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GO TEAM STUTTGART!

Members of USAG Stuttgart’s Directorate of Emergency Services dig in for a round of tug-o-war during the garrison’s organization day Aug. 29 on Panzer Kaserne. The fun and games was actually serious business – building resiliency and esprit de corps within the garrison workforce. For more, see page 10 – *Photo by Tony Black, USAG Stuttgart.*

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How to get into college: advice for Patch High School class of 2016

Commentary by **Alexi Schreiber**
Special to The Citizen

Applying to university is scary.

In the U.S., universities are increasingly costly and selective.

Sometimes it can feel like the only way to get a good school and a decent scholarship is if you have a 4.7-plus grade point average, are captain of three sports teams, and teach disabled dolphins to speak Dutch after school.

For overseas teens things can be harder, but there is no need to panic or drop everything to become a dolphin trainer.

Yes, applying to college is tedious at its best, but all it takes is a plan.

The summer between junior and senior year should be lockdown time. Use this time to find places that suit your educational and financial needs. Once you have identified your choices, use CollegeProwler to learn what the schools are really like (college prowler has students rate different aspects of their school, such as food, professors and facilities). This is the next best thing to actually going and seeing the schools, which I highly recommend.

By August, you've narrowed down the four or five universities you're interested in applying to. The next thing to do is to meet with one of the senior counselors to make sure you meet all the class requirements for your schools and/or major before school starts. Rescheduling can be done during the first two weeks of school, but the earlier your schedule is put together, the easier it will be.

Take at least one advanced placement class in a field that interests you. Join one or two clubs or sports. If you've been a part of a club or sport for a long time, put yourself up for a leadership position. Colleges love leaders.

That said, the important thing is not to overload. If a college sees you as stretched out over too many activities or advanced classes, they are likely to come to the conclusion that you don't commit, have no personality or have already peaked in high school. Pace yourself.

Figure out if you need to take the ACT or the SAT. Take whichever one

you need at least twice, but don't stress too much about it.

Around September, it's time to start applying for early admission. Early admission means learning of acceptances in March rather than April/May, and there may be special scholarships. Early applications usually cost more, and some may have strings attached, so it's best to apply early admission only to your top school, if it is offered. Many early admission deadlines are in November. September may seem too early to start, but it's important to give your teachers and counselors time to do their bit ... you are not the only one doing your college applications.

While it isn't formally required by most schools, it's important to make yourself an informal resume. MICA required that I have a resume, and I found myself using it for the next several months. What clubs have you been a part of, what classes do you excel at, what do you enjoy, have you won any awards, has your writing ever been published, have you been selected to participate in any special events, such as Creative Connections? Include approximate dates. This puts all your information in one place, for you when you're applying, and for teachers asked to write your recommendations.

Are there teachers you've bonded with through a class, a club or both? It's time to ask them for help. A teacher who knows you can give a better recommendation with more honesty and credibility than the teacher in the class you perform best in, or the one who teaches an advanced course. This can be difficult when military kids move around frequently, so you may even want to write your old school. When you ask them, ask if they'd like your resume to make things easier. They likely will, and it will help you appear competent. Give the people writing your recommendations two weeks to a month. Pressure does not increase anyone's relative kindness.

The part you will likely spend the most time on is your essays. Depending on your university, this could be critical or inconsequential. Some universities distrust especially well-written essays as plagiarism, while others view essays as a crucial part of understanding a student's personality.

There is also the eternal conundrum of how to write about yourself. How do you talk about your achievements without bragging? Can you talk about the overseas experience without sounding like a privileged military brat?

How do you sound humble without understating what you've done? The line between pretentiousness and sounding self-deprecating is a tightrope, and that tightrope is probably on fire, given how painful it is to write these essays.

When writing, here are a few pointers to consider:

- Talk about your overseas experience. Colleges want globally aware students more than anything. Work it into your essay, even if only as a footnote.
- Try and find prompts that talk about your future plans, philosophical questions, or role models. This makes the 'you' of the now secondary, and the essay much easier to write.

- If you have to write about an experience, avoid clichés as much as possible, such as how helping underprivileged people made you a better person. It's really hard to write those essays without sounding self-centered.

- Find a story that is equally triumph and failure, or perhaps something that happened to you and how you reacted to it (such as coming overseas for the first time. Push the international experience!) Even if your narrative has a touch of tragedy, end it in an uplifting manner. What did you learn? What did that event mean? Drawing mature conclusions is better than bragging about achievements.

Once you've written your essay, give it to your English teacher and a trusted peer for editing. Your grammar is as important as the narrative you weave through the essay.

Request transcripts no earlier than October so that your senior classes will be listed. After that, it's a matter of inputting your resume into various forms and websites. This part may be tedious, but it is infinitely easier with a prepared resume.

For students in the arts, the remaining time is required to organize portfolios, videos or auditions. Being part of the AP Studio Art program helped me a lot, as it imitates the process of sending admission portfolios, and gave me time to sit with teachers to refine my portfolio.

Regular decision applications, often due in January or February, are Wave 2 of what you've already done. If any of your schools use the Common Application, the forms will have been saved from your first early decision application. Your resume is done, your essays and recommendations are written ... it's just a matter of tailoring it for the school.

It's a lot of work, but when the letters arrive in April and May, it will all feel worth it.

Dying Soldier keeps sense of mission to the end

By Bob Reinert
USAG Natick Public Affairs

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. This is the story of a terminally ill Soldier who is working to keep other veterans alive.

If doctors said that you had a finite amount of time left, how would you spend your remaining days?

It's a question that Capt. Justin Fitch has already answered in no uncertain terms: He will continue to fight while devoting what energy he has to saving the lives of his brothers- and sisters-in-arms.

The 32-year-old commander of the Headquarters Research Development Detachment at the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center has terminal colon cancer. He faces medical retirement from the Army, and doctors have told him that he has a matter of months to live.

Fitch has endured 40-plus chemotherapy treatments, six major surgeries and a number of smaller procedures. Daily painkillers help him to cope with the tumors that have wrapped themselves around his intestines.

Despite this immense personal challenge, Fitch thinks mostly about reducing the pain in others. He has spent the past year trying to increase awareness of and raise money for veterans with post-traumatic stress who are contemplating suicide. As Fitch regularly notes, 22 veterans a day take their own lives — in excess of 8,000 a year — more than all the U.S. service members who have been killed in action since 2001.

"Twenty-two is too many," said Fitch, an Operation Iraqi Freedom



Despite facing his own fight against terminal colon cancer, Capt. Justin Fitch of the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, has refused to stop working to reduce the number of suicides among veterans. — Photo by David Kamm, NSRDEC.

veteran. "We want to turn that number to zero."

As a result, Fitch has gone to battle against suicide. In November 2013, he began doing 12-hour team ruck marches with the "Carry the Fallen" campaign. Information about the campaign can be found at www.carrythefallen.org.

Since then, he and his "Team Minuteman" have raised \$114,000 for the "Active Heroes" organization, which is developing a 144-acre retreat in Shepherdsville, Kentucky, for at-risk veterans and their families. Fitch has raised \$60,000 as an individual. Those are the highest amounts in the organization, which has 109 teams nationally and has raised \$330,000.

When completed, the retreat will have such amenities as solar-powered cabins, campsites, healing gardens, climbing walls, hiking and biking

trails, archery ranges, petting zoos, equine therapy and a small artificial lake stocked with fish.

"We're looking at \$4 to \$5 million to finish (the retreat)," Fitch said.

"Money is the thorn in our side that we're trying to overcome. It just takes one thing to raise awareness and to inspire people to do what's good. And people are good. They just don't know how to help sometimes."

Maybe they should just follow Fitch's lead. Recently, he reached into his own pocket to donate the symbolic amount of \$10,022 to the organization.

"If I wasn't trying to set up my wife for life, I would have put probably all the money in it," said Fitch, adding that he wanted "to show people that I'm committed to the charity, that I believe in it, because people see me as a credible figure. If I trust that much of my money in the charity, then they

should, too."

Fitch said he has leaned heavily on his wife, Samantha, to get through this. The pain medication keeps him from driving, so he must rely on her to take him to and from work. She cooks his meals and takes care of the medical appliances that come with his condition.

"She puts up with a lot of emotional stress because of it," Fitch said. "She's a solid cornerstone in my life. I firmly believe she's the strongest influence that I have in my life."

His three days of chemotherapy treatments each week leave him tired, nauseous, dehydrated and sleep-deprived. He also suffers from what he calls "chemo-brain" — increasing memory problems. The other two days of the week, Fitch reports to his command at Natick, where he has served two and a half years.

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News & Notes

Sept. 11 memorial ceremony

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will hold a memorial to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the U.S. and the downing of United Airlines Flight 93. The ceremony will be held at the flag pole in front of Building 2962 on Panzer Kaserne Sept. 11 at 10:03 a.m., marking the time of Flight 93's impact in a Pennsylvania field and

the end of the attacks.

In case of inclement weather, the memorial will be held in the Panzer Fitness Center.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Walter Koski at 431-2031/civ. 07031-15-2031.

GAWC needs you!

The German-American Women's Club will hold its annual Pfennig Bazaar fundraiser, said to be Stuttgart's largest and oldest indoor flea market, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

The bazaar will be held at the

Liederhalle, Berliner Platz 1-3 in downtown Stuttgart. Sales hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 30 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 1.

The bazaar proceeds will benefit the German and U.S. military communities. Fifty percent of the money raised will be donated to youth and student exchange programs. The remaining funds will be divided between German and U.S. projects, organizations, schools, athletic programs and youth clubs.

There are many volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups

from setting up the booths and goods on Sept. 29 to helping with logistics, sales, security and crowd control, and donating baked goods for the bake sale at the bazaar. Volunteers can sign up at www.gawc-stuttgart.org.

The GAWC continues to accept donations of adult and children's clothing, sportswear, toys, shoes, handbags, decor, household items and electronics for the sale. Donations may be dropped off at collection bins located next door to the Patch Thrift Shop in Building 2332 and on Kelley Barracks in Bay 3 next to the Kelley Theatre.



Gabriele Fernsel (from left) with grandsons Julian, 7, and Philip, 4, and Gerd Fernsel enjoy lunch at the Panzer Food Court Aug. 20. The family was part of a tour organized by the Stuttgarter Zeitung newspaper and the USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office. Every year during the summer, the Stuttgarter Zeitung gives its readers the opportunity to visit sites and landmarks normally not open to the public. This year Panzer Kaserne was among the most favored places that people wanted to visit.

A taste of America: German visitors tour Panzer Kaserne

Story & photo by Carola Meusel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

When driving or walking by a U.S. military installation in the greater Stuttgart area, a German might wonder what's happening "behind the fence?" A group of curious German visitors had the question answered during a tour of Panzer Kaserne Aug. 20.

The tour was organized by the Stuttgarter Zeitung newspaper and the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs Office.

Every summer the newspaper offers an exclusive program for its readers, giving them an opportunity to visit sites and landmarks normally not open to the public, according to Martina Dittrich of the paper's editorial department.

A total of 10,000 people applied for this year's activities. Participants were selected by lottery. While many more applied, only 30 lucky people "won" the chance to spend several hours on Panzer Kaserne.

According to Dittrich, Panzer Kaserne was among the most favored places that people were aiming to visit.

The day on Panzer Kaserne started

with an information briefing on USAG Stuttgart, its directorates, services and responsibilities.

Kathleen Cole, deputy to the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart commander, welcomed the group and emphasized the "valuable connection between Germany and the U.S." and how much Americans enjoy being stationed in Stuttgart. She was also happy to see many children included in the tour.

Since most participants were not familiar with the inner workings of the U.S. military, much less an Army garrison, the group had many questions about construction projects, the delivery of American goods, military training and educational programs.

Some visitors were surprised to learn about many of the services, such as newcomer briefings or dental care, offered to military community members; others recalled memories of when the installation was open to the public.

Helmut Eisenlohr, a resident of Böblingen, shared a story from the past: In 1997, he invited American Soldiers to his home for Christmas. Back then, two Soldiers accepted the invitation.

Eisenlohr and his family enjoyed celebrating with the Soldiers and said he would like to see this tradition continued.

Following the briefing, the group walked to the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center, the Panzer Chapel and then ate lunch at the Exchange food court.

While Sehne Bakery, Pizza Hut and Burger King are well-known to most Germans, Charley's Sandwiches and Popeyes are not, and that's where most visitors elected to dine. The younger visitors, such as Robin Mock, 11, and Fabian Mock, 9, preferred their favorite food: pizza.

Gabriele Fernsel certainly enjoyed the American lunch but did not expect the portion of fried chicken to be as large. Fernsel was accompanied by her husband Gerd and grandsons Julian and Philip, who were happy to take home the leftovers.

During a tour of the Exchange given by Gina Woodruff, the main store manager, some visitors said they felt as if they were in the U.S.

"This is exactly how I picture the U.S., although I've never visited the

country," said Felix Rodich, 19, of Waldenbuch, who attended the tour with parents Susanne and Otto.

"I frequently drive by the installation but never knew what it looks like inside. This tour is very interesting and informative since I now have an idea of what's behind the fence," he added.

"The atmosphere truly reminds me of the U.S. as does the food and the people. Everybody is so very friendly and attentive," Barbara Neumann-Kopal said. Her husband, Herbert Kopal, worked for IBM in Vermont, and they lived in the U.S. for two years. Today's visit feels like coming home," she said.

The tour continued at the Panzer Hotel where visitors were given a briefing in German by David Roach, the hotel manager, and concluded in Building 2915, where Tom Eishauer, the United Services Organization's Stuttgart manager, explained the USO's mission and programs.

Andreas Mock, who was accompanied by his wife and three children, said that "the visit was a motivation to plan for a U.S. vacation with family next year."

Army Community Service earns accreditation

By Greg Jones
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Community Service Office recently received its Installation Management Command accreditation; a process of inspections ACS goes through every three years to ensure it is meeting the standards established by IMCOM.

The inspection, conducted by a team of seven IMCOM inspectors, included inspection of more than 5,000 pages of material, 750 separate documents as well as interviews with ACS employees over the span of five days, according to John Shoupe, director of USAG Stuttgart ACS.

The team inspects two categories of items. Category One are Critical Standards, of which there are 150, all of which are required by federal law or Department of Defense regulations, or address health and safety issues. To achieve accreditation, an organization must meet all standards in this class.

The next category, Category 2, is a set of 58 standards, 90 percent of which must be met in order to achieve accreditation. These standards are required by Army regulations, or otherwise contribute to the ACS mission.

Of 270 items inspected, the Stuttgart ACS team only had 2 discrepancies.

“Basically, we were two points shy of perfect,” said Shoupe, who, as the ACS director, pointed quickly to the teamwork of the staff as the source of their success. “It’s great to do that well on the inspection, and it only happens when the whole team is working together.”

The purpose of ACS accreditation, according to Shoupe, is to evaluate and assess ACS operations using a set of standards across all of IMCOM, recognizing high levels of performance, integrity and quality. The program helps ensure that consistent levels of support are available at all installations. “The goal is that a Soldier at Fort Carson, Colo., is getting the same great support that we get here in Stuttgart and that service members know what to expect of ACS wherever they go,” Shoupe said.

In addition to having to meet all of the standards outlined by IMCOM, the USAG Stuttgart ACS has the added challenge of serving a joint community. This means the staff has to broaden their mindsets and make sure they are keeping all four of the services in mind when providing customer service, according to Shoupe.

“One of the biggest challenges for us here is getting service members to even know who we are and what we do,” said Shoupe, who went on to

explain that each service has their own version of Army Community Service.

“The Navy has the Fleet and Family Support Center, the Marines have Marine and Family Programs, and the Air Force has the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Sometimes it’s difficult to get the service members to understand that ACS provides all the same core services as these organizations. And, since we serve a joint community, we welcome all four services here at Army Community Service.



Sandra Kirkpatrick, a U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Community Services employee, provides information and a reusable shopping bag to newly arrived community members. ACS recently passed its accreditation inspection with an almost perfect score.

Ask a JAG

By Capt. Austen Swaim (U.S. Army)
Stuttgart Law Center

Editor's Note: Do you have a legal question you would like to see answered in a future edition of *The Citizen*? If so, contact "Ask a JAG" at ines.k.liefers2@mail.mil.

Q: We just relocated to the Stuttgart military community. It's our first assignment in Germany, and we are waiting on our household goods and car. What are some of the things we need know?

A. When your household goods are delivered, you should ensure that everything has arrived in the same condition as when it was shipped. If something is

lost or damaged, you can file a claim. You can begin the process immediately during the delivery of your HHG with the Notice of Loss or Damage provided to you by the movers. Make sure you fill this out before the movers leave. But if you do not discover the damage or loss until after the movers have left, simply go to www.move.mil and log in to the Defense Personal Property System, also known as DPS. There you can file a notice of loss or damage. You must also file your claim in DPS.

You must file notice of loss or damage within 75 days of the date of delivery, and you must file your claim within nine months of the date of delivery. Meeting these timelines will make you eligible for full replacement value of your damaged or lost items. This means that if your claim is found to be legitimate, you are entitled to the full replacement value of the item or an acceptable repair, if the item is repairable.

Vehicles

If you notice damage to your vehicle at pick up, you must note the damage on the spot. If your car is dirty, you may go wash it in order to better inspect it. However, if you note any damage, you must return the same day, usually within a few hours, in order to properly give notice of damage to your vehicle. The reason for the short notice period is that damage can easily occur to a vehicle. If you bring your car back later, then the burden is on you to prove that the damage was transit-related, and this can be a difficult task.

If the shipping company has missed the deadline to deliver your vehicle, service members may be eligible for rental car expense reimbursement for up to seven days and a maximum of \$30 per day. This reimbursement is provided through the finance office. If there are additional delays, contact the carrier's claims department.

Cell phone, other contracts

In Germany, contracts automatically renew. Unlike some contracts in the U.S. that continue on a month-to-month basis, contracts in Germany can renew for another year or more. Therefore, ensure that you understand when you must cancel a contract in order to avoid the automatic renewal. If your contract automatically renews, you may be on the hook for an entire year of service fees even if you have PCS'd back to the States. Remember, there is no Servicemember Credit Relief Act equivalent in Germany to protect service members.

To file a vehicle damage claim, contact the International Auto Logistics claims department at claims@ialpov.us or call civ. 001-855-389-9499, Option 3. For all other claims related questions and assistance, contact the Military Claims Office at 421-4597, civ. 0711-729-4597. The Military Claims Office is located in Building 3312, Kelley Barracks.

TARP BRIEFINGS

The 66th Military Intelligence Stuttgart Field Office will hold Threat Awareness

and Reporting Program briefings in September at the following locations:

- Sept. 18, Patch Chapel;

- Sept. 19, Panzer Chapel;
- Sept. 23, Kelley Events Center (Building 3312).

Briefings in English will be offered at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and should last approximately one hour.

The briefing is an annual requirement for all Defense Department employees, contractors and service members. Family members are not required, but highly encouraged to attend.

If an organization requires a brief in German, contact the Stuttgart Field Office at 591-5001.

JOIN SCSC FOR WELCOME EVENT

Plan to attend the Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club Denim and Diamond welcome event Sept. 16 from 5:30-10 p.m. at the Patch Community Club and wear your best denim outfit.

This free event includes a complimentary beverage, appetizers and live band.

Attendees can shop for European gifts, meet new people and make connections in the community. All ranks and civilian ID cardholders are welcome. No RSVP is required.

For more information, email scsc.firstvice@gmail.com.

BIG NOW IN STUTTGART

Blacks in Government (BIG), a national, nonprofit organization of government workers committed to excellence in government through equality of opportunity, has established a chapter in the Stuttgart community. The Stuttgart chapter's mission is to promote equality and opportunity by advocating equity in public service for African-Americans and other minorities while promoting equality and excellence through empowerment, employee advocacy and professional development.

To join the Stuttgart chapter, send an email to big.stuttgart.chapter@gmail.com.

PANZER CHAPEL HOLDING SERVICES

The Panzer Chapel has reopened. All previously scheduled religious services have resumed. Catholic Mass is celebrated Saturday at 5 p.m.; on Sunday the Liturgical Service starts at 8:30 a.m.; the contemporary Protestant

service follows at 10:30 a.m.; and the gospel service begins at 12:30 p.m.

GAWC HOSTS WELCOME COFFEE SEPT. 18

The German-American Women's Club Stuttgart will host a welcome coffee for prospective and returning members Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Patch Community Club.

Those who wish to attend the welcome coffee should RSVP by noon on Sept. 9. Those without ID cards will need to RSVP with passport number, birth date, nationality and vehicle license plate number. The annual membership fee can be paid at the event.

For more information about the club and RSVP details, visit the club's website at www.gawc-stuttgart.org.

PWOC FALL SEASON TO START SEPT. 9

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will hold a fall kick-off Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Panzer Chapel.

PWOC is a place of Bible study, prayer, fellowship, friendship and spiritual growth that adds to the military community. During the kick-off, attendees will be able to meet the PWOC location teams and Bible study teachers. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office at 431-3079/07031-15-3079.

LEARN NEW SKILLS AS ACS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer opportunities with Army Community Service come with many benefits, including gaining valuable experience on par with employment experience. Volunteer experience can help on college and scholarship applications and employment resumes.

Volunteers can learn new skills by exploring different careers, make new friends in the Stuttgart community and develop networking opportunities to jumpstart careers.

The Volunteer Management Information System can aid in tracking volunteer hours

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Holding Forth the Word of Life Phil. 2:16



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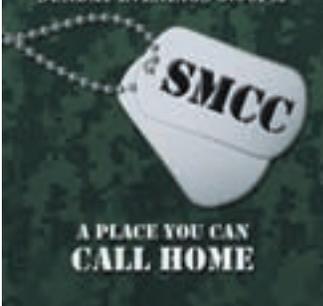
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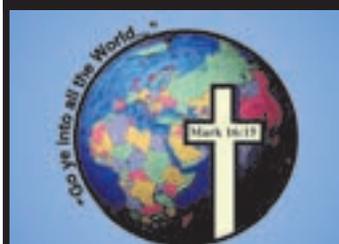
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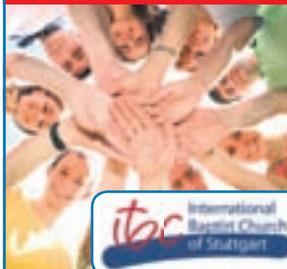
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Celebrating Women's Right to Vote

Volunteers Raeann Vasquez (from left), Christine Cantwell, Noelle Flores, Ana Villanueva, Jamenise Walker and Nicole Adorno reenact a Women's Suffragate protest Aug. 26 in front of the Patch Community Club before the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Women's Equality Day observance organized by the garrison's Equal Opportunity Office. Women's Equality Day commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the constitution, granting women the right to vote and calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality — *Photo by S. J. Grady.*

for volunteer service medals and the annual volunteer recognition ceremony.

For additional information on volunteer opportunities in Army Community Service, contact Andy Mueller at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362 or stop by ACS, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

VOLUNTEER TO ORGANIZE ETHNIC OBSERVANCES

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Opportunity Office seeks volunteers to organize a Hispanic Heritage Month observance scheduled for Oct. 7. 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.

WALK/RUN PLANNED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF SOCIAL ISSUES

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program and Family Advocacy Program will host a 5K walk/run Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon to raise awareness of domestic violence and disability employment issues.

This free event is open to all U.S. ID cardholders. Registration is required. The first

100 participants will receive a free T-shirt.

To register, call ACS at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will promote voter registration and absentee voting by conducting a Voting Emphasis Week Sept. 29 through Oct. 6.

During Oct. 1-5 Voting Assistance Officers from local units and agencies will provide assistance and voter registration and absentee ballot request forms to all voters, whether military, civilian, contractor, retiree or family member, at the following locations:

- Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Broadway Cafe, Kelley Barracks
- Oct. 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kelley Commissary
- Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Robinson Barracks Post Office
- Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Panzer Exchange
- Oct. 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Panzer Exchange and Patch Commissary
- Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Patch Commissary.

For more information on voting, visit www.fvap.gov.

BAKE COOKIES, CAKES FOR A CAUSE

The Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club needs volunteers to provide home-baked goods in support of the Pfennig Bazaar's Great American Bake

Sale. Proceeds from this event support many worthy causes in Stuttgart.

Drop off baked goods Sept. 29 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.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR WIC?

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

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Stuttgart hosts bodybuilding, figure competition

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Twenty-seven bodybuilders competed in the 7th Annual European Bodybuilding and Figure Championship Aug. 23 at the Patch Fitness Center in front of a crowd of over 300 spectators.

The overall men's bodybuilding champion was Joseph Remy from Ansbach. The overall female bodybuilding champion was Erika Flowers, also of Ansbach. Ramsteins's Ashley Evans was the overall female figure winner.



Photo left: Ashley Evans (right), representing Ramstein, wins the overall female figure competition, while Stuttgart's Vicky Harris (left) wins both the Women's Figure Tall category and the Women's Master Class. Photo above: George Bond, representing Stuttgart, proudly displays his trophy for winning the Men's Bodybuilding Master Class. — Photos by Laura Castro.

2014 results

Women's Figure

- Short (up to 5'5"): Ashley Evans, Ramstein
- Tall (5'5.1" and over): Vicki Harris, Stuttgart
- Master (age 40 and up): Vicki Harris, Stuttgart
- Overall Champion: Ashley Evans, Ramstein

Women's Bodybuilding

- Heavyweight (118.1 pounds and up): Erika Flowers, Ansbach
- Overall Champion: Erika Flowers, Ansbach

Men's Bodybuilding

- Lightweight (up to 165 pounds): Joseph Remy, Ansbach
- Middleweight (165.1-176 pounds): Chris Headley, Stuttgart
- Light Heavyweight (176.1-190.0): Luke Ceil, Ramstein
- Heavyweight (190.1 pounds and up): Jason Evans, Ramstein
- Master (age 40 and up): George Bond, Stuttgart

KnowBullying app helps parents, others prevent bullying

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Press Office

KnowBullying, a free smartphone app created by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, provides parents, caretakers, educators and others with information and communication support to help prevent bullying and build resilience in children.

The app is designed to address the various needs of children according to age. Developed in collaboration with the StopBullying.gov federal partnership, KnowBullying is available for iPhone® and Android™ smartphones. The app can be downloaded at the Apple App Store and Google Play.

"The KnowBullying app empowers parents and caregivers by placing resources they need right in their hands to help prevent bullying," said Paolo del Vecchio, director of SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services. "This needs to be part of a community-wide effort to help protect our children from the unnecessary harm, and in some cases, devastating long-term consequences of bullying."

Almost one-fifth of all students in grades nine to 12 have been bullied on school property. Almost 15 percent of students in these grades have

experienced cyberbullying, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. Bullying has serious consequences with long-term impact on mental health, substance use, violence, criminal convictions, and suicidal ideation.

Research shows that as little as 15 minutes a day of focused conversation with a child about issues related to bullying can help build self-esteem and prevent bullying. These discussions can strengthen relationships and promote a feeling of connectedness, helping children develop effective strategies for facing bullying – whether children are being bullied, engaging in bullying or witnessing bullying.

The app is a helpful resource and reminder for parents and caregivers to start a conversation that their kids will remember when it counts. It also reminds children that they can go to their parents if they have a problem.

StopBullying.gov, a federal government website managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides information from various government agencies on what bullying is, what cyberbullying is, who is at risk, and how you can prevent and respond to bullying. For more information, visit www.stopbullying.gov.

Get the free app that can prevent bullying.

How can I help a child affected by bullying?

Talking with your child every day is an easy way to stay connected. Research shows that spending at least 15 minutes a day talking with your child will increase self-esteem and encourage him/her to come to you with a problem. This will help your child face bullying—whether being bullied, engaging in bullying, or witnessing bullying.

How can the KnowBullying app help prevent bullying?

The KnowBullying app helps you make the most of each opportunity to talk by giving helpful reminders and conversation starters. It provides information on bullying including how to know if your child is being affected and how to stop it. KnowBullying by SAMHSA also provides strategies for educators and school administrators.

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DYING SOLDIER

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"I do what I can in the short time that I have at work," Fitch said. "I try to keep my head above water. Realistically, between all the medical treatments that keep me out of the office, it has made it difficult. I always feel that I could do more. Honestly, I do. Despite what anyone says, there's still a war going on."

In what free time he has, Fitch works to keep other veterans alive. He understands their struggles, because there was a time in his own life when thoughts of suicide nearly consumed him.

"It's OK to seek help," Fitch said. "You can get help. Look at me. I'm a captain [and] I sought help."

Team Minuteman of Carry the Fallen will hold its next ruck march Sept. 6, on the 26.2-mile Boston Marathon course from Hopkinton, Massachusetts to Boston's Boylston Street. Simultaneously, many of the other 109 teams across the nation will be doing ruck marches in their hometowns. Fitch will be on hand, but his illness will keep him mostly riding in the support vehicle.

"I do want to get out for a few miles to ruck with the team, preferably at the start and finish and maybe somewhere in between," Fitch said. "I don't see any possibility of me being able to finish the whole ruck with weight on my back."

There is one finish line that Fitch would like to reach — seeing the Active Heroes retreat completed. To do that, he would have to defy doctors' predictions. Smart money wouldn't bet against him.

"Other than family and friends, this is my final mission," said Fitch, "and I'm going to do everything I can to accomplish it."

Org Day: it's all about fun



Photo top: Garrison employees gather on the Panzer parade field early in the day for a group photo. Most facilities were closed Aug. 29, allowing the workforce to get away from their desks and enjoy a day filled with games, activities, music and food. — Photo by S.J. Grady, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office.



Photo left: Members of the Stuttgarter Saloniker Swing and String Orchestra pose for a group photo in front of USAG Stuttgart headquarters Aug. 29. The ensemble played several sets of early jazz. — Photo by Tony Black, USAG Stuttgart.



Photo left: Melissa Brackett (left) and Leigha Arnold represent the Command Group during a three-legged race. — Photo by Tony Black, USAG Stuttgart



Photo right: Col. John P. Stack, the garrison commander, attempts to block a shot by Outdoor Recreation's Bruce Zabukovic during a game of volleyball. — Photo by Tony Black, USAG Stuttgart.

Distracted Driving

USAG Stuttgart Safety Office

Distracted driving is any activity that takes a driver's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger not only the driver but the passengers in the vehicle, as well as occupants in passing vehicles and even pedestrians. Typical distractions include:

- Using a cell phone
- Texting
- Eating or drinking

- Grooming
- Tuning a car stereo
- Using navigation systems
- Talking to passengers
- Reading
- Watching videos

Of these, texting is by far the most alarming, because it requires the visual, manual and cognitive attention of the driver. Five seconds is the average time a driver's eyes are off the road when texting. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field, blindfolded.

Drivers under the age of 20 are the largest population of drivers who are driving distracted, and 10 percent of those drivers will die in fatal crashes.

For more information, key facts and statistics, go to www.distraction.gov or www.dvr.de.



Combining household chemicals could be dangerous

USAG Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division

Never mix chlorine bleach with any other household or cleaning products. Doing so can result in different types of harmful acids being formed. Poisonous gasses can also be released that will cause very serious breathing problems.

Here are some tips about managing household chemicals:

- Buy only what you need.
- Read the warning labels.
- Wear protective clothing (safety gloves).
- Use only as directed.
- Store in a cool, dry and well ventilated place.
- Keep out of reach of children and pets.
- Do not store products in attics or near

- a heat source.
- Do not mix, combine or consolidate them.

Read the labels of products in your home, and follow instructions for proper use. Many containers will state the most common dangers from interaction with other products.

For more information, call the Environmental Division at 421-6134 or 0711-722-86134.



What's happening in FMWR

EXPLORE GERMANY WITH OUTDOOR RECREATION

This month Outdoor Recreation offers a diverse selection of activities. Choose your adventure!

- Tour Munich by bike Sept. 13 and visit the English Garden, the Peace Angel monument, Koenigsplatz, surfers on the river and more.

- Hike Triberg, and see the longest waterfall in Germany Sept. 14. You'll also experience the Black Forest, visit local woodcarving shops and be able to shop for cuckoo clocks.

- Camp and canoe on Sept. 20-21. The price includes transportation, camping and canoeing equipment rental, instruction and guide.

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

25 TEAMS WANTED FOR AMAZING RACE SEPT. 20

Want to be a part of the most amazing race ever? Twenty-five lucky teams will get to compete in fun and entertaining challenges at the Patch Fitness Center Sept. 20. Register at the Patch Fitness Center by Sept. 12. The entrance fee is \$40 per team. Participants must be 18 or older and an ID cardholder. Bike and helmet are required.

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

SIGN UP FOR FALL BOWLING LEAGUES BY SEPT. 19

Sign up for a variety of fall bowling leagues at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne by Sept. 19. Choose between Tuesday Night Mixed, Wednesday Night Men's, Thursday Morning Ladies', Friday Night Mixed or Saturday Morning Youth.

A current U.S. Bowling Congress card is required.

For more information, call 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

LEARN AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS

Take matters into your own hands when it comes to basic auto repairs. This class on Sept. 11 from 1-4 p.m. will cover shop orientation, seasonal safety inspection, tire rotation, how to check wipers, belts, hoses and heaters.

Classes are offered every second Thursday of the month at the Automotive Skills Center on Panzer Barracks.

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

For more Family and MWR events, visit www.stuttgart.armymwr.com.

COMING TO PATCH THEATER

September 5 – Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 6 p.m.
The November Man (R) 9 p.m.

September 6 – The Expendables 3 (PG-13) 2 p.m.
Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) 5 p.m.
If I Stay (PG-13) 8 p.m.

September 7 – When the Game Stands Tall (PG) 12 p.m.
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in 3D (PG-13) 3 p.m.
As Above So Below (R) 6 p.m.

September 8 – Let's Be Cops (R) 6 p.m.

September 9 – Closed

September 10 – As Above So Below (R) 6 p.m.

September 11 – The November Man (R) 6 p.m.

September 12 – Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) 6 p.m.
If I Stay (PG-13) 9 p.m.

September 13 – Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) 2 p.m.
If I Stay (PG-13) 5 p.m.
Let's Be Cops (R) 8 p.m.

September 14 – Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) 12 p.m.
Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 5 p.m.
If I Stay (PG-13) 6 p.m.

September 15 – Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13) 6 p.m.

September 16 – Closed

September 17 – Hercules (PG-13) 6 p.m.

September 18 – Guardians of The Galaxy (PG-13) 6 p.m.

September 19 – No Good Deed (PG-13) 6 p.m.

September 20 – X-Men Days Of Future Past in 3D (PG-13) 2 p.m.
No Good Deed (PG-13) 5 p.m.



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Dress for

By Carola Meusel

With Munich's Oktoberfest and Stuttgart's Cannstatter Volksfest both beginning this month, it's time to start thinking about what you're going to wear. Why not do as the locals do and don the traditional dress, or "Tracht," consisting of a "Dirndl" for women and "Lederhosen," or leather breeches for men.

The word Tracht is a form of the Old High German word for "wearing," according to Olaf Schulze, chairman of the Pro Alt Cannstatt Association and historian.

While many people typically wear Tracht in Munich during Oktoberfest, the trend to dress up for the Cannstatter Volksfest has grown in popularity over the last five years.

Fact is that traditional dresses were and still are worn throughout various regions in Germany, as well as Austria and Switzerland. Every country or region features various designs embedded in history, tradition and local customs, according to Schulze.

So it was in 1818 when the Volksfest, or people's fest, was held for the first time at the Cannstatter Wasen fest grounds. Following a three-year period of bad harvesting, King Wilhelm I of Württemberg hosted the event as an agricultural fest for his subjects.

Back then, it was common to visit the fest in the traditional dress of the various regions of Württemberg. As for Cannstatt, that mainly meant farmers and vintners who either wore their everyday wear ("Alltagsstaat"), or "Sonntagsstaat," meaning a more festive interpretation of the traditional dress, Schulze said.

Back then, the traditional outfit consisted of leather knee breeches, mainly for fishermen and tanners, or woolen shorts for vintners and farmers. Depending on the region, the short breeches also were designed to protect against heat, water and cold.

The Dirndl mainly served as working garments for servants and farmer's wives. It was a simple garment typically made of coarse cotton. The Dirndl was also worn by the lady of the house — with a slight difference — her dress was made of finer materials, such as linen or lace.

The basics, however, remained the same: the Dirndl consisted of the bodice, blouse, skirt and apron, according to Schulze.

Today's tradition of wearing Dirndl and Lederhosen mainly to fests and special occasions changed its historic context, since it was originally intended for everyday life and work, according to Schulze.

Dominik Henne, managing director of Krüger Dirndl, one of Württemberg's largest traditional dress outfitters, can relate.

"Today's Dirndl and Lederhose can be considered a fashionable outfit borrowing

from tradition," Henne said.

"People are very flexible in their personal taste and ways to wear their Dirndl and Lederhosen," he added.

DIRNDL BASICS

Typically, the skirt starts at the waist. The traditional skirt is full and long. However, women can choose between various lengths pending fashion and personal taste, according to Henne.

The bodice is usually separate but also can be sewn to the skirt. It comes in various styles: high or low, round or square necklines, embroidered with ornaments or decorative ruffles and lace. Typically, it's fastened with ribbons, buttons or hooks.

The blouse is short, usually ending above the waist. In most cases, the sleeves are short and puffed. The blouse can be worn on or off the shoulder depending on one's taste.

The apron, formerly worn to protect the skirt, is now a decorative accessory, according to Henne. They come in all colors, styles and fabrics: linen, cotton, silk and lace.

According to Henne, the apron color should always compliment the respective Dirndl, or make a fashionable contrast. Typically, aprons are sold with the Dirndl outfit, but can also be bought separately for mixing and matching.

"When it comes to colors, red, pink and blue can be considered a classic," Henne said.

This year's trend consists of floral prints and patterns, as well as corresponding hats to go with the Dirndl. The hats are decorated with rhinestones and feathers. Lederhosen or heart-shaped handbags, as well as colorful satin ribbon necklaces with pendants in various shapes — hearts, pretzels or deer antlers — also are a favored accessory. If the weather gets cold, cardigans can also be worn with any Dirndl, Henne said.

As for tights, nylons or cotton tights work. For fashionistas, high heels or ballet slippers make for a trendy appearance.

LEDERHOSEN BASICS

As for Lederhosen, the length varies between above or below the knee. The pants are mainly made of goat or deerskin, the latter being the pricier version. The embroidery varies between green, beige or red. The fashion conscious may prefer the latest trend: breeches made of treated leather that mimics decades of wear.

Leather suspenders with a chest strap are a traditional accessory, as are woolen hunter's hats in gray, black or green with boar bristle



the fest!

tassels, feathers and pins.

The checkered shirt comes in various colors, such as red, blue, green, orange, pink or brown.

The current trend features white shirts with collars turned up and the top three buttons left open. The shirts feature the traditional checkered fabric on the elbows and inside the collars. Prints and embroidery applications are also popular, according to Henne.

As for shoes, Henne recommends the traditional "Haferlschuh," a robust leather shoe with a heavily treaded sole traditionally worn by workers in the Alpine regions. The shoes are worn with cotton or woolen socks or calf warmers.



Sneakers with various applications are also a featured trend in Krüger's current collection. A "Janker" jacket, or woolen vest, can also be worn with any Lederhosen outfit.

For those interested in learning more about traditional dresses and the Cannstatter Volksfest, the historian Olaf Schulze offers English guided tours in Bad Cannstatt.

For more, visit www.cannstatts-geschichte-sehen-lernen.de.

Where to buy

Krüger Dirndl City Store
Calwerstrasse 41, 70173 Stuttgart

Krüger Dirndl Store
Seestrasse 7, 71638 Ludwigsburg

Krüger Factory Outlet Store
Antoniusstrasse 21, 73249 Wernau

Angermaier
Eberhardstrasse 65, 70173 Stuttgart

Trachten Hit Trachten Outlet
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FEST WEAR CARE

DIRNDL:

It's recommended to take the entire ensemble to a dry cleaner. If washing by machine, ensure all ribbons, hooks and accessories are removed. For best results put the blouse, bodice, skirt and apron in a laundry washing bag and use the delicate or hand wash cycle.

LEDERHOSEN:

To preserve and protect your new Lederhosen, treat them with waterproofing spray before ever wearing them.

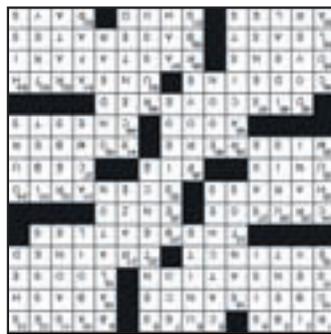
Lederhosen should never be dry cleaned or laundered. Experts recommend brushing the leather with a soft brush. If you must, spot cleaning with baby shampoo is recommended. Use a wet cloth - warm water - with a small amount of baby shampoo and lightly dab.

After each wearing, especially after being in a smoked-filled tent, make sure to properly air your breeches. Hang them outside in a protected area, so the fresh air can do its magic. Stay away from Febreeze.

HOW TO TIE YOUR APRON: WOMEN, BEWARE ... IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BOW

- Tying the apron on your right side signals that one's taken - either married or in a serious relationship.
- Tying the apron on your left side signals that you are unencumbered.
- If the bow is tied at the back, this means the wearer is a widow.
- If you're an "innocent" girl, tie the bow in front, centered.

Crossword Puzzle



This week's solution.
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ACROSS

- 1 Barbecue fare
- 5 Stage signals
- 9 Army posts
- 14 Homage
- 16 Discourteous
- 17 Stir
- 18 Inexact
- 19 No longer existing
- 20 Coached
- 22 Fab foursome
- 24 Island castaway
- 28 Auto maker Ferrari
- 29 Annoy persistently
- 30 Screenwriter's creation
- 35 Windows alternative
- 36 Amount to be divided
- 37 Philippines island
- 38 The 51st Psalm
- 41 Gloomy
- 43 Very excited
- 44 Treasure containers
- 45 Found out
- 49 Painkiller
- 50 Dig up
- 55 Bakery fixtures

- 56 Early name of Haile Selassie
- 58 Minimal
- 59 Payment standards
- 60 City where van Gogh painted
- 61 Not barefoot
- 62 Beams

DOWN

- 1 Kennedy matriarch
- 2 Mountain goat
- 3 Propensity
- 4 Acapulco acceptance
- 5 Nabs
- 6 Fuse
- 7 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
- 8 Court decision
- 9 Largest lake in central Europe
- 10 Bubbling
- 11 River at Lyon
- 12 Double curves
- 13 Cast off
- 15 Brazilian seaport

- 21 Flatten
- 23 Beleaguer
- 24 Buddy
- 25 Indian queen
- 26 "QB VII" author
- 27 ___-Coburg-Gotha
- 31 Pinnacle
- 32 Civil War side
- 33 "A likely story!"
- 34 What we have
- 36 Saws
- 39 Bigots
- 40 Painter Schiele
- 41 Perfumed
- 42 Cry of dismay
- 45 English seaport
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Fri, Sep 19 - Fri, Nov 28

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EVENTS

Venetian fair

Fri, Sept 12 - Sun, Sept 14

Ludwigsburg, Marktplatz

A diverse program including acrobatic, dance and musical performances are turning the heart of Ludwigsburg into its very own Venice from Sep. 12 - 14. Enjoy fire shows, parades and colorful costumes wherever you look. Let over 1000 masked artists enchant you and your family with their magical dream world. The fair opens at 18:00 on Friday and 14:00 on Saturday, ending at 24:00 and starts at 11:00 on Sunday until 22:00. For info and pictures, visit www.ludwigsburg.de

Renaissance market

Sat, Sept 13 - Sun, Sept 14

Schwäbisch Hall, city center

Let Schwäbisch Hall's very own medieval band Haalgschrey take you back in time, to the late middle ages to be exact. The audience will be entertained in several ways, including live performances, plays, actors dressed as knights and more. Of course you will be able to buy authentic treasures like wooden kids' toys, clothes, shoes, spices and much more. Pay them a visit on Sat Sep 13 or Sun, Sep 14 between 11:00 and 21:00 (on Sun until 19:00). Admission costs €4.50 for adults, children who are shorter than 48" get in for free, taller children up to the age of 12 cost €3.50. Free parking is available near the compound. For more info visit www.renaissance-markt-zu-hall.de

Brewery fest

Sat, Sept 13 - Sun, Sept 14

Stuttgart, Dinkelacker Brauerei

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Castle Illumination

Sat, Sept 6

Heidelberg, Heidelberger Schloss

One of the three annual castle illuminations in Heidelberg will take place on September 6 at 10:15 p.m. First, Bengal lights will illuminate the castle to show what it would have looked like in 1689 and 1693 when King Ludwig XIV gave the command to destroy it by burning it down. Next a big fireworks display will be shown to symbolize the marriage of

the elector Friedrich V. to Princess Elisabeth Stuart, daughter of the English King Jacob I., 400 years ago. You will have the best view from the bank of the Neckar River. The New York Times included it in its list of recommended events worldwide. For more information see www.heidelberg-marketing.de

Latino Line Dance

Tue, Sept 9

Sindelfingen, Restaurant Al Paradise

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Sat, Sept 13

Tübingen, Lorettoplatz

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SPORTS

Stuttgart Beach Open

Thu, Sept 11 - Sun, Sept 14

Stuttgart, Neckar Park

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CONCERTS

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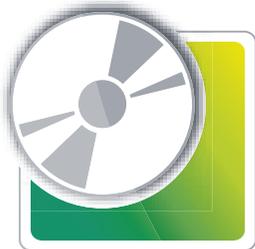
Sat, Sept 13

Sindelfingen, Glaspalast

For two years now Kid Ink has been a constant visitor in worldwide hip-hop music charts and has recorded songs with legends like Chris Brown and Jay Z. On September 13 he's coming back to Germany to perform his newest hits like 'Main Chick' ft. Chris Brown from 8 p.m. His past live shows have proven that he has no difficulties with transporting his music's energy to the audience. For tickets from €31.95 and more info visit www.eventim.de

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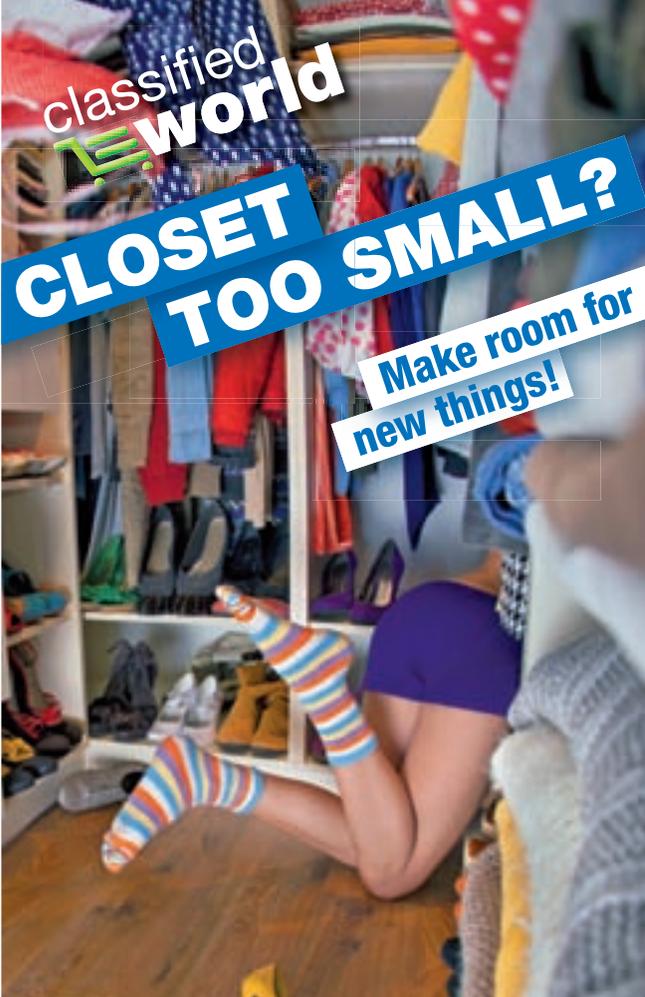


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