

# 414th BSB – Büdingen, Hanau

## Fliegerhorst Yellow Ribbon Room opens

### Soldiers, family members find email connections, support at new center

By Dennis Johnson  
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Maj. James Connelly, 4th Brigade rear detachment commander, officially opened the Yellow Ribbon Room on Fliegerhorst Kaserne Sept. 5. Formerly an unused and empty building, in just three and a half weeks it was transformed into a welcome place for families, spouses, soldiers and FRGs to meet

and support each other while their troops are deployed.

"This was a joint effort; the 1st Armored Division gave us the money for the equipment and some of the money also went for carpeting. Soldiers volunteered to paint the inside and the BSB painted the outside. The 1st AD provided the three computers that are connected to the Internet so family members can email their spouses down-range," said Sgt. Mark Burson, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade.

"This has exceeded expectations. Everyone worked together. It was the fastest thing I've ever seen. We had this abandoned room and I was told it wasn't possible, but we made it happen in three and a half weeks. We have video games for kids, a stereo, DVD and VHS players and a big-screen TV with AFN cable," said Connelly.

In his opening remarks, Connelly told the approximately 40 soldiers, civilians, spouses and children, "The families will make this a suc-



Photo by Dennis Johnson

Maj. James Connelly, 4th Brigade rear detachment commander, welcomes Family Readiness Group members and military personnel to the official opening of Fliegerhorst's Yellow Ribbon Room Sept 5.



The Yellow Ribbon Room is equipped with new Internet-connected computers.

The Yellow Ribbon Room is located in Building 1333 next to the 127th Aviation Support Battalion hanger. It's open Wednesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends from noon to 6 p.m.

cess. Bring in your newsletters and unit photos; we want you to make this your own. Now let's get the message out to the families that it's open."

Besides the spacious "living room" housing the TV and games, the Yellow Ribbon Room offers a

conference room which you must stop by in person to reserve, a small but well equipped kitchen and a computer room with three Internet connected computers.

The Yellow Ribbon Room is located in Building 1333, next to the 127th Aviation Support Battalion

hangar. It's open Wednesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

The Yellow Ribbon Room is always staffed by soldiers during these hours. For information call civ(06183)517369 or mil322-7369.

## Mark Twain's: 'The Awful German Language'

For those of you who have struggled to learn German, don't get discouraged. Germans are very friendly and responsive if you just make a little effort. Even learning the basics of "hello" and "please" will be appreciated. And you're not the only one confused by *der*, *das*, *die*, *dem* and *den*. Mark Twain, the famous American author of such classics as "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" made a tour of Europe from April 1878 to September 1879. In his book "A Tramp Abroad" he added an appendix called "The Awful German Language."

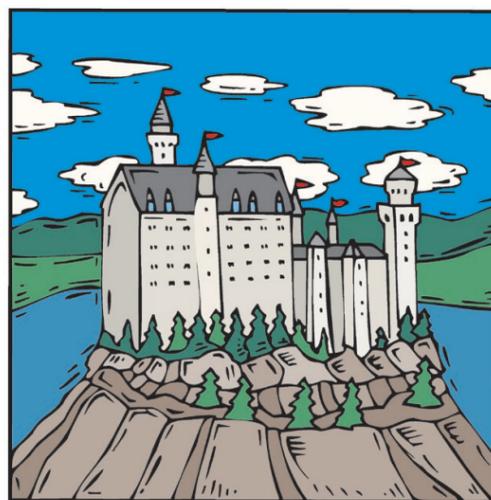
I went often to look at the collection of curiosities in Heidelberg Castle, and one day I surprised the keeper of it with my German. I spoke entirely in that language. He was greatly interested; and after I had talked a while he said my German was very rare, possibly a "unique;" and wanted to add it to his museum.

If he had known what it had cost me to acquire my art, he would also have known that it would break any collector to buy it. Harris and I had been hard at work on our German during several weeks at that time, and although we had made good progress, it had been accomplished under great difficulty and annoyance, for three of our teachers had died in the mean time. A person who has not studied German can form no idea of what a perplexing language it is.

Surely there is not another language that is so slipshod and systemless, and so slippery and elusive to the grasp. One is washed about in it, hither and thither, in the most helpless way; and when at last he thinks he has captured a rule which offers firm ground to take a rest on amid the general rage and turmoil of the 10 parts of speech, he turns over the page and

reads, "Let the pupil make careful note of the following exceptions." He runs his eye down and finds that there are more exceptions to the rule than instances of it. So overboard he goes again, to hunt for another Ararat and find another quicksand. Such has been, and continues to be, my experience. Every time I think I have got one of these four confusing "cases" where I am master of it, a seemingly insignificant preposition intrudes itself into my sentence, clothed with an awful and unsuspected power, and crumbles the ground from under me. For instance, my book inquires

after a certain bird — (it is always inquiring after things which are of no sort of consequence to anybody): "Where is the bird?" Now the answer to this question, according to the book, is that the bird is waiting in the blacksmith shop on account of the rain. Of course no bird would do that, but then you must stick to the book. Very well, I begin to cipher out the German for that answer. I begin at the wrong end, necessarily, for that is the German idea. I say to myself, "Regen (rain) is masculine — or maybe it is feminine — or possibly neuter — it is too much trouble to look now. Therefore, it is either *der* (the) Regen, or *die* (the) Regen, or *das* (the) Regen, according to which gender it may turn out to be when I look. In the interest of science, I will cipher it out on the hypothesis that it is masculine. Very well, then the rain is *der* Regen, if it is simply in the quiescent state of being



mentioned, without enlargement or discussion — nominative case; but if this rain is lying around, in a kind of a general way on the ground, it is then definitely located, it is doing something — that is, resting (which is one of the German grammar's ideas of doing something), and this throws the rain into the dative case, and makes it *dem* Regen.

However, this rain is not resting, but is doing something actively — it is falling — to interfere with the bird, likely — and this indicates movement, which has the effect of sliding it into the accusative case and changing *dem* Regen

into *den* Regen." Having completed the grammatical horoscope of this matter, I answer up confidently and state in German that the bird is staying in the blacksmith shop "wegen (on account of) *den* Regen." Then the teacher lets me softly down with the remark that whenever the word "wegen" drops into a sentence, it always throws that subject into the genitive case, regardless of consequences — and that therefore this bird stayed in the blacksmith shop "wegen *des* Regens."

I was informed, later, by a higher authority, that there was an "exception" which permits one to say "wegen *den* Regen" in certain peculiar and complex circumstances, but that this exception is not extended to anything but rain.



# Bulletin board

## At the movies Sept. 30 to Oct. 16

### Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

- Oct. 2 — Johnny English (PG) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 3-4 — Jeepers Creepers 2 (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 9 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10-11 — The Order (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Büdingen, Little

- Oct. 4 — Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas (PG) 3 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — Johnny English (PG) 3 p.m.

### Dexheim, Rhein

- Oct. 3 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4 — The Order (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 3 p.m.
- Oct. 10 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — Matchstick Men (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 3 p.m.

### Friedberg, Old Ironsides

- Oct. 2 — Legally Blonde 2: Red, White And Blonde (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 3 — Marci X (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 9 — The League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10-11 — Jeepers Creepers 2 (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Giessen, Skyline

- Sept. 30 — Open Range (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 1 — Open Range (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 3 — How To Deal (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4 — Johnny English (G) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — The League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13)
- Oct. 7-8 — Marci X (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — From Justin To Kelly (PG) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 14-15 — Jeepers Creepers 2 (R) 7 p.m.



Nicolas Cage and Alison Lohman star as father and daughter in "Matchstick Men."

### Hanau, Evening Star

- Sept. 30 — How To Deal (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 1 — Johnny English (PG) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 2 — The League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 3 — Secondhand Lions (PG) 7 p.m. Bad Boys II (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 7 p.m. Secondhand Lions (PG) 9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 4 p.m. Secondhand Lions (PG) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 6 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 9 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10 — The Rundown (PG-13) 7 p.m. Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — The Rundown (PG-13) 7 p.m. Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — The Rundown (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 14 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Rhein Main, Gardens

- Oct. 1 — Matchstick Men (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 3 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 5 p.m. Jeepers Creepers II (R) 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 — Secondhand Lions (PG) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — The League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13) 5 p.m. The Order (R) 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15 — The Rundown

(PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Wackernheim, McCully

- Oct. 1 — The Order (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 — Matchstick Men (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15 — Secondhand Lions (PG) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Flyers

- Oct. 3 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 9 — Secondhand Lions (PG) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 — The Rundown (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Taunus

- Sept. 30 — How To Deal (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 1 — The League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 2 — How To Deal (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 3 — Matchstick Men (PG-13) 7 p.m. Bad Boys II (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 4 p.m. Matchstick Men (PG-13) 7 p.m. Bad Boys II (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 4 p.m. Matchstick Men (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 6 — Matchstick Men (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7 — Pokemon Heroes (G) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 9 — Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines (R) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m. Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — Secondhand Lions (PG) 4 p.m. Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m. Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — Secondhand Lions (PG) 4 p.m. Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13-14 — Secondhand Lions (PG) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 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

**Matchstick Men (PG-13)** — Roy (Nicolas Cage) is a successful small-time, con artist. Roy's private life, however, is not in such good shape — he's a neurotic mess who suddenly discovers he has a 14-year-old daughter he never knew. Angela's (Alison Lohman) appearance disrupts her father's carefully ordered routine, but Roy begins to enjoy the relationship he never dreamed of having. While he develops paternal feelings for the 14-year-old, she's developing a fascination with Daddy's questionable career.

**Secondhand Lions (PG)** — For 14-year-old Walter (Haley Joel Osment), his great uncles' farm in rural Texas is the last place he wants to spend the summer. Dumped off by his mother, Mae (Kyra Sedgwick), with two crazy old men, Walter doesn't know what to believe in. Eccentric and gruff, Hub and Garth McCaan (Robert Duvall and Michael Caine) are rumored to have been bank robbers, mafia hitmen and/or war criminals in their younger days. The truth is elusive, although they do seem to have an endless supply of cash. Little by little, through stories spun against the backdrop of the dusty Texas night, an amazing story comes to life.

**Jeepers Creepers 2 (R)** — Young Billy Taggart is doing his chores in a sunny cornfield when he sees something move out of the corner of his eye. Then right in front of his father the boy is snatched screaming into the sky. Meanwhile, returning home from a championship game, a group of varsity basketball players, cheerleaders and coaches become stranded on the infamous East 9 Highway in Poho County. After the adults are killed one by one, the students are left alone, trapped on the bus and forced to defend themselves against a supernatural creature.

**The Order (R)** — Following a series of unexplained murders, a renegade priest (Heath Ledger) begins an investigation that hurls him into a maelstrom of unimaginable evil, murder and the knowledge that there is a fate worse than death. The priest's search takes him to the Sin Eater — a key figure in a mysterious and ancient church order. The immortal Sin Eater's role is nothing less than playing God by absolving the unforgivable of their sins, allowing great evil to go unpunished. As the young priest delves ever deeper he fights to save his own soul and that of the woman he loves.

**Johnny English (PG)** — Rowan Atkinson, famous the world in his guise as Mr. Bean, tackles British Secret Service in this comedy about a dastardly plan to steal the realm's Crown Jewels.

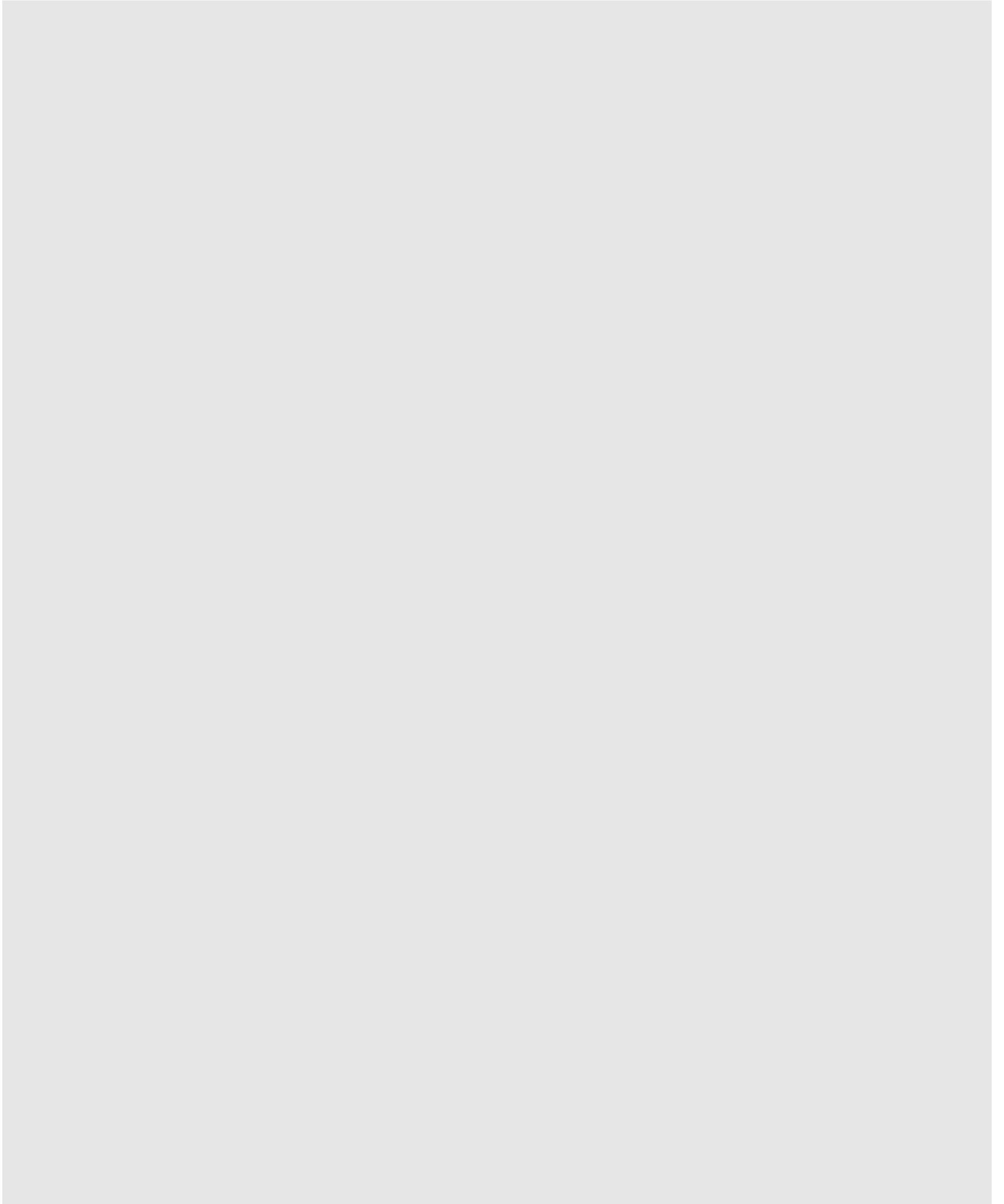
**Bad Boys II (R)** — Will Smith and Martin Lawrence are back on the streets of Miami as narcotics detectives Mike Lowrey (Smith) and Marcus Burnett (Lawrence). This time they've been assigned to a high-tech task force investigating the flow of designer ecstasy into Miami. Their inquiries inadvertently lead them to a major conspiracy involving a vicious kingpin (Jordi Molla), whose ambitions to take over the city's drug trade have ignited a bloody turf war.



Haley Joel Osment is Walter in "Secondhand Lions."

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## Giving students a Sure Start

### Program prepares youths to better learn, succeed in school

By David Ruderman  
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Sure Start classes began at elementary schools around the 104th Area Support Group in the second half of September. The program, modeled on the Head Start program in the United States, prepares 4-year-olds to enter kindergarten better primed to learn and succeed.

"It's education, health, social services and parental involvement," said Melinda Stevens, Sure Start teacher at Giessen Elementary School. "We do work on basic education skills and teaching parents to teach their children — that's the key."

Sure Start classes are taught by a teacher and a paraprofessional, but adjunct social service personnel and parental involvement boost the number of adults involved in establishing a strong academic foundation for children. Students are selected by a committee that examines a range of factors that indicate the child could benefit from the special attention and early training provided by Sure Start.

"There are a lot of things that play into this," said Pamela Mitchell, Sure Start teacher at Wetzel Elementary School. Criteria evaluated include the income levels, educational backgrounds and age of each child's parents, whether English is the child's home language, the number of children in the home, the spread of ages among siblings and a host of other variables.

"In addition we have screenings to catch, help, prevent and intervene with families," said Stevens. Children accepted for Sure Start must have their immunization and dental records brought up to date to enter the program. Once enrolled they are screened for learning disabilities, hearing, vision and speech abilities. A psychologist is



Photo by Karl Weisel  
Beverly Huyghue helps her son Adrian, age 4, work on a card for Dad who is away on temporary duty.

on call to assess children as well, she said.

"We have a committee that selects the children," said Mitchell. At Wetzel the committee comprises the principal, the nurse, a Child Development Center specialist, the school's guidance counselor and the base support battalion schools officer.

Sure Starts emphasizes responsibility and accountability, and that starts at home. Parents must commit to at least 60 hours of classroom assistance each month, though since the deployment to Iraq that minimum has been reduced to 40 hours for families with a deployed soldier so as not to add additional burdens on the families.

"The greatest component and the only reason it's successful is parent involvement," said Stevens.

Parents are involved in a variety of capacities ranging from greeting children as they arrive, cooking and preparing snacks to running the library, handling computer operations, sewing, organizing activities in the community at large and cleaning toys.

"We'll come in in the morning and greet the kids or make snacks. Afternoons we play with them or clean up afterwards. It's really good with the parents," said Lacey Crews, whose 4-year-old son Taishan started Sure Start in Stevens' class.

"I heard about it through a neighbor last year. We signed him up last year but he was too young, so they hung on to his application and he started this year," said Crews. She and her husband, Spc. Norman Crews of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Engineer Battalion, presently deployed to Iraq, were happy he could attend.

"Before he left we tried to go over stuff at home, drawing, cutting and painting. He was pretty excited about getting in," said Crews. Taishan's attendance in Sure Start also helps Lacey structure her time. "Otherwise I'd have him in a Child Development Center or Family Child Care, but I'd have to have him somewhere because I work. It's really good for him here because he can interact with kids his age."

"Our parents have to volunteer," said Mitchell. "That's one of the beauties of our program. By the end of the year we're all on a first-name basis. Our parents are a little village. They know each other and depend on each other."

Stevens said she simply has to look across the hall, where kinder-



Photo by Karl Weisel  
Lacey Crews (front left) looks on as her 4-year-old son Taishon paints in a Giessen Elementary School Sure Start class. Lisa Durhan does the same with her daughter Allyson behind Lacey and Taishon.

garten classes meet, to see the results of Sure Start. Children who have begun their elementary school experiences with her demonstrate enhanced basic skills when they enter kindergarten, she said.

"When it comes to attending they really listen, respond to questions and are focused. Their social skills are more developed, they are more cognizant of who they are as little individuals." Sure Start children also demonstrate enhanced vocabularies and language skills, said Stevens.

### Early literacy

Early literacy is a key component, said Mitchell. "I'm sold on it. The reason it works is because we work so closely with the kindergarten teachers. We're gearing those kids toward skills they're going to need in kindergarten."

While applications are regularly reviewed and children selected during the summer months for the new school year, parents should apply at any time because openings do occur during the school year, said Stevens. She said she expects four slots to open up by New Year's, and that at the moment there are no children on the Giessen waiting list to take their places.

"We have no one. We have four families leaving by December. I don't know where the families are. Some say, 'I'm an E-6, so it's not for

me,' but they should apply."

While the program is aimed at the children of the most junior enlisted, the children of E-4s, E-5s and E-6s make up the majority of most Sure Start classes.

"We had 14 E-4s and we had about seven or eight E-5s apply for slots," said Gelnhausen Elementary School principal, Dr. Shirley Sheck. "It just happens we didn't have any E-1s. In the six years I've been here I'd bet I haven't seen more than five E-1s with children in Sure Start. They're usually E-4s. I would say our average parent age is 22-23; I guess by that age they're already E-4s."

"If they want more information, please come to the school — ask," said Mitchell. "If we do have a turnover and there's an opening, you never know. Their child might get in."

Sure Start is a full-day program. In addition to the educational activities and other social support services, children receive lunch and snacks at no cost to their parents. As of mid-September about 150 4-year-olds were enrolled at Hainerberg, Butzbach, Giessen, Argonner, Gelnhausen, Sportfield, Smith and Wetzel elementary schools.

"I have a full, plus class. We're bursting. I'm taking as many as I can," said Mitchell.

## School bits

### Top students

Nora El Queslati, a junior at Wiesbaden's General H.H. Arnold High School, received a \$2,000 Army and Air Force Exchange Service "You Made The Grade" scholarship Sept. 12. Queslati, a member of the Student Council, Future Educators of America and National Honor Society, said she plans to use the scholarship money to buy books at college.

Lace Johnson-Smith, a senior at Wiesbaden high school, was named Rhein-Main Youth of the Year for the third year in a row. Johnson-Smith's achievement earned her a \$2,000 annual scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. She has been an active member of the National Society of Black Engineers, Toastmasters, Keystone Club and various other organizations. (Courtesy of Lauren O'Gara, a General H.H. Arnold junior)

### Jobs available

Part-time administrative assistant jobs are available at Butzbach, Hanau and Wiesbaden schools. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and meet qualification requirements. Stop by the schools or call the Heidelberg District Personnel Office at civ (06221) 677 320 for details.

### Smith problem solving

Smith Elementary School will conduct a faculty in-service training day Oct. 10. Students will not attend class, but parents are invited to attend the training focusing on problem-solving skills across the curriculum. Meet in the Information Center at 8 a.m. The school's first official Problem Solving Day is Oct. 30. Parents are invited to volunteer, have lunch with their child and join in classroom activities starting at 12:30 p.m. Call mil 485-7589.

### Pianist sought

Hanau High School seeks a piano accompanist to volunteer one or two days a week. Call Michael Hunt at civ (06181) 906 9932 for details. Volunteers are also sought for the library, tutoring and other activities. Call Cristan Allen at civ (06181) 906 9920.

### Argonner news

Argonner Elementary School kindergartners will not have class Oct. 2. The School Advisory Committee meets that day at 2:45 p.m. The Parent Teacher Association will host a bingo night Oct. 9 at 6 p.m.

# Sports and leisure

## Things to do . . . Things to do

### Medieval life at Ronneburg

Step back in time at Ronneburg's Medieval Castle Games Oct. 3-5. Knights, jesters, handicrafts, fire breathers and more will be featured in and around the castle. Admission is €8 for adults, €5 for children, €18 for families with one child or €22 for families with more than one child. Ronneburg is located between Hanau and Büdingen. For information call civ (06048) 7130.

### USO highlights

Join the Rhein Main Area USO (Wiesbaden, Rhein Main, Büdingen and Hanau) on one of their many trips in October — **Oktoberfest Express** Oct. 4; **Rhein River Cruise** Oct. 4, 12, 18 and 26; **Bad Orb Wellness** Oct. 7 and 18; **Black Forest Shopping** Oct. 10; **Paris Express** Oct. 10-12; **Bavarian Castles** Oct. 12-13; **Bonn City Tour** Oct. 13; **Poland Express Shopping Tour** Oct. 17-19; **Stuttgart Zoo** Oct. 19; **Bamberg** Oct. 20; **Sinsheim Auto and Technical Museum** Oct. 24;

**Würzburg by Train** Oct. 25; **Wine Tasting Seminar** Oct. 26; **Halloween at the Frankenstein Castle** Oct. 31. Stop by your local USO for details.

### Play auditions

Wiesbaden's Amelia Earhart Playhouse holds auditions for "An Evening Without Jennifer Lopez," a spoof of the American way of life, Oct. 7 from 7-10 p.m. Call mil 336-2473 or civ (0611) 816-2473.

### Live in concert

French accordion master **Lydie Auvray** and her **Auvrettes** performs Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. at Hanau's Wilhelmsbad Comoe-dienhaus. Frankfurt's Alte Oper presents Brazilian vocal wunder-kind **Edson Cordeiro** Oct. 2 and Italian early music enthusiasts **Il Gairdino Armonico** performing works by Bach and Vivaldi Oct. 4. **Christina Aguilera** performs at Frankfurt's Festhalle Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. Other concerts at Frankfurt's Festhalle include **David Bowie** Oct.



18 at 7:30 p.m., **Deep Purple** Nov. 5 at 8 p.m., **Eros Ramazzotti** Nov. 23 at 8 p.m., **Justin Timberlake** Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. and **Marilyn Manson** Dec. 7. Pick up tickets at major ticket offices.

### Choir concert

The Frankfurt German-American Choir presents a concert titled "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Frauenfriedenskirche in Frankfurt Bockenheim. Tickets are €12 and are available at [www.ticketonline.de](http://www.ticketonline.de) or at the door.

### 'Experience Nature'

Americans are invited to join their German neighbors in Mainz-Bretzenheim for an "Experience Nature" festival Oct. 3 starting at 10 a.m. The festival, to be held at the "Alte Ziegelei," will feature a hunting horn concert at 11 a.m. and noon, exhibitions about hunting and fishing, refreshment stands, merchandise for sale and an exhibition of hunting dogs. Call Kurt Friese at civ (06131) 625 917 for details.



Photo by Dennis Johnson

### Unit-level flag football

A 130th Engineer Brigade player heads for the end zone in a unit-level game against B Battery, 5-7th Air Defense Artillery, on Hanau's Pioneer Kaserne sports field Sept. 18. The engineers won 6-0. Games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6 p.m. The unit-level flag football championships will be held at Pioneer from Oct. 14-16. Games start at 10 a.m. There will be a community flag football tournament on Oct. 4 starting at 10 a.m. This is the day of the Hispanic Heritage Month Festival being held at the Pioneer Fitness Center. Watch a flag football game and then visit the fitness center for Hispanic food, music and fun. For more information on unit-level flag football action in your community check with your local Sports Office.

# Sports and leisure

## Sports shorts

### Kudos to runners

Congratulations to the winners of the Giessen 10-Mile Run and Three-Kilometer Fun Walk Sept. 20 at Giessen's Schifffenberg Castle. Fourteen runners and four walkers turned out for the event. Winners were: *Female Open (age 18-29)* — Wiesbaden's **Khadija Hinkson** first (and fastest female), Friedberg's **Robin Horton** second and Friedberg's **Jessica Ayers** third; *Female Seniors (age 30-39)* — Hanau's **Lauri Trotter** first, Wiesbaden's **Connie Wolf** second; *Male Open (age 18-29)* — Giessen's **Gase Castillo** first, Hanau's **James Stegall** second; *Male Seniors (age 30-39)* — Darmstadt's **Anthony Pisano** first, Schweinfurt's **Rex Frazier** second; *Male Masters (age 40+)* — Wiesbaden's **Dave Eiden** first (and first overall), Hanau's **James Ehrenreich** second.

Giessen's Schifffenberg Castle will be the backdrop for a five-kilometer and three-kilometer walk Oct. 25 starting at 11 a.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 with a commemorative T-shirt or \$10 without one. Call mil 343-7201 for details.

### Race in Iraq

The 3rd Corps Support Command sponsors a 10-mile road race, the Anaconda 10-Miler, Oct. 5 on Logistical Support Area Anaconda in Iraq. The race will commemorate the Army 10-Miler taking place in Washington, D.C., on that day and will feature three categories — individual, team and relay. There will also be a guidon race with teams of 12 carrying their unit's guidon in a relay. Pre-registration is ongoing through Oct. 3; late registration will be held Oct. 4 and 5. The race is open to all military personnel and Department of Defense civilians wishing to participate. Email [carolanne.diggs@us.army.mil](mailto:carolanne.diggs@us.army.mil) or call mil (302) 558-2032 for more information. (3rd COSCOM Public Affairs)

### Boxing action

The Friedberg Fitness Center hosts a Hispanic Heritage Month Boxing Invitational Oct. 4. Registration is free. Spectators 13 and over pay \$3. The event starts at 7 p.m. Call mil 324-3155 for details.



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Baumholder quarterback Caleb Adams tries to push through the Giessen defensive line. Adams scored two touchdowns in the losing effort.

## Prep football highlights

### While Wiesbaden dominates Division I, Baumholder and Giessen offer most spellbinding game in Division II

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Fans of high school football have been getting their fill of some down-to-the-wire gridiron action in the past month.

While the Wiesbaden Warriors have been making Coach Darryl Schwartz proud at General H.H. Arnold High School — they claimed victories over Lakenheath Sept. 13 and Ramstein Sept. 20 — teams throughout the 104th Area Support Group have been putting on some

stunning displays of teamwork and football know-how.

The highlight of the month so far had to be the spellbinder in Giessen Sept. 20. The Giessen Griffins and Baumholder Buccaneers, both Division III South teams which came away from losses their opening weekend, battled relentlessly into the late afternoon as shadows lengthened across the field. First Giessen scored and looked dominant with a 22-6 lead in the second quarter. Then Baumholder roared back bringing the game to a 36-36 tie in the fourth quarter before wrapping up regulation play tied at 44 apiece.

That set the stage for the tiebreaker — each team getting a crack at breaking the tie starting at the 10-yard line.

The Griffins were the first up, and Giessen fans let them know it was time to turn on the juice. A TD and the two point conversion made it 52-44.

The Bucs were next, earning six points with a run in by Baumholder signal caller Caleb Adams. That brought the score to 52-50, but the Giessen defensive line stood firm preventing the extra points as the home crowd went crazy.

Giessen was slated to face Bamberg Sept. 27 before returning home Oct. 4 to host Hohenfels. The Griffins travel to Italy to take on Vicenza Oct. 11.

Baumholder's schedule called



Photo by Karl Weisel

Giessen running back Anthony Moore sprints for the end zone.

for the Bucs to host Vicenza at home Sept. 27, to travel to Ansbach Oct. 4 and to face Hohenfels at home Oct. 11.

"When I say prance, you say lancers," was the advice Coach Schwartz gave his Division I Warriors in their opening game against Lakenheath Sept. 13. After the coach's pep talk, the Wiesbaden players took the field to claim a 26-14 win.

"We are bigger, stronger and tougher this year," said Schwartz. "Our biggest competition this year will be Heidelberg and Lakenheath."

So much for Lakenheath (and Ramstein) — the Warriors were slated to travel to Heidelberg to take on the Lions Sept. 27.

Wiesbaden hosts Würzburg Oct. 4, travels to Lakenheath Oct. 11 and faces Kaiserslautern in an away game Oct. 18.

"We have a good mix of new and remaining players," said Wiesbaden Warrior Daniel Parker. "We look a lot better than last year."

Which brings this story around to the Hanau Panthers. Things haven't improved much so far this season over last year. The Division II South Panthers dropped home games to Naples Sept. 13 and Bitburg Sept. 20. Hanau was slated to travel to Aviano Sept. 27, host Vilseck at home Oct. 4 and face Patch in Stuttgart Oct. 11. (Lauren O'Gara is a junior at Wiesbaden's General H.H. Arnold High School)

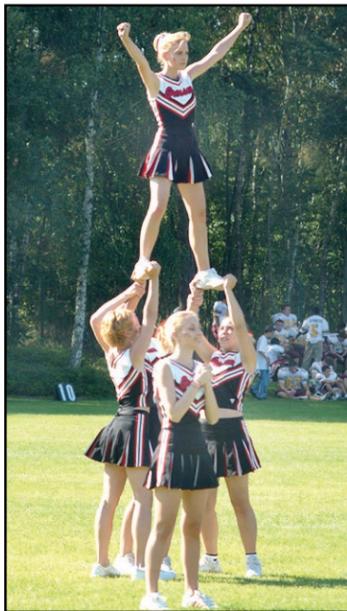


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Giessen cheerleaders fire up the Griffin fans Sept. 20.