

414th BSB – Büdingen, Hanau

Community notes . . . Community notes

Touch of Home open

The Touch of Home Cafe Dining Facility on Hutier Kaserne will reopen Feb. 3 for breakfast and lunch. Starting Feb. 17 dinner will also be served. Breakfast is served Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 7-8:30 a.m., Thursday from 5:30-7 a.m. Lunch is served Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. Dinner will be served Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 4:30-6 p.m., Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

New care providers

The staff of the 414th Base Support Battalion's Child and Youth Services welcomes four new Family Child Care providers. Betzaida Guzman, Merlanie Lawrence, Ivonne Makumba and Kazshauna Thomas recently joined the FCC team. "We appreciate that they decided to share their qualities, skills and commitment with the children and parents of the 414th BSB communities," said Victor Thompson-Torres, Family Child Care director. For more information about Family Child Care call mil 322-8458 or civ (06181) 88-8458.

'Difficulties of Love'

The Hanau Middle School Shakespearean Actors Troupe presents "The Difficulties of Love," two plays by William Shakespeare, "Twelfth Night" and "Love's Labours Lost." Performance dates are Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 for "Twelfth Night." Performance dates are Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 for "Love's Labours Lost." Ticket prices are \$4 for the performance or \$10 for the performance and dinner. Dinner times are 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the curtain rises at 7 p.m. For information or tickets contact Chris Swanson at Hanau Middle School at civ (06181) 906-9737.

Girl Scout leaders

Hanau Girl Scouts seek bright new faces to help girls develop to their full potential, contribute to society and learn to related to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect. Call Lisa Wenke at civ (06181) 906-2899 or email lisawenke@yahoo.com.

Hot topics in nutrition

Join the Women, Infants, Children-Overseas staff every third Tuesday of the month from 12-12:30 p.m. at the Wolfgang Outreach Center, Building 514, at the Wolfgang Shopping Center for discussions on hot topics in nutrition. Bring your lunch and a friend. Registration is not necessary and participation is free. The theme of the Feb. 17 session is "Label Reading.



Photo by Dennis Johnson

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonita Davis, 1st Armored Division rear detachment chaplain, discusses the legacy of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a luncheon at the Patriot Gardens Dining Facility of Underwood Kaserne Jan. 15. "He impacted every slice of society," said Davis. "We have seen tremendous changes in recent years. That fact is that 40-50 years ago we could not even have had this celebration, or celebrations of Native or Asian Ameri-

can Heritage. Most people look at him as a pure civil rights leader, but he was deeply grounded in his faith. He taught us to not be complacent, that each of us can make a difference in the world, to be for justice, not just us." The 1st AD chaplain described King's life from his birth in 1929 until his assassination in 1968. The event also featured an original poem recited by Staff Sgt. John Gayden of the 55th Postal Company, titled "The Color of my Skin."

What does the fine print on those labels really mean?"

Awana Club

The Awana Children's Club, sponsored by the 414th Base Support Battalion Protestant chapels, meets every Tuesday from 6-7:45 p.m. at Argonner Elementary School on Old Argonner Kaserne for games, songs, puppets, scripture and fun. The club is open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Call Vickie Horton at civ (06181) 5690670.

Play audition

Auditions for "I Ought to be in Pictures" will be held Feb. 23-24 at 7 p.m. at Hanau's Five Pfennig Playhouse. Actors and technicians are needed. For more information contact the Five Pfennig Playhouse in Building 405 on Old Argonner Kaserne or call mil 322-8031.

Outdoor Recreation trips

Join Hanau Outdoor Recreation to ski or snowboard in **Hintertux, Austria**, Feb. 6-8. The cost is \$145 per adult, \$99 per child (age 5-12) and \$30 per child (age 5 and under). Price includes round-trip transportation and one night in a hotel with

breakfast and dinner. The bus departs Friday evening at 10 p.m. from Outdoor Recreation and returns to Hanau Sunday evening around midnight. Other upcoming highlights include a trip to **Oberammergau** and **Garmisch** Feb. 13-16 and the **Black Forest** Feb. 24-25 and Feb. 28-29. Visit Hanau Outdoor Recreation in Building 459 on Old Argonner Kaserne or call civ (06181) 88-8891 or mil 322-8891 for information on these trips, equipment rental and more.

Sweetheart's Dinner

Delight your lover with a romantic dinner for two at Club i on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, from 6-9 p.m. The menu includes one glass of Burgundy wine, German cucumber salad, beef tenderloin in Burgundy sauce, vegetable medley, potato croquettes, rolls with whipped butter, Black Forest cake and coffee. All ladies will be greeted with a flower. The cost is \$40 per couple. Club i is located on Hanau's Fliiegerhorst Kaserne. Reservations are required by Feb. 11. Call mil 322-7266.

Comedy After Dark

Performers from America's top

stand-up comedy shows, such as BET Comic View and Showtime at the Apollo, are coming to Club i on Fliiegerhorst Kaserne Feb. 21 at 10 p.m. for a night of non-stop laughs. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$10 in advance. This show is for adults only.

Happy Hearts Party

Army Community Service will host a Valentine's party Feb. 13 at Büdingen ACS Family Outreach Center. The party, which starts at 3:30 p.m., will include games, refreshments and more. Call Keylah Bonebrake at mil 321-4786.

Basic Car Care

Learn about basic car maintenance at Hanau Auto Skills every Saturday at 10 a.m. Topics include changing your oil, fixing flat tires, checking fluid levels and brake pads for wear. Class size is limited to 20 people, so call Hanau Auto Skills at mil 322-8247 or mil 322-8625 to register.

Balloon bouquets

Get your sweetie a balloon bouquet for Valentine's Day at the Hanau USO in Building 4 on Pioneer Kaserne. Call mil 322-8725 or

civ (06181) 56119.

Tax Center

The Hanau Tax Center offers free tax assistance and electronic filing. The center is open Monday to Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It's located in Room 14, Building 2 on Pioneer Kaserne. For more information call Capt. Brian Adams or Spc. Jim Wallner at mil 322-8993/9577.

Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby

A Red Cross Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby course consists of four sessions on the first four Wednesdays of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information contact Kristi Kolthoff at mil 322-1760 or civ (06181) 88-1760.

CPR and First Aid

This two session Red Course course offers CPR on the first day and First Aid on the second day. Class dates are Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 22 from 1-4 p.m., May 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and May 16 from 1-4 p.m. Call Kristi Kolthoff at mil 322-1760 or civ (06181) 88-1760.

New Sunrise hours

The Sunrise Grill on Hanau's Old Argonner Kaserne is now open Tuesday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The grill is located in Building 405. Call mil 322-9149 for more information.

Prayer luncheon

A National Prayer Luncheon will be held Feb. 18 at the International Club on Fliiegerhorst Kaserne. Chaplain Lawrence Krause, 104th Area Support Group chaplain, will speak. For more information call mil 322-1570.

Computer Lab

The Pioneer Education Center in Building 11 has computers available in the Computer Lab for educational purposes. These computers can be used to complete online computer courses, conduct educational research, and Army correspondence courses. The lab is open Monday to Thursday from 1-9 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Contact the Pioneer Education Center at mil 322-8380 for more information.

USO birthday Feb. 4

The Hanau USO will celebrate the United Service Organization's 63rd birthday Feb. 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by the office in Building 4 on Pioneer Kaserne to enjoy cake.



Bulletin board

At the movies Feb. 3-19

Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

- Feb. 6-7 — Cheaper By The Dozen (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 8 — Cat In The Hat (PG) 4 p.m. Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12 — Timeline (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 13-14 — Chasing Liberty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — Spy Kids 2: 3-D Game Over (PG) 4 p.m. Gothika (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 — Tupac: Resurrection (R) 7 p.m.

Büdingen, Little

- Feb. 14 — Looney Tunes: Back In Action (PG) 3 p.m.

Dexheim, Rhein

- Feb. 6 — The Missing (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 7 — Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 8 — Chasing Liberty (PG-13) 3 p.m.
- Feb. 13 — Gothika (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 14 — Torque (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — Timeline (PG-13) 3 p.m.

Friedberg, Old Ironsides

- Feb. 5 — Runaway Jury (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 6-7 — Stuck On You (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 8 — Looney Tunes: Back In Action (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12 — Love Actually (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 13-14 — Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — Dr. Seuss' The Cat In The Hat (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 — The Missing (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Giessen, Skyline

- Feb. 3-4 — The Last Samurai (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 6 — Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 7 — Dr. Seuss' The Cat In The Hat (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 8 — The Missing (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 10-11 — Stuck On You (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 13 — Timeline (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 14 — Tupac: Resurrection (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — Gothika (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 17-18 — Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Hanau, Evening Star

- Feb. 3 — Looney Tunes: Back In Action (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 4 — Love Actually (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 5 — Radio (PG) 7 p.m.



Tommy Lee Jones and Cate Blanchett team up as father and daughter in "The Missing."



Russell Crowe stars as Jack Aubrey in "Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World."

- Feb. 6 — The Missing (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Butterfly Effect (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 7 — Dr. Seuss' The Cat In The Hat (PG) 7 p.m. The Butterfly Effect (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8 — The Butterfly Effect (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 9 — Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 10 — The Missing (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 11 — Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12 — Dr. Seuss' The Cat And The Hat (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 13 — The Big Bounce (PG-13) 7 p.m. Tupac: The Resurrection (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14 — The Big Bounce (PG-13) 7 p.m. Gothika (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — The Big Bounce (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 16 — Dr. Seuss' The Cat In The Hat (PG) 3 p.m. Timeline (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 17 — Gothika (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 18 — Tupac: Resurrection (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 — Timeline (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Rhein Main, Gardens

- Feb. 4 — Torque (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 6 — Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 7 — Dr. Seuss' The Cat In The Hat (PG) 5 p.m. Cheaper By The Dozen (PG) 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8 — The Missing (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 11 — The Butterfly Effect (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 13 — Tupac: Resurrection (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 14 — Timeline (PG-13) 5 p.m. Gothika (R) 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — Chasing Liberty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 18 — The Big Bounce (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wackernheim, McCully

- Feb. 4 — Movie to be announced locally 7 p.m.

- Feb. 18 — Timeline (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Flyers

- Feb. 5 — Torque (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 6 — The Missing (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 7 — Torque (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12 — Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 13 — Gothika (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 14 — The Butterfly Effect (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 — Timeline (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Taunus

- Feb. 3 — Looney Tunes: Back In Action (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 4 — Radio (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 5 — Love Actually (PG) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 6 — Torque (PG-13) 7 p.m. Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 7 — Dr. Seuss' The Cat In The Hat (PG) 4 p.m. Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Missing (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8 — Dr. Seuss' The Cat In The Hat (PG) 4 p.m. Torque (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 9 — Torque (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10 — Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 11 — The Missing (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12 — The Butterfly Effect (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 13 — The Butterfly Effect (R) 7 p.m. Gothika (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14 — Elf (PG) 4 p.m. Gothika (R) 7 p.m. Tupac: Resurrection (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — Brother Bear (G) 4 p.m. Timeline (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 16 — Elf (PG) 4 p.m. The Butterfly Effect (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 17 — Gothika (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 18 — Timeline (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 — The Big Bounce (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Movie plots

The Butterfly Effect (R) — Ashton Kutcher stars as Evan Treborn who ties his emotional scars in adulthood to the frequent blackouts he had as a child. As he begins to unravel intensely personal truths about his childhood circle of friends, Evan decides to risk everything in a bold attempt to change the past, hoping to save the people he loves.

Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World (PG-13) — Based on the best-selling novels of Patrick O'Brian, the film stars Russell Crowe as "Lucky" Jack Aubrey, who pits his crew of the H.M.S. Surprise against a much better armed and ruthless privateer, in a chase that takes him to the far side of the world. Paul Bettany plays the ship's surgeon Dr. Stephen Maturin.

The Missing (PG-13) — In the 1880s, after a very long disappearance, a father (Tommy Lee Jones) returns to find the family he left behind to live with the natives. His estranged daughter Maggie (Cate Blanchett) is not pleased by his sudden arrival. When Maggie's daughter is kidnapped, the two must work together to track down the men who did it.

The Big Bounce (PG-13) — Owen Wilson and Morgan Freeman star in this film version of the novel by Elmore Leonard. Wilson plays Jack Ryan, a surfer and likeable drifter trying to loot the fortune of a wealthy developer.

Torque (PG-13) — Trey Wallace (Ice Cube), leader of the Machine, one of the most feared biker gangs in the country, squares off against another gang, the Hellions, in this action flick set in the world of motorcycle racing.

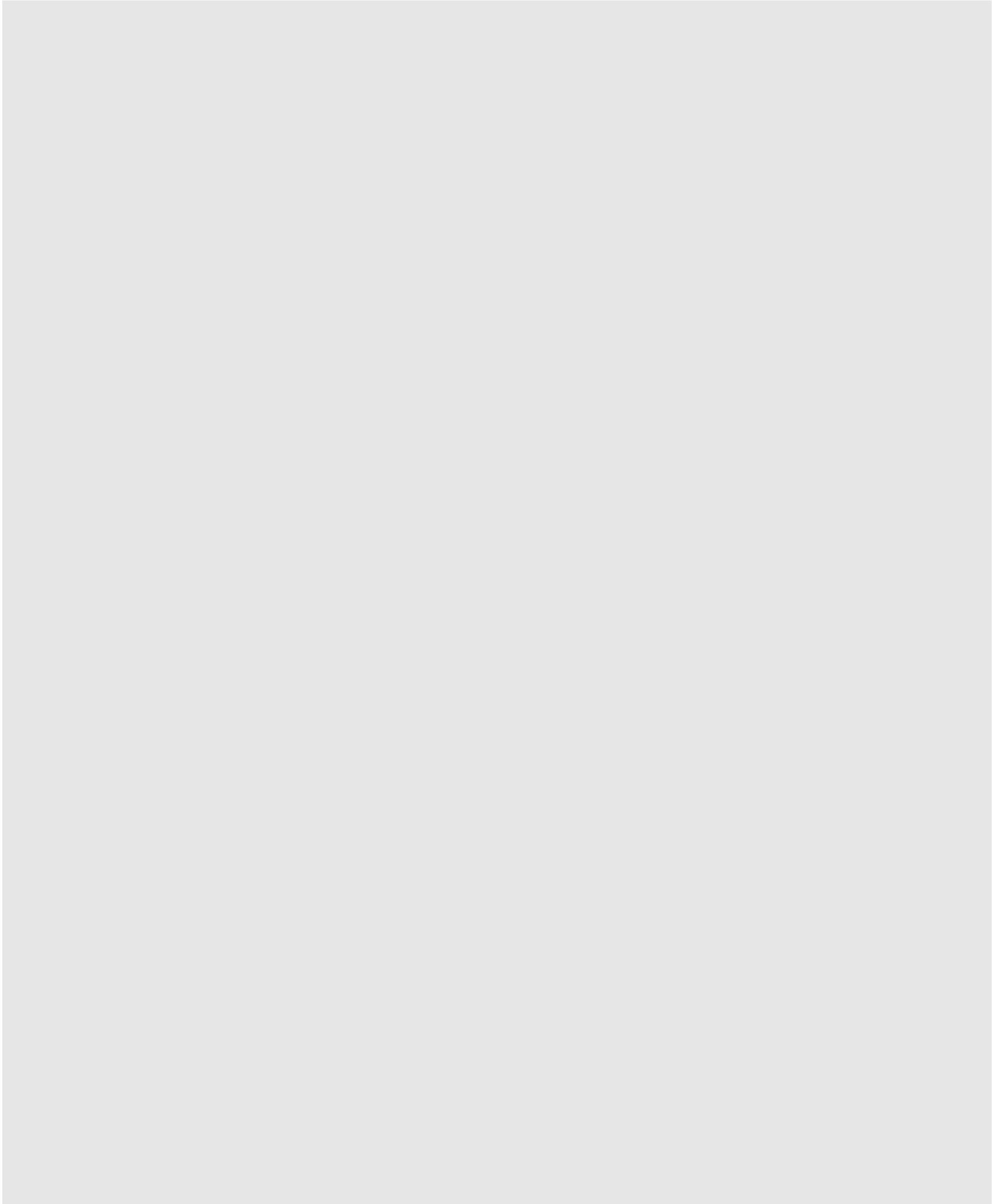
Chasing Liberty (PG-13) — Anna Foster (Mandy Moore) wants the American dream: life and liberty to pursue happiness. But as the only child of the president of the United States, every detail of her life is constantly monitored. While on a diplomatic trip to Europe with her parents, Anna meets mysterious stranger Ben Calder (Matthew Goode) and goes on a wild adventure.

Tupac: Resurrection (R) — This 90-minute feature documentary is driven by the music and art Tupac created and the revolutionary ideas he espoused. It captures the dramatic life experiences of a young rapper whose life was cut short by a violent lifestyle, but whose legacy lives on today.

Cheaper By The Dozen (PG) — When Tom Baker (Steve Martin) gets a job offer to coach football at Northwestern University in Chicago, he and his wife, Mary, move to the big city. It's a big change for them and their 12 children. The publication of Mary's long-in-the-works book puts even more demands on the family.

Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the most up-to-date schedule visit the ASG's website (see address below).

Herald Union classifieds



Good order key to school bus safety

By Mike St. Clair
Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe School Bus Transportation Office

Safe student transportation is one of Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe's highest priorities. High standards for mechanically sound vehicles and qualified, trained drivers are two of the three elements that produce safe school bus operations. The third and equally vital element is student behavior on the bus.

The key issue is the effect a lack of good order has on every student's safety. The lack of order is sometimes referred to as a "bus discipline problem," but discipline isn't the issue. The real issue is safety. Bad discipline results in unsafe operating conditions.

The most serious effect of student misbehavior is its impact on the bus driver. Driving demands the driver's full attention and absolute concentration. Anything that diverts his or her attention, even momentarily, can result in dangerous, even fatal consequences.

Consider this: When a driver looks in the rear view mirror in response to student misbehavior, who is driving the bus?

The direct cause and effect relationship between behavior and safety is the foundation of policy for managing student behavior. A joint working group of school principal, teacher, transportation official, school liaison officer and European Congress of American Par-



Photo by Karl Weisel

Good school bus behavior is fundamental to safety for all students.

ents, Teacher and Student representatives conducted an in-depth study of the topic and how to manage it. The group clearly defined roles and responsibilities, streamlined procedures, simplified and standardized rules, and created a universal table of consequences.

DoDDS-Europe implemented the revisions at the end of last school year. Some key points of the policy and procedures are:

* Because misbehavior by even one student creates an unsafe environment for all, rules will be strictly enforced.

* Parents, sponsors and guardians are responsible for their

children's behavior. Department of Defense policy prohibits hiring adults for the primary purpose of supervising student behavior and enforcing discipline on school buses. Parents must teach their children proper behavior and ensure they follow the rules.

* School principals will take disciplinary action. Riding school buses is a privilege that may be suspended or revoked when a student misbehaves.

* Suspension or revocation of bus privileges does not relieve the student from the obligation of attending school. Parents must make alternate arrangements for atten-

dance.

* The table of consequences has four categories of infractions in ascending order of severity. Corresponding disciplinary action also follows an increasing penalty scale. The four categories are:

1. Minor misconduct — for instance standing while the bus is in motion.

2. Serious infraction — property damage, theft or pilfering.

3. Severe offense — for instance fighting.

4. Criminal or illegal acts — perpetrating a bomb threat.

Penalties begin with an oral or written warning for the first minor

misconduct episode, increase to a one-to-five-day suspension for the second and culminate in suspension for the remainder of the school year upon a fifth referral.

A similarly increasing scale of suspensions is applied to serious infractions, severe offenses and criminal or illegal acts. The latter are also referred to military installation commanders for additional action as appropriate.

While school principals administer the program for school bus behavior management, success requires everyone's compliance. Parents, sponsors, guardians, educators, commanders and other community officials share responsibility for safe school bus conduct.

It's all about a safe ride for students to and from school everyday.

The 10 rules for school bus safety are:

- 1) Obey the driver or adult.
- 2) Enter and exit the bus safely and always show your bus pass.
- 3) Stay seated and use seatbelts when available.
- 4) Keep hands, feet and other body parts to yourself.
- 5) Never throw anything on the bus.
- 6) Put nothing out of the window.
- 7) Be quiet so as not to disturb the driver or others.
- 8) Profanity, indecency, smoking, prohibited items and vandalism are unacceptable.
- 9) Do not eat, drink or chew gum on a school bus.
- 10) Be responsible, be safe.

Students swing at annual jazz seminar

By Lauren O'Gara
Gen. H.H. Arnold High School junior

The terms "high school" and "big band" don't usually go together, but they swung like a pair of tied eighth notes at this year's Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Jazz Seminar.

The annual event, held Jan. 10-15 in Würzburg, brought together high school students from across Europe with a talent and love for jazz music.



A big band jazz ensemble consisted of 40 students who were selected through a series of auditions from DoDDS-Europe high schools. Two Gen. H.H. Arnold High School students, Charlie McCormick and Kevin East, were among those selected.

"It was really a lot of fun," said East, a senior who plays trumpet. "Some said it was the best jazz band ever. It helped me to play a lot higher without getting headaches."

This was the 20th annual jazz seminar hosted by DoDDS-Europe for students to study jazz and develop their musical skills. Students listened, read, performed and improvised under the guidance of Professor Jiggs Whigam, a distinguished jazz trombonist, composer and conductor.

Whigam is presently conductor of the BBC Big Band Jazz Orchestra and a guest conductor at the University of Berlin and the University of Indiana. He was assisted by

music teachers from DoDDS schools.

Students studied their instruments and the music for five days, ending the seminar with performances in Würzburg, Hanau and Wiesbaden, the first time that seminar participants traveled to showcase their talents.

"This task was no small undertaking," said Eric Measells, DoDDS-Europe coordinator for the event. "But to see the results of these efforts manifested in the final concert was well worth the effort."

School bits

Marking Presidents Day

Department of Defense Dependents Schools will close Feb. 16 for Presidents Day. Classes will resume Feb. 17.

Music in Butzbach

Butzbach Elementary School students will perform a Winter Concert Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For details call the school at civ (06033) 65888.

WAMS events

Parents interested in working with Wiesbaden American Middle School faculty on the School Improvement Plan should call the office at mil 337-6251. A Book Fair will be held

in the media center Feb. 23-26. Call the school for information.

FBLA seeks judges

The Future Business Leaders of America seek subject experts to serve as judges in public speaking, job interviewing, network design, entrepreneurship and other areas March 25 during its State Leadership Conference. For information call Bertha Manning at mil 480-6951, civ (06371) 47-6951 or email her at Bertha_manning@eu.odedodea.edu by Feb. 20.

'On The Move' seeks art

Submissions of artwork, poems and essays by military children from pre-school through 12th grade are sought for the annual Military Child Education Coalition publication, "On The Move," and the organization's 2005 calendar. This year's theme is "For All Seasons." Hard copy entries must

be mailed to MCEC, 108 EFM 2410, Suite D, Harker Heights, TX, and be postmarked by Feb. 15. For details point your Internet browser to www.militarychild.org and scroll down to the "On The Move" link.

Busiest bee in Gelnhausen

Congratulations to Gelnhausen Elementary School fifth-grader Jerilyn Partin for finishing first in the school's spelling bee Jan. 20. Runner up was fourth-grader Sierra Herndon.



Jerilyn Partin

Sports and leisure

Things to do

Ski Club trips

The Frankfurt International Ski Club invites everyone to join them for a host of trips throughout Europe. Upcoming trips include **Verbier** Feb. 5-8, **Andematt** Feb. 6-8, **Laax Flims** Feb. 13-15, **St. Anton** Feb. 13-16, **Cortina** Feb. 20-24, **Luzern/Engelberg** Feb. 20-22, **Zell am See** Feb. 27-29, **Whistler** Feb. 28 to March 7, **Portes du Soleil** March 5-7 and **Chamonix** March 12-15. For more information about the club and upcoming trips visit their website at www.fiscweb.org.

Summer Youth camp

The Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge (commission for the care of war graves in Germany) seeks American and European youths age 16-20 to take part in their International Youth Camp July 30 to Aug. 14. Young people will get a chance to work with various nationalities while working on Jewish and international grave sites and visiting various cities and castles. Cost is 150 euros per person including food, accommodations and transportation. For registration information call Ruediger Klinge at civ (069) 944 90711 or send an email to ruediger.klinge@volksbund.de.

Museum exhibits

The German Film Museum in Frankfurt presents an exhibit titled "**Oscars in Animation**" now through March 7. Original works from more than 100 films recognized for Oscars in animation since the Academy of Motion Picture Arts began recognizing animated films in 1932 will be on display. The museum is located on "Museum Row" (Schaumainkai 41) on the Sachsenhausen bank of the Main River in Frankfurt.

The Natural History Department of the State Museum of Wiesbaden features the special exhibition, "**Under the Burning Sun — Life and Survival in the Sonora Desert**" through June 13. The exhibit depicts the rich variety of life in the Sonora Desert located in northern Mexico and the southwest United States despite the harsh environmental conditions. English-speaking guides are available. Call civ (0611) 335 2194 for more information.

The controversial exhibit "**Body World**," an exhibition of anatomical studies, will be featured at the Naxos-Event-Halle in Frankfurt Fechenheim through April 18. The exhibition hall is located at Wächstersbacherstr. 83.

The Mainz Landesmuseum holds a special exhibition of "**Napoleon's Treasures**" through March 4. The museum is located at 'Grosse Bleiche 49-51.

'The Music Man Jr.'

Frankfurt's International Theater and The Theatre Unlimited Performing Company present the classic musical, "**The Music Man Jr.**" Feb. 7-8 at 2:30 p.m. and Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. Tickets are 15 euros for adults, 12 euros for students and 6 euros for children age 3-9. Call civ (069) 499 0980 or email Info@ITF-Frankfurt.de.

Grapplers face off in Giessen

High school athletes gain rankings, experience

Story and photos by
Alexandra Williams

284th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

High School wrestling teams and individual wrestlers from Giessen, Hanau, Baumholder, Mannheim, Bamberg and Kaiserslautern faced off at Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center Jan. 17.

Despite an overwhelming show of wrestling know-how from Mannheim's team, local wrestlers claimed their share of places.

"It's hard to say how we will do today. We are not in the favorite position," said Giessen coach Sgt. Maurice Johnson of Company A, 501st Forward Support Battalion. "We have a small team that is still in a building stage. We have two freshmen and three kids — Matt Domko, K.C. Brown and Chris Williams — who will probably finish at the European level. I am real pleased with the team.

"I always tell them to be aggressive and professional at the same time, and they did that today. I am proud of them," he said.

"It's my second season wrestling and my last year since I am a senior," said Diamond De La Garza, the only female wrestler in Giessen and the only female participating in the meet.

"My goals for this season are to train hard, to do my best and to be aggressive. My goal for today is to win one match. It can be just by points it doesn't have to be by a pin,"



Giessen wrestlers K.C. Brown (top) and Matt Domko square off during a bout at the Miller Hall.

she said.

"I think our team is doing great and we will have more than one wrestler qualifying for the Europeans this year. I only wish my husband Darin (one of the Giessen team's coaches who deployed with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment to Iraq) could have been here for all the tournaments. I know he is with them in heart and spirit and it shows in their efforts," said Keri Domko.

Mighty Mannheim

"Mannheim's wrestling team is always scary, but our team is very good. Our team is not as powerful as last year, but they kept their spirit together, and I am confident that they will do good," said Kaiserslautern's coach Ken Robinson. "Normally Mannheim wins in the lower and high weight categories, but this time the question will be who wins the middle."

"It's hard to say who is the favorite team today," said Paul Hernandez, who helps coach the Hanau team. "Some teams have an advan-

tage by having seniors with a lot of experience in their teams. We have a young team. They are great, but most of our wrestlers are sophomores and freshmen. They have a lot of potential, and I am very impressed with them."

"They've come a long way and they have grown a lot," said Capt. George Corbari from the 5-7th Air Defense Artillery who accompanied his son's team.

"They are awesome today," said 1st Sgt. Larry Ellison, the father of a Hanau wrestler and also from the 5-7th ADA.

"The meet is a good experience for them," said Bill Potter, another father accompanying the Hanau team.

The following wrestlers earned victories: Mannheim's **Andrew Elizalde** took first place in the 112-pound category;

Mannheim's **Josh Quiocho** took first, Giessen's **Chris Williams** second and Kaiserslautern's **Jaime Jung** third in the 119-pound category;

Billy Westover from Mannheim took first place, Hanau's **Stephen Oen** and **Logan Peter** took second and third place in the 125-pound category;

Mannheim's **Eliase Elizalde** took first, Hanau's **Luke Heise** second and Kaiserslautern's **Josh Williams** third in the 135-pound weight class;

Kaiserslautern's **Brett Andrews** and **Jordan Hayes** took first and third place while Mannheim's **Anthony Twitchell** took second place in the 145-pound category;

Martin Killinger from Mannheim won first and **Jerrold Rung** from Giessen took second place in the 152-pound category;

Giessen's **Matt Domko** and **K.C. Brown** took first and third place while Hanau's **Patrick Wolfe** took second in the 160-pound category;

Madison Hayes from Kaiserslautern won first, **Bryan Summit** from Giessen second and **Jonathan Echevarria** from Hanau won third place in the 171-pound category;

Kaiserslautern's **Tony Althof** won first and Hanau's **Daniel Green** second place in the 189-pound weight class;

Kaiserslautern's **Charles Madden** and **Troy Price** won first and third place in the 275-pound category while Bamberg's **Sean Boland** won second place.



Giessen High wrestler Diamond De La Garza, the only female grappler at the DoDDS High School wrestling meet in Giessen, struggles to avoid being pinned during a bout.

Sports and leisure

Sports shorts

Basketball action

The 221st Base Support Battalion's Sports and Fitness Branch hosts an **Over-30 Basketball Tournament** Feb. 8 at Wiesbaden's Tony Bass Fitness Center. Call mil 337-5943. A **3-on-3 Basketball Tournament** will be held Feb. 10-12 at Hanau's Pioneer Fitness Center. Call mil 322-8197. The 284th Base Support Battalion **Unit-Level Basketball Championships** will be held Feb. 14-15 at Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center. Registration is free to unit-level teams. Call mil 343-7521.

Indoor soccer

Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center hosts an indoor pre-season soccer tournament Feb. 26-27. Call mil 343-7521.

Racquetball Challenge

Sign up for the monthly Racquetball Challenge Cup at Baumholder's Mountaineer Fitness Center starting in February. Cost is \$3. All players must be age 17 or above. Call mil 485-7732 for details.

Work out at Pioneer

Hanau's Pioneer Sports and Fitness Center features spinning Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., yoga and body balance Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and step/floor aerobics Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per class or \$30 for 12 classes. Call mil 322-8197.

Intro to fitness

The 221st Base Support Battalion's Sports and Fitness Branch offers **introductory fitness classes** in January and February. Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for 30 minutes at Wiesbaden's Tony Bass Fitness Center. Learn more about the basics of step, kickboxing and more. A **Fitness Marathon** will be held Feb. 21 starting at 9:30 a.m. Call mil 337-5943 for more information.

2004 Point Bowl

Giessen's Ironside Lanes on the Giessen Depot feature the 2004 Point Bowl through Feb. 15. Win a prize for having the highest total pins. Call mil 343-7702.

Boxing tourney

The Dexheim Fitness Center hosts the 221st Novice and Open Boxing Tournament Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. Registration and weigh-in is at 9 a.m. Participation is free. Spectator admission for those age 12 and up is \$3. Call mil 334-5746 or 337-5379.

German handball action

While most Americans are unfamiliar with the German sport of handball, they might be surprised by its similarities to basketball and soccer. The SG Wallau/Massenheim Panthers invite Americans to learn more about the sport during their championship game at the Ballsporthalle in Frankfurt-Hoechst Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Call civ (0611) 1729930 for tickets.

Martial arts classes

Wiesbaden's Tony Bass Fitness Center offers western-style karate classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-9 p.m. Pre-registration is required for the eight-week program. Cost is \$80. Call mil 337-5943.



Photos by Karl Weisel

Skiers, snowboarders and hikers take a break to enjoy the view at the Bayern Haus on the Hausberg above Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

'Operation R&R: Block Leave' AFRC expands program for redeploying Soldiers, families

With U.S. Army Europe Soldiers and civilians soon redeploying from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, the Armed Forces Recreation Centers-Europe have expanded the "Operation R&R" program to include redeployed service members on block leave status. This program was only open to OIF/OEF service members on 14-day R&R leave in the past.

"Operation R&R: Block Leave" will offer the base R&R package, plus one additional overnight. The AFRC-Europe "Operation R&R" program base package provides two

overnights at the General Von Steuben or General Patton Hotels, two dinners and two breakfasts for \$90 for a single traveler or \$120 for double occupancy. As part of the special block leave package, Soldiers and civilians may obtain a third overnight stay.

Singles are an additional \$45 and doubles are \$60. Youths (ages 13-17) are charged \$9 per day and children under 12 stay and dine at the hotel free. Additional nights may be added on-site following arrival, based on availability.

While staying at the resort, Soldiers, civilians and their families may take advantage of the many tours and recreational activities offered by AFRC Europe for \$15 per day.

AFRC Europe has been providing vacations for service members and their families for more than 58 years, AFRC-E officials said. Set in the heart of the Bavarian Alps, AFRC-Europe is the perfect place to start exploring southern Germany, learn a new sport or simply relax in picturesque surroundings.

The "Operation R&R: Block Leave" program allows block leave participants to spend quality time relaxing with family," said Richard LeBrun, AFRC-Europe general manager. "We want to help service members have a unique experience and plenty of rest in order to be ready to continue their important missions."

Service members can hit the powdery slopes with the help of the AFRC-Europe ski and snowboarding school, hike through rocky gorges along rushing rivers or go sledging with the family.

AFRC guests may also visit some of Europe's most famous sights with the



AFRC equipment specialists outfit visitors with skis and boards at the Hausberg Lodge.

Garmisch tour program. Trips to historic Munich, King Ludwig's grand palaces of Neuschwanstein and Linderhof or a shopping spree through three different countries are featured.

"Whether service members want to get out and enjoy their leave in Europe with our recreation and tours programs, or just simply relax in our comfortable facilities, AFRC is the perfect place to visit," said LeBrun.

In order to sign up for accommodations and programs service members may visit www.afrceurope.com or call the Vacation Planning Center at mil 440-2575, civ (08821) 72981. Guests should mention that they are part of the OIF/OEF block leave program when booking reservations. (Courtesy of the Armed Forces Recreation Center Public Affairs Office)



A snowboarder slices through fresh powder on the slopes around AFRC Garmisch.