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Europe garrisons support child abuse prevention activities

Installation Management Command Europe Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army garrisons across Europe have a variety of activities scheduled in April as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This year's slogan, "protecting children is everyone's job," emphasizes the campaign's overarching theme that "an engaged and aware Army community is essential to the effort."

In the "Army 2020: Generating Health and Discipline in the Force Ahead of the Strategic Reset, Report 2012," Army leaders have indicated that the increase in child abuse may be connected with the increase of stress on the force.

"Strong Soldiers, civilians, and families know to rethink ways to stay healthy and reach out for help," said Brandi Stauber, Installation Management Command Europe, Family Advocacy Program manager.

"If you know Army families who are under the kind of stress that may turn to child abuse, lend a hand. Guide that family to the help and support that you know is available. Make a commitment to child abuse prevention by connecting our people with the tools needed to address personal life issues before incidents occur," Stauber said.

"Tools include such initiatives as the New Parent Support Program that is based on a scientifically supported method of prevention. NPSP provides home visits to new and sometimes inexperienced parents with children under the age of 3 who may need a little extra support," said Stauber.

Stauber added that NPSP helps not only young families with limited experiences or resources, but more experienced families who are dealing with unique Army family challenges.

The observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month serves to help community members recognize signs of distress and connect families with resources, such as life-skills education and parenting classes.

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DOD relooks civilian furloughs

By Nick Simeone
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department has revised from 22 to 14 the number of days hundreds of thousands of civilian employees could be furloughed this year because of the budget sequester, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced March 28.

In addition, a senior Defense Department official speaking on background told reporters the start of the furloughs will be delayed until mid-to-late June, after more than 700,000 department employees receive furlough notices now set to go out in early May. Furloughs would happen over seven two-week pay periods until the end of September, when the current fiscal year ends, the senior official said, with employees likely to be told not to come to work for two days during each of those pay periods.

Department officials say they are still working to determine which employees might be exempted.

Hagel characterized the reduced furloughs as well as a revised estimate of sequestration's impact on the defense budget as good news.

The changes follow Congressional approval last week of a defense appropriations bill that prevented an additional six billion dollars in cuts, ordered under sequestration, from taking effect.

"It reduces a shortfall at least in the operations budget," the secretary told reporters at a Pentagon news conference. "We came out better than we went in under the sequester, where it looks like our number is \$41 billion [in cuts] now versus the \$46 billion."

But despite a Congressional reprieve, Hagel said the Pentagon is still going to be short at least \$22 billion for operations and maintenance, "and that means we are going to have to prioritize and make some cuts and do what we've got to do," including making sharp reductions in base operating support and training for nondeployed units.

More critical in the long run, he said, is how budget cuts will affect readiness and the department's overall mission. Because of that concern, he said he has directed Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to con-

duct an intensive department-wide review of U.S. strategic interests including how to protect the nation with fewer resources. "How do we prioritize the threats and then the capabilities required to deal with threats?" he said. "There will be some significant changes, there's no way around it."

Dempsey said the department has already exhausted 80 percent of its operating funds halfway through the fiscal year and characterized the current budget situation as "not the deepest, but the steepest decline in our budget ever," and warned it will affect military readiness into the future.

"We will have to trade at some level and to some degree our future readiness for current operations," the chairman said. He called on elected leaders to give the Pentagon the budget flexibility it needs to carry out institutional reforms.

"We can't afford excess equipment," Dempsey said. "We can't afford excess facilities. We have to reform how we buy weapons and services. We have to reduce redundancy. And we've got to change, at some level, our compensation structure."



Despite weather, hunt was egg-cellent!

Winter hats replace Easter bonnets during the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services-sponsored Easter egg hunt held March 30 on Husky Field. Despite the chilly weather, hundreds of children came out to scramble for eggs and attend a story hour with Col. John P. Stack, the USAG Stuttgart commander, who read Giles Andreae's and Guy Parker-Rees' book, "Giraffes Can't Dance."

Susan Huseman

Commander's Column

Stuttgart's glass half full despite budget cuts

Commentary by
Col. John Stack

USAG Stuttgart commander

To say the winds of change are upon us would be an understatement.



Col. Stack

Over the last couple of weeks, I've met with senior leaders, conducted multiple town halls and a live call-in on American Forces Network Stuttgart, and met with spouse groups to discuss some changes coming to the community stemming from Department of Defense spending cuts.

History shows U.S. defense spending expands during periods of war (World War II, Korea, Vietnam, 9/11) and shrinks after they are completed.

As our campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan come to a close, we should again expect a period of budget contraction.

The predictable and necessary period of contraction requires adjustments to non-essential services. After a decade of prolonged conflict on the Global War on Terrorism, many have grown accustomed to services that were paid for with the increased funding associated with these conflicts.

Under the new fiscal reality, failing to make prudent adjustments to non-essential programs and services now could lead to deeper cuts in the future.

As a result of the Budget Control Act, the Department of Defense has been charged with cutting more than \$487 billion in spending over the next 10 years.

Some of the upcoming changes are associated with automatic budget cuts, which requires us to look at services we provide and adjust them in accordance with policy and direction from our higher headquarters.

The garrison is doing everything we can to keep day-to-day operations and necessities unaffected while focusing on eliminating, reducing or requiring reimbursement for services

that are merely "nice to haves," such as towels in the gym and the trash points used by off-post residents.

Not all change is bad, though.

Over the rest of the fiscal year, community members should notice a lot of new additions to the community.

Many of the additions include new and improved community services, such as the arrival of a Starbucks in the Panzer Exchange, a Java Cafe on Patch Barracks, completion of the mini-mall co-located with the Patch food court, and a larger, more efficient deli in the Patch commissary.

Other positive changes include upgrades to installation facilities and residences. Kelley Barracks housing residents are already enjoying the addition of balconies to their quarters. Over the summer, several buildings on Patch and Robinson Barracks will have them installed, as well.

The Directorate Public Works is also completing new road and sidewalk projects.

As you read this, you may be asking yourself, "How is this possible

with all of the cuts?" The answer is planning.

Funding for construction projects is programmed and approved up to five years in advance. Under the current budget guidance, we are unable to start any new construction projects, but since these were programmed years ago, we're moving forward with them.

Stuttgart has been tagged as an "enduring" garrison in Europe, and we'll continue to plan and assess current and new projects and programs throughout any changes that come as a result of budget cuts.

Regardless of where the decimal point lands, my goal as garrison commander is to continue to keep Stuttgart residents saying, "I'm glad I live here."

To do this, though, residents will simultaneously need to adjust their expectations and understand that some services we have grown accustomed to may change or be eliminated in light of continued reductions in future DOD budgets.

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Thorns and Roses



Roses to:

- To the two unnamed Soldiers who assisted me in a pinch March 26 while in the Patch Shoppette parking lot. Although I drive a heavy SUV with snow tires and a special winter driving gear, they were not enough to overcome the conditions at hand. Hearing my tires spinning, these two Soldiers came over and offered to give me a push. That did the trick, and I was on my way. I thanked them as I drove away, but it was inadequate for the service they rendered.

- To the Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School staff who directed the buses and students during drop-off on the first day of the new bus pattern. Their seamless execution of the transition — despite the weather — made school drop off a much more pleasant experience. Thank you!

- To Patch Elementary School's wonderful guest readers who helped us celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday. You are too numerous to name here, but each of you contributed to the overwhelming success of the day. Thank you!

- To the Pond guards on Robinson Barracks for a wonderful job of handling the temporary gate. On the first day of the change it was raining, and they had no shelter from the elements. When I came through the gate and commented on the unfortunate weather, a guard smiled and said, "Weather is no problem, we are Pond guards."

Thorns and Roses is about recognizing those who do a good job or make life a little easier. It's also about people who need to be a little more considerate of others.

This column is not about institutions, units or agencies. It's not about situations that could result in legal action under military or German law. Nor is it a place to air management-employee problems or slander anyone. While we are happy to identify stellar service providers, we can't and won't identify under-performers by name.

Submissions must be brief and emailed to stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil with the subject line: Thorns and Roses. The author's name and valid telephone number must be included for verification. No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

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Off-post trash restrictions explained

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

As of June 1, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community members living on the economy will no longer be allowed to dispose of their garbage on the installations.

The policy, which will explain and outline the changes and associated administrative actions should one violate the order, is expected to be signed by Garrison Commander Col. John P. Stack this month.

The policy applies to all military, civilian, foreign nation and contractor personnel, as well family members who live off base.

In response to inquiries from community members, the garrison has compiled a list of frequently asked questions and the answers to them.

For more information about off-post trash disposal guidance and FAQs, visit the garrison website at www.stuttgart.army.mil/trash.html.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why are we no longer allowed to bring our trash on post?

A: The garrison spends approximately \$1.3 million per year on trash disposal. Garbage brought onto installations by off-post residents increases the amount the garrison spends.

Bringing off-post trash onto installations was not and is not authorized (Installation Management Command Europe memorandum dated Jan. 31, 2012), but has never been enforced locally.

To meet Installation Management Command Europe requirements and to cut base operation spending, the garrison is implementing a policy that will be enforceable and punishable after June 1.

Q: Does the new trash policy include recycling?

A: Off-post residents will need to recycle their items in their communities. Recycling bins on the installations should be used by on-post residents only.

Q: How will the new policy be enforced?

A: Military Police patrols observing a person dumping trash will ask for identification and ask where the person resides. The patrol will verify residence information with the MP desk. If the person resides off post, the patrol will collect his or her pertinent information and forward to the Civilian Misconduct Action Authority for action.

DPW employees will also monitor the trash islands and will report violators to the MPs.

Q: What are the consequences of not following the policy?

A: Under the new policy, violators will receive a warning letter from the garrison commander on the first offense. With multiple offenses, violators could be ordered to complete community service or may temporarily lose installation support privileges. All off-post residents, to include service members, government civilians, local national employees, contractors and family members are subject to corrective actions outlined in the new policy.

Q: When will enforcement go into effect?

A: The policy will be signed in early April, but to give off-post residents time to adjust and set up new service, strict enforcement of the policy will start on June 1, coinciding with closure of the trash collection points on Patch Barracks and Panzer Kaserne.

Q: What will replace the trash collection points on Patch Barracks and Panzer Kaserne?

A: Once the trash collection points are removed, 20 additional parking spaces will be added in the space created.

Q: If the collection points on Patch Bar-

racks and Panzer Kaserne are closing, what about the points on Robinson and Kelley Barracks?

A: The collection points on Robinson Barracks (near the library and fitness center) and Kelley Barracks (near the child development center) will remain open, but can only be used by on-post residents. The collection point at the Robinson Barracks Combined Exchange is only for use by the Exchange and commissary.

Q: What about the financial burden off-post residents will have to face because of the change?

A: The new policy should pose little to no financial burden to off-post residents. Civilians who receive living quarters allowance can include the costs for garbage disposal as part of their annual reconciliation. Service members living off post have a large utilities stipend as part of the overseas housing allowance that will cover the costs. Regular trash disposal costs for the average family living off-post should not cost more €200 annually.

Q: How do we set up off-post trash service?

A: The process may be as easy as speaking with your landlord. Many housing contracts have "Nebenkosten," or utility costs, which includes trash as part of the agreement. If it is not included, your landlord can assist you in procuring the service. In the absence of a landlord, a neighbor can also help.

Q: My landlord doesn't speak English. How am I supposed to set up trash service with him/her if communication is an issue?

A: If there is a communication gap between you and your landlord or service provider, translation services are available on walk-in basis at Army Community Service. For more information, call 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3363. The housing office may also be able to assist those with communication issues with landlords.

Q: When the collection points on Patch Barracks and Panzer Kaserne are removed, what are on-post residents supposed to do with bulky items and hazardous materials?

A: On-post residents can contact DPW to schedule pick-ups of large items and to arrange the disposal of hazardous materials. The DPW Environmental Division has created a flyer with information about on-post recycling, at www.stuttgart.army.mil/DPW/DPWEnvironment.html.

Q: Where can I find more information about the policy and how to dispose of trash off-post?

A: Visit www.stuttgart.army.mil/trash.html or call the DPW Environmental Division at 421-6131/civ. 0711-729-6131.

News & Notes

Duty bus schedule changes

Due to budget constraints, 405th Army Field Support Brigade and U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart have made minor changes to the garrison shuttle bus schedule.

Among the changes, the weekend shuttle between Robinson Barracks and Patch will have decreased service starting April 13.

Authorized users can find the shuttle schedule at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/374040>.

Schedules will also be posted in the shuttles, at community bus stops and will be available at the In-processing Center, Building 2913, Panzer Kaserne.

Garrisons give up fitness center towel service

The regional director of Army garrisons in Europe directed garrison commanders to cease towel service at all fitness centers, including the ones here, beginning April 15.

Kathleen Marin, region director for Installation Management Command-Europe, made the announcement in a March 12 memorandum to Army garrison commanders.

"I have determined it is a cost that we can no longer afford," Marin said, after having conducted a review with both the region director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and garrison staff.

Customers using the gyms will now need to bring their own towels, though sanitation towels and cleaning supplies will still be provided, Marin said.

IMCOM-E officials said the measure should save approximately \$500,000 per year.

TKS services on garrison to be interrupted April 11

A localized two-hour power outage at U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will cause a temporary but garrison-wide interruption of all TKS network services April 11 from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The outage will only affect TKS network services, including TKS cable telephone and cable Internet, as well as all cable television broadcasts including AFN television and TKS digital cable programming.

The interruption is due to a scheduled power outage at Building 2506 on Patch Barracks. The building houses the TKS main distribution hub that services all on-post network locations. No other buildings will experience a loss of power.

When power has been restored, AFN broadcasts and all TKS services will automatically restart, and local users can begin using their services immediately. It will not be necessary to perform any type of reset or device configuration.

Should Stuttgart residents experience any type of technical issues, they can report them to the 24-hour TKS customer service hot line at civ. 01804-857-762.

Ask a JAG

Do you have a legal question you would like to see answered in a future edition of The Citizen? If so, contact "Ask a JAG" at andrew.j.rouchka.mil@mail.mil.

By Capt. Andrew J. Rouchka (U.S. Army)
Stuttgart Law Center

Q: I applied for a loan and discovered negative information on my credit report. What can I do?

A: No one can legally remove accurate and timely negative information from a credit report. But the Fair Credit Reporting Act, enforced by the Federal Trade Commission, is designed to promote accuracy and ensure privacy of information used in consumer credit reports. It requires Consumer Reporting Agencies and information providers to correct inaccurate or incomplete information in your report. To protect all your rights under this law, contact both the CRA and the information provider.

First, tell the CRA in writing what information you believe is inaccurate. CRAs must reinvestigate the items in question unless they consider your dispute frivolous. They also must forward all relevant data you provide about the dispute to the information provider.

After the information provider receives notice of a dispute from the CRA, it must investigate, review all relevant information provided by the CRA, and report the results to the CRA. If the information provider finds the disputed information to be inaccurate, it must notify all nationwide CRAs so they can correct this information in your file.

When the reinvestigation is complete, the CRA must provide you the written results and a free copy of your report if the dispute results in a change. If an item is changed or removed, the CRA cannot put the disputed information back in your file unless the information provider verifies its accuracy and completeness, and the CRA gives you a written notice that includes the name, address, and phone number of the provider.

Second, tell the creditor or other information provider in writing that you are disputing an item. Many providers specify an address for disputes. If the provider then reports the item to any CRA, it must include a notice of your dispute. In addition, if the disputed information is found to be inaccurate — the information provider may not use it again.

If the reinvestigation does not resolve your dispute with the CRA, ask the CRA to include your statement of the dispute in your file and in future reports. If you tell the information provider you dispute an item, a notice of your dispute must be included any time the information provider reports the item to a CRA. Be persistent. Only time, a conscious effort and a personal debt repayment plan will improve your credit report.

This column is not intended as individual or specific legal advice. If you have specific issues or concerns, you should consult a judge advocate at 421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4152.

Garrison Passport Office offers limited services through April 16

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Due to staffing shortages, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Passport Office will offer limited services through April 16.

The Passport Office will provide the following services: SOFA certificates, official (no-fee) passports, and tourist passport pick-up. During this period, tourist passport applications and consular reports of birth abroad services will not be available.

Passport Office employees, however, will be able to schedule appointments for consular reports of birth abroad and emergency tourist passport applications (resulting from a Red Cross message) at the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt.

All customers affiliated with the Department of Defense must have a control number to receive service at the consulate. The Passport Office will issue the control numbers.

According to the Passport Office, only personnel with confirmed emergencies will receive control numbers and confirmations for appointments.

Passports appointments for the previously publicized Consular Outreach Day scheduled for April 15 in Stuttgart have been filled, according to the U.S.

Consulate General Frankfurt website. However, immigration services are available on a walk-in basis.

Normal service resumes April 17

On April 17, normal services will resume at the garrison Passport Office. Certain services will follow a strict schedule:

- Consular reports of birth abroad will be processed on Thursday only. An appointment is required.
- Tourist passports will be processed on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Customers are urged to arrive at the Passport Office as early as possible. The last customers of the day must start processing no later than 4:30 p.m.

The Passport Office is located in Building 2948 on Panzer Kaserne and is open for walk-in service from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. The Passport Office is closed on Wednesday to facilitate the processing of applications. Thursday is reserved for consular report of birth appointments and families processing five or more passports.

For more information on passport services, call 431-2539/3062 or civ. 07031-15-2539/3062, or visit www.stuttgart.army.mil/DHR/MPDpassport_SOFA.html.

Child abuse

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Stauber encouraged Soldiers and their families to participate in their garrison's Child Abuse Prevention Month activities.

She asks that first line supervisors who are directly engaged with Soldiers and civilians, and indirectly with their Soldier's families, to encourage those they lead to use support services that are designed to build strong, healthy families.

The Family Advocacy Program is dedicated to the prevention, education, prompt reporting, inves-

tigation, intervention and treatment of spouse and child abuse.

The program provides a variety of services to Soldiers and families to enhance their relationship skills and improve their quality of life. This mission is accomplished through a variety of groups, seminars, workshops and counseling and intervention services.

For more information about Child Abuse Prevention Month activities in Stuttgart, call Army Community Service at 431-3328/07031-15-3328.

2013 Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities

April 5, 1-4 p.m.: Strike Out Child Abuse

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will partner with the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne for Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child to give families an opportunity to bond over a free game of bowling.

Shoe rental is not included. Parents must be present to receive free game.

April 19: Kids on the Block and Veggie Tales premier

ACS FAP will partner with the Religious Support Office to provide a Kids on the Block puppet show and a Veggie Tales movie at the Patch Theater. Shows will start at 1 and 3 p.m.

April 23, 3-4 p.m. Reach out and Report Child Abuse

This class will teach participants about child

abuse prevention, identification and reporting. Participants will learn to recognize different kinds of child abuse, how to prevent it, and how to report the abuse.

The class will be held at ACS, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

April 25, noon to 1 p.m.: Empowering Children through Self-Esteem Building

This lunch and learn session will increase participants awareness on how children with healthy or low self-esteem communicate and how these characteristics affect parenting skills.

Participants will receive tips to help foster self-responsibility and awareness that will activate a school-age child's individuality and potential for maximum success. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch.

The class will be held at ACS, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

Estate claims

Anyone with any claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Emmanuel Lorenzo of Headquarters, U.S. European Command, should contact the summary court officer, Capt. Thomas Feusi, at 430-5067/civ. 0711-680-5067.

Health clinic closed for training holiday

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will be closed April 5 and 8 for U.S. Army Europe training holidays.

For immediate health care needs, call the Nurse Advice Line at civ. 00800-4759-2330.

Contact the Military Police in case of a medical emergency.

Learn about the local job market

Are you new to Stuttgart and looking for a job? Army Community Service will offer a class on April 16 from 9-11 a.m. that provides an overview of the Stuttgart job market. The class will be held at ACS, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne. Seating will be limited.

Reserve a slot by calling 431-3362/3363 or civ. 07031-15-3362/3363.

Resume help for volunteers

Are you a volunteer? Learn how to capture your valuable volunteer experience on your resume in a class sponsored by Army Community Service on April 30 from 9-11 a.m. The class will be held at ACS, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

Reserve a seat by calling 431-3362/3363 or civ.07031-15-3362/3363.

AVID applications now available

Advancement Via Individual Determination applications for the next school year (2013-2014) may be picked up from the Patch High School front office.

AVID is a college preparatory academic elective for above-average students who are not working to their full potential. To qualify for AVID, a student must have a grade point average of 2.0-3.5; above average standardized test scores; a completed interview; a signed contract committing to preparation for college; teacher recommendations, and plans to take honors/advanced placement courses.

For more information, call Claire Dickmeyer, AVID coordinator, at 430-7191/civ. 0711-680-7191 after 3 p.m.

Due to PCS soon?

For those who plan to relocate, permanent change of station/pre-separation briefings will be held at 1 p.m. in Building 2913 on Panzer Kaserne on April 17, May 15, June 19 and July 17.

All service members and civilians departing within the next four to five months should attend. Advance registration is required.

Agency representatives from transportation, customs, the health and dental clinics, Tricare, vehicle registration, housing and Army Community Service will provide PCS information.

Army personnel will also

receive a briefing on finance issues. All separating Army personnel must attend this briefing to receive pre-separation information.

For more information and to sign up, call 431-2599/civ. 07031-15-1599.

Health clinic wants your feedback

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart's Patient Family Health Care Consortium will meet April 9 at 11 a.m. in the clinic's command conference room.

The consortium will give community members the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback and have a voice in improving the clinic's services.

The consortium will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m.

For more information, call Kathryn Metzger at 430-8618/civ. 0711-680-8618.

EUCOM volunteer internships available

Headquarters, U.S. European Command, is accepting applications for the EUCOM Volunteer Internship Program. Although all applications will be accepted for review, this initial call for applications is intended for command-sponsored dependents who reside in the Stuttgart area.

For more information, go to www.eucom.mil/intern, or contact Trevor Boyko, the EVIP manager at 430-5793/civ. 0711-680-5793 or send an email to trevor.j.boyko.civ@mail.mil.

Send your announcements to stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil.

Are you ready to ride?

Here are a few safety tips motorcyclists should consider before operating their bikes.

- Do preventive maintenance to ensure your bike is in top mechanical condition. A full tune-up and service is a good place to start.

- Get your riding skills up to par after the winter lay-off.

- Be visible to other drivers by wearing high-visibility garments.

- Wear proper protective clothing such as an approved helmet with eye protection, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, full length trousers, full-fingered gloves and over-the-ankle footwear (preferably made of leather with an oil-resistant sole to reduce slipping hazards).

- Drive defensively and always adjust your speed for road and traffic conditions.

- Don't drink and drive.

- Ride with a great attitude.

Riding safely is mostly a matter of knowledge and attitude, and riding safely doesn't have to be boring. Practicing safe techniques could add years of fun to your life.

For more information, call the U.S. Army Garrison Safety Office at 431-3134/civ. 07031-15-3134.



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 Room 231, Building 3312
 Kelley Barracks

For details call **421-4588** or civ. **0711-729-4588**

Airborne!

Kevin Morgan, shooting guard for the Stuttgart Stallions, prepares to shoot while being fouled by a Wiesbaden defender during pool play at the 2013 U.S. Forces European Basketball Championships held at the Patch Fitness Center March 21-24. The Stallions went on to win this game 43-37, but the Lakenheath men's team took top honors at the community-level tournament. Wiesbaden took first place in the women's division.

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VAT office to close early April 10

The Value-Added Tax Relief Office will be closed from 2-5 p.m. April 10 to facilitate computer updates.

During this period, VAT forms will not be available for purchase and the office will not be able to clear completed forms.

The Utility Tax Avoidance Program office will be open.

For more information, call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart VAT Office at 431-3368/civ. 07031-15-3368.

Community banks to open late April 24

Due to mandatory training on April 24, the Community Banks on Patch and Kelley Barracks, and

Panzer Kaserne will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

RSVP by May 20 for PHS baccalaureate

The Patch High School Senior Class of 2013 will be honored with a baccalaureate service at the Patch Chapel June 2 from 3-5 p.m.

The baccalaureate planning committee asks that those wishing to attend RSVP by May 20 to PHS2013Baccalaureate@gmail.com.

Sign up for ACS Culture College

Get introduced to German customs, culture, public transportation and local landmarks during the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Community Service Culture College to be held April 9 and 11.

The first day consists of a class-

room session, and is followed by a Stuttgart city tour on Thursday.

Child care is available. Sign up at ACS, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, or to register, call ACS at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

'The Women' opens at Kelley Theatre

The Stuttgart Theatre Center presents "The Women," a comedy of manners by Clare Boothe Luce. Richard Rogers will direct.

Performances will be held at the Kelley Theatre April 5-6, 12-13, and 26-27 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances will be held April 14 and 28, at 3 p.m.

To make a reservation, call the box office at 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055 (Tuesday through Friday

from 12:30-5:30 p.m.) or visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.

EFMP to hold focus group April 17

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Exceptional Family Member Program will host a focus group April 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Army Community Service, Room 222, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

All sponsors registered in the Stuttgart EFMP are encouraged to attend. RSVP by calling 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

If you have a child or spouse in the program and you're unable to attend, send suggestion, concerns or comments to sara.e.ratliff2.ctr@mail.mil.

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Family and MWR programs are operated by each branch of the military. They may go by different names, but the ultimate mission is the same: contribute to retention and readiness, and the mental, physical and emotional well-being of service members, civilians, families, military retirees and other eligible participants.

These organizations are committed to the idea that service members are entitled to the same quality of life as is afforded the nation they are pledged to defend.

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR is dedicated to creating and maintaining first-class programs and services that enhance mission readiness and foster a hometown environment.

Col. John P. Stack, the USAG Stuttgart commander, regards Family and MWR as a "readiness multiplier that keeps service members physically fit, fosters healthy families, reduces stress, builds skills and self-confidence, and creates esprit de corps.

"It's important that the garrison works closely with Family and MWR to ensure we are openly communicating with the Stuttgart community, supporting the many needs they may have and addressing the challenges they face while being



Courtesy of MWR Brand Central

USAG Stuttgart's Family and MWR will open a Java Cafe on Patch Barracks this year. The new facility, located on Finance Row, is being renovated.

stationed in Stuttgart," Stack said.

Stuttgart's Family and MWR has a long history of providing exceptional, award-winning programs and services to the Stuttgart military community in order to increase the quality of life for service members, families, retirees and civilians.

With more than 44 facilities — Army Community Service, child development centers, fitness centers, libraries, arts and crafts, auto skills, outdoor recreation, golf course, bowling center, clubs and catering, coffee shops, theater, Better Opportunities for Single Service Members, Warrior Zone and the

VAT and UTAP programs — Family and MWR has the potential to touch each and every person who lives in the Stuttgart military community.

In Fiscal Year 2012 alone, Family and MWR sponsored more than 350 events and 4,500 classes to promote resiliency, cohesiveness and community.

Family and MWR also generated over \$148,000 from corporate partners to provide free T-shirts for sporting events, and prizes such as grills, TVs, bikes, cameras, round-trip airline tickets to the U.S. and gift certificates.

During FY13, approximately \$2.5 million will be invested in equipment and renovations, such as the new fitness room at the Patch Fitness Center, free Wi-Fi in the lodging guest rooms, final touches to the renovated golf course, kitchen equipment, a sound system and furniture for community clubs.

This year, amenities on Patch Barracks will expand with the opening of a new Java Cafe that will serve Starbucks coffee, and a new photography studio.

In August, the renovated Stuttgart Golf Course will celebrate with a grand opening.

"It looks like it will be another exciting year for Stuttgart," said Gregory Holzinger, the director of Stuttgart Family and MWR.

For Holzinger, who has overseen the program since 2006, the organization's recipe for success is simple.

"I believe we not only have top-notch facilities, committed employees and excellent programs in place, but that we are constantly striving for improvement," Holzinger said.

For more information on Family and MWR programs and services, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.

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What's happening in FMWR

Spring Fling 5k run

The 2013 Spring Fling 5K fun run, hosted by Family and MWR Sports and Fitness, will be held April 13 on Husky Field, Patch Barracks. The race will start at 10 a.m.

Register by April 9. The first 300 entrants will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Play Texas Hold 'Em

Play Texas Hold 'Em April 11 and 25 at 6 p.m. in the Patch Community Club. Registration opens at 5 p.m. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Earn points to qualify for the big prize game scheduled for June 6.

For more information, call 430-5433/civ. 0711-680-5433.

Horseback riding adventure

Beginner equestrians are invited to saddle up for this overnight western-style horseback riding adventure April 13-14 at a ranch near Seffern, Germany, about 350

kilometers from Stuttgart.

The package includes a riding lesson, lodging, trail ride, transportation, guide and more.

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774 or stop by Building 2953, Panzer Kaserne.

Brunch is served

Enjoy an American-style brunch at the Swabian Special Events Center April 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Reservations are not needed. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children.

For more information, call 430-8205/civ. 0711-680-8205.

Mexican lunch at Kelley Club

An all-you-can-eat Mexican lunch buffet will be offered at the Kelley Club April 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 421-4660/civ. 0711-729-4660.

For more Family and MWR activities, go to the FMWR website at www.stuttgartmwr.com.



Coming to Patch Theater

April 5 — Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) 6 p.m., G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 8:30 p.m.

April 6 — G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 2 p.m., Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) 5 p.m., Olympus Has Fallen (R) 8 p.m.

April 7 — Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) 2 p.m., G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 5 p.m., Olympus Has Fallen (R) 7 p.m.

April 8 — Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) 6 p.m.

April 9 — closed

April 10 — G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 6 p.m.

April 11 — Olympus Has Fallen (R) 6 p.m.

April 12 — 42 (PG-13) 6 p.m., Evil Dead (R) 9 p.m.

April 13 — Oz: The Great And Powerful (PG) 2 p.m., 42 (PG-13) 5 p.m., Evil Dead (R) 8 p.m.

April 14 — The Croods (PG) 2 p.m., 42 (PG-13) 5 p.m., Evil Dead (R) 8 p.m.

April 15 — Evil Dead (R) 6 p.m.

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<p>7 Family Bingo 1 p.m., sales start 3 p.m., game starts Patch Community Club</p>	<p>8 Youth Center Camp 6th - 12th Grade Sign up at Parent Central Services Patch Playgroup with Kinderjam 10 - 11³⁰ a.m. Patch Fitness Center RB Movie Day 1 p.m., (Movie TBD) Brewed Awakenings Kid's Movie Matinée 3 p.m., (Movie TBD) Patch Theater</p>	<p>9 Panzer Playgroup 10³⁰ a.m. - noon Panzer Bldg. 3162 EDGE! Art Camp noon - 1 p.m., ages 6 - 10 3 - 4³⁰ p.m., ages 11-18 Patch Arts & Crafts</p>	10 Kell Pat SKIES G noon - 3 - 4 ³⁰ P ED 3 ³⁰ - 4 ³⁰ p. Cours Kidz Nig Galax
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Month of the Military Child



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Kelley Playgroup 10-11¹⁵ a.m. Kelley Fitness Center</p> <p>EDGE! Golf Program Stuttgart Golf Kornwestheim</p> <p>Kidz Night Out 4-7 p.m. Bowling Center</p>	<p>4 RB Playgroup 10-11³⁰ a.m. RB Bldg. 151</p> <p>SYNO (Stuttgart Youth Newcomers Orientation) 3³⁰-7 p.m. Patch YC (HUB)</p>	<p>5 Europa Park 7³⁰ a.m. - 7 p.m. Patch YC (HUB)</p> <p>SYNO 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Patch YC (HUB)</p> <p>4H Babysitters Training 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Patch Bldg. 2347</p> <p>Strike Out Child Abuse 1-4 p.m. Galaxy Bowling Center</p>	<p>6 EDGE! Fashion Design for Teens 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Patch Arts & Crafts</p>
<p>Kelley Playgroup 10-11¹⁵ a.m. Kelley Fitness Center</p> <p>Kiddie Bootcamp 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Patch Fitness Center</p> <p>German Immersion 12³⁰ - 1³⁰ p.m. Patch YC (HUB)</p> <p>EDGE! Art Camp 1 p.m., ages 6-10 1 p.m., ages 11-18 Patch Arts & Crafts</p> <p>EDGE! Golf Program Stuttgart Golf Kornwestheim</p> <p>Kidz Night Out 4-7 p.m. Bowling Center</p>	<p>11 EDGE! Art Camp noon - 1 p.m., ages 6-10 3-4³⁰ p.m., ages 11-18 Patch Arts & Crafts</p> <p>SKIES German Immersion 12³⁰ - 4³⁰ p.m. Patch YC (HUB)</p> <p>Kid's Movie Matinée 3 p.m., (Movie TBD) Patch Theater</p>	<p>12 SKIES German Immersion 12³⁰ - 4³⁰ p.m. Patch YC (HUB)</p> <p>EDGE! Art Camp noon - 1 p.m., ages 6-10 3-4³⁰ p.m., ages 11-18 Patch Arts & Crafts</p> <p>RB Movie Day 1 p.m., (Movie TBD) Brewed Awakenings</p>	<p>13 Spring Fling 5K 10 a.m. Husky Field</p> <p>EDGE! Fashion Design for Teens 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Patch Arts & Crafts</p> <p>Parent and Child Basketball Skills Challenge noon Patch Fitness Center</p>
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<p>DoDDS Re-Registration 8³⁰ a.m. - 3³⁰ p.m. Panzer Exchange</p> <p>Kelley Playgroup 10-11¹⁵ a.m. Kelley Fitness Center</p> <p>Kidz Night Out Bowling Center</p>	<p>25 DoDDS Re-Registration 8³⁰ a.m. - 3³⁰ p.m. Panzer Exchange</p>	<p>26 RB Fun Day RB After School Fun 3-5 p.m. RB Bldg. 151</p>	<p>27 Kidz Only Flea Market 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Patch Fitness Center Parking Lot</p> <p>Amazing Race Teen Edition 9³⁰ a.m. - 1 p.m. Patch YC/Patch Fitness Center</p> <p>EDGE! Fashion Design for Teens 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Patch Arts & Crafts</p> <p>CYS Services Spring Fest 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Patch YC/Patch Fitness Center</p> <p>Spring Fest Family Cook-Off noon - 1 p.m. Patch YC</p>



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Youth Activities

Take a look at what's going on in Stuttgart's schools.



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Inspirational dance

5th grade students did an inspirational dance for the students at Patch Elementary School during a student-led Black History Program.



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History time

From left: T'Angela, Messiah, and Maria share the history of the Historic March on Washington as we celebrate the 50th Year Anniversary.



Photo by Michele Winter

Japanese culture

Patch Elementary School 2nd and 3rd grade ESL students learned a bit about Japanese culture on March 25. (L-R) Gabriel Calkins, Emma Pritchard, Josephine Brutsche, and Sakura Carter hold a WW II Japanese flag relic while wearing kimono and yakata. Signatures on the flag may represented family members or members of a platoon wishing a soldier a safe return.



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Calypso dance

Students at Patch Elementary School learn a calypso dance during the Black History Program.

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Pi Day

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14 around the world. Pi (Greek letter "π") is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant - the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter - which is approximately 3.14159. Students at Böblingen Elementary Middle School conducted research and then constructed a bulletin board poster to display their recently gained knowledge about Pi. Here we see BEMS Blue Ribbon student, Makayla Hooper and her finished project.



Photo by Ed Thornburg

Looks like Twins

These young ladies are sure showing their school spirit and pretty smiles during the BEMS Spirit Week. On Twins Day of Spirit Week, Sarah Steers, Meaghan Ambelang, Katelyn Alo and Jennifer Rolle, 7th grade Blue Ribbon students at BEMS, decided to band together and become look alike twins by wearing their pretty purple "Walk For Life" t-shirts. All four of these young ladies are members of the BEMS Intermediate Band conducted by our own Maestro: Ms. Rebecca Brashier.



Photo by Ed Thornburg

Spirit Week

Böblingen Elementary Middle School celebrated "Spirit Week" during the week of March 18-22. It was week filled with fun activities and each day had a special theme. BEMS Blue Ribbon Student, Rachael Riera, dressed in her pretty pajamas on pajama day.



Photo by Michele Winter

Class schedules

Patch High School counselors work with their respective grade levels on class schedules for School Year 2013-14, April 1. From left: Ms. Juergens, counselor for the 9th grade, discusses class options with Thomas Greene and Braden Jacobson. Ms. O'Hanrahan, counselor for the 10th grade, discusses choices with Xavier Ingram.



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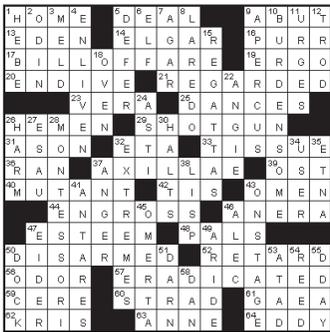
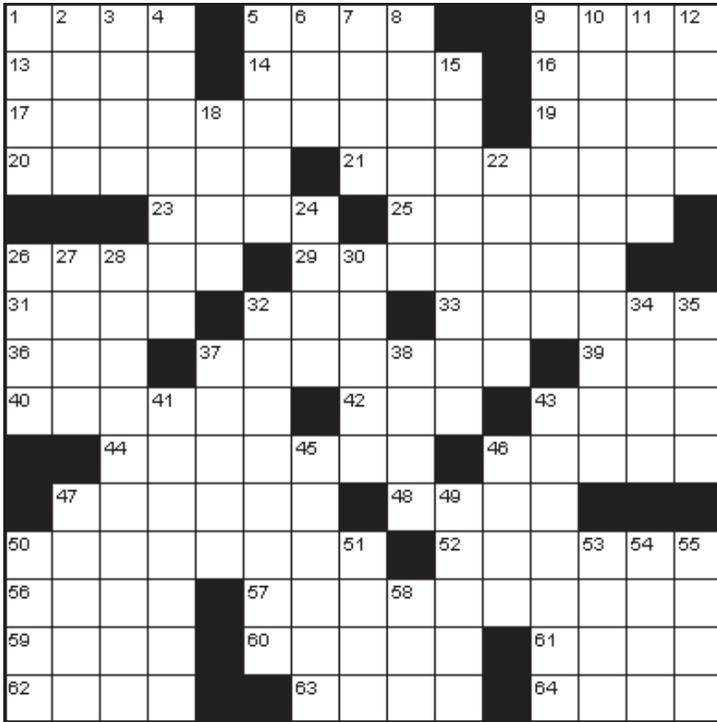
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- 5. Compulsive desire
- 9. Adored one
- 13. Norse god of mischief
- 14. Non-concerted efforts
- 16. Baltic capital
- 17. Beekeeping
- 19. 1952 Olympics host
- 20. Lady of Spain
- 21. Bank amounts
- 23. Long ride?
- 25. Seasonal songs
- 26. Musical finales
- 29. Eminent conductor
- 31. A long, long time
- 32. Evergreen
- 33. Sleep time
- 36. Sri Lanka export
- 37. Clique
- 39. Vase
- 40. Detection device
- 42. Signal an actor
- 43. Goad
- 44. 20 Questions category
- 46. Gone to pot
- 47. Type of melon

48. Constant

- 50. Sauce
- 52. Pitch tents
- 56. Sparkling wine
- 57. Always
- 59. "Double Indemnity" novelist
- 60. Galloped
- 61. Thrashes
- 62. "Alfred" and "Judith" composer
- 63. Burlesque bit
- 64. Down the tubes

- 18. "Mila 18" author
- 22. Jazzman Shaw
- 24. Leave unsaid
- 26. Lloyd Webber musical
- 27. Kind of arch
- 28. "Volare" singer
- 30. Betel nut tree
- 32. Ancestor
- 34. Trampled
- 35. Raggedy Ann's friend
- 37. 1980's Schwarzenegger role

DOWN

- 1. "Oh woe!"
- 2. Easy gait
- 3. Analogous
- 4. Cage of films
- 5. Worship of Allah
- 6. Moppet
- 7. Cudgel
- 8. "Ars Poetica" poet
- 9. Blast furnace input
- 10. Revelation
- 11. Makes eyes at
- 12. Cambodia neighbor
- 15. Haile __
- 38. Hold sway
- 41. Vatican chapel
- 43. Writing implements
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- 46. Transmitted
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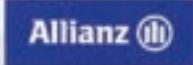
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Tue, Mar 26 – Sun, Jun 2

Linden-Museum, Stuttgart

From March 26 to June 2 the Maya Code exhibition is hosted by the Linden-Museum in Stuttgart every day from 10 am except Monday. Because of the ending Maya calendar last year in December this special exhibition provides information about the Maya's life between the 3rd and 10th century. Find out how the Maya calendar worked and be fascinated by precious Mayan objects. A highlight for the children will be the Wii game where they can experience a traditional Mayan ball game. Entry is €5, children up to 12 are free. For more information in German see www.lindenmuseum.de

Cable railway and 'Zacke' tour

Sat, Apr 6

Südheimer Platz, Stuttgart

Enjoy a nostalgic ride with a cable railway and a rack-railroad on April 6 at 2 pm from the railway station Südheimer Platz in Stuttgart. This cable railway was the first ever fully automated cable railway in the world. On this special tour you will be transported by the cable railway to the forest cemetery where famous Stuttgart citizens were laid to

rest, take a small walk to Degerloch and finally take the 'Zacke' back to the Marienplatz. The 'Zacke' is one of the four last rack-railroads in Germany. Find tickets for €15 at www.stuttgart-tourist.de (in German only)

Outdoor exhibition

Thu, Apr 11 – Sun, Apr 14

Landesmesse, Stuttgart

Visit a special garden exhibition at the Landesmesse in Stuttgart starting on April 11 at 2 pm. Learn more about the subjects 'water in the garden', 'country gardens' and 'indoor meets outdoor'. Moreover, you can find many beautiful accessories for your garden or house and experts will be there to answer any questions you may have. A highlight will be the special program provided during the first night of the exhibition 'The night of senses' until 10 pm. For more info see www.messe-stuttgart.de

Slow food fair

Thu, Apr 11 – Sun, Apr 14

Landesmesse, Stuttgart

From April 11 – 14 the Slow Food fair will take place at the Landesmesse Stuttgart starting at 2 pm. The focus is totally on regional and sustainable food. At this fair you have the chance to meet the producers of your favorite food in person and talk to them. This fair is

a must for everybody concerned with healthy living! Don't forget to taste some of the healthy and delicious cereals, fish, meat, herbs and many more.

For more info in German see www.messe-stuttgart.de.

Segway City tour

Fri, Apr 12

Rothebühlplatz, Stuttgart

Stuttgart's special city tour on Segways will be starting on April 12 at 2 pm from the railway stop Rothebühlplatz, end of Königsstrasse. Experience the increasingly popular way of sightseeing in Germany's cities. In Stuttgart you will be passing historic buildings, parks, the castle and many more without taking one single step. Tickets are €75. For more dates and times see www.seg-tour-stuttgart.com.

Swan Lake ballet

Sun, Apr 14

Liederhalle, Stuttgart

See the performance of Swan Lake, probably the world's most famous ballet, in the Liederhalle Stuttgart on April 14 at 5 pm. Tchaikowski's masterwork will be presented by the Municipales academic opera and ballet theater Kiev. The timeless fairytale tells of the everlasting fight between good and evil and the incredible power love can have in certain situations.

The stunning success of this ballet is likely due to the beautiful theatrical music. It is inseparably combined with the choreography allowing the spectator to empathize with the exceptional characters. Find tickets on www.easyticketserve.de (in German only)

Underground wine tasting

Sat, Apr 13

Weingut Stadt Stuttgart, Stuttgart

The special underground wine tasting will take place at the travertine cellar at the Weingut Stadt Stuttgart. Before the actual wine tasting will begin, a tour guide will show you the old air raid shelter. Beginning with a champagne reception the winery will present a variety of their house wines. Tickets are €17, available at the Tourist information, 0711-22280.

SPORT

VfB Stuttgart – Borussia M'gladbach

Sun, Apr 14

Mercedes-Benz Arena, Stuttgart

The VfB Stuttgart soccer team is playing a home game at the Mercedes-Benz Arena Stuttgart on April 13 at 3.30 pm. The match will take place as part of the second half of the season against Borussia Mönchengladbach. Get tickets at www.viagogo.de (in German only)

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