

Disciples of speed: *Motorcyclists get thrills on race track, play it safe on road*

By Steve Roark

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On May 27, 2011, a 19-year-old Soldier and two friends were riding their motorcycles in Colorado Springs, Colo., when they were struck by a vehicle. Spc. Christopher Wheeler, who had recently returned from deployment, died at the scene. He became the Army's 23rd motorcycle fatality this fiscal year.

As of press time, the Army has had 24 motorcycle fatalities this fiscal year, compared to 18 motorcycle fatalities during the same period last year. The spike in deaths has Army leadership concerned and seeking solutions.

The Army isn't alone. According to the Air Force Safety Center, from January to March of 2011, the Air Force experienced a 150 percent increase in motorcycle fatalities.

According to the Naval Safety Center, the Navy and Marine Corps experienced a devastating peak in 2008, losing 33 Sailors and 25 Ma-

rines to motorcycles, prompting a revamp of its motorcycle safety program. This fiscal year, they've lost 12 Sailors and nine Marines, the Navy website states.

One of the challenges facing officials is the public's perception that Spc. Wheeler's scenario — being a young driver, recently deployed and being struck by another vehicle — is the norm in motorcycle fatalities. It isn't. Of the 24 fatalities recorded by the Army, most were Soldiers in ranks E5 through E8, Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center officials said. Less than one-third had deployed within a year.

In most of the Army's 24 deadly motorcycle accidents this year, loss of control of the motorcycle was the primary cause. Collision with another vehicle was the second leading cause of fatal motorcycle accidents.

Only one of those fatalities occurred in U.S. Army Europe.

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Photo courtesy of Richard Derausse

Richard Derausse, a Stuttgart community member, falls off of his motorcycle at 80 mph while racing in Mugello, Italy, last year. The photo was taken by a video camera mounted onto his motorcycle. He credits his safety gear with allowing him to walk away from the spill and encourages other riders to test their limits on a race track, not the road.

Happy 236th Birthday, Army!

A Stuttgart community member heads to work on Patch Barracks' flag-lined walkway on June 14, the Army's 236th Birthday. For more photos, visit www.flickr.com/photos/usagstuttgart.



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Staff Sgt. Paul Smith selects his lunch during the Patch Barracks Black Stallion Dining Facility's Army birthday lunch June 14.



USAG Stuttgart garrison leaders Command Sgt. Major Anthony M. Bryant, left, and Col. Carl D. Bird plant the 236th flag for the Army's birthday at 7 a.m. June 14. Take the Army birthday quiz on page 10.

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They sing, they dance, they do PT

Soldiers in the U.S. Army Soldier Show not only serve the country; they put on an entertaining performance during a visit to U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart June 6.



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The first day of the rest of their lives ...

On June 8, 122 Patch High School graduates walked the line and received their diplomas, leaving the halls of secondary school behind them to make their marks on the world.



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Base Realignment and Closure Process: on time and on target

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

Installation Management Command commander

The past 10 years have brought a great deal of change to our Army. Not only do our Soldiers continue to fight in two wars, but the Army is going through the greatest organizational change since World War II. The Base Realignment and Closure process is a large part of that reorganization.



Lt. Gen. Lynch

By this September, the Army will have completed over \$13 billion in construction and renovation projects, and a reorganization that will affect one third of the Army.

The process began six years ago, when the BRAC commission made recommendations about how to make the Defense Department more efficient to the president, who then presented them to Congress, where they became law in September 2005. Of the 182 commission recommendations, 113 affected the Army. This BRAC has affected many

commands, including the Installation Management Command Headquarters in San Antonio, Texas.

BRAC 2005 repositions our forces, making them more relevant and combat ready. It also consolidates schools into centers of excellence, and headquarters and other activities into joint or multi-functional installations for cost control and efficiency.

Joint Base San Antonio is experiencing the largest economic development in its history with 10,000 families relocating here. This BRAC move has transformed the former Fort Sam Houston into the largest medical training campus in the world.

Fort Benning, the new home of the Maneuver Center of Excellence, is a good example of how BRAC growth has been handled in an environmentally and fiscally sustainable way. Thirty-four new projects have been built there as a result of BRAC, and all of them have been designed to be LEED Silver certified.

On installations across the Army, you can see signs of success in meeting the goals of BRAC 2005. Construction alone has brought thousands of jobs to surrounding communities. Expanding installations have caused local businesses

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and service providers to grow. Even communities surrounding closure installations have benefited by working with the Army to redevelop the surplus property.

But with BRAC successes, there are also challenges. More people require more schools, houses and emergency services. The city of El Paso is one community that turned its challenges with BRAC into a success story.

Fort Bliss is experiencing the largest BRAC realignment in history with unparalleled growth of 29,600 Soldiers and 45,000 family members relocating there. El Paso embraced BRAC and built new schools, while the state invested \$1 billion for transportation projects in the city, creating thousands of civilian jobs. When BRAC and Army transformation are complete, Fort Bliss will have enough new facilities to accommodate five brigade combat teams,

a division staff and their families.

IMCOM plays a big part in transforming the Army's infrastructure through BRAC, supporting the movement of several organizations and welcoming thousands of Soldiers and civilians into our installations' surrounding communities. This transformation has made us a stronger, more efficient and agile organization, supporting a stronger, more efficient and agile Army.

BRAC is an important part of the largest Army transformation in three generations. Consolidating and repositioning several major commands will save millions in personnel and facilities costs.

We have no way of knowing exactly what the future will look like, but the 2005 BRAC process is repositioning the Army to better meet future challenges. When it is complete, it will be a major achievement for the Army.

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ON THE STREET

Grads: What's your advice to underclassmen?



Emma Pauken, 17

"Stay true to yourself because the best friends you will make are the ones who know you."



Jessica Hansen, 18

"Don't take calculus, but if you do, take Mr. Tingey. He is a great math teacher."



Jesse Leatherman, 18

"Do your homework. Do not procrastinate."



Kelsey McGuire, 18

"Study hard all four years because if you mess up your first year, it catches up to you."



Kenny Hall, 18

"Have fun, go to parties, join lots of sports, and make as many friends as you can."



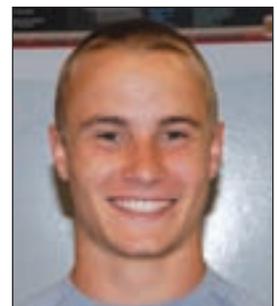
Jessie Barnes, 17

"Work hard and concentrate on being true to yourself. Don't try to please others."



Travis Baker, 17

"Don't get cocky, but stay confident."



Ryan Hawkins, 18

"Stay focused. Your freshman year is just as important as your senior year."



Janelle Bradford, left, a Master Trainer with USAG Stuttgart Army Community Service, chats with Lisa Ordukaya, ACS Army Family Team Building program manager, outside the ACS office. Through a free instructor training course to be offered in July, community members can eventually become ACS Master Trainers, who can conduct briefings and teach all ACS classes, including AFTB.

Become 'master' briefer with ACS class

Story & photo by Brittany Carlson
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Have you ever wanted to know how to brief and train others more effectively? This summer, all ID cardholders in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart can learn these skills free of charge at Army Community Service's Instructor Training Class July 19-21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at ACS.

"This is beneficial for those that are afraid of public speaking or for those that want to learn how to brief," said Lisa Ordukaya, Army Family Team Building program manager. "The tools that they will learn here will become a great asset to them anywhere they go."

ITC was originally intended for ACS personnel and volunteers to be able to teach all ACS classes and conduct briefings for community organizations and tenant units, Ordukaya said. "However, it is such good training and material that we offer it to everyone."

Now, community members can become ACS Master Trainers by completing ITC, along with Briefing and Facilitation Training Classes, which ACS will offer later this year, Ordukaya said.

This not only benefits the community — to be accredited, each garrison ACS must have a certain number of Master Trainers — but is an excellent resume builder, Ordukaya said.

"In the federal job community, as well as corporate America, public speaking is a great asset to have," she said.

Laurie Menzel, a military spouse, took ITC in Garmisch in January 2010 to enhance her abilities as an instructor, after earning a master's degree in management.

She now teaches ITC to others.

"We give you the basic tools and knowledge so that you can go out there and be more successful, whether you are with an FRG or teaching ACS classes," Menzel said. "You can always learn new tools and gain new insight into how to be a more effective instructor."

Besides that, the cost cannot be beat, she said. "It's free. You pay a lot of money for [this class] to

take it from a professional agency."

ITC also replaced Army Family Team Building Master Trainer classes, so Master Trainers teach AFTB classes as well.

AFTB program

Army Family Team Building is a volunteer-led program designed to provide spouses and family members with training on military customs and culture, along with leadership development, to support the total Army effort. However, in a "purple community" such as Stuttgart, the classes are tailored to meet the needs of members in all service branches.

Level one of the class introduces military family newcomers to military culture, terms, acronyms and customs. Level two is designed to help emerging military community leaders develop personal skills, such as stress management and creative problem solving. Level three offers professional leadership development, such as building cohesive teams and managing group conflict.

Community members who complete all three levels are ideal candidates for ITC, Ordukaya said.

AFTB classes can be made available during evenings and weekends with two weeks advance notice, Ordukaya added. Units and organizations can also request training on specific modules.

Soldiers with a rank of E-4 or below receive four promotion points for completing the entire AFTB training, or 40 hours of ACS classes, she added.

The next AFTB dates are:

- June 21: Level 1, modules 1-4
- June 29: Level 3, modules 1-3
- July 11: Level 1, modules 1-2
- July 12: Level 1, modules 3-4
- July 27: Level 2, modules 1-2

All classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the ACS conference room, Building 2915, on Panzer Kaserne.

AFTB classes are also available online at www.myarmyonesource.com.

For more information on ITC or AFTB, contact Lisa Ordukaya at 431-3643/3362/civ. 07031-15-3643/3362 or lisa.ordukaya@eur.army.mil.

News & Notes

OHA increased due to survey

Eligible service members will soon be seeing more money in their bank accounts, thanks to the results from the 2011 Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Recurring Maintenance survey.

The increase, which raised the monthly utility allowance by €32 to a total of €656, was based on data gathered through the OHA Utility and Recurring Maintenance survey taken by members receiving OHA in Germany. The increase will take effect June 16.

Department of Defense Military Advisory Panel members approved the increase May 31.

The next OHA Utility and Recurring Maintenance survey for Germany is scheduled for March 2012.

GAWC accepting Pfennig Bazaar donations on Patch

Each year, the German-American Women's Club hosts the Pfennig Bazaar to raise money for organizations in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart and the local German community. Last year, the bazaar raised over €100,000.

GAWC is already accepting donations for this year's Pfennig Bazaar, set for Oct. 14-15 at the Liederhalle in downtown Stuttgart.

Donations are sorted and stored in the Pfennig Bazaar sorting room on Patch Barracks, located next door to the thrift store behind the Wine Kiosk. While the thrift store is currently not accepting donations, the Pfennig Bazaar sorting room on Patch is up and running. A donation bin is located outside the sorting room for donations 24/7.

Volunteers are always needed. To volunteer to work in the sorting room, contact the sorting room manager, Denise Stanley, at patchsortingroom@googlemail.com. For more information, contact Jennifer Kiwus at jake0961@yahoo.com.

American Red Cross adopts one emergency phone number

As part of an ongoing effort to better serve the military community, the American Red Cross now has a single telephone number for emergency communication services.

All military members and their families can use one number 877-272-7337 (U.S. toll-free) to send an urgent message to a service member, regardless of where they live.

Calling the number allows the Red Cross to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies, among other services.

Those stationed overseas can call 877-272-7337 direct, access the number through a military operator, or call the local Red Cross station.

The phone number for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's American Red Cross branch is 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812.

Soldier Show highlights Army talent, teamwork

Story & photos by Joseph Maney
Special to The Citizen

Sitting in the front row of the audience with her hands pressed over her ears, it was clear that 3-year-old Emerson Caravona was not a big fan of rap music.

Fortunately for her and 560 other community members watching the U.S. Army's 2011 Soldier Show at the Patch Fitness Center June 6, the show included a mix of country-western, rock, pop, classic, Polynesian, Latin, African and Oriental musical genres.

The 90-minute show, themed "Carnival," was designed to entertain service members and families of all tastes. However, the performance that brought everyone to their feet was a patriotic rendition of the song "America the Beautiful," sung by all 25 Soldier Show performers, each wearing their Army uniform.

The Soldier Show visited U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart as part of a 10-month global tour, which kicked off in Fort Belvoir, Va., in May. The visit was sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union and the Army G1's Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention, or SHARP, program. The tour will include 106 performances in 65 locations.

While they get to travel the world, Soldier Show cast and crew members aren't just having a good time.

As USAG Stuttgart Deputy to the Commander Kathleen Cole put it following the June 6 performance, "This is not a leisure tour."

Performers set up their own stage, props, lights and equipment. After each show, they tear it all down and load it into trucks and buses.

"This is much tougher than American Idol," said Spc. Enjolee Williams, who serves in the Army National Guard, and is a high school math teacher in New Orleans when not performing in the show. "We don't have extra help, so we do all our own support. It is not uncommon to work an 18-hour day."

True to the Soldier's Show creed, "For the Soldier, by the Soldier," performers also need to fulfill their obligations to the Army while on the road.

"We must maintain all Army standards, to include the physical fitness test," Williams added.

The Soldier Show cast and crew also adhere to Army principles of teamwork by backing each other up. Each performer must know at least one other Soldier's routine, in case a substitute performer is needed.

To join the Soldier Show, applicants had to submit a DVD of personal musical performance for consideration last October. Ten weeks later, the best were invited for a live audition. Once selected, performers were given six weeks to learn the routines before their first performance in front of an audience.

Despite the long hours and hard work, these musician-Soldiers love what they do. Many of them have served in Iraq or Afghanistan and have taken a year off from their normal military duties to bring smiles to the faces of other Soldiers and their families.

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Spc. Enjolee Williams
2011 Soldier Show performer



U.S. Army Soldier Show cast members dance and sing the opening number during the show's performance for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart June 6. The Soldier Show's creed is "For the Soldier, by the Soldier."

Pfc. Erik Tue performs a Samoan dance during the Soldier Show on Patch Barracks June 6.



Emerson Caravona, 3, displays her dislike for rap music during the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show held June 6 on Patch Barracks. Fortunately for her, the show included a variety of musical genres.



Staff Sgt. Talitha Vaughn-Nettles sings "A Little Bit Stronger" during the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show's performance in USAG Stuttgart June 6 at the Patch Fitness Center. Soldiers in the show act as their own support system.



The 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show rendition of "Arima Arima" was part of the June 6 performance on Patch Barracks.



Sgt. Jeremy Wesby, a 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show performer, shakes hands with a fan following the show on Patch Barracks June 6.

Disciples of Speed.

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Within the Stuttgart military community, there hasn't been a motorcycle fatality in a decade. U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Safety Manager Hans Dreizler credits a proactive campaign by the Safety Office to keep Stuttgart drivers informed and trained above the requirements outlined in Army Europe Regulation 190.1.

One unique part of that campaign is the Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club Motorcycle Safety Course in Leonberg. The Safety Office first approached ADAC about providing a hands-on course for Americans 11 years ago. Since then, the voluntary course has been made available to licensed ID cardholders each spring.

English-speaking instructors take the students through a series of exercises designed to enhance their reaction to real world situations.

Cavaris King, a Stuttgart military community member, had only been driving a motorcycle for one month when she took the course in May. She said it was confidence-booster.

"At the end of the course I felt more confident in my riding abilities and motivated to attempt new challenges," she said.

Also in the class was Richard Deroousse, a contractor at Patch Barracks. He's raced motorcycles on three continents. Though he often reaches speeds of 180 mph, he's quick to say that it isn't about speed.

"Going fast is easy ... it's stopping that's hard," he said.



Steve Roark

Elijah Muse (left) and Richard Deroousse, motorcycle enthusiasts and Stuttgart military community members, show off their safety gear. Both riders believe buying quality safety gear and driving within one's limits on the road are of vital importance to motorcycle riders.

As if to back up that statement, he wore a white protective suit covered with multiple black scars, each telling a story of a crash, sometimes at speeds greater than 80 mph. He and fellow racer, Elijah Muse, a civilian employee on Kelley Barracks, came to the ADAC course to act as walking and breathing examples of how important the right safety gear is to a biker.

After years of pushing both their machines and themselves to the limit on the tracks, these two know what right looks like, and too often, they aren't seeing it on the streets.

Deroousse said he often sees guys driving beyond their abilities on the road, something he has no desire to do.

He thinks finding one's limits while surrounded by oncoming traffic and other hazards is a bad idea.

"Even a guard rail can be fatal at moderate speeds," he said.

On the other hand, racing tracks are designed to eliminate as many hazards as possible. Deroousse said if more street riders had access to a track, they might get their adrenaline fix with much less risk. While competing in races can be expensive, he said some places offer track time for as little as €99.

"One of the big things I see a first-time biker do," Muse said, "is buy the biggest bike they can afford ... and then cut corners on their safety gear."

Nobody could accuse Muse of cut-

ting corners. One of his specially made suits cost €3,000. It includes built-in armor and titanium joints. He credits it with saving his life when his bike went down at 130 mph in 2009. Except for a bruise from his handle bar slamming into his chest, he was unscathed.

Even if street bikers don't need anything that exotic, Muse says they really should be wearing protective clothing from head to toe. He says the Soldiers who wear only ACUs and the standard issue boots on bikes have no protection from the asphalt in a crash.

If they sound a little fanatical about safety, they are. Both Deroousse and Muse love motorcycles, and they said it gets frustrating when serious accidents force the Army to conduct safety stand downs and issue more mandatory courses and briefings that get between them and their bikes. That's why they've begun to crusade for motorcycle safety.

In addition to offering their experiences to the other students in the course, they wanted to see for themselves if the class was worth recommending. It more than met their expectations.

Muse said after all the years of riding, there are still things beyond his comfort level. "When the instructor started throwing boards and water hazards on the course, I felt myself tensing up," he said.

After the class, he said he had a higher degree of confidence.

Deroousse said the course helped him realize he wasn't looking far enough ahead. He said that's the nature of driving a motorcycle: there's always something to learn.

Control stress, anger with ACS Family Advocacy Program

By **Brittany Carlson**

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

At one time or another, stress affects everyone. What sets people apart is how they manage that stress, according to Steve Naxer, Family Advocacy Program specialist for the Stuttgart military community.

Naxer teaches free stress management, parenting and anger management classes through U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Army Community Service on Panzer Kaserne.

The classes aim to educate community members on how stress, anger and lack of communication affect their relationships, and help them to better manage their emotions, at home and at work.

"Healthy, open communication is the key [to] all of these," Naxer said. "If you can handle your stress, you won't be angry. If you can handle your anger, you won't get stressed. If a family and kids are communicating together, they're not going to have anger, [and] they're not going to have stress."

Anger management

The "Managing Your Emotions" class focuses on anger management in three areas: understanding anger, anger in the workplace, and anger in relationships. All of the areas are interconnected, Naxer said.

"If you have pent up anger in one area [such as

work], you're letting it out on people you love," he said. "They really bleed into each other."

In the class, participants learn what their individual anger triggers are. They also learn to deal with anger in a healthy way, Naxer said.

Married couples in particular find this class useful, he added.

"What I find is the biggest [issue] is a lack of communication between spouses," Naxer said. In the class, they learn how to be understood and respected.

Stress management

Naxer also teaches "Stress Management" and "Stress Management for Women."

He has found that men and women open up more in a same-sex classroom environment. "Women deal with stress differently than men do," he said.

Simone Catania, a civilian who took the stress management class earlier this year, found Naxer's personalized approach helpful.

"He broke a lot of things down ... how you should think, how you can improve your relationships," she said. "He's the sort of guy who can tune in to a woman."

As a former Army Soldier who has been deployed himself, Naxer can also relate to service members. He often begins one-on-one stress management classes with service members by telling them about

his background.

"When I open up to Soldiers, they get a look like: 'Wow, somebody who understands,'" Naxer said. "I give them the tools to work with to help [reduce] anger or stress, whatever is bothering them."

Parenting

Another free FAP class at ACS is the "Love and Logic" parenting class, based on the philosophy founded by Jim Fay and Foster W. Cline, M.D.

The Love and Logic DVDs teach parents how to influence their children's behavior by allowing them to make choices and deal with the consequences.

"It's really about teaching children to make their own decisions," Naxer said.

Naxer said the Love and Logic program has helped many parents see eye-to-eye on parenting.

"People are shocked at how easy it looks and that is works," Naxer said. "If [both parents] come to the class and both practice skills out of this parenting class, things will change."

Love and Logic classes are available for parents of newborns to children age 6, and parents of children age 7 and older.

For more information about FAP classes, call Steve Naxer at 431-3364/civ. 07031-15-3364. To sign up for a class, call ACS at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

Customs helps guests 'drive on' in Germany

By Robert Szostek

USAREUR Provost Marshal Public Affairs Office

One advantage of being stationed in Germany is that friends and family can visit you for a real Old World travel experience. You can even let them drive your U.S. Army Europe-plated car, if you first receive customs approval.

"Just go to your local military customs field office and fill out the application form," said Fred Evans, chief of services, USAREUR Customs Executive Agency.

"If you want to have the paperwork ready before your relatives or friends arrive, you should bring along your vehicle registration and clear copies of their passports, stateside driver's licenses and official German translations of their licenses or international driver's licenses issued by the American Automobile Association or National Automobile Club," he added.

For visitors from countries other than the U.S., ask your military customs office if an international driver's license or translation is required. To receive approval, guests cannot be residents of Germany, plan to establish residency in Germany, or be your dependants.

It is also important to ensure that your automobile insurance covers your guests. Visit the customs website at www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/custom3.htm for more details.

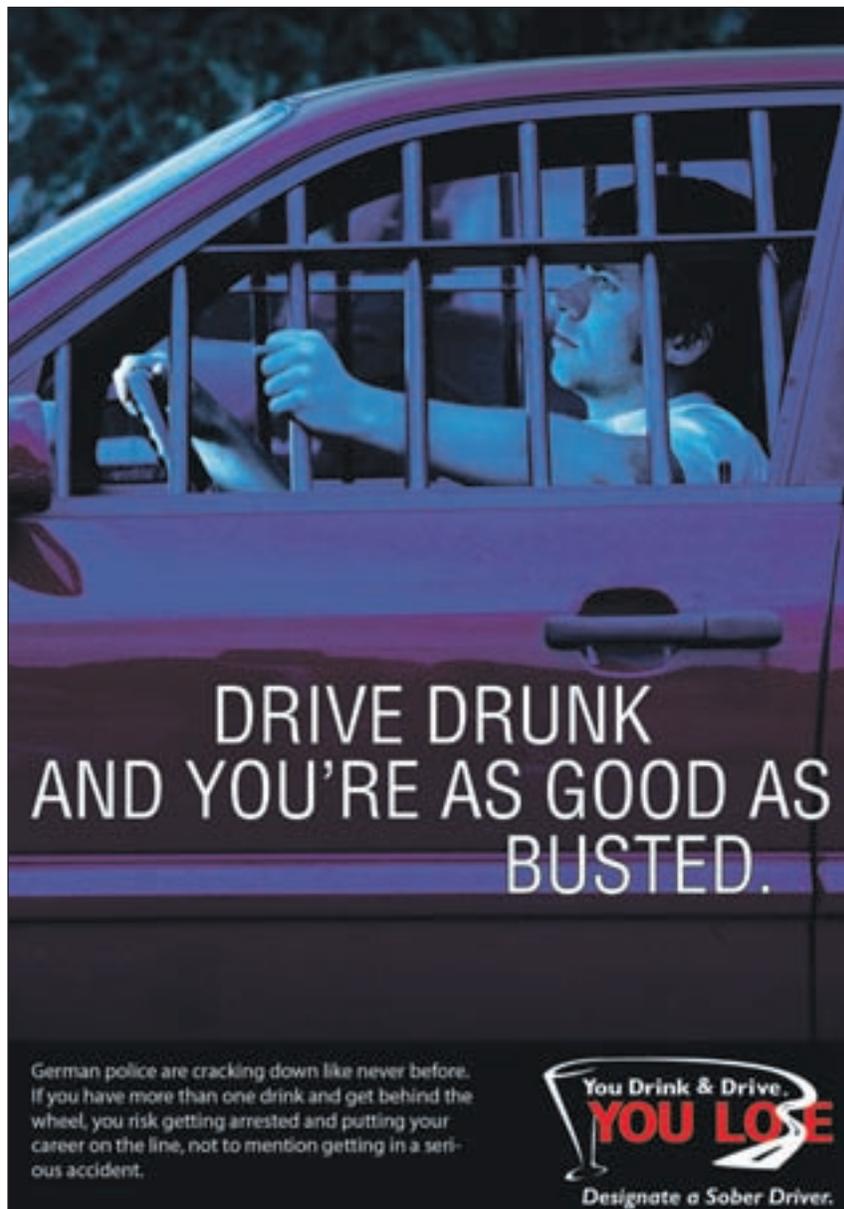
Your guests can use this exception to policy to drive a USAREUR-registered privately owned vehicle in Germany for up to 90 days within a six-month period. The 90-day period begins on the day the visitor arrives in any European Union member state. The document must remain in the car when your guests use your vehicle independently, along with their passports, the vehicle registration, proof of insurance and their international driver's licenses (or official translations of their licenses).

"Driving in Germany is a tax- and duty-free privilege for U.S. Forces personnel and their dependents," Evans said, which is why the customs authorization is required for guests.

This exception to policy does not allow guests to buy gas at Army and Air Force Exchange Services gas stations or use your AAFES fuel ration card.

Your guests can have a great time driving around Europe, if you plan ahead.

For more information, call the USAG Stuttgart Customs Office at 431-2731/2657/civ. 07031-15-2731/2657.



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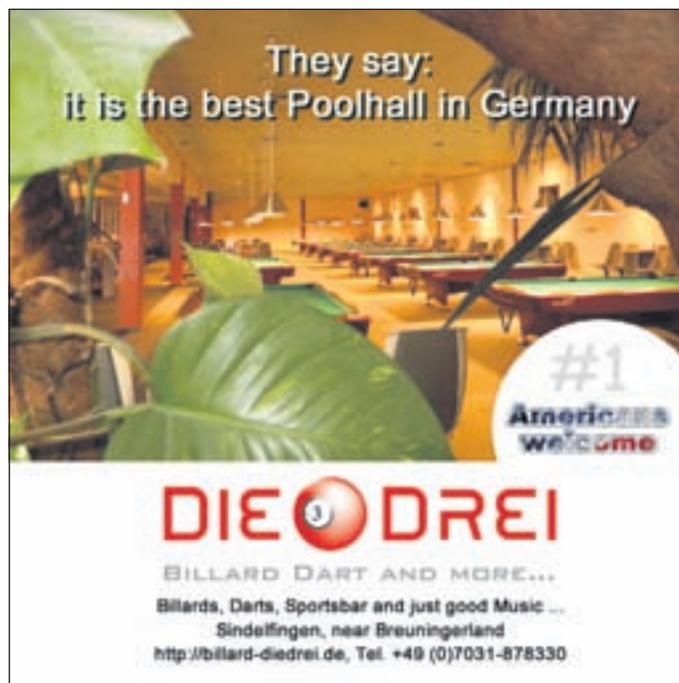
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For more information, contact the USO at 431-3505/civ. 07031-15-3505.

Donate to Eagle Scout project

An Eagle Scout candidate is collecting personal hygiene and entertainment items (DVDs, games and books) for wounded warriors at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Donation boxes are located at the Panzer Exchange, and Kelley and Patch Commissaries. Donations will be accepted through early July.

For more information, e-mail tristanmcauley@yahoo.com.

ASAP training on June 23

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program will host annual ASAP training for civilians on June 23 in the Kelley Theatre.

A session for civilian employees is scheduled from 9-10 a.m. Training for supervisors is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. These sessions are open to all civilian employees and supervisors.

A Recertification Training is offered for military units June 29-30.

To schedule on-site training for your unit or organization, call 431-2530/civ. 07031-15-2530.

Give blood

The Armed Services Blood Program will host a blood drive in the Stuttgart military community on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the

Patch Community Club.

Schedule an appointment to donate at www.military-blood.dod.mil. Walk-ins are also welcome.

German holiday closures

The Vehicle Processing Center on Panzer Kaserne will be closed for a German holiday on June 23.

All Community Banks in Germany will be closed for the holiday.

Thrift shops seek volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work at the Patch and Robinson Barracks Thrift Shops. To volunteer, register online with the Volunteer Management Information System at www.myarmyonesource.com (click on VMIS), then, apply at one of the thrift shops in person.

For more information, call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Volunteer Coordinator at 431-3362/07031-15-3362.

Independence Day Celebration

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will host an Independence Day celebration July 4 from 4 p.m. to midnight on Husky Field at Patch Barracks.

The event includes family activities, free rides, games, food and beverages, and fireworks. A craft fair will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. To participate in the craft fair, call the Patch Arts and Crafts Center at 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

On July 4, the shuttle buses will operate on a holiday schedule and will not make any late evening runs to and from Patch Barracks.

Health clinic to close on June 17

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will close June 17 for a U.S. Army Europe training holiday. In



Steve Roark

'Sing, sing a song ...'

Third-grade students Max Mead and Helen Whitacre lead their classmates in singing the Irish folk song "Cockles and Mussels" during the Böblingen Elementary/Middle School Spring Singing Program June 7. Students in third through fourth grade serenaded peers, parents and teachers with song and instruments as a farewell to spring.

case of an emergency, contact the Military Police. On base call 114; off base call civ. 0711/680-114.

For immediate health care needs, contact the Nurse Advice Line at 0800-825-1600 to speak with a Tricare nurse.

Learn about Stuttgart, Baden-Württemberg

The next Capital City Visitation tour is scheduled for June 27 from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The program includes a tour of downtown Stuttgart, a visit to the State Parliament Office, Stuttgart Opera House, City Hall and the Neu Schloss.

The event is open to all ID cardholders.

To sign up, e-mail your name, rank, and phone

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The itch lurks in oak trees

Processionary moth caterpillars can cause health problems

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Last summer it hit Aukamm Housing in Wiesbaden. Due to severe skin reactions, one family had to be moved from their apartment into a hotel for 20 days, have their home and clothing professionally cleaned, and have air samples taken. The total cost, including removing the nests, exceeded \$16,500 — all because of a small caterpillar.

“Hairs from Oak Processionary moth caterpillar contain thaumetopoein, a toxin that may cause a rash or, if inhaled, asthma,” said Maj. Lesly Calix, chief of the Medical and Veterinary Entomology Division at the U.S. Army Public Health Command Region-Europe.

That can happen if people touch the caterpillars or their cocoon-like nests, or if the hairs are blown by the wind into contact with people, she said.

The Oak Processionary caterpillar lives in oak trees. Larvae hatch when oaks start developing their leaves in mid to late April.

However, “problems arise later, when the larvae build prominent cocoons on the tree bark,” Calix said.

When people come in contact with hairs from the caterpillar, they often develop an itchy rash or dermatitis, an inflammatory skin condition, she added.

The rash may consist of flat discolorations or raised bumps on the skin. If the caterpillar hairs come in contact with eyes or mouth, a person may develop conjunctivitis (red eyes, sticky discharge, and inflammation of the eye) and/or irritation to the throat/airway. Itching typically begins two to 12 hours after exposure and the rash may spread over the entire body.

The best way to prevent Oak Processionary caterpillar rash is to avoid infested trees.

Follow these tips to avoid caterpillar hairs:

- Do not touch caterpillars or nests.
- Do not try to remove nests by yourself. To report a nest, call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart DPW Environmental Division at 421-6132/civ. 0711-729-6132.
- Do not play/picnic/walk under oak trees during peak infestation months (May-July).
- Do not wear short-sleeved clothing in the woods.
- When participating in outdoor activities, wear long clothing and a hat.
- Keep children away from caterpillars and nests.
- If you get exposed to the oak caterpillar hairs, take a shower and wash your clothes immediately.
- If you experience rash-like symptoms or itching and over-the-counter remedies are not working, make a medical appointment. Consult a physician in case severe symptoms develop.



Peter Zeisberger

An Oak Processionary caterpillar nest on an oak tree is a clear warning sign to stay away: these caterpillar hairs release a toxin that could cause a rash or asthma.

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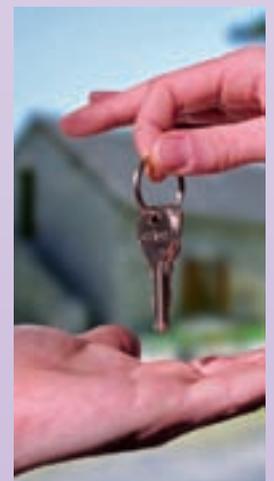
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RB Youth Center summer hours

The Robinson Barracks Youth Center has announced a change in its operating hours. The summer schedule will run from June 18 to Aug. 28, with the center opening Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Aug. 29, the center will be open Monday through Friday from 2:30-6 p.m.

For more information, call 420-7017/civ. 0711-819-7017.

Sports physicals

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will offer school and sports physicals for children on June 25, July 23 and Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The child's immunizations records must be brought to the physical.

To schedule an appointment, register with the Care Call Center at 371-2622/civ. 0622-117-2622 or schedule an appointment at the US-AHC Stuttgart front desk.

ACAP events

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Career and

Alumni Program will host the following seminars:

- Transition Assistance Program, June 21-23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Advanced Resume Building, June 28 from 1-4 p.m.
- Interview Preparation, June 29 from 9 a.m. to noon
- Veterans Affairs Benefits, July 6 from 8 a.m. to noon (Panzer Chapel)

Unless otherwise noted, all classes will be held in the ACAP Office in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne. Registration is required.

To register, call 431-2191/civ. 07031-15-2191, or e-mail julie.halstead@us.army.mil.

Run to Remember

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Sports and Fitness program will host the annual Run to Remember five-kilometer run and half-marathon July 16 on Panzer Kaserne.

The event is designated to honor service members and civilians killed in action after Sept. 11, 2001.

Stop by any fitness center

to register.

Three-on-three soccer tourney

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services Sports and Fitness program hosts a free three-on-three soccer tournament June 28 on Husky Field. The tournament is open to all CYS-registered youth in age groups 8-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18; coed teams are required. For more information, call 431-2616/civ. 07031-15-2616.

FMWR is hiring

The Nonappropriated Fund Human Resources Office at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is accepting applications for various positions in Child, Youth and School Services and at the Galaxy Bowling Center.

Positions are open to all eligible U.S. qualified candidates.

Visit <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/cpac/stuttgart/index.htm> for vacancy announcements. For more information, visit the NAF Human Resources Office in Building 2948, Panzer Kaserne, or call 431-3119/civ. 07031-15-3119.

Combined Protestant worship service

A Stuttgart Combined Protestant Worship Service hosted by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office will be held June 26 at 11 a.m. on Washington Square Field on Patch Barracks. A special guest speaker, Ravi Zacharias, will lead the service.

All regularly scheduled Protestant worship services in the Stuttgart military community will combine for one

worship service followed by a fellowship meal.

Register for VBS

Registration for the 2011 Vacation Bible School, sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Religious Support Office, is open throughout the month of June.

VBS will be held at Patch Elementary School July 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon and at Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School Aug. 1-5 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Children in preschool (age 4 by July 1) through fifth grade are eligible to attend. Registration forms are available at all chapels, the Patch Religious Education Center and the Patch Religious Support Office (Room 420, Building 2948).

For more information, call 431-3078/civ. 07031-15-3078 or send an e-mail to james.sciegel@eur.army.mil.

ARC classes

The Stuttgart branch of the American Red Cross will hold the following classes:

- Babysitter's Basic Training, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$35, including materials.
- Standard First Aid with CPR/AED for adults and children, plus an infant CPR class, June 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$40. Class size is limited.

To register, visit www.redcross.org, or stop by the ARC office in Room 314, Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812, or e-mail redcross.stuttgart@eur.army.mil.

Free country show

Armed Forces Entertainment will present a free country show featuring The Jeremy Graham Band on June 18 in the Patch Community Club on Patch Barracks.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Take relocation sponsorship training

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Community Service will offer Relocation Sponsorship Training June 27 from 2-3 p.m. in the ACS Office, Building 2915, on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3662/civ. 07031-15-3662.

Stuttgart Newcomers Orientation set

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Community Service will host Stuttgart Newcomer Orientation June 23 from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the ACS Office in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

'Dancing with the Stars' meet, greet

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart United Service Organizations will host a "Dancing with the Stars" Meet and Greet June 19 at the Panzer Exchange, beginning at 4 p.m.

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Three checks are offered: brakes, shocks and speedometer. ADAC members may choose two out of three checks, and non-members may choose one.

For more information on the event, contact the USAG Stuttgart Safety Office at 431-3134/civ. 07031-15-3134.

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To nominate someone as a Face of Strength, e-mail their name, e-mail address (it will not be published), photo, and a story of why the nominee symbolizes a Face of Strength to FacesofStrength@conus.army.mil.

Stories must be factual and connect to audiences on an emotional level. The accounts should demonstrate the strength and resolve of the individuals they are highlighting.

Every year, the U.S. Army selects a new group of individuals to share their stories as featured Faces of Strength. Nominees will automatically be considered for this honor, and if selected, they will have the opportunity to be featured in official Army videos, commercials and magazine spots.

Nominees will also have their photo and story posted on the Army's "Your Faces" web page. Some will be highlighted on the Army's official social networking sites, including Facebook, Flickr and Twitter.

For more information, visit the Faces of Strength website, www.Army.mil/facesofstrength.

236TH ARMY BIRTHDAY QUIZ

JUNE 14, 2011

1. When did the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment train with Romanian and Bulgarian troops in Joint Task Force East?
 A. 1963
 B. 2009
 C. 1836
 D. 1995

2. Who is the only person to be promoted to the highest rank ever held in the United States Army, General of the Armies, while still alive?
 A. Douglas MacArthur
 B. John J. Pershing
 C. Ulysses S. Grant
 D. George Washington

3. Who is the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor?
 A. Col. Oveta Culp Hobby
 B. Mary Marshall
 C. Dr. Mary E. Walker
 D. Mary Allen

4. Who was the most decorated U.S. Soldier of World War II?
 A. Staff Sgt. Lucian Adams
 B. Pfc. Thomas E. Atkins
 C. Capt. Seymour W. Terry
 D. First Lt. Audie Murphy

5. Which U.S. Army unit was first to cross the Sava River into Bosnia during Operation Joint Endeavor?
 A. 1st Armored Division
 B. 82nd Airborne Division
 C. 1st Cavalry Division
 D. 4th Infantry Division

6. Which former U.S. Army Europe commanding general served as President of the United States?
 A. Eric Shinseki
 B. George S. Patton
 C. Dwight D. Eisenhower
 D. Crosby E. Sant

7. Approximately what percent of the 48 countries participating in the International Security Assistance Force come from Europe?
 A. 50
 B. 15
 C. 80
 D. 5

8. Which Sergeant Major of the Army served as the first command sergeant major of the Sergeants Major Academy?
 A. Sgt. Maj. of the Army William Connelly
 B. Sgt. Maj. of the Army William Bainbridge
 C. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Silas Copeland
 D. Sgt. Maj. of the Army George Dunaway

9. Which beach was V Corps responsible for during the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion?
 A. Gold
 B. Utah
 C. Juno
 D. Omaha

10. Who is the only former Army private to be elected as president of the United States?
 A. James Buchanan
 B. Martin Van Buren
 C. Franklin Pierce
 D. William Henry Hamson

11. How many multinational NCOs graduated from the NCO Academy in Grafenwoehr, Germany, during fiscal year 2010?
 A. 31
 B. 120
 C. 64
 D. 300

12. What Twitter personality provides helpful tips and information about living in Europe?
 A. PVT Murphy
 B. EURMama
 C. SGT STAR
 D. EURDaddy

Answers: 8-11 D 12 B

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What's happening in FMWR

Dog Wash opens

The grand opening of a Dog Wash at the Auto Crafts shop on Panzer Kaserne will be held June 17 from noon to 4 p.m.

Check out the dog wash and join Auto Crafts for a free barbecue, beginning at noon, in honor of Customer Appreciation Day.

For more information, call 431-2555/civ. 07031-15-2555.

Summer Edge classes

The Child, Youth and School Services Edge program, designed to promote healthy lifestyles in youth and teens, will host several activities this summer, including:

- June 22: Introduction to Canoeing, for ages 15-18. Depart Panzer Outdoor Recreation at 9 a.m.
- June 29: Introduction to Summer Camping, ages 11-18. Meet at Panzer Outdoor Recreation from 3-8 p.m.
- Every Tuesday: Screen Printing, ages 13-18. Meet at Patch Arts and Crafts Center at 3 p.m.
- Every Thursday: Mini Bowling League, ages 8-10. Meet at Panzer Galaxy Bowling Center at 3:30 p.m.
- Every Monday, Wednesday

and Friday: Hospitality Boot Camp, ages 15-18. Meet at the Kelley Barracks hotel from 9 a.m. to noon.

Register for all classes by calling Parent Central Services at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

See free movies at RB

Free movies are shown at the Robinson Barracks Club every Monday through Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming movies are:

- June 15-17: Season of the Witches (PG-13)
- June 22-24: Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G)

For more information, call 420-6031/civ. 0711-819-6031.

It's summer camp time

Registration for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services' "Rockin' Summer" camps is ongoing at Parent Central Services.

Check out the Summer Program brochure at www.stuttgartmwr.com or call 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480 for more information.

For MWR updates, e-mail mwr-marketing@eur.army.mil.

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Coming to Patch Theater

June 16 — Hanna (PG-13) 6 p.m.

June 17 — Super 8 (PG-13) 6 p.m., Your Highness (R) 9 p.m.

June 18 — Hop (PG) 4 p.m., Hanna (PG-13) 7 p.m., Super 8 (PG-13) 9 p.m.

June 19 — Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 2 p.m., Arthur (PG-13) 4 p.m., Super 8 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

June 20 — Super 8 (PG-13) 6 p.m.

June 21 — Arthur (PG-13) 6 p.m.

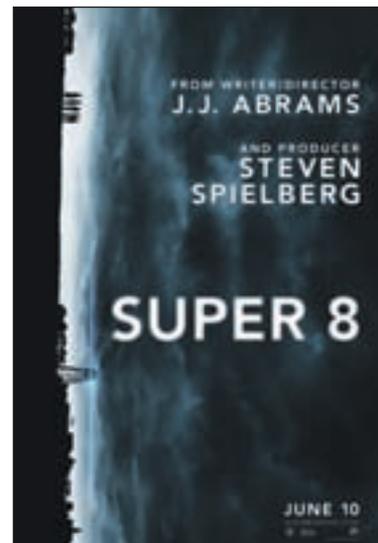
June 22 — Hanna (PG-13) 6 p.m.

June 23 — Your Highness (R) 6 p.m.

June 24 — Green Lantern (PG-13) 6 p.m., Scream 4 (R) 9 p.m.

June 25 — Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 4 p.m., Green Lantern (PG-13) 7 p.m., Scream 4 (R) 9 p.m.

June 26 — Green Lantern (PG-13) 2 p.m., Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 4 p.m., Source Code (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Paramount Pictures

June 27 — Green Lantern (PG-13) 6 p.m.

June 28 — Scream 4 (R) 6 p.m.

June 29 — Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 6 p.m.

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Free dog washes, giveaways and free BBQ.

June 17 12-4 p.m.
Panzer Auto Skills Center, Bldg. 2926
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Each session, children get prizes for weekly reading!

Every Wed. June & July 2³⁰ - 3³⁰ p.m.
Patch Library, RB Library
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WORLD CUP

3v3 KIDS SOCCER TOURNAMENT
Coed teams, sign up with CYS Services by June 24.

June 28 3-5³⁰ p.m. Patch Husky Field
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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER PARTY AND RAFFLE
Watch the U.S. Team

June 28 6 p.m. Patch Community Club
Win tickets to semi finals or finals
Purchase raffle tickets at FMWR retail facilities. Winners announced July 4th.
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4TH OF JULY

FIRE CRACKER RUN
Start the day with a 5K fun run.

July 4 10 a.m. Patch Husky Field
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JULY 4TH CELEBRATION
Food & Drinks, Indie Craft Fair, Live Entertainment, Children's Activities, Apple Pie Bake-Off and more.
Fireworks begin when it gets dark.

July 4 4 p.m.
Patch Husky Field
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Photos by Susan Huseman

Patch American High School graduates toss their mortarboards in the air at the conclusion of the Class of 2011's graduation ceremony held June 8 in the Sindelfingen Stadthalle. In the ceremony, 122 students crossed the stage to receive their diplomas in front of teachers, families and friends.

@PHS: gradu8s R ready 2 write history

By Tanya Fogg Young
Special to The Citizen

Patch High School sent 122 graduates out into the world June 9 to write some history, as their class motto states.

Members of the school's 32nd class crossed the Sindelfingen Stadthalle stage to accept their high school diplomas and continue on their path into adulthood.

The class of 2011 must ready themselves for challenges like none they have ever faced before, said Brian S. Hamilton, salutatorian.

And they have what it takes.

Hamilton said that while he has only been a student at Patch High for a year, he has seen the best attributes in all of his classmates.

"If any group of people that I know can endure these challenges, it is you," he said. "For the past four years, all of us have had an atypical high school experience. We have been forced to say goodbye to close friends. We have moved and watched friends move.

"We may not have had the typical high school experience, but we persevered nonetheless."

Valedictorian James Penrod stressed that he and his classmates must be careful not to squander their amazing potential.

"The next couple of years could be some of the best of our lives or some of the worst," Penrod said. "High school has emphasized the importance of balance, which I bet that college or the military or the work place will rearticulate. The difficulty for us is to have fun and enjoy our newfound freedom without letting it hamper our judgment."

Commencement speaker Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, commander of Special Operations Command Africa, whose son Marshall Haas was among the graduates, offered guidance to the young adults embarking upon the path of making history.

"Continue your education regardless of your chosen profession or track... read, read, read and learn something new throughout your life," Haas said. "Seek mentorship. Find an advisor, a trusted person to help along the path. The Africans have a saying, 'if you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.'"

Haas also advised them to never stop seeking. "Seek grace and dignity in both

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James Penrod

Valedictorian, PHS class of 2011

triumph and failure ... seek opportunities to serve others ... seek out virtue in your daily life and adopt a code of uncompromising principles."

Principal Steven Sanchez, describing the class as millennials who are masterful at multi-tasking, said he had no doubt the graduates would do extraordinary things in the years ahead.

"... This generation can multi-task, talk, walk, listen, type and text," Sanchez said. "I would add often all at the same time ... I believe this generation has skills that they probably think are ordinary, but I believe they are extraordinary. "They just make it look easy."



Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, commander of Special Operations Command Africa, addresses the Class of 2011.



Congrats, seniors!



<i>Micaela Aguilar</i>	<i>Kevin Andrus</i>	<i>Forest Armstrong</i>	<i>Jennifer Axberg</i>	<i>Branden Baisley</i>	<i>Averi Baker</i>	<i>Travis Baker</i>	<i>Alexandra Barber</i>	<i>Jessie Barnes</i>
<i>Veronica Barnes</i>	<i>Nicole Barton</i>	<i>Rachel Bauer</i>	<i>Lonnie Baxley</i>	<i>Emily Baxter</i>	<i>Michelle Billeaud</i>	<i>Centavia Boney</i>	<i>Jarryd Brackett</i>	<i>Patrick Brimberry</i>
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[Left] Seniors Selina Zapata, left, and Chrissy Robles enter the auditorium as the PHS graduation ceremony gets underway June 8 at the Sindelfingen Stadthalle.



[Right] Senior class sponsor and teacher Mary Kelley, right, checks her list to make sure students are in the correct order before they begin the processional march.

Photos by Susan Huseman



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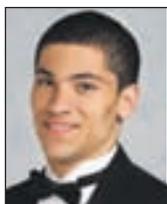
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Selina Zapata



ACU changes: Velcro optional, patrol cap default headgear

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

The voice of the Soldier has been heard: The Army announced the patrol cap will replace the black wool beret as the default headgear for the Army combat uniform.

Also changing are the options for how Soldiers can attach certain items to their ACU shirts. Army Chief of Staff Martin E. Dempsey said Soldiers will soon be able to sew on name tapes, service tapes, rank insignia and skill badges, instead of using Velcro.

The implementation date for U.S. Army Europe has not yet been determined.

Typically, uniform changes come as a result of a board that meets twice a year. But issues surrounding both the ACU headgear and the use of Velcro were changes the Army chief of staff wanted to bring to the Secretary of the Army immediately.

Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III said he spoke with "several thousand" Soldiers and also received comments via social media sites, like Facebook. Post-deployment combat uniform surveys were used as a basis for the changes.

The No. 1 and No. 2 issues, Chandler said, involve the beret and Velcro. "The Soldiers didn't like the fact that the beret was hot — it was not something that they wore the majority of the time," he said. "And they didn't like the fact it didn't shade the sun and it took two hands to put on."

The beret has been the standard



U.S. Army

Recently announced changes to the Army Combat Uniform involve allowing Soldiers to sew on certain items to their uniform in lieu of using the provided Velcro.

headgear for the Army's ACU — the camouflage uniform worn by most Soldiers. But most Soldiers still needed to switch to the patrol cap based on the work they were doing — in a motor pool or in the field, for instance.

Those Soldiers would have to carry two pieces of headgear with them, one in each pocket, and switch, depending on what they were doing.

The new policy will make the patrol cap the standard. But the beret isn't going anywhere. It will remain as the standard for the Army service uniform, and as an optional uniform item with the ACU — at the discretion of commanders.

The change in the beret policy will

save the Army about \$6.5 million over the life cycle of the ACU. New Soldiers had been issued two berets, now they will be issued one.

Chandler pointed out that Soldiers didn't ask to eliminate the beret — just to change when it's worn.

"Soldiers said [they didn't] want to wear it with this uniform, but they do feel they look very professional wearing it with the Army service uniform," Chandler said.

The Army implemented a mandatory wear date for the ACU in April 2008. The ACU, a replacement for the Battle Dress Uniform, featured many design changes, including Velcro fasteners that allowed pockets to be sealed

shut, sleeves to be cinched down, and rank insignia, name tapes, service tapes, patches and skill badges to be added and removed at will.

Still, some Soldiers were displeased with Velcro on the uniform.

The Army's new policy on attaching accouterments to the ACU will allow Soldiers to sew on rank insignia, the name tape and the service tape.

Additionally, skill badges such as the Airborne, pathfinder, combat action, combat infantryman's, and expert infantryman's badge will also be authorized for sewing.

Currently, those badges are provided in painted metal and have to be pinned to the uniform. Pinning badges to the uniform can be a lengthy process because they have to be aligned using a ruler.

Combat and unit patches on the left and right sleeve and the U.S. flag will remain Velcro-only, the SMA said. Additionally, the ACU will continue to come with Velcro in the same locations it is now. Where a Soldier is authorized to sew something on, they will sew it on top of the Velcro.

Chandler also said Soldiers had asked for changes to how cargo pockets are fastened. Velcro had been used — now, ACUs are available with buttons to keep the pockets closed.

A similar change is being discussed for how sleeve cuffs are fastened, but Chandler said that decision will be made by the July uniform board.

Soldiers should wait for direction from their commands before implementing any uniform changes.

Military spouses get help with occupational licenses

By Lisa Danie

American Forces Press Service

Defense Department organization is making it easier for military spouses to maintain professional licenses as they move from state to state.

State Liaison and Education Opportunity, an office of military community and family policy in Arlington, Va., an-

nounced June 13 that 16 states have adopted laws, or are close to doing so, to make it easier for military spouses to work in their career fields.

"It gets them to work faster, and that's been our objective," said Marcus Beauregard, the chief of the state liaison office and a retired Air Force officer.

States require licenses for practitioners in virtually every medical occupation, as well

as for teaching, social work, cosmetology and other fields, and the standards vary from state to state, Beauregard said.

The Defense Department's state liaison office was created in 2004 to work with states to address military family issues, and the licensing problem has been among the top concerns of families, he said.

Of working military spouses, 33 percent work in fields that require licenses, mostly nursing and teaching, Beauregard said.

The state liaison office created a forum on its Facebook page for spouses to discuss the licensing problems. More than 100 spouses wrote in, describing licensing challenges ranging from the expense of having to license with a new state every two to three years, to lengthy processes of certification that include much

paperwork, training, waiting periods and internships.

Many spouses said they found that by the time they could get through the process, it would be time to relocate again.

The state liaison office formed partnerships with state agencies and professional associations to educate state lawmakers about the unique challenges to military families.

"We're not looking to make the military community have a preferred status in states," Beauregard said. "We're looking at those things that impede people because of their military life. In all cases, we're just looking to level the playing field."

The office promoted two strategies for mitigating the licensing challenges. The first is for states to permit licenses by endorsement of the previous state license. The second option allows a temporary

license to expedite the spouse's employment options.

States that have enacted laws for endorsement of licenses, or those waiting for a governor's signature, are Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, North Carolina, New York and Texas. States that allow temporary licenses are Alaska, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Utah allows nonresident military spouses to use out-of-state licenses, and Virginia allows military spouses who leave the state to re-use the license upon their return, Beauregard said.

The state liaison office's efforts are in line with President Barack Obama's directive released in 2011 to promote a "whole of government" approach to helping military families.



Jacob Camacho

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations Jacob on your successful completion of High School! What a blessing to be able to celebrate with you! Always remember that "A man with an experience is seldom at the mercy of a man with an argument."

We love you very much and wish you Godspeed in your collegiate adventure!

Love,
Dad, Mommy, Joshua, Matteus, Malina and of course Ranger

Spring Sports Roundup

PHS takes baseball, girls' soccer, softball crowns

By Tanya Fogg Young
Special to The Citizen

Patch High bested rival Ramstein in several spring sports this year, unseating the three-time defending Division I softball champs and nabbing European title repeats in baseball and girls' soccer in games against the Royals.

The Lady Panthers softball team handily beat Ramstein 8-2 for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe Division I Championship May 28 at Ramstein.

"It was shocking," said senior Bianca Lopez, All-Tournament Most Valuable Player. "It didn't seem real, but it felt good. We didn't expect to beat them by six runs."

Similarly, the Panthers baseball team beat Ramstein 8-7 for the DODDS Europe Division I Championship, also May 28 at Ramstein. The Patch High defending champs worked hard all season to hold on to their title, said Drake Marbury, baseball coach.

"...Winning a championship is a great feeling, and winning back to back championships is even greater," Marbury said. "They worked hard all season to win Europeans. We never fell behind in the game after the first inning. In the last inning, they tied the game, and we scored the winning run in the bottom of the inning."

Junior Dylan Measells, named to the All-Tournament Team, said the team played at its highest level all year in the title game.

"In the last inning, with a tie game and [the] meat of our lineup coming up, I knew we were going to win," said Measells, who plays shortstop and pitcher. "When the winning run scored, it was like a state of shock and then I

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Drake Marbury
PHS baseball coach



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Patch's Bianca Lopez dives back safely to first after being off base when an infielder snagged a line drive. At left is Ramstein's Kathryn Enyeart. Patch beat Ramstein 8-2 for the Division I title.

was like 'Wow, we did it again!'"

All-Tournament MVP and senior Cavan Cohoes described going head to head with Ramstein in the championships as the most fun game for them every year. Winning back-to-back titles against their longtime rivals was a fitting way to end his time at Patch High, he said.

Cohoes, who was drafted in the ninth round by the Seattle Mariners and also has a baseball scholarship to Ohio State University, said he thinks the returning team is up to the challenge of winning three championships in a row next year.

In the coming year, the Patch High girls' soccer team will also look to defend its title for the third year in the row, having won its second straight title by beating Ramstein 2-1 on May 21.

Defender and team captain Sara Reynolds, a senior, said she wasn't so sure going into the season that "everyone was going to mesh and be able to play well together" because half of the team's members were new.

"I think that was our biggest challenge — making sure we played like a unit and not like 18 individuals," Reynolds said. "Luckily, everyone did come together and we really bonded."

In other spring sports, the PHS track and field teams posted respectable results in the Division I 2011 European Championships held May 20-21 at Russelsheim.

The Panther girls' team finished in third place, while the boys' team ended the season in fourth place.

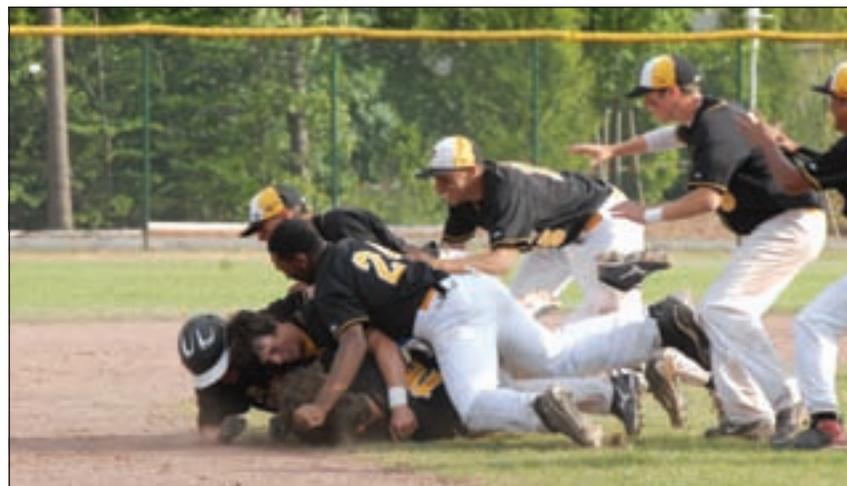


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Patch players pounce on senior Cavan Cohoes after his game-winning hit as the Panthers retained their Division I baseball title with a win over Ramstein.



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Patch's Lauren Rittenhouse, center, gets off a shot against Ramstein's Karin Mol. The Panthers beat Ramstein 2-1 in the Division I girls soccer title game.



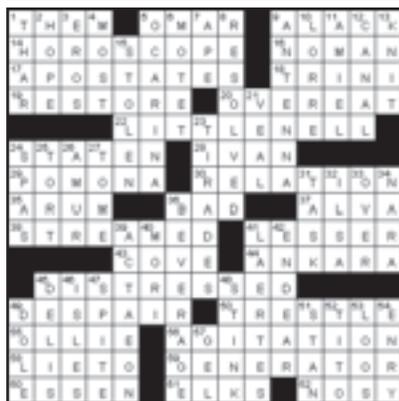
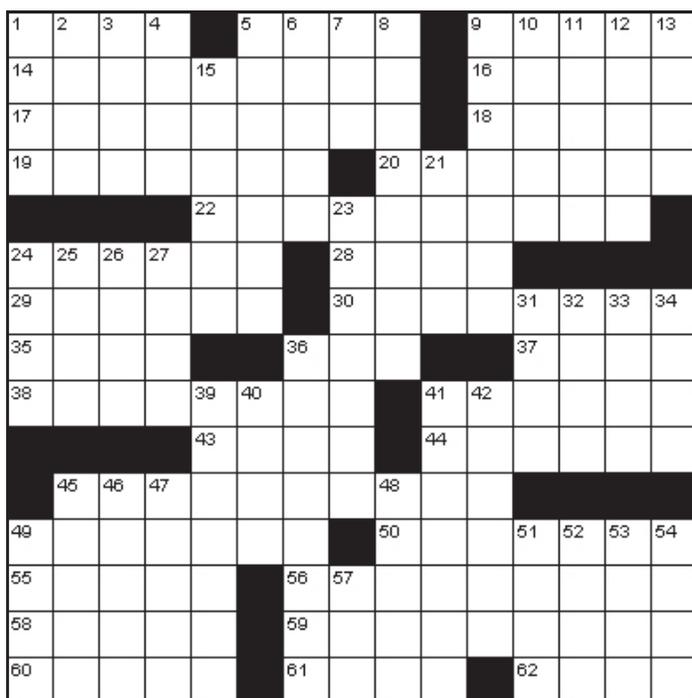
Maxwell Mako Estrada

Maxwell Mako was born at 09:47 a.m., Sunday May 1 at Boeblingen Hospital, Germany. He was 3790 grams and 52 cm long. Maxwell was born to Jessica Estrada and Jochen "Jorge" Estrada-Hofknecht. The family is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.

Birth Announcement

Send your birth announcement to the Citizen. Include your baby's name, time and date of birth, hospital name, weight and length, parents' first and last names, and the place where your family is stationed, along with a JPEG photo. Send information to: pictures@stuttgartcitizen.com

Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from June 2!

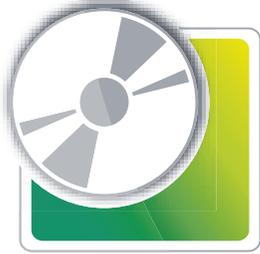
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3. Calla lily family
4. Sly trick
5. Designs on the skin
6. Burger garnish
7. "O Sole ____"
8. Triteness
9. Not so dense
10. Protection
11. Solemn
12. Played a part
13. Does, pens, etc.
15. Astringent compound
21. Hold sway
23. Clergymen
24. Find fault
25. God of love
26. Location
27. Witnesses
31. It may be thrown
32. Salon service
33. Sommer in the cinema
34. Faculty head
36. Waver
39. Chisholm Trail destination
40. Biological trait carrier
41. One of the Windward Islands
42. Sculptor Taft
45. Pond greenery
46. "Mack the Knife" singer
47. Austin Powers portrayer
48. Brought under control
49. Corcordat
51. 1492 ship
52. Holly

53. Balm ingredient
54. Some progeny
57. Disencumber

ACROSS

1. Chew like a beaver
5. Burial place
9. Heroic tales
14. "The Prisoner of Zenda" setting
16. Freshwater food fish
17. Excessive admiration
18. Banded stone
19. Souvenir
20. Turns up
22. Stumped
24. "Othello" role
28. Bug
29. Somme city
30. Repeated
35. Kind of learning
36. Attention-getting word
37. Rasp
38. Foreshadows
41. "A Life For The Czar" composer
43. Cream of the crop
44. Rank
45. Dispense
49. Short drama
50. Biblical liar
55. Acquiesce
56. Bony-plated beast
58. Stone landmark
59. Got drunk
60. Edgy
61. Classic Icelandic poetry
62. Fellers



Youth Activities

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



Photo by Michele Winter

Science Fair

Lydia Benitez, Theresa Farley and Stephanie Seidner, Patch Elementary School fourth grade science fair participants in Mrs. Gradeck's class, choose the project "To Pop or Not to Pop," an experiment to see if the amount of butter will affect the number of kernels popped. They hypothesized more butter would pop more kernels, but they were incorrect. Their favorite part was eating the popcorn that popped.

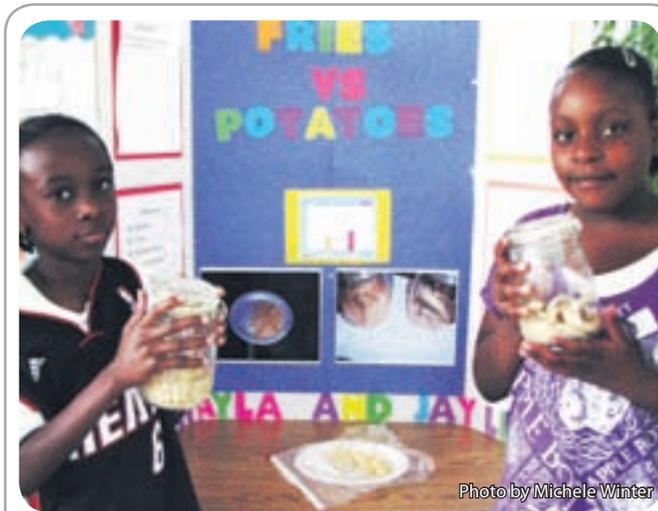


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Fries versus Potatoes

Jay Li Lomack and Shayla Harris, Patch Elementary School fourth-graders in Mrs. Gamble's class, explain their science experiment: Fries Versus Potatoes — which will mold first? A raw potato or a french fry?



Photo by Michele Winter

Science Fair

From left, Evan Argo, Angela Julock and Kamilla Gibbs, fourth-graders in Mrs. Gable's class at Patch Elementary School, test the flights of paper airplanes for the school science fair.



Photo by Adrienne Smith

Team France vs. Team South Korea

Kindergartner Trenton Jackson (left) and first-grader Aidan Luchs wait in anticipation for the Tug O' War competition to begin against "Team South Korea" during Field Day June 2. Team France was under the direction of Adrienne Smith. Team Korea was under the direction of Lori Smith.



Photo by Michele Winter

Self-portraits

Patch Elementary School fourth-grader Justin Umland, a student in Mrs. Hooper's class, admires Mrs. Johnson-Archie's art class self-portraits using computer technology. Students were asked to measure and draw a 1-inch grid on white paper and then draw the same grid on the photo that was taken of them. Students then drew what they saw in each grid to get a picture of themselves. The final drawing was scanned into the computer using the PIXIE drawing program to color in the portrait.

BRAIN TEASER

Riddle Me Not

I can be huge.
Or unusually small.
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Makes tales that are tall.

I can be real.
Or just a nice dream.
If you just use this thing.
Real - anything could seem.

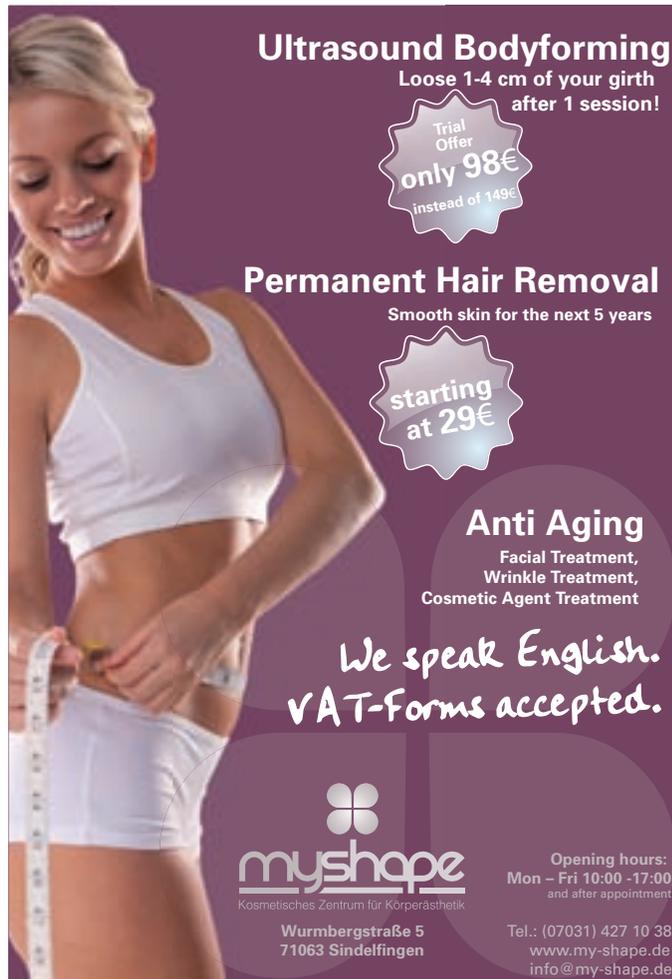
I could be a monster.
Or an invention of times.
You can use me to think of ideas.
Or plot out huge crimes.

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I just have one more thing left.

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