

414th BSB – Büdingen, Hanau

Around the community ... Around the community

Volunteer kudos

The 414th Base Support Battalion recognized more than 100 volunteers for their dedicated efforts on behalf of the community at a ceremony May 2. Five volunteers received U.S. Army Europe level civilian awards. JoLinda Flemister earned the Commander's Award for Public Service recognizing her volunteer participation in four or more separate volunteer activities and for contributing 15 or more service hours per week on a continuing basis. Flemister donated 1,099 hours or volunteer service to her Family Readiness Group, Argonner Elementary School, Cub Scouts, the Hanau Community Spouses Club and the Warrant Officer's Association. Bianca Moton, Lisa Packer, Michelle Swanson and William R. Thacker were honored with the Patriotic Civilian Service Award for participation in two or three separate activities and for contributing 10-15 hours of service per week on a continuing basis.

AFTB classes

Learn how to expand your existing leadership skills with this Army Family Team Building class May 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested in seeking an instructor role for AFTB can join the Train the Trainer Level IV course May 19-21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spanish and German speaking instructors are encouraged to attend. Enhance your relationships with others and get to know yourself in the process May 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free or reduced cost child care is available

for most classes. Contact Charlotte Riley at mil 322-5308 or civ (06181) 88-5308 for details and reservations.

Scholars shine

Congratulations to the 20 Hanau High School students inducted into the National Honor Society April 30. They are: Tera Corbari, Randi Downy, Jeremy Echevarria, Jonathan Echevarria, Ashley Hoback, Hannah Hourie, Ashley Johnson, Anna Kalantari, Christel Lomahan, Denica Maravilla, Pat Martin, Mercedes Matthews, Zach Morken, Claire Polcrack, Malorie Porter, Naomi Rahill, Jesika Riggins, Tamatha Rowe, Daniel Suguí and Megan Wimbish.

IACS registration

Installation pass holders can register in the Installation Access Control System in Building 24 on Pioneer Kaserne from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pass holders need to contact their sponsoring official for information on necessary paperwork. Department of Defense ID card holders can register in Building 21 on Pioneer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ID card holders need a copy of their orders and amendments that reflect their correct date of departure. Family members do not need to be with their sponsors to register. Units may schedule large groups by contacting Staff Sgt. David Henson at mil 322-9009. All individuals must register with IACS before Sept. 1.

Free flowers

While no official Spring Cleanup is slated for the 414th Base Support Battalion because of deployments,



Photo by Capt. Breck Tarr

Giving a hoot

Soldiers from the 414th Base Support Battalion clean up the woods surrounding a popular parking site near the Wolfgang Shopping Center. "People eat their lunch here and then throw the trash out the window," said Capt. Breck Tarr, 414th BSB Adjutant. "It's all Subway and Burger King wrappers." Tarr sponsored the project to commemorate Earth Day.

the Hanau and Büdingen Self-Help Improvement Stores will stock flowers which will be issued free for families wishing to beautify their housing areas. Starting May 16 authorized housing and signature card customers are invited to visit the stores to pick up flowers and check out tools to do their own

spring cleanup. Call Mr. Sparks at mil 322-8200 for details.

10-K run canceled

The American Red Cross has canceled the 10-K run slated for May 17 and the children's run scheduled for the same day. The

staff will try to reschedule both runs.

Still time to give to AER

There's still time to give to the Army Emergency Relief during this year's annual fund-raising campaign which runs through May 15. Donations are used to help soldiers, retirees and their family members in times of financial crisis. Contact your unit keyperson or Staff Sgt. Windy Ramel at mil 322-8144, civ (06181) 88-8144 to contribute.

Thrift Shop open May 17

The Hanau Community Spouses Club Thrift Shop will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17. No consigned items will be accepted at that time. Consigner items will be extended and consigner checks will be available for pick up. If further assistance is needed call mil 322-8847 and leave a message.

Toddlers at play

Join in play mornings every Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. at Büdingen Army Community Service. Play mornings offer an interactive playgroup that can help improve a child's social, cognitive and motor skills.



Operation Family Story Time

Rick Mora entertains youngsters during the Hanau Bookmark's Operation Family Story Time April 19. Around 80 children participated in the event which included Easter treats, a complimentary Baskin and Robbins coupon, a bunny hop race, story time and more. Another Story Time will be held May 17 at the Bookmark at the Wolfgang Shopping Center.



Bulletin board

At the movies May 13-29

Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

- May 13 — Adaptation (R) 7 p.m.
- May 14-15 — Deliver Us From Eva (R) 7 p.m.
- May 16-17 — Anger Management (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 18 — Cats And Dogs (PG) 4 p.m. Anger Management (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 19-20 — The Life Of David Gale (R) 7 p.m.
- May 21-22 — Gods And Generals (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 23-24 — Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 25 — Hercules (G) 4 p.m. Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 26-27 — The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.
- May 28-29 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Büdingen, Little

- May 16 — Dark Blue (R) 7 p.m.
- May 17 — How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days (PG-13) 3 p.m.
- May 23 — Deliver Us From Eva (R) 7 p.m.
- May 24 — The Jungle Book 2 (G) 3 p.m.

Dexheim, Rhein

- May 16 — The Life Of David Gale (R) 7 p.m.
- May 17 — Gods And Generals (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 18 — Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 3 p.m.
- May 23 — Adaptation (R) 7 p.m.
- May 24 — Final Destination 2 (R) 7 p.m.
- May 25 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 3 p.m.

Friedberg, Old Ironsides

- May 15 — Deliver Us From Eva (R) 7 p.m.
- May 16 — What A Girl Wants (PG) 7 p.m.
- May 17 — Adaptation (R) 7 p.m.
- May 18 — What A Girl Wants (PG) 7 p.m.
- May 22 — The Life Of David Gale (R) 7 p.m.
- May 23-24 — Anger Management (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 25 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.
- May 29 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Giessen, Skyline

- May 13-14 — The Core (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 16 — Biker Boyz (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 17 — Jungle Book 2 (G) 7 p.m.
- May 18 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.
- May 20-21 — What A Girl Wants (PG) 7 p.m.
- May 23 — Deliver Us From Eva (R) 7 p.m.
- May 24 — The Recruit (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 25 — Dark Blue (R) 7 p.m.
- May 27-28 — Anger Management (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) uses his claws to deadly effect when Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters comes under attack in "X2," a sequel to "The X-Men."

Hanau, Evening Star

- May 13 — Adaptation (R) 7 p.m.
- May 14 — Deliver Us From Eva (R) 7 p.m.
- May 15 — Adaptation (R) 7 p.m.
- May 16 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Life Of David Gale (R) 9:30 p.m.
- May 17 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m. Gods And Generals (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- May 18 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 19 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.
- May 20 — The Life Of David Gale (R) 7 p.m.
- May 21 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.
- May 22 — Gods And Generals (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 23 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m. Old School (R) 9:30 p.m.
- May 24 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m. Daredevil (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- May 25 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 4 p.m. The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.
- May 26 — Old School (R) 7 p.m.
- May 27 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 28 — The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.
- May 29 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Rhein Main, Gardens

- May 14 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 16 — The Life Of David Gale (R) 7 p.m.
- May 17 — Anger Management (PG-13) 5 p.m. Gods And Generals (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.
- May 18 — The Guru (R) 4:30 p.m. Cradle 2:

The Grave (R) 7 p.m.

- May 21-22 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 23 — Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 24 — Daredevil (PG-13) 5 p.m. The Hunted (R) 7:30 p.m.
- May 25 — Old School (R) 7 p.m.
- May 28 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m.

Wackernheim, McCully

- May 14 — Deliver Us From Eva (R) 7 p.m.
- May 21 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.
- May 28 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Flyers

- May 15 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 16 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.
- May 17 — The Life Of David Gale (R) 7 p.m.
- May 22 — Old School (R) 7 p.m.
- May 23 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 24 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 29 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Taunus

- May 13 — Deliver Us From Eva (R) 7 p.m.
- May 14 — Dark Blue (R) 7 p.m.
- May 15 — Adaptation (R) 7 p.m.
- May 16 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Life Of David Gale (R) 9:30 p.m.
- May 17 — The Jungle Book 2 (G) 4 p.m. Gods And Generals (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 18 — The Wizard Of Oz (G) 4 p.m. It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 19 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 20 — The Life Of David Gale (R) 7 p.m.
- May 21 — Deliver Us From Eva (R) 7 p.m.
- May 22 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.
- May 23 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m. X2 (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- May 24 — X2 (PG-13) 4, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- May 25 — The Jungle Book 2 (G) 4 p.m. X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 26 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 27 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- May 28 — Old School (R) 7 p.m.
- May 29 — The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.

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

Movie plots

X2 (PG-13) — They are the next link in the evolutionary chain — genetic mutants with extraordinary powers. Under the tutelage of Professor Charles Xavier these "gifted" students learn to control and direct their powers for the greater good of humankind. They fight to protect a world that fears them. In X2, the X-Men must stand united with their enemies to combat a menace that threatens both humankind and mutantkind.

It Runs In The Family (PG-13) — The Grombergs are a successful family — except when it comes to communicating with each other. Alex Gromberg (Michael Douglas), his father Mitchell (Kirk Douglas), the patriarch and a retired partner of one of New York's leading law firms, and son Asher Gromberg (Cameron Douglas), a rebellious college student trying to cope with life, love and sex, may share a dysfunctional relationship but that doesn't stop them from learning to care for one another.

The Life Of David Gale (R) — Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet and Laura Linney star in this thriller about a man who finds himself on death row for the rape and murder of fellow anti-death penalty activist Constance Harraway (Linney). With only three days before his scheduled execution, Gale agrees to give reporters an exclusive interview. The reporters soon realize a man's life is in their hands.

Deliver Us From Eva (R) — A trio of men plot to free themselves from their mates' unattached older sister, Eva (Gabrielle Union), who has been in charge of her younger sisters ever since their parents died many years ago. The fact that they're married or engaged hasn't deterred her from continuing to take charge of their lives. Eva's interference in her sisters' affairs has not endeared her to their spouses and partners. They enlist ladies' man Ray Adams (LL Cool J) to romance and distract Eva.

What A Girl Wants (PG) — Daphne Reynolds (Amanda Bynes) has what every girl wants, or so it seems. Her impulsive decision to upset the reality she knows to fulfill the dream of meeting the father she never knew catapults her into another world. Also stars Colin Firth.

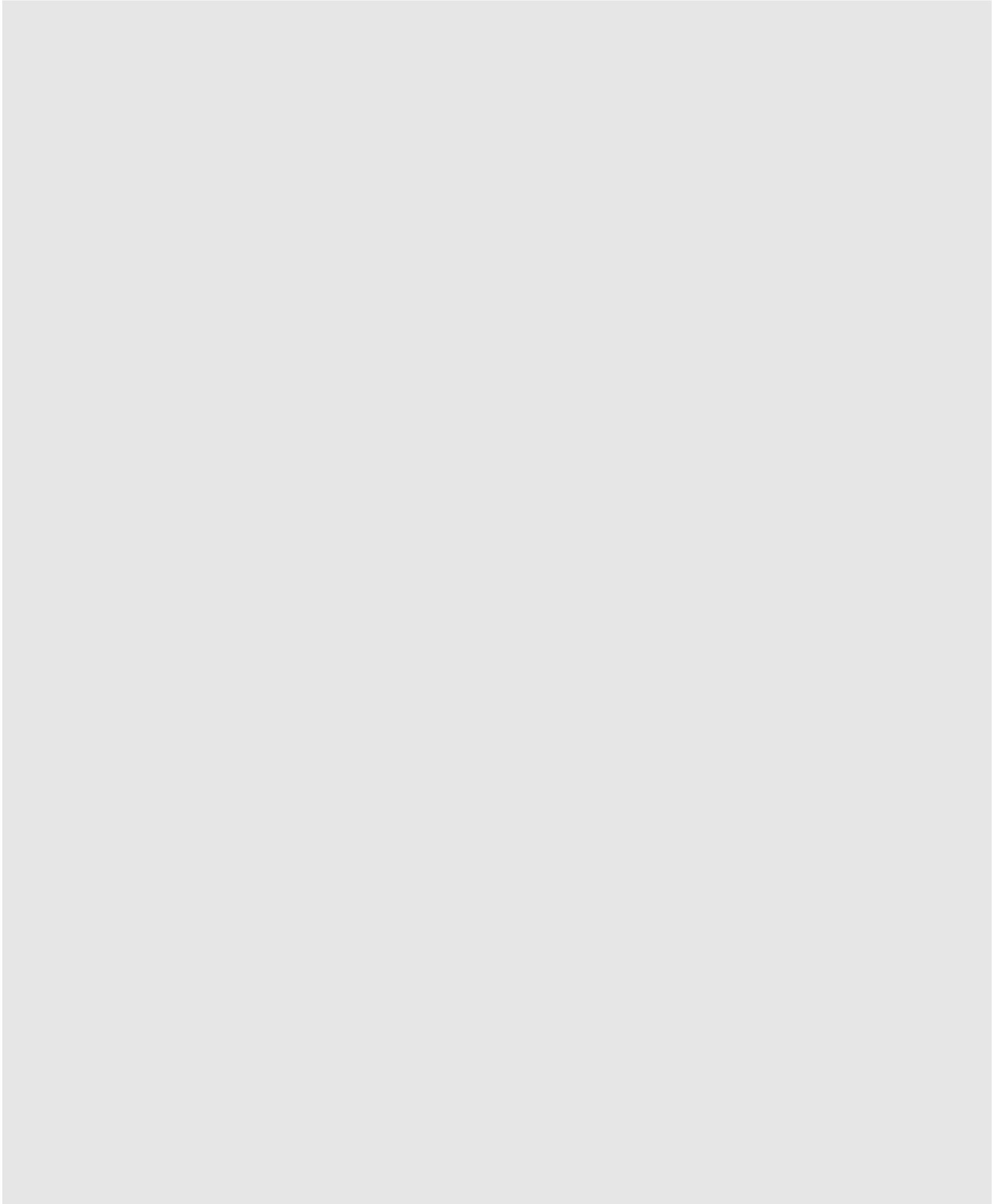
Anger Management (PG-13) — After a misunderstanding aboard an airplane, mild-mannered Dave Buznik (Adam Sandler) is ordered to attend anger management sessions run by Doctor Buddy Rydell (Jack Nicholson). Buddy's unorthodox approach is confrontational and abrasive. Buddy moves in with Dave to help him battle his inner demons. When Buddy finally goes too far Dave must decide whether to crawl back into his shell or stand up for himself.

Cradle 2: The Grave (R) — Armed with charisma, street smarts and martial arts expertise, Tony Fait (DMX) takes care of business along with a loyal crew of professionals. After pulling off a complex heist involving a cache of black diamonds, Fait comes fist to fist with Su (Jet Li), a Taiwanese government agent who has pursued the extraordinary stones halfway across the world.



Three generations of the Gromberg family — Mitchell, Alex and Asher (from left) — are played by three generations of the Douglases — Kirk, Michael and Cameron — in "It Runs In The Family."

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Schools page — Partners in education

Take a hike

By Donald Seltzer

Special to the Herald Union



Weekend of May 17-18

Daxweiler — Enjoy this walk in the Soonwald forests

west of Bingen. From points east take Autobahns 60 and 61 past Bingen, exit at Stromberg and follow unnumbered roads and IVV signs through Warmsroth to Daxweiler.

Start: Hause der Gemeinde **Saturday and Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, mostly woods **Award:** None.

Lauterbach/Hessen — This event is an opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty northwest of Fulda, and is easily reached from Giessen. From Giessen use Autobahn 5 toward Bad Hersfeld, exit at Alsfeld and continue on B-254 to the start. From Fulda take B-254 to reach Lauterbach.

Start: Vogelsbergschule **Saturday:** 4-7 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, woods **Award:** Beer mug.

Wörsdorf/Taunus — This event is north of Wiesbaden on the edge of the Naturpark Hochtaunus. Wooded trails offer walkers scenic views after a long, uphill start. Take Autobahn 3 toward Limburg, exit at Idstein and follow B-275. An unnumbered road will lead to Wörsdorf. From Wiesbaden and Mainz use B-417 and B-275 north toward Limburg and Idstein to reach Wörsdorf.

Start: Gemeindehalle **Trail:** Very hilly, woods **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6, 11 and 20 km) **Award:** Stuffed toy seal.

Weekend of May 24-25

Frohnhausen — This walk is north of

Dillenburg and easily reached from Giessen. Follow Autobahn 45 to the Dillenburg exit and take B-253 to the start.

Start: Turnhalle **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. (6 & 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6, 10 & 20 km) **Award:** Stuffed toy dog.

Hattersheim-Okriftel — This event takes place midway between Frankfurt and Wiesbaden. Drivers should use Autobahns 66 or 67 toward Wiesbaden (or head toward Frankfurt from Wiesbaden). Take the Hattersheim exit from A-66 and follow IVV signs to Okriftel.

Start: Haus der Vereine **Saturday and Sunday:** 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (5 km), 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 km) and 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Flat, almost entirely stroller-friendly, fields and city neighborhoods. Pay careful attention to trail markings or you'll miss the turns. **Award:** From previous events.

Oberwiesen — If you liked the recent event at Kriegsfeld then you'll enjoy this walk three kilometers down the road. Use Autobahn 63 toward Alzey and Kaiserslautern to exit at Erbes-Büdesheim. Follow an unnumbered road through Erbes-Büdesheim and Offenheim to the start.

Start: Gemeindehalle **Saturday and Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, fields and woods **Award:** Beer mug.

Midweek events, May 28-29

Oberelbert — Looking for a challenge? This midweek event offers exactly that with 42- and 50-kilometer routes among its choices. Use Autobahn 3 past Limburg, exit at Montabaur to connect with B-49 toward Koblenz. Continue on B-49 until the Kaserne/Niederelbert exit to connect with an unnumbered road to Oberelbert.

Start: Stelzenbachhalle **Wednesday:** Noon to 5 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and noon to 3 p.m. (20 km) **Thursday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km), 6-9 a.m. (42 km) and 6-8 a.m. (50 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, mostly woods **Award:** Wall plaque (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (marathon trails).

Rheinböllen — Explore one of Germany's prettiest regions at this event. Rheinböllen is known as the *Tor zum Hunsrück*, or "Gateway to the Hunsrück Region." An early departure from work is required although traffic will be lighter on this Ascension holiday. Use Autobahns 60 and 61 past Bingen toward Koblenz. Exit at Rheinböllen and follow an unnumbered road a short distance into town.

Start: Kulturhaus **Thursday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods and fields **Award:** From previous events.

Weekend of May 31 to June 1

Bensheim — This event is south of Darmstadt on the *Bergstrasse*, or castle road. Afterward, enjoy a scenic drive winding south from Darmstadt through Bensheim and Heidelberg to Bruchsal. Follow Autobahn 5 toward Heidelberg, exit at Bensheim and take B-47 to the start. Alternatively, follow B-3 south to Bensheim by connecting at the Pfungstadt exit of A-5.

Start: Weststadthalle on the Berliner Ring **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. (5 and 10 km), 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km) and 6-8 a.m. (42 km) **Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) and 6-8 a.m. (42 km) **Trail:** Fairly flat, mostly fields (5 and 10 km); hilly, fields and woods (20 and 42 km) **Award:** Model truck (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (marathon).

Hahnstätten — This walk south of Limburg offers a variety of hilly but scenic trails with great views of the countryside. It is definitely not stroller-friendly, and muddy in wet weather. Take Autobahn 3 toward Koblenz and exit at Bad Camberg. Follow unnumbered roads through Beuerbach, Ohren, Kirberg and Kaltenholzhausen to Hahnstätten.

Start: Bürgerhaus **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km), 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) and 6-11 a.m. (30 km) **Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) and 6-10 a.m. (30 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** Wine cooler.

Münster-Sarmsheim — This easily reached event is

southwest of Bingen. From points east drivers should follow Autobahns 60 to Bingen and 61 toward Koblenz. Exit at Dorsheim and backtrack a bit toward Bingen to pick up B-48 to the start.

Start: Grundschule **Saturday and Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Somewhat hilly, fields and woods **Award:** Ceramic duck.

Weekend of June 6-9

Bad Marienberg — Giessen's wanderers are closest to this *Pfingstmontag* event in the pretty Hoher Westerwald region. Walking, swimming and cycling events are offered. From Giessen use Autobahn 45 toward Herborm and Siegen, and exit at Herborm-West to follow B-255 and B-414. Drive west toward Hachenburg and watch for IVV signs.

Start: Schulzentrum and MarienBad **Monday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km, plus cycling), 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (swim) **Trail:** Hilly; mostly woods **Award:** Doll.

Brunssum, the Netherlands — This Sunday-only event is organized by the

AFNORTH Tri-Border Walking Club. Driving time is approximately three to four hours so consider an overnight visit and top it off with a volksmarch. Follow Autobahn 61 toward Koblenz. At Kerpen take Autobahn 4 west toward Aachen and cross the border. Continue on A-76/E-314 and exit at Brunssum Nuth/Hoensbroek (exit 5). Follow NVV signs to the AFNORTH Sports Complex in Brunssum.

Start: Sports Complex, Krannenpool road **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7:30 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Trail:** Slightly hilly, woods and neighborhoods **Award:** Dutch tile.

Seibersbach — This event brings volksmarchers to the Soonwald area west of Bingen, adjacent to the scenic Hunsrück region. Note that trails are likely to be muddy if wet conditions prevail. Take Autobahn 61 toward Koblenz, exit at Stromberg and follow an unnumbered road four to five miles toward Stromberg and Rheinböllen. Pick up an unnumbered road to Seibersbach and watch for IVV signs.

Start: Dorfgemeinschaftshaus **Saturday and Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km), 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) and 6-9 a.m. (42 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, fields and woods **Award:** Garden mushroom figurine (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (marathon).

Stromberg — This event west of Bingen is easy to reach via Autobahn. Follow Autobahns 60 toward Bingen and 61 toward Koblenz, then exit at Stromberg.

Start: "Deutscher Michel" Halle **Monday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 & 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, neighborhoods, fields and woods **Award:** From

previous event.

Wolfenhausen — This one-day event, east of Limburg and north of Bad Camberg, offers a head start on the weekend's volksmarching. Use Autobahn 3 toward Koblenz and exit at Bad Camberg. Take B-8 to Niederselters to use unnumbered roads toward Weilmünster to Wolfenhausen.

Start: Bürgerhaus **Friday:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Somewhat hilly, woods **Award:** From previous events.

Weekend of June 14-15

Bad Kreuznach — Former residents can enjoy another visit to their one-time home at this event. Trails run through city parks and wooded areas, and along the Ellerbach River. From points east use Autobahn 60 west to Bingen, then follow B-41 to Bad Kreuznach and follow IVV signs to the start.

Start: Sonderschule on Ellerbach Strasse **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, fields and woods **Award:** Porcelain figurines.

Hof/Westerwald — This event, north of Limburg and west of Giessen, features the scenery of the Hoher Westerwald area. Use Autobahn 45 to the Herborm-West exit, then take B-255 and B-414 west to Hof.

Start: Mehrzweckhalle **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Very hilly, woods **Award:** Stuffed toy bears.

Midweek event, June 18-19

Haiger-Offdilln — Giessen's wanderers have the possibility to enjoy a relaxing walk after work with Wednesday's late start times. From Giessen follow Autobahn 45 northwest to Dillenburg. Connect with B-253 and an unnumbered road to Fronhausen, and follow another unnumbered road to Weidelbach and Offdilln.

Start: Dorfgemeinschaftshaus **Wednesday:** 1-7 p.m. (5 and 10 km) **Thursday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Very hilly, woods **Award:** Model truck.

Weekend of June 21-22

Wonsheim — Here is another walk near Bad Kreuznach that is easy to reach from Darmstadt and Wiesbaden. Connect with Autobahn 63 toward Alzey and Kaiserslautern and exit at Erbes-Büdesheim. Use the unnumbered road to Wonsheim and Bad Kreuznach to the start.

Start: Sportheim **Trail:** Somewhat hilly, fields **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Award:** From previous events.

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Tuning in to each other at Bad Nauheim

By David Ruderman

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Bad Nauheim Elementary School students tuned out, turned to family and friends, and dropped into a world of everyday activities during Television Turn Off Week April 21-27.

"We had 89 kids who went through the whole week without watching. Just about everyone participated, but that many made it through the week," said principal Charles Ragland.

Studies show that the average American household has the TV going seven hours and 12 minutes per day, he said. The idea of the weeklong focus was to undermine the lure of TV and emphasize reading and social activities. To get children engaged after school Bad Nauheim organized an Earth Day cleanup, an open library evening, a game night, a bowling night and an arts and crafts night run by Friedberg Arts and Crafts. "We had something going on every day," said Ragland.

"I think they really enjoyed the activities," said special and compensatory education teacher Ari Ching. "They complain at first. It's a big shock. But when they come back and they know that they can do it, they're really proud. The parents say, 'Oh, what are we supposed to do?' We've had



Photos by Diane Hobler

First-grade teacher Karin Haug reads to students in the media center.

parents say it's amazing how much they get done, because usually they spend so much time watching."

Spending time together taught some students something else they might lose track of on a day-to-day basis, said Ching. "Their family is pretty cool."

Bad Nauheim is the classic small Department of Defense Dependents School with just under 140 students from kindergarten through sixth grade. There are eight classes and four lunch shifts in the small cafeteria.

"We're down a little bit because we have a few who've gone back to the United States be-

cause of the deployments, but there haven't been that many," said Ragland. All students come from Bad Nauheim and Friedberg, he said. Children in Butzbach and Giessen attend elementary schools in those communities.

"It's awesome. It's like a little slice of heaven. It's DoDDS' best kept secret," said Ching. "I think the facilities here are awesome. The students here are definitely getting more individual attention. We know who they are and what their needs are."

"I know every kid by name, and most of their parents I know," said Ragland.

First-grade teacher Karin Haug organized a Moms, Muffins and Mozart get-together May 12. It was the follow-up to a Dads, Doughnuts and Dvorak session held for fathers in the fall. The children prepared breakfast for the parents and showed them what they are doing to the tune of classical music. "We had a terrific response and I enjoyed it," said Haug.

"I've seen more father involvement at this

school than anywhere. I think it's because the Army will let them participate. Pretty much, the commanders let them go. I've never had a problem with that," she said.

The school held a Family Day May 1 that included a picnic for students and parents, and Bad Nauheim receives strong support from its parent volunteers, said Ragland.

"They do everything from running small groups in the class to the normal, making-the-copies kind of support. If we didn't have our volunteers I don't know where we'd be. They're an integral part of our system," said Ching.

Aware of the war

Giving up television for a week didn't stop Bad Nauheim students from keeping up with the war in Iraq, said teachers and administrators. "They've been reading newspapers, the classes are sharing articles and it's been on the radio 24/7," said Ching. "I think the children have adjusted really well. We try to keep the routines going. Discussions come up—they know more about it than you think. They help comfort each other as well, to know that everything's all right."

"For our students having one parent away in the field or at school, it's not that different," said Ragland. The war made a stronger impression. Many children already have a sense the war is over, even if their parents are just in the process of deploying to the Gulf. "It's on their minds. I think they get their strength from their peers."

As the school year wound down Ragland said it had been a good one, despite budget and security concerns.

"We got a little bit hurt [from budget cuts], but we're OK, I

think. Nothing's really suffering. We had to spend it all on basics, but I think we're OK."

The 2003-2004 school year will start a week later than in previous years to allow teachers to spend the time in training, rather than taking the time away from class during the school year. "It's probably positive, but I'm going to have to wait and see on that," said Ragland.

Focus on Bad Nauheim Elementary School



Lisa Marie Roberts (left) and Vanessa Adcock find a quiet place to construct bookmarks.

School bits

Apply for Sure Start now

Hanau elementary schools are accepting applications for the upcoming school year Sure Start program. Sure Start is an early childhood program that benefits families with incomes equivalent to E-4 or GS-4 and below. Applications and assistance are available at Argonner, Gelnhausen and Sportfield.

Space Camp scholarship

Sixth- through ninth-graders can apply for the Military Child Education Coalition's scholarship to this year's NASA Space Camp five-day program. Scholarships include lodging, meals and transportation to and from the camp. Applications and guidance can be downloaded on the web at www.militarychild.org. The filing deadline is May 15. For assistance call Hanau Youth Services at civ (06181) 88-8231 or Büdingen YS at civ (06042) 80793.

Tech Fair seeks support

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe will host its annual Technology Fair May 30 at Ramstein American High School. Students from across Europe will compete. Sponsors, judges and technology demonstrators from both military units and private organizations are sought. Call Frank C. Pendzich at mil 337-6268, civ (0611) 705-6319 or send email to frank_penzich@eu.oddedodea.edu. (Courtesy of DoDDS-Europe)



Warrior concert

The Gen. H.H. Arnold High School Warrior Band and Chorus will perform at the school's combination Spring Concert and Asian Pacific Feast May 15. Also performing will be the Island Dancers, Warrior Drumline and gospel group 4 Real. An Asian-Pacific feast will be served. Call civ (0611) 718 1313 for tickets.

Orientation in Butzbach

Butzbach Elementary School sixth-graders who will attend Giessen Middle-High School next year should participate in an orientation program to be held May 21 from 9:30-11 a.m.

Accelerated withdrawal time

Families with children planning to leave the 104th Area Support Group before the end of the school year must comply with Department of Defense Dependents Schools rules for accelerated withdrawal for their child to receive credit. Accelerated withdrawal credit will be granted for PCS moves only. Students must attend classes through May 15 and apply for early withdrawal to receive full credit for the semester. Parents should address questions to their child's school principal. (Courtesy of DoDDS-Europe)

Toasting volunteers

Hainerberg Elementary School will recognize volunteers at a tea May 22 at 3 p.m. in the media center. All are welcome to attend.

Sports and leisure

Things to do

On local stages

The International Theater and Theater Unlimited in Frankfurt present the world's longest-running musical, "The Fantasticks," May 13-17 at 8 p.m. The theater is located near the Zoo at Hanauerlandstr. 5-7. Call civ (069) 499 0980 for ticket reservations.

Frankfurt's English Theater presents the Alan Ayckbourn comedy "Things We Do for Love" through May 31. For ticket information call civ (069) 2423 1620. The theater is at Kaiserstr. 52, a short walk from the Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof. (See pages 14 and 15 for information on productions at community theaters.)

Swim classes

Enroll your child age six months and older for swim classes with Baumholder Child and Youth Services. The cost is \$45 for eight classes which will be held Wednesdays and Fridays at the Baumholder Indoor Swimming Pool. Call mil 485-7276 for details.

Line dancing

Put on your cowboy boots and head on over to the **Kastel Club** at the Mainz-Kastel Storage Station for country music and line dancing every Friday night. Call mil 334-2903 for more information. The **Hanau Rod and Gun Club** offers a free Country Dance Class every Saturday from 8-9 p.m. Learn to two step and line dance. The club does charge a cover. Call civ (06181) 51585 for details.

Comedy Night

The International Club on Hanau's Fliegerhorst Kaserne features live comedy by professional performers May 24 at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Call mil 322-9045 for details.

Fashion Show

Women in the 104th Area Support Group are invited to check out the latest summer fashions at the 104th ASG Summer Fashion Show May 17 at 4 p.m. at the Paradise Club on Hanau's Cardwell Kaserne. The free event will feature clothes and jewelry by local designers. Make reservations at the club by contacting the manager, Mr. Carlos.

Local fests

Mainz showcases art at venues throughout the city May 22-24. A **Champagne Festival** will also be held in Mainz May 22-24. **Offenbach** holds a **Volksfest** May 24-31. **Frankfurt** holds its annual festival in the woods, **Wäldchestag**, (near the Waldstadion) June 7-10. **Friedberg** holds an **Old City Festival** June 13-15. **Wiesbaden** holds its **Wilhelmstrassenfest "Theatrium"** June 13-14.

Asian-Pacific lunch

Dexheim's Rheinlander Club celebrates Asian-Pacific Month with a special lunch May 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$6. Call mil 334-5640 for reservations.



Photos by Gene Knudsen

Wiesbaden athletes shine

Above left: Wiesbaden Lady Warrior Stephanie Snow lobs the ball during a softball game against Heidelberg May 3. Above right: Wiesbaden senior Marquise Eubanks burns up the track during the 4X400 relay finals in Heidelberg April 26. "He's the captain of the Wiesbaden track team and a great young man," said Coach Darryl Schwartz. "He will be very much missed next year." See the *Stars and Stripes* for the latest standings.

Sports shorts ... Sports shorts

Racing to victory

Congratulations to the winners of the Giessen Five-Kilometer Run April 26. **Anthony Scalia** was the fastest overall runner and winner in the Male Open (age 18-29) with a time of 19 minutes and 29 seconds. Other winners were: *Female Masters* — **Sabine Distler-Schuck** first; *Female Seniors*: **Gail Gilderoy** first, **Heide Hurd** second, **Anne Wary** third; *Female Open* — **Khadija Abdi-Hinkson** first (and fastest woman in 21:02); *Male Masters* — **Hans Schaefer** first, **David Bender** second; *Male Seniors* — **Chris Hessberg** first, **Howard Smith** second; *Male Open* — **Scalia** first and **Anthony Young** second.

Friedberg box champ

Friedberg's **Jacob Henson** of Company B, 501st Forward Support Battalion, claimed the Men's Novice Welterweight title at the U.S Forces Europe Boxing Championships in

Grafenwöhr May 4. Henson claimed the crown in his final bout with third-round win over Ansbach's Ruben Almonte.

Galaxy games

The National Football League-Europe's Frankfurt Galaxy face the Amsterdam Admirals May 17 and the Rhein Fire June 1 at home in Frankfurt's Waldstadion. The NFL-E World Bowl will be held June 14. Pick up tickets to Galaxy games at your local USO or through the Frankfurt Galaxy home page online at www.frankfurt-galaxy.de.

Parents meeting

Parents of students from Wiesbaden's Gen. H.H. Arnold High School interested in playing football next season are invited to a meeting at 6 p.m. May 29 in the school's computer lab (Room N16). Students are urged to get a physical now in preparation for football camps to be held in Bitburg Aug. 12-

15 and Wiesbaden Aug. 22-23. Send an email to Darryl_schwartz@eu.odedodea.edu.

Giessen Health Fair

A free Health and Wellness Fair will be held May 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alpine Club on the Giessen Depot. Get your cholesterol and blood pressure checked, win a door prize and watch fitness demonstrations.

Go running

Giessen Sports and Fitness holds a seven-and-a-half-kilometer run and three-K family fun walk May 31 at the Schifffenberg Castle. Registration is from 9-10:45 a.m. with the race starting at 11 a.m. Cost is \$15 including a T-shirt or \$10 without. Call mil 343-7201.

The 414th Base Support Battalion hosts 10-K runs at Cardwell Fitness Center May 31, Fliegerhorst Fitness Center June 9 and Büdingen July 4. Call mil 322-9045 for details. Call mil 322-9546 for information about the Cardwell run.

Dexheim Sports and Fitness holds a biathlon including a 20-K bike race and 10-K fun run May 31. Register from 8-10:30 a.m. Call mil 334-5746.

On the greens

Baumholder's Rolling Hills Golf Course features a Spring Open May 17 with a 9 a.m. tee time. Cost is \$25. Non-members must pay a greens fee. Sign up at the Pro Shop by May 14. Call mil 485-7299.

Wiesbaden's Rheinblick Golf Course features a free golf clinic May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Call mil 336-2816.

Gymnastics classes

Hanau's Cardwell Youth Services holds gymnastics classes for children age 2-12 every Tuesday and Wednesday. Children will be placed in classes based on their skill level. Call mil 322-9144 for monthly fees and enrollment information.



Photo by Karl Weisel

The Frankfurt Galaxy dive into the end zone for a TD against the Scottish Claymores. Football fans can catch the Galaxy in action at home May 17 and June 14. See above for details.