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## Civil rights history

## 'The teddy, the bear'

Daughter of Rev. Ralph Abernathy, a leader of the American civil rights movement, visited Stuttgart Oct. 9.

Find out more about our 'plush friend' at the Steiff Museum in Giengen an der Brenz.

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### Rising Star winners

Congratulations to the top three finalists in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR's local Operation Rising Star competition held Oct. 19.

Family member Raquel Sargent took top honors and \$500 in cash; family member Davetta Cross came in second place and won \$250; U.S. Air Force Reservist Jess Richardson took third place and a \$100 cash prize.

Video of first-place Sargent's two performances will now move on to the next round of Army-wide judging. Sargent has the opportunity to be one of 12 semi-finalists who will compete in a live broadcast in San Antonio, Texas, on or about Nov. 30.

## Internet safety: tips for keeping kids safe online

### On Guard Online

**S**ocial networking sites, chat rooms, virtual worlds, and blogs are how teens and tweens socialize online; it's important to help your child learn how to navigate these spaces safely. Among the pitfalls that come with online socializing are sharing too much information or posting comments, photos, or videos that can damage a reputation or hurt someone's feelings.

Applying real-world judgment can help minimize those risks.

### Remind kids that online actions have consequences

The words kids write and the images they post have consequences offline.

Some of your child's profile may be seen by a broader audience than you — or they — are comfortable with, even if privacy settings are high. Encourage your child to think about the language they use online, and to think before posting pictures and videos, or altering photos posted by someone else. Employers, college admissions officers, coaches, teachers, and the police may view your child's posts. Remind kids that once they post it, they can't take it back.

Even if you delete the information from a site, you have little control over older versions that may exist on other people's computers and may circulate online.

Tell your kids not to impersonate someone else. Let your kids know that it's wrong to create sites, pages, or posts that seem to come from someone else, like a teacher, a classmate, or someone they made up.

### Tell kids to limit what they share

Tell your kids why it's important to keep

some things — about themselves, family members, and friends — to themselves. Information like their Social Security number, street address, phone number, and family financial information — say, bank account or credit card numbers — is private and should stay that way.

Talk to your teens about avoiding sex talk online. Research shows that teens who don't talk about sex with strangers online are less likely to come in contact with predators.

In fact, researchers have found that predators usually don't pose as children or teens, and most teens who are contacted by adults they don't know find it creepy. Teens should not hesitate to ignore or block them.

### Encourage online manners

You teach your kids to be polite offline; talk to them about being courteous online as well. Texting may seem fast and impersonal, yet courtesies like "pls" and "ty" (for please and thank you) are common text terms.

Using all caps, long rows of exclamation points or large bolded fonts are the online equivalent of yelling. Most people don't appreciate a rant.

Suggest that your kids resist the temptation to send a message to everyone on their contact list.

### Limit access to your kids' profiles

Many social networking sites and chat



Matthew Ryan

**Patch High School students are at work in a computer animation class Oct. 23. Technology makes it easy for kids to connect and share things with friends and family, no matter where they are. But the connections can come with a huge cost if kids aren't careful. Teach them to navigate safely.**

rooms have adjustable privacy settings, so you can restrict who has access to your kids' profiles. Talk to your kids about the importance of these settings, and your expectations for who should be allowed to view their profile.

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## EUCOM J6 sponsors cyber security poster contest

**Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford invites the winners of the Cyber Security Awareness Month poster contest to relax and take a deep breath before the awards ceremony Oct. 7 at Patch High School. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Patch High School students Taylor Key, Jadon Johnson and Kaitlyn Agcaoli, Crawford, and Boblingen Elementary/Middle School students Jabari Lewis, Brandon Hilburn and Sydney Smith. For the winning entries and story, see pages 12 and 13.**

Kay Myers

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# Avoid getting trapped in world wide web of deceit

Commentary by Ralph Stebbins  
U.S. European Command Cyber Directorate

**Y**ou live amongst a web of deceit. In the last 24 hours, in a world where nearly eight billion computers, smart phones and other assorted devices are connected to the Internet, almost 300 billion emails were sent. On average, most people receive about 80 emails a day, and 60 to 90 percent of these emails are spam. On any given day, I usually receive about 98 emails, and only about 20 of those are legitimate communications.

*“You have just been selected!”*

While most of the email is spam or junk mail, users need to be especially aware of spear phishing. Spear phishing is a highly specialized attack against you or a group to collect information or gain access to systems. A spear phishing email is often more difficult to recognize as suspicious. Would your Grandma Emily really send you a link to “check out this awesome article!!!”?

Many people check their email either at home, school, work or out and about on their smart phone. Social engineering tactics and threats to your device, data or privacy have become more sophisticated every day. None of us are exempt from falling prey to deceitful email.

You, your parents or children each have, on average, 40 to 90 chances each day to experience identity theft or a computer virus through malicious links or files within an email.

## Protect yourself, your family

Talk frankly with your family members about using email from any source: home, school, library, Internet cafes, hotspots, restaurants or a friend’s computer. There is a risk to your privacy, your financial information and to the device which you are using. Ask yourself, do I really need to be checking my bank balances while I sip my latte, waiting for soccer practice to end?

## Avoid being a victim

Don’t reveal personal or financial information in an email.

Before sending sensitive information over the Internet, check the security of the website by making sure the URL begins with “https.”

Pay attention to the website’s URL — malicious websites may look identical to a legitimate site, but the URL may use a variation in spelling or a different domain (e.g., “.com” versus “.net”).

If you’re unsure if an email request is legitimate, try to verify it by contacting the company directly using information provided on an account statement, not information provided in an email.

Ensure your devices are running the latest update for operating systems, software, web browsers, anti-virus protection and apps is the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats.

Remember, with the enormous number of opportunities each day to infect your computer or reveal private information via email, just one wrong click can really complicate your life.

## On The Street

### What is your favorite Halloween memory?



**Sgt. Fernando Alvarez**  
U.S. Army  
“It’s my favorite holiday. I always dressed up.”



**Maria Burns**  
Civilian  
“My family went on a trip to New Hampshire to visit my grandparents and we got lost in a corn maze.”



**Sgt. Brandon Foley**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
“Hanging out with friends from high school.”



**Staff Sgt. Dominique Jackson**  
U.S. Army  
“Going to church and stocking up on candy afterwards.”



**Col. Walter Branch**  
U.S. Army  
“My first kiss ... I was at home and she was trick-or-treating.”



**Lt. Col. Wayne Magrisi**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
“My parents set up speakers behind props on front of the porch and would scare kids.”



**Maj. Corey Shea**  
U.S. Army  
“The Halloween right after I got back from Afghanistan.”



S. J. Grady

## Kelley Banking Center celebrates new facility

*J.R. Ladwig (from left, the Kelley banking center supervisor, escorts AFRICOM Commander Gen. David M. Rodriguez on a tour through the renovated Community Bank in Building 3312 on Kelley Barracks after a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 18. The 3,014 square foot expanded facility features a larger lobby/teller area for its customers, private customer service offices and much needed space for operations personnel.*

# CID advises caution when using non-sanctioned myPay apps

**U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command  
Public Affairs**

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly referred to as CID, is warning the greater Army community about the potential dangers of using non-Defense Department sanctioned applications to access Defense Finance Accounting Services accounts.

On July 13, 2013, the free mobile application "MyPay DFAS LES" was released on the Google Play Android App store. Google estimates that between 10,000 to 50,000 individuals have already downloaded and installed this App on their personal mobile device. The App purportedly allows users the ability to control their individual military pay account after they enter their myPay login information.

In addition to this App, there are several other third party non-DOD sanctioned mobile applications available for Android and iPhone devices designed around DFAS payment processes for DOD military and civilian personnel, retirees and annuitants, as well as other government agencies.

CID is cautioning that using non-DOD sanctioned applications to access myPay accounts can potentially lead to one's personal account information being compromised and possibly the theft of funds.

### Tips to help protect yourself

Before downloading, installing or using an app, take a moment to review the "About the Developer" section. This will help you get an idea about other apps that a specific developer has previously published. If available, visit the developer's website and assess its content for things like history and professional appearance.

Apps that purport to allow access to military or government sites should only be installed if they are official apps sponsored by the military or other government agency.

Peruse the user ratings and reviews to try to get a sense from previous customers as to the truth of the application's claim. Arguably, no app is completely perfect from the perspective of all users, but complaints about security concerns should quickly stand out from other relatively harmless issues.

If you are still not sure and end up downloading an app, inspect your device's application permissions screen to determine what other applications or information will be accessed by the app. A video game, for example, is unlikely to have a legitimate need to access your contacts.

*For more information regarding cyber crime and staying safe online, visit the CID Lookout or the Computer Crimes Investigative Unit webpage at [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil).*

## News & Notes

### Last call for Pfennig Bazaar volunteers

The German American Women's Club of Stuttgart is preparing for its 45th annual Pfennig Bazaar to be held Nov. 7-8 at the Liederhalle in downtown Stuttgart.

The bazaar is considered to be Stuttgart's largest and oldest flea market, according to club officials, and is the club's main fundraising activity. For the last several years, an average of €50,000 per year has been donated to German and American charitable causes, including local schools, athletic groups and youth clubs.

Hundreds of volunteers are still needed Nov. 5-8 to perform duties such as booth set up, logistics, sales and security. There are roles for teens, as well.

Volunteering for the bazaar not only helps local German and American charities, but is an opportunity to network with both the German and American military communities.

Transportation for volunteers will be provided from Patch Barracks.

Volunteers can sign up online at <http://vols.pt/5M1qW8> by entering their email addresses for the days, volunteer roles and work shifts they would like.

For more information, call Chairperson Maggie Bangston at civ. 0711-504-56408 or send an email to [PB-US@gawc-stuttgart.org](mailto:PB-US@gawc-stuttgart.org).

### MPSA announces holiday mailing deadlines

For overseas personnel who plan to mail packages to friends and loved ones in the States or other duty locations, the holiday mailing deadlines are closing in.

To ensure cards and packages reach their destinations in time, the Military Postal Service Agency recommends that customers mail packages on or before the following mail category deadlines:

- Parcel Post — Nov. 12
- Space Available Mail — Nov. 26
- Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) — Dec. 3;
- Priority Mail — Dec. 10;
- First-class cards and letters — Dec. 10;
- Express Mail — Dec. 17.

For more information about how military mail is routed, transit times and mail restrictions, visit the Military Postal Service Agency website at <http://hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/main.htm>.

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart postal operations hours can be found at [www.stuttgart.army.mil](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil).

### Flag officer assignment

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced Oct. 18 that Rear Adm. John N. Christenson will be assigned as chief of staff, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart.

Christenson is currently serving as deputy U.S. military representative to NATO Military Committee, Brussels, Belgium.

# Ask a JAG

If you have a legal question you would like to see answered in The Citizen, write "Ask a JAG" at [ines.k.liefers2.ln@mail.mil](mailto:ines.k.liefers2.ln@mail.mil).

By Jessica Lowy  
Stuttgart Law Center

**Q:** My German neighbor was surprised to learn I don't have liability insurance. What is this and how does it work in Germany?

**A:** Most Germans have what is called Haftpflichtversicherung (third-party private liability insurance), usually unheard of by most Americans. This type of insurance provides coverage to you and any insured member of your family in the event one of you commits any act that a German court would consider negligent.

It is important to have this type of insurance because while German courts are usually reasonable when assessing damages, under German law, there is no cap on the amount of damages an individual can be assessed for the negligent acts he commits, even those committed innocently.

Say for example you go skiing in Garmisch and accidentally collide with another skier, who later claims you caused him bodily injury, or you are shopping with your children and one of them breaks something on display in the store. In these types of cases, Haftpflichtversicherung would provide you with a certain level of protection for damage you cause, including personal injury.

Haftpflichtversicherung does not cover damage you cause to yourself, your family members, or your own property, or anything for which a separate insurance plan is available, such as health insurance, auto insurance or personal property insurance. The good news is that even a high level of coverage is relatively inexpensive. Keep in mind that insurance policies here in Germany work just like other contracts, i.e., policies with terms longer than one year cannot be cancelled before the term of policy lapses. Therefore, it is best to obtain an annually renewable policy with as much coverage as you feel you can afford. That way, if you find a better policy later on, you'll be able to switch.

Do not confuse Haftpflichtversicherung with Rechtsschutzversicherung (legal protection insurance). This type of insurance covers an attorney's retainer, which has to be paid in advance and is based on the amount of money in dispute. Rechtsschutzversicherung most commonly covers costs and fees associated with landlord-tenant disputes, disputes over traffic accidents and violations, and claims for personal injury or property damage. Divorce and matters of inheritance are normally not covered. So if someone causes you injury or damages your property and refuses to compensate you through their Haftpflichtversicherung, you can pursue the claim through your Rechtsschutzversicherung.

To inquire about purchasing German insurance, speak to an insurance broker.

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

# Marines honor fallen 30 years after Beirut bombing



*A rifle detail from Marine Corps Forces Europe and Marine Corps Forces Africa fire three volleys during the Oct. 23 memorial service at the Panzer Chapel. The Oct. 23, 1983, bombing in Beirut killed 241 U.S. service members and 58 French paratroopers.*

*A Marine color guard from Marine Corps Forces Europe and Marine Corps Forces Africa, present the colors during a memorial ceremony held Oct. 23 at the Panzer Chapel for the Marines, Soldiers and Sailors killed 30 years ago in Beirut, Lebanon. On Oct. 23, 1983, a truck with explosives drove up to the Marine barracks and was detonated, killing 241 service members.*



Photos by Marine Staff Sgt. Shane Mellor

# Internet

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Set high privacy preferences on your kids' chat and video chat accounts, as well. Most chat programs allow parents to control whether people on their kids' contact list can see their status, including whether they're online. Some chat and email accounts allow parents to determine who can send messages to their kids, and block anyone not on the list.

## Create a safe screen name

Encourage your kids to think about the impression that screen names can make. A good screen name won't reveal much about how old they are, where they live, or their gender. For privacy purposes, your kids' screen names should not be the same as their email addresses.

You may want to limit your children's online "friends" to people they actually know.

Get to know the social networking sites your

kids use so you understand their activities. If you're concerned about risky online behavior, you may want to search the social sites they use to see what information they're posting. Are they pretending to be someone else? Try searching by their name, nickname, school, hobbies, grade, or community.

Just as you want to know who your kids' friends are offline, it's a good idea to know who they're talking to online.

Encourage them to tell you if they feel threatened by someone or uncomfortable because of something online. You can then help them report concerns to the police and to the social networking site. Most of these sites have links for users to report abusive, suspicious, or inappropriate behavior.

*OnGuardOnline.gov is a partner in the Stop Think Connect campaign, led by the Department of Homeland Security, and part of the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education, led by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.*

**Be in the know**

To find out about upcoming community events, construction projects and other items that may affect those living in the Stuttgart military community, attend the next U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Installation Staff Meeting Nov. 6 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Patch Community Club (Building 2345) on Patch Barracks.

**Join diabetes support group Nov. 12**

November is National Diabetes Month. In the U.S., 26 million are living with diabetes and 79 million more have pre-diabetes. Now is the time to take charge of your diabetes.

Be Well and Thrive, a diabetes support group, meets Nov. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The group provides interactive information to assist with improving diabetes prevention, education and control. The meeting will be held at Army Community Service, Building 2915 (2nd floor, room 226).

For more information, please call ACS at DSN 431-3362 or Civ. 07031-15-3362.

**ASACS hosts discussion for parents**

Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services will hold a roundtable discussion on how to identify stressors and learn ways to help adolescents manage stress in a healthy way on Nov. 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The discussion is targeted for parents and will be held in Building 2312, Patch Barracks. The counselors request that parents contact them if they are interested in attending. Call civ. 0711-680-8237 or civ. 0711-680-7041.

**USO hosts luncheon for vets Nov. 8**

The United Service Organizations Stuttgart will honor and recognize veterans for their service to the country during a special luncheon Nov. 8 at noon. The event will take place at the USO, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3505/civ. 07031-15-3505 or visit <http://eu.uso.org/stuttgart>.

**EFMP basketball clinic**

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Exceptional Family Member Program, and Family and MWR will hold a free basketball clinic Nov. 27 from 4:40-5:30 p.m. at the Patch Fitness Center for children and youth 5 years old and older who are associated with EFMP.

Register your child's attendance by calling DSN 431-3362 or Civ. 07031-15-3362.

**Volunteers needed to support ethnic observances**

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Opportunity Office seeks volunteers to organize a Native American Heritage Month observance scheduled for Nov. 14. Interested parties should attend the weekly planning meetings held every Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. in the Patch Chapel.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Advisor at 430-7945/civ. 0711-680-7945 or 0162-297-5922, or email [juan.c.adorno.mil@mail.mil](mailto:juan.c.adorno.mil@mail.mil).

**Facilities to close Nov. 5 morning for personnel assembly**

The Base Support Operations Maintenance Division, the Privately Owned Vehicle inspection station in Böblingen at Panzer Barracks, as well as the Customer Service Team Stuttgart on Kelly Barracks will be closed until 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 for a personnel assembly.

**Sign up for Capital City Visitation Program by Nov. 18**

The U.S. Forces Liaison Office Baden-Württemberg and U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will host a Capital City Visitation Program Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The program is designed to introduce U.S. service members, civilians and their families to Stuttgart and the state of Baden-Württemberg.

The event is open to all ID cardholders. Patrons don't have to be newcomers to Stuttgart in order to participate.

A bus will pick up participants Dec. 2 at 8:45 a.m. at the eXchange bus stop on Panzer Kaserne.

To register, contact [elizabeth.a.moore10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.a.moore10.civ@mail.mil) by Nov. 18.

For more information, call DSN 431-3462/ civ. 07031-15-3462.

**Bake cookies, cakes for a cause**

The Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club needs volunteers to provide home-baked goods in sup-

port of the Pfennig Bazaar's Great American Bake Sale.

Proceeds from this event support many worthy causes in Stuttgart.

Drop off baked goods Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the front offices of Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School, Patch Elementary School, Patch High School and Böblingen Elementary School, or in the lobby of the Kelley Theatre.

To volunteer or for more information, email the SCSC Special Events Chairwoman at [scsc.specialevent@gmail.com](mailto:scsc.specialevent@gmail.com).

**Germany celebrates All Saints Day Nov. 1**

Five German states, to include Baden-Württemberg, will celebrate All Saints Day Nov. 1.

Most German post offices, banks and many businesses will be closed.

The garrison's Vehicle Registration and Housing offices will also be closed.

**Do you qualify for WIC?**

Women with a child up to the age of 5 or who are a pregnant, postpartum or breastfeeding may qualify to receive supplemental foods and nutrition education through the Women, Infants, and Children Overseas Program.

For more information, call 431-3351/civ. 07031-15-3351 or stop by the WIC Overseas office in Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

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**Participate in Landscape Protection Day**



Did you know that the Panzer Local Training Area is home to a variety of endangered plants and animals, and that protecting this environment is part of U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's mission?

Community members are invited to participate in Landscape Protection Day Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Panzer LTA.

More than 60 volunteers from Ger-

man conservation groups, the Böblingen youth firefighter association, members of the Stuttgart military community Scouting programs and others will clear overgrown shrubs, fallen branches and rake up grass clippings.

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division at 421-6132/civ. 0711-729-6132.

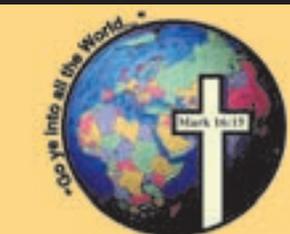


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Juandalynn Abernathy, daughter of Rev. Ralph Abernathy, a leader of the American civil rights movement, looks at a photo from the 1963 March on Washington with Kathleen Cole, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart deputy to the commander, before an interview Oct. 9. Abernathy lives in Balingen, about 45 minutes from Stuttgart.

# Garrison supports Smithsonian civil rights history project

By R. Slade Walters

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

In the year 2013, with an African-American currently serving a second term as president of the United States, one might forget that people who personally experienced and participated in the American civil rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s are still alive today.

One of those people is Juandalynn Abernathy, daughter of civil rights activists Rev. Ralph and Juanita Abernathy. She is a professional soprano and concert singer and lives in Balingen, about 45 minutes from Stuttgart.

In an interview conducted for the Library of Congress and the National Museum of African American History and Culture during a video teleconference at the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart headquarters on Panzer Kaserne Oct. 10, Abernathy shared some remembrances of her parents and the civil rights movement.

Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries of the Ohio State University and the Southern Oral History Program of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill conducted the VTC interview from a television studio on the campus of Georgia Tech University in Atlanta with Juandalynn's brother, Dr. Ralph Abernathy III, and her sister, Donzaleigh Abernathy.

Early in the interview, Juandalynn and Ralph pointed out that their father should be remembered as one of the principal leaders of the civil rights movement along with Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"My father wasn't an assistant – he was a partner with Dr. King," Abernathy said.

During the one-hour interview, each of the siblings recalled personal childhood memories.

"I can remember very clearly, one afternoon, police officers coming to our house and ... they took our new car. I didn't understand that. I was two or three [years old]," Abernathy said when Jeffries asked her about her first encounter with the civil rights movement.

The interview will be part of an exhibition at the National Museum of African American History and Culture along with photographs and videos.

The National Museum of African American History and Culture was established in 2003 by an Act of Congress making it the 19th and newest Smithsonian Museum.

According to the National Museum of African American History and Culture website, the museum is scheduled to officially open in 2015 on the National Mall in Washington D.C. adjacent to the Washington Monument.

In 2009, the U.S. Congress passed the Civil Rights History Project Act which directed the Museum and the Library of Congress to collect personal histories and testimonials of people who were involved in the American civil rights movement.

During the pre-building phase, the museum is producing publications, hosting public programs and assembling collections.

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Donated baskets must be completed and delivered by Nov. 15.

For more information, email [scsc.firstvice@gmail.com](mailto:scsc.firstvice@gmail.com) or visit [www.stuttgartspousesclub.org](http://www.stuttgartspousesclub.org).

**Plan ahead for federal holidays**

Most organizations and facilities in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of the Veterans Day federal holiday and Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving.

The Stuttgart Army Health Clinic will also be closed Nov. 8 and 29 for U.S. Army Europe training holidays.

For immediate health care needs, call the Nurse Advice Line at civ. 00800-4759-2330. Contact the Military Police in case of a medical emergency.

Because specific listings are too numerous to detail here, patrons are advised to call ahead before visiting any facility.

**Donate blood next month**

The Armed Services Blood Bank Center will hold a blood drive in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community Nov. 20 in the Patch Community Club from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The drive is sponsored by the Stuttgart American Red Cross.

Donors must be at least 17 years old. Appointments can be made at [www.militarydonor.com](http://www.militarydonor.com). Walk-in donors are always welcomed.

To find out if you are eligible to give blood, follow the "Can I Do-

nate?" link at [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).

**Vehicle Registration closures**

Vehicle Registration will be closed Nov. 1, Nov. 11 and Nov. 28-29 for U.S. and German holidays. The office will also close at noon Nov. 27 for a monthly inventory.

For more information, call Vehicle Registration at 431-2833/2883 or civ. 07031-15-2833/2883.

**Register for CYS Services winter sports**

Sign your children up for basketball, wrestling and cheerleading with U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services.

Winter sports registration will run through Nov. 15 at Parent Central Services, Building 2347, Patch Barracks. The season will run from January to March, 2014.

Volunteer coaches for the winter season are also needed.

For more information, contact the

CYS Services Sports and Fitness office at 431-2616/civ. 07031-15-2616 or Parent Central Services at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

**Due to PCS soon?**

If you are relocating in the next several months, it's time to begin preparing for the move. The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Joint Central Processing Facility will hold permanent change of station/pre-separation briefings Nov. 20, Dec 18 and Jan.15 at 1 p.m. in Building 2913, Panzer Kaserne. Army personnel will also receive a briefing on finance issues.

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R. Slade Walters

**AFRICOM J5 celebrates Halloween with treats, no tricks**

Service members, civilian employees and family members of U.S. Africa Command J5 Strategy, Plans and Programs, dress in their finest costumes to participate in an event hosted by Army Maj. Gen. Charles W. Hooper, the J5 director, on Kelley Barracks Oct. 18. Hooper and other J5 staff members passed out goodies to their costumed customers and the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Emergency Services even dropped by with fire trucks.

# FDA warns against dietary supplement

By Larine Barr

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is advising consumers to stop using OxyElite Pro, a dietary supplement, because of suspected links to acute hepatitis.

The FDA, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Hawaii Department of Health are investigating reports of acute non-viral hepatitis in Hawaii where 29 cases are linked to a dietary supplement. The FDA urges consumers to stop using the product while the investigation continues. Distributed by USPlabs LLC in Dallas, Texas, the product is sold nationwide in retail stores and on the Internet.

"We are urging Airmen to stop using the product until the investigation concludes and results are confirmed," said Col. John Oh, the chief of Health Promotion, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Air Force Surgeon General.

There have been a total of 29 cases of acute non-viral hepatitis with an unknown cause reported in Hawaii. Eleven of the 29 patients have been hospitalized with acute hepatitis, two have received liver transplants and one person has died. The CDC is also investigating other cases of liver injury nation-wide that could be related.

Symptoms of hepatitis include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, clay or gray-colored bowel movements, joint pain, yellow eyes, and jaundice.

"Airmen who are experiencing these symptoms should contact their health care provider immediately," Oh said. Many Airmen reportedly use dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building.

In 2011, one-third of Airmen reported using legal bodybuilding supplements in the past year, including 15 percent in the last month, Oh said.

"We encourage Airmen to get educated on dietary supplement safety through Operation Supplement Safety, the Department of Defense dietary supplement education and safety campaign," Oh said. Information about the campaign can be found at <http://hprc-online.org>.

For more information about the FDA warning, visit [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

# Tinnitus: what the 'buzz' is all about

By Maj. Melissa Leccese

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Even if you are unfamiliar with the term tinnitus, many of you may have experienced this distracting ringing, buzzing, clicking, roaring or rushing sound in the ears at one time or another.

Tinnitus is not a disease; however, it

is likely related to an underlying condition. The most common condition that tinnitus relates to is noise exposure, both work-related and recreational. Other conditions that tinnitus may relate to include aging, ear or sinus infections, head or neck injury, heart or vascular disease, some medications, stress or fatigue.

An estimated 50 million Americans experience constant tinnitus. Over 16 million that suffer from tinnitus have sought medical attention to find relief. Among veterans, tinnitus is the most common service-connected disability.

## Impacts

Tinnitus can interfere with ability to concentrate for short or long periods of time. It is most noticeable in quiet, not because the sound grows louder in this setting, but because the sound is more easily heard in a place where there is little sound competition. In severe cases, depression and insomnia plague the individual affected. Tinnitus can be a source

of severe mental stress for some.

## Causes

Despite ongoing research efforts, the exact cause of tinnitus is unclear. Tinnitus that is related to noise exposure is believed to be the result of damage or stress to cells in the inner ear. These cells are known as "hair cells" because of the hair-like projections that are attached to these cells. Hair cells play an important role in the hearing process and damage results in damaged hearing.

## Prevention

Because noise-induced hearing loss is often related to tinnitus, any measures taken to limit hazardous levels of noise will help prevent tinnitus. In pre-existing cases, these protective measures will prevent tinnitus from worsening. Turning down the volume or moving away from the noise is a wise noise-limiting practice. Use hearing protection in situations where noise levels cannot be limited.

## Cure

Sadly, there is no cure for tinnitus, but there are many treatments and treat-

ment programs available that help some individuals cope with and manage this condition:

- Counseling programs exist for individuals as well as for groups that assist in changing reactions toward the tinnitus. A primary goal is to facilitate relaxation by decreasing awareness of the tinnitus.

- Individuals that have hearing loss in conjunction with the tinnitus may find treatment for both by using hearing aids. Hearing aids amplify speech and environmental sounds, which often makes the tinnitus less noticeable.

- Sound generators facilitate relaxation and sleep. These devices produce gentle, repetitive, soothing sounds such as waterfalls or soft music. Some sound generators can even be worn in the ear and are used as part of tinnitus retraining therapy.

Now that you know what the "buzz" is all about, you can make wise choices to prevent this troubling condition from happening to you. For those who are already experiencing tinnitus, there is help available in several different forms.

*Editor's Note: Maj. Melissa Leccese is a hearing program staff officer at U.S. Army Public Health Command.*



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# Fiscal 2013 was the Army's safest year to date, fatalities fall to all time low

By Julie Shelley

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center  
Directorate of Communication  
and Public Affairs

Fiscal 2013 was the Army's safest year to date, according to end-of-year data recently released by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

Accidental fatalities declined 9 percent between fiscal 2012 and 2013, falling to an all-time low of 137 losses. The previous benchmark was set in fiscal 1997, when 150 Soldiers were killed in accidents.

"This is an outstanding accomplishment for our leaders and Soldiers," said Brig.

Gen. Timothy J. Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

"It not only testifies to their safety commitment and leadership at all levels across the Army, but also strengthens evidence that we are moving in the right direction."

On duty, accidental losses fell 6 percent from 2012, continuing a years-long downward trend in work-related deaths. The drop in off-duty fatalities was even more impressive, with a 17 percent reduction that was more than double last year's decline. A marked drop in fatal private motor vehicle accidents, historically the No. 1 accidental killer of Soldiers, was largely responsible for this success.

The 40 percent decline in sedan deaths and

15 percent decrease in motorcycle fatalities, the latter coming after a three-year upward trend, validates steps the Army has taken in recent years to combat these losses, said Command Sgt. Maj. Richard D. Stidley, USACR/Safety Center.

"We can't overstate how important this is for our PMV safety programs," Stidley said. "More Soldiers are home now than in at least the previous 10 years, so that means greater exposure to the hazards of driving and riding. Engaged leadership, Soldiers looking out for one another and better training opportunities are making a real difference."

While most accident categories experienced double-digit reductions throughout fiscal 2013, water-related fatalities were up 225 percent from the previous year. Seven Soldiers drowned during the last quarter alone.

"Boating and drowning deaths tend to rise during the third and fourth quarters every year because that's when Soldiers are on the water most," Edens said.

"While this isolated cluster of incidents doesn't necessarily indicate a trend, it and the rash of ATV accidents we experienced earlier this year show we can't let down our guard, no matter how well we're doing in the big picture."

While 2013 was a banner year for safety, senior Army leaders called for a further 10 percent reduction in fatal accidents service-wide in the 2014 Army Safety and Occupational Health Objectives. The signed memorandum is available at <https://safety.army.mil>.



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# A 'plush' experience: the Steiff Museum in Giengen

Story by Carola Meusel

Many children may fantasize of being surrounded by life-size plush animals and teddy bears.

The dream becomes reality at the Steiff Museum, located in Giengen an der Brenz, home to the world-famous plush toy company and its trademarked "button in ear."

The history of the Margarete Steiff Toy Company started in 1880 when Margarete Steiff, a self-employed tailor, created a pincushion in the shape of an elephant that she made for her sister-in-law, Anna Steiff. Soon after, Steiff and her seamstresses started to produce more "Elefäntle," the Swabian word for elephant, in her shop and sold them at the local market.

Children started playing with the pincushions and the world's first plush animal was born, according to Simone Färber, spokeswoman for the Steiff Museum.

Steiff started to produce more plush animals such as dogs, cats and horses. The first Steiff plush toy catalogue was published in 1892 and defined Margarete's motto: "only the best is good enough for children," according to Färber.

"To this very day, this is the official motto of the Margarete Steiff Factory," Färber said.

Richard Steiff, Margarete's nephew, joined the company in 1892 and created the first teddy bear with movable arms and legs in 1902. The bear was introduced at a toy fair in Leipzig, where an American businessman ordered 3,000 bears. Soon after, Steiff teddy bears

became popular in the U.S. The plush animal was named after President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt.

According to Färber, the name originated from a bear hunting trip in Mississippi, where Roosevelt refused to shoot a black bear cub that was tied to a tree.

The incident resulted in a political cartoon published in the Washington Post in 1902 by the Russian immigrant Clifford K. Berryman, giving the president a new image and the bear a new name: "Teddy," Färber said.

At the museum, visitors will learn about the legend but will also be taken on an adventurous trip through "the world of Steiff," according to Färber.

The journey starts with Steiff's tailor's shop, where she sewed the first elephant pincushion. Afterward, the "Knopf" (button) teddy bear and his friend Frieda take visitors on an interactive tour of the "plush planet." During the tour, visitors, Knopf and Frieda search for 3,000 lost teddy bears underwater, on the "Teddytanic" ship and at the Antarctic. After successfully locating the lost teddy bears at the "Raum der Freunde," or friend's room, patrons can experience a petting zoo with life-size plush tigers, monkeys, brown and polar bears, elephants, camels, a unicorn and more. Another highlight is a 15-meter slide in the shape of a snake for those brave enough to take on the fast and furious ride from the third to the second floor of the museum.

"The slide is considered the world's largest plush slide," Färber said.

On the second floor, visitors can learn all about the 130-year history of the Margarete Steiff Factory. Overall, more than 3,000 plush animals are displayed throughout the museum,



Christin Schweizer

Original "Steiff button in ear" teddy bears are on display at the Steiff Museum's workshop in Giengen an der Brenz. Here, visitors can see the step-by-step production of a Steiff plush animal. Besides, more than 3,000 plush animals are displayed. Patrons will also learn about the 130-year history of the Margarete Steiff plush toy company.

according to Färber.

Patrons can also follow the process of creating a handmade plush animal at the museum's workshop.

The museum tour ends at the world's largest Steiff store, where visitors can find their favorite plush animals, collector's items, baby and children clothing.

Since it's all about plush animals, some may think that the museum is mainly for children. According to Färber, many adults, to include retirees and collectors, enjoy the museum's 'plush' atmosphere.

"The museum truly is for children and adults alike. Typically, our visitors are between 3 and 100 years old," Färber said.

For Christin Schweizer of Stuttgart, who recently visited the Steiff Museum and still treasures her first Steiff plush pig, the museum brought back childhood memories.

"I truly enjoyed immersing back into that world remembering how wonderful childhood is," Schweizer said.

The Steiff Museum is located at Margarete-Steiff-Platz 1, 89537 Giengen an der Brenz, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets cost €8. English speakers should ask at the ticket desk for the English interactive tour.

A Christmas market will be held in front of the Steiff Museum (Margarete-Steiff-Platz) Dec. 5-8.

The Steiff factory outlet can be found at Alleenstrasse 2, 89537 Giengen an der Brenz.

The Margarete Steiff birth house (Lederstrasse 26, 89537 Giengen an der Brenz) can also be toured. For English guided tours, call civ. 0180-513-1101 or email [museum@steiff.de](mailto:museum@steiff.de).

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Entry forms can be found online at [www.stuttgart.armymwr.com](http://www.stuttgart.armymwr.com).

For more information, call 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

### Party at Irish Pub

DJ Wesley will rock the Irish Pub Nov. 1 from 8-11 p.m.

Or if you prefer to be part of the entertainment, Joker hosts karaoke on Nov. 14 and 21 from 8-11 p.m.

The pub is located in the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne. For more information, call 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

### Parents' Night Out

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services will host a Parents' Night

Out Nov. 8 at the Panzer Child Development/School Age center from 6:30-11:30 p.m. Sign up at Parent Central Services by Nov. 6.

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

### Find bargains at flea market Nov. 16

Community members can clear out their old possessions or load up on bargains at the community flea market to be held in the Patch Community Club Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

### Play family bingo

The Patch Community Club is the place to be on the first Sunday of each month for family bingo and the chance to win valuable prizes for children and adults.

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For more Family and MWR activities, visit their website at [www.stuttgart.armymwr.com](http://www.stuttgart.armymwr.com).



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Nov. 3 — Despicable Me 2 (G) 2 p.m., Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R) 4:30 p.m., The Counselor (R) 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 4 — Jackass presents: Bad Grandpa (R) 6 p.m.

Nov. 5 Closed

Nov. 6 — Don Jon (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Nov. 7 — The Counselor (R) 6 p.m.

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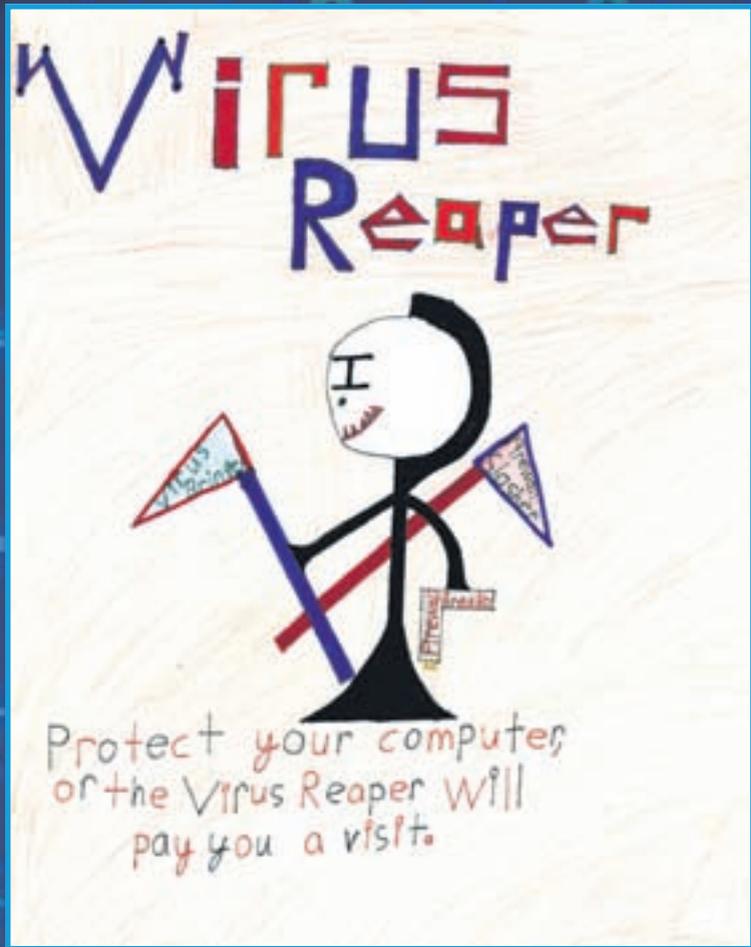
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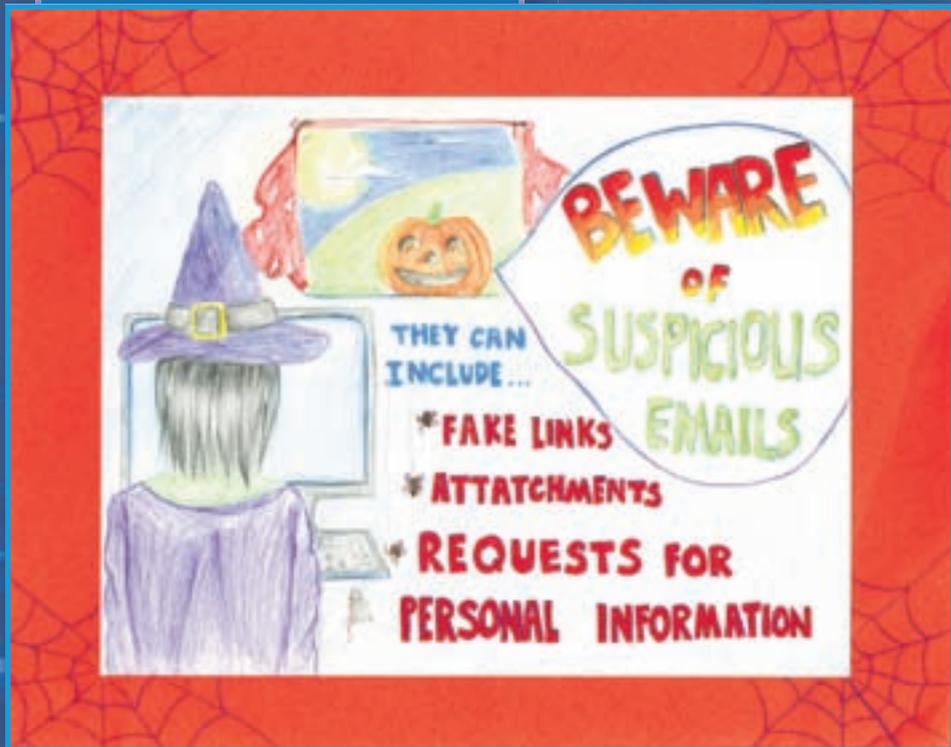


First place —  
**Virus Reaper**  
 Jabari Lewis, Eighth grade  
 Böblingen Elementary/Middle School



Second place —  
**Viruzilla**  
 Brandon Hilburn, Seventh grade,  
 Böblingen Elementary/Middle School

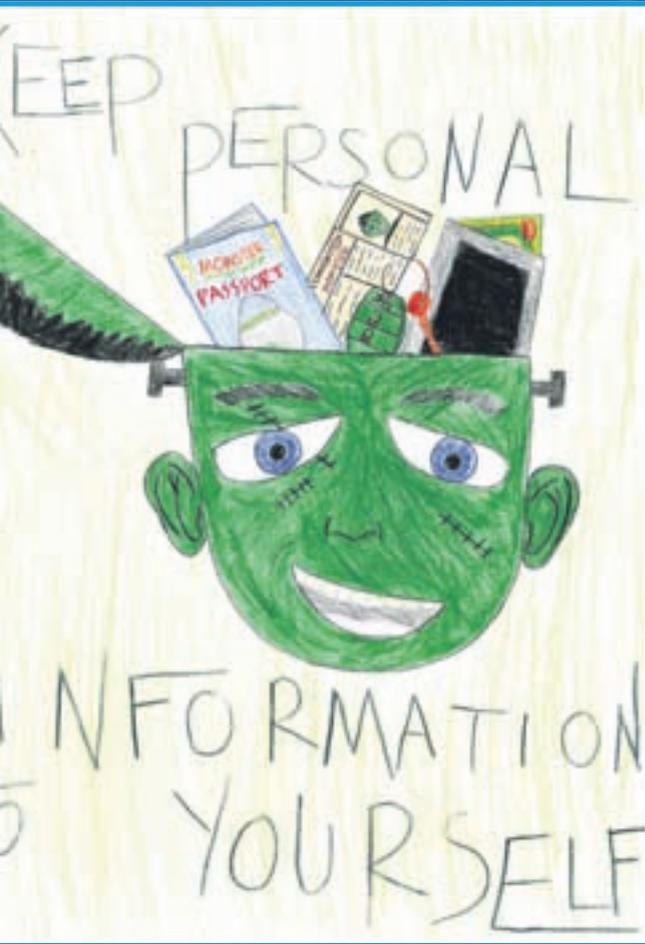
First place —  
**Beware of Suspicious Emails**  
 Kaitlyn Agcaoili, 11th grade,  
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Second place —  
**Think about the Link**  
 Jadon Johnson, 10th grade,  
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Third place —  
**Frankenstein**  
Sydney Smith, Eighth grade,  
Böblingen Elementary/Middle School

Students use their imaginations, creative talents to design Internet safety posters

### USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The U.S. European Command Joint Cyber Center sponsored a poster contest for middle and high school students as part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month. More than 100 students submitted hand-drawn, original autumn and Halloween-themed entries that illustrated the safe use of the Internet and mobile devices.

Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, the director of EUCOM's J-6 C4 and Cyber Directorate, announced the winners during an awards presentation at Patch High School Oct. 7.

In the middle school division, Böblingen Middle School students Jabari Lewis, Brandon Hilburn and Sydney Smith took the top three places. Patch High School winners were Kaitlyn Agcaoili, Jadon Johnson and Taylor Key.

The winners each received a gift card from the eXchange and a certificate signed by Crawford.

During the presentation, Crawford told the students that cyber security does not just have meaning for those who wear the uniform, but affects parents and students at home.

"You only need to have your identity stolen one time to understand how important this is," he said.

The J-6 sponsored the contest as an outreach event, according to Crawford, to generate discussion and ideas on the meaning of cyber security during National Cyber Security Awareness Month and because "a vulnerability accepted by one is a vulnerability accepted by all."

In its tenth year, National Cyber Security Awareness Month is a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure Americans have the resources needed to stay safer and more secure online.

A study last month by PayPal and the National Cyber Security Alliance indicates there is still a need for online safety education and awareness.

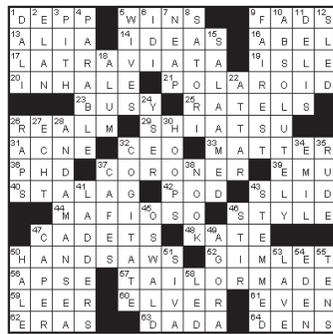
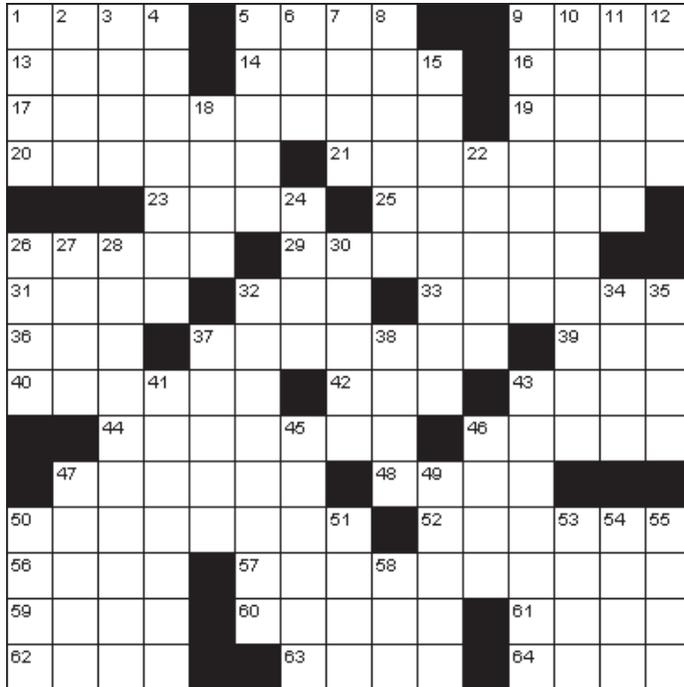
According to the results, nearly 19 percent of Americans said they had never changed their password or PIN for an online account without prompting by the service provider and only 34 percent lock their mobile phone with a PIN.

*Editor's Note: Jason Cullum contributed to this report.*

Second place —  
**Personally Identifiable Information Dragon**  
Taylor Key, 10th grade,  
Patch High School



# Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from October 17, 2013!

Courtesy of thinks.com

**ACROSS**

- 1 Exploited
- 5 Rhymester
- 9 Aleutian island
- 13 A bit
- 14 Fatty acid
- 16 English guy
- 17 Irish club
- 19 Ike's ex
- 20 Bounder
- 21 They're spotted in the jungle
- 23 Brewer's kiln
- 25 Fleet
- 26 Dismantle
- 29 Be humiliated
- 31 Colored
- 32 Guy's date
- 33 Caricaturist Daumier
- 36 It may be coddled
- 37 \_\_\_ Valley
- 39 Dowsing tool
- 40 "Foundation Trilogy" author
- 42 Jazz genre
- 43 Refinery refuse
- 44 Region on both sides of the upper Oder
- 46 Some like it hot
- 47 Flash light?

48 Lt. Kojak

- 50 Game bird
- 52 Adriatic peninsula
- 56 Accrue interest
- 57 Column style
- 59 Emulated
- 60 Deadly snake
- 61 Jane Austen classic
- 62 Mother of Castor and Pollux
- 63 Egyptian sacred bull
- 64 Financial burden

**Down**

- 1 Lenin's land
- 2 Manhattan neighborhood
- 3 Give off
- 4 Shoulder muscle
- 5 Afrikaners
- 6 100%
- 7 Authentic
- 8 Summary
- 9 Artemis turned him into a stag
- 10 Underdeveloped countries
- 11 "Driving Miss Daisy" Oscar winner
- 12 Poison-bearing tree

- 15 Quickly
- 18 Spring
- 22 "Evita" surname
- 24 Blue shade
- 26 Queens stadium
- 27 Harbor boats
- 28 Mail option
- 30 Cover story?
- 32 Restore
- 34 "Tobacco \_\_\_"
- 35 Jittery
- 37 Non-concerted efforts
- 38 Fur or fleece
- 41 Prospero's daughter
- 43 Calmed down
- 45 Lady of Spain
- 46 Check
- 47 Condition
- 49 Clues
- 50 Bell sound
- 51 Golf hazard
- 53 "The \_\_\_ of the Ancient Mariner"
- 54 A foot in a line
- 55 Art school subj.
- 58 Latin trio

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# Youth Activities

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



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04

## Robinson Barracks Pumpkin Drop

Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School students of all ages participated in the fall Pumpkin Drop competition held October 22. The object was to work in teams within the rules, consider scientific principles and design a container to protect a pumpkin that is dropped from great height. The whole school turned out to the playground in a fire drill then gathered to watch the fun.



05

**01** Robinson BEMS Principal Shelia Smith is in the basket of a German Feuerwehr truck lifting a load of pumpkins high in the air for a drop.



06

**02** A parachute deploys as a pumpkin is dropped from high above the Robinson Barracks playground.



07

**05** Eighth grader Chad McManus shows off a failed attempt.

**06** Sixth grader Bradley Stuewe can only pick up the pieces of an unsuccessful drop. Back to the drawing board!



08

**07** Sixth graders Alexia Symak and Noelle Clark show off their undamaged pumpkin.

**08** The boys scramble to stage another load of pumpkins for Principal Smith to drop. Blaise Williams (7th grade) is in the front.

All photos by Diana Vin Zant.



Photo by Teresa Senna

## Life Experiences

Böblingen Elementary Middle School 4th grade students (from left) Ayanna Lewis, Luke Matthews and Amelia Curry were recently honored by a visit from Mercedes Wild who is the main character in the children's book: "Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot" authored by Margot Theis Raven.



Photo by Jan Kuenning

Pictured here are Brianna Driscoll & Yanisa Colon from Ms. McGowan's - 3rd grade class.

3rd grade students from Ms McGowan's class, Aidan Dueweke, Ella St. Pierre and Sean White line up in this picture.

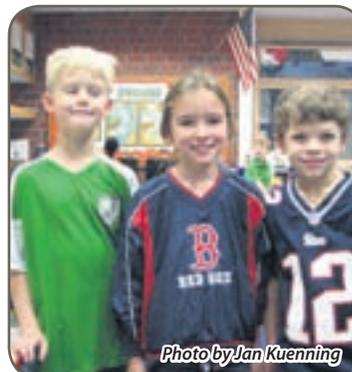


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## Red Ribbon Campaign

At Patch Elementary School, counselors, in collaboration with the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), sponsored the Red Ribbon Campaign - "For A Healthy Me" during the week of October 21-25. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) identifies that effective substance abuse prevention programs for early childhood focus on parental management of children, parent-child communication and basic health behavior (e.g. nutrition, sleep and health care) as well as building socio-emotional competence and preventing conduct problems. Each day, focus was on a different theme for health, fitness, nutrition and safety. On Monday, October 21, the theme was 'Let's Move - Sports and Exercise Keep Us Healthy!' Students and staff wore sports uniform or sporty dress. The tip for the day was: Children should get 60 or more minutes of physical activity each day. This can include running, jumping, playing a sport, stretching, climbing on the monkey bars etc. Students enjoyed the week and all received prizes for participation.



## SUDOKU PUZZLE SOLUTION

This is the solution to the sudoku puzzle from October 17!  
Courtesy of [www.puzzles.ca/sudoku.html](http://www.puzzles.ca/sudoku.html)

5	6	9	7	4	2	1	8	3
3	1	2	5	6	8	9	7	4
4	7	8	9	1	3	5	6	2
9	8	4	3	2	5	7	1	6
1	3	5	4	7	6	8	2	9
6	2	7	8	9	1	3	4	5
7	9	6	1	3	4	2	5	8
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2	5	1	6	8	9	4	3	7

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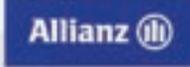
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## El día de los Muertos

**Fri, Nov 1**

**Stuttgart, Linden-Museum**

Learn about the traditional Mexican All Saints' Day during the special exhibition in the Linden-Museum in Stuttgart on November 1. Take part in guided tours, discover similarities and contrasts of Mexican and other cultures regarding remembrance. Workshops for children and a piñata are provided. For more info in German see [www.lindenmuseum.de](http://www.lindenmuseum.de).

### EVENTS

#### Halloween party for kids

**Thu, Oct 31**

**Stuttgart, Schweinemuseum**

Stuttgart's Schweinemuseum (pig museum) will host a Halloween party for kids aged 6 to 14 years on October 31 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. A scary rally through the museum will await you but with the help of some nice pigs it won't be a problem for you to find out the pigs' secret. Don't forget to bring your flashlights! Admission is €3.50. For more info in German see [www.schweinemuseum.de](http://www.schweinemuseum.de).

#### Long sauna night

**Sat, Nov 9**

**Filderstadt, Fildorado**

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#### St. Martin's Parade

**Sat, Nov 2**

**Böblingen, Elbenplatz**

The traditional St. Martin's Parade will start from the Elbenplatz in Böblingen at 5.30 p.m. and will end with a stage play at the Marktplatz. St. Martin was a soldier who shared with the poor although it was forbidden for soldiers to do so. At the beginning of November, St. Martin is celebrated all over Germany for more than 1,600 years now. Find more info in German at [www.boeblingen.de](http://www.boeblingen.de).

#### Stuttgart aglow

**Sat, Nov 2**

**Stuttgart, city center**

Enjoy a special night of shopping at the event S-City Leuchtet (S-City aglow) on November 2. Not only are the shops open until midnight, you can also enjoy exciting light shows, a St. Martin's parade and a musical firework' show in the city center. For more info in German see [www.cis-stuttgart.de](http://www.cis-stuttgart.de).

#### Gallusmarkt

**Mon, Nov 4**

**Kirchheim unter Teck, Altstadt**

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**Tue, Nov 5**

**Stuttgart, Kultur- und Kongresszentrum Liederhalle**

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#### Fall festival

**Sun, Nov 10**

**Esslingen, city center**

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### CONCERTS

#### 30 Seconds To Mars

**Thu, Nov 7**

**Frankfurt, Festhalle**

See 30 seconds to Mars live at the Festhalle Frankfurt on November 7, starting at 8 pm. They will present their latest album 'Love Lust Faith + Dreams' which was published in May.

Find more information and tickets from €45.90 at [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de).

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#### ADAC Supercross

**Fri, Nov 8 – Sat, Nov 9**

**Stuttgart, Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle**

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#### Ice rink opening

**Fri, Nov 8**

**Stuttgart, Schlossplatz**

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**Wed, Nov 13 – Sun, Nov 17**

**Stuttgart, Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle**

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