

# 287th MP Co. named best in Army

by Michael Warren

The 287th Military Police Company, earlier named top MP unit in USAEUR, has become only the second MP company to win the prestigious Jeremiah P. Holland Award twice, the company learned Monday.

The Holland award is given each year to the military police company judged the best in the Army.

"This is the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon an MP organization," said 1st Sgt. Tony A. Taylor.

The only other MP unit to win the award twice is last year's winner, the 118th Military Police Company (Airborne), stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. The 287th also has the unique distinction

of winning the Scroll of Excellence Award, which is given to the top MP unit in USAEUR, two consecutive years.

Taylor called winning the Holland award "an individual achievement as well as a unit accomplishment." He said, "So much has gone into it on an individual effort."

Both Taylor and Capt. Charles E. Underwood, the unit's commander, gave the bulk of credit for winning the award to the company's non-commissioned officers. Said Taylor: "Our people here are some of the finest junior NCOs I've seen in 18 years in the Army. They exhibit a tremendous amount of individual initiative."

Underwood also credited the Berlin Brigade as a whole. "The fact that we

won merely reflects the high standards of the brigade," he said.

According to Underwood, the 287th has a dual mission of law enforcement and combat support for Berlin's four infantry battalions. He said the dual mission, plus such duties as checkpoint guards, rail and VIP security, and boat patrols, presents a greater challenge than most of the MP companies face. To meet that challenge, the company "works as a professional team," Underwood said. "Each soldier in this unit can be depended upon to do his or her part in accomplishing the variety of missions we perform in."

According to 1st Lt. Mark Cook, second platoon leader, competition judging is based on the contents of an entrance

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## Late news:

In response to the crash of the DC-8 jet airplane returning soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry from the Sinai to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Brig. Gen. Thomas N. Griffin Jr., the brigade commander has issued the following statement:

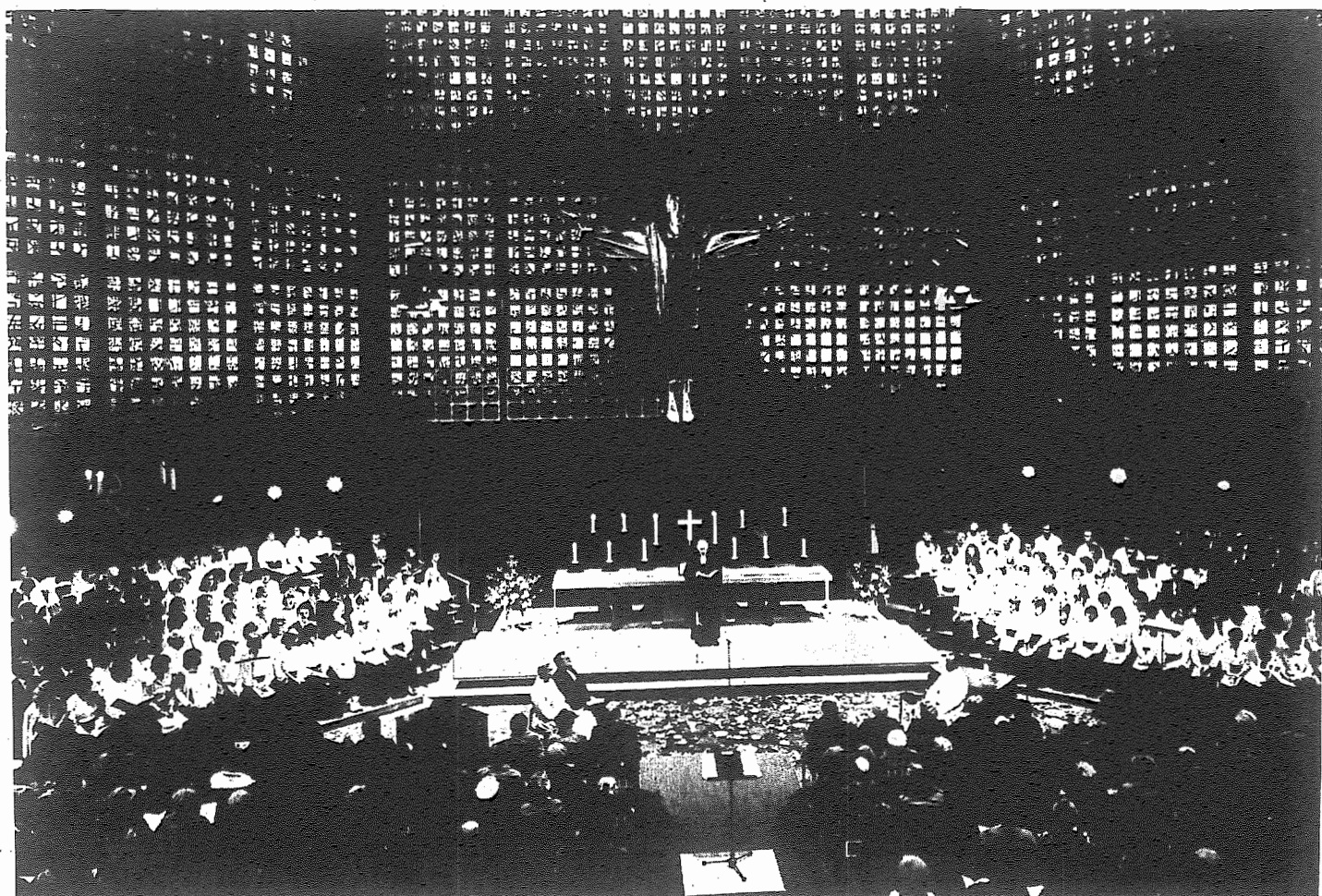
"The soldiers of the 502nd Infantry Regiment in Berlin grieve with the families and loved ones of our regimental comrades killed in an aircraft disaster yesterday in Newfoundland, Canada. The regiment has suffered the tremendous loss of 250 brave men who died in the service of their country. I am certain the prayers of the entire Berlin community go out to the families of our fallen comrades. May God's blessings and merciful compassion be with them."

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Ian Lloyd Graham

Always a highlight of the holiday season, the Allied Carol Service was held this week. This tradition unites the voices of choral groups from each of the three allies

and the Germans for three performances at the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche. A recording of the service

will be broadcast Christmas Eve from 11:05 p.m. to midnight on AFN radio FM 88.

## —observations—

If you could change one thing about this command what would it be?



**Jack E. Glisson, retired servicemember.** "I'm sorry to see the change to Burger King. I think the cafeteria is very nice like it is."



**Judy Bradbury, family member.** "Better shows on AFN. I get so tired of sports."



**Sp4 Tammy A. Martin, HHC, BBde.** There's not enough cohesiveness. They should initiate something to come together better as a unit."



**Betty L. Davis, family member.** "More parking places at the Main PX."



**Tina M. Taylor, family member.** "There ought to be a better chain of communications between dependents and the command to resolve concerns we have in the community."



**Sgt. Otis T. Smith, Med-dac.** A little wider variety of sports on AFN—no documentaries when it should be movie time."

## —news notes—

### Children failing to properly use school bus pass program

The bus pass program was initially instituted to eliminate the overcrowding of buses in the housing areas. The passes were issued with the children's bus number on them so that they would know what their bus number was. This would preclude the children from arbitrarily riding any bus.

These bus passes were donated by the command for your and your children's convenience. The problem is getting larger and larger in that the children do not use their passes, lose them, or do not feel that they are important.

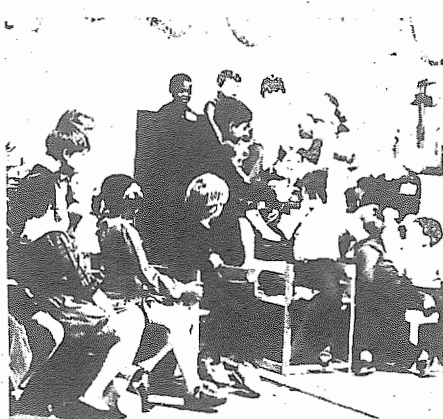
Parents, please emphasize to your children that these passes are necessary and that they should be on their person or in their possession in order to get on a bus. Since the problem is growing in the number of passes being lost, the possibility exists that by this time next year, passes will have to be paid for.

If children do not have their pass, please contact the school office at Berlin Military 6361 to obtain a new one.

### Charles Dickens Christmas Carol staged at Andrews

Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol makes Christmas come alive for children aged five through 80, and when the spirit of Christmas Past melts Scrooges hard old heart, you'll find the Spirit of Christmas accompanying you back home. The Creative Performing Arts Branch, located in Bldg. 906 at Andrews Barracks, presents "A Christmas Carol" on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, at 7:30 p.m. The Dinner Theater performance features Mr. Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and a Dickens Dessert

which carries over into carol singing and general Christmas cheer. For tiny tots who can stay up that late, there's an afternoon performance for free on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 3 p.m. The following weekend, the Friday and Saturday performances are again accompanied by dessert, and on Dec. 29, there's the final free performance in the afternoon. The Dickens Dessert performances cost \$3, and the tickets are on sale now at the theater. Let Christmas come alive for you and your family with "A Christmas Carol" this year.



### Satellite Santa

AFNs Paul Ramirez (center) asks children questions from Santa Claus during the "Snowball Satellite" program. Some 350 kids have expressed their Christmas wishes on the program, which winds up tomorrow with shows at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### Jan. 3 deadline for tax exempt status in NY, NJ, Ore.

Soldiers whose legal residence is in the states of New Jersey, New York or Oregon are required to re-certify their exempt status prior to Jan. 3 if the withholding exemption is to continue through calendar year 1986.

### BAHS sets Activity Week sign-up deadline

The deadline for sign up on out-of town trips during Berlin American High School's Activity Week has been extended until Monday.

Activity Week, scheduled for Feb. 18 through 21, is designed to give students and faculty the opportunity to explore Berlin and other cities in Europe. This year's out-of town trips are to Florence, Venice and Vicenza; the Soviet Union, Amsterdam, and Normandy. In addition, a cross country ski trip will also be sponsored.

Parents are encouraged to come along on the trips as chaperones. If interested, contact the school at 819-6391.

### Reservations now being taken for chaplain's tour of Israel

The Fifth Annual Berlin Community Chapels' Holy Land Pilgrimage will be Feb. 16 through 23. Cost for the basic week in Israel will be \$595. There will be an optional extension to Egypt Feb. 23 through 28 for \$270, with an additional option of one day in Luxor for \$165. Additional information is available from Chaplain Banks at Andrews Chapel, Berlin military 3440, 3537, or 3600.

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# Clean-up winners tell how they did it

by Paul White

Winners in the annual Fall Cleanup program were announced in a ceremony Wednesday at the Main Conference Room, Building 1, Clay Headquarters.

Representatives from the 14 best buildings and grounds, as judged by the program's selection committee, received a plaque from Brig. Gen Thomas N. Griffin Jr., community commander. DEH will install the plaques on each of the winning buildings.

The Fall Cleanup period began Nov. 11, and ended Nov. 27, the date winners were selected. During this period, com-

manders, installation coordinators and housing area coordinators emphasized the sprucing up of all property under their control. During the cleanup efforts, Berlin was greeted by its first snowfall. But while hardly welcome, the snow apparently failed to hinder many of the residents of the winning areas.

"We just went out and dealt with it," said SSgt. James E. Swindler, the building coordinator of buildings 115, 117 and 119 Baseler Strasse. "We didn't rake leaves, we shoveled leaves." The award was the fifth for the area since 1981.

Added SFC Gerald T. Kinder: "We just bagged the leaves and the snow

together." Kinder is the building coordinator at 6 Taylorstrasse, a building Kinder boasts is the "best one in the brigade."

Putting in the work required to garner a Fall Cleanup award wasn't very difficult for the residents of 10/12 Pritchardstrasse, according to Sgt. Glendon D. Savage, a resident of the building. "We basically cleaned all during the year," he said, "so there wasn't that much of a last minute effort. Savage was on hand to receive the award for the senior occupant, who couldn't attend.

See list of winners on page 9.

## DEH utility upgrade projects cause road closure in BB area

The access road adjacent to the Marshall Strasse heating plant, leading to the Cole Sports Center, will be closed beginning Monday, due to the DEH Utilities Upgrade Program. The road will be closed through March 1986.

Additionally, a section of Steward Strasse, just off the Marshall Strasse intersection, will be closed Dec. 20 only, so workmen can install new lines.

Any questions concerning this work should be directed to 1st Lt. Peruyera, Berlin Military 6441.

# New York Times stringer reflects on life in the East

by David Porreca

Boris Becker is returning to his homeland of Leimen, West Germany, on July 12 after his victory at the Wimbledon tennis tournament. Little teenybopper girls crowd the streets trying to get a look at the 17-year-old wunderkind. More sedate adults look on approvingly at the skinny, fair-haired boy whom they have known since his childhood days. "Welcome home" signs cover the town's storefront windows. Becker T-shirt hawkers canvass the crowd. In all, 15,000 of Leimen's 17,000 citizens turn out to greet him.

Krista Weedman, the New York Times stringer from Berlin, is making her way through the crowd. The Times flew her to Leimen so she could write about Becker's homecoming. The wall-to-wall throngs are interesting to watch—if you've got the time. Weedman doesn't. Deadline, deadline, deadline propels her forward. Got to get reactions, got to capture the excitement, got to write it all down in time.

She grabs people along the way and asks them questions. What does Becker's triumph mean to Leimen? Why are you out here? The answers range from the frivolous (he's so CUTE) to the thoughtful (He brings pride to the town and to Germany). She takes it all down and leaves: sorry, love to chat, but gotta go. She races to her hotel room, takes out her portable Radio Shack TRS-80 computer, charges up her synapses, revs up her motor cells, feels the neurological impulses shoot through her system...down her arms...off her fingertips...onto the keyboard, bangs out her story, and phones it into the Times' offices in New York.

Becker's homecoming makes for a whirlwind day, a tiring day, but for Weedman a typical day. As the Times' Berlin stringer, she is on call not only for stories within the city limits, but also for any stories of import throughout the two Germanies. Sometimes this means a trip to Becker's hometown, or to Dr. Josef Mengele's hometown, or to Weimar for celebrations of Goethe and Schiller, or to Leipzig for a trade fair, or to Frankfurt for a book fair. Sometimes it means less peripatetic assignments, like a trip to Doughboy City when Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger or U.S. Ambassador to West Germany Richard Burt visit. But whatever the assignment, it all comes down to the same thing for the 25-year-old Weedman: digging up facts and writing fast and furiously for one of the world's most prestigious newspapers.

Five years ago, Weedman was a sophomore majoring in history at Brown University, in Providence, R.I. She was a long way from her hometown of Shawnee, Okla., with no special plans to set the world afire as another Woodward or Bernstein, and no special plans to become an authority on German affairs. The story of how she got to be the Times' stringer in Germany's best-known city is a story of chance, luck, happenstance and



Oklahoma native Krista Weedman is making fast tracks as a New York Times stringer in Berlin.

a lot of skill.

It starts in Rostock in 1982, the spring of Weedman's junior year. Rostock is a safe, orthodox, yes-comrade, no-comrade, government-approved university town in East Germany. As a result of her study of German a year earlier as a sophomore, Weedman grew to love the language—so much so that she chose to spend the spring of her junior year abroad as a student at Wilhelm Pieck University in Rostock.

When she arrives, she has an open mind: forget the political stuff, just let me see how the normal people live. She lives on campus with two East German roommates for the next four months, visits their families, meets more students, gets to know their families, in general succeeds in finding out how the normal people live. What she discovers is a strange system that twists its people into a Jekyll-and-Hyde existence.

"The system is worse than the clichés," the light-complexioned, red-haired Weedman says in polished tones that hide her Oklahoma background. "Rather than rebel against the propaganda, the East Germans retreat into their families. They block out all the politics when they go home from work."

The college students escape the politics too. Wilhelm Pieck University is drably politicized: curricula crammed with 20th century Summa Theologica-style question-and-answer rote-formula dialectical treatise. The students go to class, recite their answers, then head home for the weekends. "The campus is deserted then," Weedman says. "They want to be with their families."

When the semester ends, Weedman returns to the U.S., but she makes up her mind that one day she'll go back to Germany. And she does. After graduating from Brown in May 1983, she goes to Bonn on a one-year Fulbright Scholarship. Normally the West German capital is a dull place, but when Weedman arrives during the summer of 1983, it's veritably jumping. The Pershing missiles are coming to West Germany, and the Greens and other protesters want no part of them. Weedman plunges in: she talks to protesters, talks to students, writes a 70-page paper on West Germany's changing attitudes toward the U.S. for her class at Bonn University. Later in the year, when the Pershings arrive, things start to cool down. But not for Weedman.

One of her professors introduces her to James Markham, the Times bureau chief in Bonn. She tells him about her days in Rostock; he encourages her to write about them. She does, and gets the article—"They just say 'over there'"—published in Der Zeit, a West German magazine. Her Fulbright runs out in the summer of 1984. Markham offers her a job as a stringer. She moves to Berlin in October 1984 and sets up shop. She meets Ed Harper, chief of the U.S. Information Service in Berlin. He introduces her to the city's movers and shakers. She establishes a network of contacts. She gets a bevy of assignments in and out of the city, not only for the Times but for Newsweek and occasionally ABC and the BBC. The work runs her ragged sometimes, and the Times' policy of not giving stringers a byline frustrates her, but still she loves the adrenaline-pumping excitement of the job.

Even more so, she loves the city. "It's an exciting city," she says. "I like the fact that East and West are side-by-side. You can live a schizophrenic life."

The old mystique of Berlin in the 1920s, of Weimar-era artistic creativity and experimentalism and hyper-charged imaginative possibilities, is gone now. "That's sad," Weedman says. "But Berlin has gained a new mystique. Where else can you spend the day in capitalism and the night in communism?"

It is this mystique that will keep Weedman in Berlin at least until the city's 750th anniversary in 1987, long enough, she hopes, to write a book about her experiences here.

Until then, Weedman keeps hold of her portable computer, ready to take off whenever the Times tells her to or whenever she gets approval for a story of her own choosing. "Being a journalist is fun," she says simply. "I like being an observer and writing about it."

by Helga Haftendorn

## Advent activities

On Sunday, the third candle of the advent wreath will be lighted, thus bringing us one candle closer to Christmas Day.

Did you know that the first advent wreath dates back to 1860, when the Hamburg Theologian Wiechern (1808 to 1881) took a wooden hoop of two meters in diameter and wreathed it with evergreen? This idea was soon picked up and became the well-known German-advent custom. Nowadays, even advent wreaths follow the fashion. You can buy your wreath decorated either romantically or colorfully, sticking to the original style, however.

During Advent time, it's also an old custom to invite friends over for an Advent Coffee. The afternoon is either spent singing Christmas songs, baking cookies, or reading Christmas stories together.

Another very dear custom is the Advent Calendar. At the turn of the century, a much harassed mother made up such a calendar in order to soothe her little son who kept on asking her how many more days there were until Christmas.

The opening of these Advent Calendars begins on Dec. 1. The calendars have little doors, or windows numbered from 1 until 24, the last number standing for the long awaited Christmas Eve. Depending on what you want to buy, some calendars show different, little pictures of toys, others hold a piece of candy, or even a small toy as a daily pre-Christmas surprise for the children.

## Bach concert

Here is something special for everybody: for the first time at the Philharmonie, visitors to the Bach Weihnachtsoratorium, the Christmas Oratorio, will be issued the text of the music, so that everybody can sing along at the concert.

Bach's Oratorio will be given on Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from DM10 to DM26 and can be purchased at the Philharmonie, daily from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

If you happen to be at Tegel Airport these days, a historic Christmas exhibition can be seen there in the show cases. On display are lacquered pictures, dolls from the Early Victorian period and much more.

This Sunday, and on the fourth Advent Sunday, artists and skilled craftsmen will offer their works at the Künstlerstation, located at S-Bahn railroad station Lichtenfelde-Ost, on Kranoldplatz. A Christmas Mart will be held there from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Sundays.



The "Nutcracker Suite" will be presented by the Lübeck Children's Ballet on Sunday at the ICC.



Princess Fay Yen and Prince Sing Ling dance in the ballet "Die grüne Flöte" at the ICC, tomorrow.

A reminder: the Berlin Christmas Mart, set up between Breitscheid and Wittenbergplatz, will be open until Dec. 26. The center of all pre-Christmas activities is the memorial church and daily hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Take the U-Bahn to Zoologischer Garten, Kurfürstendamm or Wittenbergplatz. You can also use buses 9, 19, 29, 54, 60, 69, 73, 90 or 94.

## Children's ballet

A children's dance theater from Lübeck is coming to the ICC's Saal 1, tomorrow. This Kinder-Tanz-Theater presents a ballet performance to music by Mozart, telling the exotic, magical story of "Die Grüne Flöte," "The Green Flute." The ballet begins at 4 p.m. tomorrow, and admission ranges from DM12 to DM28. You can buy your ticket at the ICC.

On Sunday, the same children's ballet is performing again at the ICC. This time, the Lübecker Kinder-Tanz-Theater presents the beautiful ballet production of "Der Nussknacker." This matinee performance of Peter I. Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" begins at 11 a.m. Tickets are also DM12 to DM28 and can be purchased at the ICC.

On both days, Santa will be there, too. He will greet his guests at the door and will present them with some marzipan, a very special and delicious sweet from the world-famous marzipan firm Niederegger in Lübeck.

## Volga Cossacks

Hotel Inter-Continental will be the site of four impressive gala concerts which will be presented by the Original Volga Cossacks.

The word Cossack is of Mongolian origin and means "free man." These free bands of riders were formed in the 15th century to protect Russia's southern border from plundering and murdering Tartar hordes. In our time the Cossacks and their glorious history have long since become a romantic legend.

You can hear the original choir, the world-famous ensemble of soloists at the Grosser Festsaal on Christmas Day, and also on Dec. 26. Two performances will be given each day, at 3 and at 7:30 p.m. On the program are the most beautiful Cossack songs and Cossack dances from old Russia.

Tickets for the 3 p.m. concert include coffee and cake and cost DM35 per person, while the 7:30 p.m. per-

formance includes a gala menu, and are DM65, each. You can make use of the Laur telephone ticket service by calling 313-7000, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or buy your ticket at any downtown ticket agency.

## Barbara Ball

Good news for all who feel like having a ball tomorrow. There are still DM22 to DM35 tickets available for the Barbara Ball, which will be held at the Palais am Funkturm. Doors open at 7:15 p.m.

The Günter Noris Big-Band, Hazy Osterwald and his entertainers, and The Williams will play for your musical entertainment from 8 p.m. until 4 a.m. In addition to the music, there will be a show, a ballet, a Tombola and a presentation by the dance group VFB Hermsdorf.

Have your ticket reserved by calling the Deutschlandhaus at 261-1046, extension 51, before 4 p.m., today, or buy it at the door tomorrow.

Palais am Funkturm's entrance is located on Hammariskjöldplatz, Masurenallee. Buses 4, 65 and 94 will take you right up to the entrance.

## Circus show

Something special for the entertainment of the whole family will be the upcoming annual circus show. Running under the theme "Menschen, Tiere, Sensationen," it brings artists, animals and sensations to the Deutschlandhalle.

Daily performances after the premiere will be at 3:30 and 8 p.m. on weekdays, holidays and Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. There will be no performance on Christmas Eve. The New Year's Eve performance begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets range between DM10 and DM30, and can be purchased at any downtown ticket agency, or at the Deutschlandhalle.

## This week

TODAY - Melvyn Poore at the British Centre, at 8 p.m. Pete Wyoming Bender and Saxophon-Joe Kucera at the Go-In at 8:30 p.m. Manrílo and Ronaldo at Som Tropical at 9 p.m. The Sweatband at Joe am Ku'damm at 6 p.m.

TOMORROW - One more Saturday when all downtown shops are open until 6 p.m.

Christmas Concert Johannischer Chor performs at the Philharmonie at 4 p.m. Children Ballet: "Die grüne Flöte" at the ICC at 4 p.m. Berliner Barock-Orchestra

at the Hochschule der Künste at 8 p.m. Ensemble **Musicalische Compagnie Berlin** performs at the SFB, Kleiner Sendesaal at 8 p.m. **Gruppe Neue Musik Berlin** presents a long night of new music at the Akademie der Künste, beginning at 8:30 p.m. **Pete Wyoming Bender** and **Saxophon-Joe Kucera** at the Go-In at 8:30 p.m. **Mina** and **Ronaldo** perform at Som Tropical. **Berlin Rocknews '85** at Quartier Latin at 8 p.m. **Hot 100 Record Show** at Joe am Ku'damm at 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** - **Children Ballet: "Der Nussknacker"** at the ICC at 11 a.m. **Berliner Mozart-Chor** presents a Christmas concert at Cafe Möhring at 10:30 a.m. **Konzert im Advent** at Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche at 3 p.m. **Sinfonie-Orchester Tempelhof** brings a Christmas concert to the Herz-Jesu-Kirche at 5 p.m. **Bachkantaten zum Advent** at the Stadtmissionszentrum Kreuzberg at 5 p.m. **Musicalische Compagnie** performs at Charlottenburg Castle's Eosander Chapel at 5 and at 8 p.m. **Adventskonzert** at the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche at 6 p.m. **Nun singet und seid froh** Johanner Chor sings at SFB, Grosser Sendesaal at 6 p.m. **Melvyn Poore** at the British Centre at 8 p.m. **Shakatak** at the Metropol at 8 p.m. **Geraldo** at Som Tropical at 8 p.m. **Trotting race** at Mariendorf Race Tracks at 2 p.m. **HR III Top Time** at Joe am Ku'damm at 8 p.m.

**MONDAY** - **Mina Miranda** at Som Tropical at 8 p.m. **Jaquie and Band** at Joe am Ku'damm at 9 p.m.

**TUESDAY** - **Roberto** at Som Tropical at 8 p.m. **Gruppe Cabriolet** brings Latin Music to the Go-In at 8:30 p.m.

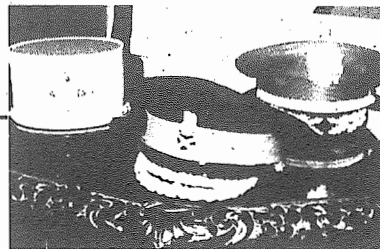
**WEDNESDAY** - **Dresdner Barocksolisten** play at St. Matthäus-Kirche, located near Philharmonie, at 8 p.m. **Geraldo** comes to Som Tropical at 8 p.m. **Evening with Young Talents** at the Go-In at 8:30 p.m. No admission will be charged. **Trotting race** at Mariendorf Race Tracks at 6 p.m. **Shades of Blue** at Joe am Ku'damm at 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY** - **Geraldo** presents musica andina at Som Tropical at 8 p.m. **Shades of Blue** at Joe am Ku'damm at 8 p.m.

Following are the addresses of abovementioned places of performance:  
**British Centre** - 20 Hardenbergstrasse. **Go-In** - 17 Bleibtreustrasse. **Som Tropical** - 40 Kaiser-Friedrich-Strasse in Charlottenburg. **Hochschule der Künste** - Hardenbergstrasse. **SFB, Kleiner und Grosser Sendesaal** - 8-14 Massenaallee. **Akademie der Künste** - 10 Hansatenweg. **Cafe Möhring** - 234 Kurfürstendamm. **Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche** - Breitscheidplatz. **Herz-Jesu-Kirche** - 70 Friedrich-Wilhelm-Strasse in Tempelhof. **Stadtmissionszentrum Kreuzberg** - 2 Johanniterstrasse at U-Bahn Halteschles Tor. **Charlottenburg Castle's Eosander Chapel** - Luisenplatz. **Metropol** - 5 Nollendorfplatz. **St. Matthäus-Kirche** - near Philharmonie. **Mariendorf Trotting Race Tracks** - 222-298 Mariendorfer Damm. **Philharmonie** - 1 Matthäikirchstrasse. **ICC** - Messedamm. **Quartier Latin** - 96 Potsdamer Strasse. **Joe am Ku'damm** - 225 Kurfürstendamm.



Sharon McNight performs Christmas Eve at the "Kleines Theater am Südwestkorsor."



## Commandants bid farewell to Lennox

A departure ceremony for the outgoing British City Commandant, Maj. Gen. Bernard Gordon Lennox, was held Dec. 5 at the Allied Kommandatura Building. French Commandant Paul C. Cavarrot and American Commandant John H.

Mitchell presented their British counterpart with a certificate declaring him a "Guardian of Berlin's Freedom" and fully qualified to say "Ich bin ein Berliner." Maj. Gen. Lennox's next assignment will be as the Senior Army Instructor at the Royal College of Defense Studies near London, England. After the three commandants shared a toast upstairs, they moved outside to the front of the building where Lennox inspected French, British and American honor guards. The military review was by no means his last public appearance in Berlin. Maj. Gen. Lennox was scheduled to read the second scripture lesson during the Allied Carol Service at the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church Dec. 12.



Lennox troops the line one last time in Berlin.



Lennox and Mitchell fare farewell handshake.

## Boston Univ. spring term

### Course keys on 'two' Germanys

Boston University is providing the people stationed in Berlin a chance to learn about their host country with a Boston University course titled "The Two Germanys in the Post WWII Era." It is one of the three courses BU is offering this spring term (classes start Jan. 6) in its Master of Arts in International Relations program.

The course is being taught by Prof. Helena Page who is currently in Berlin researching her doctoral dissertation. The course will begin with an overview of German history, cover the war and post wartime reconstruction, and trace the developments of East and West Germany. The class will be, in the words of Prof. Page, "issue-oriented."

"I'm looking for a lot of discussion," Prof. Page said in a recent telephone interview, "and I want the people in the class to bring in what they know." Prof. Page's credentials include research projects for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other consultancy work for the Defense Department.

"The advantage to this kind of environment for a graduate class," Page continued, "is that these people have been out in the world and are able to bring to the class new insights."

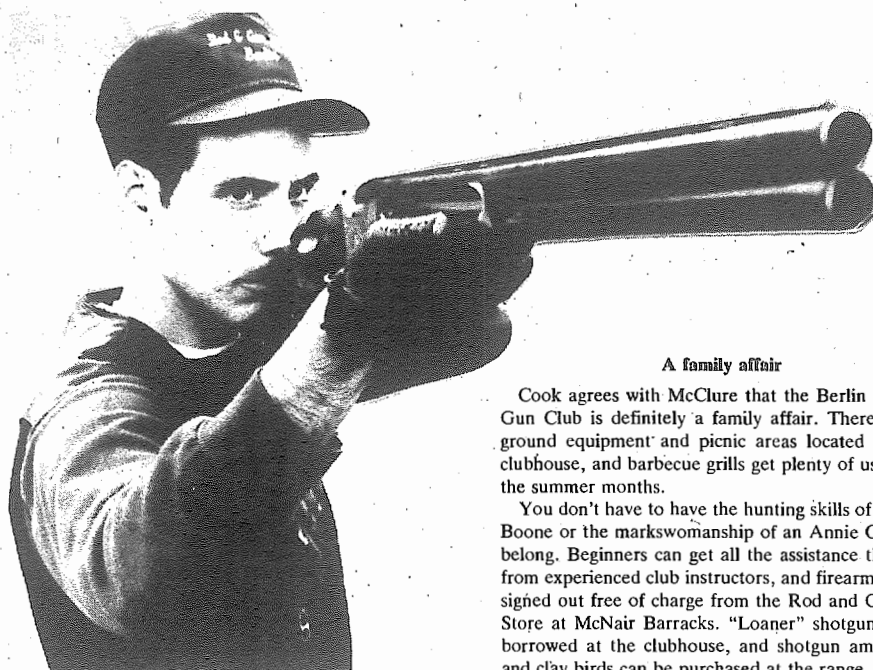
Ngoni Sengwe is one such student. The diplomat from

the Zimbabwean embassy in East Berlin has been a student with Boston for the last year. "It gives me a chance to express what I know," he said, "because I know a lot about what goes on on the other side."

BU is offering two other courses in International Relations; "American Foreign Policy in the 20th Century" and "NATO: At the crossroads?" Both of these classes are to be taught by Dr. H. A. Shockley, the department chairman for the BU Overseas International Relations program. Dr. Shockley, a retired Army colonel, has experience in military intelligence and the academic world.

BU also offers a Master of Science in Business Administration degree. This term they are offering "Quantitative Methods" and "Operations Management." These classes will be taught by Dr. Jill Kammermeyer, the department chairman for BU's Overseas business program.

All of these classes begin the week of Jan. 6. Registration is going on from now till the first week of classes. Interested parties should contact Tom Brady at 819-6976 or stop by the Boston University office in Clay Compound, building 4, room 403K, anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



# Rod & Gun

## Club's custodian aims for family image

by Jon J. Fleshman

A men-only den of whiskered and whiskeyed tall-story tellers in buckskin is not what the Berlin Rod and Gun Club is all about.

"We've steered away from the 'booze and bullets' image," says Rod and Gun Club custodian Sgt. Maj. Ronald M. McClure.

Instead, McClure says the club is a hospitable organization in which German and American families make lasting friendships while enjoying a variety of activities that include hunting, fishing, and target, skeet and trap shooting.

"It's the best kept secret in Berlin," says the burly hunting enthusiast and expert skeet shooter of the club he has dedicated so much of his free time to in the past two years as custodian. McClure is ranked seventh in Western Europe in skeet shooting and is said by some to be the best shot the U.S. Army has in Europe. He spends his weekends at the club's site on Rose Range practicing for upcoming competitions, teaching beginners the finer points of marksmanship, German hunting regulations and weapons safety, and making sure the members are satisfied both on the ranges and in the cosy clubhouse.

Not that the club's custodian and seven elected advisors are trying to keep the organization a secret. Fishing Chairman Capt. William C. Cook lets it be known that one of the best and least expensive breakfasts in Berlin is served on the weekend in the clubhouse, and that it is open to hungry non-members as well.

Spent shells eject with ease from gun's twin barrels.



### A family affair

Cook agrees with McClure that the Berlin Rod and Gun Club is definitely a family affair. There is playground equipment and picnic areas located near the clubhouse, and barbecue grills get plenty of use during the summer months.

You don't have to have the hunting skills of a Daniel Boone or the markswomanship of an Annie Oakley to belong. Beginners can get all the assistance they need from experienced club instructors, and firearms may be signed out free of charge from the Rod and Gun Club Store at McNair Barracks. "Loaner" shotguns can be borrowed at the clubhouse, and shotgun ammunition and clay birds can be purchased at the range.

McClure says the club sponsors a shooting event every month. For the November turkey shoot the club bought 160 plump birds from the commissary to award the many winners. Most of the competitions are divided into beginner and expert categories to spread the prizes around.

Special events for kids, using air rifles and .22-caliber rifles, are also held. Youth competitions are run under close supervision on a separate range. Qualified instructors are on all the ranges at all times, McClure says.

### Fishing

American members of the club can fish in public waters anywhere in the American sector by buying a permit for \$3, says Cook. Berlin fishing is not the best, he says, but adds that avid fishermen like member SFC Jackie L. Ford can tell you how to go about catching carp in the city's waterways.

If you want to try your hooks, lines and sinkers in Western Europe, you'll need a license. Cook will teach you what you need to know and administer the test that leads to the license. The most popular annual fishing trip the club sponsors, says Cook, is to Lake Caspe, Spain. The lake is in a remote countryside, says Cook, but shopping tours are provided for those spouses more interested in catching bargains than bass.

Another annual club-sponsored event is the deep sea fishing trip to the Baltic. Cook says the package deal includes a place on the boat, equipment and bait, and the hotel.

There's even an English-speaking instructor on the boat. The price for the trip is a "super discount," and you'd spend twice as much if you went up there on your own, says Cook.

"The only thing you need is an ice chest," adds Cook with a grin, to bring your catch back to Berlin.

### Hunting trips

Hunting trips to West Germany and other European countries are also sponsored by the Berlin club, says McClure. Some German members take their American friends on hunts in their private preserves in the West, or join them on hunts run by the club. The club is also a good source for information on USAREUR-sponsored hunting trips that can take sportmen and women as far afield as Kenya, Africa.

McClure is not just an expert skeet shooter. He has been hunting in Europe ever since he passed the exam for his West German hunting licence in 1963. Americans must pass this demanding comprehensive exam if they wish to hunt in Berlin and West Germany.

McClure volunteers his time each year to teach the course that covers such things as identification of game, weapons qualification training, safety, equipment, classification of trophies, the forestry system, dogs, customs and traditions. It's a tough test of a hunter's skills, and the pass rate is only about 10 percent, says McClure.

Another mark of McClure's stature as a hunter is the honorary membership he received in a ceremony Dec. 3 from the Jagd-Schiess-Club-Berlin (Hunting-Shooting-Club-Berlin). It is the first time an American has been honored in this way by this German club. Not only does it recognize McClure the hunter and shooter, but McClure the goodwill ambassador who has worked hard to build solid relationships between the Americans and Germans of the Berlin Rod and Gun Club.

"We are truly a German-American friendship club out there," says McClure. "We probably have the strongest German-American ties of any organization in town—bar none."

A membership meeting is held the first Friday of every month at the clubhouse at Rose Range. All military ID card holders, DoD civilians and dependents are eligible to join. One membership covers the whole family. A members spouse and dependents are automatically included.

The initial membership fee is \$3, and dues are \$1 a month. The club's fiscal year runs from October through September, so if a person joins in December, for example, the total cost for a membership through Sept. 1985 would be \$13.

## Club skeet shooter sets sight on success

by Jon J. Fleshman

25.

It's the magic number in skeet.

Like 300 in bowling or 10 in diving.

To the novice shooter 25 is more an abstract symbol that recurs in dreams. Like a Rene Magritte painting, it is more fantastic than real.

It means that every time a "bird" comes flying out of the low and high houses from your left and/or right you raise your over-and-under, squeeze, and blast every clay saucer into smithereens.

No misses. Not once. A perfect score.

It's what Sgt. Nelson Rodriguez did at the Berlin Rod and Gun Club a couple of weeks ago.

Rodriguez is a fast learner, says Sgt. Maj. Ronald M. McClure, the club's custodian. McClure knows the sport. He's been a skeet shooter since his childhood in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He entered his first competition in 1961 at Fort Riley, Kansas. Now McClure is ranked seventh in Western Europe.

He helped Rodriguez get started when Rodriguez joined the club in the spring of 1984. Before he joined, Rodriguez says he had never fired a shotgun. Now he's one of McClure's competitors.

That's what Rodriguez says he likes about the club—the encouragement and attention the members pay to your progress.

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"They make you feel at home, part of the group," says Rodriguez. "The more advanced you get, the more you get into the group." And he emphasizes that the camaraderie is shared by all the members, regardless of their nationality.

"When you're on the range," he says, "you're a shooter."

The day Rodriguez hit 25 out of 25 there were some fellow shooters present.

"It feels great," he says evenly, but with the excitement showing in his face. "Everyone applauds. Everybody shares the happiness with you. When you hit it (the final clay bird), it feels so good you can smile from here to there," he says almost laughing and pointing with a finger from ear to ear.

Rodriguez admits he's hooked on the sport that he says is both challenging and just plain fun. He also admits it can be an "expensive game." His capital investment to date is about \$800. That's for a Winchester 101 12-gauge shotgun, a custom vest for left handers, gloves, glasses, and ear protectors. His weekly bill for shells and birds comes in at around \$55.

All his earning as a weekend skeet-range supervisor are willingly translated into ammunition for the practice and sheer pleasure of going after his next goal—90 out of a possible 100.



Store manager Hartmut Rabbel scopes out the optics.

## Rod and Gun Store on target with prices

by Jon J. Fleshman

This is for members only.

But if you're interested in quality equipment at a discount, it could be worth your while to join the Berlin Rod and Gun Club even if you never get a chance to use the club's facilities at Rose Range.

The club's store is at McNair Barracks next to the Stars and Stripes bookstore. You can go inside and look, but if you want to buy you must be a club member. You can purchase a membership card at the store for \$3, and dues are \$1 a month.

There are familiar names in stock like Winchester, Remington, and Smith and Wesson. If the store doesn't carry what you want, there's a good chance the manager, Hartmut Rabbel, can order it for you, depending on which companies have sales agreements with the store. Special orders take from two weeks to six months to arrive, says Rabbel.

In addition to shotguns, rifles, pistols, and ammunition, there is a variety of hunting and shooting accessories offered. They include gun cases, reloading machines, hunting knives, compasses, hunting clothes and boots, binoculars, scopes and target telescopes.

Hunting related gift items like a made in Germany carving set with woodland scenes engraved on the blades are also for sale.

Rabbel says the store's fishing supplies are limited, but there is enough there to get you started toward your first Berlin carp.

One thing Rabbel emphasizes is that the store does not deal in used firearms and it does not accept trade-ins. There is a public bulletin board in the shop that carries notices of private sales and rod and gun club information. The store is also where members can sign out firearms for use at the club's ranges.

The Berlin Rod and Gun Club Store is open between noon and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday.



Rodriguez "pulls" a pidgeon from the high house for his mentor, Sgt. Maj. McClure.

photos by Jon Fleshman

## Christmas season brings fire hazards say DEH officials

Officials at the Directorate of Engineering and Housing wish to remind everyone that the forthcoming Christmas holidays mean bringing pine branches and Christmas trees of all sizes into places of work and decorating with wax candles or electric lights. These can become fire hazards if certain precautions are not taken. In order to prevent possible fires or personal injuries the following practices should be followed:

- All wax candles should be set on a non-flammable candle holder.
- Keep close check on wax candles set on pine branches. If candles have melted to the point where they burn dangerously close to the branches, replace them with new candles.
- Keep lighted candles away from combustible material, curtains and drafts.
- Watch your candles carefully and extinguish them when leaving the room.
- According to Army fire regulations, wax candles on Christmas trees and larger-sized pine branches are strictly prohibited.
- Place Christmas tree and large pine branches into water immediately to keep them fresh.
- Dispose of Christmas trees, pine branches and other decorative plants as soon as they dry out.

The precautions shown above are not to regulate Christmas celebrations but to prevent accidents from occurring. These precautions should be applied to celebrations at home, too.

## Even simple medicines can react badly when taken with alcohol

The December and January period is a peak time of year for parties and for common colds. Unfortunately, mixing the two can cause problems. Interactions between the alcohol consumed at parties and the medication taken to control symptoms of the common cold may lead to an increased number or an increased intensity of side effects.

Many people can tolerate small amounts of alcohol (1 or 2 drinks during an evening) with the most commonly used medications. A small portion of the population, though, will experience severe drowsiness when mixing even small amounts of alcohol with drugs containing antihistamines such as Actifed, Dimetapp, and Drixoral. Also most patients consuming alcohol with these drugs will experience more drowsiness than normally expected as a result of taking the drug. Therefore, a word of caution: if you are taking a cold preparation containing an antihistamine, do not drink alcoholic beverages.

Alcohol can also cause problems in individuals taking aspirin. Large amounts of aspirin and alcohol can lead to gastrointestinal bleeding which may be significant in some people.

Because this is the time of the year for colds, many people are taking self treatment drugs (over the counter products) when they visit the hospital for an appointment. Make sure you report all drugs being consumed to the medical personnel. Additionally, if you are prescribed a drug for treatment of a cold, do not continue to take the self treatment medications along with the prescribed drug unless directed to do so by the prescriber. Many of the cold preparations contain similar active ingredients which may interact to cause problems such as excessive drowsiness, difficulty sleeping, nausea or vomiting.

If in doubt as to the advisability of mixing a medicine and alcohol, feel free to call the Pharmacy at Berlin military 4134 or 4144.

# events

## Please note requirements and deadline!

Ads and events for each week's issue will be printed on a space available basis only. Deadline is close of business Tuesday. All submissions must be signed and typed or printed legibly on a full-size sheet of paper. The events and ads will run for one week and must be resubmitted for each issue. Ads for firearms and weapons will not be taken.

## want ads

### For Sale

Norelco 110 microwave — Has 8 temp. settings. Can be used in gov't quarters. \$75. Call 802-6697.

German made — couch and matching chair, with ottoman \$500, four-piece Samsonite luggage, \$60. Sansui VHS double cassette deck, \$200 or best offer. Call 813-6554, everything is in excellent condition.

1983 BMW 728IA — 49,500 km Auto. trans., ABS, "alu" rims, metallic, elec. sun roof and mirrors, cruise control, central locking, Blaupunkt Hamburg, plus other BMW extras, excellent condition, \$9,950. Call 826-2174.

PCS basement sale — 220v radiating heater, fans, vacuum, antique china cabinet, VCRs, stereos, bicycles, power tools, weights, toys, plants and much more; 14 Taylor Strasse in the laundry room, Sat. and Sun., sale starts at 10 a.m.

1983 VW Passat Station Wagon — 4 speed transmission, AM/FM cassette, \$3500 firm. New German made sled, was never used \$7. Call 883-8482 after 6 p.m.

PCS sale — Crib, desk, small buffet, schrank with night tables, double mattress set, toys, tricycle, small bike, children's and babies' clothes, dishes, glasses, kitchenware, set of Wedgwood ironstone for 12, pictures, mirrors, lights, TV and lots more. Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Glockenstr. 2. Take Beerenstr. from Mexiko Platz or call 802-5418 for directions.

1974 Ford Maverick — 302 V-8, floor shift, airconditioning, radio, 4-door, best offer. Call 831-3799 after 5 p.m.

9 Zenith B&W portable TV — \$50, 110V coffee pot — \$15, 110V waffle iron — \$15, 110V hand mixer — \$5, 110V toaster oven — \$5, 110V iron — \$5. Call 831-3799 after 5 p.m.

3 piece sectional couch — modern Swedish brown plaid, extremely light and comfortable — \$150. Call 831-3799 after 5 p.m.

1984 VW Vanagon GL — AM/FM factory stereo cassette. Complete set of curtains, front seat covers, U.S. specs., 9,500 miles. Asking \$10,000. Call 831-3696.

Beautiful Saga minkjacket — size 38. Unwanted gift. DM2000. Call 493-5340.

PCS basement sale — Dec. 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 17 Lissabonallee, plants, baby clothes, two chairs, clothes, stereo and speakers much more.

1974 VW Bug — U.S. specifications, 25,000 miles (rebuilt engine), complete tune-up, new radial tires, master cylinder and pioneer stereo system. Excellent condition, \$950. Call 771-9619 after 6 p.m.

3 strings of colored X-mas lights — with 30 extra bulbs. Extension cord and a big X-mas tree stand, \$25 together. Call 823-9454 or 832-3087.

1977 Sampo color TV — \$200. Call 251-9921 after 5 p.m.

1978 VW Camper Van — very good condition, American specs., best offer. Call 826-3863 after 6 p.m.

Everything goes! — 3.7 m mahogany-glass-shrunk, \$1200, washer and dryer, \$200, bathroom mirror shrunk with lights, \$100, king size bed, \$250, queen size bed, \$75, wooden cloth shrunk, \$40 each, mountain mens bicycle, \$110, couch, chairs, stool and coffee table, \$70, stereo-camera-set (VHS), \$950, stereo-radio with speaker, \$80, carpets diff. sizes, \$90-110, baby crib, \$80, rocker, \$40, BMXBike, \$100, American refrigerator w/transformer, \$250. Call (office) 807-2212 until 3 p.m. (home) 811-7887. See at 124 Schlettstadstr.

Siemens Stove — \$45, assorted tires on rims, \$10 each, storage shrunk, \$25. Call 6395 during duty hours or 803-7341 in evenings.

Electric Go-Kart — with two 12 Volt motors, powered by automobile storage battery. It is absolutely safe for children 5 to 9. Also mini 50 cc ILO gasoline motor moped with 3 forward speeds. Both in new mint condition and real Xmas bargains. Call 891-6081 Berlin between 6 and 8 p.m.

1977 Simca 4 door Sedan — with German specs., good reliable transportation. Asking \$750 or best offer. Call 801-2897 after 5 p.m.

1981 BMW 520 Silver — with Royal Blue interior 4 door sedan. Car has sport wheels, two-way open sun roof, power steering, power brakes, rear window defogger, fog lights, power antenna, 4 built-in speakers, manual transmission, 55,500 km German specs. Asking \$4,500 or best offer. Call 801-2897 after 5 p.m.

Modern 3-piece Schrank — 8 mo. old, must sell by PCS move Jan. 86, if interested. Please contact me at 813-8971 after 5 p.m.

Tan Couch, Loveseat — and Chair, only 8 mo. old. Must sell by PCS move Jan. 86, if interested. Please contact me at 813-8971 after 5 p.m.

1972 BMW — 1609 (model), sunroof, stereo, guaranteed, to pass inspection, \$1,000. Afternoons or evenings call 831-2471.

### Wanted

A complete set of men's golf clubs in good condition. Call 813-8938.

Wanted — A video copy of snowball satellite's Dec. 7, Saturday 9 p.m. show will pay for it. Call any time 813-6852.

### Miscellaneous

A retired elderly couple wants to babysit children aged 2 yrs. and up. Call, 813-7125, BB housing.

Care Bear or Cabbage Patch Kid holiday cakes. Treat someone you know to one of these special holiday cakes. Call 813-6318 by December 17 to place your order.

### Reward

Reward! — Red Cocker Spaniel taken from behind Checkpoint NCO Club, 9 mos. old, black collar w/chain leash, my phone number and name was on collar, also the dogs name "Yves from Ielestrum", and rabies tag in blue #85079. Please call Sgt. Webb at Mil. 332-3509/9658 or 819-3509/9658.

### Free cats

Two cats, free to a loving home. Call 493-5340.

## information

### Christmas choral concert

The American Community Choir will present a Christmas Concert under the direction of Dr. Alan Poland at the American Community Chapel, Sunday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m.

### ITT tours

Want to give the ballet a whirl again? Do it in comfort with ITT by joining 39 other ballet lovers at Swanlake in East Berlin. \$10 picks you up, dusts you off, takes you to the ballet, and returns you undamaged and considerably entertained to the ITT parking lot. Tour date is Dec. 18.

Take a trip to the countryside without leaving Berlin! How? Join ITT on its tour to the Moorlands of Lubbahn on Dec. 21, complete with a ride in a horse-drawn carriage and a horse show performance. Time will be provided for snacks in an authentic country inn.

Join ITT on their tour to the Citadel in Spandau! You will receive a guided tour of the 12th Century fortress and afterwards have Sunday dinner — an authentic medieval, 3-course meal in the rustic atmosphere of old Prussia. Date is Dec. 22. (Dinner price is DM24.50) (Tour price is \$5).

What could be more festive than a Christmas dinner of goose with all the German trimmings, served by candlelight in one of Berlin's German-style restaurants? To make your reservation, Date is Dec. 23 and cost is \$12.

### Hi Lite Center

The Hi-Lite Community Center is available for rent for private parties at a nominal fee at any time during the day and night. Included in the rental is the use of a workable kitchen, banquet tables and chairs, and a large lounge fully decorated in seasonal themes. Start planning your X-Mas parties early at the Hi-Lite Community Center. Call 819-3554 for further information after 1 p.m.

### All American Center

Join the Friday the 13th Horror and Fantasy Book Swap Party at All American Community Center at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13. Wear a gruesome costume and bring a few of your favorite horror or fantasy paper back books to trade with other lovers of gruesome tales. There's lots of fun planned for this horror and fantasy book swap party, including free movies, a witches brew, and a contest to choose the most horrifying horror costume and a Stephen King look-a-like contest. You're guaranteed to have a wonderfully horrible time.

Stop by All American Community Center on Sunday at 3 p.m. and have your pictures taken with Santa.

If you're looking for a place to hold your holiday parties, reserve the conference room or the lounge at All American Community Center. The rooms are suitable for company parties and private meetings.

Surprise your sweetheart or your co-workers with delectable edible for the holidays by signing up for All American Community Center's fruit basket or bakery delivery. For only \$5 All American Community Center's elves will deliver a delicious assortment of delectable edibles Dec. 16 through 20.

Join All American Community Center for two special bingos in December. On Wednesday at 7 p.m., All American Community Center will sponsor a special Hummel and figurine bingo. On Dec. 25 All American Community Center is sponsoring a nutcracker, incense burner and pyramid bingo at 7 p.m.

For more information call 819-9754.

### Skyrider tours

A first class ski week in Italy's Dolomite Mountains is what you'll get when you sign up for a Skyrider Ski tour from Jan. 10-19. Extensive skiing, an excellent hotel with meals, and roundtrip transportation are all included. For information and to sign up, call Skyrider Tours at 5067.

Skyrider Tours has a photographer's delight planned for you on Dec. 14 when they go on a Lights of Christmas tour from 5-10 p.m. The cost is \$2. Merry Christmas from Skyrider Tours. Free transportation to the West Berlin Christmas Market on Dec. 15 is their gift to you. Housing area pickups will be provided. To sign up, call Skyrider Tours at 5067.

### TAR Christmas program

TAR PTSA Christmas Program is scheduled for Dec. 17 beginning at 7:30 p.m. A play and music will be performed by the children of the TAR Elementary School, refreshments will be served. Please support your PTSA by coming and participating in this Christmas Program, being performed by your children. Busses will depart the following areas as follows: 6:55 p.m. — Park Manor, 7:05 p.m. — Puckler, 7 p.m. — Duepple, 7 p.m. — Baseler, 7:05 p.m. — Sundgauer, 7:08 p.m. — Schutzel. All busses will depart the TAR Elementary School between 9 and 9:30 p.m.

### Advent Revival

The Berlin Church of God in Christ will be having an Advent Revival Dec. 20-22 at the Evangelical Paulus Community Church on Hindenburgdamm 101, 1000 Berlin 45. They will also be having their Christmas (formal) banquet at the International Hotel Kempinski Dec. 21. Tickets are on sale now. For more information on tickets contact Mrs. R. Sanders, 813-8693.

### DEH holiday emergencies

There will be no customer service during the Christmas holidays Dec. 25, 26, 27. However, DEH emergency work orders will be taken care of by calling the emergency number 115.

### YA news

Basketball try-outs will be held on the following day for YA participants:

Saturday, Dec. 14, 85

Pee Wee 0900-1100  
Midget 1300-1500  
Bantam 0900-1100  
Jr. Boys 1300-1500  
Jr. Girls 1300-1500

Teams will be announced on Dec. 20, 1985

Uniforms will be issued as follows:

League  
Pee Wee  
Midgets  
Bantams  
Jr. Boys/Girls/Cheerleaders

Date	Time
Jan. 2	1400-1800
Jan. 3	1400-1800
Jan. 6	1400-1800
Jan. 7	1400-1800

Youth Activities will hold a fundamentals clinic for children between the ages of 6-10 interested in participating in the basketball season. Registration is \$5.00 and will run from Dec. 2-16. The clinic will be held on December 23, 26, 27 and 30 from 10 a.m.-noon in the gym. Qualified individuals interested in helping can contact the YA at 6247.

Teens are invited to a Christmas Special with the British on Dec. 19 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Transportation will depart the YA at 7 p.m. and return by 11 p.m. Sign up must be no later than Dec. 16 and admission is DM5, payable at time of sign up. For more information call 6249.

All YA members are invited to participate in Caroling on Dec. 19 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Come get in the Christmas Spirit with your friends at the YA. Pre-teens are invited to trim the Christmas Tree at the YA on Dec. 20 from 3-5 p.m. For more information call 6249.

Pre-teens are invited to make Christmas cookies on Dec. 21 from 1-5 p.m. at the YA. You must sign up no later than Dec. 18. For more information call 6249. There will be a teen Christmas party and dance on Dec. 21 at the YA from 8-11 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and valid YA card. Non YA card holders pay \$1.

Teens are invited to make ginger bread houses at the YA on Dec. 20 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. You must sign up no later than Dec. 18.

### Attention all prospective parents!

The American Red Cross can and will be happy to provide a "Baby-Gram", birth announcement, to the new grandparents of those born in the Berlin U.S. Army Hospital. If the daddy should be serving elsewhere TDY, we'll send an announcement to him also.

How do you accomplish this? Simply fill out the Baby-Gram form available in the Maternity Ward. Then bring your completed form to the Red Cross office at Bldg. 4, Room 208, Clay Compound.

### Graduate Record Examinations

The next GRE test date is Feb. 7, 1986; Deadline for application is Dec. 20, 1986. Cost of the GRE is \$29. For more information and to apply, call or visit the Clay HQ Education Center (6919/6991).

### Graduate Management Admission Test

The next GMAT test date is Jan. 27, 1986; Deadline for application is Dec. 18, 1985. Cost of the GMAT is \$30. For more information and to apply, call or visit the Clay HQ Education Center (6919/6991).

### Foreign language classes

For Term 1/86 'Evening' program, Jan. 20, 86 thru Mar. 14, 86 the Foreign Language Department Clay HQ offers the following classes from 6-8:30 p.m.: Gateway to German Phase I (for beginners), Mon & Wed and Tue & Thu; Gateway to German II/1 (for adv. beginners) Tue & Thu; Gateway to German II/2 (for adv. beginners) Mon & Wed. All Classes are free of charge. For registration and further information please call 6333 or 6605 Mon thru Fri 7:30 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m.

### Children's Center

Children's Center will have extended hours on the following Saturdays: Dec. 14 and 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 6270 to make reservations.

### Vehicle Registration

The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed Friday from noon. Regular business will resume Monday.

## organizations

### American Yacht Club

The American Yacht Club Berlin will have their annual Christmas party Dec. 14 at 8:30 p.m. in the club facilities. Food is being provided and Saint Nick will be there! All club members and guests are invited to come.

### TOWC news

The Children's Christmas Party for the children of all TOWC members will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Columbia House Officers' Club at TCA. Time is 1:30-3 p.m. The age limit will be up to twelve years. Children will receive a free gift from Santa, snacks and entertainment. Reservations must be in by Dec. 8. Please call 813-8579 or 833-4654.

### FSB Women's Club

The Field Station Berlin Women's Club, Children's Christmas Party will be at the Hi-Lite Recreation Center on Andrews, Dec. 14, 1-3 p.m. Reservations are required in by the 13 to: Donna Hyatt — 813-6706, Kate Nelson — 813-8269, or Rhonda Jones — 802-5150. Parents are to furnish one gift per child, value limited to five dollars. The gift needs to have the child's name firmly attached to the gift and taken to the NCOCP Class room at A/B Company or ISG White's office located on the 2nd floor of Field Station. Santa and his elf will be there.

### Girl Scout Caroling

The Berlin American Neighborhood of Girl Scouts will be Christmas Caroling in front of the large Christmas tree at Truman Plaza on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 3-4 p.m.

### Girl Scout Bake Sale

Want to avoid that last minute Christmas baking? Senior Troop 122, Cadette Troop 402 and Junior Troop 629 are having a bake sale Saturday and Dec. 28 at the PX from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Also on sale will be Christmas Cards and the 1986 Girl Scout Calendars. The troops are trying to raise money for a trip to the Girl Scout Chalet in Switzerland.

### Girl Scout volunteers

The Berlin American Neighborhood of Girl Scouts is in need of Adult Volunteers for the positions of neighborhood chairman, treasurer, secretary, troop leaders, assistant troop leaders, and other adult positions on the governing body of Berlin American Neighborhood of Girl Scouts. If you are interested in getting involved with the Girl Scouts please call 813-3505 for further information. Get involved!!

### Boy Scout food drive

The Berlin area Boy Scouts will be conducting a canned food drive for Operation Santa Claus on Sat., Dec. 14 from 10 a.m.-noon, in the BB Housing Area. The Boy Scouts will be knocking on your doors to try to help people in the Berlin area who aren't quite so fortunate this Christmas. Cans of food may be left by the door and they will pick them up if you wish.

### Catholic food drive

The Christmas season has always been a time when Catholics have shared their abundant blessings with those less fortunate. This year is no different. The Catholic parish would like to establish a food locker that can be used to make this holiday season more joyous for some of our neighbors who need a hand through some rough times.

If you would like to help please bring canned goods to mass and give them to Father Delahunty. If you have children who receive Gumbibears they might enjoy bringing the gifts up with them when they get their treats. The cans can also be left at the door to the Chapel.

## lunches

TAR and BAH schools have the following menu for the week beginning Dec. 13:

**Monday** Mixed salad, corn dogs, baked beans, vanilla pudding, milk, bread and butter.

**Tuesday** Lettuce, tomato, hamburger on bun, French fried potatoes, fruit or ice cream and milk.

**Wednesday** Hot roast beef, whipped potatoes, green beans, peaches, milk, bread and butter.

**Thursday** Salad, chicken patty on bun, buttered corn, pears and chocco milk.

**Friday** Cold slaw, fish batter, tartar sauce, potato salad, fruit cocktail, milk, bread and butter.

JFK School has the following menu for the week beginning Dec. 13:

**Monday** Hungarian goulash, noodles, chocolate pudding with vanilla sauce.

**Tuesday** Cutlet, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and mandarin quark.

**Wednesday** Meat balls in tomato sauce, rice, cabbage salad and cookies.

**Thursday** Chicken soup, two pancakes with cherry filling and juice.

# Command announces Fall Clean-up Awards

## BB Housing Area

4/4a Flanaganstrasse  
building coordinator — MSG(P) Sampley  
8 Taylorstrasse  
building coordinator — SSG Wilson  
5 am Hegenwinkel  
building coordinator — SSG Philpot  
238/240 Argentinische Allee

building coordinator — Mr. Wentzel  
10/12 Pritchardstrasse  
senior occupant — Sgt. Savage  
6 Taylorstrasse  
building coordinator — SFC Kinder

## Dueppel Housing Area

71/73 Clauert Strasse  
building coordinator — TSgt. Thompson

26/28 Charles H. King Strasse  
building coordinator — SFC Sobol  
9/11 Lissabonallee  
building coordinator — SMSgt. Sloat

## Baseler Housing Area

115/117/119 Baseler Strasse  
building coordinator — SSG Swindler

## Sundgauer Housing Area

151/151a Sundgauer Strasse

building coordinator — SSG Flores

## Clayallee Housing Area

18/20 Lutzelsteinerweg  
building coordinator — Mr. Briningner

## Single Houses

10 Reichshofer Strasse  
Mr. Tully, occupant  
18 Goldfinkweg  
CW4 Worthington, occupant

## on the screen

Dec. 13 — Dec. 20

### Outpost — Clayallee (6524)

Fri. **Just One Of The Guys** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Sat. **Special Matinee: The Three Musketeers** (R) at 14:00 hours  
Walt Disney's **Pinochio** (G) at 18:30 and 20:30 hours  
Sun. **Perfect** (R) at 19:30 hours  
Mon. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Tue. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Wed. **Night Of The Comet** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Thu. **The Man With One Red Shoe** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Fri. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours

### Columbia — Tempelhof (5522)

Fri. **D.A.R.Y.L.** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Sat. **Rambo: First Blood II** (R) at 19:30 hours  
Sun. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Mon. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Tue. **Micki And Maude** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Wed. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Thu. **Just One Of The Guys** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Fri. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours

### Coliseum — McNair Brks. (3131)

Fri. **Prizzi's Honor** (R) at 19:30 hours  
Sat. **Pale Rider** (R) at 19:30 hours  
Sun. Same program as above, at 14:30 and 19:30 hours  
Mon. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Tue. **Lost In America** (R) at 19:30 hours  
Wed. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Thu. **D.A.R.Y.L.** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Fri. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours

### Andrews — Barracks (3538)

Fri. **Def-Con 4** (R) at 18:30 hours  
Sat. **Silverado** (PG) at 18:30 hours  
Sun. **Early Bird Show: A View To A Kill** (PG) at 1:00 hours  
Mon. **Silverado** (PG) at 18:30 hours  
Tue. Same program as above, at 18:30 hours  
Wed. **Runaway** (PG) at 18:30 hours  
Thu. **Prizzi's Honor** (R) at 18:30 hours  
Fri. Same program as above, at 18:30 hours

### Jerboa — Theodor-Heuss-Platz

Fri. **The Chain** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Children's Matinee: **The Intruders** (G) at 10:00 hours  
Sat. **The Chain** (PG) at 19:30 hours

Sun. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Mon. **Sudden Impact** (X) at 19:30 hours  
Tue. **Electric Dreams** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Wed. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Thu. — closed —  
Fri. **Fletch** (PG) at 19:30 hours

### Astra — RAF Gatow compound

Fri. **Rambo: First Blood II** (X) at 19:30 hours  
Children's Matinee: **The Care Bears Movie** (G) at 14:00 hours  
Sat. **Rambo: First Blood II** (X) at 19:30 hours  
Sun. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Mon. Same program as above, at 19:30 hours  
Tue. **The Philadelphia Experiment** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Wed. — closed —  
Thu. **The Philadelphia Experiment** (PG) at 19:30 hours  
Fri. **Bewsters Millions** (PG) at 19:30 hours

### Thalia 2 — movies in English

— Kaiser-Wilhelm-Strasse 71

774-3440

Fri. **Elvis: In Concert** at 17:45 hours, **Carnal Knowledge** at 19:45 hours, **Steady As She Goes** at 21:45 hours, and **Rocky Horror** at 23:45 hours

Sat. **Elvis: Tickle Me** at 17:45 hours, **Forty-Second Street** at 19:45 hours, **Harold And Maude** at 21:45 hours, and **Rocky Horror** at 23:45 hours

Sun. **Jungle Book** at 14:45 hours, **Elvis: Harum Scarum** at 17:45 hours, **Flesh Gordon** at 19:45 hours, and **Up In Smoke** at 21:45 hours

Mon. **Elvis: Paradise Hawaiian Style** at 17:45 hours, **East Of Eden** at 19:45 hours, and **Harold And Maude** at 22:15 hours

Tue. **Beattles In USA** at 17:45 hours, **Rebel Without A Cause** at 19:45 hours, and **A Hard Day's Night** at 21:15 hours

Wed. **The T.A.M.I. Rock 'n' Roll Show** at 17:45 hours, **Everything You Wanted To Know About Sex** at 19:45 hours, and **Up In Smoke** at 22:00 hours

Thu. **The Rolling Stones In The Park** at 17:45 hours, **Harold And Maude** at 19:45 hours, and **Les Vacances Du Monsieur Hulot** at 21:45 hours

Fri. **Elvis: Frankie And Johnny** at 17:45 hours, private screening at 19:45 hours, **Modern Times** at 22:00 hours, and **Rocky Horror** at 23:45 hours

### Odeon — Hauptstrasse 116

(781-5667) — movies in English

Admission: DM8/9

### DAILY:

**The Emerald Forest** at 17:45, 20:00 and 24:00 hours, also **The Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle** at 22:15 hours, daily until Wednesday.

## bfbs-tv

### The Services Sound and Vision Corporation BFBS Television Program Schedule — Dec. 13 — Dec. 20 —

**Friday**  
12:30 Rainbow - 12:50 Schools: Watch - 13:07 Schools: How we used to live - 13:30 News Afternoon - 13:55 Gems - 14:20 Closedown - 16:45 The Smurfs, Birthday Time - 17:05 Play School, Birthday Time - 17:30 Chuggers Plays Pop - 17:55 Think again - 18:20 The Flintstones - 18:45 News and Weather - 19:00 Top of the Pops - 19:30 The Great Egg Race - 20:00 Voyage of the Heroes - 20:40 Up the Elephant and round the Castle - 21:05 Minder (New) - 22:00 News and Weather - 22:25 Film: The Defection of Simas Kudrika - 24:00 Closedown

**Saturday**  
13:00 Birthday Time Cartoon Show - 13:15 Grandstand - 18:05 News and Weather - 18:15 The A-Team - 19:00 The Late Late Breakfast Show - 19:50 Bob's Full House - 20:20 Juliet Bravo - 21:10 Whicker's World - 22:05 Travelling Man - 23:00 Sing Country - 23:25 V - The Saction - 24:10 Closedown

**Sunday**  
13:00 Weekend World - 13:55 Blizzard's Wizard Woodwork - 14:20 Mr. Smith's Indoor Garden - 14:45 Christmas Road-Safety Broadcast - 15:00 Eastenders - 16:00 The New

Adventures of Wonder Woman - 16:45 Birthday Time Cartoon Show - 17:05 Puddle Lane - 17:20 Whizz - 17:35 Storybook International - 17:55 Illusions - 18:15 Star Trek - 19:05 Survival - 19:30 News and Weather - 19:40 Songs of Praise - 20:15 Game for a Laugh - 20:55 Route 66 - 21:50 The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13½ - 22:15 In Sickness and in Health (New) - 22:45 Tender Is the Night - 23:40 Closedown

**Monday**  
12:50 Hockey Cokey - 13:05 About Britain - 13:30 News Afternoon - 13:55 Emmerdale Farm - 14:20 Closedown - 16:45 Hegerty Hagerty, Birthday Time - 17:05 Play School, Birthday Time - 17:25 Galloping Galaxies (New) - 17:50 Blue Peter - 18:20 Happy Days - 18:45 News and Weather - 19:00 Telly

**Addicts - 19:30 Coronation Street - 19:55 The Paul Daniels Magic Show - 20:40 Girls on Top - 21:05 The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes - 22:00 News and Weather - 22:25 World in Action - 22:50 Closedown**

**Tuesday**  
12:50 Let's Pretend - 13:05 About Britain - 13:30 News Afternoon - 13:55 Emmerdale Farm - 14:20 Closedown - 16:50 Orn and Cheep, Birthday Time - 17:05 Play School, Birthday Time - 17:30 She-ra, Princess of Power - 17:50 Heartbeat - 18:15 Tucker's Luck - 18:45 News and Weather - 19:00 Blankety Blank - 19:30 Me & My Girl - 19:55 Now The War Is Over - 20:35 Lame Ducks - 21:05 Drums - 22:00 News and Weather - 22:25 Miami Vice - 23:10 Rugby Special - 23:45 Closedown

**Wednesday**  
12:50 Chigley - 13:05 About Britain - 13:30 News Afternoon - 13:55 Fat Man in the Kitchen - 14:25 Closedown - 16:55 Alfie Atkins, Birthday Time - 17:10 Play School, Birthday Time - 17:30 Talking Animal - 17:50 Them and Us - 18:15 Treasure House - 18:45 News and Weather - 19:00 The Krypton Factor - 19:25 Coronation Street - 19:50 Wildlife Showcase - 20:15 South of the Border - 20:40 Portage (Rpt) - 21:10 Cover Up - 22:00 News and Weather - 22:25 Whistle Test - 23:25 Closedown

**Thursday**  
12:50 Postman Pat - 13:05 About Britain - 13:30 News Afternoon - 13:55 Gems - 14:20 Closedown - 16:50 Flicks, Birthday Time - 17:05 Play School, Birthday Time - 17:30 The Voyages of Dr. Doolittle - 17:50 Blue Peter - 18:20 The End of

the Rainbow Show - 18:45 News and Weather - 19:00 BFG Road Safety Message - 19:15 Tomorrow's World - 19:40 Des O'Connor Tonight - 20:30 Off The Record - 20:40 Full House - 21:05 Bulman - 22:00 News and Weather - 22:25 Triumph of the West - 23:20 Closedown

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## calendar

### Deutsche Oper Berlin

— 34-37 Bismarckstrasse —

Dec. 13 — Ballet Night: **La Sylphide** by Herman von Lovenskjoeld at 20:00 hours  
Dec. 14 — **Tristan und Isolde** by Richard Wagner at 18:00 hours  
Dec. 15 — **Hänsel und Gretel** by Engelbert Humperdinck at 16:30 and 20:00 hours  
Dec. 16 — **Salome** by Richard Strauss at 20:00 hours  
Dec. 17 — **Tosca** — in Italian — by Giacomo Puccini at 19:30 hours  
Dec. 18 — **Hänsel und Gretel** by Engelbert Humperdinck at 19:30 hours  
Dec. 19 — **Fidelio** by Ludwig van Beethoven at 20:00 hours  
Dec. 20 — Ballet Night: **Code/Symphony in three movements, Iberia** by Copland/Stravinsky/Surinach/Albeniz/Ravel at 20:00 hours

### Deutsche Staatsoper

— 7 Unter den Linden —

Dec. 13 — Ballet: **Das versenkte Weizen** at 19:30 hours  
Dec. 14 — **Don Giovanni** — in Italian — at 19:00 hours  
Dec. 15 — **Hänsel und Gretel** at 16:00 and 19:00 hours  
Dec. 16 — **Così fan tutte** — in Italian — at 19:30 hours  
Dec. 17 — **Die schöne Galathee/Die Insel Tulipaten** at 19:30 hours

Dec. 18 — Ballet: **Der Nussknacker** (The Nutcracker) at 19:00 hours  
Dec. 19 — **Hänsel und Gretel** at 19:00 hours  
Dec. 20 — Same program as above, at 15:30 and 18:30 hours

### Komische Oper

— 55-57 Behrensstrasse —

Dec. 13 — **La Bohème** at 19:30 hours  
Dec. 14 — **Der Fiedler auf dem Dach** (The Fiddler on the Roof) at 19:00 hours  
Dec. 15 — **Der Fiedler auf dem Dach** (The Fiddler on the Roof) at 10:30 hours and **Schwannensee** (Swan Lake) at 20:00 hours  
Dec. 16 — **Concert** at 20:00 hours  
Dec. 17 — **Die verkaufte Braut** at 19:00 hours  
Dec. 18 — Ballet: **Schwannensee** (Swan Lake) at 19:00 hours  
Dec. 19 — no performance —  
Dec. 20 — Ballet: **Wahlverwandtschaften** at 20:00 hours

### Philharmonie

— 1 Matthäikirchstrasse —

Dec. 13 — **Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra** under the direction of Gianluigi Gelmetti presents works by von Zemlinsky and Brahms at 20:00 hours

Dec. 14 — **Johannischer Chor Berlin** under the direction of Siegfried Lehmann presents Christmas Songs from all over the world, at 16:00 hours

Dec. 14 — **Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra** under the direction of Gianluigi Gelmetti presents works by A. von Zemlinsky and J. Brahms at 20:00 hours

Dec. 15 — **Symphonisches Orchester Berlin** under the direction of Hans Zanolli presents music by Rossini, Chopin and Dvorak at 16:00 hours

Dec. 15 — **Radio-Symphonie-Orchester Berlin** under the direction of Riccardo Chailly, accompanied by the RIAS Chamber Choir present works by C. Ives and G. Mahler at 20:00 hours

Dec. 16 — Same program as above, at 20:00 hours

Dec. 17 — **Choir of the St. Hedwig's Cathedral** presents Handel's Messiah at 20:00 hours. Conductor is Roland Bader.

Dec. 18 — **Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra** under the direction of Seiji Ozawa presents works by W. A. Mozart, T. Takemitsu and P. I. Tchaikovsky at 20:00 hours

Dec. 19 — **Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra** presents same program as above, at 20:00 hours

Dec. 20 — **Piano Recital** by Alfred Brendel. Works by Haydn, Schubert and Mustorgsky are on the program, beginning at 20:00 hours

# Lady Bears capture hearts, but fail to win weekend games

by Paul White

The Berlin LadyBears did everything they set out to do against the Darmstadt Demons Saturday and Sunday. Everything except win a basketball game, that is.

The Demons nipped the LadyBears, 48-42 Saturday, then escaped town with a controversial 47-45 win Sunday.

But while the LadyBears saw their record drop to 0-6 with the pair of losses, they played solid basketball, with an intensity that suggests they won't be winless much longer.

In fact, the LadyBears were so impressive in defeat that they accomplished a goal almost as elusive as that first victory. They won over the normally ambivalent Berlin crowd. The LadyBears now appear to be the people's choice at Cole Sports Center.

Judging by the crowd reaction at the end of the second game, the people seem to believe Berlin was robbed in game two. A few controversial calls at the end of the game had the crowd roaring its disapproval.

After a slow start, the LadyBears got their act together in the final 15 minutes of play. With the score tied at 45 and 1:22 left to play, Berlin had the ball. Head coach Glenn Rassi called for the delay game. This was last shot time.

Rassi then called another time out with 22 seconds remaining to set up the final attempt. The LadyBears swung the ball around until guard Monique Brown elected to take her defender to the hoop. Brown spun away from the coverage, but the official called an offensive foul. "There was definitely no contact on that play," Rassi said later. "I think the official anticipated a foul, but it never happened."

Seven seconds were left. Overtime seemed assured. Berlin called a time out to set up. But just as the LadyBears stepped on the court, the official put the ball in play. With Berlin out of position, Darmstadt converted an easy layup. A furious Rassi stormed off the

bench to protest, but to no avail.

Rassi claims his team was not notified that the ball was about to be put in play, and that the rules dictate the officials must do this. Nevertheless, the call stood, and the LadyBears appeared sunk. But controversy continued. A desperation heave by guard Sherri Burchett bounced off the rim at the buzzer. Contact was made as Burchett followed through. Again Rassi claimed foul. And again, Rassi got nowhere:

The close calls at the game's furious finish produced the first major tirade from head coach Rassi of the season. According to the coach, it will also be his last. "It was unprofessional and it won't happen again," Rassi said.

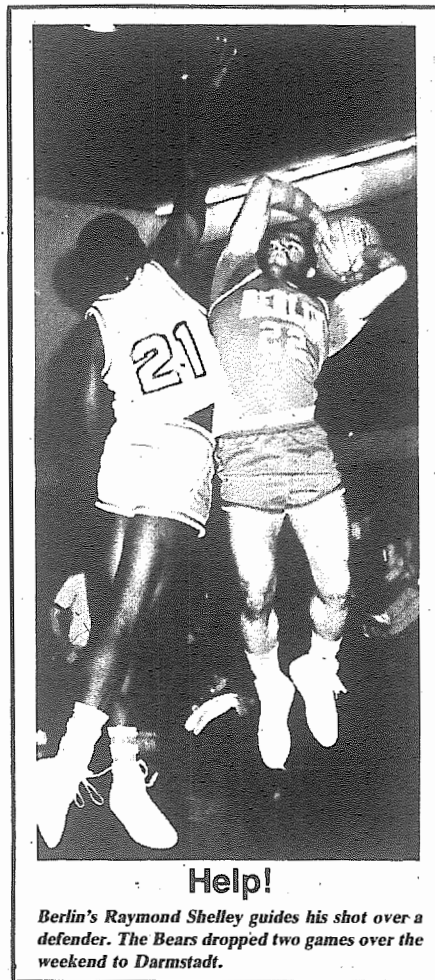
The rugged, foul-plagued tempo of the first game may account for the quick whistles in game two. Burchett, for example, scored 11 points but suffered through an turnover-filled night and was eventually ejected from the game on technical fouls. And forward Imelda Green received one tech and quickly used up her five-foul limit.

"We were playing physical and so was Darmstadt," Rassi said. "What hurt us is our players were not able to control their emotions when the calls didn't go their way."

One Berlin player who wasn't affected by foul problems was Mae Lois King. Forced to shoulder more of the offensive load, the lithe guard responded with her best effort of the season by scoring a team-high 20 points. "She proved to me and most everybody here that she deserves to be a starter," Rassi said.

Burchett led Berlin scorers in the second game with 16 points, and Cynthia Williams added 11. Williams chipped in with six points in the first game.

The LadyBears will hit the road for the first time this season when they play Fulda Saturday. Sunday, the team will be in Frankfurt for a game against the defending USAREUR champion Falconettes.



**Help!**

*Berlin's Raymond Shelley guides his shot over a defender. The Bears dropped two games over the weekend to Darmstadt.*

## Lack of women sports participation is mystery

by Paul White

There's something special about the Berlin LadyBears, and it's not just that they've yet to win a basketball game.



*Kai Brown of HHC, BBde beams upon completion of the USAB cross country event.*

The LadyBears have plenty of military women players, and in this command, that's a notable happening. It's not often a women's sport here can sustain itself without delving into the pool of family members.

"It would be nice to see more women, especially active duty military women, participate in USAB events," said Sheila Lloyd-Graham, MSAD women's sports coordinator. "The turnout in 1985 was poor compared to last year."

Quite poor, in fact. Only one woman showed up for the USAB swimming and golf championships. Three more turned out for USAB tennis. And the women's basketball league had to be disbanded altogether.

So while there are positive responses to softball and volleyball, Graham said she's still searching for the reason the other sports produce such woeful responses.

The word competition, she said, might be enough to scare off some people, she said. "When some people think of competition, they think of a high level," Graham said. "But you don't have to be top sportswomen to compete in women's sports."

Another reason, she said, is that perhaps word of the upcoming events isn't getting down to the soldiers. She hopes to rectify this by pushing participation in the Women's Sports Council, the women's equivalent of A&R NCO meetings (see adjoining story).

There's one representative from each company that has women soldiers, Graham said. All women are encouraged to make suggestions on sports activities to these reps, and they in turn will bring them up at the

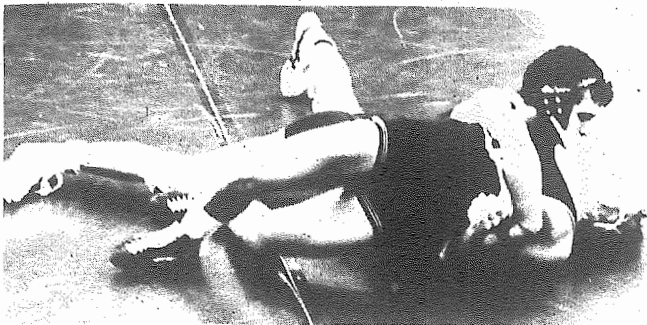
meetings. Anyone who's not sure who their rep is can find out from their A&R NCO, or by calling Graham at Berlin military 6768.

In some instances, women would like to play a sport but cannot get released from the unit. Graham said that in these cases, she will speak to the appropriate supervisor to try and iron out any problems.

Increased participation will salvage what's left of the women's company level basketball season. The proposed Women's Basketball League died a rapid death, but a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament has been scheduled for Feb. 11-14. The event is open to all Army, Air Force, family members...all women I.D. card holders in the command. Additionally, players from different units, services or families can play for the same team. More information will be out on this tourney after the holidays, Graham said.

### Women's Sports Council Meeting

The next Women's Sports Council meeting has been scheduled for Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. in the Physical Activities Branch Conference Room, Bldg. 2, Room 3032, and all women are urged to attend. The meeting is set up for a representative from each company, and the subjects under discussion will be all upcoming women's sports in 1986. It is important that all women be represented at the Council and contributions and suggestions are requested.



BAHS wrestlers did well on short notice.

## BAHS wrestlers show prowess

by Yvonne Knight

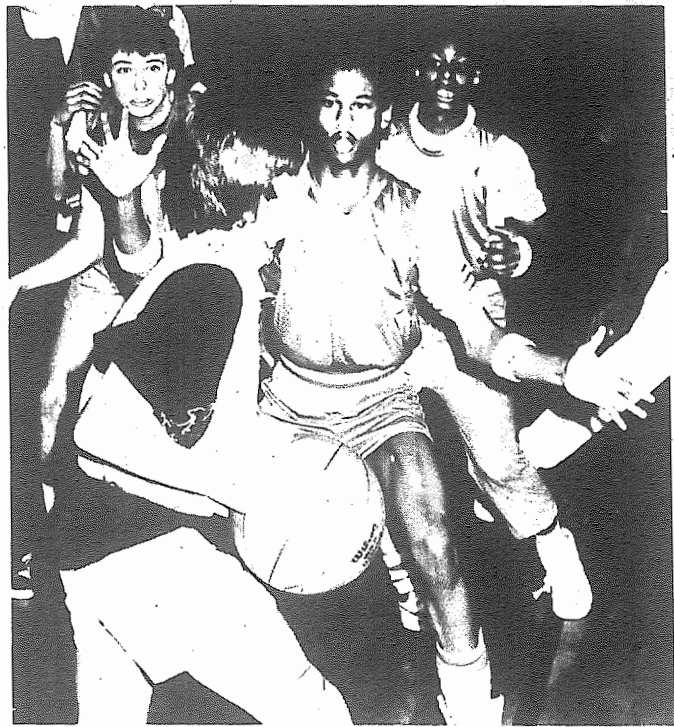
Having only three short weeks to prepare, BAHS wrestling team showed their impressive skills in their first quadrangular meet of the season. The Bears beat Munich, but lost to Baumholder and Heidelberg.

Senior Michael Somsan suffered his first loss in 22 bouts in a sobering match with an opponent from Heidelberg. Coach Anthony Knight doesn't foresee Mike losing again this season, and still expects him to go All-Europe. He won his other two matches easily.

The most exciting match of the day came when John Warren wrestled a

former teammate from Heidelberg. Knight said of Warren: "John shows a lot of talent. He had a tough match with Heidelberg because they knew his wrestling style and how to counter it. I think he has a good chance of remaining undefeated this season." That match ended in a 14-14 tie, and John also won his other two matches.

Knight was also impressed with two of his other wrestlers. "John Douglass and Pat LeBeau moved into heavier weight classes to try and avoid point losses due to forfeitures. Neither won any matches, but both showed me that they learned something."



The BAHS boys and girls basketball teams play at home today and Saturday at Cole Sports Center. For game times, call the sports center at Berlin military 6581.

## H&S, CSB leads the way in company basketball

by Paul White

It's impossible to know who will win the 1985-86 USAB company-level basketball championship. But it's easy to spot the favorite. It's defending champion H&S, CSB, the team with the 31-game winning streak.

That's right, 31 games. According to forward James "Glide" Harper, the team was last beaten by C-94 in last season's opening game. Since then, H&S has been undefeated, sweeping to victory in the Christmas tournament and the USAB event.

When last seen this year, H&S was still standing tall, sporting a 7-0 record in the CSB league. CSB head coach Warren Cook is predicting another USAB title. His team made believers out of the 287th MP Co. Monday by handing them a 71-38 whipping.

According to Harper, the team doesn't have as much depth as last year, so they're having to rely more on "quickness and aggressiveness." Prominent players among this year's cast of characters include forwards Darryl "Tisdale" Thomas, Robert Wheeler, and Harper; guards Ezzell "Quick" Moss, Eugene Copeland and Lee "Sleepy" Jackson; and center Bo Ellis.

"I see no way we won't win everything again," Harper said. "By the end of the 1985-86 season, H&S will be above the rest."

**Editor's note—** Battalion A&R NCOs are encouraged to report their latest basketball league standings to the Berlin Observer sports editor. Standings should be phoned in between 9 a.m. and noon each Wednesday to Sp4 Paul White at Berlin military 6122 or 6846.

### FSB league standings

Team	W	L
Co. A, FSB	3	0
Meddae	3	0
USAISC	2	0
287th Band	1	1
HHC, BBde	1	2
H&S, FSB	0	2
Co. B, FSB	0	2
AAFES	0	3

Results as of Dec. 13.

## Sportscene

by Jeanne Patterson-Pollock

Speaking of Tae Kwon Do, a new series of classes will get under way on Jan. 6 at the Berlin American High School. The classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. and instructor Lascelles McCarthy teaches all levels from beginners to black belt. If you're interested in getting started or in continuing in Tae Kwon Do, call McCarthy at 819-7222 during the day, or at 801-3726 in the evenings.

Just as a matter of interest, MSAD Physical Activities are planning a championship Tae Kwon Do event in March; better get in shape.

### Water Slimnastics

Sheila Lloyd Graham has a new series of "body shop" water slimnastics starting on Jan. 8. As usual the classes are on Wednesdays at the Cole Pool, with beginners at 6 p.m. and experts at 7 p.m. If you want to join in just turn up at the first session. Costs for this course and for all "body shop" sessions, \$2 per session.

For the "after work" activists, Janice's class will start up again at 5 p.m. on Jan. 6, and continue every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday at the Thomas A. Roberts School.

### Ski slope

Maybe it's time to say something to the ski-crowd. For downhill skiers languishing for lack of mountains, take heart. The British Air Force has solved your problem. The RAF Gatow has a dry ski slope for downhill skiers anxious to get in practice for the season. The slope is located in a hanger at Gatow, so you can scamper on down the ski slopes in any weather. Incidentally if you need equipment, you can rent everything necessary for a mere 5 Deutsch Marks per day. The person to call for information and for appointments is Corporal Graddon at British Military

309-2626. Remember though, it's for downhill skiers.

For cross country fans, we have a team lined up to compete in the British Cross Country Championships which will be held at the Olympic Stadium on Dec. 19. A bus will depart from Cole Sports Center at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th. USAB has selected a women's team, and a men's team to compete, and you all might be interested to know that the seven women and ten men were selected on the basis of local competitions on our own trails. The bus should be big enough to accommodate a few spectators too. Don't say you didn't know!

Reminder to sports activists... get your entries in for the Christmas Racquetball tournament now. Categories are open, B open, women's singles and seniors, and there's a \$3 entry fee. However, the trophies are gorgeous. Entry blanks are available at all of the gyms, and the contest starts December 18.

### Boxing

Boxers, pull up your shorts... er socks... the novice boxing championships are right around the corner. As is the Road Runners 24 hour marathon in aid of operation Santa Claus. Call Tom Thompson at Berlin Military 7903 for information.

Volksmarchers there's an event just for you on Sunday. Entry fee DM 4 plus DM 8 if you want the special medal, and there's a special family march as well. Where?

At the Grunewald am Postfenn. Address? Berlin 19 (Charlottenburg) on the spare lot behind the School on Postfenn, that's on the corner of Postfenn and Havelchaussee. The march is open to everyone and starts between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Incidentally the first prize is a Christmas Goose, 2nd is a Christmas Duck, and third place gets a ham — is there such a thing as a Christmas Pig?

# Interview with Richard Burt

Last week local military reporters had their first chance to sit and talk with the new American ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Richard Burt. This is what he said.

**Q. You've made a number of visits to military installations since you became ambassador. Can you tell us why you think this is important?**

A. I think the place to start is that I am the president's representative and I follow not only the instructions I get from the president, but more importantly I consider the president to be a role model. One of the most important things the president has done is to re-invigorate the respect and support for the U.S. armed forces and his position has begun to pay off in terms of pride and morale.

I think it's a two-way street, really. On the one hand I think I can demonstrate that the president and his senior decision makers are concerned about the lives of the people who make the sacrifices to serve their country. At the same time I learn a lot. The U.S. presence in Germany is enormously important for American foreign policy and the freedom of the entire western world, and it's important for me to understand more about the role of the forces in Germany and it's also important for me to show that America cares about its people.

**Q. You will be spending part of your Christmas with the troops here. Can you tell us about the decision to do so?**

A. Well, originally we decided to come to Berlin for Christmas because we like it. We like the residence; we feel very much at home here. Once we made that decision my wife and I realized that there would be Americans here, people in uniform who might feel that they were far away from home and we thought it would be a nice gesture to visit them.

**Q. If you were a foreign correspondent today what sort of stories would you be reporting from Bonn and Berlin?**

A. I get a sense of a new dynamism in Germany. There's a new economic confidence and I think there is a new social and political confidence in the country and I think that is one of the new unreported stories in the United States.

**Q. Do you have any message you would like to convey to the service-men and women of Berlin?**

A. Most of the things people say about Berlin tend to sound like a cliché. The fact is though that most of those clichés are correct. Berlin is not only important because of the people who live here and the fact that it is a big and vital city, but it is a symbol. For that reason the role of the Armed Forces here is very important. Their



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presence not only deters aggression, but demonstrates to the world that people are determined to maintain their freedom. So, in that sense every man and woman who serves in Berlin is an ambassador and is a symbol, not only of our commitment to Berlin, but as a symbol of the values the United States represents.

## 287th MPs

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packet. Among the information contained in the packet is weapon qualification, physical training test, and SQT scores; reenlistment statistics; and individual and unit awards.

Pluses for the company included finishing runner-up in the Army-wide maintenance excellence award (heavy category), and the Philip A. Connelly Award, won by the Combat Support Battalion dining facility. One-third of the CSB dining facility food service staff is made up of 287th MP soldiers, Cook said.

In addition, the company racked up a 255 PT test average per soldier, and an 82.6 SQT average.

The packet also contains information about soldiers'

participation in civilian and military education programs, Army Training and Evaluation Program results, and company sports.

Included in the packet were letters of recommendation from Maj. Gen. John H. Mitchell, U.S. commander Berlin, and Brig. Gen. Thomas N. Griffin Jr., community commander.

Underwood said the company will receive a trophy to mark the award, and said individual soldiers may receive Army Achievement or Army Commendation medals, depending on their contribution to the winning effort.

Underwood expects the award will be presented in January or February.

## city roundup

**COUNTING THE COST.** The Berlin House of Representatives has been busy debating the 1986 budget. A 2.9 percent increase of the 1985 budget, amounts to 22.1435 billion. It provides for DM 650 million in debt, as compared to DM 700 million in 1985. (*Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin Morgenpost.*)

**AN EAST GERMAN**, estimated to be 25-30 years old, failed in an escape attempt over the Wall near Holtheimer Weg in Lichterfelde the night of Dec. 4. East German border guards seized the man without shooting, West German police reported. (*Der Tagesspiegel, Berliner Morgenpost, Bildzeitung, BZ.*) Pollution, on the other hand, seems to have no trouble escaping from East Germany. The Teltow Canal, a

barge shipping connection in the district of Zehlendorf, in the American Sector, has been blocked for traffic because members of the Berlin Fire Department are trying to neutralize oil polluted waters coming from the GDR. (*Berliner Morgenpost.*)

**REPAIRS TO THE GLIENICKER BRIDGE**, which connects West Berlin to Potsdam in the GDR, have been completed on time, a Senat spokesman announced. The costs for repair work on the part of the bridge belonging to the GDR amounted to DM 2 million and was covered by the Senat. The spokesman deplored the fact that the bridge is not open for general travel. (*Der Tagesspiegel.*) The use of the bridge, which so far has been restricted to members of the Allied Liaison Missions, is now, however, open to diplomats accredited with the East German Government. The new regulation came into force Dec. 1, diplomatic circles have revealed in East Berlin. (*Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin Morgenpost.*)

**BERLIN AIR TRAFFIC** increases in November were recorded on the regional services by DanAir between Berlin and Saarbrücken (up 19.5 percent to 3,410 passengers) and by the newly founded Tempelhof Airways between Berlin and Paderborn, which was used by 1,496 passengers. On the major FRG-Berlin routes, PanAm had a decrease of 0.01 percent, British Airways an increase of 2.9 percent, and Air France a decrease of 8 percent, as compared to last year's figures for November.



## parting shots

Ah, the thrill of victory. Ah, the agony of defeat. This week's Parting Shots award for gumption and tough kneecaps goes to Sp4 Milford Lawrence of Co. B, Field Station Berlin. In this day and age of quibbling and equivocation Lawrence, against severe odds, proved to be as good as his word.

According to fellow FSB soldier Sp4 Dave Sussman, Lawrence lost out on an unusual bet concerning the outcome of a recent FSB Soldier of the Quarter board. Lawrence wagered that should he not win the competition, then he would low crawl from Andrews Barracks to McNair Barracks. He did not win the board. It took him 1:47:13 to complete the crawl and he stopped three times to tie his shoes.

Now that's gumption.



Sp4 Milford Lawrence, Co. B, FSB, nearing the finish line.