Construction begins for annual Volksfest

by Sue Sweeney

The 1981 German-American Volksfest groundbreaking ceremony was held April 29 on the Dependent Youth Activities athletic field at Marshallestrasse and Huttenweg, across from the bus terminal.

The groundbreaking ceremony signals that construction has begun for the 21st annual Volksfest, which officially opens to the public July 30.


Besides watching the first shovelfuls of earth being moved, spectators were able to view a model of the Volksfest buildings. Proclamations from both Benedict and Dr. Hans-Jochen Vogel, governing mayor of Berlin, were read in English and German. The proclamations officially announced the dates and purpose of the Volksfest.

This year's theme, the Dakota Badlands, will feature a late 1800 western town, famous personalities and historical events from that era.

Each year, a different theme is chosen to give Berliners a varied glimpse of America. Some of the past themes included: Hawaii, Las Vegas, the Wild West, the Spirit of '76...Birth of a Nation, and Old San Francisco.

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Focus on infantry know-how

2nd Battalion's ARTEP 'special'

by Sue Sweeney

Men of the 2nd Battalion focused on infantry know-how during their Army Training and Evaluation Program held last week at the Grunewald and Parks Range.

The mixture of conventional and MOUT methods used during this ARTEP made it special. The soldiers concentrated on practicing the skills necessary to perform a mission in a rough terrain environment as well as having an opportunity to do some in-city training.

Among the highlights of this ARTEP was the six hours of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training, during which the decontamination team saw some heavy action. Another highlight was the sub-unit evaluation. These evaluations were of a platoon or squad sent out to perform a certain mission.

Most of battalion was mobilized for this ARTEP, leaving only a skeleton crew in the rear. All of the battalion's vehicles were involved in the mobilization.

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THE BATTLE BELOW-Members of Company C, 2nd Battalion launch an attack on Doughboy City for part of their Army Training and Evaluation Program held last week. This ARTEP concentrated on conventional terrain, as well as in-city combat.

(Photo by Dave Moreland)
AFN striving for better community service

The Station has not been inactive. In response to audience demand a "Movie Classic" will be aired every Saturday night at 8 p.m. beginning the latter part of May. This will be in addition to other movies being broadcast throughout the week.

AFN Berlin makes every effort to schedule popular programs when the majority of the audience is available to view them. Several factors affect television scheduling. Some of these factors include subject matter, rating in the United States, probable appeal to what age audience and family or adult viewing maket.

Having just one American station makes it difficult to please everyone. In fact, sometimes the majority may not like a particular program. AFN does not have control over what programs are received. The station gets about 80 hours of usable programming per week from the United States.

These programs supplemented with in-house library material and news, are used to fill up the over 126 broadcast hours in the week.

The station just does not have enough "blockbuster" type programs to fill all of the prime time slots. Hence, some shows of lesser appeal have to be used to fill some time slots.

"What we basically want to do is give the audience what they want during the time periods they want to see and hear it," according to Fray. "We need to hear from members of the audience to let us know how they think things should be programmed."

Viewers and listeners are invited to write to the station with their comments and questions. The address is AFN Berlin, APO 90742, or, call AFN at 819-6145 or 819-6146.

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Red Cross reaches centennial, community activities planned

Nearly everyone is familiar with the Red Cross name, but not all are familiar with what the Red Cross name stands for.

This month, the American Red Cross celebrates its 100th anniversary and our own Berlin office has planned several activities in order to boost community awareness.

In addition to first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes, the Red Cross provides classes in water safety, sailing and parenting — a course designed to help parents of young children develop parenting skills.

Red Cross volunteers are not only found helping out the hospital staff, but also at CDAAC, TAR School, in blood pressure clinics and helping with yearly school physicals.

At the Red Cross field office, they are able to help with emergency leave verifications, messages to home and financial aid in emergency situations.

During May, there are lectures scheduled for clubs and schools about the history of the Red Cross and a summary of the services offered in Berlin. There will also be displays in the main library, post exchange and the bank, plus, AFN has programmed short segments about the Red Cross.

At TAR school, a contest was held to find a mascot for the monthly Red Cross volunteer newsletter, "The Good Neighbor." Fifty entries were received from fourth to sixth graders and the students did the drawings at home on their own time. The winner, chosen by a panel of five judges, was sixth grader Tracey Dale.

Any person wishing more information about the Red Cross or any organization wishing to schedule a lecture should contact Marie Snodgrass of the Red Cross Field Office located in Clay Headquarters at 819-6437.

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TCA bus route changes

Starting tomorrow, the "C" bus route, and the "C" route only, will have a change in its departure times. The new bus schedule listed below includes a 10-minute change in the departure times for the "C" route going to Tempelhof Central Airport.

This change will improve most travel times to TCA for persons transferring from other buses at the Bus Terminal.

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* Does not operate on Sunday or when "Holiday Schedule" is announced.

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Involved' teens receive praise

We are so quick to criticize and so slow to give praise. Praise assigns responsibility and that is, perhaps why so many are reluctant or embarrassed to receive praise. We wish to lavish praise on certain individuals who have given unselfishly of their time and energies to add a bit of sunshine to lives of others.

The students whose praise we cannot sing enough about are six members of Berlin American High School. They have contributed much by adding immeasurable pleasure and knowledge to third, fourth and third grade classes at the Thomas A. Roberts Elementary School by participating in an all-volunteer Teen Involvement program.

It is with much pride and pleasure we commend the following students for their individual and invaluable contributions to their school and their community: Diana Pederson, Michele Horton, Frank Ambrosius, Marta Stowell, Claudia Bolf and Penny Morgan.

Mrs. Queen Williams, BAHS Teen Involvement Sponsor

Mrs. Sunni Hallaron, CDAAC Teen Involvement Sponsor

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Deutsche Oper Berlin

Tonight — Don Giovanni von Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, at 7 p.m.
Mon. — Die Zauberflöte von Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, at 7 p.m.
Mon. — Aus Deutschland von Mauritius Kajgel, at 7:30 p.m.
Wed. — Eufemja von Richard Strauss, at 7:30 p.m.
Thu. — Don Giovanni von Rainer Maria von Weber, at 7:30 p.m.
Fri. — Die Zauberflöte von Wenzel Kajgel, at 7:30 p.m.
Sat. — performance as above, at 7:30 p.m.

Deutsche Staatsoper

— East corner, Unter den Linden

— closed performances

Tomorrow — Die Hochzeit des Figaro, at 7 p.m.
Sun. — performance as above, at 7:30 p.m.

Philharmonie

Tonight — Berliner Philharmonisches Orchester directed by Claudio Abbado, at 8 p.m.

Shakespeare Festival

— East corner, Unter den Linden

— closed performances

Tomorrow — Die Hochzeit des Figaro, at 7 p.m.
Sun. — performance as above, at 7:30 p.m.

Starlight Grove

— closed performances

May 13 — Checkpoint NCO Club — Mr. 8 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
May 16 — Checkpoint NCO Club — Henry Whorf from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Hi-Jack (U) and Five On Treasure Island — Ep. 6, at 7 p.m.
Sat. — Starlight Grove, Ep. 6, at 7 p.m.
Sun. — Treasure Island, Ep. 6, at 7 p.m.
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May 3 — Checkpoint NCO Club — Mr. 8 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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Aviation Day

— East corner, Unter den Linden

— closed performances

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May 16 — Checkpoint NCO Club — Henry Whorf from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

AFN TV

May 8 through May 16

Outpost — Clayallee (6534)

Fri. — Resurrection (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
Sat. — Children's Matinee
Sun. — Treasure Island, Ep. 6, at 7 p.m.
Sat. — Battlefield Galactica (PG), at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.
Sun. — Flash Gordon (PG), at 2 and 4:30 p.m.
Mon. — same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
Tue. — Up The Academy (R), at 7:30 p.m.
Wed. — Black Fish (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
Thu. — The Mountain Men (R), at 7:30 p.m.
Fri. — same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
Sat. — Children's Matinee
Sun. — The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh, Ep. 1, at 4 and 6:30 p.m.
Columbia — Tempelhofer (5523)

Fri. — The Great Santini (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
Sat. — Resurrection (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
Mon. — same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
Tues. — Battlefield Galactica (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
Wed. — Captain Showboat (R), at 7:30 p.m.
Thu. — AFC Evening News
Fri. — The Great Santini (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
Sat. — The Great Santini (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
Sun. — Resurrection (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
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Tues. — Battlefield Galactica (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
Wed. — AFC Evening News
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Fri. — The Great Santini (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
Sat. — The Great Santini (PG), at 7:30 p.m.

Starlight Grove

— closed performances

May 8 — Chicagoans (R), at 8:30 p.m.
May 15 — Chicagoans (R), at 8:30 p.m.
May 22 — Chicagoans (R), at 8:30 p.m.

Blinkers Spy Spotters (U) and Five On Treasure Island — Ep. 5, at 7 p.m.
Sat. — Blinkers Spy Spotters (U) and Five On Treasure Island — Ep. 5, at 7 p.m.
Sun. — The Godfather (X), at 7:30 p.m.
Mon. — same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
Tues. — Starlight Grove, Ep. 6, at 7 p.m.
Wed. — Fast Charlie the Moonbeam
Fri. — AFC Evening News
Sat. — Children's Matinee

Jerrobo — located on Theodor-Heuss-Platz near the Flughafen, Ep. 1 and 1:30 p.m.

Astra — located on the Royal Air Force Gable compound

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Prices of admission for Jerebo and Astra: Adults pay DM 2.00 and children DM 1.00. For Children's Matinee: Adults pay DM 2.00 and children DM 1.00.
The Berlin American Duplicate Bridge Club will hold its
membership meeting on Tuesday at 7, Prudential.
Apartment 4B beginning at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers
will be held, as all members are
New hours for AG Customer Service
AG Customer Service at Brookline Mall, Building 1, Clay
Hall, will serve the community as follows effective Monday: 8
m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to
5 p.m. on Saturday. This is due to a scheduled Move.
ID Card Section also will provide appointments for ID cards. Diapers will be
Effective Monday, all ID cards will be kept with personnel for two
minutes after their issue. For appointments call the Customer Service
Convenience Line, 821.
Job opportunity
The Civilian Personnel Division is now recruiting for the
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Office Clerk, Typist, and other positions. If you feel you meet the necessary qualifications, please visit us at
855. Application forms are available at
Building 4, Room 232a, or phone Ms. Bushnell at 819-
4352. If you have any questions, come to the Personnel Office
weekly during lunch hours. Thank you for your interest.

Make extra money at Thrift Shop
PB'scm this summer? Make extra money by consigning
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Visitors view Army's job here

Fourth Battalion played host to Zehlendorf Mayor Jürgen Klemann April 29 and Tempelhof Mayor Siegmund Jaroch April 30 to show the visiting dignitaries and their guests just what it is the American soldiers do here.

The itinerary was the same for both days, starting with a briefing of the Berlin Brigade's mission.

The visiting groups were then shown around the 4th Battalion facilities which included a look at the troop billeting areas and lunch with the soldiers themselves at the battalion dining facility. The visitors seemed impressed with the good of American cuisine.

A static display of weapons and equipment was next on the agenda. The adventurous visitors, with the help of Sergeants James Morrissey and John Delaney of Company A, were able to fire blank rounds with the M16A1 rifle and the M60 machinegun.

One highlight of the equipment display was a mobile field kitchen where the guests could see how soldiers in the field were fed.

The next stop for the visitors was at 4 Juli Platz were they were shown an armored personnel carrier and a battle tank. They were able to ride in the APC and tank and a few even got a chance to drive the APC.

Following those activities, they were given rappelling and obstacle course demonstrations and at their next stop, the Combat Training Theater, they were allowed to fire ten rounds of plastic explosives after an orientation and safety briefing.

At Doughboy City, the last stop on the day-long tour, the visitors got a first-hand look at 2nd Battalion undergoing their Army Training and Evaluation Program.

Soldiers and visitors alike agreed the day's events were educational and fun. As one of the Zehlendorf dignitaries put it, "I was really astounded at the realism of these soldiers' training."

Soldiers convicted in courts-martial hearings

Pvt. 1 El Roy Ogleby, Jr., Company F, 40th Armor, was convicted by a General Court-Martial on April 13 for robbery. Ogleby was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for three years; total forfeitures, and to be Dishonorably Discharged.

Pvt. 2 Kenneth R. Love, Company F, 40th Armor, was convicted by a General Court-Martial on April 13 for robbery and assault. Love was sentenced to be Dishonorably Discharged; total forfeitures; confinement at hard labor for five years, and a reduction to E-1.

Pvt. 1 Louis D. Ward, Company B, 4th Battalion, was convicted by a General Court-Martial on April 14 for possession, transfer, and sale of DMA; possession, transfer, and sale of marihuana, and possession, transfer and sale of LSD. Ward was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge; total forfeitures, and confinement at hard labor for nine months.

Pvt. 1 Michael A. Coron, Company A, 2nd Battalion, was convicted by a General Court-Martial on April 14 for assault, possession of a GS grenade, breach of peace, and assault with a means likely to produce grievous bodily harm. Coron was sentenced to a Dishonorable Discharge; total forfeitures, and confinement at hard labor for three years.

Sp4 Dennis L. Vielieux, Combat Support Company, 2nd Battalion, was convicted by a Special Court-Martial on April 15 for sale of marihuana. Viellieux was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge; confinement at hard labor for two months; forfeiture of $334 per month for four months, and reduction to E-1.

Sp4 Vincent W. Smith, Company A, 3rd Battalion, was convicted by a Special Court-Martial on April 15 for assault and drunk and disorderly. Smith was sentenced to reduced to the grade of E-1, confinement at hard labor for three months, and to forfeit $334 per month for three months.

Pvt. 2 Larry G. Ishman, Company A, 3rd Battalion, was convicted by a Special Court-Martial on April 15 for assaulting an NCO and assault. Ishman was sentenced to be reduced to the grade of E-1; forfeiture of $334 per month for four months, and to be confined at hard labor for four months.

Pvt. 1 Robert Briones Jr., Company C, 3rd Battalion, was convicted by a General Court-Martial on April 16 for assault with a dangerous weapon. Briones was sentenced to a Dishonorable Discharge; confinement at hard labor for three years; total forfeitures, and reduction to E-1.

Pvt. 2 Terry A. Williamson, Company C, 2nd Battalion, was convicted by a Special Court-Martial on April 16 for negligent destruction of government property, willful destruction of private property, assault, disorderly in command, and drunk and disorderly. Williamson was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge; reduction to grade E-1; forfeiture of $334 per month for six months, and to be confined at hard labor for six months.

Pvt. 1 Stacey B. Washington, Combat Support Company, 4th Battalion, was convicted by a Special Court-Martial on April 17 for breaking restriction, failure to repair, and drunk and disorderly. Washington was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for three months, and forfeiture of $334 per month for four months.

Pvt. 2 William E. Whitmire, Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, was convicted by a Special Court-Martial on April 17 for operating a privately owned vehicle without a license, and wrongful appropriation of an automobile. Whitmire was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge; confinement at hard labor for two months, and forfeiture of $200 per month for two months.

PFC Garnell D. Blanchard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Berlin Brigade, was convicted by a Special Court-Martial on April 20 for disrespect to his command, disobeying a lawful command, offering violence to an officer, communication of a threat, and resisting apprehension. Blanchard was sentenced to a reduction to grade E-1; confined at hard labor for six months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.
Allied forces display highlights
Tempelhof open house festivities

Tempelhof Central Airport will open its gates to the public tomorrow and Sunday for its annual airshow “Open House.” The theme for this year’s open house is “Guardians of Freedom” and as in the past, a large variety of Allied bands will provide musical entertainment throughout the two-day event.

Displays will include NATO equipment, Checkpoint Charlie Museum exhibit an a pictorial display of members of the Aviation Hall of Fame.

A variety of different films will be available for viewing by the public and naturally, activities for children have been included with pony rides, a model train display, car rides, parachute jumps and much more.

Other entertainment includes a USA show, belly-dancers, square dance, a children’s ballet group, Scottish dances, fireworks, the U.S. Army Percussion Drill Team, aerial demonstrations, German Police karate, trampoline, dog and motorcycle demonstrations, parachute teams featuring this year, the famous U.S. Army Parachute Team, “Golden Knights.”

There will be a wide variety of food and drink and last but not least, a static display of U.S. Air Force, Army and Allied aircraft for public viewing. Included in the display are the two all-time favorites, the CSAR “Skymaster” (better known as candy-bomber), and the CSA “Galaxy, the world’s largest airplane.

READY TO RECOVER—This M 88 Tank Recovery Vehicle, provided by Company P, 49th Armor, was just one piece of equipment the Army had on display at the 1989 Tempelhof Open House. (Photo by Jim Joerger)

Demonstration Area
Saturday and Sunday

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Gunners prepare for Allied Forces Day

Salute team looks sharp in ceremony practice

by Linda Jach

“I love to hear things go boom!” said SPC William J. Kempke, firing chief of Battery C, 94th Field Artillery, Combat Support Battalion.

And that’s exactly what was heard during the battery’s salute practice on McNair Compound Monday.

For the past three weeks, the salute team has been getting ready for the Allied Forces Day Parade, May 16 at Strasse des 17. Juni. After that, comes Brigade Recognition Day and as usual, at the 4th of July Day Parade, a salute to the Nation will be performed, honoring all 50 states and the six U.S. territories.

“Our job is to render honors to visiting dignitaries and perform at retreats and other military ceremonies,” said 1st Lt. Danny Holaway, executive officer. During practice the team uses 10-gauge shotgun rounds using five, Pack 75s, but for the real thing, the team uses 75mm blank rounds.

The reason salutes are so difficult, is there’s only one verbal command given and that’s “cease fire,” according to Kempke. “The rest are given through hand signals. In a way, it’s something like the Drill Team.”

The salute team, consisting of 18 members, plus a commissioned officer, are the “elite” of the battery. They must be neat in appearance, have a good attitude and have a good Skill Qualification Test score. Salute duty is an additional responsibility for these men.

The team adds a little competition to the duty as well, explained Sp4 Enrique H. Anderson. “The loader’s job is to get the round into the chamber as soon as the breech is opened.

“The hardest part about salute practice is the hours. Many times we have to work weekends. Not only do we have to be in step and on time, we must also keep the weapons shined so they look sharp,” said Sgt. Kelvin N. Pointer, section chief. “I like to do it because it’s very inspiring,” said Pointer.

“It gives you a purpose,” explained Sg t. Bobby W. Trice, section chief. “But most of all, it’s fun.”

IN A PUFF OF SMOKE — Members of Battery C, 94th Field Artillery’s salute team practicing on McNair compound for their “real” performance May 16 at the Allied Forces Day Parade. For the past three weeks, the team has been getting ready by practicing, practicing, practicing.

(Photo by Linda Jach)
Engineers 'on the job' at range

by Linda Jach

Through a new M203 Range, presently being built at Parks Range, the Berlin Brigade will be able to increase its readiness, thanks to the 42nd Engineer Company, Combat Support Battalion, according to 1st Lt. John J. Spinelli, executive officer of the company.

“The range is designed to improve combat-in-the-cities training by providing soldiers with more realistic targets and firing points,” said SSgt. James W. Schuler, 2nd Platoon sergeant.

The firing points have been changed from sandbags on a mound to 12-foot towers of building facades. “Soldiers can then feel what it’s like to fire from second floor windows at other buildings and armored personnel carriers. Also, a trap door under the tower reveals another firing position. There are six points where before there were only five. And the range now has 12 targets,” explained Schuler.

“More than 200 equipment hours have been logged in since construction started in November,” said Sgt. Ronald Paquin, project NCO for the heavy equipment section.

The section has provided two bulldozers, two bucket loaders, a road grader, three eight-ton dump trucks and other equipment. The men have already hauled 150 truckloads of soil, according to Paquin.

“Right now my whole platoon is out here working on the towers and we’ll start painting them soon. We’re two weeks ahead of schedule,” said Schuler.

They’ve been working long, hard hours, he said, breaking only for lunch.

“The men of the engineer company have acted as a construction crew, carpenters and even farmers; seeding the area with grass,” he added.

The new range is scheduled to be completed at the end of May, according to Schuler.

Medics train hard to get expert badge

by Robert Harrell

The coveted Expert Field Medical Badge is not easily come by for medical personnel. In preparing, much work is necessary before even one man can be tested for the EFMB.

SSgt. Joseph S. Muro of Headquarters Company, who’s in charge of the 4th Battalion medics explained the requirements and planning that goes on before the actual testing.

“Before the test, we set up practice test sites and go over the events we will test the medics on,” said Muro. Such things as life saving steps, treatment of various wounds and burns, injuries and the performance of the litter carries are tested.

Knowledge in surviving and conducting operations in a nuclear, biological or chemical environment is also tested. This entails proper fitting of chemical protective masks and clothing, clearing the mask and treatment and decontamination for chemical agents.

Soldiers going for the EFMB also are tested on their knowledge of military science. Such things as weapons and land navigation, are reviewed and each man must qualify expert with his individual weapons ones.

The actual test this year will be conducted during the first two weeks of May and June at Aschaffenburg and Ludwigsburg near Stuttgart, West Germany. Presently four people will be tested, but there are more who will go for the EFMB. The test takes about one week to complete from start to finish.

As with any training, there are certain problems to overcome. The toughest is the matter of training time. The battalion aid station and the Troop Medical Clinic, because of their commitments, are often pressed for time.

This means time, whenever available, will be utilized to its fullest by all medics going for the EFMB. It is imperative that each individual is highly motivated and possesses a drive on attitude so that the problem of training time can be circumvented to a degree and success more likely in the EFMB testing.

Kontakt schedules boat cruise

Going through the same old routine every weekend but not really seeming to be doing anything?

If you want to do something a little bit different, you won’t want to miss Kontakt’s biggest event of the year June 13...a moonlight cruise on the Wannsee.

This year’s cruise, on the boat Vaterland, will leave from Tegeler Weg (opposite “Lange richt” Berlin 18, Mindener Strasse) at 7 p.m. and return about midnight. The price for the cruise is 10 DM.

Yes, for just 10 DM you’ll get the chance to do a little “disco,” watch a Scottish country dance performance, chat with the other passengers and enjoy the sights as you cruise around the Wannsee.

To get your tickets for this exciting evening of fun and relaxation, drop by the Skyrider Rec Center at Tempelhof Central Airport or the Kontakt office beginning Monday.

For more information concerning this special event, call the Kontakt Office at 6809 or the Skyrider RecCenter at 3067.
Laundry facilities, hours expanded

by Janet Moto

Laundry facilities have been expanded for residents of Berlin Brigade’s Park Manor Estate housing area, according to Directorate of Housing and Engineering officials here.

The new laundry room, located on the ground floor of building 30, is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. It houses 14 new, American-made, heavy-duty washing machines and six heavy-duty dryers.

The facility opened on a trial basis on March 9, operating from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. From then until April 28, the American-made equipment was through a test period to see how well it could perform using the German electrical system. Once a problem of dryers short-circuiting was remedied, hours were extended to 10 p.m.

The new laundry facility was installed in response to Park Manor resident’s complaints over a shortage of washers and dryers located within their apartment building.

In addition to providing more and larger equipment, the laundry also affords residents a certain amount of peace of mind. A full-time custodian is on hand daily from 2 to 10 p.m.

“People think the new laundry facility is great,” said Phil Badoyen, DEH coordinator and project manager for Park Manor Estate, “even more so because of the attendant who continuously keeps the place clean and gives us an additional controlling measure when machines need repairs.”

Problems occurring before the attendant goes on duty may be reported directly to Badoyen by calling 819-6514. Residents are also free to call him at home with emergencies arising in the evenings. His number is 774-5569. Most evening emergencies, however, can be handled by the custodian.

According to Badoyen, an average of 35 families used the facility daily from March 9 to 27. It was, at that time, open only during the daytime hours. Badoyen regrets that when the hours were extended, the number of families using the new laundry did not increase as well. He isn’t sure if this is because residents aren’t aware of the evening hours, or if they’re unwilling to use the machines because they’re coin operated.

“There is, and there isn’t a charge for using the machines,” said Badoyen. He explained the double-talk by saying, “DEH bought the coin operated machines from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, but removed the coin controls. It still takes a coin to start the machines, but as soon as the timing mechanism is turned, the coin is returned.” He adds that this information was put out to Park Manor residents but feels many of them did not see it.

According to Badoyen, even though the American-made machines are working out well at Park Manor Estates, DEH officials do not plan to use them in other American housing areas.

“Presently it’s not feasible to include them in other areas,” he said. “We have direct contracts with the Miele Company who provide immediate response for the German machines we now use. The reaction time for repair of the American machines would take much longer because the parts are not available through the command and must be ordered.”

Because of the possible problems connected with repairing the new equipment, Park Manor residents are asked to do their part in ensuring the equipment remains in good working order. Anyone seeing people vandalizing the equipment is asked to report it immediately to the MPs.

DEH officials installed the new equipment in response to requests to Park Manor residents. They’re asking these same residents to do their part in making sure the facility remains in good shape for use by all of the building’s residents.

Explore rural life here with ITT

Country Road Tours offer chance to relax

by Dean Brown

A big city has its charms, but those very attractions create the need to get away.

It is probably excitement that marks a metropolis most obviously: a fast pace, all-night life and all manner of entertainment satisfy excitement-seekers every day on the urban scene.

But all that stimulation gives rise to another need that most big cities can scarcely fulfill: the desire for relaxation, for getting away from it all.

In this respect, Berlin is one of the luckiest big cities in the world. Within its own borders, it offers chances for relaxation that few other cities could hope to compete with. Lakes, forests and parks make up such a large part of Berlin’s area that the city is widely known as “the city in the countryside.”

ITT Tours make that countryside available to you in its popular Country Roads Tour. On that trip, you’ll visit the Grunewald forest from top to bottom. On the north end of the forest, the Olympic Stadium offers an imposing sight to fans of both sport and history.

Built for the 1936 Olympics, the stadium serves today as the site of professional soccer games, many of which take place on weekends, offering sports fans a close look at Europe’s most popular sport.

As you enter the Grunewald, you’ll be surprised by long stretches of beaches, large gatherings of motorboats and yachts, and swans that walk out of the Havel River up onto shore in search of food from the hands of Berliners walking the beaches. Scarcely a scene you’d expect in the concrete jungle.

Another sight on the shores of the Havel — which widens out to become the Wannsee further south — is the Grunewald Tower, or Kaiser Wilhelm Tower.

Whatever you call it, the tower rises more than 175 feet into the air and stands on a hill overlooking the Havel.

Further to the south, near the point where the Havel has turned into Wannsee Lake, Freedom Bridge crosses the river. ITT takes you here, too, giving you a glimpse of the bridge and the East German shores on its other end.

On the bridge’s western side, you’ll spend time taking a look at Schloss Klein Glienicke. This castle blends into the Grunewald and gives you a great chance for exploring the woods on your own when you return to the area sometime after taking the ITT tour.

All these sites along the Havel and the Wannsee are yours to see with ITT’s Country Roads Tour. But when you’ve taken that ride, make up your mind to return to the places you’ve been introduced to. Ask ITT for other details on getting away from the big city to the peace and quiet of the countryside in Berlin.
CUTTING THE BREEZE — A total of 3,000 runners took to the streets of Berlin with a blast from one of the two Houitzzers provided by the 94th Field Artillery. The big gun was supplied to start the "25 km de Berlin" marathon in which 300 members of the Berlin Brigade took part. On hand for entertainment were the French and British parachute teams and the U.S. Army Berlin Brigade Drill Team, marching bands from the French and British forces as well as our own 29th Army Band, and the German Police Motorcyle Stunt Team. Present at the awards ceremony were Brig. Gen. John E. Rogers, community commander, along with high ranking officials of the French and British forces and representatives of the Berlin civilan community.

(Photo by Ian Graham)

Swimmers win 13 titles

The Berlin Bear-a-cudas swim team competed with swimmers from nine other teams in Heidelberg Sunday, capturing 13 of 48 titles.

Veronique Alderson set a new European Forces Swim League record for the 100-meteres freestyle for girls 15-18 years old with a quick 1:04.03, beating the old record by two seconds. In the 200-meter freestyle relay, the 10-and-under team from Berlin also swam to a new league record. The team of Holly Braddock, Chris Parsons, Karen Cox and Peter Stowell set the new record with a time of 2:28.61.

Eleven swimmers from the walled city earned top honors for individual efforts. They include Parsons with three titles in the 10-and-under category. He has made his mark throughout the season in the individual medley, freestyle and breaststroke events.

Double winners from the Berlin team were Alderson, in addition to her record freestyle, also took first in the butterfly for the girls 15-18. Lars Asmik took first place in the individual medley and the backstroke competition for boys 15-18. Braddock took firsts in the individual medley and freestyle races in the girls 10-and-under competitions.

The 10-and-under group representing Berlin made a great showing taking the overall first place with the help of Karen Edelman, who took first in the butterfly stroke, and Karen Cox, first in the backstroke competition.

Other Berlin swimmers earning medals were: Knut Asmik, Wayne Baker, Christine Cox, Eric Dimmyer, Patricia Harden, Dennis Patton, Kelly Patton, Colleen Pierce, Jerry Rettie, Suzanne Rivard, Susan Sams, Sally Shoup, Cathy Speers and Didi Stowell.

Earning 39 individual medals and five relay awards demonstrated the amount of effort the Berlin Bear-a-cudas put into their sport. They practice two hours a day, five days a week. Under direction of coach John Fingerhut, they make a fine group of competitors.

Berlin Bears top Würzburg

by Glenn Reilly

The Berlin Bears defeated the Würzburg Wolves 14-4, last weekend in high school tennis action.

In men's singles, Berlin's number one seeded Jim Maharlik lost to Würzburg's Rick Larsen, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Berlin's number two seed Mark Lewis defeated Dave Doupe 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. Mark Foster and Dave Newman both won in tie-breaking matches.

In women's singles, Berlin's Monica Park and Michelle Conover brought glory to the Berlin team by defeating their opponents. Other winners were: Joan Charrier, Jody Fullerton, Peggy Vine and Susan Setzer.

In men's doubles, Maharlik and Lewis overpowered their opponents 9-1, while Foster and teammate Kevin Stewart won by a score of 9-7.

In women's doubles, the Bears swept all three contests. Park and Fullerton took their match 9-6, Conover and Charrier won 9-2, and Vine and Setzer topped off the day with a 9-3 victory.

BACK AT YA — Mark Lewis of the Berlin American High School Bears, returns a corner shot with a very smooth backhand. Lewis went on to defeat Dave Doupe from Würzburg 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 in Saturday's high school tennis action.

(Photo by Glenn Reilly)

sports shorts

Women's softball tournament

There will be a pre-season softball tournament for the women of the Berlin Brigade at Andrews Barracks field at 10 a.m., May 23.

All teams wishing to enter must submit team rosters to the women's sports coordinator no later than May 15. A meeting for all coaches and managers will be held at the Sports Office at Clay Headquarters, May 19 at 2:30 p.m. The softball league will begin on May 27. For more information call the Sports Office at 6768 or 6168.

Women's volleyball

The U.S. Army Berlin women's volleyball championship will take place May 13-14 at the Berlin Brigade Sports Center gym starting at 3:30 p.m. each day. Come on out and support your unit's team.

Men and women's racquetball

There will be a racquetball tournament for men and women at the Berlin Brigade Sports Center racquetball courts May 30-31. It will be a double elimination tournament and the deadline for registration is May 19. Call the Sports Office at 6768 to sign up.

Women's fitness classes

Physical fitness classes for active duty women will continue at the Berlin Sports Center pool from May 11-27, every Monday and Wednesday. All women interested are requested to meet in the pool lobby at noon May 11.

A new fitness class for active duty women will start May 12 and meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15 p.m. The final day for the new class is May 28. If you are interested in registering in the class call Sheila Graham at 6768.

Bowling Alley hours

New summer operating hours are in effect for all of the bowling centers in Berlin. The new hours are:

Berlin Brigade Sports Center:
Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m.-11 p.m.

Andrews bowling center:
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

McNair bowling center:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Men's bowling tournament

The Berlin men's bowling association will be holding their fourth annual invitational bowling tournament May 28-31. For more information contact Ronald Emery at 6518 or 6775.
AG installs

Need a new ID card? New operating hours and a Customer Service Convenience Line at the Adjutant General Customer Service Office will help you replace it more quickly and easily.

According to Sp5 Steve T. Kostelac, Jr., NCOIC of AG Customer Service, the new services, which go into effect Monday, will help eliminate delays in processing requests for ID cards.

New operating hours for the office, which is located in Building 1, Room 1013 of Clay Headquarters, will be from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During these hours, the office will offer a new service — appointments for ID card issuance. All customers need do is call the new Customer Service Convenience Line at 819-6015 to ensure speedier service. Currently, ID card replacement is done on a walk-in basis only.

"Issuance of ID cards on a first-come, first-served basis, often resulted in considerable delay to the customer during peak hours of operation," said Kostelac. "But, with the new system, we can give people an appointment so they will experience minimal delay and inconvenience."

Kostelac added that the office will still accept walk-in customers for ID card service, however, they will be served after people with appointments. Appointments not kept within five minutes of the scheduled time will revert to walk-in status.

However, military personnel can also go to the In and Out Processing Building, located on McNair Compound. Here, no appointment is necessary, applicants are accepted on a walk-in basis. Operating hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The staff requesting the new ID card must have a valid D.A. form 428 with them.

These can be picked up at the Personnel Action Center.

Customer service officials would like to remind people that minimum documentation for ID card issue, to other than the sponsor, is a marriage/birth certificate or passport for each family member, even if they are not to receive a card that day.

Civilian employees may receive assistance in preparing the ID card application at the Civilian Personnel Division; military personnel from their Personnel Administration Center. Improperly prepared ID card applications, or lack of required documentation, can result in unnecessary delays when reporting to AG Customer Service.

All customers are encouraged to make use of available child care facilities to prevent congestion in the waiting area.

new ‘convenience line’

2nd Battalion moves PAC operations to field

by Sue Sweeney

"What will the Personnel Administration Center do without me?" wondered Sp4 Roberto L. Rickards, as the brigade controller handed him a card that said he was seriously wounded in a traffic accident.

That's exactly the same question the controller wanted an answer to when he handed Rickards the card. The controllers duty was to access casualties during 2nd Battalion's Army Training and Evaluation Program held last week.

"Moving out to the field is a good experience for the PAC," said Rickards. "It gives us a chance to see how efficient we can be under very difficult circumstances."

While in the field, the PAC can perform its normal duties, such as controlling leave forms, flags orders and Uniform Code of Military Justice actions, but it also has additional duties.

"We must keep track of necessary supplies and of the men through a Casualty Feeder Report," said Rickards. "We are the direct line of communication from the front, we operate a courier service, radios and of course we pull guard duty."

Moving out to the field creates equipment problems for the PAC. They move out all the necessary forms, but at the PAC office there are 12 desks and six electric typewriters.

In the field they have two field desks and one manual typewriter.

"The greatest difficulty I encountered was during the Mission Oriented Protective Posture training," said Rickards. "Wearing my protective suit made me quite warm and even though they have specially designed gloves, it's still difficult for me to type. I really can't complain about that though, this training is so important."

"My favorite experience during this exercise was when we sent a man back to the rear lines because his wife was having a baby," said Rickards. "It makes me feel like the battalion cares not only about us as troops but also as individuals."

ARTEP

"I'm the executive officer's driver," said PFC Jeff Enzor. "During this ARTEP I also had a variety of other duties, including delivering chow to the front lines. Driving during the Military Operations and Protective Posture exercise was difficult, but beneficial. I had to adjust quickly to wearing my protective mask and the limited visibility that it afforded. The training and experience I gained was worth the effort."

"ARTEP's are important," said Sp4 Karl Crocker, Company B. "They help to test my knowledge of my job. On this ARTEP, one of our sub-unit evaluations was a MORTEX. The mortar platform was given a mission, and we were graded on how well we achieved our goal and the methods we used to achieve our mission. This was the first MORTEX I was ever on."

"The battalion ARTEP was interesting," said Sp4 Anthony Quintal. "The best part was flying in the helicopter. I got to be a team leader this time, so I learned some of the skills it takes to do that."

When asked what it takes to make an ARTEP successful, there were many answers. The most dominant seemed to be personal motivation. It's hard to get out of a warm sleeping bag after only a few hours sleep and still be excited about what you're doing said one of the soldiers. "To sum up a good ARTEP, I need only a few words," said Quintal. "They are, "personal drive-on power.""

Volksfest

Scheduled entertainment for this year includes an AFN nightly Friday, with live broadcasts and disco dancing contests.

Local German rock and blues bands will also be performing and a German trampoline club will be another added attraction.

The 268th Army Show Band and the Jazz Combo will be featured and several USO shows will also appear.

"Quiz Shows, (comparable to Beat the Clock), will be presented daily and of course, the rides and games will be another highlight.

"An estimated 350,000 visitors will attend the Volksfest," said Capt. Stan L. Robinson, Volksfest Project Officer. "The Volksfest, which lasts 18 days, is designed to further enhance German-American relations and provide a much needed summertime recreational activity for Berlin."