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Photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen J. Otero

Airman James Grueser, 435th Security Forces Squadron, checks identification during a sobriety checkpoint Feb. 7 on Ramstein.

Checkpoints go beyond DUIs

by Master Sgt. Steve Horton
435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

People entering Ramstein in the early morning hours Saturday were greeted with a surprise DUI and drug demand checkpoint operation conducted by the 435th Security Forces Squadron, the Drug Demand Reduction office, various first sergeants and volunteer non-commissioned officers.

The operation, dubbed Operation Night Hawk, was an initiative by 435th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Don Bacon and was meant to be a visible sign that base leadership take these types of offenses seriously.

"We have a zero tolerance for DUI and drug use in the KMC," Colonel Bacon said. "This community deserves a safe, clean environment to live and work in everyday. Our Airmen deserve wingmen who

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Military Saves Campaign set to begin

The annual Military Saves Program kicks off Feb. 22 and runs until March 1. The Air Force adopted this Department of Defense Financial Readiness Campaign to promote personal financial readiness among all Airmen and their families.

With today's financial challenges, the campaign provides opportunities for the total force to develop and improve financial habits, which leads to mission readiness.

Each Airman & Family Readiness Center within U.S. Air Forces in Europe will offer a variety of events highlighting the principles of building wealth, not debt. There will also be interactive youth programs to energize youth and teens to develop and participate in their own savings strategies.

This year's program will focus on four quarterly themes: save and invest, military youth, debt reduction and retirement. USAFE Airmen should contact their base A&FRC for details on what specific events will take place at their base during the annual campaign.

(Courtesy of USAFE Services)

Chief of chaplains raises Ramstein's spirits at luncheon

by Airman 1st Class Scott Saldukas
435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Men and women filled the Ramstein Officers' Club Jan. 29 to take part in the National Prayer Luncheon and hear Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, Air Force chief of chaplains, speak at the annual event held in Suites One and Two at the club.

After the luncheon's invocation, representatives from different religions opened with prayers and scriptures of their faith, allowing all attendees to come together and participate as a whole.

During his speech, Chaplain Richardson not only thanked Airmen from U.S. Air Forces in Europe for their work, but he shared his message, focusing on one's faith and why he feels it's important to have a relationship with God.

"We must remember who we are," he said. "We are the only nation founded on the premise that our rights are given to us by God. We're not a specific faith, but we are a group who came to our country to practice our faith,

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Celebrating Valentine's Day with someone or something

by Heather Robinson
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February brings to mind friendships, love and valued relationships. But how do we know it qualifies as a relationship? Ask the following questions:

- Am I identified by others as being linked with someone?
- Do I identify myself as being linked with someone?
- Am I preoccupied at times with thoughts of someone?
- Is my free time spent with that someone?
- When I spend time with others, do I attempt to ensure that I still have quality time with my special someone?
- If you took my special someone away, would I feel the impact of that loss?
- Do I make sacrifices for that someone?
- Can I predict the level of support I will get from that someone?
- Do I emotionally rely on that someone?
- Does that someone bring out the wild side of me and make me crazy?

If the answer to these questions is "yes" and we are talking about an actual person, then I say congratulations and Happy Valentine's Day. Now, take a minute with that special someone and go back over the questions. If you am able to replace the word "someone" with alcohol or a drug of choice, then it is possible you have entered into a relationship with a substance.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that "one of the clearest demonstrations of how alcohol use negatively impacts the family is the widely documented association between alcohol use and interpersonal violence."

Family problems that are likely to co-occur with alcohol problems include violence, marital conflict, infidelity, jealousy, economic insecurity, divorce and fetal alcohol effect. Drinking problems may negatively alter marital and family functioning, but there is also evidence that they can increase as a consequence of marital and family problems. Thus, drinking and family functioning are strongly and reciprocally linked. Not surprisingly, alcohol problems are common in couples going to marital therapy, and marital problems are common in drinkers who present for alcohol treatment.

For more information or training on how alcohol or drug use may be impacting your relationships, call 486-1710 or e-mail heather.a.robinson1@us.army.mil.

(Heather Robinson is the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern employee assistance coordinator and Army Substance Abuse Program prevention coordinator.)

Commander's Action Line

Q I was told that the recycle centers on base are just for on-base residents. Is this true?

A Thank you for your interest in our base recycling center. Indeed, the base recycle centers are in place for the on-base recyclable material (including housing and work areas) at a cost to the wing of more than $8 million annually.

For U.S. DOD civilian and military employees residing off-base, recycling costs should be included in your living quarter's allowance and basic housing allowance respectively because recycling in Germany is mandatory.

Col. Don "Bits" Bacon, 435th Air Base Wing commander

Paying these recycling costs is non-negotiable, and in most cases you pay it as part of your leasing agreement costs. If we allowed off-base residents to utilize the recycling center, the government would in essence pay for the same service twice.

Additionally, the on-base recycle center operation is based on tonnage of material processed. Allowing off-base materials would increase the costs proportionally.

However, we realize that PCS time creates a challenge between your recycling needs and your community's collection schedules. Therefore, I have asked the civil engineers managing our recycle centers to develop an exception to the policy, specifically for our employees presenting PCS orders as justification of need to use the on-base recycle center.

I thank the professionals who do great work at our recycling centers, as well as all of you who utilize this resource and who help keep our base looking sharp.

The Commander's Action Line gives KMC members a direct link to wing leadership and is a way for KMC members to ask a question or express a concern on the policies and procedures of the base, as well as discuss safety and security issues. To submit an action line, e-mail editor@kaiserslauternamerican.com with "Action Line" as the subject.

2008 AF award winners

The 17th Air Force 2008 Annual Award winners are as follows:

Airman of the Year – Senior Airman Vanessa Varoskovic, Command Section

NCO of the Year – Tech. Sgt. Lance W. Blocher, A4/7

SNCO of the Year – Master Sgt. Rich Rizzo, A4/7

CGO of the Year – Then-Capt. Jennifer Boudreau, A6

FGO of the Year – Maj. William Barron, A4/

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maintain the highest standards, and it's important to let everyone know that we will hold people accountable when they violate standards."

During the operation, 100 active-duty personnel were directed to provide a urine sample for the drug demand portion, and 108 motorists were checked for a DUI violation, resulting in zero apprehensions for DUI, said Capt. Keith Quick, 435th SFS operations officer.

"There is not a systemic problem within the KMC, but even a single DUI or drug offense is a problem," Captain Quick said. "This is a proactive approach by base leadership and security forces to promote DUI and drug awareness so people think about it and make good decisions."

Part of that proactive approach included a brief for commanders and first sergeants Jan. 27. They were educated on the newest street drugs such as Salvia divinorum, commonly known as Spice. The overall purpose of the brief was to help keep the leaders aware of current drug trends and paraphernalia, said Special Agent John Fox, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 515.

"We don't see these Airmen. The commanders, first sergeants and first-line supervisors see them all the time," Agent Fox said. "They have to use the tools available to them, such as OSI, Drug Demand Reduction and the legal office."

The awareness campaign isn't just focused on active-duty military members, it also has made its way to the schools that dependent children attend, as well as civilians working on base. Recent investigations resulted in a dependent being barred from all military installations in Europe and two restaurant employees being fired for drug related offenses.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen J. Otero

Visitors and residents pass through a sobriety checkpoint Feb. 7 on Ramstein. Sobriety checkpoints are held randomly throughout the KMC in an effort to enforce a zero-tolerance policy against driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

"The bottom line is that we will work to continue to provide safe and secure installations and the best schools possible for our children," Colonel Bacon said. "And I want to ensure we are the best ambassadors possible to our great German hosts and neighbors."

KMC brings smiles to children's faces

Story and photo by
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Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Bill Bender, 86th Airlift Wing and KMC commander, is interviewed by Polish media members in Warsaw, Poland, during a toy donation Jan. 28.

WARSAW, Poland — Two pallets filled with toys collected by the KMC 5/6 Club were recently loaded onto a C-130E Hercules and flown by the 37th Airlift Squadron from Ramstein to the Warsaw Frederic Chopin Airport in Poland.

The donated goods were destined for children in the Slovk, Poland area.

Three children from the My Home, My Future children's home in Slvok travelled for hours to receive their gifts and meet U.S. Ambassador to Poland Victor Ashe and other Air Force servicemembers.

One boy, Patryk Kubik, even received a coin from Brig. Gen. Bill Bender, 86th Airlift Wing commander, to celebrate his 12th birthday.

"We are very happy to receive these gifts," said Klaudiusz Dyjas, director of My Home, My Future. "Child care houses from around Slvok will benefit from this donation because there are so many toys."

The children were not the only ones happy because of the gift donations.

"We are grateful for the U.S. Air Force and glad they are here," Ambassador Ashe said. "It's good to see smiles on the children's faces."

The 5/6 Club was also proud to be a part of the occasion.

"I was honored to meet the ambassador and felt very proud to represent such a wonderful organization as KMC 5/6," said Staff Sgt. Michelle Miller, 17th Air Force commander's support staff non-commissioned officer in charge and KMC 5/6 representative, who presented the toys to the children. "I was so happy to present the kids with the donated items; that was worth the whole trip."

Tech. Sgt. Bryan Daniel, KMC 5/6 Club president, said a few of the organizations that contributed to the toy drive were the Airman's Attic, Books R Magic used book store, the 86th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the Ramstein Girl Scouts.

"There were several people who showed up with entire vans full of goods," he said. "This was truly an inspirational event, one that renews ones faith in the goodness of others."

The KMC 5/6 Club has been no stranger to supporting the needs of both military and civilian organizations, Sergeant Daniel said.

"This trip to Poland fell right in line with what we do every day as public servants," he said. "We are proud to have been able to contribute to the greater European good."

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whatever that is."

Chaplain Richardson began his career as an enlisted intercept operator and Russian interpreter before getting out, completing his education and coming back into the Air Force as a chaplain and working his way to his current position.

Using the Bible and pieces of his own life story as a reference, the chaplain explained how trust is critical and may be the most important ingredient of one's faith.

"Trust allows people to feel confident in knowing they can count on God," he said. "And chaplains are there to provide for each person so they can practice their own religion, no matter what that religion may be."

Using the story of David and Goliath as his theme, the chief of chaplains explained how it was much more than just a children's story.

"It's a story about faith and courage under fire," Chaplain Richardson said. "Also, it shows victory comes to those who don't just believe, but to those who step out on their faith."

Expressing true and inspirational events of his life with enthusiasm and humor, Chaplain Richardson made it possible for people of any faith to come out and enjoy each other's company while counting their blessings.

"The National Prayer Luncheon is an important tradition," he said. "We don't advocate one religion over another, and we don't push religion on people, but everyone can feel free to worship in whatever way they want. That's the beauty of a multi-faith nation, but we can still get everyone together every once-in-a-while to celebrate religion as a whole."

KMC BLOTTER

Compiled by the 569th USFPS

Feb. 3

5:30 p.m.: An Army NCO reported numerous individuals were shooting fireworks at his residence and shouting obscenities at him.

Feb. 4

7:59 a.m.: An Air Force civilian reported his vehicle had been damaged at his residence in Ramstein-Miesenbach.

11:16 a.m.: An Airman reported his car stereo and numerous electronic items had been stolen from his vehicle in Ramstein-Miesenbach.

3:43 p.m.: An Airman reported his CAC Card, wallet and an iPod were stolen from his vehicle at his residence in Ramstein-Miesenbach.

5:30 p.m.: An Air Force spouse reported her navigation system, numerous DVDs, a Nintendo DS game system and various amounts of currency had been stolen from her vehicle in Miesenbach.

Feb. 5

11:45 a.m.: An Army SNCO reported his vehicle had been damaged while parked on Pulaski Barracks.

12:41 p.m.: Two Army civilians reported various amounts of currency had been stolen from their office on Pulaski Barracks.

2:25 p.m.: An Air Force civilian reported an unknown person had opened 49 various accounts in her name without her knowledge.

3:10 p.m.: AAFES Security reported they had detained a juvenile for shoplifting at the Vogelweh Main Exchange.

5:55 p.m.: An Army officer reported that someone had broken into his house and locked his dog in the bathroom.

Feb. 6

11:12 a.m.: An Army civilian reported his cell phone had been stolen from Landstuhl.

1:20 p.m.: A Soldier reported her vehicle had been damaged while parked on Rhine Ordnance Barracks.

4:05 p.m.: AAFES Security reported they had detained two juveniles for shoplifting at the Vogelweh Main Exchange.

Feb. 7

2:36 a.m.: An Air Force NCO reported an Airman assaulted him in Landstuhl.

3:10 a.m.: An Airman lost control of his vehicle on A6, struck a guardrail and began crawling across the Autobahn after his vehicle stopped moving. A German swerved to avoid the Airman and struck the Airman's vehicle. U.S. Forces Police and Polizei arrested the Airman for drunken driving.

9:58 a.m.: An Air Force NCO reported his iPod had been stolen from his vehicle in Spesbach.

3:20 p.m.: AAFES Security reported they had detained a juvenile for shoplifting at the Vogelweh Main Exchange.

Feb. 8

10:18 a.m.: An Army civilian reported someone had set her vehicle on fire at her residence in Mackenbach.

12:10 p.m.: An Air Force civilian reported his vehicle had been damaged at his residence in Mackenbach.

1:25 p.m.: An Army NCO reported a Soldier was absent without leave and possibly violating a no contact order. U.S. Forces Police apprehended the Soldier in Vogelweh Family Housing.

5:01 p.m.: Polizei reported an injury accident at the L363 exit from A6. An Airman failed to yield and struck a German's vehicle causing injuries to the German.

5:05 p.m.: Polizei requested U.S. Forces Police assistance locating an Air Force NCO who fled the scene of an accident after racing another vehicle. Upon making contact with the NCO, Polizei smelled alcohol on him and arrested him for drunken driving.

Feb. 9

3:51 p.m.: A Navy spouse reported both of her vehicles had been vandalized at her residence in Mackenbach.

4:25 p.m.: An Army civilian reported various amounts of currency were stolen from her purse on Landstuhl.

8:42 p.m.: A Soldier reported a duffel bag with various deployment items had been stolen from his locker on Daenner Kaserne.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving weekend statistics

Feb. 6 – *6 volunteers, 1 life saved*

Feb. 7 – *6 volunteers, 19 lives saved*

Take Note

Closures

• The 435th Munitions Squadron will be closed March 2 to 31 to conduct the semiannual, 100 percent inventory. Issue and turn-in requests must be submitted to Munitions Operations no later than Sunday to meet scheduling requirements. Contact Munitions Accountability at 480-5715/5725 with any concerns.

• Armstrong's Club will temporarily suspend catering services, Sunday Breakfast Buffet and Schnitzel Night until April because of renovations to the kitchen. For more information, call 0631-534-4922.

• All Service Credit Union branch offices will be closed Monday in observance of President's Day. All Service Credit Union branch offices will resume normal business hours Tuesday.

Donations needed

For its annual Pfennig Bazaar, Feb. 27 to March 1, the German-American and International Women's Club Kaiserslautern is looking for donations such as clothes, shoes, bed linens, household items and toys. They can be dropped off 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 21 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 23 in Industriehalle on the Kaiserslautern Garden Fair area. Donors can enter the area from Forellenstrasse. Also, volunteers are needed to help with sorting, setting up and selling from Wednesday to March 1. For more information, call Pamela Miod at 06381-996868, e-mail euroconn@hotmail.com or visit www.gaiwc.com.

435th VRS member dies

Bernd Gmach, 62, a vehicle operator assigned to the 435th Vehicle Readiness Squadron since Feb. 8, 2002, died Feb. 10 at his home. He was a valuable member of the 435th VRS team and will be missed. He is survived by his wife Gabriel; daughter Annette and son-in-law Thomas Reith; sons Stefan and Thorsten; and three grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Weilerbach Cemetery.

The Army Substance Abuse Program survey

U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Army Substance Abuse Program and Employee Assistance Program are hosting a survey until Feb. 29. This is a yearly survey to find out the successes or improvements needed for the EAP program and biochemical testing. Completed surveys can be e-mailed to heather.a.robinson@us.army.mil or dropped in the box just inside the door in Bldg. 3820 on Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. For a copy of the survey, call Heather Robinson at 486-1710.

Kleber clinic hours

The U.S. Army Health Clinic on Kleber Kaserne will be open from 7 a.m. to noon today for acute care, lab, pharmacy and vaccinations for enrolled patients. The clinic will be closed Monday for President's Day. The clinic will reopen at 7 a.m. Tuesday. For medical advice, call the Nurse Advice Line toll-free at 00800-4759-2330. For medical emergencies, dial 112 if off-post or 116 if on-post. For urgent care, visit the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's emergency room. For more information, call 483-6043 or 1750.

Valentine's Day dance

The Lone Star Chapter #60 hosts a youth Valentine's Day Dance for children ages 11 to 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Vogelweh Community Center. Cost is $5. For more information, call 0160-5550629.

Immunizations not available in March

Immunotherapy and Immunizations will not be available in the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Allergy/Immunology Clinic March 10 to 12 because of staff training (the MILVAX Immunization Leader's Course).

Bans meant to protect KMC personnel

by Aaron Schoenfeld
435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Following the addition of another nightclub to the KMC off-limits list, commanders are reminding personnel that bans are in place to protect servicemembers and their families.

KMC Commander Brig. Gen. Bill Bender issued a memorandum last week that directed all personnel to cease patronage of the Club Lounge Stage in Kaiserslautern, commonly known as the Stage Club, effective immediately.

The 45-day temporary ban was voted into effect by the KMC Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board so the owner of the establishment could bring the club up to German safety code.

The club is one of several under evaluation to ensure businesses are not endangering their patrons with substandard or overcrowded conditions. While U.S. military personnel are not actively enforcing German laws, they are watching closely to ensure those areas frequented by military personnel and dependents provide a safe environment.

Courtesy photo

When a problem is identified, the disciplinary control board takes swift action to work with the owners of an establishment to correct the deficiency. If an acceptable solution cannot be found, the board votes on further action.

"We have an obligation to look out for the safety of all our Airmen," said Col. Don Bacon, 435th Air Base Wing commander and member of the disciplinary control board. "We were concerned that the club was allowing more than triple its authorized capacity on a regular basis and wanted to ensure this issue was resolved. Safety for our Airmen is our priority, and we decided to take immediate action."

In the case of the Stage Club, an officer was appointed to conduct a full investigation of the circumstances found during the evaluation, but conditions were deemed to be such an immediate hazard due to frequent overcrowding, that a temporary ban was put into effect.

Primary investigations have shown the danger of several fire code violations was amplified by the overcrowding. The owner of the club is currently working with local officials to correct the hazards.

One other nightclub is currently on the KMC off-limits list because of an assault on an American civilian. The Arya Club in Kaiserslautern was put on the list more than six months ago after the American was attacked by the owner's sons. The ban on the Arya club is considered to be permanent.

Contrary to the title, a permanent ban could be lifted from an establishment during a biannual board review if petitioned by someone whose operation is declared off-limits. The board will look at the current risk and history of a banned business to decide if the ban should be continued.

The board serves as a joint-service forum, where a representative from U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern provides input based on complaints by Army personnel and dependents, and is comprised of other senior military leaders from across the KMC. General Bender leads as board president through his role as KMC commander.

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>
> — Brig. Gen. Bill Bender
> KMC COMMANDER

"This board provides a fair means of evaluation and action for someone that has concerns about the service or conditions that are offered to our servicemembers," General Bender said. "And if we think someone's business may pose a risk to the safety or overall well-being of our people, we will thoroughly investigate it."

Army Regulation 190-24, Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Boards and Off-installation Liaison and Operations, is the controlling document for board actions in conjunction with USAFE Instruction 31-203, which outlines more detailed guidance within the U.S. European Command.

All regulations emphasize possible consequences for failure to adhere to an off-limits list. According to Army regulation 190-24, violators are subject to the disciplinary action of their respective service regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Local commanders also have the authority to impose other punishment for any personnel in violation of the ban. The board discusses such topics when it meets every three months to review new and existing cases.

When the board meets next, they will reevaluate the ban on the Stage Club and look for signs of improved conditions that will allow servicemembers to enjoy themselves in a safe environment.

Regardless of what the board decides when it reviews the ban, leaders can't stress enough the importance of avoiding off-limits locations.

"This really is due to a clear and present danger," General Bender said. "We don't want to rain on anyone's parade, and it's not easy to ask people to stay away from a local business, but it's for the best so we will hold people accountable for not adhering to the off-limits list."

Other individuals and businesses currently off-limits to KMC personnel include:

- AP Bausysteme construction company in Kaiserslautern
- Dog sellers Gisela Smith and Herbert Sator of Kottweiler
- Cleaning business owned by James Brown at Obergasse 20, Weilerbach
- Cleaning business owned by Martin Massa at Turnerstrasse 70, Kaiserslautern

General Court-Martial

On Jan. 21, Senior Airman Timothy J. Miller, 721st Aerial Port Squadron, pleaded guilty and was subsequently convicted in a general court-martial for committing indecent acts upon a child under the age of 16, in violation of Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Airman Miller was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, 18 months confinement and a reduction to E-1.

The crime occurred in 2006 near Yakota Air Base, Japan. Airman Miller was babysitting the child of a fellow Airman. This was the first time Airman Miller babysat the young child; however, he had often visited with the family and ate dinner with them.

Airman Miller was charged with touching the child's vagina with his fingers and giving her an open-mouth kiss, both with the intent to appeal to his sexual desires. He eventually confessed to Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents that he committed the acts because he wanted to explore his curiosities. He acknowledged in open court that an adult like him should never touch a child with the intent to satisfy himself in a sexual way.

Once released from confinement, Airman Miller will be required to register as a sex offender.

(Compiled by 435th ABW/JA Military Justice Paralegals)

The beautiful "Flaming Pencil"

AIRCRAFT
awful and awesome

by Dr. Marshall Michel
86th Airlift Wing historian

The Bristol 188, certainly one of the most beautiful aircraft ever made, had its genesis in 1952 when the British Ministry of Defense issued specification ER. 134T for a test aircraft capable of speeds of Mach 1.8 to Mach 2.5 to gather data for the development of the Avro 730, a Mach 2 reconnaissance bomber.

The 188, much to Bristol's disappointment, would never be developed as a combat aircraft. But the contract called for three aircraft to be built, one a pure test bed and the other two for flight testing.

The Avro 730 was cancelled in 1957 as part of the notorious "Defense White Paper" that said, among other things, no new strategic supersonic fighters or defensive supersonic fighters would be built for the Royal Air Force. Surprisingly, Bristol was allowed to continue the 188 project because its potential Mach 2.5 speed was deemed "indispensable" for research purposes for supersonic transport aircraft.

The 188 promised to be an exceptional performer that would have twice the speed and altitude performance of any aircraft in the world. Additionally, the design was modular so it could be adapted to a number of systems and engines, and it had built-in systems to collect data during test flights and transmit it directly to a ground station for immediate evaluation.

The 188 was expected to fly at more than Mach 2 for extended periods of time to study kinetic heating effects on the aircraft, and at those speeds steel took over from aluminum alloys as the optimum airframe material.

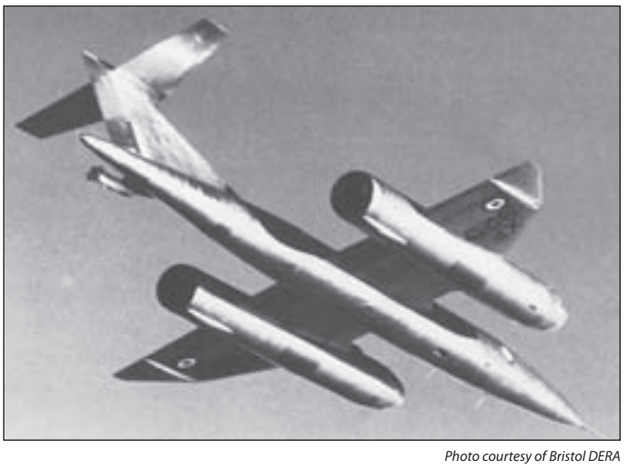

Photo courtesy of Bristol DERA

The Bristol 188 in flight.

To protect the pilot against heat build-up, it also had a special cockpit refrigeration system.

To get the necessary stiffness and resistance to high temperature from kinetic heating, the 188's unpainted outer skin was made from 12 percent stainless steel with a honeycomb center.

The stainless steel skin required a new arc welding technique known as "puddle welding," but the new process took time to develop and caused delays in the aircraft's construction. Additionally, stainless steel was very heavy and the 188 weighed 40,000 pounds.

When it was completed in 1960, the 188 was a stunningly-beautiful aircraft. It had a long, thin fuselage, an almost "T" tail and a pointed housing for a large drag chute in the tail. The two large engine nacelles were mounted on a very thin wing that was straight from fuselage to nacelle but almost triangular from nacelle to tip. The air intakes could be easily removed so alternate intakes could be installed for flight tests.

But what went inside the nacelles was a problem. Five engine combinations were evaluated and the final choice was two Gyron Junior PS.50 engines with fully variable afterburners that developed (for the time) the amazing thrust of 20,000 pounds at 36,000 feet. That was the good news – the bad news was that the PS.50 proved to be an incredible gas guzzler and left the 188 with a very limited time of flight.

The problems with construction with the new materials and the engines resulted in the date of the first flight being slipped from July 1958 to April 1960 and then even further, and the first aircraft was not delivered for structural tests until May 1960. The problems were hidden from the public, and in December 1960, a British newspaper began publishing articles about what was called the "Flaming Pencil" because the skin was expected to glow from the heat generated at top speed.

The first taxiing trials took place April 26, 1961, but the first flight did not occur until almost a year later on April 14, 1962. Test pilot Godfrey Auty flew it for 22 minutes, reached a speed of Mach 1.88 at 36,000 feet and reported that the 188 transitioned smoothly from subsonic to supersonic flight. Nevertheless, Auty was voted by his contemporaries as "the test pilot most likely to eject this year."

Once flying tests began in earnest, the 188 showed a number of problems, including fuel leaks and an inability to fly at high speeds long enough to evaluate the "thermal soaking" of the airframe, which was one of the main research areas it was built to investigate. Normal flights lasted only 25 minutes from take off to landing, and 70 percent of the fuel was used just to attain its operational altitude. The 188's longest flight was only 48 minutes, and it was entirely subsonic.

Though the 188 was eventually abandoned, the problems associated with the use of stainless steel led to Concorde being constructed from conventional aluminum alloys with a Mach limit of 2.2, and the experience with the Gyron Junior engine assisted with the development of the Concorde's Rolls Royce Olympus power plant.

For questions or comments, contact Dr. Michel at marshall.michel@ramstein.af.mil.

MILITARY Matters

Civil engineers' corner

Dormatory managers needed:

The 435th CES currently has three openings for dormitory managers. We are seeking highly motivated individuals dedicated to providing unaccompanied residents quality service and a clean, safe and secure living environment. We are especially seeking female candidates to join our team.

Applicants must submit a UPH Dorm Manager application and a copy of their last three EPRs. They must also meet the following criteria: be at least a staff sergeant with 7-level training or a technical sergeant, have two years retainability on station, must reside within 30 minutes of the commuting area, must meet AF fitness standards of at least an 80, have not received a Selective Re-Enlistment Bonus, have commander approval and be in a releasable AFSC.

If interested in applying for one of these positions, contact Master Sgt. Bradford Berry at the Dormitory Reception Center, Bldg. 2413, or at 480-3676.

Roof repair on Ramstein:

Roofs are currently being repaired on Bldgs. 520, 544 and 545 on Ramstein. Existing roof coverings, some substructures, gutters and downspouts are being replaced.

The total value is $693,000. The new roofs will provide enhanced energy efficiency and long-term upgrades to the facilities.

Completion is planned for March 6. Work is being accomplished by the 435th CES Programs Flight.

For more information, call 480-9043.

Father, son promote African American History Month

by Airman
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Photos by Airman 1st Class Kenny Holston

Lt. Col. Alfred Flowers, 435th Medical Support Squadron commander, gives an inspirational speech at the African American History Month luncheon Jan. 30 on Ramstein. The month dedicated to African American heritage kicked-off with the luncheon and will be celebrated throughout the month of February.

A 30-year-old wooden name plate might not mean a lot to many people, but to one Airman, the carved wood with the engraved words "Lt. Al Flowers" is priceless because it was given to him by his father when he was a lieutenant.

Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, 2nd Air Force commander at Kessler Air Force Base, Miss., and Lt. Col. Alfred Flowers Jr., 435th Medical Support Squadron commander, are a rare breed of Air Force African American father-son duos – made even more unique by their rank.

"I am extremely proud to come from such great lineage. We are just like a regular father and son doing our everyday jobs," Colonel Flowers said. "I never thought we would be in the situation we are in today. My dad would always talk about attention to detail and to do your best, and the rest will follow."

With the mentorship of his parents, Colonel Flowers did not feel pressure to join the Air Force, even though it seemed to be the family job. It actually came as a surprise when they realized he wanted to join the ranks of the Air Force.

After getting his master's degree in hospital administration, Colonel Flowers called his parents one day and said, "Why don't you come on down to the Air Force recruiter and enlist me in the military."

Though it came as a shock to his parents, he knew he wanted to be part of the family gig.

"I wanted to be part of a bigger cause, be a leader in the profession of arms and pursue servanthood," he added.

With his father as a senior leader and his mother a former military training instructor, life was interesting as an only child.

"I got a lot of good mentorship. Just like any other kid, there were highs and lows," the medical commander said. "My parents were always there to dust me off, pick me up and tell me that I can do anything I set my sights on."

General Flowers is not only part of one of the few African American father-son teams, but he is also one of the few officers with the length of service he has on active duty. He was prior enlisted for 13 years and went to officer school as a master sergeant, Colonel Flowers said.

The leadership he grasped as a non-commissioned officer not only made General Flowers into who he is today, but also paved the way for his son.

Several paintings are displayed for the African American History Month luncheon Jan. 30 at the Ramstein Officers' Club.

"His earlier roots and upbringing in the enlisted ranks rubbed off on me," the colonel said. "I've never had the fortune of serving as an enlisted member, but I think it would have made me a better officer in the long run."

As they look back, neither father nor son would have thought they would be where they are today.

"I feel very fortunate and blessed to be serving on active duty with my father," Colonel Flowers said. "It's a very rare thing, but we don't take it for granted."

Even though his son is a grown man, the general still imparts advice to him.

"Do your best every day, maintain a positive attitude and always remember it is not about him. We are all servants," General Flowers said.

As part of African American History month, both father and son have speaking engagements planned. General Flowers is scheduled to give speeches throughout Air Education and Training Command, while Colonel Flowers recently spoke at the KMC luncheon at the Ramstein Officers' Club Jan. 30.

"As a people, our quest with citizenship has been intertwined with our struggles. Today, we celebrate (those) achievements and struggles to kick off Black History Month," Colonel Flowers said at the luncheon.

For both to hold such high titles, it is not hard to imagine they both would speak at some point during the month.

"I think I am a role model for African Americans, but I believe all Airmen are role models," Colonel Flowers said. "There is only one color in my mind – blue. We can really leave a legacy for others to inspire to."

While it is an honor to speak on behalf of their African American heritage, both General and Colonel Flowers know they are an inspiration for all Airmen.

"As a general officer, my responsibility is to be a role model for all," the general said. "It is an honor to serve with all of you and always remember service is what we do."

For those in attendance at the luncheon on Ramstein, it was a memorable experience to have everyone come together to celebrate the month's heritage.

"For all of us to join together to celebrate (African American History Month) is truly a great feeling," said Airman 1st Class Marissa Joseph, 435th Services Squadron food service apprentice. "This allows not only the black community to become stronger, but makes the Air Force stronger as a whole. It is nice to be able to relish in the history of our people and to live for a better tomorrow."

As for the wooden name plate, the colonel hopes to pass it on to one of his sons one day and keep the hardware in the family – not only passing down a treasured piece of family history, but also a part of African American heritage.

Photos by Senior Airman Levi Riendeau

(LEFT) School children listen to a briefing about the history and mission of U.S. Air Forces in Europe during Job Shadow Day Feb. 5 on Ramstein. Job Shadow Day is a nationwide effort to introduce young people to the working community through active participation. (ABOVE) Gen. Roger A. Brady, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, speaks to more than 40 children of Headquarters USAFE members during Job Shadow Day. General Brady talked to the children about his job as the commander and the importance of what their parents do for the Air Force.

Students participate in Job Shadow Day

by Airman Alexandria Mosness
435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Students around the KMC flooded servicemembers' offices and workplaces Feb. 5 for Job Shadow Day to learn about different career fields throughout the military.

From firefighters to health technicians, Job Shadow Day gave students a taste of what it's like to work in a specific career field through events held at Ramstein, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Volgeweh and Sembach Annex.

"I hope Job Shadow Day ties together school and the workplace," said Jenifer Green, 435th Mission Support Group assistant schools liaison. "I hope the students see how school relates to the workplace. The specific studies they learn relate to jobs later in life, and this is what the day is designed to show them."

"It gives them motivation to do well in school," Ms. Green added. "Job Shadow Day allows the students to see the meaning of going to school. They can see there is a goal to work toward."

Base leadership was among the many who were excited for this teaching experience.

"It's important children know the jobs in the Air Force for future career paths," said Col. Don Bacon, 435th Air Base Wing commander, who also brought his children Jessica and Austin to work. "We are proud of the work we do, so we like to show the children our mission."

Military members weren't the only ones excited for this opportunity. The students also shared in the excitement.

"It's good that I have the chance to do this today," said Joshua Randel, Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet, who shadowed Colonel Bacon. "I like the military, and I wanted to see what it's like to be a commander – it's awesome."

Job Shadow Day was a great occasion for the students to learn not only what others do, but also what their parents do at their job.

"I really like the experience of Job Shadow Day," said Tori Hall, daughter of Jackie Bellard, Child Development Center child development program assistant. "It gave me a chance to experience what my mother does every day at the Ramstein Child Development Center. Working with young infants is really hard work, but I had fun playing and interacting with them."

Throughout the day, the students picked up a few tips from the people they were shadowing.

"I have learned not to dillydally and be late for work," said third-grader Tara Green, daughter of Col. Gus Green, 435th Air Base Wing vice commander.

Job Shadow Day showed students they can be whatever they want to be when they grow up, and the possibilities are endless.

"The most important thing for my daughter to realize is all avenues are open for her in the United States Air Force," Colonel Green said. "Whatever she wants to do, she can. It is really up to her. There are no limits to what she can become."

The day gave parents and children alike information to help with future choices.

"I believe it is important for parents to go back and discuss Job Shadow Day with their children," Ms. Green said. "When they follow up and talk about what their kids have learned, it stays on their mind. It doesn't matter if their children are younger or getting ready to go to college – these things they have learned will help bridge the gap between school and work."

Photos by Airman 1st Class Grovert Fuentes-Contreras

During Job Shadow Day, children experience different career fields in the Air Force including firefighters, commanders and more.

AROUND THE KMC

Photo by Airman 1st Class Caleb Pierce

Finance customer service

435th Comptroller Squadron customer service technicians help Master Sgt. Thaddeus Gravely (middle), 21st Weather Operations Squadron first sergeant, and Staff Sgt. Harold Davis (right), 86th Maintenance Squadron, with their finances Jan. 29 on Ramstein. The 435th Comptroller Squadron earned the 2008 Secretary of the Air Force Financial Management and Comptroller Organization of the Year Award.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Caleb Pierce

Buffalo Soldier

Tech. Sgt. Obia S. Clark (center), U.S. Air Forces in Europe Kisling Non-Commissioned Officer Academy instructor, receives master sergeant stripes from her mother, Doris Anthony (left), and retired Army Maj. Cecil Ward White in a promotion ceremony Jan. 30 on Kapuan. Mr. White is one of the remaining "Buffalo Soldiers" who led the way in assisting the 92nd Infantry Battalion, or "Buffalo Division," in ending segregation on base in 1944.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Kenny Holston

Early morning mission

A U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III is prepped and de-iced before take-off Feb. 5 on Ramstein in support of the day's mission to come. The C-17 later took off in route to the Area of Operation loaded with cargo to support U.S. forces on the ground. Ramstein is one of the busiest flying bases in U.S. Air Forces in Europe, supporting C-17s, C-5s and C-130s. Ramstein is also the in-between destination for deploying troops.

School notebook

New scholarships available

The University of Maryland is offering two new scholarships, one to active-duty students and one to spouses of active-duty members. For the active-duty members, the Orkand Family Military Book Award will pay $100 to qualifying students. For the spouses of active-duty members, the Orkand Family Military Fund will pay $1,000 per semester toward the cost of education to eligible spouses. Contact the University of Maryland at 480-5611/4866 to learn about eligibility requirements and application procedures for these scholarships.

AFAS grants available

The Air Force Aid Society provides $2,000 grants to selected sons and daughters of active-duty and retired military, selected reserve and surviving spouses of selected deceased members for undergraduate studies. For more information or to check your eligibility, visit the AFAS Web site at www.afas.org and download a copy of the application. Deadline for submission is March 6.

SIXTH-GRADER WINS LEMS SPELLING BEE

Alyssa Binosa, sixth-grader at Landstuhl Elementary/Middle School, wins the school spelling bee Wednesday by spelling the word Whirligig, which means something that whirls or revolves. Alyssa will represent LEMS at the European Spelling Bee later in the spring.

Courtesy photo

Job shadow day through the eyes of a fifth-grader

by Autumn June
Kaiserslautern Elementary School fifth-grader

My friends are always telling me how lucky I am because I got to shadow my mom for National Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

She is the reporter for the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, and on job shadow day, I got to see other jobs and meet a lot of nice people because my mom had to write a story for the base newspapers – the Herald Post and Kaiserslautern American.

This year's job shadow day was Feb. 5. I invited two of my friends, Alexcia Dunn and Ray Martin, to come with me, and we followed my mom, Christine June. We got to see six different types of professions, including my mom's job.

First, we got to see a little bit of what military chaplains and their assistants do because we attended the garrison's National Prayer Breakfast.

Yes, we got to eat breakfast. Oh man, I was hungry too, and I got a meal fit for a king – scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausages and my favorite, bacon.

There were a lot of people, and it was very loud. My friend Isaac Vinson was there with his parents, Staff Sgt. Jonathan and Emma Vinson. I don't know what his mom does, but his dad is one of the garrison's chaplain assistants who organized this event. He did a very good job because the decorations were very nice and the food was great. And, the adults seemed to like all the talking stuff.

Photo by Christine June

Don Breton, U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Pulaski Auto Skills manager, explaines a lot of stuff to us about what is underneath a car Feb. 5 during National Groundhog Job Shadow Day on Pulaski Barracks.

My mom said that the National Prayer Breakfast is a yearly event usually held on the first Thursday of February. It's a chance for world leaders to get to know each other so we can all get along better. That sounds pretty good to me. I think they should have breakfast together every morning.

Ray helped his mom, Lt. Col. Mechelle Hale, welcome everyone to the event. He was learning about his mom's job as the garrison's commander. I asked him if he was nervous talking in front of all those people, and he said, "No, I've been in plays."

Then, we went with my mom to the American Forces Network on Vogelweh to be on the radio. Mom goes there every Thursday morning to talk about garrison events and the top stories in the Herald Post. I've been on the radio before – no sweat for me. Demarrio Spence, the morning show DJ, is very nice.

He had a shadow too – his son, Nicholas. Ray and I talked on the radio, but Alexcia was too shy.

After AFN, we saw a military working dog demonstration by the 230th Military Police Company on Vogelweh. We all got to hide the scent stuff – training aids – for the dogs to find. This was Ray's favorite part. Alexcia said she liked it too. I also liked hiding the scent stuff, but the dog did find it pretty fast.

While talking to the MPs, I found out that this was the first time they held the demonstration for job shadow day.

At this event, we also got to go in a police car and Humvee thanks to the 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron. And, that's always fun.

Now, we were a little bit behind our schedule, and we literally ran to the Pulaski Auto Skills. I went there last year too, and it's a lot of fun because we get to go underneath a car. Both Alexcia and Ray had never been under a car before.

Don Breton, who is a very nice man, is the Pulaski Auto Skills manager. He showed us a car's engine and that all the bright yellow levers means it's a fluid important for maintenance. We used my mommy's car, and luckily, all the fluids were at the right levels.

Mr. Breton said that he likes job shadow day.

"I can take the time to show you what to look for and how to care for your car before you even start to drive," he explained. "I like having

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you here because you learn and that will make you a smart and safe driver (in the future)."

We were really late now, but my mom had promised the people who work at the garrison's Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation on Pulaski Barracks that we would come. I'm sure glad we did. This was my favorite job of the day.

Dennis Read, who is a recreation assistant at Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation, showed us the difference between a waxed ski and one that wasn't waxed. And, we also got to wax a ski. You have to start at one of the ends and make sure you go in one direction. It's much harder than you think.

This was also the first year that Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation gave a tour for job shadow day.

Everyone there was very nice, and they gave each of us a prize – ChapStick with a world on it. It's very cool.

This was the sixth year that I have shadowed my mom, but this was the first time that I actually tried doing her job.

I did interviews – lots of them. Mom said that at least two people need to be quoted in every newspaper article, and it's important to interview as many people as possible to get the complete story.

It was kind of hard to keep thinking of the questions, and I never really appreciated how much walking my mom does when covering stories.

She laughed when I told her that and said, "You should try it while carrying the camera."

I lifted her camera bag up and said, "No thank you."

Mom said the writing is easier when you make sure you get all the information you need, like complete names, duty titles and units of the people you are interviewing.

You also have to get the official names of agencies, like Pulaski Auto Skills, or events, like it's the National Groundhog Job Shadow Day not just job shadow day. I didn't know that.

"See, there are a lot of questions that you need to ask," my mom said.

And, I don't know about the writing being easier. It took me most of the weekend to write this story, and writing for a newspaper is way different from the stories I write in school.

My mom's job wasn't my least favorite of the day, but it sure was my least favorite of the weekend.

I don't think I'm as lucky as my friends think, and next year, I think I'm going to shadow the guys at Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation, and I also want to do the National Prayer Breakfast thing again.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Scott Saldukas

Army Lt. Col. Robert Kimbrough, NASA astronaut, talks with Ramstein Middle School students during a Feb. 4 visit to Ramstein. Colonel Kimbrough was one of six astronauts who participated in an Armed Forces Entertainment tour to visit servicemembers downrange and students in the KMC.

Astronauts provide out-of-this-world experience for Ramstein students

by Airman Alexandria Mosness
435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

While the recollection of one's childhood dreams might seem absurd now, this is not the case for a few individuals who fulfilled their adolescent fantasies by becoming astronauts.

Six astronauts from the Space Shuttle Endeavour STS-126 mission made the last stop of their tour to speak with Ramstein students Feb. 5.

"I am deployed out of this world," said Army Lt. Col. Shane Kimbrough, who was a mission specialist on the Endeavour. "But there is nothing better than my job, and I wouldn't trade my experience for the world."

The students greatly anticipated the astronauts' presentations and they were not disappointed.

"The opportunity for the students to meet real life astronauts is quite wonderful," said Gerry Adams, Ramstein Middle School sixth grade science teacher. "The kids need to see them and realize they are real people who get to do extreme adventures. These astronauts are out there doing these exciting and rewarding careers, and by meeting them, the students realize they can too."

The students had the opportunity to ask questions and all seemed to wonder about the food.

"You have to Velcro everything or else your utensils are flying around, along with your drink," said Colonel Kimbrough with a chuckle. "Everything is freeze dried. You could compare them to meals-ready-to-eat."

When asked by the curious students what the best thing about being in space was, it was hard for the colonel to decide.

"It is a really great feeling to be weightless, but I also love spacewalks," he said. "And, you can't beat looking at the earth through the space station's windows."

At the end of the presentation, the students were quite pleased with everything they had learned.

"They were amazing," said sixth-grader Quinton Dietz. "It is so cool to learn about space travel and to be able to hear their stories and what they have seen."

From his inspiration to become an astronaut to present day, Colonel Kimbrough talked of when he knew he wanted to become an astronaut.

"Buzz Aldrin, the second person to step on the moon, inspired me to become an astronaut," Colonel Kimbrough said. "I remember when I was a little kid, seeing him on the television and deciding I was going to become an astronaut. When I joined the Army, I thought the dream was gone, but some years down the road my dream came true."

Colonel Kimbrough reminded the students their dreams can also come true with hard work.

"If you hope to walk on the moon one day, do well in math and science," he said. "Study hard, and maybe you can be an astronaut one day."

It was not only a great experience for the students, but the Endeavour crew was also excited about the chance to highlight their mission.

"It was a great experience to be able to share with the students what we do," said Navy Capt. Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper, whose NASA team launched from Kennedy Space Center in Florida Nov. and returned Nov. 30. "Their questions and curiosity never seems to fail. I love showing them they can be whatever they want to be."

Ramstein was the last stop of the Endeavour's tour after the NASA team visited troops downrange.

"Being able to go downrange this trip was a great experience for us all," Colonel Kimbrough said. "We just love to thank all military members for their service. It's a real thrill to look them in the face and tell them we are proud of what they do."

Also included in the Endeavour crew were Navy Capt. Shane Ferguson, mission commander, and Col. Eric Boe, Navy Capt. Steve Bowen and Donald Pettit, who are all mission specialists.

The last leg of the crew's trip was deemed a success and reminded everyone childhood dreams can come true.

KES students take part in B.E.A.R Month

Story and photo by
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Kaiserslautern Elementary School

Students and teachers at Kaiserslautern Elementary School took part in B.E.A.R. (Be Enthusiastic About Reading) Month in January as a way to foster interest in reading.

The event, organized by KES reading specialist Sheri Thomas, was a fun way to get students and parents excited about doing a little extra reading. During the month, the emphasis on reading was even greater than usual, incorporating the "bear" theme throughout.

For several weeks, students enjoyed a number of bear-related reading activities. Many classes used the opportunity to study and research different kinds of bears, including their characteristics and habitats. The month started with "Wear a Bear Day." On this day, students and staff wore something that included a bear on it, whether it was a piece of clothing, a hat or a pin. The week followed with "Teddy Bear Day," where students brought their favorite teddy bears from home into school. Students used their bears for math and a variety of writing activities.

There was also a special day set aside for guest readers to come into the classrooms and read stories to the students. Some classes even invited guest readers throughout the entire month. Many parents volunteered to come into their children's classrooms to read stories.

Another fun day was "Bear Buddy Day." Upper level grades paired up with younger classes to work with a "Bear Buddy" on partner reading, writing stories or doing bear-related math problems. Even preschoolers were paired up with first and second graders to work on bear projects together. Allowing students of different ages to work together toward a common goal gave them a sense of learning from one another.

Fourth-graders at Kaiserslautern Elementary School enjoy lounging in the library during the Read-In event.

A primary grade and an upper grade book swap was also held in January. Students could bring books from home that they were finished reading and trade them for new books. Many students went home with bags of new books to read. To help parents participate in reading with and to their children, the two long weekends in January were labeled as Family Reading Weekends.

Families were encouraged to use the time together at home to read together, read to each other, visit the base library and talk about books and reading.

The most enjoyable day was the Read-In. Students could wear their pajamas, bring pillows and blankets and cuddle with their favorite teddy bear while spending the day reading. The school library offered time slots when classes could come in and snuggle up anywhere in the library with a good book for some silent reading.

B.E.A.R. month at KES was once again a successful event, and the students had a fantastic time reading with and about their favorite bears.

RHS students donate backpacks to needy children in Senegal

by Lynn Anyanwu
Ramstein High School

The Ramstein High School Spanish and Multicultural Club organized a service project to help collect school supplies for orphanage school children in Dakar, Senegal.

The service project started four years ago when club sponsor Lynn Anyanwu recounted her school days in Okigwe, Nigeria. She explained that they sat on the floor and used a stick to take notes on the dirt floor.

This story galvanized her students to do something to help the many children who can not afford a quality education.

The Educational Backpack Project was started four years ago by Ms. Anyanwu's dance club in Yokosuka, Japan. It has since provided many impoverish school children in India and Africa a means to obtain a quality education.

This year, RHS Spanish and Multicultural Club students set a goal of donating 100 backpacks. The project began the second week of December and ended Jan. 20. In one month, the clubs surpassed their goal. With the help of RHS students and various organizations in the KMC, the students collected 368 backpacks and school bags filled with school supplies.

The clubs intended to donate the packs with supplies only to Mame Diarra Orphanage School in Dakar, Senegal. Because of the tremendous amount of generosity from donors, the clubs will now donate the backpacks and supplies to four different schools in Senegal.

With excitement and anticipation, club members packed the backpacks full of supplies Jan. 23.

The shipment departed from Hamburg Feb. 7 and is scheduled to arrive in Dakar, Senegal, Tuesday. The backpacks and school supplies will be distributed the week of Feb. 23.

Ms. Anyanwu said she hopes to receive updates via pictures and video by early March to share with the KMC.

Photo by Barb Gonzales

Students at Ramstein High School collect school supplies for orphanage school children in Senegal.

February 2009

Mark your calendar

The Ramstein Commissary hosts a **Seafood Road Show** from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Saturday. There will be live music and product demonstrations. Products such as tiger shrimp, Slipper lobster tail and Tilapia fillets will be on sale.

In cooperation with the German-American Friendship Society Saar-Pfalz, **Homburg offers a "Baroque Soiree,"** a guided discovery tour in English to explore American traces in the old part of town Feb. 20. After the tour, typical food of the "Royal Deux-Ponts" and George Washington era can be tasted. Participants meet at 7 p.m. in the public library (Stadtbibliothek/Stadtcafé)at the historical market place in the old part of town. For details and reservation, e-mail beate.ruffing@saarpfalz-kreis.de or call 06841-1048215. Cost is €9 per person.

Show your appreciation for your "Right Arm" guy or gal Feb. 27 at Armstrong's Club. Tickets must be purchased in advance for $10. Stop by Bldg. 2933, Room 214, to purchase your tickets today. Cash only. For more information, call 493-4558 or 0631-3406-4558.

"American Idol" contestant Bucky Covington will perform live at 8 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Kazabra Club. The event is free and brought to you in part by FMWR, the United Service Organizations and the USO Worldwide Strategic Partners. For more information, go online to www.mwrgermany.com or call 489-7261 or 0631-536-7261.

Monastery Stift Hofgut Kloster Machern, located among vineyards on the Moselle River near Wittlich, will feature a painting exhibit until Feb. 28 in their historical toy and icon museum. Local artist Emil Schmidt loaned his paintings to the exhibit, which detail spring flowers and scenery. Among its many attractions, the Kloster Machern monastery has guided tours, an on-site brewery and museums. For more information on the monastery or for directions, call 06532 951 640 (English is spoken) or visit the monastery's Web site at www.klostermachern.de.

The **Sunny Coyote Volksmarching Club** is hosting a volksmarch/shopping trip to Rothenburg Feb. 28. The cost of the trip is €30 for non-members and €15 for children. For more information, call 06337-8732 or e-mail helina@arcor.de.

The Ramstein Commissary is hosting a **Black History Month celebration** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. There will be a special guest speaker, performances by students from Ramstein Elementary School and a buffet.

The **Kazabra Club hosts a Sweetheart's Party** from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday. Dance the night away with that special someone. Dress in red and be eligible to win special prizes, including a trip from Enjoy Tours. For more information, visit www.mwrgermany.com or call 489-7261 or 0631-536-7261.

KMC Mom2Mom hosts its semi-annual promotional event Saturday and Sunday at the Vogelweh Commissary. If you are a new mom or mom to be, come visit our booth. There will be a free drawing for an electric dual breast pump and other items for baby and new moms. E-mail help@kmcmom2mom.org for more information.

Bring your sweetheart to The Kazabra Club from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday and enjoy special games and prizes. You could even win a trip from Enjoy Tours. Doors open at 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.mwrgermany.com or call 489-7261 or 0631-536-7261.

Join Army Outdoor Recreation during President's Day weekend, today to Monday, for an excursion. There will be an Interlaken, Switzerland, ski trip, which includes transportation, three night's stay in a hotel or hostel and breakfast. Lift tickets and equipment rental available at additional cost. There will be a weekend in Prague, which includes transportation and lodging. And there will be a Laax-Flims, Switzerland, ski weekend, which includes transportation and three night's hotel stay. Lift tickets and equipment rental available at additional cost.

The Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses Association presents **"Make it, Bake it, Take it"** at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Ramstein Officers' Club. Be crafty with your ideas from quilting and themed baskets to cooking and scrap booking. Bring an item and receive tickets to enter drawings for prizes. To make a reservation by Tuesday, e-mail klsa_reservations@yahoo.com or visit www.klsagrapevine.org.

Friday Night Texas Hold 'em registration begins at 6 p.m. and the first deal begins at 7 p.m. at the Landstuhl Club, Bldg. 3780. Call 486-7244 or 0631-15873 for more information.

Super Saturday Texas Hold 'em registration begins at 6 p.m. Saturdays and first deal begins at 7 p.m. at the Landstuhl Community Club, Bldg. 3780 on Landstuhl Post. For more information, call 486-7244 or 06371-86-7244.

Play **late night bingo** from 9 p.m. to midnight Sunday. Free food and soft drinks will be offered as well as special games and prizes, including a trip from Enjoy Tours. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.mwrgermany.com or call 489-7261 or 0631-536-7261.

Enjoy **Salsa Night at Armstrong's** Saturday. The hot sights and sounds of salsa music will fill Armstrong's Club, located in Bldg. 1036 on Vogelweh Housing. This free event features a live DJ and food and beverages. For more information, call 0631-354-9926.

Enjoy country music DJing all night at **Cadillac Country**, 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Saturdays at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 1036. For more information, call 489-7261 or 0631-536-7261.

Karaoke Night at the Kazabra Club takes place from 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in Bldg. 1036. Bring your friends and show off that singing talent. For more information, call 489-7261 or 0631-536-7261.

Meetings

KMC Mom2Mom will have a **mentor training Feb. 28.** If you have breastfed for at least three months and are interested in supporting other breastfeeding moms, contact us. The M2M breastfeeding support group meets 9:30 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Ramstein North Chapel conference room to educate on breastfeeding and answer questions. For more information, e-mail help@kmcmom2mom.org or visit www.kmcmom2mom.org.

The American Legion Post GR01 will hold post meetings at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Bldg. 368 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks. For more information, call Stephen Ward at 486-7516 or wardtrans@yahoo.com. Visit the Post GR01 Web site at www.ktownamericanlegion.org.

U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in Bldg. 2929 on Pulaski Barracks. Founded in 1989, BOSS is an organization that helps single, unaccompanied military members with recreation and leisure, community service and well-being issues. For details, call 493-4344.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10614 hosts a post meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 10 in Bldg. 368 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks. For more information, call Stephen Ward at 486-7516 or wardtrans@yahoo.com. Visit the Post 10614 Web site at www.ktownvfw.org.

There will be a **grief support group meeting** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Kapaun chapel annex. The meeting is an opportunity for people grieving a death to talk and share. For details, call Chaplain (Maj.) Ted Wilson at 480-6148.

AF celebrates African American History Month

Each February, the country recognizes African American History Month to highlight the struggles and triumphs of millions of American citizens during some of the most devastating obstacles in the nation's history – slavery, prejudice, poverty – and looks at their contributions to the nation's cultural and political life.

This is of particular interest to those in the American military because for the first time in history, the U.S. armed forces is led by an African American commander in chief.

On June 1, 1949, Air Force officials published regulations ending segregation, thus becoming the first of all U.S. military service branches to complete integration of African American personnel into all-white units.

The first celebration to commemorate the contributions to the nation made by people of African descent occurred Feb. 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist and editor Frederick Douglas, as well as President Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Since then, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African American History Month.

President Barack Obama, the 44th commander in chief, is recognized by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute in an original artwork available for download. To download the artwork, visit www.deomi.org.

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

Photo by Ronald Dimalanta

Clarissa and Francis Dimalanta get up close to see The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk Oct. 18 in London, England. The memorial walk is a seven-mile-long circular walking trail that passes several sites in London associated with the life of Princess Diana.

Courtesy photo

Alexia, Christoffer, Walter and Annya Herrera take a Christmas trip to the Colosseum Dec. 25 in Rome, Italy.

Photo by Jacqueline Stovall

Harold and Kimberly Davis take a break from snowboarding Jan. 17 in Interlaken, Switzerland.

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From left, Carl, Cariema and Toniette Wood visit the Louvre Museum Jan. 3 while vacationing in Paris, France.

Courtesy photo

Col. Greg Petrequin and Maj. Jeanette Petrequin visit an animal orphanage Jan. 6 while vacationing in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa.

Conversational German Classes:

Conversational German Classes will be held for 10 weeks and cost €70 per person (cash only). Below is a list of upcoming classes. Call Viktoria Ehrhardt at 0631-72255 for more information or to sign up.

ROB Army Education Center, Bldg. 285, Classroom 1

- Level I - 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Wednesday, begins March 9
- Level II - 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, begins March 10
- Level II - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, begins March 9

Landstuhl Army Education Center, Bldg. 3701, Classroom 3

- Level I - 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, begins March 9
- Level II - 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, begins March 10
- Level III - 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, begins March 9

Classes and training

The **Kaiserslautern Transition Center** periodically holds pre-separation briefings and quarterly pre-retirement briefings. These briefings are held at the Transition Center located on Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3245, Room 6. The pre-separation briefings are held the first Tuesday of the month and should be attended between 60 and 90 days out from separation date. Any Soldier considering retiring should attend the Pre-Retirement briefing. Reservations are not necessary for the pre-separation briefing. For those wishing to attended the pre-retirement briefing or for more information, call 483-7071/7380 or 0631411-7071/7380.

Anger and stress management classes begin March 11. The four-week class meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 2121, Room 313 (medical clinic). Call 479-2370 or 06371-46-2370 to sign up.

Tax time is here, and now is the perfect time to get your finances in order. The Airman & Family Readiness Center, in conjunction with Service Credit Union, offers a "Managing Your Money" class from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday in the A&FRC classroom. Call 480-5100 for more information or to reserve a seat.

The Kaiserslautern Transition Center hosts a pre-separation briefing from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. March 3 in Bldg. 3245 on Kleber Kaserne. Soldiers are required to take this presentation at least 90 days prior to separating (not retiring) from the Army. To register, call 483-7071 or 0631-411-7071.

The Kaiserslautern Transition Center hosts a briefing on Career Status Bonus Wednesday in Bldg. 3245 on Kleber Kaserne. This class is for Soldiers who reach the 15-year mark and are eligible for a $30,000 bonus. To register, call 483-7071 or 0631-411-7071.

The Airman & Family Readiness Center offers a **Heart Link Spouse Orientation** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Ramstein Officers' Club, Suite 4. Attendees learn about the base mission, use of acronyms, pay and entitlements and community resources. Call the A&FRC at 480-5100 for more information or to sign-up.

The Kaiserslautern Transition Center hosts a preretirement briefing from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 14 in Bldg. 3245 on Kleber Kaserne. At least once prior to retirement, Soldiers and their family members should attend this briefing. To register, call 483-7071 or 0631-3406-7071.

"**1-2-3 Magic" Part 1** will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in Bldg. 2121 (medical clinic), Room 115. Learn effective discipline for children ages 2 to 12, and learn how to handle difficult behavior such as whining, teasing and sibling rivalry. Call Family Advocacy at 479-2370 or 06371-46-2370 to sign up.

"1-2-3 Magic" Part 2 will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 17 in Bldg. 2121 (medical clinic), Room 115. Come learn how to encourage your children to pick up after themselves, get up in the mornings, begin their homework and go to bed. Call Family Advocacy at 479-2370 or 06371-46-2370 to sign up.

The **Airman & Family Readiness Center offers its monthly Sponsorship Training Class** from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the Airman & Family Readiness Center classroom. Contact the A&FRC for class dates and to sign-up.

U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern is hosting the next **Officer Candidate School board** March 3 to 6 at the garrison's conference room in Bldg. 2933 on Pulaski Barracks. Enrollment packets must be turned in on an appointment basis only by Sunday to the garrison's directorate of human resources, Room 102 in Bldg. 2933 on Pulaski Barracks. For more information, visit www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/opdistacc/ocs/ocs_appl.htm or e-mail Spc. Vicent Holtzman at micah.holtzman@eur.army.mil.

Learn to strip, maintain and rebuild a motorbike from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at a fully-equipped location. During the next 15 weeks, a qualified and experienced mechanic will teach how to strip, maintain, upgrade and rebuild motorbikes. The course start date will be confirmed after enrollment. The course costs €100, payable in advance. For more information, call Tony Nelson at 017620-444926 or 606-258-1327.

The **ROB Army Education Center** will administer the Automotive Service Excellence Certification Examination May 12 to 14. Deadline for registration is at noon March 5. For more information or to register, call Nikol Handeland at 493-2593 0631-3406-2593.

The 7th U.S. Army Joint Multinational Training Command's Training Support Center-Kaiserslautern has training resources and Department of Army photo capabilities and is located in Bldg. 3266 on Kleber Kaserne. Opening hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. For details, call 483-7311 or 0631-411-7490.

Employee Assistance Program-Substance Abuse Training for all Department of Army civilians is 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the Learning Center, Bldg. 3718 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. This counts as one hour of the three-hour annual requirement for Department of Army civilians. This training will focus on the impact of addiction on families. For details, call Heather Robinson at 486-1710 or e-mail heather.a.robinson1@us.army.mil.

SKIESUnlimited offers individual flute lessons for children and teens. Sessions will be held Wednesdays at the Landstuhl Youth Center. Students can learn new techniques and control, as well as progressive studies and music. Recitals are held twice a year in the spring and fall. For class times and registration, call Central Enrollment at 493-4516 or 0631-3406-4516.

SKIESUnlimited offers **classes on classic riding**, dressage and vaulting for children and teens ages 4 to 18. Satisfaction is guaranteed with a money back policy on the first lesson. The stables are located just 15 minutes from Landstuhl. For more information or to enroll, contact Central Enrollment at 493-4516/4122 or 0631-3406-4516/4122.

Chapel news

The **KMC Catholic Service is accepting bids for the contract positions** of Ramstein Catholic lifeteen music director and Catholic religious education coordinator. Music director duties include leading the choir and lifeteen band for the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass, special holidays and for other services as needed. Previous directing experience is preferred. The position of education coordinator encompasses the needs of children from preschool through fifth grade as well as sacramental preparations. The chapel will be accepting bids until 4 p.m. Feb. 20. The Statement of Work for the position can be picked up at the North Chapel from Monday to Friday. For more details, call 480-5753.

The KMC chapter of the Military Council of Catholic Women (a Catholic women's group) invites you to its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. March 2 at the Ramstein Northside Chapel Annex. The theme for this month's meeting is "Ask a Priest Night." We will begin with a rosary, followed by a potluck dinner. All are welcome to attend. Child care will be provided. For more information, e-mail kmcmccw@hotmail.com or call Davina Gill at 06374-805939.

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KMC cultural highlights

The following is a list of performances and events happening in the KMC and nearby. Dates are subject to change.

Performing arts:

Kammgarn Kaiserslautern:

• French Touch presents tango, musette and jazz, 8:30 p.m. today. Tickets cost €13.

• Corvus Corax play Goth and Middle Ages music, 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost €16.

• Bernard Allison & Band perform blues, rock, soul and funk, 8 p.m. Thursday. Tickets cost €15.

• Singer and songwriter Eric Fish & Friends perform romantic songs, 8 p.m. Feb. 20. Tickets cost €14.

• Coppelius presents metal 'n' rock on classical instruments, 8 p.m. Feb. 27. Tickets cost €16.

• No Music in K-Town features upcoming rock stars: Karlsson with guitar intros and cryptic songs, Season Eleven with pop punk and Out of Range with alternative and classic rock, 8 p.m. Feb. 28. Tickets cost €6. For more information, visit www.kammgarn.de or call 0631-365-2548.

• Midnight Mover and special guests, 9:30 p.m. Monday. Visit www.midnightmover.de.

Pfalztheater Kaiserslautern:

• "Hair," a musical by Galt McDermot, in German, 7:30 p.m. today, March 8, 12, 22 and 27

• "Briefe des Van Gogh," Van Gogh's letters, a chamber opera by Grigori Frid, 8 p.m. today in Jean-Schoen-Halle on garden fair area

• "Der König Kandaules," an opera by Alexander Zemlinski, based on the drama "Le Roi Candaule" by André Gide, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and 20

• "Shockheaded Peter," a junk opera, 8 p.m. Saturday

• "Rumpelstilzchen," a ballet fairy tale by Stefano Gianetti, 4 p.m. Sunday

• "Kabale und Liebe," a drama by Friedrich Schiller, in German, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Feb. 27, March 1, 3, 6, 14, 21 and 24

• "L'Orfeo," an opera by Claudio Monteverdi, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28, March 4, 13 and 24

• Chamber concert: Trio for Clarinet, with works by Brahms, Chatschaturjan and Schostakowitsch, 11 a.m. Feb. 22

For more information, call 0631-3675-209 or visit www.pfalztheater.de.

• Mystic Worlds: The Return of the Shaolin, a kung fu show about the life of Shaolin monks, 8 p.m. Feb. 20. Tickets cost €24 to €44. Visit www.proticket.de.

Fruchthalle Kaiserslautern:

• Jazz stage meets Hungaria with saxophonist Tony Lakatos, 8 p.m. today

• The German State Philharmonics Rheinland-Pfalz presents a symphony concert with works by Jean Sibelius, Joseph Haydn and Modest Mussorgski, 8 p.m. Thursday.

• Concert Highlight International/Chamber Concert: "Two Majesties," with works by Johann Sebastian Bach and Astor Piazzolla, 8 p.m. Feb. 26. For details, call the office of arts at 0631-365-1410, stop at the Kaiserslautern Tourist Office, Fruchthallstrasse14 or visit www.fruchthalle.de.

Jugend- und Programmzentrum (JUZ), Steinstrasse 47, Kaiserslautern:

• The band Pop 2 Soul presents a diversified repertoire with works by Randy Crawford, Lionel Ritchie, Simply Red, Toto, 8 p.m. today. Tickets cost €6.50. For details, visit juz-kl.de or call 0631-4145452.

Haus des Bürgers, Ramstein-Miesenbach:

• The brass band Mnozil Brass performs old and new songs, 8 p.m. Sunday. Tickets cost €28 to €32.

• The German country band Truck Stop present German country music, 8 p.m. Feb. 27. tickets cost €29.

For reservations, call 06371-592-220 or e-mail HdB@ramstein-miesenbach.de.

Stadthalle, Landstuhl:

• The RBO Brass of the Rundfunk-Blasorchester Leipzig perform popular and jazz titles, 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost €16.50 to €20.50. For tickets, call 06371-923-444 or visit www.stadthalle-landstuhl.de.

Staatstheater, Saarbrücken, Schillerplatz 1:

• The American Drama Group presents "Romeo and Juliette," a drama by William Shakespeare, in English, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For tickets and details, call 0681-3093-486 or visit www.theater-saarbruecken.de.

Miscellaneous:

• Ramstein-Miesenbach, Haus des Bürgers, Prunksitzung (fun Fasching session), 7:30 p.m. Saturday

• Enkenbach-Alsenborn, Alsenzhalle, Fasching party, 8 p.m. Saturday

• Mehlbach, Pfalzwaldhalle: Fasching dance, 8 p.m. Saturday; children's Fasching party, 2 p.m. Sunday

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Chills & Thrills Tour

The Kammgarn Kaiserslautern presents Bernard Allison & Band performing blues, rock, soul and funk at 8 p.m. Thursday. Tickets cost €15. For advance tickets, visit www.kammgarn.de or call 0631-365-2548.

• Katzweiler, Lautertalhalle, children's Fasching party, 2:30 p.m. Sunday

• Landstuhl, Stadthalle, children's Fasching party, 2 p.m. Sunday

• Niederkirchen, Westpfalzhalle, Old Women's Fasching with dancing, 8 p.m. Thursday. Motto is: Muppets Show in Las Vegas.

• Mackenbach, Bürgerhalle, children's Fasching party, 2 p.m. Feb. 22

• Dansenberg, Sporthalle: Fasching party under the motto "Night of Vampires," 8 p.m. Feb. 21. Advance tickets are available in restaurant in Sporthalle 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Rose Monday ball is 8 p.m. Feb. 23; children's Fasching party is 2 p.m. Feb. 24.

• Erfenbach, Kreuzsteinhalle, Fasching Saturday party with band Transonic, 8 p.m. Feb. 21. Advance tickets are available at Volksbank in Otterbach.

• Pirmasens, Messe (fair), Fishing, Hunting, Nature and Horseback Riding, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today through Sunday. Visit www.messe-anjana.de for details.

Flea markets:

• Ramstein, flea market hall, Flurstrasse, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

• Kirchheimbolanden, Festplatz, Saturday

• Bad Dürkheim, An der Saline (near saltworks), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

• Metz, France, Parc des Expositons, 6 a.m. to noon Saturday

Antique markets:

• Frankfurt, Jahrhunderthalle, Casino Antique & Art, today, Saturday and Sunday

• Prüm (north of Bitburg, B51), Mehrzweckhalle and Messegelände, Saturday and Sunday

• Backnang (southeast of Heilbronn, B14) Stadthalle, Saturday

For more information, visit. www.troedlerundsammeln.de.

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USAG Kaiserslautern HAPPENINGS

Outdoor Recreation
Fun and adventure

Army Outdoor Recreation offers a variety of trips every week! Check out what's scheduled for the rest of the month of February:

14	Alpine Ski Express
15	Feldberg Ski Express
18	After-Work Snowboard Lessons
20-22	Paris Weekend, France
21	Alpine Ski Express
21	Cheb & Karlovy-Vary Shopping Express, Czech Republic
22	Caracalla Spa Day, Baden-Baden
23	Fasching Parade/Carnival in Mainz
27-1	Garmisch Ski Weekend
28	Alpine Ski Express
28	Ice Skating in Zweibruecken

FEBRUARY SPECIAL
Book a trip with seven or more friends and get $5 off per person. Go online to www.mwrgermany.com to print your coupon.

Rental equipment is available for mountain biking, canoeing, camping, skiing, backyard games, organizational days, and other events and special occasions. You can also rent garden or maintenance equipment, canopies, tables and benches for groups or individuals. Services include equipment repair and personalized adventure vacation planning. Army Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 2905, on Pulaski Barracks. Call 493-4117 or 0631-3406-4117.

SPINTASTIC!
A new spinning class has begun at the Landstuhl Fitness Center. Certified instructors will lead classes every Wednesday, from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. and from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Space is limited, so sign up soon! For more information go online to www.mwrgermany.com or call the Landstuhl Fitness Center at 486-7172 or 06371-86-7172.

KIDS' ZONE BIRTHDAY PARTY SPECIALS
Looking for the perfect place for a birthday party? The Kids' Zone can fulfill all of your party needs, so reserve your party today! Hours of operation are: Wed.-Sat., 11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun., 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Visit the Kids' Zone located on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2859. Call them at 493-4125 or 0631-3406-4125.

Club Events
You Won't Want to Miss...

MIDNIGHT BINGO
Kazabra Club
February 15, 9 pm-midnight
Stay up late playing special games, while enjoying a free buffet and soft drinks all night long. Doors open at 7 p.m.

9 BALL TOURNAMENT
Armstrong's Club
Tue., 7-11 p.m.
Try your luck to win 1st and 2nd place cash prizes.

8 BALL TOURNAMENT
Armstrong's Club
Thu., 7-11 p.m.
100 % cash prize payout!

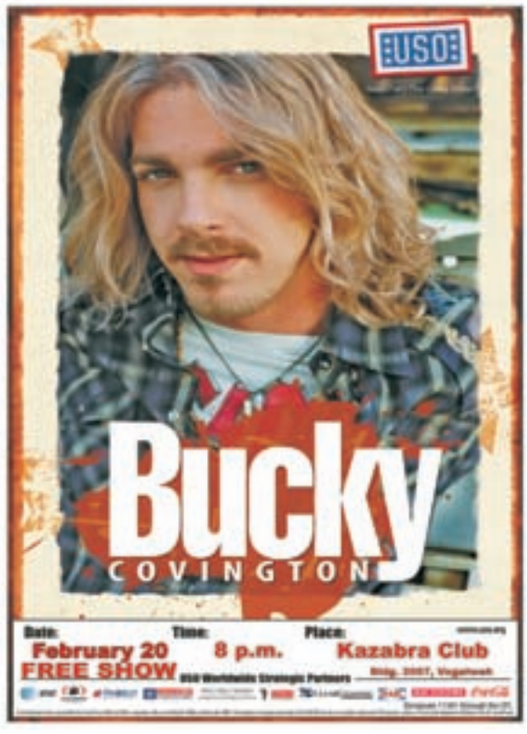
IRISH PUB KARAOKE
Armstrong's Club
Fri., 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
Featuring rock, country, pop, soul, and hip-hop music.

Virtual Bowling & Back 40
Featuring darts, pool tables, and virtual bowling, with private party room rental available.

For more information on MWR activities throughout Germany visit mwrgermany.com

For questions regarding MWR events and programs listed on this page, call Marketing at 493-4218 or 0631-3406-4218.

TEXAS HOLD'EM
Landstuhl Club
Friday & Saturdays, Registration 6 p.m., First deal 7 p.m.
Play for the championship round. Landstuhl Club is located on Landstuhl Post, Bldg. 3780.



Valentine's Day

The history of St. Valentine

by Petra Lessoing
435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Saturday is the day to show and receive love and affection. In many countries around the world, Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day, the day for lovers and a day of friendship.

Customarily, husbands and wives, girlfriends and boyfriends have romantic dinners and give gifts, candy, cards and flowers.

The custom of giving flowers goes back to ancient Rome, where a friendly priest named Valentine gave marriage advice to young people.

He did this despite Emperor Claudius' prohibition. Claudius did not want his legionaries to get – according to Christian customs – tied to wives and houses. But Valentine was looking for lovers, found them and married them. He passed out flowers to young couples who were walking by the garden of his monastery and asked the men to stay at home rather than go out to the battle.

One day, Emperor Claudius wanted to meet Valentine to find out about his wisdom. The emperor demanded Valentine believe in Roman gods, but Valentine told him he never would ask him to do so if he knew about the glory of God and his son Christ.

During his visit with Claudius, a council member asked Valentine what he thought of the Roman gods. Valentine answered that they are demons. The council immediately requested the blasphemer's death. During a delay Valentine asked for, he impressed the emperor with the truth of Christian belief. Claudius was deeply touched, but when Rome's governor said Valentine was a magician, Claudius feared a revolt by his people and passed the priest on to Asterius, a judge, to decide his fate. While standing in front of the judge, Valentine performed a miracle. He made the judge's blind daughter see again by praying and laying one of his hands on her. Asterius and his family were later baptized, but because their new Christian belief was counter to Roman religion, they were tortured and killed. Rome's governor also tortured Valentine and he was beheaded Feb. 14, 269. Before he was killed, many young people visited him in jail. While in jail, a young woman visited him and helped him keep his spirits up. On the day he died, Valentine left a note thanking the girl for her friendship and loyalty. He signed it, "Love, from your Valentine." That might have started the custom of exchanging love messages Feb. 14.

One hundred years after Valentine's death, he was canonized. In 1550, in memory of Valentine, a memorial chapel was built in St. Valentin in South Tyrol, Austria.

Since Valentine's martyr death, Feb. 14 is observed as a day of love. In former times, the night before Feb. 14, women tied laurel leaves to the four tips of their pillows. This was supposed to guarantee they dreamed of their true love. People also believed a woman would marry the the first man she sees in front of her house on Valentine's Day. This was enough reason for a young man to be out early in the morning, and to reassure the feeling of his beloved one with a bouquet of flowers.

Another legend says the Duke of Orleans, while in prison in the Tower of London in 1415, kept sending love letters to his spouse, and not only on Feb. 14. Ever since, he has been looked at as the founder of valentines.

In the 17th century, author Samuel Pepys of London revived this tradition of writing a love letter to his wife Feb. 14. She was so thrilled about it and, in turn, gave him flowers. The British noble society took over the tradition of giving flowers and sending love notes soon after, and it was spread throughout England and France.

In the 18th century, people in love started to send romantic greeting cards. In Germany, recognition of Valentine's Day started in the 1950s when American Soldiers brought the British tradition to Germany. The Greeting Card Association estimates that worldwide, 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making it the second largest card-sending day next to Christmas.

Top 5 *activities for healthy teeth*

by Maj. Kerri Font
435th Dental Squadron

In today's busy world, parents can sometimes feel overwhelmed trying to meet all of their child's needs.To help parents, here is a list of the top five most important activities for keeping healthy teeth and smiles.

5) *Institute good eating habits* – Eating and drinking acidic sodas or sugary juices cause the environment in the mouth to become more acidic, which can cause cavities.

The initial rise in acidity is usually rapid, within a few minutes. This can lead to demineralization of the teeth, which is the first step in getting a cavity. Therefore, frequent snacking or constant sipping of these drinks never lets the mouth return to a more neutral environment. Recovery or return to a more neutral environment can take between 15 to 40 minutes, depending on the individual.

4) *Drink plenty of water, preferably with fluoride* – The largest component of the body is water. Water is simply the best way to rehydrate the body. Fluoride is very important in the development of strong teeth.

Topically, it can help remineralize areas that have been weakened and protect the teeth from further decay. Fluoride does this by becoming incorporated into the structure of the tooth, forming stronger enamel that is harder for bacteria to penetrate.

Look for bottled water with fluoride added.

3) *See your dentist once a year* – Regular visits to the dentist can prevent a small cavity from becoming a large one or worse, an infection around the tooth.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentists recommends the first visit to the dentist should be at the eruption of your child's first tooth. The dentist will help with oral hygiene instructions, review dietary concerns, give topical fluoride and answer any questions you may have regarding your child's oral health. This also allows your child to start a lifetime of positive dental experiences.

2) *Have the right tools* – Soft bristle brushes are recommended for all ages. Some people believe their teeth do not feel as "clean" with soft bristle brushes. However, soft bristle brushes reduce the likelihood of trauma to gums and teeth over time.

The tooth brush should be angled 45 degrees toward the gums and moved in a small circular motion. For adolescents and adults, only a pea size amount of fluoridated toothpaste is needed. For young children, only a smear of fluoridated toothpaste is needed. Replace toothbrushes every 3 to 4 months. It is never too early to start a good habit.

1) *Brush and floss your child's teeth* – Most importantly, the best way to remove plaque and bacteria is to brush and floss the teeth. Children do not have the manual dexterity to properly clean their teeth and gums until about 11 years old.

A good rule of thumb is, if the child can write cursive, then he or she can do an adequate job of brushing. Until then, it is important for the parent to supervise or help with the brushing and flossing. Flossing will help remove the plaque and bacteria from the other 40 percent of the tooth surface where a brush will not reach. Brushing and flossing are integral parts of good oral hygiene.

ALTWEIBERFASCHING

Watch as the women take over!

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Public Affairs

Thursday is the day when men should beware of women.

In Ramstein-Miesenbach, at 11:11 a.m., women in disguise will storm the Rathaus (town hall) and capture its men. They will take them outdoors and tie them to the Narrenbrunnen, or fool's fountain. They will then cut off the men's ties and for a fee of €1.11 or more, captives will be set free again.

Thursday is considered to be one of the craziest days during the Fasching season – Altweiberfasching, which literally translated means "old women's Fasching."

The event is always observed the Thursday before Rose Monday. Traditionally, women dress up as old women or witches. They gather together, walk down the streets, sing songs and, in some towns, storm the town halls.

The women constantly look for victims – men wearing ties. As soon as they see a man with a tie – on the street, in a store, in an office – they get out a pair of scissors and "attack" the man, cutting off his tie.

Depending on the area where the tie cutting is performed, the woman might ask the man to either buy her a drink or lose the tie, or she cuts the tie and kisses the man.

Women are allowed to act crazy that day and have fun without their "better halves."

The tradition of women participating in Fasching goes back to the 15th century. During sermons, priests would complain about the exchange of clothes between women and men. In 1558, the city council of Überlingen at Lake Constance was forced to prohibit women's Fasching celebrations in female taverns and dormitories because of the women's indecent behavior. But the women insisted on their female rights, such as drinking and dancing during specific Fasching days.

Altweiberfasching also marks the status of women in the 15th and 16th centuries. Wives had well-defined rights, since they were the budget keepers.

During the crazy season, they sat in judgment of other women who didn't clean the house or didn't take care of the children. Later, in several towns in southern Germany, it became customary to sit in judgment of men. Women usually met in the conference rooms of town halls. That's why nowadays women still "storm" the town halls on Altweiberfasching to take control and become fully liberated as on no other day.

In the 17th century, in the Münstertal valley in the Alsace area in France, women walked through the streets with a decorated billygoat, which symbolized fertility, and a horse carrying two kegs of wine. Men weren't even allowed to observe this procedure from their windows.

If a man risked entering a tavern, where females often celebrated, he was captured or his hat was taken away from him, and only by buying wine did he get it back.

File photos

Men working at the Ramstein-Miesenbach town hall are tied to a fountain on Altweiberfasching by women dressed as witches.

In Köln, which is one of the main locations to celebrate Altweiberfasching and street carnival, women started protesting against the male government in the 1880s. The three most important figures of Fasching in Köln – the prince, the peasant and the virgin, who actually is a man dressed as woman – officially open Köln's street carnival.

During the opening session, the lord mayor calls out the official carnival shout "Kölle Alaaf." Then, it's up to the women to start their hunt.

Traditionally, women who cut ties that day hang them up as trophies. And men don't always notice the attack on time, because any woman can cut the tie, not only those in disguise.

Kill-joys won't wear a tie that day or will instead choose to wear an old tie they don't mind being destroyed.

Women dressed up as witches storm the Rathaus (town hall) in Ramstein-Miesenbach Thursday for Altweiberfasching.

Drive safe during the Fasching season

During Fasching season, motorists should be aware of an increased number of traffic controls and DUI checks performed by German Polizei.

According to the Westpfalz Police Headquarters in Kaiserslautern, during last year's Fasching season, 276 traffic accidents occurred between Old Women's Fasching (Jan. 31) and Ash Wednesday (Feb. 6).

One person was killed, three were heavily injured and 33 had minor injuries. Five accidents were alcohol-related, including the fatal one.

Police officers will request a breathalyzer test if they become suspicious of the driver's way of driving or attitude.

If the suspect refuses the test, Polizei can take the suspect to have blood taken. The suspect has to pay about €70 out of his pocket if the test is positive.

When the blood alcohol level or the breathalyzer concentration is over the limit, the motorist's drive ends right there.

Depending on the level, consequences can be a fine, withdrawal of the driver's license and a possible lawsuit.

Police officials recommend people who plan to join in on Fasching events either take a taxi or use public transportation. Also, remains of alcohol stay in the body until the following day. Therefore, even the morning after Fasching activities, people should not drive their vehicles. Also, motorists are not authorized to drive with a face mask because their visibility and hearing can be impaired. If German Polizei stops a driver wearing a face mask, they can charge a fine.

If the disguise results in an accident, consequences might be worse. Insurances might not pay due to gross negligence.

(Courtesy of Westpfalz Police Headquarters Kaiserslautern)

Bodyslam, Backbreaker and Moonsault

Professional wrestling superstars coming to Kaiserslautern

Courtesy photo

For the first time ever, German wrestling superstars will make a stop in Kaiserslautern to show everyone why these modern gladiators have such a large following around the globe.

The action in the ring takes place Saturday in the Burgherrenhalle, Burgherrenstr. 67661, in Kaiserslautern-Hohenecken. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the matches begin at 7 p.m.

Saarland Wrestling Organization Heavyweight Champion Eric Schwarz, who already wrestled for World Wrestling Entertainment, will defend his title against Chris Colen from Austria.

But Schwarz is not the only one who has to prove himself.

Murat Bosporus and Michael Kovac will put their differences aside for the Tag Team Gauntlet Match against Sha Samuels and Terry Frazier of The Kartell from England.

Before the main show begins, spectators can get a taste of what the SWO rookies are capable of in a Rookies Show.

The show will also feature a singles match and a ladies match, among other events.

Visit www.swo-wrestling.de for more information and to purchase a ticket.

(Courtesy of the Saarland Wrestling Organization)

Know what to do after a traffic accident in Germany

by Robert Szostek
U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal Public Affairs Office

Getting into an accident on the road anywhere is a stressful event. Having an accident in Germany and being uncertain about what drivers are expected to do under German law can add greatly to that stress and possibly lead to criminal charges.

That's why U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal officials are offering drivers some help that fits easily in their vehicle's glove compartment.

That help is Army in Europe Form 190-1Y (What to do if you have an accident). The one-page form offers step-by-step instructions, describing what drivers should do if they are involved in car accidents in Germany. The form also offers a place for drivers to note contact information they'll need in an accident, such as insurance company and local police telephone numbers. OPM officials recommend USAREUR-licensed drivers fill out the form and keep a copy in each of their vehicles.

OPM and USAREUR Registry of Motor Vehicles officials stressed that the most important thing to know is that a driver should never leave the scene of an accident.

"Drivers who are involved in an accident must stay at the scene for a reasonable period and wait for the police," said Dan Saavedra, policy adviser at the USAREUR RMV.

Drivers who leave the scene of an accident without waiting a reasonable time for the police, without announcing their involvement in an accident or without providing their personal and vehicle information, may be considered as fleeing the scene of an accident, Mr. Saavedra said. This is a serious criminal offense under German and military law that could also lead to loss of driving privileges or insurance coverage.

He advised drivers to take these steps immediately after an accident:

• Turn on the vehicle's emergency flashers and set up a warning triangle. Place the triangle 200 meters behind the vehicle on autobahns or 100 meters behind the vehicle on other roads.

• Provide first aid to those who need it, but do not move any seriously injured people. Have someone call for medical help.

• Call the military police for on-post accidents and both the German police and MPs if the accident was off-post. Be aware that German police may take a long time to respond if no one is injured and damage is minor.

• Drivers who damage property in a single-car accident – by backing into a parked car, for example – must stay at the scene for a reasonable time and try to contact the property owner. If the owner cannot be found, the driver should leave a note with name, address, telephone number and insurance information. Report the accident immediately to local MPs, and call German police if there appears to be more than €1,500 in damage.

• Move the cars involved to avoid blocking traffic if no one is hurt and damage is slight. Take photos of the scene or mark the positions of the vehicles on the ground with chalk for police before moving them.

• Exchange information such as name, address, license number, insurance company and policy number with involved parties. Note the time and place of the accident and names and addresses of any witnesses.

• Drivers should not sign any document unless they know exactly what it says. "Helpful" people may appear on the scene and try to get drivers to sign powers of attorney, loan applications or car-rental agreements in the confusion.

The U.S. Forces Certificate of License has a block that indicates whether the bearer is an organ donor. If someone who has agreed to be an organ donor is killed in an accident, someone should call the telephone number below that block on the front of the license as soon as possible to alert personnel at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Mr. Saavedra said.

Mr. Saavedra stressed the value of taking photographs of the scene, as they can be more reliable than accident reports and are acceptable in court. If a camera is not available, he suggested drivers sketch the scene, showing the positions of the vehicles, traffic signals and other key items. He also said German police may assess a fine – called Verwarnungsgeld – immediately at the accident scene. Drivers may refuse to pay, but risk being slapped with a more serious fine later, called a Bussgeldbescheid. In addition, paying a Verwarnungsgeld does not influence the settlement of an insurance claim, but paying a Bussgeldbescheid later could be used as evidence that the driver was at fault, Mr. Saavedra said.

Drivers must provide German police with personal information to establish their identity and must sign a related form, but drivers involved in accidents and people related to them are not required to make statements.

Finally, Mr. Saavedra recommends that drivers complete accident reports promptly and send in forms from their insurance companies within one week of an accident.

A copy of AE Form 190-1Y can be found online at www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/. This site is only available from a dot-mil computer.

March Madness hits the Air Force

The excitement of the NCAA Final Four Basketball Tournament hits bases around the world as people vie for top spots in the Air Force's March Madness online bracket tournament promotion.

Starting today, you can pick up a game piece at participating food and beverage activities (no purchase required) and register online using the code on the game piece.

Then, on March 15, you can fill in your tournament bracket selections. Up to 10 brackets may be played. Picks can be made and changed, but final picks for all rounds must be submitted by 6 a.m. March 19. Participants must be 18 years or older.

"In addition to competing in the online tournament, folks should stop by one of our activities; they are great places to watch the games," said Fred McKenney, Air Force Food and Beverage Division chief. "Throughout the tournament, you can find some fantastic specials at our food and beverage activities."

Picking the winning team in each game of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament accumulates points. The tournament is single elimination; only the winning team advances to the next round. The competition begins with 64 teams – half are eliminated during each round.

The first place prize is a trip for four to the 2010 Final Four Game for three days and two nights, including hotel, air travel, car rental, game tickets and $1,000 spending money sponsored by Coca-Cola.

The second place winner receives $5,000, third place receives $2,500, fourth place receives $1,000 and five subsequent winners will win a Coca-Cola NCAA "Pop-A-Shot" arcade home-style basketball game.

"Every year, basketball fans wait for the tradition, the excitement and the upsets that accompany the NCAA tournament," said Frank Black, Community Programs Division chief. "We are thrilled to be able to take part in this by offering a fun and competitive activity."

For more information, contact your local FSS/SVS marketing representative or stop by a participating food and beverage activity.

(Courtesy of the 435th Services Squadron)

Ladies softball tryouts

The 2009 Ramstein Lady Rams softball team is holding tryouts from noon to 4 p.m. March 8, 5 to 8 p.m. March 11, 2:30 to 5 p.m. March 15, 5 to 8 p.m. March 18 and noon to 4 p.m. March 22. Tryouts will be held on the softball field on Ramstein. If interested in trying out, call Master Sgt. Salomon Vieyra at 480-8534 or e-mail salomon.vieyra@ramstein.af.mil.

Men's softball tryouts

The 2009 Ramstein Rams mens varsity softball team will hold tryouts March 7 to 21 on the Southside Softball Field. Tryouts will be held from noon to 4 p.m. March 7, 5 to 8 p.m. March 10, 5 to 8 p.m. March 12, noon to 4 p.m. March 14, 5 to 8 p.m. March 17, 5 to 8 p.m. March 19 and noon to 4 p.m. March 21. For more information, call head coach Tech. Sgt. Jason Acre at 480-6735 or assistant coach Tech. Sgt. Gary Lafon at 478-2738.

Looking for youth sports coaches

CYSS Youth Sports is seeking coaches for basketball, cheerleading and wrestling. Share your experience with children, enjoy discounts for your own children and participate in training opportunities. For more information, contact central enrollment at 493-4112 or 0631-3406-4112.

Dance classes

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Taekwondo classes

Taekwondo classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Landstuhl Fitness Center, Bldg. 3722. Classes take place from 5 to 6 p.m. for beginners and 6 to 7 p.m. for Yellow Belts and up. Parents are welcome to join. For more information, contact central enrollment and registration at 493-4156 or 0631-3406-4516.

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USAFE participates in Body Mass Index Challenge

Exercise is just one of the ways military members can help contribute to their unit's overall Body Mass Index average for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe BMI Challenge. The challenge will continue through June, and the USAFE wing to win first place will take home $300,000.

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Today

"Nothing Like the Holidays"
(PG-13) 3:30 p.m. **(G)**
"He's Just Not That Into You"
(PG-13) 7 and 10:30 p.m. **(G)**
"The Day the Earth Stood Still"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(H)**
"Four Christmases"
(PG-13) 3:30 p.m. **(N)**
"Taken"
(PG-13) 7 and 10:30 p.m. **(N)**

Saturday

"The Day the Earth Stood Still"
(PG-13) 3 p.m. **(G)**
"He's Just Not That Into You"
(PG-13) 7 and 10:30 p.m. **(G)**
"Four Christmases"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(H)**
"Nothing Like the Holidays"
(PG-13) 3 p.m. **(N)**
"Taken"
(PG-13) 7 and 10:30 p.m. **(N)**

Sunday

"Paul Blart: Mall Cop"
(PG) 3 and 7 p.m. **(G)**
"Nothing Like the Holidays"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(H)**
"The Day the Earth Stood Still"
(PG-13) 3 p.m. **(N)**
"Taken"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(N)**

Monday

"Nothing Like the Holidays"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(G)**
"The Day the Earth Stood Still"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(N)**

Tuesday

"The Day the Earth Stood Still"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(G)**
"Nothing Like the Holidays"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(N)**

Wednesday

"Taken"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(G)**
"The Day the Earth Stood Still"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(N)**

Thursday

"The Day the Earth Stood Still"
(PG-13) 7 p.m. **(G)**
"Taken"
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"Nothing Like the Holidays"
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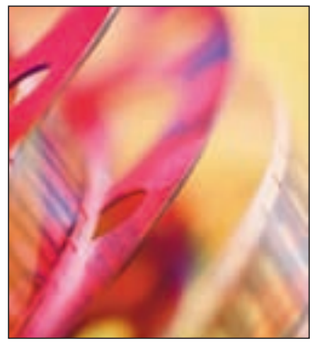

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He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) – Gigi just wants a man who says he'll call and then actually does.

Beth wonders if she should call it off after years of committed singlehood with the boyfriend, Neil, who doesn't think there's a single thing wrong with the unmarried life.

Janine's not sure if she can trust her husband, Ben, who can't quite trust himself around Anna.

Anna can't decide between the sexy married guy or her no-sparks standby, Connor. And Mary, who's found an entire network of loving, supportive men, just needs to find one who's straight.

Starring Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore, Justin Long

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG-13) – In this updated version of the 1951 classic, an alien named Klaatu is sent to earth to warn them about the consequences of their dangerous ways.

Klaatu informs the people of earth that the constant aggression carried out against one another has raised the ire of an alien species, which is now threatening to exterminate all of mankind.

The alien's arrival on earth triggers a global upheaval as Dr. Benson and her young stepson get caught up in Klaatu's mission and come to understand the ramifications of Klaatu being a self-described "friend to the earth."

Starring Keanu Reeves, Jennifer Connelly, Kathy Bates, Jaden Smith

Paige's Picks

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"Paige's Picks" is a new feature to the KA detailing freelancer Paige Norris-Miller's opinion on everything from books to restaurants to movies…

"Zorro"

A book by Isabel Allende

Do you feel like taking a literary trip? Reading "Zorro" was like taking a vacation, even though I was already on one when I started reading it.

I had read Isabel Allende's "Inez of My Soul" and was completely entertained and educated by her grasp of different cultures. She is an author who can truly open a portal to another world and suck you right into it. I suggest going willingly.

The character of Zorro has fascinated people all over the world for years.

It was wonderful to read another incarnation of this stirring legend. Allende begins her story in the years before Diego de la Vega, the boy destined to become Zorro, was born.

She shows great understanding of late 18th century California and creates a strong storyline that shows the need for a bringer of justice.

Spanish hidalgos, Indian warrior princesses, courageous priests and maidens most fair dance across the pages of this fabulous ride. Every personality has their own story and I would either love or hate them according to their actions.

I had certain hopes for the character of Isabel and I was pleasantly surprised to find where she lands at the end. Diego de la Vega is quite a "fox", even before he chooses "Zorro" as his alter-ego.

De la Vega is athletic, quick-witted and full of youthful charm, which helps since he is trouble and escapade-prone.

He is strongly influenced by others, especially when it comes to acquiring the components of his now famous Zorro costume.

This story is a constant rollercoaster of pure adventure and vivid characters.

Allende demonstrates her clever storytelling tricks, catching me off-guard every once in a while, like with the quick sword play.

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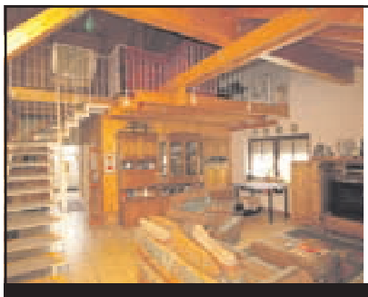

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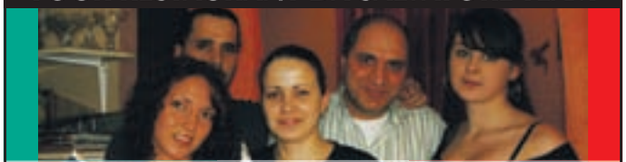

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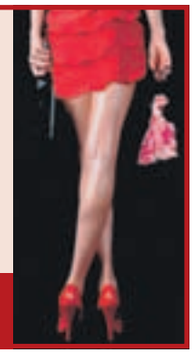

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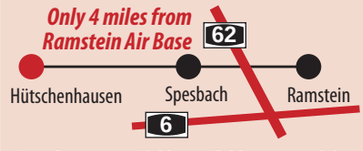

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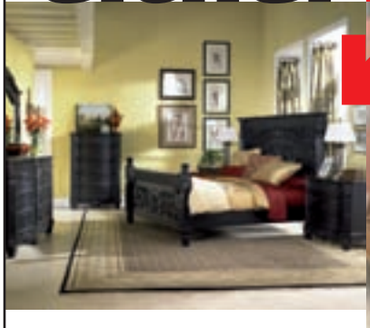

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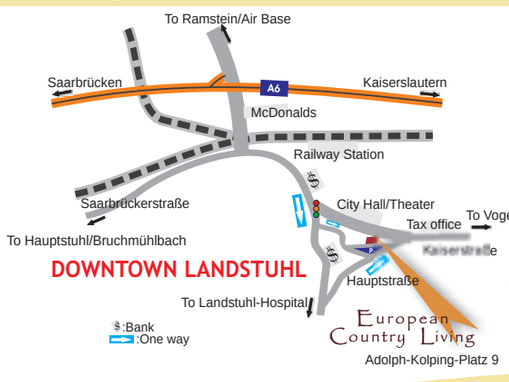

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