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As a result of sequestration-related budget cuts, training for all of the military services has been curtailed in an attempt to cut \$47 billion between now and Sept. 30. Additionally, Department of Defense may send preliminary furlough notifications later this month to nearly 800,000 civilian employees, effectively cutting their pay by 20 percent through the end of September.



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Secretary details results of sequestration uncertainty

Story by **Jim Garamone**
American Forces Press Service

Soldier and Marine training, Air Force flying hours and Navy steaming days are being curtailed thanks to the \$47 billion in cuts Department of Defense must make before Sept. 30, 2013, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said March 1.

The secretary stressed at the start of his first press conference as Defense Secretary that the uncertainty caused by sequestration “puts at risk our ability to effectively fulfill all of our missions.”

He was joined by Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter, and both men said that if sequestration is allowed to continue through the end of the fiscal year, the effects will become much worse.

The department will continue to adjust to the fiscal realities, Hagel said. He and Carter had just met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the “Tank” — the chiefs’ secure conference room

— to speak about the consequences of sequestration.

“Leadership in the Pentagon ... [has] two serious concerns: first, the abrupt and arbitrary cuts imposed by sequester; and second, the lack of budget management flexibility that we now face under the current continuing resolution,” Hagel said.

The department has already had to cut funding for readiness, he said. “As sequester continues, we will be forced to assume more risk, with steps that will progressively have far-reaching effects,” the secretary said.

Starting in April, the Navy will gradually stand down at least four air wings, he said.

“Effective immediately, Air Force flying hours will be cut back,” Hagel said. “This will have a major impact on training and readiness.”

The Army will curtail training for

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Garrison upgrades housing units with balconies

Story & photos by **Carola Meusel**
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

This time of year, many people have had enough of the cold and gray winter. With the promise of spring just around the corner, some U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart residents will have a new way to enjoy warmer temperatures with the arrival of a new upgrade to their housing units.

Over the last few months, USAG Stuttgart’s Directorate of Public Works has been busy preparing for the installment of balconies on all eight stairwell apartment buildings on Kelley Barracks. The balconies were finally put up between Feb. 12 and 19.

Each balcony is 8 feet deep and 9 feet wide, according to Simone Reger, chief of the DPW Engineering Services Branch.

The balconies were installed like scaffolding: one connected system that holds four balconies per stairwell. Each apartment has one balcony made out of steel, perforated metal plates and cast stone, according to Reger.

While residents of Buildings 3400 and 3401 already have access to their balconies, it may take another week until the rest of them will be open for use.

“We’re currently in the process of preparing the access areas which includes adding drain lines and covers,” Reger said.

On Patch and Robinson Barracks, current plans call for 10 stairwell apartment buildings on each installation to receive balconies. The balconies will be the exact same size and design as the ones on Kelley Barracks. As of today,



Construction workers put up balconies on Building 3404 on Kelley Barracks Feb. 14. Balconies were installed on all eight stairwell apartment buildings between Feb. 12 and 19. Current plans call for 10 stairwell apartment buildings on Patch and Robinson Barracks to receive balconies by this summer.

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Attitudes sometimes dirtier than clothes in community laundromats

Commentary by Mark J. Howell
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Raise your hand if you like doing laundry. Hello, anyone? Unless you're part of the 1 percent of the population that finds this chore therapeutic, you're with me and the other 99 percent that just want to get it done.

So it's established that doing laundry isn't fun, but for those of you that have the ability to knock it out at home...at least you have that.

A good part of the community, which includes newcomers staying in lodging and folks like me, who live in an apartment without washer and dryer hookups, have to rely on our community laundromats.

As my "Washers-In-Arms" will attest, doing laundry in these facilities is a whole different experience altogether.

Lately, it seems that the proverbial second sock isn't the only thing that gets lost in the wash, but also common courtesy.

To appropriately highlight this experience to those who don't use the laundromats, I first have to introduce you to the cast of characters. There are typically three types of people you can spot washing their clothes in our laundromats: The

"Dump and Pumper," the "VIP" and the category I fall into...the "Complainer."

The "Dump and Pumper": Due to the convenient location adjacent to the Panzer gym, many customers of the laundromat like to multi-task. Their laundry gets dumped into the washers and dryers, and they head across the street to work out.

The problem is that time obviously works differently in the gym than in the laundromat. After the cycles on the machines have completed, sometimes 20 to 30 minutes elapse before they return to take it out, inspiring much frustration and discussion among the "Complainers."

The worst of the "Dump and Pumpers" actually get upset if they come back and their items have been taken out. My response to that: If you're going to do laundry...do laundry.

No one wants to wait for you to finish your third set of squats before they can finish their wash. When you leave the facility, you also leave your right to be upset when your clothes are in a pile on a folding table when you return.

The "Complainers" picked up the role of being upset in your absence.

The "VIP": This is the individual that got lucky enough to get into the laundromat at a slow time, which is good, because they're washing a whole department store. The problem arises when other

Doing public laundry can be tedious and frustrating, but a little teamwork and courtesy can go a long way in making it less painful.

customers come in behind them and can't get a washer or dryer because the "VIP" loaded every single machine. Common courtesy in this situation would dictate that you sacrifice one or two of the available machines, but that rarely happens. Anyone that comes in after gets bottlenecked until the VIP is done washing their red carpets.

And finally, the "Complainer": This one is simple; you've read this, so you get the gist. Just imagine a couple hours of this verbalized and intertwined with grumbles and eye rolls while you're doing your laundry. Here's my final "spin" on this: Doing public laundry can be tedious and frustrating, but a little teamwork and courtesy can go a long way in making it less painful.

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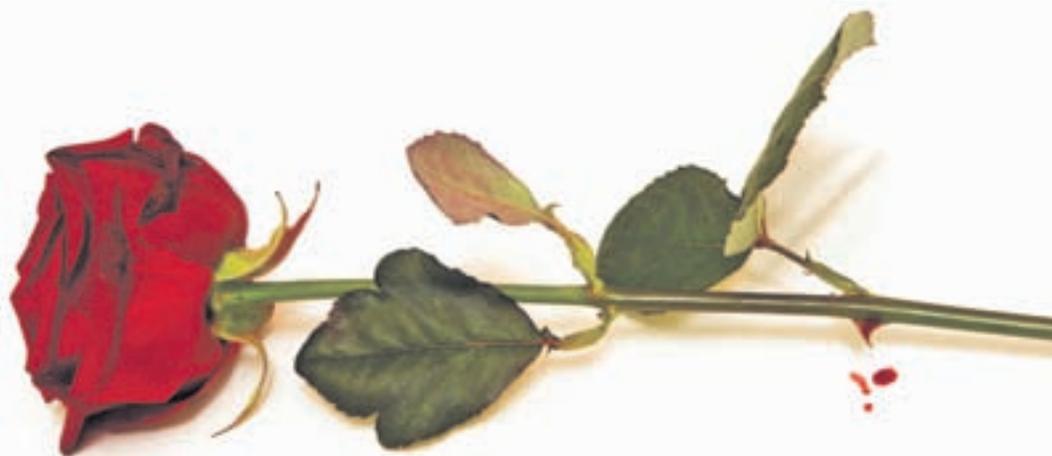
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EUCOM service members, civilians of the year honored

Story & photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class
Patrick Grieco

U.S. European Command Public Affairs Office

Three service members and three civilians were honored as the U.S. European Command's top service members and civilians of the year during a ceremony Feb. 8 at the EUCOM headquarters on Patch Barracks.

"I think it is encouraging for everyone to be recognized for their efforts and it helps keep morale high," said Navy Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Jonna Marin, maritime analyst at EUCOM's Joint Intelligence Operations Center Europe in the United Kingdom, and junior-enlisted service member of the year recipient. "The little things you do add up and people will notice, regardless. Recognition doesn't even compare to the experiences you will have."

Command Sgt. Maj. Randall Woods, president of the enlisted senior-level SMOY board, said the evaluation process examines the complete candidate, not just his or her work.

"We also take into consideration the work they have done in the community as a whole, from coaching a sports team to being a Sunday school teacher," Woods said.

Army Sgt. Bethany Guzman, senior staff driver for Distinguished Visitor Support Element-Motorpool, was named the mid-level enlisted SMOY. Guzman agreed that self-improvement should be a strong consideration in the nomination process and said the improvements involve taking initiative.

"Volunteering, bettering yourself academically and personally," Guzman said. "Ask yourself, 'how can you make life better for the office or unit?' Whether it's coming up with new training books or standard operating procedures, any opportunity, take it."

Air Force Master Sgt. Roberto Gerald, superintendent for the Joint Reconnaissance Center of the Intelligence Mission Operations Center, was selected as the senior enlisted SMOY. Gerald said he felt it is important for someone to consistently seek ways to make contributions to the team effort.

"It's not so much what you think of yourself as what others see you doing for EUCOM as a whole," Gerald said. "That's the right motivation. You should always ask yourself, 'what more can I do for the command and the team?'"

On the civilian side, Brittani Lundbye, EUCOM Policy, Partnering, and Capabilities directorate executive assistant, took home the civilian of the year category one award for civilian pay grades GS-1 through GS-8. Lundbye agrees that it takes a proactive approach towards self-improvement to stand out amongst peers.

"Never be complacent," Lundbye said. "Always try to learn more and don't be afraid to ask others for their advice. Many people here at EUCOM have a good deal of experience and can help if you simply ask."

COY category two, for civilians in pay grades GS-9 through GS-13, went to David Patterson, knowledge management officer in EUCOM's Analysis and

Assessment Directorate. Patterson said he practices life lessons from his child's swim team, the Stuttgart Piranhas, when approaching anything at work.

"I've learned to listen to your coach, work on your least favorite stroke, swim fast and cheer for your teammates," Patterson said. "Look for others' talents and strengths, and always presume their best intentions while seeking opportunities to join forces."

COY category three, for civilian pay grades GS-14 and GS-15, was awarded to Joseph Jamison, Command, Control, Communications and Computers support branch chief of the Joint Cyber Center in EUCOM's C4 and Cyber Directorate. Jamison said it is also important for service members or civilians anywhere in EUCOM to remember how vital they are to the larger mission of the command.

"It's a by-product of what you are doing day-to-day; it's not something you think about or plan," Jamison said. "You stay focused on practicing a sustained superior performance every day. I can promise you, good things will happen."

Woods said leadership, community and partners play an integral role in EUCOM's SMOY and COY process. "It takes leadership involvement to get involved," Woods said. "The [EUCOM] chief of staff supports this program and he, and the [command] fleet master chief, both took time to come down and personally recognize these people. The recognition truly is a community and international effort. Civilians are the backbone of our command."

Gerald said he felt it was important that EUCOM not only recognized their service members, but civilians as well. "It represents to me that EUCOM is not just a military organization, but also supported by hard-working contractors and civilians," Gerald said. "It is truly a group effort."



Joseph Jamison, Command, Control, Communications and Computers support branch chief of the Joint Cyber Center in EUCOM's C4 and Cyber Directorate (standing), reviews documentation with a Soldier on Kelley Barracks. Jamison was recently named EUCOM's civilian of the year in paygrades GS-14 and GS-15.

News & Notes

Law to carry alcohol test kits in France cancelled

Last year, the French government initiated a law for all drivers in France to carry a breathalyzer test kit in their vehicles starting July 1.

According to the ADAC (German auto club) website, the regulation does no longer apply to anyone driving in France since the initiative was abolished.

In France and in Germany, the blood alcohol limit is 0.5 per milliliter.

For more information on driving regulations in Europe, visit www.travel.state.gov.

OHA survey open until March 31

U.S. Army Europe is currently conducting an Overseas Housing Allowance survey until March 31.

The survey is intended to measure the amount of compensation that service members receive from Overseas Housing Allowances to live in privately leased or rented residential housing.

Every year, the Defense Travel Management Office conducts a survey to identify how much service members spent in the previous year for utilities such as electricity, heating fuel, water, trash removal and sewer fees.

All service members, regardless of service affiliation, who reside in off-post housing are requested to complete the survey in order to accurately gauge the amount of OHA required. The survey is critical for ensuring OHA rates are properly set at overseas locations, and directly effects the amount of housing allowance each service member will receive.

Spouses are authorized to take the survey if their sponsor is deployed.

The survey can be accessed by following the hot topics link on the U.S. Army Europe home page at www.eur.army.mil.

(This information was provided by U.S. Army Europe).

Submit ideas for CFC coin design by March 29

The 2013 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas annual Coin Design Contest is open through March 29.

This year's contest is open to all Department of Defense employees and family members can participate in the contest. The winner will be announced in late April.

Artwork will be judged on originality, depiction of the theme of the CFC-O and suitability for printing on the coin.

For more information, detailed instructions and submission guidelines, visit www.cfc-overseas.org.

(This information was provided by Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas.)

Ask a JAG

Editor's Note: Do you have a 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 Rouchka (U.S. Army)
Stuttgart Law Center

Q: I am planning on purchasing a vehicle. What kind of legal issues do people have with cars here in Germany?

A: There are several things to watch out for when buying and operating a vehicle here. First, make sure you are comfortable with the condition and history of the vehicle. Used cars purchased from a private person are usually sold "as is" with no express or implied warranty. Also, avoid paying any money until you have the title and keys. If you discover mechanical problems after the purchase or if the seller can't provide you a valid title, you'll have a difficult time recovering your money.

Make sure you complete the titling process. Have the seller sign the back of their title, transferring ownership to you. Then apply for a title in your own name, which will require you to send the old title and other required documentation to your state of legal residence. If you get a loan to purchase the car, your lender will often complete this process for you to ensure a lien is filed on the title. Check with your Department of Motor Vehicles for any state-specific requirements.

When driving, watch out for German traffic laws that are more restrictive than their American counterparts.

For example, the police can ticket or tow your car if you leave it unlocked or unsecured (e.g., with a window rolled down). In theory, this law conserves German government resources because it prevents opportunity crimes and the associated costs of investigation and processing. It doesn't cost the government money because they charge the owner for all associated fees, including towing. Also, you can leave your car idling for a minute or so to warm up, but your neighbors will likely report you to the Polizei for environmental and noise pollution. You can get a driving under the influence for a blood alcohol content of 0.05 percent if you cause an accident, or any BAC if you're under 21 or have had your license for less than two years. You can also lose your license for going 31 kilometers per hour over the speed limit inside city limits and 41 kilometers per hour over the speed limit outside city limits. In the winter, you are obligated to remove all snow and ice from the windows and to have the proper tires on your vehicle.

Most questions about owning a vehicle and driving in Germany can be answered by the local vehicle registration and driver's testing offices.

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 or civ. 0711-729-4152.

Sequestration.....

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all units except those deploying to Afghanistan, he said, noting that this means an end to training for nearly 80 percent of Army operational units.

"Later this month, we intend to issue preliminary notifications to thousands of civilian employees who will be furloughed," Hagel said.

The department has about 800,000 civilian employees and the

vast majority of them face losing 20 percent of their pay through the end of September.

Sequestration comes on top of \$487 billion in cuts defense agreed to under the Budget Control Act over the next decade.

In anticipation of sequester, in January the department began to slow spending. The aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman did not deploy to the Persian Gulf as scheduled, and the department looked to hiring freezes and

layoffs of temporary and term employees.

The service chiefs announced cuts to facilities maintenance and contract delays.

"If sequester continues and the continuing resolution is extended in its current form, other damaging effects will become apparent," Hagel said. "Our number one concern is our people — military and civilian — the millions of men and women of this department who work very hard every day to ensure America's security."

The department needs some fiscal certainty, the secretary said, and DOD leaders will continue to work with Congress to help resolve this uncertainty. "Specifically, we need a balanced deficit reduction plan that leads to an end to sequestration," he said.

"And we need Congress to pass appropriations bills for DOD and all federal agencies."



Housing upgrades.....

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Reger is expecting these projects to be completed this summer.

Eventually, every stairwell apartment on all Stuttgart installations will have balconies.

"During spring and summer, a balcony almost is like an additional room," said Glenn Mitchell, USAG Stuttgart housing chief. "People have the opportunity to be outside, but are still in their 'Own Private Idaho'."

According to Mitchell, the upgrade was well received in the community and residents are excited about the latest addition to their apartments.

"It's great to have a balcony to go outside for social occasions," said Sgt. Robert Parrish, who recently moved to Kelley Barracks with his family. "It's more convenient than going downstairs to the gazebo."

Parrish and his wife Mandy are looking forward to turning the balcony into a pleasant sitting area for family and friends once it gets warmer.

"It's a good-sized area, and we can use it as an outdoor living room," Parrish said.

USAG Stuttgart constantly strives to ensure quality of life of its residents, especially through its construction projects.

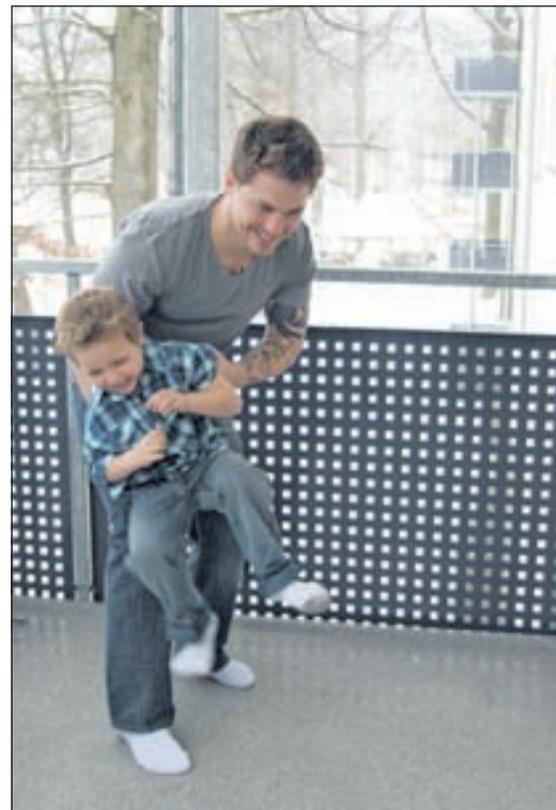
"Our goal is to make community members feel comfortable and at home," said Mitchell. "Most apartments in the U.S. have balconies and we're aiming to set that standard here as well."

Throughout the last 10 years, major upgrades have been made on Stuttgart installations. Projects included new and renovated buildings, parking lots, sewage lines, playgrounds, sidewalks, roads and street lighting, according to Reger of the DPW

Engineering Services Branch.

As for the installment of the balconies, Reger appreciated the support of the residents.

"Although the work was noisy at times, the residents were always cooperative and pleasant to work with," Reger said.



Carola Meusel
Kelley Barracks resident Sgt. Robert Parrish plays with his son Mikhail, 5, on the family's new balcony Feb. 27. Once the weather gets warmer, the family plans to turn the space into an outdoor sitting area.

AER Campaign runs through May 15

The 2013 Army Emergency Relief Campaign period began March 1 and runs through May 15.

AER provides emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans and grants to active duty soldiers, retirees and their dependents when there is a valid need.

To make a donation to Army Emergency Relief, see your unit point of contact or visit www.aerhq.org. To speak to the USAG Stuttgart AER Officer, call 431-2038/civ. 07031-15-2038, or stop by Army Community Service, Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

Basketball Clinic set for March 27

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program will host a basketball clinic for special needs youth 5 years and older, March 27 at 4:30 p.m. at the Patch Fitness Center, Bldg. 2337.

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

Community Banks to close for training

Due to mandatory training on

March 20, the Community Banks on Patch and Kelley Barracks, and Panzer Kaserne will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ESSO system outage

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has scheduled an ESSO Fuel Ration Card System outage March 10 from 5 – 11 a.m.

Customers will not be able to purchase fuel at Exchange gas stations or use their fuel ration card at ESSO stations off post. Also, the Exchange will not be able to issue or replace fuel ration cards, run balance and ration inquiries or add money to fuel card accounts.

Women's History Month workshop

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Equal Employment Opportunity Office will hold a Women's History Month workshop March 28 from 9-11 a.m. in the Army Community Service conference room, Panzer Kaserne, Bldg. 2948.

This year's theme is "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics".

For more information, or to register, call 430-5312/civ. 0711-680-5312.

Annual Stuttgart Citadel Muster

The annual Stuttgart Citadel Muster will be held March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Patch Community Club.

The muster is open to all Citadel alumni, their spouses, and friends of the Citadel throughout Europe. Dress for the event is business casual.

For more information, or to RSVP, email Brinson Moorhead at cid83@live.com.

Give blood March 25

Stuttgart American Red Cross will host a community blood drive March 25 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Patch Community Club, Patch Barracks.

Appointments may be made at www.militarydonor.com; walk-ins are also welcome. Donors must be at least 17 years old.

Youth group off to Croatia in April

Common Bond, the Stuttgart Religious Support Office's high school youth ministry, will sponsor a trip to Split, Croatia, during spring break,

April 6 – 14. The trip includes group meetings with singing, skits, team competitions, swimming at the beach, paintball, snorkeling, shopping and rafting.

Register at www.shorebreak2013.eventbrite.com

For more information, email to stuttgartchapelyouth@gmail.com or call 430-7237/civ. 0711-680-7237.

Indoor flea market Apr. 20

The Patch High School Junior Class Student Council will host an indoor flea market in the Patch High School Forum Apr. 20 from 8 a.m. to noon.

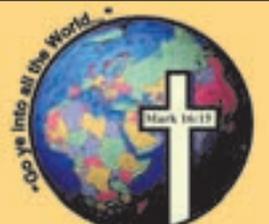
Vendor spaces can be reserved by calling Virginia Kozak at 430-1971/civ. 0711-680-1971.

USO St. Patrick's Day brunch

United Services Organization Stuttgart will offer a free St. Patrick's Day brunch March 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the USO center, Bldg. 2948 on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3505/civ. 07031-15-3105.

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



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EVERY SUNDAY @ 4:00PM

Overseas prescription process explained

By Chuck Roberts

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Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, vitamins/minerals, and herbal and dietary supplements are not allowed to be mailed through an Army post office to Americans living in Germany.

German law provides strict regulations for importing medicine into Germany from other countries. Prohibited medicine products identified by U.S. and German customs officials can either be destroyed or returned to sender, according to German and U.S. postal and customs officials.

For those affected by the policy, there are options available to receive certain medicines and supplements, to include military treatment facility pharmacies, Exchange outlets, commissaries, and German pharmacies and retail stores, said Lt. Col. Rodney Jorstad, pharmacy consultant for Europe Regional Medical Command.

Below is a summary of various options provided by his office available to ID cardholders living in Germany.

I've never been to

a Military Treatment Facility. Do I need to register to have my prescriptions filled or can I come straight to the pharmacy?

To receive any services from an Army MTF, beneficiaries must first be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, a worldwide, computerized database for service members, their families, and others eligible for military benefits. This requires a visit to the patient administration section during in-processing.

Pay patients or those with additional insurance coverage beyond Tricare are asked to provide insurance information to patient administration during the initial registration process. Please bring your insurance card to ensure correct billing.

After you register, what's required to have my prescription filled?

If you previously received your prescriptions in the mail, you will need a new written prescription from your health-care provider to have it filled at an MTF pharmacy. A label from your current mail order pharmacy is not sufficient. Mail order pharmacies will not transfer your prescription to military pharmacies. Only

original prescriptions are considered legal. This may require you an appointment with your local or stateside provider to get the new prescription order.

When using a military pharmacy, you are required to present your ID card and an original, physician-signed prescription. Patients need to bring their prescriptions to the pharmacy well before they run out of medication. If a medication that is not stocked, it can take between one to three weeks to fill the prescription — six weeks if it's a narcotic.

Army MTFs do not have the ability to carry all medications available on the American market, and they are limited by their overseas supply chain when requisitioning medications. Delays may occur if your written prescriptions contain errors or unclear information that would require a pharmacist to contact the provider before filling them.

If any of the pharmacist's questions cannot be resolved, the pharmacist may refuse to fill the prescription.

Will military pharmacies be able to fill all prescription medications?

There are several FDA-approved medications that are unavailable at MTF pharmacies due to policies and regulations prohibiting their use within the military healthcare system. A prior authorization or any other approval from TRICARE or a civilian insurance company does not override these restrictions.

Army pharmacies may not be able to honor your prescription, regardless of the reason you are using them. Commonly restricted items include weight loss medications, fertility and assisted pregnancy medications and cosmetic medications.

How does the pharmacy system determine which prescription medications they will stock?

Army MTF pharmacies in Germany operate under one formulary system, meaning senior physicians and phar-



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German law provides strict regulations for importing medicine into Germany from other countries. Many options are available to get medicines and supplements locally: Military pharmacies, Exchange outlets and retail stores on the German economy.

macists decide which medications are available and locally stocked.

The entire overseas supply system is based on providing formulary medications to overseas pharmacies. Providers may request a non-formulary or special order medication based on rules outlined by the military and Tricare.

Requests will be approved or denied based on an individual's circumstances and clinical criteria. Patients using non-formulary medications from stateside providers will be encouraged to switch to similar formulary medications overseas. Prescriptions for non-formulary medications from stateside providers will be reviewed for approval by local clinic leadership.

What about controlled substances?

Controlled substances can be filled by military pharmacies, but are subject to military service rules. Prescriptions for controlled substances filled at any Army pharmacy will be limited to a one-month supply except for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder medications, which can be filled for three months.

Can I fill prescriptions written by my German doctor?

Yes, as long as the doctor is a Tricare-authorized provider. The prescription must be written in English using American trade names.

What about non-prescription items such as over-the-counter medications, protein powder, vitamins/minerals, herbals and other supplements? And do the same mailing restrictions apply to medications for pets?

Army MTF pharmacies are unable to order non-formulary, over-the-counter items, even if they were recommended by your doctor. Many local stores have these products available to purchase, including Exchange facilities, commissaries and German retail stores.

The German medical system is more accustomed to herbal and homeopathic medications than the U.S., so finding these products at German stores will likely be easy.

The same mailing restrictions apply to medications for pets. Please consult your local veterinarian for suitable alternatives.

Editor's Note: For additional question and answers about filling prescriptions overseas, visit www.army.mil/article/97298.

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For more information, email FPUstuttgart@yahoo.com.

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 the following dates: March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, 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.

BOSS meets

Better Opportunities for Single Service members meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Swabian Special Events Center, Building 2505, Patch Barracks.

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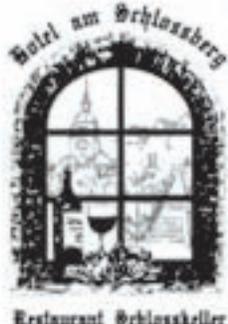
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Safety begins at home

March has arrived, and many people have started thinking about spring cleaning. When preparing for the new season, take the opportunity to make sure your home is safe.

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- Leave three feet of space around space heaters
- Check electrical outlets for frayed wires or loose-fitting plugs
- Inspect fireplace flues and chimneys for leaks and blockages
- Keep a multi-purpose fire extinguisher on hand
- Lock up medicines and household chemicals
- Keep hallways clutter-free and clear of obstacles

For more information on home safety, visit www.homesafetycouncil.org



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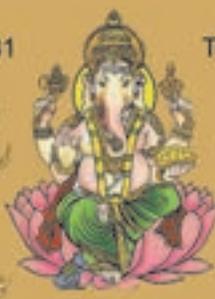
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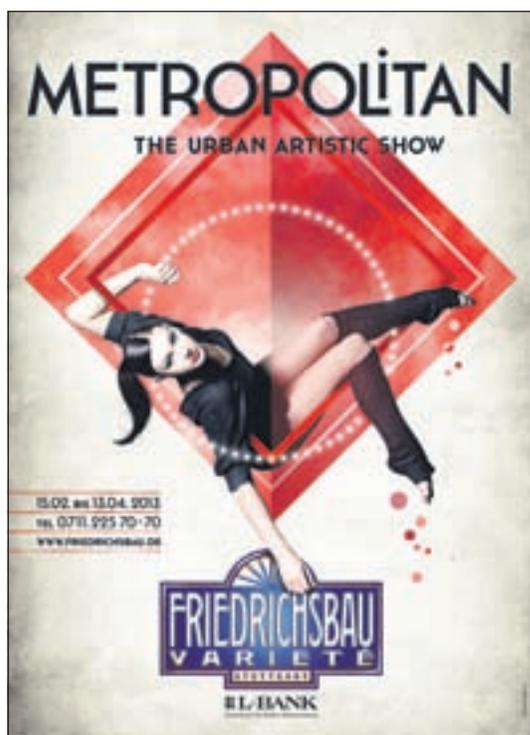


Photo courtesy of Friedrichsbau Varieté

The Friedrichsbau Varieté in downtown Stuttgart will feature "Metropolitan - the Urban Artistic Show" until April 13. Shows will run Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m.

The Friedrichsbau Varieté, or Variety Theater, in downtown Stuttgart will feature "Metropolitan - the Urban Artistic Show" until April 13.

Performances are offered Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m.

The "Varieté for Tea" program will feature parts of the Metropolitan show with coffee, tea and cake March 21 at 3:30 p.m.

According to Mascha Hülsewig, Friedrichsbau Varieté spokeswoman, pianist "Mr. Leu" will be the music and comedy host and will take visitors on a fantastic, dynamic and entertaining journey. An urban metropolis sets the stage for artistic and acrobatic performances combined with juggling, aerial dance, music and comedy.

"English speakers will feel very comfortable in this surrounding, because the show is primarily visual," Hülsewig said.

Tickets cost between €22 and €52 and can be purchased by calling civ. 0711-225-7070.

The Friedrichsbau Varieté is located at Friedrichstrasse 24, 70174 Stuttgart.

For more information, visit www.friedrichsbau.de.

A popular musical is back in Stuttgart. "Mamma Mia!" will be featured until August 31 at the Stage Palladium Theater at the SI Centrum Stuttgart.

The musical is about 20-year-old Sophie who lives with her mother on a Greek island. Sophie is about to get married and wishes to invite her yet unknown father to the wedding. This sets off a number of unexpected surprises all accompanied by ABBA's greatest hits, such as "Dancing Queen," "Take a Chance On Me," "Super Trouper," "Mamma Mia" and many more.

While the lyrics are in German, English speakers may enjoy the uplifting tunes, colorful costumes and dance.

Performances are offered Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets cost between €50 and €110 and can be purchased by calling civ. 01805-8668 or online at www.beste-plätze.de.

SI Erlebnis Centrum Stuttgart is located at Plieninger Str. 100, 70567 Stuttgart.

For more information, visit www.si-centrum.de.

Nightlife

Stuttgart's "Long Night of the Museums" will be held March 16 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. The program features over 90 events in and around downtown Stuttgart, such as concerts, city tours, boat trips on the Neckar River, performance art, exhibitions and parties.

Tickets cost €16 and include transportation, along with admission into every venue.

Shuttle buses will run all night from the Karlsplatz bus stop. Underground train U6 will also transport visitors to various event locations and will run from the Schlossplatz and



Photo courtesy of Lift Stuttgart

Visitors exit a shuttle bus in front of the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt during last year's "Long Night of the Museums." This year's event will run March 16 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Charlottenplatz stops.

Along with exhibitions and events in Stuttgart's main museums such as the "Kunstmuseum" (art museum), "Landesmuseum" (Württemberg state museum) and the Porsche and Mercedes-Benz museums, many smaller institutions and galleries offer one-of-a-kind programs during this long night out.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling civ. 0711-6015-444 or the night of the event at all participating locations.

For more information, visit www.lange-nacht.de.

German/American

The Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum/James F. Byrnes Institute will host "The Old Acquaintance", a radio play from the 1940's March 13 at O'Reilly's Irish Pub in Stuttgart. The play is based on the "Adventures of Philip Marlowe," a popular radio series featuring Raymond Chandler's private eye Philip Marlowe.

Tickets cost €5 and can be purchased the night of the event.

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What's happening in FMWR

Mexican lunch at Kelley Club

An all-you-can-eat Mexican lunch buffet will be offered at the Kelley Club March 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Indoor flea market

The next Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored flea market will be held March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Patch Community Club.

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

Women's flea market

The "My Girlfriend's Closet" flea market is set for March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Brewed Awakenings Café on Robinson Barracks. The event is designed for women to buy or sell clothing and household items.

For more information, call 430-2110/civ. 0711-680-2110.

Ski wit ODR

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation will host a weekend ski trip March 15-18. The location for this trip

will be based on the best snow conditions at the time. Participants must sign up in advance.

For more information, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

Bench press contest

The Panzer Fitness Center will sponsor a bench press competition March 16. Weigh-ins start at 9 a.m.; contest starts at 9:30 a.m. Participants can register at all U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart fitness centers until March 15. Participants must be 18 or older.

For more information, call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Parents' Day Out

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services will host a Parents' Day Out March 16 at the Patch CDC/SAC from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up at Parent Central Services by March 13.

For more information, call 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

Play Texas Hold 'Em

Play Texas Hold 'Em on March 14 and 28 in the Patch Community Club. Registration opens at 5 p.m.; play starts at 7 p.m. Participants must be 18 or older.

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



Coming to Patch Theater

March 8 — Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 4 p.m.; Les Miserables (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.

March 9 — Winnie the Pooh (G) 2 p.m.; Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 5 p.m.; Les Miserables (PG-13) 8 p.m.

March 10 — Cars 2 (G) 2 p.m.; Winnie the Pooh (G) 5 p.m.; Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters (R) 7 p.m.

March 11 — Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 6 p.m.

March 12 — Closed

March 13 — Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters (R) 6 p.m.

March 14 — The Guilt Trip (PG) 6 p.m.

March 15 — Oz: The Great and Powerful (PG) 6 p.m.; Rise of the Guardians (PG) 9 p.m.

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March 18 — Dead Man Down (R) 6 p.m.

March 19 — Closed

March 20 — Les Miserables (PG-13) 6 p.m.

March 21 — Dead Man Down (R) 6 p.m.

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Panthers end 12-year championship drought

Story by Mark J. Howell
USAG Stuttgart
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The last time the Patch High School men's basketball team won a European championship, Panthers starting small forward John Robinson hadn't even started kindergarten.

In 2001, the Panthers took top honors when the school was in Division II, but since becoming a Division I school in 2007, the team had been unable to bring home the gold. That was until Feb. 23, when the Panthers defeated the Ramstein Royals 60-50 at the Department of Defense Dependent Schools European Basketball Championships in Wiesbaden.

"It seems like in every sport we play Ramstein in the final," said Robinson, who was named most valuable player of. "It's a rivalry, and it's always fun to beat a rival."

The Panthers, who finished

their season 18-1, including a 5-0 run in the playoffs, came into the tournament as the number one seed in Division I, and glided through the competition on strong performances from Robinson and teammate Brendan Jones. Both players averaged 14 points and six rebounds per game.

"I knew we were going to be a threat, but there's always a worry of an upset," said Jones, starting point guard for the Panthers.

Robinson, on the other hand wasn't as concerned.

"We're a cocky team," he said. "We goof around a lot, but we were sure we had it."

Patch's road to the finals entry pool wins over Heidelberg, Ramstein and the International School of Brussels, and a 70-44 semi-final win against Kaiserslautern. This season was a bit of a surprise to everyone, according to Panthers head coach Brad Rehwaldt, who before the season

started thought this would be a "rebuilding" year. He wasn't quite sure what to make of the group, especially since the tallest starter is only six feet tall. What they lacked in height, the team made up with speed, Rehwaldt added.

"We didn't really know how the year was going to go," said Rehwaldt. "In the first two games of the season we beat Ramstein and Kaiserslautern pretty soundly, and at that point, I knew we had some real potential."

Coach Rehwaldt was a junior varsity coach from 2010 to 2012, but hadn't coached varsity ball since 1997. His return was sparked by his son Dylan, who was one of only two JV players that moved up to varsity this season. His other son Devin played on the JV team this year, and may make the move to varsity next season.

"I came back because my kids were involved," said Re-



Master Sgt. Wayne Clark (U.S. Air Force)

CeJay Ferguson, Panthers guard, shoots the ball against Ramstein Royal defenders during the 2013 Men's Division I DoDDS European Basketball Championships. Patch defeated the Royals 60 - 50 in the championship game.

hwaldt. "I really enjoy coaching, so it's possible I'll keep coaching after my kids are gone. I'll keep going as long as I have the energy."

Though the season is now over for the Panthers, they're

already thinking about next year.

"We want to keep up the intensity and win it again next year," said Jones, who aspires to play college ball at Stanford. "We don't want to be 'one and done'."

Death on the Thames

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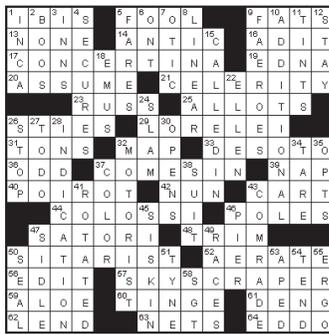
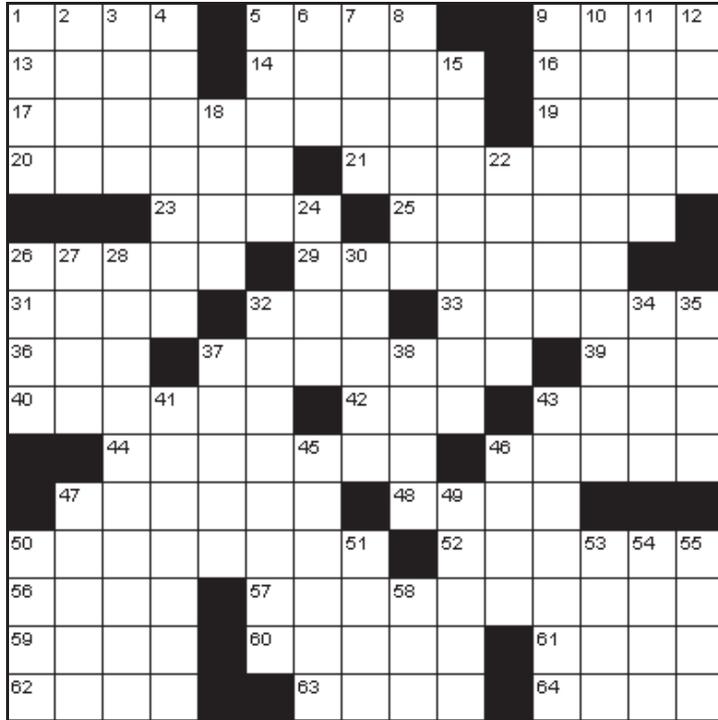
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Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from February 21, 2013!
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ACROSS

1. Current units
5. Putin's refusal
9. Con job
13. Hide furtively
14. Aegean area
16. Can you dig it?
17. Assumed names
19. Army group
20. Seventies space station
21. No-show
23. Baby bouncer?
25. Restrain
26. Fishing spot
29. Fine porcelain
31. Stony
32. "Much ___ About Nothing"
33. Rushlike plants
36. Brit. record label
37. Scramble
39. Geologic division
40. One of TV's Friends
42. ___ seul (dance solo)
43. Foul mood
44. Most sacred
46. Potato pancake
47. Legendary Irish bard

48. Recreational drive
50. Make-believe
52. Dippers
56. Advantageous position
57. Wide waistband
59. Money of Iran
60. Heather genus
61. "M*A*S*H" actor
62. Sargasso Sea swimmers
63. Formerly, formerly
64. Kennedy's Secretary of State

DOWN

1. European chain
2. Perfume ingredient
3. Hunter's quarry
4. Lay low
5. Mythical weeper
6. Hither and ___
7. "Orinoco Flow" singer
8. Sound of music?
9. Cold-shouldered
10. Happening by chance
11. Flying saucer flier
12. Measure, old-style
15. Judges
18. Unpleasantly moist
22. Down-home bird?
24. Icelandic literary classic
26. "Believe" singer
27. Incarnation of Vishnu
28. "Love Story" author
30. Frolics
32. NATO, for one
34. Composer Satie
35. Fill to the gills
37. Whoopi, in "The Color Purple"
38. Loco
41. Inexpensive lodgings
43. Shipping obstacle
45. Make certain
46. Prevaricator
47. Do ___
49. Cloth fold
50. Pop in Paris
51. Arabian bigwig
53. Lollapalooza
54. Draws to a close
55. Badlands Natl. Park locale
58. Hosts, for short

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



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Experimenting with Oobleck

Brendan demonstrates that he can touch the bottom of a cup full of oobleck in ten seconds, recording the results of this experiment as a "liquid."



Photo by Ed Thornburg

Recycled snowflakes

Böblingen Elementary Middle School Blue Ribbon students Vanessa Fermin and Elizabeth Lockridge make snowflakes out of an old bulletin board display. This is a different and most of all fun way to recycle paper!



Photo by Ed Thornburg

Treasure Island

Mrs. Casciaro's Böblingen Elementary Middle School Language Arts classes dressed up as their favorite pirate from Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island," at an "End-Of-The-Book" pirate party. The students had just completed a three part project on Treasure Island, which included a power point presentation, an informative speech and a 3-D poster. Students in this picture from left to right: MacKenzie Coleman, Bailee Martin, Ariana Busby, Isabel Navarro, Rose Jones, Sarah Jacobs, Kyrianna Miller, Zoe Moore, and Jillian Guere.



Photo by Ed Thornburg

Sports Club

Böblingen Elementary Middle School PE Instructor, Mr. Kelly teaches Jazym Zynda and McKenzie Gibel volleyball techniques Monday afternoon during a sports club meeting.



Courtesy photo

Pudding Party

Böblingen Elementary Middle School Principal, Dale More and Vice-Principal, Tommy Thomson pose after their pudding plunge.



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Art Services Club

Hilary Adinkarh and Joanna Cabalquinto prepare sunflower art for an exhibition during a meeting of the art services club which Böblingen Elementary Middle School art teacher, Ms. Jager, sponsors.

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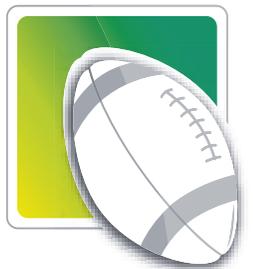


Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is a National Mathematics Honors Society whose mission is to spread keen interest in mathematics and scholarship in the community. On February 15 and 22, Patch High School's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta conducted its first set of Math Days, Mighty Mu Day! Mighty Mu Day is an event in which the Mu Alpha Theta members go over to Patch Elementary School and do fun math problems with the students! The theme was "Math Around the World!"

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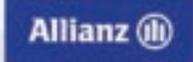




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EVENTS

Flea market

Sat, Mar 9

Karlsplatz, Stuttgart

Every Saturday from February to September the famous flea market takes place at the Karlsplatz in Stuttgart's city center. Come and find your individual antique treasure. Start: 8 am

Pool-party for kids

Sat, Mar 9

Filderstadt

The indoor swimming pool Fildorado invites children and parents to a party with games, music and the special water ability path 'Aqua-Track' from 2 pm to 5 pm. The event is included in the normal entry fees. For more info see www.fildorado.de/ (in German only)

Orchid exhibition

Fri, Feb 22 – Sun, May 26

State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart

Everybody knows beautiful orchid flowers, which bring an exotic atmosphere to every room they are placed in. But it is not common knowledge that orchids count to one of the most successful group of plants and therefore have populations all over the world. The state museum of natural history in Stuttgart (Staatliches

Museum für Naturkunde Stuttgart) is showing the exhibition 'Orchids-Diversity due to innovation' at the Schloss Rosenstein. In addition, a special orchid-tour is planned for children. Tickets: €5 (reduced €3), Family tickets: €11. Opening hours: Tue - Fri: 9 am - 5 pm, Sat & Sun: 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday shopping

Sun, Mar 10

Böblingen

All of you might already know that it is not usual to have the opportunity to shop on a Sunday in Germany. Come and shop your heart out in Böblingen and find some great special offers and enjoy special attractions. All shops are open from 1 pm to 6 pm.

SWR 3 Dance Night

Sat, Mar 16

Mercedes Benz Museum, Stuttgart

In connection with the Long Night of the Museums, the Dance Night kicks off at 11 pm. It's organized by the most popular radio station for the area of Stuttgart, SWR 3.

Retro Classics 2013 – vintage cars

Thu, Mar 7 – Sun, Mar 10

Messe, Stuttgart

Come and see vintage and rally cars from all over the world at this exhibition. It's a must for national and international vintage car lovers. The

exhibition will include Neo Classics, US-Cars and a presentation of The Swiss Auctioneers among others. Tickets are €16 and are valid for one of the three days. Opening hours: Fri: 10 am – 7 pm, Sat + Sun: 9 am – 6 pm. For more info see <http://www.messe-stuttgart.de/en/retro/>

Arts and crafts fair

Sat, Mar 16 – Sun, Mar 17

Kongresshalle, Böblingen

The fair 'Frühlingsfarben' (spring colors) presents beautiful but also exceptional art, decoration and design items. The fair starts at 11 am.

CONCERTS

Sweet – NYC World Tour

Thu, Mar 7

Stuttgart-Wangen

'Fox On The Run' and 'Love Is Like Oxygen' are only two of Sweet's number one singles. Sweet is now on tour to present their new studio album 'Sweetlife', which will be released March 27.

Tickets for this event at the LKA-Longhorn are €27.60.

The Ultimate Chart Show

Tue, Mar 12

Porsche-Arena, Stuttgart

The Ultimate Chart Show presents

Kool & The Gang, Earth, Wind & Fire Experience feat. Al McKay, Sister Sledge, Chic und Imagination and more starting at 8 pm.

This year, Germany's most successful music TV show will presents bands from the 70s and 80s only Tickets start at €59.80.

For more info and tickets see www.musiccircus.de (German only) or call 0711-221105

Spring concert

Sat, Mar 16

Bürgerhaus, Maichingen

The orchestra Maichingen will hold a concert dedicated to this year's start of spring. Maichingen is an 8 minute drive from Sindelfingen. Start is at 8pm

SPORTS

Magstadt city run

Sun, Mar 17

Magstadt

Take part in the Magstadt half-marathon at 11.15 am. Start and finish is at the Festhalle.

Last year 577 people participated in the run, which is about 20 min from Stuttgart.

Register by March 9 by calling 07159-94580 or send an email to ml-info@winterlaufserie-bb.de.

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