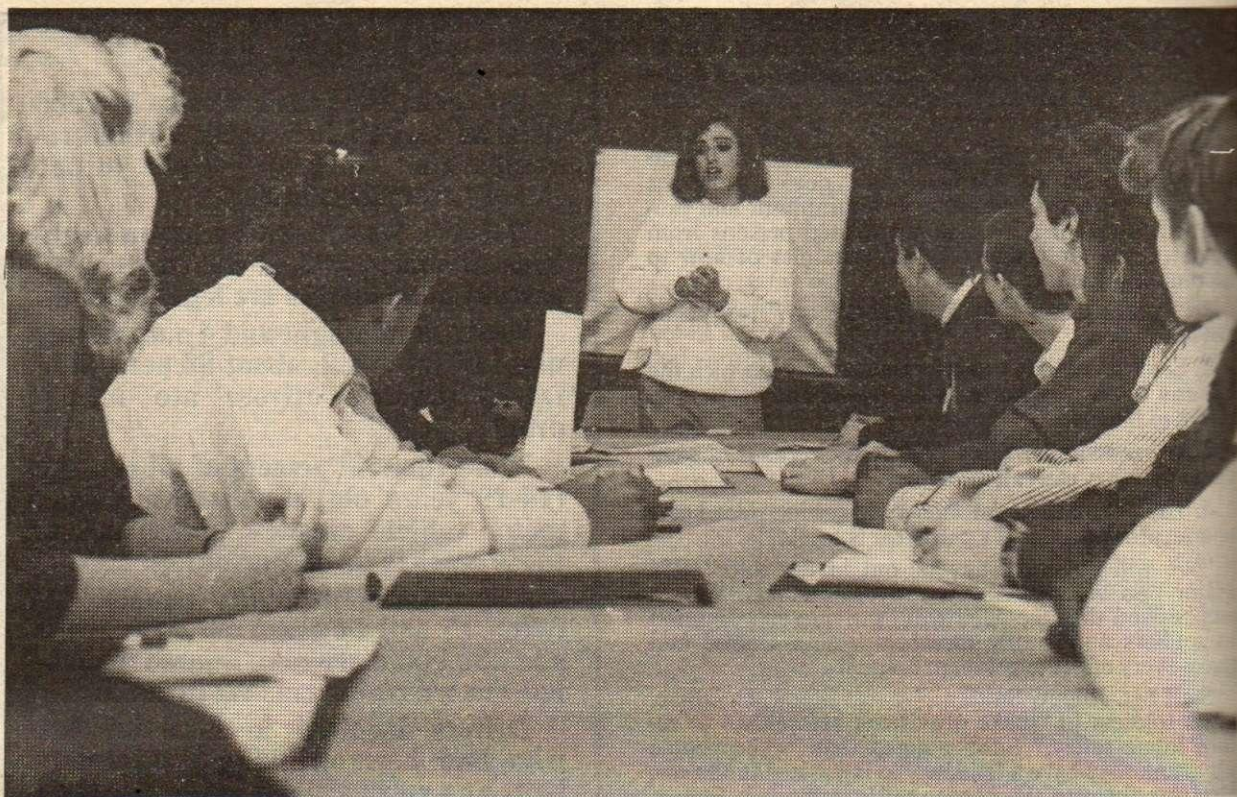
"Stress management was chosen because leaders get stressed out a lot and they have to learn how to cope with it."

Beginning the stress management session by playing a tape of soft music, senior Ed Galang relaxed the group immediately. Students listened closely as he explained methods to reduce stress.

"This was a favorite of the seminar," Allen said. "The students want to know about stress because they have a lot of it in their lives."

Jennifer Zabel, sophomore, presided over the "Fish Bowl." The tall, curly-blond-haired leader presented the situation.

"There's going to be a nuclear war tomorrow. Not



Shaness Conley discusses leadership techniques during a seminar sponsored by Stuttgart American High School.

for real, but for this exercise," she quickly added, making the other students laugh. "You'll be able to escape to another planet but can only take 10 people with you. Only the committee can choose the people. The committee is one person from each table who will sit in a circle in the middle of the room. If you want to say something, you must be in the committee representative's chair. Just go to the person in the chair, tap them on the shoulder and when they get up you sit down."

"You have 15 minutes." She stood back and watched quietly as the students' voices began to rise.

"Who thinks we need a minister?" said one.

"I do, because he can do a lot, like counsel people and say prayers and bury people."

"I don't because not everybody believes in the same religion, so he wouldn't serve everybody's needs."

"We don't need the minister because we have a social worker."

"Well, they both do the same thing except the social worker wants to be paid and the minister doesn't."

"Maybe we should move on..."

When time was up, three people were selected by the fish-bowl committee. "You can see why it's important to learn how to communicate and negotiate so you can make these kinds of tough decisions," Jennifer told her peers.

Jamie, Jennifer and Ed attended the International Student Leadership Institute in Oberwesel last May. The competition to go to ISLI is great and students are

recommended by three teachers of their choice. Applications are graded and a score of 94 or above is required.

"The institute is sponsored by the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. Students from SAHS go with the knowledge that they'll return here and pass on what they've learned to the other students," said Allen. "Today's seminar is a direct result of that program."

This year, Patch High School students were invited by Stuttgart American to attend their seminar. Social studies teacher Georgie Richard brought 11 students from various Patch councils and the Student Senate, which she sponsors.

"I think this is a great way for the two schools to get together," she said. "I hope the Patch students can take this back to their groups and individual classes."

Participants were asked to score the seminar on a scale from one to 10, with 10 being the highest score. "The seminar received a 9.5," said Allen. "They liked being taught by their peers, and want to do it again."

The guest speaker for the luncheon was Community Commander Maj. Gen. James B. Allen, Jr. He told them, "Everybody in this room is a leader. And it shows."

Mentioning the significance of the event, he added, "The fact that the students put this together, organized and planned it, is a great teaching event. It's very similar to real life and an excellent opportunity for them."

## aafes updates

### Child car seat hazard

Century products has warned that its Century 2000 STE car seat has a possible safety problem on units manufactured before May 1 this year. In a few cases, the loop on the end of the shoulder strap of the car seat is only glued together rather than glued and sewn. Customers are urged to check the strap on their child's seat. For information, call 1-800-222-9825.

### Battery recall

Duracell is recalling two models of its XL lithium batteries because a possible internal short may cause them to severely overheat. Exchange customers should remove batteries from the camera or other device, check for the label, "Made in the USA," and receive free replacement. Write to: Duracell U.S.A., Research Drive, bldg. 7, Bethel, CT 06801.

### Nielsen survey

AAFES-shoppers save an average of 25 percent to prices charged in commercial stateside stores, a 1989 A.C. Nielsen Company Price Comparison Survey said.


Prices were compared in February outside 17 Army and Air Force installations in the United States. The 25-percent savings does not include state or local sales taxes.

### Catalog ordering

The Exchange Mail Order Catalog is expanding customer service. Effective immediately, personnel in the Dallas office are on line seven days a week to assist telephone customers. Operating hours are: Monday thru Friday, 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Overseas customers dial 1-214-780-2000.



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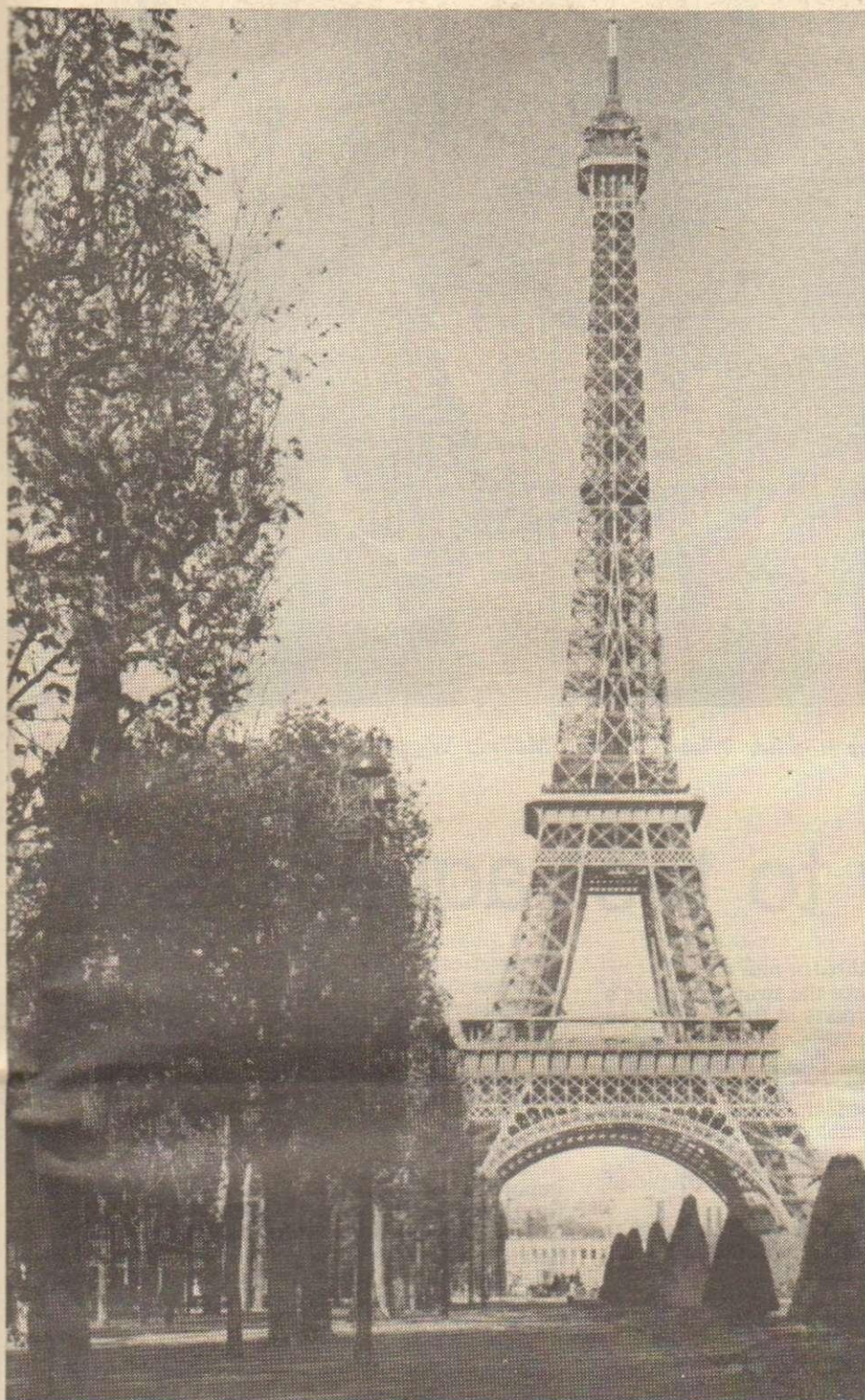
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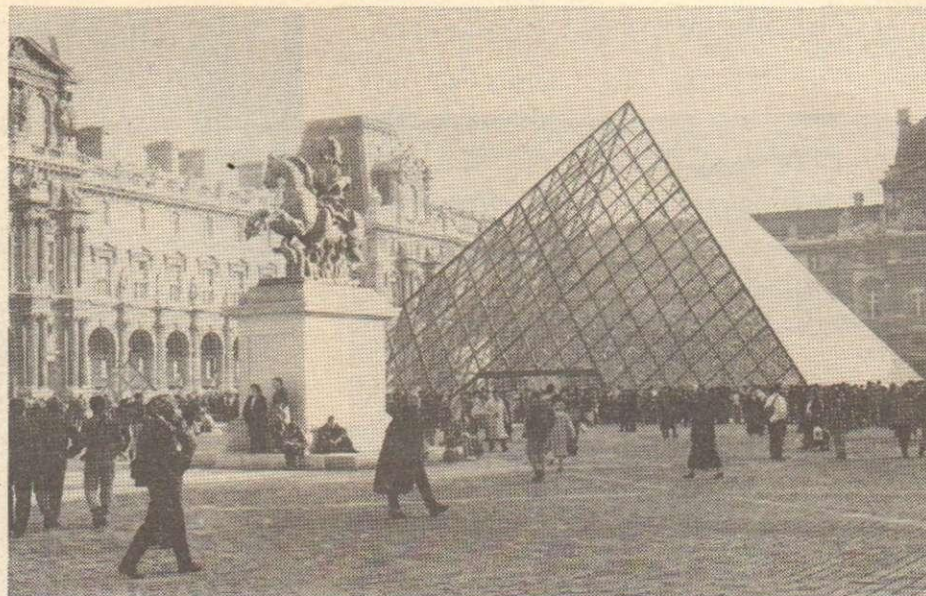




## City of *LIGHT*



Artists and intellectuals still hang out at the Montmartre, one of the city's Bohemian sections which was frequented by Hemingway and other giants in the past.



The Eiffel Tower (left) was built for the World Fair in 1889 and remains the symbol of Paris. "Le Grand Louvre," above, contains a new entrance which resembles a glass pyramid.

story and photos by Steve Snyder  
Stuttgart Citizen

Paris looms larger than life astride Western Civilization. Few cities have been as celebrated in song or so intertwined with history-shaking events. The French claim the City of Light is the cultural center of the universe and their argument is hard to refute. For where else are art and intellect not merely tolerated but revered?

Paris lies almost directly west from Stuttgart and can be reached in about six hours when traveling by car. Tours arranged by ITT offices or recreation centers in GSMC offer bargain rates and afford novices the opportunity to take in the city's major attractions without hassles or wasted motion.

A recent trip sponsored by Enjoy Tours illustrates what's available. Tourists paid \$125 for three days, including two nights at an attractive hotel. While some meals were included in the cover charge, optional excursions cost about another \$100. Wise travelers brought along at least an additional \$200 to take full advantage of superb shopping and dining opportunities. The going rate, then, ranges from \$400 on up.

It's well worth the price.

Following a gruelling all-day ride, punctuated by a meal break and a tour of a champagne factory in Reims, the bus arrived in Paris in early evening where passengers checked in at a hotel. After devouring a sumptuous five-course meal, tourists were treated to sights of Paris at night. Lights illuminating the Eiffel Tower and lining the Champs-Elysees up to the Arch of Triumph were dazzling.

The preceding meal wasn't too shabby, either. One could nibble on specialties such as frogs legs and follow that course by wallowing in an utterly delectable assortment of cheese. The scene reminded one of Charles DeGaulle's famous complaint about how difficult it was to govern a country which has 350 kinds of cheese. Connoisseurs delighted, also, in the quantity and quality of the wine at every table — which the waiters never allow to run out.

Major sights toured during the next two days included the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the Arch of Triumph, the Sorbonne, the Louvre, Montmartre, the palace at Versailles and the flea market.

Scaling 899 feet to the top floor of the 1,050-foot Eiffel Tower is enough to give a steeplejack pause. The Arch of Triumph does the same for history buffs. Construction began in 1806 under Napoleon and the arch was completed 30 years later. The faces of the arch have huge bas-reliefs commemorating various mili-

tary triumphs. The arch juts 164 feet into the air and is 147 feet wide.

But as one sage said, monuments of wit survive monuments of power and Paris contains both. The Sorbonne is France's premier university, built in the early part of the 17th century. Intellectual giants ranging from Voltaire to Jean Paul Sartre have roamed its halls, enlightening students and establishing France's reputation as a citadel for the intellect. The Louvre is both a palace and museum which houses some of the world's art treasures. The statue of Venus de Milo, several statues by Michelangelo, Eugene Delacroix's painting *Liberty leading the People*, and Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* are among the well-known wonders present. A small bookstore in the museum sells inexpensive reproductions of the great works.

Montmartre is a residential section of Paris which overlooks the city and is famous for some of the artists who lived and worked there. Hemingway and other Americans of the 'lost generation' frequented *Painter's Square* and their imitators still hang out at the familiar haunts.

The palace at Versailles was transformed by the 'Sun King,' Louis XIV, into a castle personifying all the pomp and ceremony associated with government in the age of monarchs. The gardens and statues are world-renowned for their splendor. Particularly impressive is the *Gallery of Mirrors*, a vast and regal showcase filled with glittering glass.

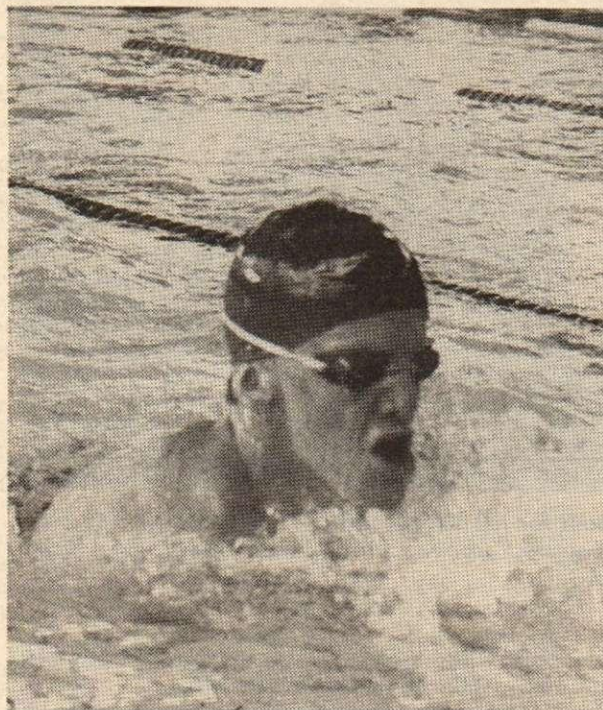
Night life in Paris glitters, too.

For roughly \$50, tourists took in a cabaret show at the Moulin Rouge. Refreshed by bottles of champagne, spectators saw 60 chorus girls do classic renditions of the can-can, specialty acts which included one man sticking his head into an alligator's mouth and dynamic, throbbing music. The show was a combination Broadway musical, disco, beauty contest, and carnival gig. A boat tour by night down the Seine river was undertaken before the show and proved almost as memorable.

An historian once noted that while England is an empire and Germany a nation, France is a person. French people were remembered this summer as the country celebrated its bicentennial as a republic. Legendary king Charlemagne, the imperial Napoleon, the wily politician Cardinal Richelieu, and the grandeur of Charles DeGaulle were only a few of the names in the spotlight. The storming of the Bastille during the French Revolution, the ensuing Reign of Terror, the rise of Napoleon, the Commune rebellion (an early French experiment in 1871 in something akin to Communism), and two world wars in this century were events shaping the French character.

Vestiges survive in the City of Light.





Mike Vahlsing pumps hard to try and win at the finish.



Coach Sheila Ward shows Heather Wise (left) and Melissa Wigglesworth the proper backstroke techniques.

## Local Piranhas hungry to test aquatic skills

story and photos by Lionel R. Green  
Stuttgart Citizen

You have to get up pretty early in the morning to catch the Piranhas swimming.

The Stuttgart Piranhas, the local swim team, are a school of dedicated and spirited athletes. They just about have to be.

Getting up for 6 o'clock morning practices on regular school days demands some kind of commitment.

"These swimmers have to be dedicated," said Sheila Ward, the second-year swimming coach of the Piranhas and sports director at Patch Youth Services. "To train from 6-7 a.m., that's a challenge itself."

Mike Vahlsing, 17, is a senior at Patch High School and in his third year as a member of the Piranhas. He notes the difference between swimming for a team in the United States and for one here.

"Back in the States, you're allotted more pool time," he said. "There are more people to swim against, and competition is better in the States. But, there are a lot of good swimmers here."

"A meet only lasts a few hours over here, while in

the States a meet can run for three or four days."

Vahlsing does note that since the swim teams are a lot smaller than their counterparts in the States, "you get to know more people."

This year Vahlsing said that Coach Ward played a big part in making the swim team a more cohesive unit and getting recognition for the team. He said the number of swimmers has about doubled over the last three years making the team "a lot more competitive."

Coach Ward came here last year with a couple of goals in mind.

"My first goal was to get the team back together again after some internal problems," Ward said. "I just went right back to the stroke basics."

"The second thing was to teach the kids to be responsible and to go to a nutritional diet."

Ward not only tries to get her team in shape physically, but mentally as well.

"It's a mental challenge," she explained. "We can swim our very best at all times. We work at being a team. We stick and cheer together."

For extra training, some of the Piranhas swim on the German team from Leonberg/Renningen. Coach Ralf Widmayer said there was one difference between American and German swimmers.

"Americans begin with freestyle mostly, while the Germans start out with the breast stroke," he said. "I prefer the American style because it's more natural."

Sybille Teucht, another coach of the German team, said, "You have to explain everything two times — in German and American, and we had to learn swimming's technical terms in English."

Both agree that the best benefit is Germans and Americans coming together.

"Having contact with the children and parents is important for us," Widmayer said. "We want to learn from them, and they want to learn from us."

The Piranhas are coordinated through the Youth Services, and team members can receive a sport letter. Their season lasts about five months from October to March, and they are scheduled to participate in about 20 meets this year.

The 1989-90 Piranhas are optimistic about their chances of winning the championships scheduled for Munich in March.

"We have a good chance to win," Vahlsing said. "We just need younger kids."

The Piranhas. A swimming team hungry for a little bit of competition in the water. And if everything goes well way, a team that might get a taste of the sweet stuff championships are made of.

### YS news

#### Coach's clinic

GSMC is proud to announce that the local Youth Services centers will begin the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) Volunteer Coaches Certification for Basketball.

Youth Services' certified clinicians will be conducting the certification program at all the GSMC YS centers. The dates and times are listed below. All coaches are required to attend. If this is your first time coaching in GSMC, you must attend the full six hours. If you are a returning coach from baseball/softball or soccer, you must attend the second night or last three hours of certification. The certification is good for one year. GSMC will pay the \$15 fee for all volunteers who wish to be head coaches of a team.

Dates and times for certification classes are:

Kelley YS Center, 4212-548, Dec. 4-5 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Patch YS Center, 430-7204, Dec. 4-5 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

RB YS Center, 420-6140, Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. - noon and from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

For information on certification, call Mrs. Jung-hans, the GSMC YS Sports Director, 420-6382.

#### Sports camp

The GSMC Youth Services will hold their first Youth Sports Camp for basketball.

Dates are listed below:

Nellington Youth Center, Dec. 8-10.

This camp is on a first-come first-served basis with a 60 youth cut-off. The camp is for ages 8-12 years. The camp is co-ed and the fee is \$30/person. The fee includes meals, lodging, instruction, and a T-shirt. Drop off your youth at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and pick them up at 11 a.m. on Sunday at your local YS centers.

For information, contact your local YS centers or the GSMC Sports Office.

#### B'ball sign-up

Basketball registration is going on now until Dec. 8 at all local YS centers. The sports fee is \$15/person. All youths must be YS members. Games begin Jan. 4.

For information, contact your local YS center.

### Sidelines

#### Correction

A soccer photo published in the Nov. 20 issue of the "Citizen" was incorrectly identified. The Kelley player on the left was **Ross Huffman**.

Huffman's name was also incorrect in the Nov. 27 soccer article on page one when it was printed as Steven Hussman.

The "Citizen" apologizes for the error.

#### Holiday Classic

GSMC installations are scheduled to participate in the 3rd Annual Holiday Classic from Dec. 18 - Jan. 2.

The Classic will include a varied recreation program to meet the wide range of interests for all members of the installation with points for team and individual competition to be awarded based on order of finish.

For information, call Mr. Mallon, Community Sports Director, 420-6315/7055.



# Stepping Out with Evi Hofielen

Dec. 4-10  
DAILY

## STUTTGART

### CHRISTMAS

MARKET — Marktplatz, Schillerplatz, Hirschstr., Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 4

"FRANZISKUS" — feature film in English, Kino Atelier, Kronprinzstr. 6, 4:45/7:30 p.m. thru Dec. 6.

"EVITA" — musical, original Broadway production, Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

MIDNIGHT JAM SESSION — Litfass, Schwabenzentrum, Eberhardstr., midnight.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" — Theater der Altstadt, Charlottenplatz U, 8 p.m.

THE VOLGA COSSACKS — concert by the Original Russian Ensemble, Forum am Schlosspark, Ludwigsburg, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

HOLIDAY ON ICE — Stuttgart Killesberg, Wed. thru Fri. & Mon. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 3:30/7:30 p.m., Sun. 2/6 p.m., thru Dec. 11.

BALLET PERFORMANCE — Wuertemberg State Opera House, 8 p.m.

"MARY" — travesty show, Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

DRAFI DEUTSCHER & BAND — city hall Leonberg, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 7

"OLIVER & CO" — feature film in English, Kino Atelier, Kronprinzstr. 6, 5:45 p.m. thru Dec. 13.

1,000 AIRPLANES ON THE ROOF — science fiction music drama, Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

"TEN YEARS AFTER" — concert, Messe Stuttgart, 8 p.m.

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

"THE MAGIC FLUTE" — ballet performance, city hall Leonberg, 8 p.m.

CONCERT — Chamber Ensemble Cologne with works by Bach, Vivaldi, Albinoni, Haendel, Weisser Saal, New Castle, 8 p.m.

NEW AMERICAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA — works by Mozart, Schubert, Tchaikowsky, city hall Esslingen, 8 p.m.

WIRBOIS, VAN KEMENADE, KULPER — "Dutch Allstars", "Roehre," Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 8

LUDWIGSBURG CHRISTMAS MARKET — pedestrian zone, Ludwigsburg, Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

"THE GREAT GATSBY" — feature film in English, Amerika-Haus, Friedrichstr. 23A, 6 p.m.

HOUR OF CHURCH MUSIC — Stiftskirche, Stiftsstr., 7 p.m.

"DER FREISCHUETZ" — opera by Weber, Wuertemberg State Opera House, 7:30 p.m.

"GOLDEN EARRINGS" — concert, Scala, Stuttgarter Str. 2, Ludwigsburg, 8 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY — EHC 80 Nuernberg vs EV Stuttgart, Waldau, Stuttgart-Degerloch, 8 p.m.

"SOUTH FORTY" — concert, Longhorn-Club, Heiligenwiesen 6, Stuttgart-Wangen, 8:30 p.m.

STEVE GIBBONS — "Rock'n roll for ever," Schuetzenhaus, Burgstallstr. 99, Stuttgart-Heslach, 8:30 p.m.

ACK VAN ROYEN QUARTET — "Roehre," Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9

FLEA MARKET — Karlsplatz Stuttgart, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

TOY FAIR — Messe Stuttgart, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

"A MIDSUMMERNIGHT'S DREAM" — theater performance by the European Theater Group of Cambridge University, Wilhelma-Theater, Neckartalstr. 9, 7:30 p.m.

"SOUTH FORTY" — concert, Longhorn-Club, Heiligenwiesen 6, Stuttgart-Wangen, 8:30 p.m.

"OUTPUT, STUTTGART" — jazz/rock/latin, Musikhalle Ludwigsburg, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10

ICE HOCKEY — EV Stuttgart vs SV Bayreuth, Waldau, Stuttgart-Degerloch, 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT — Stiftskirche, Stiftsstr.

"A MIDSUMMERNIGHT'S DREAM" — Wilhelma-Theater, Neckartalstr. 9, 7:30 p.m.

"STARS OF THE BOLSHOI BALLETT, MOSCOW" — ballet performance, Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

VOLKSMARCH: Saturday & Sunday: SCHWAIKHEIM, Rems-Murr-County, POC: Eckard Schild, Ludwigsburgerstr. 18, 7052 Schwaikheim, tel: 07195-51259.

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## KA Christmas shoot-out

The Kaiserslautern Army Community's 9th annual Christmas shoot-out basketball tournament will begin Dec. 6 at 6 p.m., and continue through Dec. 22 at the Kleber Kaserne Fitness Center, off road B-37.

Advance tickets are available now at the center, bldg. 3235 and may be ordered until Dec. 6 by sending a check or a money order payable to ECN-2085 to: 29th ASG Sports, APO 09054.

Call 483-7056 or 0631-4117056.

## Kelley ACS seminar

Kelley Army Community Service is sponsoring a lunch'n learn entitled, "Lifting the Holiday Spirits," Dec. 7, noon to 1 p.m. in the ACS lounge.

For information, call 4212-600/887.

## Patch ACS seminar

Patch Army Community Service is conducting a seminar entitled, "A-1 Credit Rating" Dec. 6, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Patch Family Center, bldg. 2307.

Sign-up is necessary, contact 430-7176.

## HOPING meeting

HOPING, the support group for parents who lost their children through death, will meet Dec. 11, 7 p.m., in the command conference room, HQ bldg., 5th General Hospital.

All interested persons are invited to attend; call 4222-819 or 0711-5201819 for information.

## Holiday food basket program

Attention all Bad Cannstatt-Zuffenhausen units, agencies, and private organizations: The BC/Z Army Community Service desperately needs holiday food, new unwrapped toys, and/or money donations for its annual holiday food basket program.

The baskets will be distributed Dec. 18-22. Bring your donations to bldg. 106, basement, as soon as possible.

Call 420-6046/7110 for information.

## Irish Christmas music

Aylsh E. Kerrigan, mezzosoprano singer and Anne-Marie O'Farroll, Irish harpist, will perform an evening of Irish Christmas music Dec. 5, 8 p.m. at the Nellingen Soldier & Family Community Rec center.

Tickets are \$3 per person; everybody is invited to join the event and meet the artists after the show.

Call 421-6234 or 0711-3482093 for information.

## OCWC events

HQ USEUCOM Officer and Civilian Wives' Club will host a luncheon Dec. 12, 11 a.m. at the Patch Officers' Club.

The luncheon is open to all OWC members and their guests.

A "College Mixer," a fun event with food, sodas and a disco, is scheduled Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Patch Officers' Club for all Patch college students.

Call 0711-6877436/444 by 5 p.m. Dec. 7 to make reservations.

## Clothes collection

The Protestant Sunday School program will donate new baby and toddler clothes to the German Red Cross for refugee families from East Germany.

Anyone who'd like to participate may drop off donations 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sundays, at Patch Elementary School before Dec. 10.

For information, call 430-5280.

## An evening of caroling

The Robinson Barracks Protestant Women of the Chapel invite you to join them as they sing carols at 5th General Hospital, Bad Cannstatt, Dec. 5. Meet them at 6:30 p.m., bldg. 118, Robinson Barracks, and car pool to the hospital.

Call 0711-854250 for information.

## Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous - a fellowship of people who gather to help solve the common problem of compulsive overeating - meet Friday evenings, 7:30 p.m., at the Robinson Barracks Chapel Annex, bldg. 118, 2nd floor.

If you have any questions, call 420-6285.

## Islamic worship services

Islamic (Muslim) worship services are now being

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conducted every Friday, noon, at the Robinson Barracks Chapel Annex, bldg. 118. Visitors are welcome to attend.

For information, call 4222-777 or 07141-80756/89252.

## USO concert tickets

Tickets for the following concerts during the month of December are on sale now at the Stuttgart USO: Dec. 4 - Evita; Dec. 5 - Roots Reggae Party; Dec. 7 - Ten Years After; Dec. 20 - Russian State Ballet; Dec. 21 - Alice Cooper; Dec. 23 - Munich Symphony Orchestra; Christmas Rock Special starring Bon Jovi, Great White, Dan Reed Network Britney Fox & Special secret guest.

For information, call 420-6261.

## Santa Hot Line

The Santa Hot Line will be activated Dec. 5 through Dec. 25 around the clock. To call Santa at the North Pole, dial 0711-8197222 or 420-7222.

For information, call 430-5488/5489.

## Gussy Goose

On Dec. 6 there will be a Christmas open house at the Gussy Goose, 3 to 7 p.m., with a special for the little folks - pictures with Santa.

Gussy Goose hours are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., closed Friday & Sunday. Effective immediately through Dec. 24, the shop is open on Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 420-6222 or 0711-879325.

"If it can be framed, we'll frame it!" The Grenadier Frame Shop, Grenadier Kaserne, bldg. 402, is open Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m.; closed Friday & Sunday.

Call 420-6222 or 0711-8196222 for information.

## Patch ski club

A "Langlauf (cross country) Night" will be sponsored by the Patch Ski Club Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Patch Officers' Club.

Win a free ski trip, enjoy free beer, wine, sodas, ski videos, door prizes and more!

Trips on sale include: Dec. 17-21 - St. Moritz, Club Med, Switzerland; Dec. 23-30 - Three Valleys, Meribel, France; Dec. 29-Jan. 1 - New Year's at Jungfrau/Interlaken, Switzerland; Jan. 5-7 - Davos, Switzerland; Jan. 12-15 - Portes du Soleil, Switzerland; Jan. 17-21 - Bad Gastein, Austria; Jan. 26-28 - Arlberg, Austria; Feb. 2-4 - Verbier, Switzerland; Feb. 4-10 - St. Veit ski school, trip #2; Feb. 9-11 - mystery trip; Feb. 16-19 - Chamonix, France/Kleine Scheidegg, Switzerland; Feb. 23-25 - mystery fasching.

Call 430-5372 for information.

## PWOC meeting

Join the Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at the Krabbenloch chapel.

For information, call 07141-25484.

## FCI Christmas party

The Friends Club International of Boeblingen/Sindelfingen will have a Christmas party Dec. 12 in Boeblingen.

Call 07157-72234 or 07031-163212 for information.

