

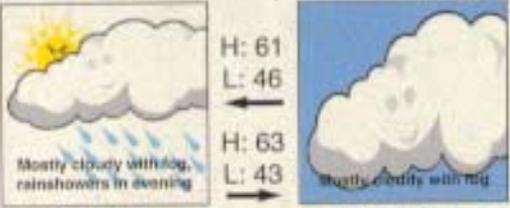
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Newsbriefs

Air Force activates hot line

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center Call Center has begun 24-hour operations to help answer questions concerning Stop-Loss.

Although Stop-Loss has not been implemented, there are many concerns and rumors about the program.

For more information, call the center at (800) 558-1404, DSN 665-2949 or commercial (210) 565-2949. (AFPC News Service)

Holiday closures

A few Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities will be closed Thursday for the German Ascension day holiday. The Bitburg barber and beauty shops and the Car Care Center will be closed, and the Spangdahlem barber and beauty shop will be closed.

Relief project

The Eifel chapels are sponsoring a relief project for the people of Romania until the middle August. Donations needed include toys, clothes in clean condition, canned goods with expiration dates through late 1999, diapers, baby products and powdered milk.

Items can be dropped off at the Spangdahlem Chapel Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and at the Bitburg Chapel Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Birgit Schuh at 452-6711.

New post office hours

The Spangdahlem Post Office has expanded its finance window hours. The window is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturdays, the window is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The parcel pickup window is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the Bitburg Post Office, the finance and parcel pickup windows are open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The parcel pickup window is also open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

FOD checks mandatory

All personnel must complete FOD checks before entering or crossing Foxtrot taxiway near the 606th Air Control Squadron operations area. The taxiway is an active portion of the controlled movement area. Drivers entering the area must be flightline qualified and maintain two-way radio contact with the tower.



TSGT. Victor Trivan

President Bill Clinton is greeted by a crowd of Team Eifel members during his visit to Spangdahlem Air Base Wednesday. More than 4,000 Team Eifel members crammed in and around Hangar 1 to see the President.

President visits Spangdahlem

Cabinet members, military leaders also visit to express thanks

By Maj. Robin Grantham
USAFE-Public Affairs

The Commander-in-Chief President Bill Clinton and several key cabinet members and military leaders visited Spangdahlem Air Base Wednesday.

More than 4,000 Team Eifel members, including families, attended the major event at Hangar 1 to listen to the message from the President thanking them for their service and sacrifices they make contributing to European security.

"We must take a stand in Kosovo for the humanity of everyone," Clinton said during his 20 minute address.

Clinton, accompanied by senior cabinet members and military leaders, also visited the pilots who fly missions for Operation Allied Force. He had stopped briefly at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, and was scheduled to spend the rest of the day between Ramstein Air Base and neighboring Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center, before stopping for the night in Frankfurt.

Clinton noted that "planes are flying into combat from this base for the first time in history," and that the country appreciated the sacrifices involved from those flying the missions as well as providing the support.

"I know this is hard. I know too many of these pilots are flying long hours. I know the stress and anxiety most of you must have incurred," he said.



A1C Zephirine Hansen

Secretary of Defense William Cohen addresses the crowd in Hangar 1.

The base began flying combat missions in support of NATO operations in Kosovo on April 6, using F-16CJs from the base, and F-117s from Holloman AFB, NM. A-10s and O-A10s from here as well as the 606th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron deployed to bases in Italy and are directly involved in current NATO operations.

During his four-hour stopover, Clinton attended a mission briefing on the 52nd Air Expeditionary Force's role in the NATO operation, and spoke individually

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47 receive CCAF degrees

Forty-seven Team Eifel members received Community College of the Air Force degrees at a graduation ceremony Tuesday at the Saber Club.

Servicemembers earn associate degrees in their speciality by accumulating credits from college core classes, professional military education classes, basic military training and career development courses for their specific career field.

The Team Eifel members who earned their CCAF degrees this spring are:

- SSgt. Michelle Abon** - 52nd Supply Squadron
- SSgt. Christopher Almi**, 52nd Munitions Support Squadron
- TSgt. Arron Becker** - 52nd Security Forces Squadron
- SSgt. Carrie Becker** - 52nd SFS
- SSgt. Troy Blackburn** - 852nd Munitions Support Squadron
- MSgt. Cameron Bledsoe** - 606th Air Control Squadron
- TSgt. Michael Brooks** - 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron
- SSgt. Erick Chrostowski** - 52nd EMS
- SSgt. Judy Clark** - 52nd Medical Operations Squadron
- SSgt. Karl Clark** - 52nd Fighter Wing
- TSgt. Martin Collins** - 52nd Communications Squadron
- TSgt. Scott Ehling** - 852nd MUNSS
- MSgt. Hector Gonzalez-Pastrana** - 23rd Fighter Squadron
- TSgt. Deborah Gresham** - 852nd MUNSS
- SrA. Joshua Hansen** - 52nd EMS
- SrA. Terry Hansen** - 52nd Logistics Support Squadron
- MSgt. Steven Harding** - 52nd EMS
- SrA. Jerry Harms Jr.** - 81st Fighter Squadron

- MSgt. Allen Heck** - 52nd MDOS
- MSgt. Ronald Jackson** - 52nd Communications Squadron
- MSgt. Christopher Jacobsen** - 53rd Fighter Squadron
- TSgt. Steven Jacoby** - 52nd MUNSS
- SSgt. Richard King II** - 52nd CS
- TSgt. Daniel Kosek** - 52nd LSS
- MSgt. Joe Limas** - 52nd Component Repair Squadron
- SMSGt. Gary Mason** - 53rd FS
- A1C Randell McCart** - 23rd FS
- MSgt. Jerome McLean** - 52nd Operations Group
- MSgt. Eric Milliner** - 22nd FS
- SrA. David Morris** - 52nd EMS
- SSgt. Charles Navarro Jr.** - 52nd EMS
- SrA. Matthew Pierzchala** - 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron
- SSgt. Scott Powers** - 52nd SUPS
- SSgt. Max Rippel** - 52nd CRS
- SrA. Daniel Roberts** - 606th ACS
- SrA. Regina Rogers** - 606th ACS
- SSgt. Charles Roseberry** - 52nd MUNSS
- MSgt. Joseph Schmucker** - 23rd FS
- MSgt. Michael Shy** - 52nd EMS
- SSgt. William Silhan** - 52nd Operations Support Squadron
- SSgt. Scott Sitterson** - 52nd CRS
- SrA. Michael Smith IV** - 52nd Logistics Group
- SSgt. Scott Stout** - 52nd Mission Support Squadron
- SMSGt. Norman Thierolf** - 852nd MUNSS
- SSgt. Leonard Trombley Jr.** - 52nd SUPS
- TSgt. Tina Vaughn** - 52nd Comptroller Squadron
- TSgt. Daren Yingling** - 52nd SUPS

Weather team addresses warnings

By Capt. Allison Davis
52nd Operations Support Squadron

Spring is the time of year when flowers are blooming and birds are chirping. But spring also brings the potential for thunderstorms, which can lead to hail, heavy rain, high winds, lightning and even tornadoes.

Now is the time for people to examine whether they are ready for potentially severe weather.

At home, family members need to review their plans for what to do if power goes out during a storm. At work, supervisors and flight chiefs need to make sure their people know what actions to take when notified of weather watches and warnings.

should address how to safeguard people, identify shelter locations, safeguarding equipment and other supplies stored outdoors, protection of facilities and precautions to take prior to resuming operations following a severe weather episode.

According to the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Combat Weather Team, there are two important definitions people should understand when dealing with severe weather. A *weather watch* signifies the potential exists for the development of severe weather within the forecast area during the specified valid time. Watches are issued to alert agencies to the potential for operationally-significant weather conditions. A *weather warning* is a

special notice to warn of actual or anticipated severe weather conditions for the forecast area. Upon receipt of a weather warning, agencies should immediately implement required protective actions corresponding to the weather event to safeguard personnel and equipment.

It's the Combat Weather Team's job to coordinate all requirements for, and ensure timely issuance of, weather watches and warnings. Once the Operational Weather Squadron at Sembach Air Base has issued a weather watch or warning for the Spangdahlem Air Base area, the wing operations center is notified immediately. The WOC is responsible for getting the word out to other base agencies.



Air Force News
News Service

DOD Data Center says records are Y2K ready

By Army Reserve Maj. Donna Miles
Armed Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The year 2000 computer problem has dominated the headlines for months, with alarmists warning of airplanes falling from the sky, and banking and power systems going totally haywire.

One thing servicemembers won't have to worry about, though, is their military records.

Rob Brandewie, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center, said DMDC would face the new millennium with little more than a champagne headache. That's important news, because the center's holdings comprise the Defense Department's largest archive of personnel, manpower, training and financial data.

The center, based in Seaside, Calif., computerized in the late 1960s and early 1970s. It has literally billions of records that affect every servicemember and retiree, their families, all reserve members, guardsmen and all Department of Defense civilian employees.

Its largest "file," for instance, is the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, which verifies a person's eligibility for medical care and a wide range of other benefits.

"In our line of work, just about everything is tied to dates—the date of entry into the service, entitlements, benefits, pay longevity and the date of eligibility to retire or separate," Brandewie said. Because key events in servicemembers' careers tend to revolve around dates, Y2K concerns are important, he said.

DMDC got a jump on Y2K in 1995 by upgrading DEERS, using a database that solved the problem before most people knew there was one.

"We've been sensitive to the century issue for quite awhile," he said. Center programmers routinely use four-digit dates because active data in the client base span three centuries, not just two.

Some of DMDC's oldest "clients"—people tracked—were born in the 1800s, for example, and many others have retirement dates well into the 2000s, he said.

The change, he said, assured that military medical beneficiaries' care, whether in military facilities or through TRICARE or CHAMPUS, won't be interrupted because DMDC was unprepared for Y2K.

And the implications go beyond medical care, he said. Information in DEERS records also affects access to commissaries, exchanges and theaters, as well as educational entitlements under the Montgomery GI Bill. For example, the Real Time Automated Personnel Identification System uses data from DEERS to issue military identification cards.

By June 30, Brandewie said all DMDC's critical systems will be fully Y2K-compliant. Some noncritical applications "will 'bug' us into the new year," he conceded, but no glitch will be so severe as to warrant servicemembers and their families scurrying to make precautionary copies of their records.

"Trust that the systems will work," he advises DMDC's clients. "A lot of people in DOD have paid a lot of attention to this issue, so rest assured that your records are in good hands—and will continue to be well into the next century." (AFPJ)

President

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with crew members at a private static display of the aircraft flown from here.

Gen. Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and William Cohen, Secretary of Defense echoed Clinton's words of thanks to the airmen.

"You are America's best and we know that and appreciate that and came here today to say thanks," Cohen told the crowd. "We all have choices to make in our lives," and in the Kosovo crisis, he said, "we chose to stand up for what is right."

Cohen and Shelton conducted a NATO briefing from the base as well.

The 52nd Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Scott Van Cleef, expressed his appreciation to all of Team Eifel for their enthusiasm and pride during the President's visit.

On behalf of Team Eifel, Van Cleef presented President Clinton with a souvenir basket containing patches and other Spangdahlem memorabilia.



TSgt. Victor Trisvan

The President and his party arrive at Hangar 1 amid an Honor Guard welcome.



TSgt. Victor Trisvan

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright checks out an F-117A during a static display Wednesday. Albright accompanied the President during his trip to Spangdahlem Air Base.



SrA. Esperanza Berrios

A young boy waves an American flag during the President's speech.



TSgt. Victor Trisvan

President Clinton chats with a pilot from the 22nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron during his visit with pilots and crews at Spangdahlem.



TSgt. Victor Trisvan

President Clinton meets a young lady following his speech.



A1C Zephryne Hansen

Janet Langhart-Cohen, wife of the secretary of defense, interviews a Team Eifel family for an Armed Forces Radio and Television Service segment.

Fun times in the sun

Picnic culminates Earth Week at Spangdahlem

By SSgt. Bryan Purtell
Public affairs

Despite a high operations tempo and deployments forcing just about everyone to consistently work twice as hard on a daily basis, many members of Team Eifel were able to break away from their jobs — if only for lunch — to enjoy a free Earth Week picnic April 30 at the base picnic grounds.

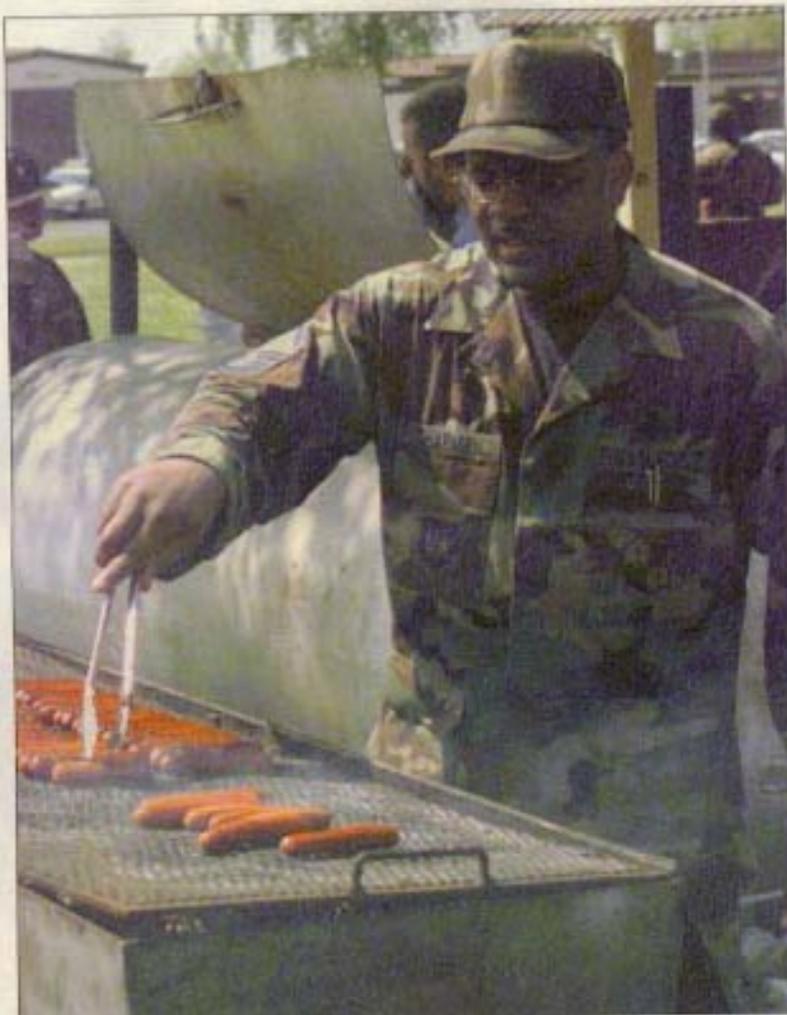
The event consisted of free food, music and Earth Week-themed games designed to call attention to the state of the environment. It also gave Team Eifel members a chance to take time off work to enjoy a break outdoors.

The picnic culminated a week of environmentally-friendly activities at Spangdahlem Air Base. Activities included a nature walk, a stream cleanup project, bird exhibits, tours of the waste water treatment plant, tree planting and an environmental fair.

This year's Earth Week theme was "Saving the Bufo Calamita (Natterjack) toad."

The Natterjack toad is on the threatened and endangered species list and several of these toads call Spangdahlem home.

This species was chosen for the theme to illustrate that fact that not all endangered species are confined to the rain forests.



SMSgt. Everton Chapman, 52nd Supply Squadron, grills up hot dogs during the picnic.



Forrest Oakes gets help from his dad, Bill, during the recycled bag race. Event organizers sponsored activities throughout the day to keep young and old alike entertained.



Photos by SSgt. Bryan Purtell

One-year-old Spencer Murphy enjoys a cool drink during a break from playing in the warm sun.



Team Eifel members hit the food table.



Contestants vie for attention from the game host during a round of "Environmental Jeopardy."



Participants in the recycled bag race take off from the starting line.

Movies

Bitburg Castle Theater

Tonight: *Waking Ned Devine* (PG-13) 7 p.m. Big believers in luck and dreams, two friends have long been obsessed over winning the national lottery. When they read that someone in their sleepy Irish village possesses a winning ticket, they figure it should be easy to convince him or her to share the winnings with them. Stars Ian Banner and David Kelly. *10 Things I Hate About You* (PG-13) 9:30 p.m. The strict rules in the Stratford

house state that big sister Bianca can't date until younger sister Kate has a date of her own. This seems unlikely since Kat is a social disaster. Stars Julia Stiles and Heath Ledger.

Saturday: *10 Things I Hate About You* (PG-13) 7 p.m. *Payback* (R) 9:30 p.m. Porter and Val stole some cash that was already hot. When it came time to split the goods, Val made three mistakes: he took Porter's money, his wife and he tried to take Porter's life, but when you kill Porter, you better make sure he's dead. Stars Mel Gibson and Gregg Henry.

Sunday: *10 Things I Hate About You* (PG-13) 4 p.m. *Payback* (R) 7 p.m.

Monday: *10 Things I Hate About You* (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Tuesday: *Payback* (R) 7 p.m.

Wednesday: *Message In A Bottle* (PG-13) 7 p.m. While walking along a deserted stretch of coastline, a lady discovers a moving, passionate message in a bottle. The letter's poetry and heartache lead her to search for the author — a sailboat builder named Garret Blake. Stars Kevin Costner and Robin Wright Penn.

Thursday: *Message In A Bottle* (PG-13) 7 p.m.

May 14: *Message In A Bottle* (PG-13) 7 p.m. *The Matrix* (R) 10 p.m. In a universe run by computers, human beings are used as batteries for bio-electrical engineering to fuel an artificial intelligence known as the matrix. The matrix has created a world of virtual reality, to make its inhabitants think they are living happy, productive lives. Stars Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne.



Briefs

Middle school play

The Bitburg Middle School Drama Club, Playful Cats and Vaudeville Acts, presents "Firemen, Save My Child" tonight at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Deployed family picnic

The 52nd Fighter First Sergeant's Council will host a deployed family picnic Saturday at the Spangdahlem Soccer Field behind the fitness center.

The event, which will include free food and games for family members of deployed Team Eifel members, is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. For more information, call unit first sergeants.

Parish dinner

A Spangdahlem and Bitburg chapel Catholic parish appreciation dinner will be held Saturday at the Eifel Park Gondorf. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. All parish volunteers who have not yet received invitations should call Remi Blas at 452-6070 or Gary Shingledecker at 452-6706.

Tuition assistance available

Applications for Term V (June 7 to

July 30) spouse tuition assistance are now available at the education center and the Bitburg and Spangdahlem post offices. The deadline for turning in applications is May 14.

Also, the education center will begin processing military tuition assistance for Term V beginning Monday. For details, call 452-6063.

Antique market

An antique market sponsored by the Bitburg High School Drama Department will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Furniture and collectibles will be on display and available for purchase.

New OCSC board

The Officers and Civilians Spouses Club recently elected a new board of governors. Stephanie Flynn was named president, and Terry Kras and Chris Mattie were elected vice presidents. Nancy McDonnell was named general treasurer, Jennifer Malone welfare treasurer, and Susan Maack was elected recording secretary. Jolande Murray is the club's corresponding recorder and Kathy

Stutts is the community liaison. To contact OCSC members, call the Spang Club at 452-7494.

School play

The Bitburg High School Drama Department presents Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" May 14 to 16 at the school cafeteria.

Shakespeare at Spangdahlem

ACT Eifel presents Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" May 20 to 23 at the Spangdahlem Community Activities Center.

Performances include three nights of dinner theater May 20 to 22, and a free encore performance May 23 at 2 p.m. For dinner theater shows, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. The performance kicks off at 8 p.m. For tickets, stop by the CAC.

Scouts day camp

The Eifel Cub Scouts Summer Day Camp will be held July 19 to 24. The scouts are still looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of camp operations.

To sign up, call Steve Blackwell at 06561-683385.

Der Markt

Advertisement policy

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Ads must be 25 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, Bldg. 23, by close of business Wednesday, one week prior to publication. Ads can also be e-mailed to public-

ty@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-6254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Vehicles

1980 Mercedes, new tires, exhaust, \$750. Call 06565-4621.

1991 Daihatsu Mira, 2dr, 440KM, AM/FM stereo, \$1,300 obo. Call 06575-6220.

1991 Opel Käptän, 1.4lr, 4dr, 78KM, AM/FM stereo, new exhaust system and brakes, \$3,900. 06575-6220.

1991 Opel Kadett GT, ABS, new paint tires, lowered, \$2,500. Call Jim @ 06505-8963.

1986 Corvette Coupe, new tires, \$8,500 obo. Call 06575-8680.

1986 VW Passat Variant, 1800ccm, 90 PS, 270,000KM, \$1,250. 06562-3425.

1995 Chevy Lumina Van, keyless entry, auto side door, FWD, new inspection, \$12,200. Call 06561-67138.

1988 Opel Ascona, 1.8lr, 5spd, 4dr, inspection good until Sep 99, \$1,100. Call 06580-992935 days.

1993 Honda Civic Si, 70,000 miles, AC, CC, sunroof, new tires w/aluminum rims, new front and rear brakes, \$5,500. Call Scott @ 00352-350-842 hm, 00352-091-34964 cell.

1986 Chevy Astro van, new engine, 4.3lr, AT, PW, PL, CC, tilt wheel, 10 pack CD changer, new tires, \$4,200 obo. Call Steve @ 06562-932176.

1988 Ford Mondeo wagon, AC, summer and winter tires, chrome rims, \$17,400 obo. Call James @ 06561-17995 after 6 p.m.

1991 Opel Omega, 5spd, 2.0lr, 115PS, PS, PL, PM, cassette stereo, sunroof, fog lights, new brakes, muffler, \$3,900. Call Tom @ 06562-3092.

1982 Mercedes 230E, \$1200. See at Bitburg 31-D1 or call Tommy @ 452-6256.

1980 Audi 80, AT, inspection good until Feb 00, new 5 CD changer stereo, speakers, starter, battery, exhaust, \$1,800. Call Brandee @ 06575-3321.

1986 BMW 535, PW, PM, sunroof, 5spd, new shocks, brakes, and tuneup. Call 06561-17280.

1984 VW Jetta, European specs, 144,000+ KM, inspection good until May 00, \$1,200 obo. Call SSgt Gentry @ 452-6016.

1991 Honda CRX SL, US specs, 50K miles. Call 06575-4315.

1990 Opel Senator 2.8, AT, new tires, brakes, rebuilt carburetor, new plugs, points, cap and rotor, battery, radio, \$1600 obo. Call Dave or Sonja @ 06527-8234.

1989 Plymouth Voyager LE, 2.5lr turbo, 7 passenger, AC, PL, AM/FM stereo, overhead console w/compass and temperature, \$4,000 obo. Call John @ 06565-4544.

1988 Nissan Sunny, 1.6l, 4dr hatchback, \$1,000. Call Russ @ 06565-2546.

1985 BMW 540, German specs, 4dr, 5spd, PW, PL, power sunroof, ABS, alloy wheels, \$13,500. Call Shawn @ 06371-944327, Sat & Sun 06563-8835.

1983 BMW 728, 4dr, AT, PS, PB, heated electric mirrors and sunroof, new brakes, tires, and plugs, \$2,500 obo. Call JD @ 06562-966211.

For Sale

Bike trailer/jogger for 2 children, 12-36 months, \$75. Call 06565-4621.

4 BMW rims, five slot, fit 5 and 7 series, \$50; Infinity center speaker, \$40. Call Len @ 06561-67958.

2 JC Penney light blue swivel rockers w/tottoman, \$100. Call Wade or Janette @ 06561-68-3142.

Sega Pico system w/6 games, \$150; Super Nintendo w/controllers, mouse + 11 games, \$150; Grace Travel crib, \$50; German phone, \$15. Call 06562-3122.

Brown and tan sleeper sofa w/love seat, \$175; JBL speakers 300W, \$350; JBL amp + pre amp 300W, \$700; 2000W transformer, \$75. Call 06562-3122.

Encyclopedia Americana, w/Harvard classics and science, invention series, \$700; roller blades, size 8.5, \$40; 5-finger lamp, \$100; Pioneer DIS Dolby pro-logic amplifier, \$150. Call Jim @ 06505-8963.

Twin bed w/frame and headboard, \$50; 220V cappuccino maker, \$30; 220V coffee maker, \$20. Call Lisa @ 06565-942062.

Stroller w/umbrella, \$20; exercisecycle, \$20; Beta tapes; swivel chair, \$10; kids clothes and shoes. Call 06575-8680.

Entertainment center, fits up to 29" TV w/space for a VCR + stereo, medium oak, 4'x4'x1 ft. Call 06565-944894.

220V microwave, \$50; houseplants and 2 fuel cans free. Call Russ @ 06585-2546.

Moulinex 220V microwave, \$50; stairclimber, \$40; German AT&T phone, \$25; 12x15 rose carpet, \$25; green carpet, \$25, blue carpet, \$25, 2 white table lamps, \$10. Call John or Tara @ 06565-4544.

2 Leopard V-90 modems, \$50 ea.; Panasonic digital camera w/memory card. Call 06561-17280.

Dir Devil 220V vacuum cleaner, \$40; Braun 220V blow dryer, \$10. Call Brandee @ 06575-8321.

Hallway carpet, cream brown pattern, 31"x8ft, \$25; white patio set, \$65; white patio lounge, \$35; large green patio umbrella, \$65. Call 06562-3092.

110V dehumidifier, \$85; leather golf bag, \$85; 220V space

heater, \$15. Call James @ 06561-17965 after 6 p.m.

Kerwood dryer, \$160; baby boy's clothes. Call 06561-67245.

220V microwave, \$75; Diaper Genie w/2 refills, \$15; baby cradle, \$40; 220V small refrigerator, \$30. Call Jay @ 06562-3961.

Satellite dish and Amstrad videocrypt decoder/recorder, \$125, will set up. Call 06562-932176 rights.

Couch w/love seat, \$900 obo; entertainment center, \$100 obo; 220V microwave, \$200. Call 06580-992464.

200MMX computer, 14" SVGA monitor, speakers, 4.3GB HD, modem, 32x CD ROM, \$700 obo; external modem US Robotics 33.6K, \$20. Call 06575-95-9657.

Couch and chair, \$300; Dooney & Burke purse w/matching checkbook cover, wallet, coin purse, and key chain, \$250; Tandy computer w/Magnovox monitor, key pad, printer, several games and programs, \$200. Call 06561-941517.

JVC home 6+1 CD player w/remotes, \$79; industrial carpet and upholstery steam cleaner w/attachments and accessories, \$2,500 obo. Call JD @ 06562-966211.

Britannica Encyclopedia set, \$1,800; several micro machine towns w/cars, \$20 set; 15 Batman, 4 Robins, 2 cars, and Batcave, \$40 set. Call 06565-4588.

Fender electric guitar w/base, \$135. Call 06563-8972.

Fisher component stereo w/Dolby pro-logic surround, 24 disc CD changer, amp, AM/FM tuner, dual cassette, remotes, 5 speakers, \$600. Call 06578-989038.

Retired Beanie Babies, including bears, various prices. Minolta Maxxum 7x1 autofocus camera w/80-200mm zoom flash; Panasonic 45x digital-zoom super VHS camcorder; 100 CDs, various artists, \$7.50-\$8. Call 06565-7274 after 4:30 p.m.

German 3-piece sectional w/chair, \$600 obo; video converter PAL to NTSC, \$40; TV/VCR cabinet, \$25; 220V iron, \$10; multi-system TV \$175; multsystem

VCR, \$250. Call 06565-942186.

Light oak TV/VCR armoire w/matching glass-top end table and coffee table. Call Tracee @ 06562-3428.

Swing set, \$50; small crib, \$50; porta crib, \$25; full size 220V refrigerator, \$80. Call David or Roberta @ 06580-680.

4-piece, cloth sectional couch set, \$250; glass dining room table w/6 chairs, \$300. 5-piece beige lacquer king size bedroom set, \$500. Call 06561-67861.

Pace satellite receiver and dish, \$75. Call Bob or Mona @ 06561-5456.

Sansui 4 channel receiver, 110V, Chrysler car radio, NCR hard drive, Microsoft mouse, keyboard, Mitsubishi 13" color TV, Petmate pet taxi animal carrier w/accessories, racquetball racquet, 5 drawer large metal filing cabinet. All items are \$10 ea. Call 06561-942325.

Black w/gold rim entertainment center, holds up to 27" TV w/room for stereo, has 2 curio cabinets, bar w/mirror, \$300. Call 06565-7305.

Astra satellite system, \$100; 110V iron, \$5; 110V crockpot, \$5; dual voltage blow dryer, \$5; men's Stetson hat, \$35; Ladies Texas-shaped gold necklace, \$25; books on guns, shooting, outdoor life. Call 06562-3425.

Free

2-year old male cat, neutered, chipped, excellent w/kids. Call 06565-4621.

Female tabby cat, spayed, micro-chipped, all shots current. Call 06561-12852.

Wanted

Childcare for 8-year old girl for afterschool, every other week. Call 06562-3358.

For Rent

1 BR apt in Spang village, available June 1, full kitchen, full bath. Rent \$700/month, utilities extra. Call Kris @ 06565-944333.

Garage Sale

May 8, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., clothes, kitchen items, 220V appliances, transformers. Philippsheimer Strasse #11, Duedeldorf.

Is cyberspace putting your career on the line?

By Lt. Col. Jack Hales
Air Mobility Command Headquarters
Squadron section commander

He stood before me with a solid 20-year career in the Air Force and good prospects for the next promotion. Then I said, "I am considering whether to punish you under Article 15 ... " A career and life were in ruins.

This is a true story. I recently spoke those words to someone who used his Air Force computer to download sexually explicit material from the Internet. In addition, he used his Air Force e-mail account to send sexually explicit stories to people he had met on the Internet.

The consequences for his actions are harsh: A reprimand, heavy forfeiture of pay and the likelihood that the next promotion will never come. Add to the career impact the embarrassment and toll on family and friends. A tough price to pay for something that should never have happened.

Unfortunately, this was not an isolated case. Others have paid an even heavier price. Some already selected for promotion have had those promotions taken away. Some have chosen to

demand court-martial rather than accept an Article 15 and have been confined and dishonorably discharged. Those who download child pornography probably won't get the Article 15 option — a court-martial is likely and they are looking at hard time.

The Air Force's policy on the use of the Internet and e-mail is intentionally designed to "provide maximum availability at acceptable risk levels for Air Force members needing access for the execution of official business."

Commanders and supervisors have been given latitude to allow brief personal communications similar to what is allowed when using a government telephone.

Under certain conditions you can also "surf" the Internet to further your professional and military knowledge. Some may say this makes Air Force policy vague and unclear, but when it comes to pornography and sexually explicit material, the policy is crystal clear — don't do it.

The Air Force has published specific guidance on the proper use of the Internet and e-mail. If you haven't already done so, you



need to read Air Force Instruction 33-129, "Transmission of Information via the Internet", and AFI 33-119, "Electronic Mail Management and Use."

Management and Use."

The Internet and e-mail are marvelous technological innovations that enable us to be more effective on the job and grow professionally. This same technology also makes it relatively easy to identify and document misuse. Think twice before you think this warning doesn't apply to you. If you misuse the Internet or e-mail, I promise you will be caught. Be smart — don't put your career on the line. (AMC News Service)



TSgt. Blake Borsic

Setting the charges

SSgt. Mike Werner (left) supervises as A1C Joe Deslauriers creates a hole in C4 explosives for insertion of a blasting cap. The two explosive ordinance disposal personnel are in the process of using explosives to remove the charges from jammed 30mm shells inside an A-10 Gatling gun. The gun jammed while flying a combat mission over the Balkans and subsequently had to be destroyed to "safe" the weapon. The airmen are deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, and assigned to the 40th Air Expeditionary Group, Gioia del Colle Air Base, Italy, in support of Operation Allied Force.

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From the commander

This week, Team Eifel was honored with the presence of our Commander-in-Chief President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Secretary of Defense William Cohen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Hugh Shelton, and Supreme Allied Commander Europe Gen. Wesley Clark.

Once again, the men and women of this wing showed Team Eifel at its best. Not only did you show a great deal of pride and enthusiasm to the President and his cabinet members, but to our family and friends back home and the rest of the world. As usual, Team Eifel put on a spectacular show and the President told me personally that he had a great time with us.

This was truly an impressive event and we had a great team effort from everyone putting this together.

If you consider our busy work schedules due to our involvement in NATO operations; the fact that 25 percent of our personnel are forward deployed; and the short notice we received for the planning of this visit, putting on such a great show was not an easy task. There was an enormous amount of work from a lot of individuals which made the overall event such a big success. My personal thanks to each of you who made it happen. The support group was especially hard-tasked for this, and the White House support staff was generous in their praise for all the cooperation they received.

It's not very often that we get a personal, motivational visit from the President and members of his cabinet. I was especially proud to introduce Team Eifel to the President and his staff.

The men, women and families of Spangdahlem really shined. We not only showed the crucial role we play in supporting NATO operations, but also demonstrated to the world the first-class organization we have in Team Eifel. Well done!

— Brig. Gen. Scott Van Cleef
Commander

Number of days since
last DUI:

18

As of Thursday

Bitburg's Wild Women shut out ISB 2-0

Goals by Nix and Canada keep team atop Division II standings

By Mike Kennedy
Bitburg Barons girls' soccer coach

The Wild Women of Bitburg High School shut out visiting International School of Brussels 2-0 in girls' soccer action Saturday, ensuring they remain atop the Division

II North standings for at least another week.

After a slow 32 minutes where both teams failed to mount significant attacks, left winger Brandy Nix put the home team up 1-0 off a cross from midfielder Heather Holmes. The goal fired up the

Bitburg squad as midfielders Arleen Holland and Julie Markowski regularly sent passes through to strikers Wesley Canada and Shannon McCandliss, but ISB withstood the storm and escaped into half time down by only one goal.

Both teams began the second half with a great deal more energy and purpose. Defenders Beth Johnson, Kathleen Holas and Brittany

Sanders executed well, using speed to consistently blunt determined ISB attacks. Goalkeeper Ryan Hilgers made six of her eight saves in the second stanza, but was never challenged in close.

Seven minutes into the half, right winger Ashley Strassberger set up Canada's fifth goal of the season, a short blast that put the Wild Women up 2-0.

ISB threatened to foil the

shutout with just over a minute left in the game when Bitburg was called for a penalty in the box. But Hilgers was up to the task, making the stop look routine. To date, she has stopped four of six penalty shots.

The Wild Women are home on the high school field Saturday hosting the AFCENT Lady Lions.

The game is scheduled to kick off at 10 a.m.

On the sidelines...

Softball: The great equalizer



By SSgt. Bryan Purtell
Public affairs

There are only a few sports which players of all shapes, sizes and fitness levels can equally participate in. Golf, bowling, darts, billiards and chess come to mind, but probably the most exciting of them all is softball. On the diamond, it seems anyone has the potential to be an impact player no matter what their body type.

To see what I'm getting at, stop by the fields during one of the intramural games.

No doubt you'll see "Chip," the supremely conditioned sprinter playing side-by-side with "Tank," the land whale and "Spud" the all-around jock. In softball, this blending of athletes seems to work to everyone's advantage.

Chip is good at chasing down fly balls, stretching singles into doubles and making infielders work harder to get them out on routine ground balls.

Tank, on the other hand, is usually the team's muscle player, the one who rains homers into the parking lot, rifle throws to the plate and is a defensive juggernaut — as long as they don't have to stretch too far for the ball. When the coach screams, "Get down in front of the ball," these players form a barrier similar to a barn stopping a beach ball.

Then there's Spud. Spud can do it all; he just doesn't excel at any one facet of the sport. He is a solid player that can be counted on to try his best at all times.

Each type of player has its drawback, however.

Usually, Chip is not a home run threat, bounces off catchers during confrontations at the plate and has a hard time hitting the ball out of the infield on a blustery day.

Tank compliments Chip nicely. Every time he is up to bat, the big man is a threat to knock the cover off the ball and lay it to rest some 350 feet away from home plate. He can also consistently line base hits through driving winds and — after a few minutes getting up to speed — will level a fielder trying to make a play at any base. If he doesn't hit a homer, however, Tank will often hit the longest singles in the history of the game. Needless to say, easy grounders to infielders are easy outs for opposing teams.

Spud is a blend of the two. Some Spuds have power, some have speed, but none will ever be marked with a huge red "X" on the opposition's lineup card. They may come through more often than not, but no coach considers them a threat. Too bad, because Spud is usually the player that wins the game for a squad. He'll get the clutch hit, slide to get on base and crash the fence to make a catch.

The gifted players are the ones that combine the best aspects of all player types. For today's purposes, we'll call them "Chad." These players hit for power and average, fly around the bases and cover acres of yardage in the outfield. Luckily, few intramural teams have a squad full of Chads.

What's great about softball is every player can fit in at some position. Throw a Tank at first base and you have a solid fielder who can block all the errant throws from the infield, but has the speed and range of a wounded sloth on a two-foot leash.

Chuck Spud into an infield or outfield slot and 90 percent of the time, he will make the play. It's the 10 percent of missed plays in the late innings that can hurt a club, though. And Chip has great range in the field and speed on the bases, but his talent with the bat and glove can be questionable.

It takes a good coach to place the players where their talents will best benefit the team, and it takes modest ballplayers to realize their limits.

For example, Tank should never try to stretch a single into a double unless the outfielder is out cold due to colliding with the wall, and Chip is wasting his time swinging for the fences on every pitch.

The key to all good teams is to have each player compliment the next, using one player's strengths to compensate for someone else's weaknesses.

The good teams do it best — as a team.



SSgt. Bryan Purtell

Meat ball

Russell Thee, Comptroller/Services, gets set to crush a pitch during an intramural softball game Tuesday against Comm-B. Thee and his teammates fell to the Comm-B squad 6-2. After a two-week delay, the men's and women's intramural softball seasons kicked off Monday with 18 men's teams and seven women's teams vying for base crowns. Games are played weeknights beginning at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the softball diamonds behind the Spangdahlem Chapel.

On the sidelines...



If you've got a sports and fitness related idea you want addressed or just want to pass along some comments about sports in the Eifel, then e-mail the Sports Fellow at bryan.purtell@spangdahlem.af.mil

NFL superstar to visit Spang

'Dirty Bird' dancer helps kick off Extreme Summer '99

By SSgt. Bryan Purtell
Public affairs

Atlanta Falcons running back Jamal Anderson will bring his "Dirty Bird" act to Spangdahlem Air Base this month as part of U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services' Extreme Summer '99 season tour.

Anderson, one of the premier running backs in the National Football League, is scheduled to visit USAFE schools to talk to teens about Extreme Summer '99, according to JoAnn Mellon, USAFE entertainment coordinator.

"Jamal is not only a leader on the field, he's a leader in his personal life and his commitment to youth," she said.

Anderson is scheduled to visit Spangdahlem May 17 to meet with Bitburg High School students, base servicemembers and Eifel youth. He will also have lunch with Team Eifel members at the Mosel Halle Dining Facility and make appearances at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center and Spangdahlem Youth Center.

The 1998 NFL season was Anderson's fifth and he highlighted it by leading the Atlanta Falcons to their first Super Bowl appearance. Known as "JAM," Anderson set new team records by piling up more than 1,800 yards rushing for the season — good enough for second best in the league — while finishing with 12 100-yard games. He also set a team and league record with 410 carries.

"JAM's dominating power, toughness and quickness have many NFL personnel likening his versatile athletic ability to his childhood hero, the great Hall of Famer, Jim Brown," said Debbie Karnes, USAFE marketing director. "Even if you're not a big football fan, you're bound to recognize Anderson's now-famous



Courtesy photo

Jamal Anderson

'Dirty Bird' dance."

Anderson's dedication to youth projects drew him to USAFE's Extreme Summer program. Extreme Summer is a program for young adults 13 to 18 years old and focuses on providing positive and entertaining activities throughout the summer for teens.

Participating in these activities earns teens Extreme Summer points and a chance to win prizes. Young adults can participate in hundreds of activities to earn points: read library books and write reviews, attend youth program activities, do volunteer work, become a summer hire, take family trips and keep a trip journal, and more. Most activities earn 50, 100 or 150 points.

"Extreme Summer participants can even earn 50 points for coming out to meet Jamal Anderson when he comes to their base," added Mellon.

According to Karnes, 12 USAFE teens and their families have a chance to win free trips to Hollywood to attend exclusive premiers of four of the this summer's hottest movies. From June to August, three selected teens each month will win the VIP trips, which also include attendance at the premier post-party with the shows stars.

"This is truly a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Karnes said. "All they (teens) have to do is earn a minimum of 500 points each month and they are automatically registered in the monthly random drawing."

Extreme Summer '99 kicks off June 1. To find out more about the program, USAFE youth should watch for start-up kits due to arrive in mailboxes around the middle of this month. Also, a four-page insert is scheduled to appear in Thursday's edition of *Stars & Stripes*.

In addition to visiting Spangdahlem, Anderson will make personal appearances at RAF Mildenhall, England, Ramstein Air Base and Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. (52nd Services Squadron Marketing contributed to this article)

Anderson's May 17 itinerary

Bitburg High School
— 11 a.m. to noon
Lunch at Mosel Halle Dining Facility
— 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.
Spangdahlem Fitness Center
— 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Spangdahlem Youth Center
— 3 to 4 p.m.

Barons whip up on ISB 3-1

By Denny Lemmon
Bitburg Barons boy's soccer coach

The Bitburg Barons boy's soccer team earned their first league victory of the season with a 3-1 defeat of International School of Brussels Saturday at Bitburg High School.

Jimmy Isakson stopped a two-game scoring drought by blasting two goals and Min So finished off the scoring as the Barons offense came alive following two close defeats the past weeks against SHAPE and AFCENT.

Isakson put Bitburg on the scoreboard 10 minutes into

the game by cruising unassisted through the Red Raider defense and easily beating the ISB keeper.

At the 25-minute mark, Nick Johnson's long pass found a hustling Isakson downfield and the senior striker crushed a volley into the net to put the Barons up 2-0.

The Bitburg defensive trio of Joshua Keene, Eric Holdsworth and Johnson, together with solid play from sweeper Jason Jones, kept the ISB offense at bay and out of the Baron net.

Goalie Matt Johnson has a relatively quiet day — thanks

to the Baron defense — but did make six saves.

In the second half, midfielders Kyle Holland and Corey Czyzewski controlled the ball for most of the period and opened up several Bitburg scoring opportunities, but the Barons failed to capitalize.

Finally, in the last minutes of the game, So smashed a shot into the net to close out Bitburg's scoring.

The Barons hope to extend their home-unbeaten streak Saturday against AFCENT. The varsity game starts at 11:30 a.m. and the junior varsity kick off at 1 p.m.



Around the Eifel Sports World

By SSgt. Bryan Purtell
Public affairs

Softball teams win big

The Spangdahlem varsity softball teams racked up a combined eight victories in games last weekend at Wiesbaden and Kaiserslautern.

In women's action Saturday, the Lady Sabers beat up on Wiesbaden 25-2 and 22-5, then took out Kaiserslautern Sunday 15-4 and 14-12. Denise Brooks and Wanda Graham each blasted homers to pace the Spang attack. Graham finished with 7 RBIs during the four games and Twyla Sears went 6-for-9 with 6 RBIs.

In men's action, the Sabers wiped out Wiesbaden Saturday, 19-4 and 29-6. The team hit 700 with 18 home runs during the twinbill.

On Sunday, the Sabers beat K-Town 15-6 and 14-11. Ed Gregory went 12-for-14 with two homers and 7 RBIs, while teammate Marty Lund finished the weekend 14-for-17 with four dingers and 8 RBIs. Brad Rayburn added to the Saber onslaught with three homers and 8 RBIs.

Umpires needed

Umpires are needed immediately for Little League baseball and softball games. To sign up, call 06561-67923.

Go Glo-Bowling

The Eifel Lanes Bowling Center hosts Glo-Bowling every second and fourth Saturday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. Participants can enjoy hitting the lanes with glow-in-the-dark bowling balls and pins, light shows, fog and music. Sign ups and lane assignments begin at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 452-6217.

New bowling hours

The Eifel Lanes Bowling Center is open Mondays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays and holidays from noon to 9 p.m. The snack bar shuts down one hour before closing time.