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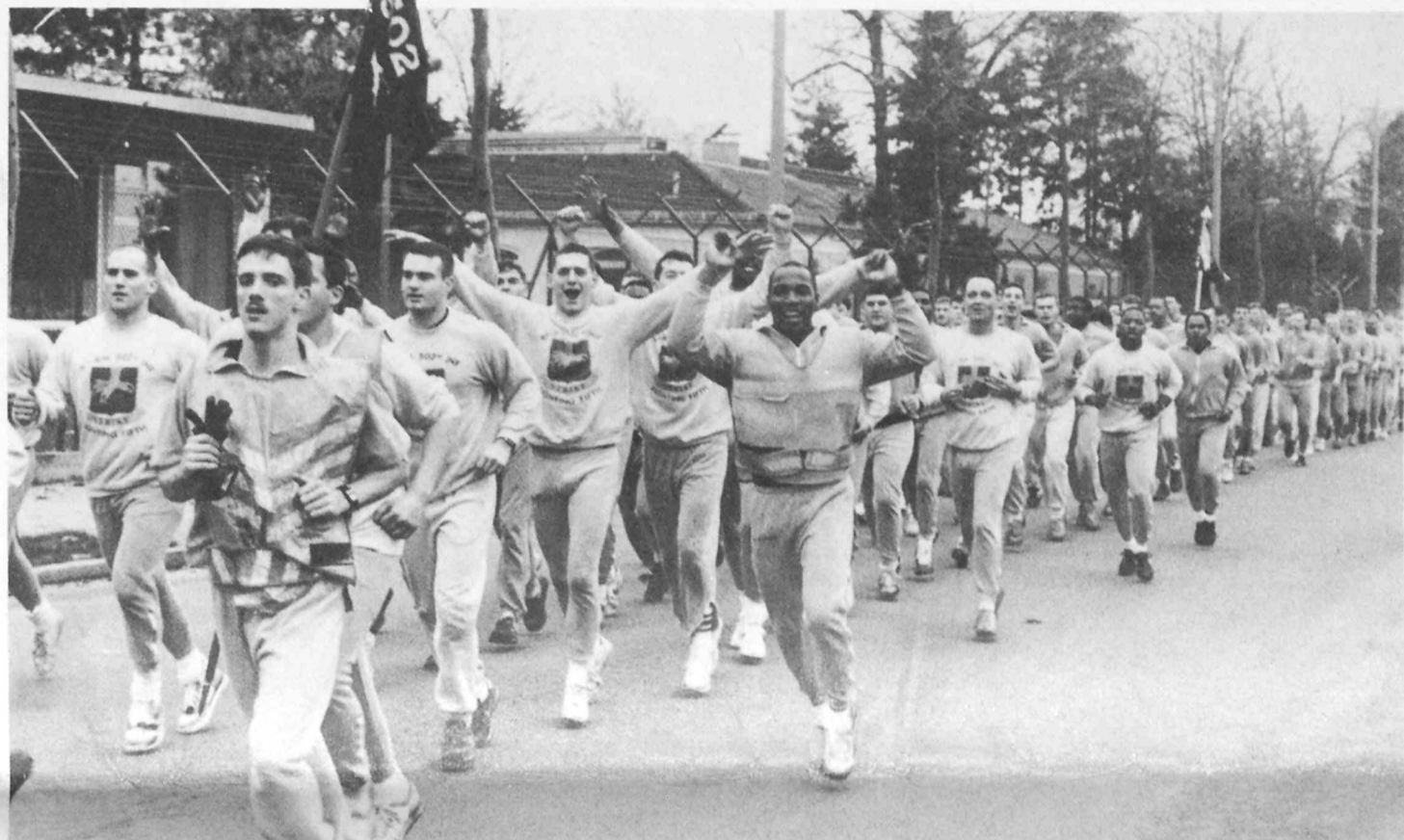
Brigade on the run

Changed event set in new direction

The Berlin Brigade Run has gone through a transformation of sorts. Now called the Berlin Community Run, the brigade, members of Field Station Berlin, units from the Air Force and family members all take part in the four mile course.

The formation on 4 Juli Platz consisted of the brigade units, Field station Berlin units, U.S. Air Force units, the high school Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, a group of Berlin Polizei and Family members.

"We encourage family and community members to take part in the next run," said MSgt. Vaughn Thibadeau, NCOIC G-3 Training. The date of the next run has not been set.



The "Fighting Fifth" runs by McNair Barracks during the Community Run Nov. 20.

Ken Jones

New program to offer small claims settlement

A new Staff Judge Advocate program will bring the equivalent of a small claims court to soldiers, family members and other Americans in Berlin.

Called the Berlin Arbitration Program, the new service is aimed at giving those who are eligible for legal assistance a speedy and final way to settle private legal disputes. The free, voluntary program takes the place of the small claims courts available in most places in the states.

"In the U.S., most states have instituted small claims courts to process lawsuits involving relatively small amounts of money without the attorneys' fees and court costs of a full-fledged court case," explained Capt. David Rodearmel, chief of administrative and civil law here.

"The people involved usually prepare the case themselves, present evidence and bring their own witnesses in an informal hearing without attorneys.

"Often in the military, especially overseas, there is no

effective forum in which to settle minor disputes because such small claims courts are not available. The Berlin Arbitration Program is an alternative," he said.

The Berlin program revolves around an impartial person who has been trained to resolve such minor disputes. That person is called an arbitrator, and is charged with listening to the same kinds of cases as a small claims court.

"Almost any type of dispute may be submitted for arbitration, as long as all parties involved agree to use the procedure," noted Rodearmel. "Loans, sales, failure to pay a debt and auto accidents involving property damage are examples.

"Cases involving military or government agencies, criminal cases or domestic disputes can't be resolved through this process," he reported.

Like the stateside courts, those choosing to use the Berlin Arbitration Program can present evidence, call

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witness and explain their versions of the case to the arbitrator. The arbitrator will then decide the case within five days of hearing it, according to Rodearmel.

Application forms and help preparing the case are available from the Legal Assistance Office, BM 6427.

Inside



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Commentary

Revamping turkey day

by Joe Ferrare
Editor

Poor Thanksgiving, it just doesn't have enough market potential. I'm afraid it'll be dropped from the rolls of important American holidays.

It may surprise some that Thanksgiving is in danger of being lost, but not anyone who has been to the PX lately. The PX went straight from Halloween to Christmas, with Thanksgiving relegated to one part of one aisle, way in the back, in the corner, where the cutesy turkey napkins and Pilgrim paper plates were out. Amid the massive Christmas publicity, tunes over the loudspeakers and the mail-it-early hoopla, that one aisle didn't have much chance.

Thanksgiving did better at the Commissary, of course, but even there it didn't make a big enough splash to move people's minds from Christmas. Since the traditional meals — turkey or ham — for both holidays are the same, even while buying the turkey day bird the thought of Christmas is already invading Thanksgiving's space.

The problem, as I noted above, is that Thanksgiving doesn't have enough market potential, and it's too close to the biggie: Christmas. It also comes pretty close on the heels of Halloween, another big day for the kiddies. What Thanksgiving needs is more of a mass-sales, American-mall image that will mean more to the kids than pumpkin pies and a couple of days off from school.

Being the public relations whiz I am, and

being so concerned about the fate of one of my favorite holidays, I've come up with a few suggestions that will put pep back in this fading American institution.

■ **Mandatory Thanksgiving costumes.** Taking a marketing tip from Halloween, making costumes mandatory — or nearly so — makes people spend a lot of money, especially on the kids. And kids getting mom and dad to spend the big bucks is all important. We could have Pilgrim costumes, people dressed up as what they're going to eat and other spiffy costume ideas. It would make the day more fun for the kids, and give dad a reason to wear really loose-fitting clothes so no one can see his stomach.

■ **Exchanging gifts (for food).** Mom could hold out for gifts, using the traditional turkey day meal as hostage. "No cranberry sauce until I get my necklace" napkins would be all the rage. Dads everywhere would be forced to finance all the kiddies' presents just to keep from hearing them whine about not being able to trade some perfume for a second piece of pumpkin pie and whipped cream. The government could get in on the act by giving jewelry store gift certificates to underprivileged children so they could get a Thanksgiving Day dinner from mom. It would also be a great consolation prize for those who just cook themselves a turkey TV dinner. Just hold the TV dinner in one hand and refuse to give it up until the other hand forks over that new watch. Don't try this in public, however, especially if even the vaguest hint of a Supreme Court nomination is in your future.

■ **Football pools for food.** As a variation on the old football pool, the Thanksgiving Day pool could be used to get more pie, or maybe have the loser do the dishes. And getting out of the dishes would be good reason for the wives of America to take interest in all those college games. A real family-builder.

■ **Tag-team Turkey Day Wrestling.** Tired of the old "but I want the last drumstick" shuffle? Never have enough white meat to satisfy the whole family? Let 'em rattle for it with the winner getting first choice of bird parts. Not only would it keep the edge on the kids' competitive spirits, it would get them so tired and hungry they'd be a lot less likely to whine at dinner or make too much noise during the big game.

■ **Change your attitude.** Here's my favorite. How about just enjoying Thanksgiving, forgetting about Christmas, work and Halloween for a couple of days and kicking back? Expect nothing but a good meal and a good game, and be thankful even if you don't get those. Actually, I'm glad Thanksgiving is resisting commercialization so well. Most other holidays have either been turned into annual excuses for sales or in to a third day for some weekend or other. I hope it remains a time for families (even very extended ones like we in the service have) to get together and just break and give thanks.

Oh, one more thing. All weigh-ins should be banned for at least one month after Thanksgiving, which would bring us up to Christmas-New Years, which should earn another month's reprieve...

Marsh lauds CFC effort

Successful campaign surpasses goal and last year's final dollar total

This year's Overseas Combined Federal Campaign in the U.S. Army Berlin Community was an overwhelming success. Our contributions to this extremely worthwhile effort exceeded our established goal by 35 percent and totalled more than \$127,800.

The reason for our success can be attributed directly to generous spirit of the

individual soldiers and citizens of our community. We must also acknowledge the hard work of the CFC keypersons who provided everyone with the opportunity to "Help Someone Through" their CFC.

I want to thank each and every member of our community who participated in the CFC. Our contributions help those less

fortunate around the world. And closer to home, six percent of our total contributions will be returned to the U.S. Army Berlin for use by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund activities.

Well done!

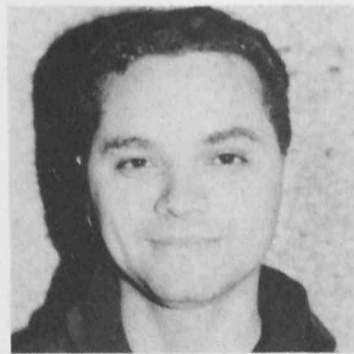
—Brig. Gen. Caryl G. Marsh
Community Commander

Observations

What does Thanksgiving mean to you?



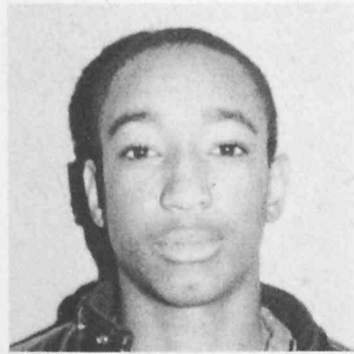
Michael Haddock, family member: "It's a time to be thankful and caring for the things that we have."



SSgt. Rafael Martinez, 40th Armor: "To me it's just being with your family and having a good time sharing the food and closeness that we have. We want to share with friends and each other."



Dawn Maughan, family member: "Family. It's time to think about, write to and call family. It's a time to appreciate and enjoy your family."



Eldred Ramtahal, family member: "Being thankful for all of the things you have like family members, friends and special loved ones."



SP4 Paul Potter, Headquarters Company, Berlin Brigade: "It's a time to give thanks for everything you got in the world and for all of your family."



Mike Biron

Santa and Snowflake send their greetings from the North Pole while getting ready to host AFN's Snowball Satellite.

AFN to air 'Snowball' show

AFN Berlin has reported that Santa has agreed again this year to take time out of his busy schedule to talk to the children of the American military community via AFN Berlin's satellite link to the North Pole known as "Snowball Satellite."

Everybody is busy making preparations to ensure the annual link-up will be a successful, happy experience for the children who participate.

This year Thomas A. Roberts and John F. Kennedy

Elementary schools will be helping AFN by selecting the children who will appear on the programs and taking care of the reservations and administrative part of the production.

The programs will air 3:15 p.m. weekdays starting Tuesday and end Dec. 22.

The programs will be taped in advance, so the children will not only be able to talk to Santa, but watch themselves when it is aired.

Activities set holiday hours

All Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving except;

- Truman Plaza Shoppette 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Düppel Shoppette 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Filling Station 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
- Auto Parts Store 8 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
- Garage 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Plant and pick-up points and the Central Issue Facility will be closed Thursday during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Clothing Sales Store, Self-Service Supply Center, the Bakery, the Services Branch (shops), TISA, Supply Issue and Turn-in Point, the Ammunition Branch and the Repairable Exchange Activity will all be open during the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday.

Official Travel Office, closed; U.S. duty train reservations, 8 a.m.—4 p.m.; Household Goods Section, information only (no packouts/deliveries, local moves, appointments); U.S. bus lines run on holiday schedule.

Army secretary Marsh visits Berlin

The Secretary of the Army, John O. Marsh, will visit Berlin next week making several command appearances in dual-commemoration of the 750th anniversary of Berlin and the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

The secretary will be bringing the U.S. Army Field Band. The band will also be taking part in the Berlin's celebration Monday in Berlin's Philharmonie.

Two performances are scheduled for service-members and their families 10 a.m. The soldier's chorus will perform for American school children at the Outpost Theatre and the concert band will perform at the Coliseum Theatre, McNair Barracks.

Local AFN broadcasts will carry specific information about activities surrounding Marsh's visit.

TAR guard's death under investigation

A guard from the 6941st Guard Battalion here was found dead inside the Thomas A. Roberts Elementary School at approximately 10:55 p.m. Monday night.

A joint investigation is being conducted by the Berlin police homicide division and the Military Police. No further details were available at press time.



AFN Berlin earns journalism awards

The American Forces Network, Berlin earned several placings in the 1987 Keith L. Ware Army journalism contest.

In the single radio newscast with strong emphasis on local news from an AFRTS outlet category, AFN Berlin beat out all competition to take the top spot with "Berlin Newscast."

The Berlin team took second place in the special information television program from an on-air AFRTS outlet category with footage called the "Reagan Visit."

In the category for special achievement in support of the 1987 Army theme, "The Constitution," the crew took third place with the submission of "Constitution."

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New currency fatal to four-power alliance

by Tom Blake
Historical columnist

A common fight against Hitler during World War II never obscured basic philosophical or economic differences in the governmental systems of the Soviet Union and its western allies. Yet, pragmatic considerations that allowed "limited" free enterprise to surface in Russia whenever central planning failed also prompted Josef Stalin to accept aid from the capitalist west when Nazi armies invaded his homeland in June, 1941. During the next four years, the USSR received more than \$11 billion worth of material through Anglo-American lend-lease programs.

Soviet walkout

German capitulation in spring, 1945 did not, however, mean the Soviets would adopt a cooperative attitude regarding joint occupation policy. Western ideas of denazification followed by gradual rebuilding of a self-sufficient German national economy were far from acceptable to the men from Moscow. Russian programs included heavy punitive reparations and measures intended to integrate East Germany into the Soviet economic system. The Potsdam Conference of July—August 1945 closed without achieving consensus on any common policy and four-power relations began to deteriorate and ended when the Soviets walked out of the Allied Control Council in 1948.

Immediately after the fall of Berlin in May 1945 the Russian commandant closed the German banking system and replaced it with one controlled by Soviet military administration. In the light of post-war conditions, this was no doubt a justifiable move, but it created a stranglehold on Berlin finance that was maintained after British, French and American military government contingents took their places in four-power Kommandatura finance committees.

Reform controversy

Old reichsmarks and occupation marks minted by both the Russians and the western allies were in common circulation throughout the first 12 months of occupation while fiscal reform was studied. In a paper published in May, 1946 the Office of Military Government, U.S., proposed creation of a new German currency and reduction of the overall national debt at a ratio of 10 occupation marks to one "new" mark. Levels of occupation costs paid by Germany to the four powers was limited, and international market value of the new mark was fixed at four to the American dollar. Controversy about details held up agreement on the plan through January, 1947 while Soviet officials continued to insist on independent control and the right to print their own supply of bank notes at their plant in Leipzig.

American Commandant Col. Frank Howley finally suggested a compromise



East Germans riot against the fiscal policies of their government in 1953.

that would create an extraterritorial plant in Berlin where all printing could be done under four-power control. Howley's proposal was accepted by the British and French, but the Russians refused to participate in the program. Further unproductive discussions stretched on into December, 1947, and although western currency had been minted by then, it was withheld from circulation pending Soviet approval.

Russian response

Since their campaign to incorporate all of Berlin into their zone of occupation was threatened by the introduction of hard currency in the west, the Russians intensified their use of mob violence and stepped up their propaganda onslaught in an attempt to discredit western economic reform programs.

In May 1948 the Kommandatura Finance Committee submitted a British proposal that seemed to satisfy all four power demands, but it was met by a totally unacceptable Soviet counterproposal. The handwriting was on the wall, and a split in occupation government was imminent. Inflationary conditions in western Germany had become critical. In order to prevent total economic collapse, the French, British and American military governments proceeded to introduce fiscal reform in their zones on June 20. This measure was taken only after all reasonable attempts to reach common four-power policy failed. As expected, the Soviets followed suit on June 23, but their plan included the eastern sector of Berlin in Soviet zonal reform. Consequently, western city commandants

were forced to overstamp currency circulating in their sectors of the city to avoid Soviet control of the entire Berlin economy.

Meanwhile, the Soviets had begun to obstruct traffic between the western zones and Berlin. At approximately 5 p.m. June 22, Russian troops took over an east-bound American train under threat of arms, attached it to a Soviet locomotive and pulled it back to Helmstedt. If the Russians couldn't negotiate, they would use siege tactics. Rail, water and road traffic to the western sectors of Berlin had been blockaded by the end of June. A definite split in relations had come and only allied ingenuity and the fortitude of the Berlin population kept freedom alive behind the iron curtain. More than a quarter million flights during the next 15 months kept supplies rolling into the city, while economic reform that had been so long in coming was finally put into effect under most difficult conditions.

Legacy of division

The Soviets eventually relented and free access to the western sectors of Berlin was restored, but the city was left with a legacy of two separate economies and two opposing political systems. The artificially induced birth of the DDR in 1949 provided a laboratory for socialist fiscal experimentation, East Berlin was illegally declared the capital of the DDR and central planning was heralded as the salvation of workers and farmers who were given no choice but to participate in the new economy. Hundreds of thousands chose to leave their homes instead.

Vestige of support

The wall that imprisoned 17 million people in East Germany did not create an independent nation. The federal republic continues to recognize the borders of Germany as they were in 1937, and as a result the west also continues to provide economic support through "Inner German" relations departments. No tariffs are imposed on goods passing from west to east and many of the road, rail and building renovation projects in the DDR are financed by West German marks. Retirees from the DDR are automatically eligible for government pensions in the west (emigration is not only permitted but encouraged after retirement age) and projects ranging from the reconstruction of both sides of the Glienicke Bridge to renovation of German national monuments in East Berlin have been paid for by the West German government.

Today one of the finest examples of the success of the Socialist system is the Japanese-financed Grand Hotel at the corner of Friedrichstrasse and Unter den Linden. There, in an opulent setting reminiscent of turn of the century continental luxury hosteleries, anyone with a good supply of west marks (east marks are only accepted in two of the many restaurants, bars and public facilities) can enjoy a delicious meal or spend the night in fine style. Rooms ranging from 380 West marks to 4,800 West marks per night come complete with well-stocked bar, color TV and fitness center privileges. Next year the weary traveler at the Grand will also be able to buy a pair of Adidas sport shoes made in the DDR.



Steppin' out

Christmas markets ring in local yule season

by Eve Krüger
Cultural events editor

Christmas season is on its way and some of the many Christmas markets in town open their doors for shoppers and visitors this weekend.

The traditional city Christmas market takes place around the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church on Breitscheidplatz. To get a feel for the pre-Christmas atmosphere visitors will be surrounded by the aroma of glühwein, spekulatius and cinnamon. Visitors will also have the opportunity to watch the work of glassblowers, to buy handcarved Christmas tree decorations or any of the other several handicraft articles on sale. Entertainment will be offered on stage. Musicians, choirs and dancing groups from all parts of Germany round up the pre-Christmas spirit.

This year the organizers will offer a special attraction to visitors. A porcelain manger exhibition from Tirschenreuth can be seen daily 11 a.m.—7 p.m. in the old tower of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church.

Children are not forgotten. Each day at 3:45 p.m. Santa opens a door of the huge Advent calendar. Puppeteers and other artists will perform for the children's entertainment. There will also be a game and do-it-yourself Christmas gift booth for children where, under guidance, they can make their own Christmas presents.

The city Christmas market is open daily 11 a.m.—9 p.m. and continues until Dec. 27. To reach the market take the U-Bahn to Zoo Station or U-Bahn stop Kurfürstendamm or Bus 19 or 29.

Spandau market

For those who like it a bit more romantic and who are willing to travel a little farther, the Spandau Christmas market offers a wide variety of Christmas goods. The historical surroundings of the market adds to the spice of old fashion Christmas. Highlights of the Spandau pre-Christmas scene are the traditional concerts being held at the St. Nikolai Kirche which is located in the center of the old part of Spandau.

The market is open 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Saturdays and Sunday. To get there take

U-Bahn line 7 to either Rathaus Spandau or Altstadt Spandau.

Antiqua '87

The annual antiques exhibition and sales show takes place at hall 18 at the Funkturm exhibition and fair grounds Saturday—Wednesday. Sixty art and antique dealers show a fine selection of special art objects like European furniture, porcelain, silver, glass, clocks, jewelery, paintings and old books. Also on display are Oriental and Asian art. As part of the "Antiqua" a special exhibition concerning art in Berlin during the 1920s will be shown. It includes the history of theatre as well as painting styles of this era. Berlin was famous of Dadaism. Artwork and everyday utensils show the visitor the spirit of the age. No matter whether one is an expert in this field or just an antique lover this exhibition is worth seeing.

Tickets for the exhibition cost DM 12. The "Antiqua" is open 11 a.m.—9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 1 p.m.—9 p.m. Monday—Wednesday. U-Bahn line 1 to Kaiserdamm or Theodor-Heus-Platz or else Bus 4, 10, 65, 69 and 94 will take you there.

Santa Claus artwork

The Museum für Deutsche Volkskunde opens a free exhibition Saturday which shows the meaning of Christmas in picture books. A collection of picture books from the 19th and 20th centuries represent in 10 chapters the story of Christmas and other holiday related stories.

"Nikolaus and Santa Claus" is the title of a second exhibit also taking place at the museum for German folk art. A private collection of over 1,000 Nikolaus and Santa Claus was donated recently to the museum. They are made of different materials like wood, paper, tin, porcelain and glass and come in all shapes and sizes. The exhibition shows the varieties of Santas from all parts of Germany and other countries.

The museum would also like to announce that they will have a small Christmas mart Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6 and 12 and 13, 10 a.m.—5 p.m.



Berlin's Christmas markets feature the city's unique artwork as well as shopping opportunities.

The Museum für Deutsche Volkskunde is located on Im Winkel 628 in Dahlem. The opening hours are 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Tuesdays—Sundays. Closed on Mondays.

Upcoming events

■ 8 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Hochschule der Künste: Queen Yahna and the International Group of Spirit with a gospel concert.

Tickets range from DM 15—30 and can be purchased at any ticket agency.

■ 3:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6 at the Philharmonie: The Vienna Boys Choir with Christmas songs. Tickets are DM 22—32 at any ticket agency.

■ 8 p.m. Dec. 15—19 at the Akademie der Künste: The Natural Theatre Company from Bath with a musical called "Spy Society." Prices for tickets are not yet available.

AFRC announces hotel rate hikes, tour prices

Americans taking advantage of the Armed Forces Recreation Center hotels and recreation programs will face higher prices for those services beginning Jan. 3, according to an AFRC news release.

The higher prices were made necessary because of the falling value of the dollar against the mark, according to Harry Connors, AFRC public affairs officer.

The AFRC prices are set according to the rank of the person using the service, and the increase is also rank-related. There

is also a different rate scale in effect at the two different kinds of AFRC hotels, standard and superior.

The changes are:

■ AFRC hotel family room prices will not change, and children up to 16 stay free. This is a change from the current age limit of only those 12 and under staying free, he said;

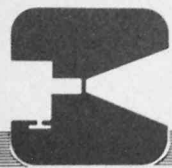
■ Room rates for servicemembers E-1—E-5 will only go up \$1 in standard

hotels. The new rates are \$16 for a single room with bath; \$9 for single room without bath; \$20 for double room with bath; and \$11 for a double room without bath;

■ Rates for those E-6 and up, civilians and other authorized to use AFRC facilities will be \$21 for a single room with bath; \$14 for a single room without bath; \$28 for a double room with bath, and \$18 for a double room without bath. These prices are for standard hotels; and

■ Room rates for all ranks in a superior AFRC hotel are \$26 for a single room with bath; \$18 for a single room without bath; \$34 for a double room with bath; and \$23 for a double room without bath. These rates increased an average of \$4.

For more information or hotel/recreational program reservations, call AFRC Central Reservations Office at ETS 440-2575; local charge 0130-2772; or civilian (08821) 75710.



On the screen

Nov. 27—Dec. 3

Outpost — Clayallee (6524)

Fri. **Full Metal Jacket** (R), 19:30 in Dolby stereo
Sat. Children's Matinee: **Lassie Come Home**, 14:00
Sat. **Sweet Liberty** (PG), 18:30 and 20:30
Sun. **Spaceballs** (PG), 14:00 and 19:30
Mon. Same show as above (PG), 19:30
Tue. **Who's That Girl** (PG), 19:30
Wed. Same show as above (PG) 19:30
Thu. **Revenge Of The Nerds II** (PG), 19:30

Columbia — Tempelhof (5522)

Fri. **Adventures In Babysitting** (PG), 19:30
Sat. **Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs** (G), 19:30
Sun. **The Untouchables** (R), 19:30
Mon. Same show as above (R), 19:30
Tue. Same show as above (R), 19:30
Wed. **Death Before Dishonor** (R), 19:30
Thu. **Full Metal Jacket** (R), 19:30

Coliseum — McNair Brks. (3131)

Fri. **Jaws—The Revenge** (PG), 19:30
Sat. **Beverly Hills Cop II** (R), 19:30
Sun. Same show as above (R), 14:30 and 19:30
Mon. Same show as above (R), 19:30
Tue. **Heartbreak Ridge** (R), 19:30
Wed. Same show as above (R), 19:30
Thu. **Adventures In Babysitting** (PG), 19:30

Andrews — Barracks (3538)

Fri. **Innerspace** (PG), 18:30
Sat. **Robocop** (R), 18:30
Sun. **La Bamba** (PG), 01:00
Sun. **Robocop** (R), 18:30
Mon. Same show as above (R), 18:30
Tue. **Mannequin** (PG), 18:30
Wed. —closed—
Thu. **Jaws—The Revenge** (PG), 18:30

Jerboa — Theodor-Heuss-Platz

Fri. **Short Circuit** (PG), 19:30
Sat. Children's matinee: **Danger Point** (G), 10:00

Sat. **Short Circuit** (PG), 19:30
Sun. **Ruthless People** (X), 19:30
Mon. Same show as above (X), 19:30
Tue. **Star Trek—The Voyage Home** (PG), 19:30
Wed. Same show as above (PG), 19:30
Thu. —closed—

Astra — RAF Gatow compound

Fri. **Cinderella** (G), 19:30
Sat. Children's matinee: **All At Sea** (G), 14:00
Sat. **Cinderella** (G), 19:30
Sun. Same show as above (G), 19:30
Mon. **Lethal Weapon** (X), 19:30
Tue. Same show as above (X), 19:30
Wed. —closed—
Thu. **Lethal Weapon** (X), 19:30

— German theaters downtown, playing movies in the original English version —

Odeon

— 116 Hauptstrasse, Schöneberg
Tel. 781-5667 from 5 p.m.
—The Witches Of Eastwick, 18:00, 20:30 and 23:00

Yorck

—Yorckstrasse 86, Tel.: 7861 5070

U-Bahn to Mehringdamm—

Full Metal Jacket, by Stanley Kubrick. Daily performances at 17:15, 20:00, 22:30 and 01:00

Thalia 2

— Kaiser-Wilhelm-Strasse 71, 1-46 (admission DM7)

(Note: ID card holders get a discount; air conditioned; fully licensed bar)

To get to the Thalia movie theater, take bus 2, 30, 32, 81, 83, 61, 86. Get off at Lankwitz Kirche, the church. Theater is located opposite Woolworth's.

—Until Wed. daily performances of **The Beatles: Magical Mystery Tour** and **At Shea Stadium**, 18:20. At 20:20, daily until Wed. **Rolling Stones: In The Park**.

AFN-TV

Nov. 27—Dec. 3

Friday
06:00 NBC Nightly News
06:30 CNN Sports
07:00 ABC Nightline
07:30 Just For Kids
08:35 Jeopardy
09:00 AFN's Morning Movie: "What's The Matter With Helen?"
11:00 Larry King
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 Donahue
13:20 The Hamptons
14:05 The Divorce
14:50 For Kids Only
16:00 Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Berlin Tonight
18:45 CNN Sports
19:00 The Cosby Show
19:25 Silver Spoons
19:50 Berlin P.M.
20:00 Designing Women
20:30 New Mike Hammer
21:25 Berlin Tonight—Late Edition
21:30 St. Elsewhere
22:20 CNN Headlines
22:30 AFN's Late Show: "Blood Of Others (Pt. 3)"
00:00 Late Night With David Letterman
01:00 Dance Fever
01:30 ABC World News
— Nightwatch continues through the night —
Saturday
— Nightwatch continues through the morning —
06:00 NBC Nightly News

06:30 CNN Sports
06:55 AM Notebook
07:00 Crook And Chase
07:30 For Kids Only
09:50 The Incredible Hulk
10:40 Entertainment Tonight
11:10 Star Trek
11:55 Berlin P.M. (R)
This schedule is tentative.
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 EUCOM Report
13:00 AFN's Saturday Matinee Movie: "Samson And Delilah"
15:00 Hee Haw
16:00 Superstars Of Wrestling
17:00 The Wizard
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Gimme A Break
19:00 The Fall Guy
20:00 Love Boat
21:00 Sports: TBA
After the Sports: Saturday Night Live — Nightwatch continues through the night —
Sunday
— Nightwatch continues through the morning —
06:00 CNN Headline News
06:30 Insight
07:00 Coral Ridge Ministries
08:00 For Kids Only
09:00 Small Wonder
09:30 Wheel Of Fortune
10:00 Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous
11:00 Eight Is Enough
This schedule is tentative.

12:00 CNN Headline News
12:30 Nickelodeon Matinee: "Fantastic Voyage"
14:05 America's Top Ten
14:30 McLaughlin Group
15:00 Solid Gold
16:00 The A-Team
17:00 Facts Of Life
17:30 Passport
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Newhart
19:00 60 Minutes
20:00 Hotel
21:00 Sports: TBA
After the Sports: AFN's Late Show: "Thornwell"
Great American Music Reunion
Monday
06:00 CNN Headline News
06:30 Face The Nation
07:00 Meet The Press
07:30 Just For Kids
08:40 Jeopardy
09:10 Dream Girl
09:35 Together We Stand
10:05 Money Week
10:35 Fight Back With David Horowitz
11:00 The Health Show
11:30 Ebony Jet Showcase
12:00 CNN Headline News
12:30 Donahue
13:20 The Hamptons
14:05 Edward And Mrs. Simpson
14:50 For Kids Only
16:00 The Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Berlin Tonight
18:45 CNN Sports

19:00 Moonlighting
19:50 Berlin P.M.
20:00 227
20:30 Entertainment This Week
21:25 Berlin Tonight—Late Edition
21:30 Falcon Crest
22:20 CNN Headlines
22:30 D.C. Follies
23:00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
23:30 AFN's Late Show: "A Different Affair"
01:10 ABC World News Tonight
Tuesday
06:00 NBC Nightly News
06:30 CNN Sports
06:55 AM Notebook
07:00 ABC Nightline
07:30 Just For Kids
08:30 Beverly Hillbillies
08:55 Jeopardy
09:15 It Figures
09:40 Candidates '88
10:40 Entertainment Tonight
11:05 People's Court
11:30 Super Chargers
11:55 Berlin P.M. (R)
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
13:15 True Confessions
14:00 Edward And Mrs. Simpson
14:55 For Kids Only
15:15 Snowball Satellite
16:00 The Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Berlin Tonight
18:45 CNN Sports
19:00 Knight Rider
19:50 Berlin P.M.
20:00 Prime Time

20:30 Paper Chase
21:25 Berlin Tonight—Late Edition
21:30 Knots Landing
22:20 CNN Headlines
22:30 TBA
After the programming: ABC World News
Wednesday
06:00 NBC Nightly News
06:30 CNN Sports
06:55 AM Notebook
07:00 ABC Nightline
07:30 Just For Kids
08:50 Jeopardy
09:10 AFN's Morning Movie: "A Different Affair"
10:40 Entertainment Tonight
11:05 Larry King
11:55 Berlin P.M. (R)
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 Donahue
13:20 Lights! Camera! Annie!
14:10 Edward And Mrs. Simpson
15:05 For Kids Only
15:15 Snowball Satellite
16:00 Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Berlin Tonight
18:45 CNN Sports
19:00 Airwolf
19:50 Berlin P.M.
20:05 AFN's Evening Movie: "On Wings Of Eagles"
(Pt. 1)
22:25 Berlin Tonight—Late Edition
22:30 Hunter
23:20 CNN Headlines
23:30 The Tonight Show

00:30 AFN's Late Show: "The Big Trees"
02:00 ABC World News
Thursday
06:00 NBC Nightly News
06:30 CNN Sports
06:55 AM Notebook
07:00 ABC Nightline
07:30 Just For Kids
08:30 Jeopardy
08:55 It Figures
09:15 National Geographic
09:45 Mayberry RFD
10:10 Frugal Gourmet
10:40 Entertainment Tonight
11:05 Larry King
11:55 Berlin P.M. (R)
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
13:15 General Hospital
14:00 Guiding Light
14:45 For Kids Only
15:15 Snowball Satellite
16:00 The Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Berlin Tonight
18:45 CNN Sports
19:00 Scarecrow And Mrs. King
19:50 Berlin P.M.
20:00 Cheers
20:30 Spencer For Hire
21:25 Berlin Tonight—Late Edition
21:30 Hill Street Blues
22:20 CNN Headlines
22:30 The Tonight Show
23:30 AFN's Late Show: "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore"
01:15 ABC World News

BFBS-TV

The Services Sound and Vision Corporation BFBS Television Program Schedule Nov. 21—27

* Denotes that a program is being transmitted "live" from London

Saturday
11:00 Children's SSSVC starting with: Percy Peverly's World Of Cartoons
And including: BMX Beat
The A-Team
12:45 Pop Spot
13:15 Grandstand*
18:05 News And Weather*
18:15 Cue Gary
18:50 Blind Date
19:30 Copy Cats (New)
19:55 Casualty
20:45 TV Movie: Death Cruise
21:55 The Ronnie Corbett Show
22:25 The Equalizer
23:15 Saturday Almost Live
00:05 Closedown
Sunday
14:00 This Week Next Week* starting with: News Summary
15:00 Maestro: Sir Stanley Matthews
15:45 Film: The Prisoner Of Zenda
17:25 Heathcliffe And Mar-maduke
17:45 Family Ties (New)
18:10 Vanity Fair
18:40 Songs Of Praise
19:20 News And Weather*
19:35 Strike It Lucky
20:00 Eastenders
20:55 The Duty Men (New)
21:45 The Last Frontiersman
23:05 The New Statesman
23:30 Closedown
Monday
12:20 Children's SSSVC starting with: What's Inside?
12:35 Play School
12:55 Schools: Seeing And Doing
13:10 Schools: Thinkabout
13:30 News And Weather*
13:50 Bazaar
14:20 Take The High Road
14:45 BFG Teletext
16:10 Children's SSSVC starting with: Bertha
16:25 Boss Cat
16:50 Chish 'n' Fips

17:15 Splash
17:40 Making The Most Of...
18:05 Bob's Full House
18:45 News And Weather*
19:00 The Krypton Factor
19:25 Coronation Street
19:50 The Russ Abbot Show
20:20 QED: Old Wives Tale
20:30 Top Gear Special
21:05 Miss Marple: Nemesis (Part 1)
22:00 News And Weather*
22:30 World In Action
22:55 Sportscene
23:25 Closedown
Tuesday
12:25 Children's SSSVC starting with: Tickle On The Tum
12:40 Play School
13:00 Schools: You And Me
13:15 Schools: Going Places
13:30 News And Weather*
13:50 The Clothes Show
14:15 About Britain
14:40 BFG Teletext
15:55 Children's SSSVC starting with: Chock-A-Block
16:10 The Pondles
16:25 Corners
16:40 Emu's Wide World
17:25 Blue Peter
17:55 Knights Of God
18:20 Knight Rider

18:45 News And Weather*
19:00 Emmerdale Farm
19:25 Dr. Who
19:50 Bodymatters
20:20 21 Years Of The Two Ronnies
21:05 Ellis Island
22:00 News And Weather*
22:30 Film '87
23:00 Spitting Image
23:25 Closedown
Wednesday
12:20 Children's SSSVC starting with: Flicks
12:35 Play School
12:55 Schools: Look And Read
13:30 News And Weather*
13:50 Look Good, Feel Great
14:15 Take The Highroad
14:40 BFG Teletext
16:00 Children's SSSVC starting with: Rainbow
16:15 Batty's Adventures
16:35 Hartbeat
17:00 Bad Boyes
17:30 The Flintstones
17:55 Swim
18:20 The Roxy
18:45 News And Weather*
19:00 Fun And Games
19:25 Coronation Street
19:50 Home To Roost
20:15 Des O'Connor Tonight
21:05 Howard's Way

22:00 News And Weather*
22:30 Rockschool
23:00 Rugby Special
23:40 Closedown
Thursday
12:25 Children's SSSVC starting with: Ratman
12:40 Play School
13:00 Schools: Storytime
13:15 Schools: Our World My World
13:30 News And Weather*
13:50 Through The Keyhole
14:15 Heirloom
14:40 BFG Teletext
16:00 Children's SSSVC starting with: Caterpillar Trail
16:15 Henry's Cat
16:35 Scooby Doo
16:55 Kids Kafe (New)
17:25 Record Breakers
17:50 Starshot (New)
18:15 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right
18:45 News And Weather*
19:00 Emmerdale Farm
19:25 All At No 20
19:50 Tomorrow's World
20:20 Hunter (New)
21:10 Bust
22:00 News And Weather*
22:30 Last Of The Summer Wine
23:00 Forty Minutes—Girls Apart
23:40 Closedown

Friday
12:20 Children's SSSVC starting with: The Raggy Dolls (New)
12:35 Play School
12:55 Schools: Wondermaths
13:10 Schools: How We Used To Live
13:30 News And Weather*
13:50 That's My Dog
14:15 Take The Highroad
14:40 BFG Teletext
16:05 Children's SSSVC starting with: Puddle Lane
16:20 The Pocket Money Programme
16:50 Simon And The Witch (New)
17:05 Blue Peter
17:35 What's All This Then? (New)
18:15 Tricks Of The Trade
18:45 News And Weather*
19:00 Top Of The Pops
19:30 'Allo 'Allo (New)
19:55 Crazy Like A Fox (New)
20:40 Jimmy's
21:05 Pulaski
22:00 News And Weather*
22:30 The Last Resort With Jonathan Ross
23:05 Film: "Pretorius"
00:45 Closedown

Battalion preps for Connelly Cup contest

by Bethanne Kelly
Observer stringer

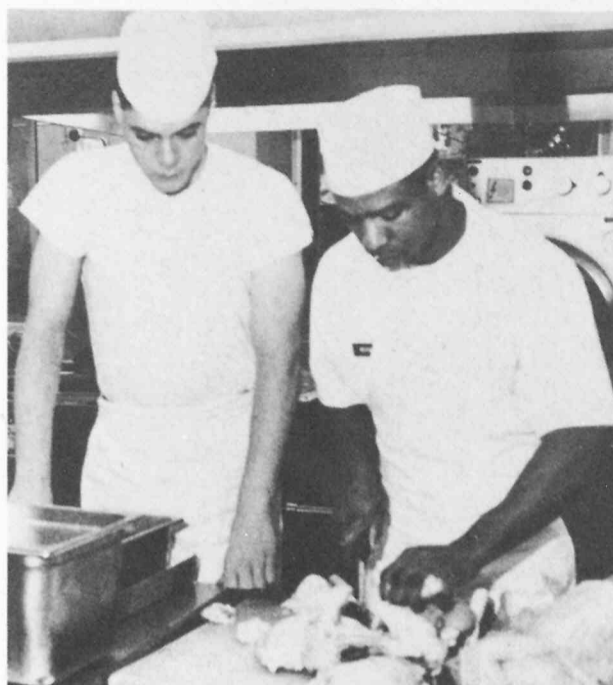
In a hurry for lunch and can't make it to the Burger Bar? Just pick up the short-order phone and call ahead for a meal — assigned to 4th Battalion, that is. "We cook all our burgers to order rather than let food sit around on the grill," explained SFC Carl Sheffield, 4th Bn. dining facility NCOIC. "It makes us competitive with the fast food places here, so the soldiers save money."

Ideas like this one are part of the reason this infantry battalion's dining facility has been selected to compete in the large facility category of the Connelly Cup for Excellence in Food Service Management Competition.

The 4th Bn. mess hall won the Connelly in 1986 in the category of best field rations facility. Before that it was runner-up in the same category in 1985. They liked winning better than being runner-up and are going all out to win again.

"We're going to go for it," said SP4 Greg Blanding, dining facility clerk. "We've got a very good chance of winning."

With 700 soldiers in the battalion and 250 of them in the mess hall for every meal, being competitive means attention to meal schedules and a lot of practice. Sheffield's 28 cooks will prepare their "Connelly meal" three times before the December inspection. On the "Connelly" menu is savory baked chicken, Swiss steak smothered with onions, mashed potatoes or steamed rice, stewed tomatoes or seasoned broccoli and ice cream.



Jesus Cuaresma
Sgt. Samuel Mauldin instructs Pvt. 2 Tracey Duke on the correct way to cut chicken in the 4th Battalion Dining Facility up for the Connelly Cup.

The dining facility staff will also work on the food's appearance — not only garnishes, but the arrangement of the salad bar. The sanitation will be checked, the files

will be checked, the storage will be checked.

"It's a lot of work. Keeping the cooks psyched up for the competition makes a difference," Sheffield said. Since a goal of the Connelly Cup is honing the everyday things a dining facility does, the staff cannot build excitement with elaborate dishes or procedures. Instead, attention and praise keep everyone's spirits high.

"We're judged on how well we do what we're supposed to do, so I make sure to comment on good work. I also point out the prestige behind winning one of these awards.

"I (also) choose which team members will come along to the awards ceremony with myself and (1st Lt. Michael) Martin, the dining facility officer," Sheffield said. Last year the ceremony was held in Philadelphia; the crew is hoping for Las Vegas this year.

The most important payoff, however, is the satisfied customer.

"The salad bar is great and there's always a variety, especially for lunch," said Sgt. Drue Lollis of Combat Support Company, 4th Bn.

The 4th Bn. facility has to meet the challenges of keeping up with a busy group of soldiers. Sheffield points out that the dining staff has to, "work around the mission." This means juggling recipes for 100 diners one day, 300 the next, supporting ARTEPS and other exercises, and meeting demands for special events — but it seems to be what this crew thrives on. Sheffield makes this last point as the phone rings, a soldier at the other end ordering a hamburger, his way.

U.S. forces get back taxes on German goods

Americans can take 14 percent off their Deutsche mark Christmas bills by taking advantage of the Value Added Tax reimbursement program available to those serving here.

Those spending at least DM 50 on German goods or services can apply for reimbursement of the 14 percent sales tax added to the bill, according to Deputy Finance Officer, Capt. David Hobbs.

Anyone who works for the U.S. forces and is paid with dollars is eligible for the value added tax reimbursement.

Despite the unfavorable mark rate, soldiers are the least likely to take advantage of the program, Hobbs said.

"Almost all of our (VAT) customers are people who've been here for 50 years. They're almost all Germans and not too many of them are Americans. It's rare to see a soldier apply," Hobbs said.

Those stationed in Berlin who are qualified are: soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, teachers, State Department employees and any of their family members over 18 years old. Contractors and U.S. passport holders paid with U.S. currency are also eligible for reimbursement.

Purchases must be for the buyer's own use. That includes meals at restaurants, clothes or a variety of services. Groceries and car purchases aren't included.

The limit for each calendar year is DM 2,000. That means a maximum annual DM 280 return.

"We're entitled to reimbursement of any VAT we spend here or in West Germany," Hobbs said.

The receipt is the most important item for a VAT reimbursement.

The person needs to make sure the fol-

lowing items are included on the bill: the customer's name and address; the nature of the items/services; the percentage of the VAT, i. e. 14 percent; the amount of VAT if more than DM 200; the date; the name and address of the company; the firm's stamp with a signature; and, proof the amount was "paid in full."

All entries must be made by the vendor, or that will invalidate the receipt.

Cards with this information in both English and German are available at the finance building, Clay Headquarters.

Receipts from optical purchases and car repairs should have a statement that the customer didn't receive any compensation from the German government or from insurance companies.

For costly items for which customers makes regular installment payments, only the VAT on the money actually paid up to the time of the application can be recovered.

People can hold onto receipts and make one consolidated application with the finance office just as long as none of the receipts is more than a year old.

Invoices from two different calendar years must be submitted on separate application forms, Hobbs said.

The original receipt must accompany the application. It takes about two months receive the reimbursement. Envelopes are given to applicants so that the reimbursement is sent wherever the applicant wants it sent.

Reimbursements are paid in German marks, and cannot be cashed at the finance office.

For more information about VAT, call Amrei Prodlik, BM 6786 or 6566.



Chris Allbright

"Operation Santa Claus" volunteers collected a variety of food in Sunday's sweep of the housing areas. Boy Scout Brian Adams holds up a jar of caviar to fellow scout Chris Houston and "Operation Santa" Coordinator Barbara Meadows.

Food collections continue

'Operation Santa Claus' drive deadlines draw near

Collections continue until Dec. 4 for this year's "Operation Santa Claus" at six Berlin American community locations.

Boxes are at the Commissary, Toyland, Army Community Services and chapels at Andrews, McNair and on Hüttenweg.

Boy and Girl Scouts were out last weekend collecting hundreds of cans and bags of food for the ACS sponsored food and gift drive.

Donations will go to servicemembers experiencing temporary or sustained financial crunches.

It's anticipated that 225 boxes will be prepared for the give-away.

Deadline for units submitting names for the drive is Friday.

Specifically, "Operation Santa" volunteers will be looking for new, unisex toys for infants and children up to 12 years old.

Food items could include turkeys, stuffing, instant potatoes, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, pie filling or yams.

Volunteers are still need for helping with the final barrel pick-up Dec. 4, gift wrapping Dec. 10 and stuffing gift boxes Dec. 11-14.

"We can always use more people to help with stuffing boxes and wrapping," Publicity Coordinator Robin Philbrick said.



Community events

This week

Airborne association meeting

The Allied Forces Airborne Association will hold a social evening at the Olympic Tavern, Olympic Stadium, 7 p.m. Friday. Cost is DM 15 per person, and includes a night of dancing, dinner, and a raffle. Also included is bus transportation to and from the social. All past and present airborne soldiers, their spouses, and guests are invited. Proceeds from the evening are split between the British Airborne Security Fund and Army Emergency Relief. Cutoff date for ticket sales is today. For information or tickets, contact Lt. Col. Gerald Dillon, BM 6003/6176, or 1st Lt. Gary Southard, BM 6024/6175.

Next week

Sportsman's skeet shoot

The Berlin American Sportsman's Association will hold its monthly skeet shoot 9 a.m. Sunday at Rose Range.

The next membership meeting will be 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at Rose Range. The group will have the election of council members, an auction and give away a reloader, tumbler and a rifle.

MP Christmas dinner

The welfare group of the German-American Women's Club will hold a Christmas dinner for the soldiers of the 287th MP Company and their families 6 p.m. Tuesday, at the Flughafen Restaurant in Tempelhof.

For more information call 831-3667.

Christmas teas

The German-American Women's Club will hold two Christmas teas at the American Community Chapel. The first is 2-4 p.m. Dec. 2 for German handicapped adults. The second is Dec. 3 and is for German elderly.

For more information call 831-3667.

Truman Plaza council meeting

The Truman Plaza Advisory Council will hold its next meeting 10 a.m. Dec. 3 in the main conference room, building 1, Clay Headquarters. The meeting is open to all valid ID card holders in the Berlin American community.

7350th wives meet

The 7350th Security Police Squadron wives will meet for a Christmas gift exchange at 230 Argentinische Allee No. 13, 7 p.m. Dec. 3. Refreshments will be provided. For more details call 813-6256.

Warrant officers meeting

The Berlin Chapter of U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will hold its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Supply and Services compound.

For more information call BM 9140/6580.

Mormon meeting

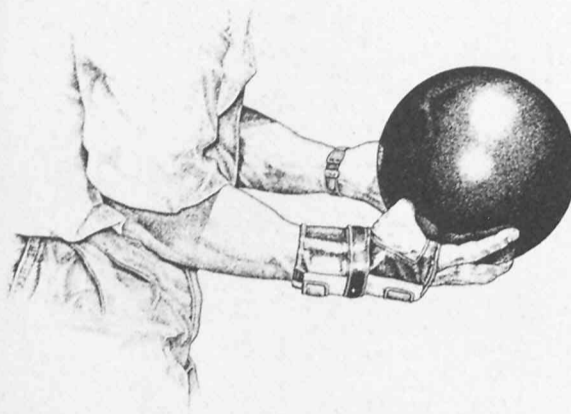
The Relief Society of the Berlin Servicemen Ward will be holding its monthly homemaking meeting 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Latter-day Saints Chapel, 23 Pacelallee in Dahlem. There will be a demonstration of how to make gingerbread sleighs and a special program "Helping our families have a spiritual Christmas."

For more information call 832-6648.

Education forum

A post-secondary education forum is being sponsored by G3 Education in order to determine the Berlin community's need and interest for new college programs in mass communications, education and instructional technology and a doctoral program

in education. Representatives from USAREUR and G3 Education will be participating in the forum 7 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Humboldt Room at the Harnack House. All interested community members may attend. For more information, call G3 Education, BM 6695.



St. Nick tourney

The Berlin Women's Bowling Association will sponsor a St. Nick tournament on Dec. 5. The tourney will be 9-pin no tap for men and 8-pin for women. Two shifts will be held at 6 and 9 p.m., with sign up 30 minutes before each shift. Prizes will be awarded for high game and series for both men and women.

Wives club meeting

Headquarters and Service Company, Combat Support Battalion Wives' Club will meet 7 p.m. Dec. 7 in the company classroom on Andrews Barracks to discuss a Christmas Party. Any questions or free ride details call 774-3638 or 772-2135.

HHC 4th Bn. wives meet

A coffee will be held for the wives of enlisted soldiers in Headquarters Company 4th Battalion to discuss the upcoming Christmas party. The meeting will be 7 p.m. Dec. 10 in the Schöneberg room in building 1001E. Babysitters will be provided. For more information call Maureen Donal, 801-2417, after 5 p.m.

Misc.

Clinic waiting times

Central Apointments at the U.S. Army Hospital, Berlin, has released the next available appointment dates for the following clinics as of Tuesday:

- Gynecology: for active duty, Dec. 14; for family members, Dec. 16.
- Obstetrics: Monday.
- Pap smear: Dec. 16.
- Internal medicine: for new patients Dec. 17; for followups, Dec. 15.
- Optometry: for active duty, Dec. 17; and family members Monday.
- Pediatrics: routine appointments, Dec. 21; the well baby clinic, Dec. 16.
- Surgical: Monday.

Same day appointments are available for acute illness in the mental health, pediatrics and outpatient clinics.

Appointments can be made through the Central Appointment System, BM 4211.

Big Bend seminar

Big Bend Community College is offering a two credit sports seminar on Physical Conditioning for Martial Arts. The seminar will be held on Dec. 5, 6, 12, and 19 from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. at the McNair Gym. Registration is underway at all education centers. For additional information contact Big Bend at BM 9453.

AAFES rep visits

A new car sales technical representative will visit Berlin from the main AAFES office next week. Anyone having warranty problems with Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge or Plymouth can call and make an appointment with Lee Miller or Chuck Shilhol, 813-1989 or 813-8847. The representative will be here Dec. 1, 2 and 3.

FSB Women's meeting

The Field Station Berlin Women's Club will hold its December meeting 7 p.m. Dec. 9. The meeting will be held at 31 Lloyd G. Wells, apt. 1; 802-9157. Topics to be discussed will be nominations of new club officers, the children's Christmas party and the holiday ball.

Members should bring empty toilet paper rolls to the meeting so they can be filled with candy for the children's Christmas party. There will also be a gift exchange, so members should bring a small gift to exchange at the meeting. All spouses of enlisted personnel, female DOD GS6 and below, and all enlisted females who are assigned to Field Station Berlin and USAISC may attend.

Allied coffee morning

The next Allied coffee morning will be held Dec. 8 in the American sector and will have a "Hometown U.S.A. Christmas" theme. Attendees are asked to bring three dozen Christmas cookies or goodies or an American regional Christmas speciality.

For more information or reservations call Gayna Taylor, 824-1531.

Joint Mass meeting

The Protestant and Catholic women of the chapel are sponsoring a joint mini-conference 9-11:30 a.m. on Dec. 9 at the American Community Chapel. The women will be sharing their experiences and training from regional conferences.

For information, call Mary Greiner, 812-1546, or Anne Jakubowski 832-5227.

Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross is offering a number of courses, including:

■ Preparation for parenthood—Dec. 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, and 17. All six sessions begin at 2 p.m. and end at 4 p.m. For more information and registration on this course call the Community Health Nurse, BM 4179/4171.

■ CPR courses are being offered Dec. 5 and 12. For more information call the American Red Cross, BM 6437/6459.

Job opportunities

The Civilian Personnel Directorate is accepting applications for the following dollar-paid positions: U.S. program, GS and DODDS/SF 171 required: teacher, full-time /part time; substitute teacher, intermittent; nurse, GS-9; education services officer, temporary, GS-12.

NAF program, DA 3433 required: waiter/waitress NA-1/2; food service worker NA-1/3; bartender/bar assistant NA 1/3/5; motor vehicle operator NA-07 (53 passenger tour bus); cook, NA-5.

Applications are also being accepted for the waiting list for the following DM-paid positions, AE 57 required: nurse, KC-VI, shift; secretary (typing), C-VIb, English/German, full-time; cook, five years experience, 47 hours per week; various clerical positions with English/German knowledge.

Those who have already applied for one of the above listed jobs, need not reapply for that job. Applications may be made at the Job Information Center, 26 Saargemünder Str. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Wednesday closed, and 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday.

Sacred Heart Guild Mass

The first celebration, to be held 9:30 a.m. Dec. 4, will be a combined Protestant, Catholic, German-American Mass and ornament exchange.

Each ornament should be wrapped and cost no more than DM 5. A pot luck brunch which will follow.

Four Seasons express

The Four Seasons Christmas bus express will operate Friday through Dec. 24, Monday through Sunday, as follows: Depart Düppel 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m.; Bus terminal 11:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m.; Dahlem Guest House 11:49 a.m., 2:19 p.m.; arrive Four Seasons at noon and 2:30 p.m. Depart Four Seasons at 12:40 p.m. and 3:10 p.m.; arrive Dahlem Guest House 12:51 p.m., 3:21 p.m.; Bus Terminal 12:55 p.m., 3:25 p.m.; Düppel 1:07 p.m., 3:37 p.m. For information call the Transportation Motor Pool, BM 3410/3463.

CIF move

The Central Issue Facility will move to its old location, McNair Bks, Bldg 1001H, Dec. 7.

CTC seminars

Central Texas College will be offering the following weekend seminars:

- AUTO 1151: automotive maintenance/brakes, Dec. 5 and 6.
- MGMT 2102: briefing techniques, Dec. 5 and 6.
- LAWE 2303: organized crime, Friday—Sunday and Dec. 4, 5, 6.
- LAWE 2303: homicide, Dec. 11, 12, 13 and 18, 19, 20.

For more information contact any education center or call Central Texas College, BM 9649/9651.



Santas needed

The Hi-Lite Community Center is looking for four or five volunteer "Santas" to work the housing areas Dec. 14—18. Volunteers will receive briefings from the Hi-Lite at 5:15 p.m. and begin their rounds at 5:45 p.m. The rounds will end at approximately 9 p.m.. For more information or to volunteer, call BM 3554/3527.

The Entertainment Branch of the Community Recreation Division is looking for volunteers for positions as a vocal coach, a choreographer, and piano accompanists. The time commitment

for each of these positions is a minimum of 20 hours per week. For more information call BM 3550, or the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at BM 6304.

C Co. 4th Bn. Wall run

C Company, 4th Battalion will sponsor a Tuesday Wall relay run to raise money for the child day care orphanage in Schöneberg. The military community is invited to run the last leg from Freedom Bridge to McNair Barracks. Donations will be accepted. For more information, call 1st Lt. Dennis Thompson, BM 9515/9587.

Instructor needed

The Civilian Personnel Division's training and development branch is looking for an instructor to teach beginning shorthand twice weekly in day-time classes, April—June. pay is DM 30 per hour. Teaching experience would be helpful. For details contact call BM 6165/6978.

Births in Berlin

Madonna Louise Aus-Der-Au, 7 pounds, born Sept. 22 to Sgt. Thomas and Suellen Aus-Der-Au, 287th Military Police Company.

Jennifer Leigh Bayless, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born Nov. 12 to James and Julie Bayless, Field Systems Office, Clay Headquarters.

Joseph Christopher Bingham, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born Aug. 18 to SP4 Richard and Robin Bayless, F Company, 40th Armor.

Madrace Marquis Jones, born Nov. 10 to Sgt. Alexander and Marilyn Jones, B Company, 4th Battalion.

Deborah Suzanne Schuler, born Nov. 10 to SP4 John and Laura Schuler, B Company, Field Station Berlin.

Requirements for printing ads and events

All submissions must be:

1. Typed double spaced.
2. On an 8x10 sheet of paper.
3. Typed in complete sentences

(except for want ads).

4. Signed.
- Deadline each week is close-of-business Monday. Entries must be re-

submitted for each issue. Ads for firearms or weapons will not be taken. Submit at room 2061, building 2, Clay Headquarters.

Want ads

For sale

Porsche 924, red, low mileage, 1978, \$4,500. Call 813-6272.
1983 BMW Model 315, German specs, stereo, 43,000 km, great shape; \$4,800 or best offer. 1986 Sony 27" multi-system TV, gets British and German stations. \$650. Microwave/conventional oven, 1 1/2 yrs old, Toshiba, \$225. 1976 Opel Ascona, runs well. \$800. Call BM 4227 or 826-4188.

1981 Porsche 928, Platinum with brown interior. Excellent condition. DM 28,000 obo. Call after 7 p.m. weekdays, anytime on weekends, call 813-6196.

1974 Mercedes 250 SE, blue, 4-door, selling separate parts or the whole car for parts only. Lots of good parts. Call 833-1756.

1978 Toyota Hiace. Runs good, body excellent condition, new German inspection, tires, exhaust radiator and water pump. Five passenger window van, excellent for vacations, must sell. Call 792-6700 after 2 p.m.

1979 Pontiac station wagon. Red, excellent mechanical condition, good body, no rust, good tires, have all receipts for work done, will pass inspection; \$1,500 negotiable. Call PFC Reesor, BM 9747, or 833-2348 after 7 p.m.

Three radio controlled gliders, one new, two used. seven ch. Challenger radio, new; over \$600 invested asking \$300. IBM-compatible public domain software, \$3 per disk. Call 811-8298.

PCS basement sale. 11 Pritchardstr. in BB Housing Area. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday fold out couch, double bed, lots of books, transformers, 220v fans, infant items, large plants, clothes and many other assorted items.

PCS sale, playpen, two strollers, baby bath, bumper pad, bottle warmer, and 300 watt transformer. Also, two-year-old male Cocker Spaniel with papers, house broken, loves children. Must sell due to PCS. Call Virginia at 801-8338 evenings or weekends.

PCS sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 8 Huninger Str., 1000 Berlin 33. Many clothes, 220v appliances, plants, and baby items.

Basement Sale. 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 3A Flanagan Str. in laundry area. Teen-women's clothes (various sizes) short sets, dresses, skirts, shirts, pants, shoes, slippers. Also stuffed toys, posters, knick-knack items, and Goebel spaniel statues.

Multi-family basement sale: 9:30—? Baby items, clothes (all sizes), jackets, boots, stereo equipment, Intellivision game, books, toys, blankets, transformers, exercise bike, small appliances, knick-knacks, and much more. 7 Am Hegewinkel basement.

PCS sale. 9 a.m.—?, Saturday, 75 Clauertstr. (Düppel housing) in the basement. 220 Volt heater, 110 Volt hot curls, plants, gas cans, an FCC approved fire extinguisher, baby bathtub, an antique sewing-machine, 2000 watt and 750 watt transformer, pair of blue-velvet bucket seats, women clothes size small to medium and many other items we must sell.

Manual Olympia Carina typewriter with carrying case, \$50; computer desk, 4 month old, \$50; Pioneer stereo system with turntable, timer, receiver, cassette deck, tuner, equalizer, audio rack and 2 Technics speakers, 110/220 Volt, \$500; Atari TV computer game system with 14 game cassettes and case, \$50. Call 711-4499 After 6 p.m. weekdays, anytime weekends.

Ladies designer clothes. Like new, black ultra suede two piece suit, worn only twice; variety of skirts and suits, all like new, size 4. Ladies diamond ring. 18K yellow gold, 17 diamonds set in three rows. Good for cocktail or wedding ring; \$3,500 or DM equivalent. Ladies custom designed diamond ring, 18K yellow gold, nugget style one large Marquis diamond in center with five diamonds around; \$1,500 or DM equivalent. Call 826-2617.

Three piece living room set. Couch, love seat, recliner, earthtones; \$350. Metal detector \$100. Light fixtures from \$10—\$15. Call 813-6255 after 4:30 p.m.

Reverb; \$50. End table; 15 Lawn chairs; \$10. Motorcycle helmets (2 blk.); \$75. Couch and love seat; \$25. Plants; \$10 ea. Alarm clock (220 volts); \$15. 220 mixer; \$5. Transformer; \$35. Blender 220; \$5. File cabinet; \$5. Speaker; \$20. New jeans; \$15. Womens clothes 9—12, vacuum cleaner 220; \$25. Sled; \$5. Child's skis; \$5. Tires 14 in., used, four; \$40. Grocery cart; \$5. 220 iron; \$5. For info call 813-6263 during reasonable hours.

Apple IIe with I28K; 2 disk drives and green screen monitor. Asking \$850. Call BM 7646 or after 6 p.m. 831-3703.

Vacuum cleaner; \$5. Oak dresser; \$45. Back baby carrier; \$5. Oak dining room table with four wheeled oak chairs and cotton cushions; \$200 or best offer. Call 801-7526 or BM 7154/3502.

AM/FM 8-track stereo, 110 v, two speakers, cassette player with two speakers, portable radiator, electric heater, 220 v. Call 792-6700 after 2 p.m..

Eight piece wall unit/schrunk, dark brown, 1 1/2 years old. Has book case, two big drawers, china cabinet, pull down bar area, cabinet with doors, two small drawers and record storage area. Paid \$2,700, asking \$800 or best offer. Baby high chair; \$15. Infant car seat; \$25. Toddler car seat; \$10. Call 813-8884 anytime.

Electric go-kart with two 12-volt electric motors, powered by automobile battery. Indestructible, robust training investment can be passed on to grandchildren. Constructed for children 5—9 years old. Mini 50 cc Ilo gasoline moped with three forward speeds. Small enough to be slipped into car trunk or airplane. Items new, mint condition. Call 891-6081 between 6—8 p.m.

Antique China cabinet (circa 1920s), 6' 7" wide, 5' 6" tall, 25" deep, excellent condition, will consider selling matching credenza (3' 10" wide, 20" deep), with appropriate offer. Both items dark mahogany in color, all natural wood. Also for sale with appropriate offer is an antique upright piano (circa 1860s) black in color, real ivory keys, bronze sconces attached. Call 851-9337.

Wanted

We are moving to K.C. Mo. and would very much like to talk with someone who has lived there and is familiar with the area. I

would also like to obtain the Kansas City newspaper. If you receive any on a daily or weekly basis, I would like to buy them when you have finished. Call 831-4685.

Full time babysitter for two-month-old child. Preferably in our home, but FFC providers considered. Salary negotiable. Call Dr. Diaz at 813-6324 or BM 4150.

Babysitter/housekeeper for full time employment in my home to begin in Dec. or Jan. My child is 8 months old. Call 832-4510.

Adult dog, well behaved and good with children. Prefer small to medium sized and short or wire haired. Will receive lots of love. Call Barbara, BM 7680 weekends or after 4 p.m.

Free

Three year old female cat. Spayed and declawed. Call BM 6919/6991 weekdays.

Small female kitten, healthy and playful free to good home. Knows English and German. Call 323-8465 from 7—10 p.m. weekdays or after 8 a.m. weekends.

Lost

Reward of \$100 for return of 1/4 carat diamond engagement ring and matching wedding band lost at the RTO Oct. 30. Call 833-2348 after 7 p.m.

School lunches

—TAR and BAHS schools have the following menu for the week beginning Nov. 30:

Monday—Cucumber salad, hot dog with cheese on bun, chili con carne, apple sauce, white or chocolate milk.

Tuesday—Mixed salad, burrito, corn, peaches, bread and butter, white or choco milk.

Wednesday—Lettuce & pickles, hamburger on bun, french fried potatoes, ice cream, white or chocolate milk

Thursday—Chopped lettuce, texas toast with cheese and pepperoni, mixed vegetable, vanilla pudding, white or chocolate milk.

Friday—Cole slaw, grilled polish sausage on hoagie roll, green beans, fruit cocktail, white or chocolate milk.

—JFK school has the following menu for the week beginning Nov. 30:

Monday—Tomato soup with rice and sausage, three potato pancakes with sugar, apple sauce.

Tuesday—Beef stroganoff, noodles, chocolate pudding with vanilla sauce.

Wednesday—Chicken in curry-sauce, rice, blaubeerquark.

Thursday—Cutlet, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, fruit cocktail.

Friday—Two fish cakes with sauce, biled potatoes, fruit.



Sportscene

Jeanne Pollock
G-1/DPCA publicist

The Thanksgiving Basketball Invitational Tournament will be held Thursday through Sunday at the Cole Sports Center and will include several teams from different military commands. Eight teams are signed up for the contest . . . **The Tegel Volksmarch** and run begins 8:30 a.m. Sunday at the extension to Kneipstrasse Tegel Forest. Sign up will be taken on the day of the event and IVV books will be stamped. Starting time for the fourth Lubars march and run is yet to be announced, but the day is Dec. 6. The IVV books will also be stamped on that trek . . . The Berlin Road Runners Marathon has been set for Dec. 5 and 6. The marathon is a 24 hour event to raise money for the American Community Services' Operation Santa Claus for needy families in the community. The runners take pledges and run to raise funds . . . **The U.S. Army Berlin bowl-offs** are slated to take place Dec. 7-9 at the Cole Sports Center bowling alley. Interested bowlers should call Bill Stevenson, BM 6518. The New Years bowling party will be 10 p.m.—2 a.m. Dec. 31 at the Cole Lanes and pre-registration is necessary. The theme for the party is the 1950s with a prize for the best costume. Cost is \$25 per person, which includes bowling, buffet, breakfast, prizes and gifts. One prize will be a trip for two to Paris and a bowling ball and bag. Call Stevenson or Run Dunham, BM 6775/6518 . . . **Water slimnastics** classes are 6-7 p.m. Wednesday for beginners and intermediate students. The class is instructed by Sheila Lloyd Graham and interested people can just show up to the class . . . **After Work Aerobics** is held 5-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and the Thomas A. Roberts Elementary School. The instructor is Janice Fedor-Walkus and interested athletes can just show up at the class . . . **The Over-30 Christmas basketball tournament** will be held Dec. 22-Jan. 2 at the Cole Sports Center. Sign ups will be taken before Dec. 11 at the sports office. Call Sheila Lloyd Graham, BM 6168 . . . **The Women's Sports Council** will meet 2 p.m. Monday in room 3032, building 2, Clay Headquarters. Upcoming women's sporting events will be discussed.

Holiday racquetball contest scheduled

The Jackie Yzaguirre Christmas racquetball tournament is scheduled for Dec. 18-20 and will be played at the Cole Sports Center.

The tournament will have divisions in women's open, women's doubles, men's seniors 35 and over, men's B and open singles and doubles.

Registration fliers are out and can be found at Andrews, McNairs and Cole Sports gymnasiums. Forms may be filled out and left at the facility. For more information call BM 6561.

The tournament will also be used as a learning tool for players participating in Yzaguirre's racquetball seminar. Players will view the tournament and see how it is run.



Larry Lane

Combat Support Battalion player Tracy Ghee puts in an easy two points on a lay up during the final game of the Field Station Berlin basketball invitational.

CSB captures roundball trophy

Battalion all-star squads throw down in preseason contest

The Combat Support Battalion basketball squad burned the 5th Bn. team 48-33 to capture the Field Station Berlin basketball invitational Sunday in the championship game played at Andrews Barracks gymnasium.

The dominating CSB squad used a strong inside game and were able to shut down the 5th Bn. losers bracket team's shooting to take the trophy.

Seven teams entered into the preseason basketball contest, but only one team could survive the three days of hardwood slamming to be able to call its squad the best among the battalions.

Players for each battalion team were chosen from throughout the various units for a collective all-star squad. The CSB team had a heavy helping of men's community team players in its line up.

The fighting 5th Bn. squad began its Sunday by beating the Independent team 53-48 in the finals of the losers bracket. The Independent team was a mish-mash of players with several coming from Signal Support Company and Headquarters Company, Berlin Brigade.

Fifteen minutes after the victory, the 5th Bn. faced off the tough CSB team that had firmly established its strength and organized ball play in the winners bracket.

The weary 5th Bn. squad showed some fatigue early in the first period of the championship game, but the losers bracket game served the team well as a warm up. The 5th Bn. squad was able to find the basket easier than the CSB team.

The CSB team's Alvin Cummings, James Ingram and

Bo Ellis attacked with baskets as Darius Johnson, Davie Boulton and Michael Linnington of 5th Bn. answered with points of their own.

Many fouls were seen in the first half but could have been suspected in a preseason game. The 5th Bn. was able to keep up with CSB but the first game work out began to show. The CSB squad took a lead of 23-17 at the half.

Coming back stronger from the breather, the CSB squad dug in deep and worked a high lead of 40-23 in the second half. Shut down from scoring by CSB, the 5th Bn. had difficulty climbing back and fell to a final tune of 48-33.

Putting in the buckets for CSB were Cummings with 14, Ingram at 13 and Ellis hitting for 11 points.

Scoring for the 5th Bn. team was spread throughout the ranks with Johnson hitting a high 13 points and Boulton connecting for 8.

"Once you get into the losers bracket, you have to dig down deep in yourselves to come back again," 5th Bn. team coach Dan Allen said. Allen will be assisting coach Kenneth Council with the men's community basketball team this season.

Combat Support Battalion team coach Wallace Brown said the tournament was "a good idea."

"It let's you know what units to look forward to this season," he said. Brown will coach an all-star team to play in the Thanksgiving basketball tournament Thursday through Saturday.

Wrestlers score freestyle tourney

The U.S. Army Berlin wrestling team won the Bad Kreuznach open freestyle wrestling tournament held Saturday at the Rose Barracks gymnasium. Berlin came out on top of 16 competing teams. Berlin had a total of 53 points for the top spot and the next closest team, Baumholder had 18. Host team Bad Kreuznach had 6.5 points.

Winning in the 105.5 weight class was Frank Muller. Gary Reesor took the 136 pounds weight class and Tim Lowe picked up a third place for Berlin in the same division.

Rod Jones won the 149 weight class and teammate Brett Logan picked up second place for Berlin. Herb Edwards took a fifth place in the 163 weight class.

Wilbur Wolf wrestled out the top place in the 180 weight class and Doug McArthur managed a fourth place in the same division. Michael Roscover finished fifth in the 198 weight class.

Doug Pray won the 220 pounds weight class, Dan Filipkowski took third in the same division and Jeff Scott picked up a third place in the 220 pounds plus category.

The team will travel to the Rhein Main wrestling invitational Dec. 5.



YA soccer team wraps up season

The Youth Activities junior soccer team fared well in the U.S. Army Europe soccer championships held Saturday and Sunday in Ramstein. The team put up a good fight and came close to nabbing a second place but dropped one goal shy of the placing. Ramstein won the overall tournament.

Berlin tied with Hahn and Patch Barracks with a tournament record of two wins and two losses. This had the tournament coordinators look at the points scored overall. Patch scored one more goal than Berlin in the overall to pick up second place.

John Marsh, Karl Caldwell, Ryan Dillon and Ryan Burke each scored a goal in the first half on the team's first game, a 7-1 win against Heidelberg. Larry Bentz scored two goals and Garrett Springfield put in another in the second half. Ramstein waxed Berlin 6-0 in the second game for Berlin Saturday.

Burke tallied two goals in the first half of Berlin's 3-1 edging of Patch Barracks and Greg Madden scored the other goal in the second half. Berlin dropped its game with Hahn despite an impressive Josh Morris corner kick turned into a Berlin score by Bentz in the 3-1 loss.

Spearheading the Berlin defense in the games were Andrew Keese, Springfield, Morris and Dillon. They assisted goal keeper John Mort, Jr who gave up only eight goals in the tournament. The team was coached by Bob Morris.

Berlin boasts Italian food options both close and tasty

by Bethanne Kelly
Observer stringer

At a time when the dollar has fallen so low Americans need an adding machine at the imbiess, reading about German restaurants—priced in marks, pay in marks—may make you depressed, bored, or just desperate. However, I have faith in three things: a) The DM will decline; b) not every restaurant is out of reach of us slaves-to-the-exchange-rate; and c) sometimes you just have to get out. And I am hoping to give examples of reasonable menus and tempt you with more exotic fare. If any readers have suggestions of wonderful places to try, please tell the *Observer* first (before you tell your friends).

Berlin has more than 8,000 restaurants, and half of them must be Italian. Those who have lived here for a while usually have a favorite, whether it's because the location is convenient or the ravioli there is better than Aunt Carmela's. Since the menus tend to be similar, sometimes criteria such as these are all you have to go on. One pizza funghi tends to fade into the next, not to mention those glasses of Lambrusco. Perhaps you, however, haven't found an old standby yet, or maybe you're looking for something to chase down that turkey (sandwich, soup, casserole . . .). In that case, here are three to try:

■ **La Gondola Due**, Beerenstrasse 57 (at Mexico-platz), tel. 802-79 73. The location is excellent, the menu extensive. You can even make it for lunch if you drive, and their luncheon specials are cheap — from DM 6 to 12, one for each day of the week (students get a free glass of wine or soft drink), including lasagne, tortellini, and eggplant parmigiana. The Zehlendorf crowd packs the place quickly, particularly with children (who are very welcome) on weekends. Bypass their fish selections in favor of pasta ai tre formaggi — pasta with three cheeses according to the menu, which is printed in Italian, German, and English. The waiters are usually in a hurry but will stop by your table with a plate of (potent) garlic

bread appetizers. A meal for two, with appetizer, main course and wine will run about DM 45.

■ **Ristorante Boccacio im Furstenhof**, Teltower Damm 36 at the Zehlendorf S-Bahn, tel. 802-70 11.

Another convenient location, this time on the way to Andrews or McNair Barracks. Boccacio's offers a cozy view of life in Zehlendorf from its precarious position between the S-Bahn and the Rathaus.

All varieties of pizza can be counted on, and they offer takeout service at no extra charge. For a quick lunch or a first course, try the insalata mista for DM 10, more an antipasto than a salad, with chunks of salami, artichoke hearts and a special house dressing. The pasta mista for two at DM 40 consists of four different types of pastas with sauces, add two glasses of Frascati at DM 5, and you have a meal for under DM 50. Good service and not-too-crowded atmosphere make this the choice for Saturday shopping or "pizza night." If you make yourself a regular, you may earn a complimentary Amaretto.

■ **Ristorante Nuova Italia**, Berliner Strasse 49, near Schloßstrasse. Another easy-to-locate restaurant, and more modern than its counterparts in terms of decor—it opened just last year. Parking can be a problem on this busy street, so plan accordingly, or take the bus number 68. The atmosphere is very nice, and appropriate for a small group as well as a family. The menu is available in English, and the waiters are quite helpful when it comes to translation, although they disappear as soon as they take your order, leaving you starving and tantalized by the salad descriptions, wondering if you'll receive your meal in time to pay. The salads are delicious, particularly the seafood, but their pasta sauces leave much to be desired. Try the trout — last time it was well-cooked and in a light lemon-butter sauce. Prices are a bit higher here, but not enough to make a difference of more than DM 5—10 per meal. Perhaps after a hard day in Steglitz?

Remember, anything contained in this column is highly subjective and may not be sanctioned by *Gourmet* magazine, the rest of the *Observer* staff, or any Berliner. Next month, an unusual setting for holiday cheer.



Too many cooks?

SFC Earl Guttery, SSgt. Linda Brady and SP4 Kevin McCullough tend to the food line of the F Company, 40th Armor dining facility, after preparing the meal they will prepare for the Connelly Cup competition.

Larry Lane

Fairs draw in record crowd

About 2,000 people attended Saturday's Community Fair, the most in the three year history of the event, according to Family Support Division Chief, Maj. Ray Towle.

The fair combined community organizations and health services and targeted those wanting more information about what's available in the Berlin American community.

A number of groups had things for children, including the Dental Activity, the Military Police and the Children's Center.

Other groups gave demonstrations, such as members of Youth Activities, the Boy Scouts and the Medieval Society. "Celebrate Sober" had its kickoff activities as they gave away "mocktails," non-alcoholic drinks.

"There was an impressive number of people putting on demonstrations and participating this year," Towle said.



Photos by Larry Lane

People mill about the Health Fair that attracted many curious youths with fun learning games, free health assessments and other medical services.



Aerobic dancers give an exhibition of what type of physical fitness programs are ongoing in the community for people to enroll in.



Aaron Brown gets fingerprinted by Sgt. Ray McIntyre as part of the MPs' Operation Identification.



Chris Allbright

Sgt. Thomas Chase and Eleonore Owens load some of the hundreds of Christmas packages the Truman Plaza and other postal branches receive every day.

APO opens extra day for mail rush

The Army Post Office will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Friday, however, it will be open due to the Parcel Air Lift mail deadline. Those parcels may measure up to 60 inches and weigh up to 30 pounds. The deadlines for letters and priority packages is Dec. 9, priority packages may weigh up to 70 pounds and measure up to 108 inches. For more information call BM 4408.

Clarification

The Rail Transportation Office is still accepting sponsorship requests and group travel requests as in the past, according to Transportation Division officials.

Confusion resulted because of the wording of a news item printed in last week's *Observer*. The rules for sponsorship requests and group travel requests remain the same unless otherwise announced, officials said.

City roundup

BERLIN CDU CAUCUS LEADER BUWITT has expressed concern regarding TWA's plans to open a Berlin service. He fears that excessive competition might lead to a breakdown of Berlin air service. He said increased air traffic is desirable in terms of connections to north and south Europe. (*Berliner Morgenpost on Saturday and Welt am Sonntag*)

"THE WESTERN ALLIES TOO OFTEN MADE NO USE OF THEIR ADVANTAGES IN BERLIN" was the title of a *Berliner Morgenpost* review on Sunday of a book entitled "The Legal Status of Berlin." It was written by two former British political advisors in Berlin who tried to give a detailed overview of the legal situation in the city. The review said the experts are unable to explain some details because the "west," in order to maintain peace, too often accepted violations of agreements by Moscow and did not make use of its own possibilities. (*Berliner Morgenpost*)

EAST GERMAN SED REPRESENTATIVES MET IN WEST BERLIN WITH SPD MEMBERS last week to maintain their "private" contacts which were estab-

lished five years ago. The western allies and the governing mayor are aware of the talks which recently led to the publication of an SED/SPD paper on existing differences between the parties. (*Die Welt*)

THE WEST GERMAN ADIDAS SPORTS WEAR COMPANY is likely to give East Germany a license for the production of textiles which are also to be sold abroad. The production will later be extended to include Adidas shoes. The West German "Boss" fashion clothes manufacturer is also conducting negotiations with the GDR on opening a production site in the GDR. (*Die Welt, Berliner Morgenpost*)

BERLIN'S "AUGUST 13 WORKING GROUP" HAS REPORTED that the number of East Germans who escaped to the west in the first 10 months of this year increased by 40 percent as compared with last year's figures. The group also says that at the same time the number of exit visas granted to the East Germans decreased by more than 50 percent. (*Berliner Post*)

BERLIN ECONOMIC SENATOR PIEROTH FEARS THAT 100,000 people will be on the dole in West Berlin by the end of this year. He underscored that Berlin's Siemens company last year fired 1,600 employees. (*Bild, Berliner Morgenpost*)

WHAT WILL BECOME OF BERLIN'S GREAT CHURCHES IN THE FUTURE? was the question posed at the beginning of an article that reported on a conference held in the city last week. Experts led by the Art Historian, Prof. Michael Bringmann from Mainz discussed alternative uses for the many large houses of worship that require equally large investments to restore them, but are for practical purposes no longer used as churches. The problem of reduced incomes in church accounts places a burden on the state when building renovation becomes necessary. Rather than take money from social welfare programs run by various religious denominations, church properties can be converted with state aid to become revenue producing projects like the Maritime Museum that now occupies a gothic church in Rostock. (*Berliner Morgenpost*)