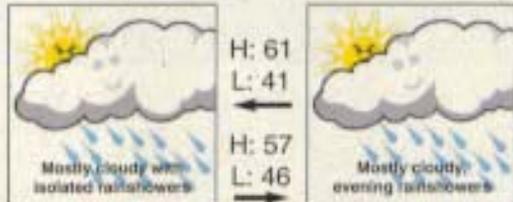


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## Newsbriefs

### President nominates Jumper

President Bill Clinton has nominated U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander Gen. John Jumper to take over Air Combat Command.

Jumper will leave for Langley Air Force Base, Va., sometime next year to take charge of the U.S. Air Force's largest major command, with 18 major installations and more than 90,000 active-duty airmen.

Lt. Gen. Gregory Martin, currently the principal deputy Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., is expected to replace Jumper. The president has also nominated Martin for promotion to four-star general.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen released news of the presidential nominations Oct. 22. Both nominations must meet Senate approval before becoming final. (USAFENS)

### CAD day Monday

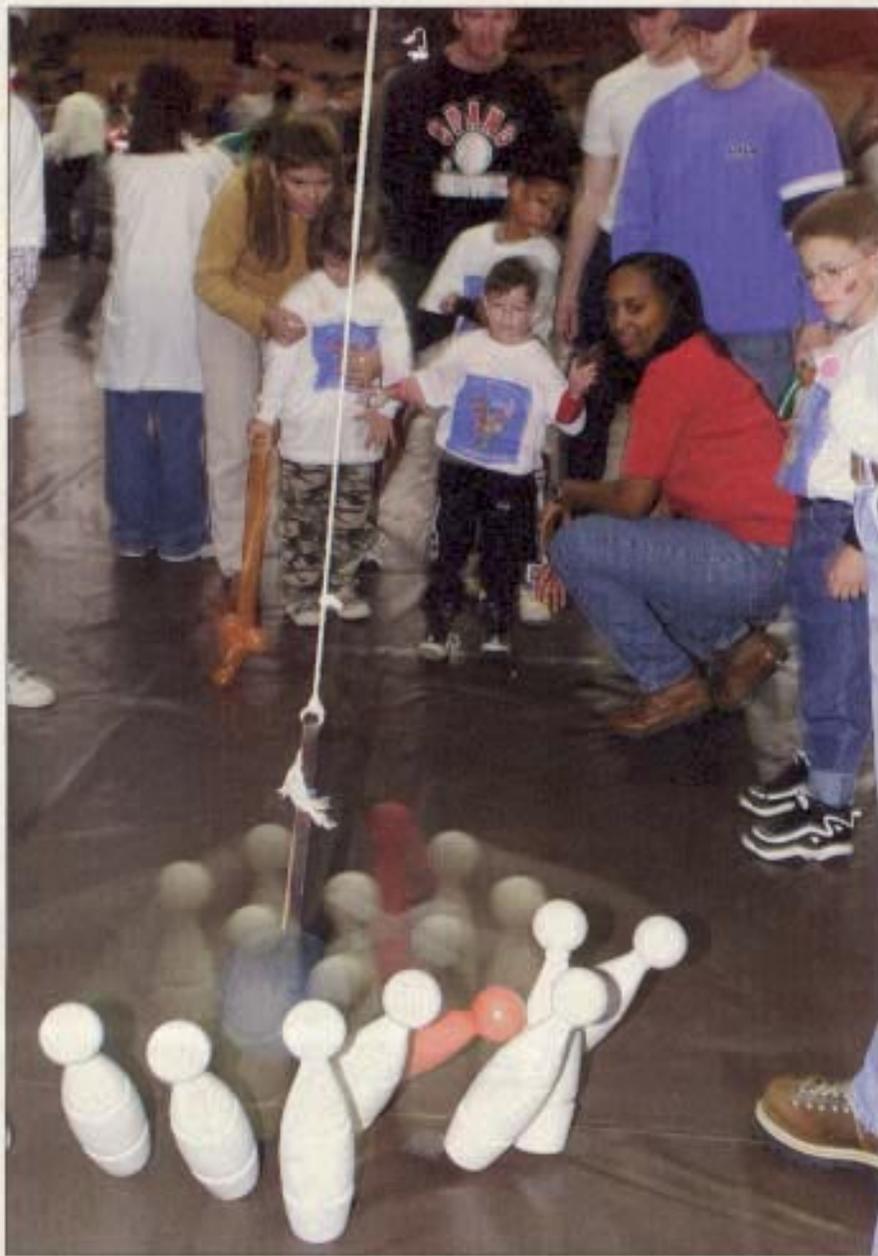
Monday is a 52nd Fighter Wing Contingency Appreciation Day and is considered a base down day.

### Combat dining-out

The 52nd Fighter Wing will host an enlisted combat dining-out Nov. 6 at the Spang Club beginning at 6 p.m.

The event is open to all wing enlisted members, and their spouses and guests. Active-duty members must wear either the battle dress or the desert camouflage uniform, while civilians may wear camouflaged clothing.

The theme for the event is "Enlisted Helping Enlisted," and guest speaker will be CMSgt. David Phillips, 52nd Logistics Group chief enlisted manager. Seats are limited. Unit first sergeants have more information.



SrA. Esperanza Barrios



### Special strike

(Left) A young visitor from Saint Martin's School and Kindergarten reacts to getting a strike in aerial bowling during a game Oct. 21 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. (Above) SSgt. Treena Merk, 52nd Communications Squadron, reacts to the news that her sponsor child, 13-year-old, wheel-chair-bound Katharina Breuer won top honors in the obstacle course race. More than 100 students from Saint Martin's visited the base for the 52nd Fighter Wing's annual Special Children's Day. The event has grown in popularity since its debut 12 years ago. For more on this year's event, see story and photos on Page 6.

## Raising kids -- times three

### Families gather to share ideas about rearing triplets

By MSgt. Brian Hibbard  
Public affairs

You won't find furniture with sharp edges in Dave and Julie Scott's modest, three-bedroom apartment in Badem. You also won't find a lot of expensive knickknacks that most people stockpile while stationed overseas.

These days their apartment looks like one giant playhouse strewn with building blocks, stuffed animals that giggle and shake, Big Birds, Winnie the Poohs and "sippie" cups. A diaper pail, which sees a lot of action, sits between the kitchen and the living room for easy reach.

Dave, a technical sergeant, and Julie, a staff sergeant, both work as Air Force News Agency broadcasters at Spangdahlem Air Base and are the parents of 19-month-old triplets Jarrett, Jaylen and McKenzie.

On Sunday, their apartment exploded with miraculous mayhem when a few of their new friends stopped by for a visit — four other families with triplets.

Two of the families each have an older boy. Three of the families traveled from Ramstein Air Base and one lives in Bitburg, not far from the Scott's place. The ages of the triplets ranged from 2 months to 13 years old.

Through word of mouth the families gradually met each other during the past 12 months and decided to get together as a group, compare notes and gain strength from one another.

"I think that our common bond brought us together and we made strong friendships right off the bat," said Julie. "I was just thankful that nobody got stepped on."

Expecting a house full of screaming kids, the Scotts both said they were initially nervous about opening their home to the families but pleasantly surprised at how well the meeting turned out.

"With the set of teenagers and the set of infants aside, we had three sets of toddlers. That's nine little ones running around," Julie emphasized. "We didn't spend two or three hours screaming. The talk was more like 'hey pass me a diaper, hey grab me a wipe.'"

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## TURN BACK



## THE HANDS OF TIME

Set clocks back one hour  
Sunday at 2 a.m.

# Airman convicted of reckless driving, negligent homicide

By MSgt. James Martinez  
Base legal office

What began as a casual trip to Bitburg on a beautiful summer afternoon ended in tragedy because of an Air Force member's reckless driving on Federal Highway B-50 — one of Germany's most dangerous roads.

On Oct. 14, Air Force Judge Maj. Rodger Drew Jr. found a 23rd Fighter Squadron weapons loader guilty of reckless driving and negligent homicide in violation of Articles 111 and 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

SrA. David Barreto admitted to driving recklessly on July 31 when he made an unsafe passing maneuver on the highway at the exit to the town of Metterich between

Dudeldorf and Bitburg.

Barreto passed several vehicles at a high rate of speed in the face of oncoming traffic and then lost control of his BMW when he abruptly reentered the right lane of traffic and overcorrected, according to court reports.

The BMW then skidded into the oncoming lane of traffic and collided with an oncoming government-owned pick-up truck, killing an 18 year-old German national who was a passenger in Barreto's car and seriously injuring two others who were in the truck.

Barreto was also seriously injured in the collision.

Drew sentenced Barreto to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for seven months in a military prison, forfeiture

of \$717 of his military pay for seven months and reduction to the grade of E-2.

Barreto is being confined in the Mannheim Correctional Facility.

He waived his right to trial by jury and elected to have his case heard by the military judge.

During the general court martial, Capt. Andrew Williams, government trial counsel, asked the judge to send a strong message to the Air Force community about reckless driving.

"One would think that the risk of harm to oneself or others would be enough to deter the accused from driving recklessly, but it wasn't," Williams said.

# DOD considers ATM surcharge ban

By SSgt. Cynthia Miller  
Air Force Print News

Connecticut and Iowa have banned banks from placing a surcharge on automatic teller machines. The city of Santa Monica, Calif., just imposed the ban, and San Francisco will hold a referendum vote on the issue next month.

Amidst growing opposition to ATM surcharges, the Department of Defense is weighing in with a proposal to ban the charge on military installations worldwide.

"Why should we take money out of the pockets of our troops, when we've required them to have their paychecks go to their banks via electronic funds transfer?" said Michael Weber, from the Air Force Financial Management Office.

"The banks and credit unions on base have been brought in to operate without competition from other outside financial institutions, so ATM surcharges aren't necessary."

Bankers claim the DOD proposal will hurt service members, not help them. Without the revenue generated by surcharges, bankers say they would have less of a motive to offer ATM services. Opponents of the proposal also say they are concerned over their ability to continue to operate on military installations.

"Yes, removal of the surcharge could hurt service members, but only by convenience," Weber said. "The ban will only affect the number of machines located on an installation. While we may lose one or two per base, people will still have available ATMs in all of the high-traffic areas on base."

The proposal to ban ATM surcharges on military installations came about when DOD financial regulations came under review.



SrA. Esperanza Berrios  
SSgt. Angel Luna, 52nd Supply Squadron, withdraws money from an automatic teller machine at the Saber Club.

"In the past 15 years, use of ATMs has grown steadily and surcharge rates keep rising," Weber said. "When we decided to rewrite the reg, we took a hard look at the ATM fees in light of all the deployments and (permanent change of station) moves. We decided to remove the fees to improve the quality of life for service members."

The DOD issued the ban proposal for public comment in August. With the comment period ending Oct. 12, a committee consisting of representatives from each branch of service, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense will convene to review the comments received. A final decision on the proposal is expected within the next 90 days.

According to a report to Congress this summer by the Federal Reserve, surcharges average \$1.20 at banks and \$1.15 at savings and loans. If approved, the ban will affect 63 banks and 171 credit unions operating on military installations worldwide.

# AF implements fiscal 2000 involuntary NCO retraining

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Some Air Force NCOs may find themselves involuntarily retraining next year, since the Air Force fell short of its retraining goal for fiscal 2000.

The voluntary phase of the fiscal 2000 NCO retraining program wrapped up Oct. 15 with 945 approved applications, 70 percent of the Air Force's goal.

The involuntary phase, which begins Monday, will use an Air Force-wide vulnerability listing to identify those selected for retraining based on total active federal military service dates between:

- Master sergeants, August 1982 or later
- Staff sergeants and technical sergeants, August 1984 or later
- Second-term senior airmen, August 1993 or later.

Vulnerable members will be rank ordered by grade, from most eligible to least eligible using the following criteria:

- TAFMSD, junior to senior (i.e., Jan. 1, 1990 before Jan. 1, 1989)
- Date arrived on station, longest to shortest (i.e., Jan. 1, 1989 before Jan. 1, 1990)
- Date of rank, junior to senior (i.e., Jan. 1, 1990 before Jan. 1, 1989)

Date arrived on station, then DOR will be used only if the TAFMSD of two or more individuals is identical.

Individuals selected for involuntary retraining must submit a minimum of three, and up to five, Air Force specialty code preferences for which they qualify by Jan. 10.

"Major commands will then update applications and all attempts will be made to match individual preferences," according to TSgt. Paul Grady, NCO in charge of Air Force Enlisted Retraining Programs here. "However, the needs of the Air Force may force retraining into an AFSC that's not listed as a preference."

Voluntary retraining applications for other personnel, including first-term airmen, may continue to be processed by the MPFs and updated by MAJCOMs provided they meet retraining requirements.

"People who are vulnerable and do not want to retrain may apply for a special-duty assignment outside of their control AFSC," said Grady. "There are also numerous recruiting vacancies."

All requests, including pending retraining actions, must be approved and finalized in the system by Jan. 14 to avoid involuntary AFSC selection by AFPC.

"AFPC will select AFSCs for individuals who have failed to submit completed retraining applications by the Jan. 14 suspense," he said.

People who have further questions regarding the involuntary retraining program should contact their local military personnel flights. (AFPN)

## Haunting hours 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday

Come  
trick-or-treat  
with us...  
if you dare.



# Travel and leisure



Courtesy photo

A ballet dancer acts out the part of a butterfly during a showing of "Secret of Plants" at the Trier Stadttheater.

## Rock ballet tells 'Secret of Plants'

By Iris Reiff  
Public affairs

A new rock ballet is drawing a lot of attention in Trier these days. In his latest production, called "Secret of Plants," Sergey Volobuyevs presents a story of nature and its destruction by mankind.

The story begins with a little girl receiving a "good night" kiss from her mother, then finding herself magically transported to a dream world full of

plants and insects such as butterflies and bumblebees. The little girl immediately begins to enjoy the nature-filled dream world, but part of her still yearns to return to the real world. When humans enter the dream world and begin destroying the habitat with their machines, the girl becomes more determined than ever to stay and help save the creatures and plants.

The performers, dressed in colorful costumes, express the beauty of nature through ballet. Although the context of

the story is dramatic, the ballet is of a happy nature. Accompanied by music composed by Stevie Wonder, the ballet is kept simple so both adults and children can easily understand the story.

The stage set, magnificently designed by Nartmut Neumann, features bright, bold colors and a forest full of plants and trees. There is very little conversation by the actors as dance numbers bring the script to life.

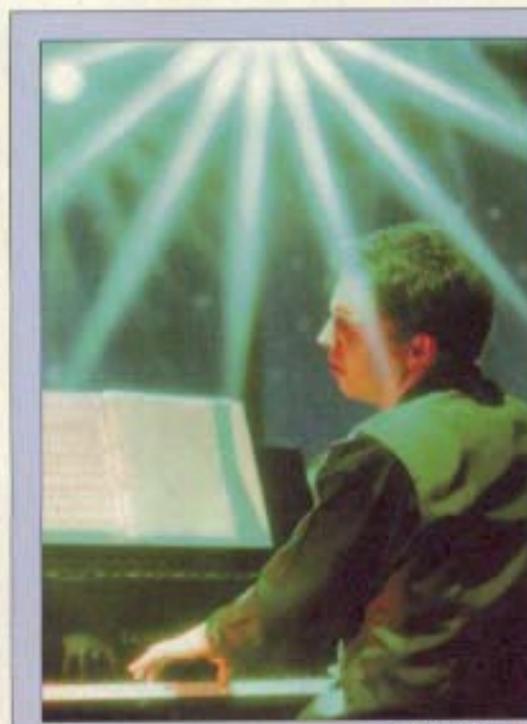
The "Secret of Plants" will be performed at the Trier Stadttheater, or city theater, Saturday at 8 p.m., Nov. 21 at 3 p.m., Dec. 20 at 6 p.m., Dec. 29 at 11 a.m., Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. and Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. Ticket prices start at DM 25.

Call the Stadttheater at 0651-718 1818 after 7 p.m. for information or to purchase tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door beginning at 7 p.m. on scheduled performance dates.

Audience members should dress casual to semi-formal at the Trier Stadttheater. Jeans are not appropriate.

The ballet lasts about 90 minutes with a 20-minute intermission. It is possible to purchase beverages and snacks during intermission.

The Stadttheater is located near the Europe Hall. Signs for the Europe Hall and theater can be found throughout the city.



Thomas Zuchner

### In the Christmas spirit

Musician Thomas Schwab will present concerts in December in the local area as part of "Christmas Moments 1999." The concerts feature a wide variety of classical and contemporary holiday tunes accompanied by a 10-member choir. Shows will be held Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. at the Wittlich Atrium, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Hall 300 on the former Bitburg Air Base, and Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Trier Europe Hall. Tickets cost DM 38 for adults, DM 25 for children. For details, call 06531-94407.

### Was ist los...

■ Trier hosts its annual All Saints Fair today through Nov. 7 in the center of town.

■ Also in Trier, most stores will be open Sunday for from 1 to 6 p.m. for special shopping hours.

■ Flea markets will be held Sunday in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra-Markt, in and around the Wittlich-Wengerohr Profi Parts Hall, at the Cochem town center, and at the Pruem Mehrzweck Hall. A computer market takes place Sunday at the Trier Europe Hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Monday is the All Saints Day German federal holiday. Most German stores and businesses will be closed.

■ Cochem holds its annual Federweissen wine festival Nov. 5 to 7 in the center of town.

■ Jaime Junaro will perform Latin American songs Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Bitburg Beda Haus cultural center. Tickets costs DM 10 and 12 at the door.

■ Information, Tickets and Tours offers a pottery shopping trip to Boleslawiec, Poland, Nov. 12 and 13. For more information and to sign up for the trip, call ITT at 452-6207.

■ The New York Manhattan Musical Theatre group will perform the 42nd Street Song and Dance Extravaganza Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at Trier's Europe Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the Shock Ticket Office located in the Trier walkplatz across from Karstadt or by calling 0651-9941188.

See Europe with ITT.  
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Photos by MSgt. Brian Hubbard

Trying to pose for a group photo was a tremendous feat for the five families of triplets. In the front row from left to right is SrA. Derek Jones holding son Gabriel, SSgt. Julie Scott holding daughter McKenzie and Jordan Maharrey holding younger brother Aidan. In the second row is Michelle Josey holding Elyssa Cline, Nicole Josey holding Erin Cline, Crystal Josey holding Emily Cline, Danja Maharrey holding daughter Erin, Capt. Rick Maharrey holding son Griffin and Dana Jones holding daughter Kirsten. In the back row is Teresa Josey holding Jarrett Scott, TSgt. Dave Scott holding daughter Jaylen, Nikki Cline holding Chloe Jones, TSgt. Bill Cline holding son Joshua and MSgt. Woody Josey.

## Triplets

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We changed more diapers than anything, I think."

All present at the gathering extol the virtues of raising triplets, but they'll also be the first to say that it isn't easy. But sharing their common experiences was what the meeting was all about, according to MSgt. Woody and Teresa Josey, the parents of 13-year-old Nicole, Michelle and Crystal.

"I just look at how young the parents are here today, and I'm proud of how they've pulled together," said Teresa, whose husband Woody works in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Manpower Office at Ramstein. "It's difficult raising a child anyway, but raising multiple children is extra stressful. I'm happy to see that the parents here are able to joke and laugh about their experiences."

As Air Force families, they also share some extra challenges that military life presents them. From pay issues to childcare and from housing to the lack of welfare programs overseas, the odds against them are staggering.

The cost of raising a single child alone is astronomical. Multiply that by three and it could easily lead to financial ruin. According to a recent Agriculture Department report, parents with a child born in 1998 can expect to pay \$240,000 to raise that child from birth to age 18. That's more than \$13,000 a year per child.

But that doesn't bother SrA. Derek and Dana Jones, who are raising 13-month-old triplets Kirsten, Chloe and Gabriel.

"We really tried to pay off our bills when we found out we were going to have triplets," said former Air Force dietary technician Dana Jones, who was advised by a financial counselor to get out of the service or pay \$1,000 a month in childcare fees. "We have a strict budget and we use a lot of coupons. I don't know how we do it, but every payday we make it somehow."

According to Derek Jones, who works as a USAFE finance technician at Ramstein, most people are understanding and even helpful, but it was a statement made by a co-worker that really got his goat.

"One day we were talking about the money problems we were having when he said, 'Well, you chose to have triplets,'" he recalled. "In all honesty, we were just trying everything we could just to have one child and it turned out that we had three. It just about sent me through the roof. It was rude."

Capt. Rick and Danja Maharrey, who are raising 8-year-old Jordan and 13-month-old triplets Aidan, Erin and Griffin, marvel at the Joneses.

"It's tough unless you have some extremely good management skills," said Danja Maharrey, a former school nurse who also decided to leave the workforce. "We're learning from hard

knocks. We couldn't make it on anything less. I don't know how Dana and Derek are making it."

Rick Maharrey currently works as a USAFE readiness inspection officer.

With 2-month-old newborns Elyssa, Emily and Erin, TSgt. Bill and Nikki Cline are currently going through the toughest times when it comes to raising multiple babies - the first year. On top of that, they also have an older son, 19-month-old Joshua.

Each day, according to Bill, who works in the 52nd Equipment

Maintenance Squadron at Spangdahlem, the triplets go through 40 diapers at a cost of \$10. Then there's the powdered formula, which costs them \$9.08 per day for a 14-ounce can.

Of course a little of that formula will get on the kids when they eat.

"I change their outfits about three or four times a day," said Nikki. "Between our clothes, Joshua's clothes and the triplets' clothes, I end up doing about two or three loads of laundry a day."

To make ends meet, Bill recently took on a job at the base commissary where he works six days a week stocking shelves. Nikki, who used to be a bank teller supervisor, also had to give up work in order to take care of the kids.

"I hate it. I want to be with my family," said Bill, who regularly leaves home for work each day at 6 a.m. and doesn't get back until 8 or 9 p.m. "But when I'm stocking at the commissary I think at least my babies are eating, and that's what matters."

But after meeting the four other families in the same situation, the Clines say they can now see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"We get to see what it's going to be like at the one-year mark, at the 18-month mark and the 13-year mark," said Bill about the other families at the gathering. "It gives us a chance to ask questions about what to expect."

The hardest part about being a mother of triplets is the lack of sleep, according to Nikki.

"I think we only get about three or four hours of sleep in a 24-hour period," she said.

Teresa Josey knows the feeling and was quick to offer a piece of advice.

"When I was going through that stage, I discovered this great concealer," she told triplet newcomer Nikki about how to get rid of those bags under her eyes. "It was great stuff. When I'd go out, people would say, 'You sure do look rested.' Oh, if they only knew."



Dana Jones, wife of SrA. Derek Jones, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe finance technician at Ramstein Air Base, tries to comfort one of 15 triplets Sunday when five families with triplets got together to compare notes. The Joneses are the parents of 13-month-old triplets Kirsten, Chloe and Gabriel.

# Slamming the boards

## Female hockey player holds her own on the ice

By MSgt. Brian Hibbard  
Public affairs

If you wanted to play sports in Framingham, Mass., where Kimberlie Drews grew up, you had three choices: you learned to pass a football, handle a hockey stick or skate a figure eight.

With older sister Kelly already enrolled in figure skating lessons and older brother John playing ice hockey, then 5-year-old Kimberlie was naturally drawn to the ice — but not exactly how her mom, Jo Ann Sawyer, planned it.

"My mom signed me up for figure skating lessons with my sister," recalled Drews, now an airman first class assigned to the 52nd Communications Squadron. "I hated it. Those skaters didn't like me and I didn't like them, so I asked my parents if I could play hockey like my brother."

Being the supportive mother, Jo Ann called Framingham Youth Hockey Program coordinators to find out where she could sign her daughter up and was told it was for boys only.

"I tried to sign her up on a girls' team, but the commute was impossible," she said. "Kimberlie was very disappointed."

"I didn't think it was fair, so I wrote a letter to the town newspaper explaining my predicament," Jo Ann recalled. "The response was quick and it caused quite a stir."

Because of that letter, Jo Ann says reporters from the newspaper wanted to interview Kimberlie. Soon after, the Framingham Youth Hockey Program was no longer just for boys.

Since then, 25-year-old Drews has played on both men and women's teams at various skill levels. To her it doesn't matter, just being able to play is a dream come true. Nearly 11 months ago, Drews fulfilled another one of her dreams when she enlisted in the Air Force.

"I wanted to join because my grandfather was a pilot in the Air Force and my uncle, who's also a pilot, is still in the Air Force," she said.

Today, Drews is an Air Force photographer. During the weekdays, you can find her peering through the lens of her camera capturing images of Air Force life. On Sunday nights, however, you can see her sporting jersey No. 6 of the Bitburg Bears German and American mens hockey team.

Although women's hockey is growing in popularity, ice hockey still remains a predominantly male sport where fist fights regularly break out and checking, or body slamming, is part of the strategy.

During one of Drews' recent games, two fights broke out in the first period alone.

"It's been awhile since I've been in a fight, but it's all part of the game," said 5-foot-7-inch, 130-pound Kimberlie. "But since I'm playing on a men's team and I'm smaller than most of the men, I normally have some people to back me up if a punch is thrown."

But her opponents shouldn't mistake her size for weakness. She'll be the first to admit that she's not as strong as her opponents, who on average weigh more than 200 pounds and stand more than 6 feet tall, but that doesn't stop her from slamming them into the boards. And that doesn't stop them from slamming her right back.

"For a woman to be slamming a man like that is just awesome," said Drews' friend A1C Michelle Sweeney, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, who watched from the stands at one of Drew's recent games. "They'll knock her down and she gets right back up in their faces. I love it."

Since hitting the rinks 19 years ago, Kimberlie has suffered numerous cuts and bruises, a broken arm and a concussion, which she doesn't remember but her mom insists happened.

"It's embarrassing," Drews said about getting



At 5 feet 7 inches and weighing 130 pounds, A1C Kimberlie Drews, 52nd Communications Squadron, might be smaller than most of her male ice hockey opponents, but her agility with a hockey stick makes up for it.

slammed or falling. "It hurts my ego more than anything else."

According to Drews' teammate, MSgt. Tim O'Neil, it's her skill that makes up for her size.

"She has a good head for the game," said O'Neil, also a member of the 52nd CS. "She's a good passer and she always gets the puck to the open player."

Drews said her agility with the stick comes from the years she played on women's teams.

"In women's hockey there's no checking, so there's a lot more finesse and skill involved," she explained. "In men's hockey there's a lot more strength and endurance."

"I've had the best of both worlds," she added. "By playing against both men and women, I've had the chance to really build up my game. My strength isn't quite there yet but I'm working on it."

Although Drews' mom admits she worries sometimes when her daughter plays against men, she says she has complete faith in her.

"She's fast and has developed her game to avoid hard checking by skating out of the way," Sawyer said. "She's also very intelligent and avoids putting herself in danger."

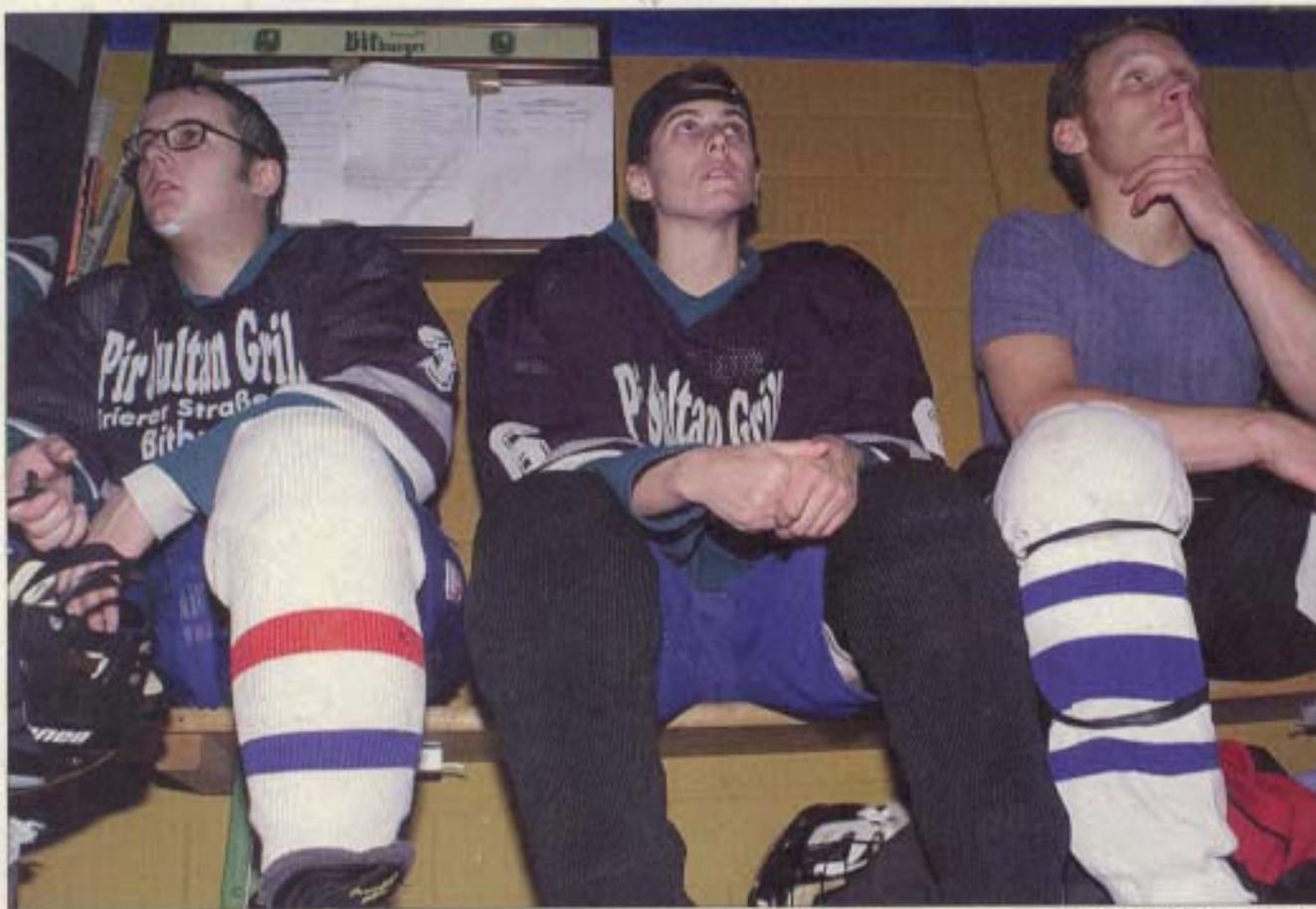
If she had to choose, Kimberlie says she'd definitely stick to men's hockey.

"It's faster and more competitive, and there's a lot more camaraderie," she said. "I'm not saying that there aren't women's teams out there that are competitive, but there are women's teams I've been on where it feels more like a social gathering than a sporting event."

With her daughter more than 2,000 miles away from home, it's not the hockey games that worry Jo Ann most these days.

But she knows that Kimberlie's doing what she's always done — follow her dreams.

"I am very proud of Kimberlie," said Jo Ann. "It takes courage to do what she's doing. She wanted to serve her country in the Air Force and, even though it was very difficult for her to leave her family and friends, she's living her dream."



Photos by SrA. Esperanza Berrios

A1C Kimberlie Drews and two of her male teammates listen closely to their coach before a game.



(Left) One of the more than 100 student visitors tries his hand at the bean-bag toss game at the event as his sponsor looks on. (Above) A young girl celebrates with Hugs the Bear after winning a beach ball.

Photos by SrA. Aimee Iannelli

## Wing members host special day for kids

By MSgt. Brian Hibbard  
Public affairs

The Air Force might be known for its ability to fight a war, but according to one participant of Spangdahlem's Special Children Day Oct. 21, it's the service's humanitarian mission that it really does best.

That was quite evident during the annual event that the base has sponsored for the last 12 years. This year more than 100 students with a wide range of handicaps came to Spangdahlem from the Saint Martin's School and Kindergarten at Bitburg.

"I think we have the right balance of doing the humanitarian efforts and the mission," said SSgt. Treena Merk, 52nd Communications Squadron, who on this day was sponsoring 13-year-old, wheel-chair-bound Katharina Breuer. "Wherever I've been, I see the military community reaching out most of the time, but maybe it's our obligation.

"We're here in a foreign country to help protect them," she added. "But it's more than that — it's really about reaching out to the community to get to know them better."

Although Katharina is unable to communicate verbally, Merk says she knows

she's getting through to her somehow.

"I just hold her hand and squeeze it, or I simply stroke her hair" said Merk. "I've learned that human touch is the best form of communication."

Merk was only one of dozens of Eifel community members who sponsored children throughout the day. In addition to face painting and visits from such figures as Sparky the Fire Dog and Disney characters Beauty and the Beast, the children got to just let their hair down and do what kids do best — have fun.

Described by Special Children's Day coordinators as controlled chaos, the basketball court at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center looked like a sea of smiling children.

A highlight of the event is when the children performed a dance routine for their American sponsors as a sign of their appreciation.

"We're always so busy doing our jobs that we often don't have time for other people," commented SrA. Marcelino Pastrana, 52nd CS, who sponsored 8-year-old Alex. "I wanted to do this because I believe we need to stop and see what other people need sometimes."



Two girls enjoy a ride around the gym.



A young boy gets his face painted by one of the event volunteers.

# Halloween customs rooted in Celtic Samhain traditions

By SSgt. Bryan Purtell  
Public affairs

More than 2,000 years ago, the Celts, inhabitants of Great Britain and Ireland, observed a festival on Oct. 31. But unlike modern-day Halloween, this was no children's holiday.

The Celts and their priests, the Druids, celebrated Samhain, a festival that marked the eve of the Celtic New Year, which began Nov. 1. The Celts believed the power of the sun faded during winter and for the next several months darkness would prevail. They also believed that during Samhain the barrier separating the living and the dead was at its thinnest, and the souls of the dead would pass through the barrier.

Essentially, it was believed that departed family members would revisit their earthly homes and torment the living by destroying crops, stealing babies and killing farm animals.

## Trick-or-treating

The Druids were charged with appeasing the ghosts and goblins and preventing harm to the people. Huge Samhain bonfires were lit to ward off witches and evil spirits, and various sacrifices were performed to assure a good year. Each family lit their hearth from this "sacred" fire and people would study the ashes from the sacrifices in hopes of divining their future.

It's also believed that, like many pagan cultures

around the world, the Celts left food out for the spirits, hoping that a "treat" would prevent an evil "trick" by a mischievous spirit.

Centuries later, descendants of the Celts continued to observe the Samhain festival by lighting candles and masquerading in frightening costumes made of animal skins to ward off the spirits of the dead. The people in costumes began to visit homes asking for treats. Those who gave them would be assured of having a good year; those who did not were warned to watch out for evil spirits. People also carved demon faces in hollowed-out turnips and lit them with candles in hopes of scaring away evil spirits.

Thus this festival, with its custom of offering thanks for the harvest, wearing costumes to ward off evil spirits and asking for food to ensure safe souls, soon spread.

The Romans, after conquering most of England and France, introduced their own touches. Young people roasted nuts in Samhain fires to see which would crack first — and reveal to them who they would marry. And the person who retrieved an apple with his mouth from a tub of water assured himself of a lucky year.

The Italians left bread and water, and lit lamps before going to bed to appease visiting ghosts. And other Europeans placed empty chairs in a circle, one for each member of the family and one for an expected ghost. Obviously, some of these customs have remained with us today strictly as amusement.

## All Hallows' Eve

When Christianity began to spread through Europe in the third and fourth centuries, the pagan temples were torn down. But pagan worship never completely disappeared and the festival of Samhain remained primarily a pagan festival.

Many of the old Samhain traditions continued to be practiced, especially by children, primarily in Ireland. Children dressed as spirits went from house to house demanding a treat, and if they received none, they performed an unwelcomed trick.

In the late 700s, the Catholic Church decided to combat this festival by replacing it with a celebration of the Lord. Instead of honoring evil spirits and the souls of the dead the church chose to recognize the saints — or hallowed ones — who had lived godly lives. The church stressed that if people must have a day to celebrate the dead, then they should celebrate those who died and are now with the Lord.

In the 800s, Nov. 1 came to be called All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, and the evening before was called All Hallows' Eve, leading to the modern name of Halloween. And with the growth of witchcraft in the Middle Ages, additional symbols became associated with Halloween, such as black cats, witches, bats and skulls.

## Halloween in America

Irish immigrants in the mid-1800s brought to the United States the Halloween customs Americans have become familiar with — costumes, trick-or-treating and carved Jack-o-lanterns. The Jack-o-lantern is simply an American version of the hollowed-out turnip.

Even though the practice of actually performing a trick if no treat is given has faded, the custom of children going trick-or-treating has become an established American tradition for kids and adults alike.



SrA. Esperanza Bortos

## Stocking the tunes

LaShana Dauville (left) and Vallesha Adams, employees at the Spangdahlem Audio Photo Club, sort and stock CDs in the store's music section. On Tuesday, both community audio photo clubs will officially change names to the Spangdahlem and Bitburg Eifel spotlight stores. In honor of the new name, both stores will be offering discounts on selected items and free refreshments to customers Tuesday. Also, community members will be receiving free movie rental coupons by mail, according to 52nd Services Squadron Marketing officials.

## Safety precautions keep trick-or-treaters safe

By TSgt. Scott Livingston  
Safety office

The phrase "trick-or-treat" must rate in the top 10 of children's favorite sayings because it centers around the prospect of free candy. Trick-or-treating can be fun for the entire family, but, tragically, Halloween fun comes to a screeching halt for many families each year when a child is seriously injured.

Fortunately, most parents take precautions to reduce the chances of their child being hurt. Here are a couple reminders to keep ghouls, goblins and Teletubbies safe for another year:

- ☺ Parents need to accompany their children during trick-or-treating.
- ☺ Inspect candy for tampering before allowing children to eat it. Throw out open candy packs.
- ☺ Use costumes made of flame-resistant materials and don't use masks that restrict vision.
- ☺ Cover pumpkins that have candles burning inside to prevent costumes from catching fire.
- ☺ Use reflective clothing, material, belts or glow sticks, and carry a flashlight. Also, place reflective tape on costumes including accessories like brooms and swords.
- ☺ Use sidewalks. Don't cut through grassy areas or hedges; these areas may have hidden obstacles.
- ☺ Use crosswalks and look twice when crossing the road. Don't expect motorists to stop.
- ☺ Motorists should minimize driving in housing areas during trick-or-treat hours (6 to 8 p.m.) and, when possible, should park vehicles and walk to decrease traffic.

# 20 new members join Eifel community

**Christy Olivia Smith** was born Aug. 12, weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces, to SSgt. Jay and Chalien Smith, 52nd Fighter Wing Command Post.

**Alexander James Wilburn** was born Aug. 21, weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces, to Amn. James and Sara Wilburn, 52nd Transportation Squadron.

**Karina Isabella Dunford** was born Aug. 18, weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces, to Capt. Annette Dunford, 52nd Dental Squadron and retired Maj. Michael Dunford.

**Elyssa Michelle Cline**, weighing 5 pounds 4 ounces, **Emily Anne Cline**, weighing 4 pounds 11 ounces, and **Erin Lynn Cline**, weighing 5 pounds 7 ounces were born Aug. 23 to TSgt. Bill and Nikki Cline, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

**Meredith Paige Becnel** was born Sept. 18, weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces, to SSgt. Kevin and Erin Becnel, 52nd Security Forces Squadron.

**Lauren Franklin** was born Sept. 21, weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces, to Capt. Shawn and Mary Franklin, 22nd Fighter Squadron.

**Elizabeth Caylan Fields** was born Sept. 21, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces, to A1C Corey and Ashleigh Fields, 52nd EMS.

**Jeremy Ryan Sutton** was born Sept. 25,



weighing 8 pounds 12.6 ounces, to SrA. Deric and Glendna Sutton, 606th Air Control Squadron.

**Anna Elizabeth Schruff** was born Sept. 27, weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces, to SrA. Jeremy and Stephanie Schruff, 23rd Fighter Squadron.

**Tyler Lane Goodnough** was born Sept. 29, weighing 8 pounds 15.4 ounces, to SSgt. Lane Goodnough, 22nd FS, and SSgt. Barbara Goodnough, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron.

**William Richard King** was born Oct. 2,

weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces, to SSgt. Richard and Shelly King, 52nd Communications Squadron.

**George Cecil Silvey III** was born Oct. 5, weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces, to SrA. George Cecil and Michelle Silvey, 81st Fighter Squadron.

**Baylee Maureen Pratt** was born Oct. 5, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces, to SSgt. Allen and Maura Pratt, 52nd Supply Squadron.

**Nayan Anthony-Demell Harper** was born Oct. 6, weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces, to SrA. Tekiela Harper, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, and Amn. Dorian Archuleta, 52nd TRANS.

**Emily Catherine McCallum** was born Oct. 6, weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces, to SSgt. John and Jennifer McCallum, 52nd TRANS.

**Pimsiri Duan Kirk** was born Oct. 9, weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces, to TSgt. Steven and Lamduan Kirk, 52nd TRANS.

**Jenna Nicole Frigon** was born Oct. 12, weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces, to SSgt. Jason and Tracy Frigon, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

**Grace McKay Lyons** was born Oct. 17, weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces, to Capt. John and Erin Lyons, 23rd FS.



## In the classrooms



### Bitburg High School

453-7937

Monday: School Advisory Committee meeting, 3:30 p.m., media center

Thursday: End of First Quarter

Nov. 5: Teacher work day, no school for students

Nov. 6: Scholastic Aptitude Test, 8 a.m.; musical "Camelot," 7 p.m., cafeteria, donations accepted, call school for reservations

Nov. 7: "Camelot," 3 p.m., cafeteria

Nov. 8: "Camelot," 7 p.m., cafeteria

Nov. 11: Veterans Day, no school

Nov. 15: Parent conferences, no school for students

Nov. 25 to 26: Thanksgiving holiday, no school

### Bitburg Middle School

453-7110

Thursday: Fall band concert, 7 p.m., auditorium, open to public, free; end of First Quarter

Nov. 5: Teacher workday, no school for students

Nov. 11: Veterans Day, no school

Nov. 15: Parent conferences, no school for students

Nov. 18: School Advisory Committee meeting, 3 p.m., media center

Nov. 19: "Millennium" school dance, 6:30 p.m., auditorium, for students only, \$2.50 at the door

Nov. 25 to 26: Thanksgiving holiday, no school

Nov. 29: Brown Bag Lunch, 12:25 p.m., for parents to discuss issues with school counselors, topic is "Establishing Productive Study Habits"

### Bitburg Elementary School

453-7215

Wednesday: School Advisory Committee meeting, 3:15 p.m., media center

Nov. 15 to 16: Parent teacher conferences, no school

Nov. 19: Students will be dismissed at 11 a.m.

Nov. 25-26: Thanksgiving holiday, no school

### Spangdahlem Middle School

452-7255

Today: Students' costume dance, 6 to 9 p.m., multipurpose room, \$2.50 or \$1 if wearing a costume, parents welcome

Nov. 11: St. Martin's Day Parade of Lights, 6 p.m., parents and students to carry lanterns through the town of Spangdahlem; Veteran's Day, no school

Nov. 15: Parent conferences, no school for students

Nov. 16: School Improvement Leadership Team meeting, 2:45 p.m., Room 310, discussion about upcoming North Central Association accreditation visit; School Improvement Plan night, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., multipurpose room

Nov. 19: Yearbook Committee dance, 6 to 9 p.m., multipurpose room, students only, \$2.50, looking for chaperones

Nov. 23: School Advisory Committee meeting, 4 p.m., Room 308

Nov. 25 to 26: Thanksgiving holiday, no school

Notes: Laser pointers are considered dangerous weapons and are not permitted at school. Also, Pokemon cards are not permitted at school. These items will be taken away from students.

### Spangdahlem Elementary School

452-6881

Wednesday: School Advisory Committee meeting, 3 p.m., information center

Nov. 5: Teacher work day, no school

Nov. 11: Veterans Day, no school

Nov. 15 to 16: Parent teacher conferences, no school for students

Nov. 18: Parent Teacher Student Association meeting, 7 p.m., gymnasium

Nov. 19 to 24: PTSA-sponsored children's book fair

Nov. 25 to 26: Thanksgiving holiday, no school

## Holiday mail deadlines set

Postal Service officials recommend getting holiday cards and packages in the mail early this year.

In order to ensure Christmas delivery, cards and packages to overseas military addresses must be mailed by the following dates:

■ First-class letters and cards and all Priority Mail going to APO/FPO AE, APO/FPO AA and APO/FPO AP ZIP codes should be sent by Dec. 10. Mail from overseas to U.S. ZIP codes should be sent by Dec. 5

■ Parcel Airlift Mail going to APO/FPO AE, APO/FPO AA and APO/FPO AP ZIP codes should be sent by Dec. 3. Mail from overseas to U.S. ZIP codes should be sent by Nov. 21.

■ Space-available mail going to APO/FPO AE, APO/FPO AA and APO/FPO AP ZIP codes should be sent by Nov. 27. Mail from overseas to U.S. ZIP codes should be sent by Dec. 1.

■ Standard mail going to APO/FPO AE, APO/FPO AA and APO/FPO AP ZIP codes should be sent by Nov. 6.

Parcel Airlift Mail is a special service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis.

Officials advise that packages sent via PAL must not exceed 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined.

Parcels paid for at the space-available mail rate are transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

The maximum weight and size limits are 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. (AFP)

## Movies

## Bitburg Castle Theater

**Today:** *The Wood* (R) 7 p.m. A wedding groom with prenuptial jitters and his two best friends reminisce about growing up together in Inglewood, Calif., in this ensemble comedy. Flashing back to the twenty-something trio's childhood exploits, the film captures the mood of the '80s era through the powerful beats and lyrics of some of the decades most memorable hip-hop music. Stars Omar Epps and Taye Diggs. *The Blair Witch Project* (R) 9:30 p.m. Three film students travel to Maryland's Black Hills Forest to shoot a documentary about a local urban legend — the Blair Witch. The three went into the woods on a two-day hike to find the Blair Witch and never came back. One year later, the student's film and video was found in the woods. The footage was compiled and made into a movie. Stars Heather Donahue and Michael Williams.

**Saturday:** *The Wood* (R) 7 p.m. *The Blair Witch Project* (R) 10 p.m.

**Sunday:** *The Haunting* (PG-13) 7 p.m. A professor draws three subjects to the Hill House mansion for a psychological experiment. During the course of the night some will unravel, some will question and will fight for their lives as the house fights back. Stars Liam Neeson and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

**Monday:** Closed.

**Tuesday:** *The Blair Witch Project* (R) 7 p.m.

**Wednesday:** *The Iron Giant* (PG) 7 p.m. "Iron Giant" is based upon the 1968 story, "Iron Man," by the British poet laureate Ted Hughes. A giant metal machine drops to Earth and frightens a small town in Maine in 1958, until it befriends a nine-year-old boy named Hogarth and ultimately finds its humanity by unselfishly saving the town's people from their own fears and prejudices. Stars Jennifer Aniston and Eli Marienthal.

**Thursday:** *Mystery Men* (PG-13) 7 p.m. In Champion City, would-be superheroes like The Shovel, The Blue Raja and Mr. Furious can't seem to make a difference and impress the city or its greatest superhero, Captain Amazing. However, when Captain Amazing is captured by his greatest enemy, Cassanova Frankenstein, these stumblebum heroes must join with other superhero hopefuls to save the Captain and the city. Stars Hank Azaria and Janeane Garofalo.

## Spang Skyline Theater

**Today:** *The Iron Giant* (PG) 7 p.m. *Double Jeopardy* (R) 9:30 p.m. This is an action-thriller about a young woman who, after serving eight years in prison, tracks down her husband who faked his own death and framed her for the murder as part of an insurance scam. Stars Tommy Lee Jones and Ashley Judd.

**Saturday:** *Detroit Rock City* (R) 7 p.m. Four Midwestern high schoolers go on an unstoppable quest to snag a quartet of KISS concert tickets. What begins as the passionate pursuit of a rock 'n' roll fantasy turns into a series of hair-pin turns and comic misadventures with one overriding goal: the liberty to pursue their own dreams. Stars Gene Simmons and Edward Furlong. *Double Jeopardy* (R) 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** *Mystery Men* (PG-13) 4 p.m. *The Blair Witch Project* (R) 9 p.m.

**Monday:** *Detroit Rock City* (R) 7 p.m.

**Tuesday:** *Mystery Men* (PG-13) 7 p.m.

**Wednesday:** *The Wood* (R) 7 p.m.

**Thursday:** *The Iron Giant* (PG) 7 p.m.

Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 453-7541.

## Briefs

## Holiday closures

Monday is All Saints Day, a German federal holiday. The Bitburg and Spangdahlem barber and beauty shops, and the Bitburg Car Care Center will be closed.

## Operation Warm Heart

This year's Operation Warm Heart fund drive kicks off Monday and runs through Dec. 15.

Each year, base organizations collect money through various fundraisers to donate to the operation. Unit first sergeants then determine who receives the money based on individual family needs.

Selected families will receive checks to be used to purchase food at the commissaries to offset costs from holiday meals.

Last year, Team Eifel donated more than \$15,000, providing assistance to 433 families. For more information or to make a donation, call unit first sergeants or Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Lynch at 452-6711.

## Be a better presenter

The family support center and the University of Oklahoma have teamed up to offer a free "Presentation Skills" class Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Spangdahlem Community Activities Center.

Peter Vail, a university professor at OU, will present information designed to help individuals learn how to

develop or improve presentation skills. To sign up, call 453-7491.

## Caring for kids class

Family advocacy will hold a "Caring for Kids Through Divorce" class Wednesday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Bitburg Bldg. 67, Room 310. For more information, call 452-8279.

## Native American dancers

A group of Native American dancers will showcase a free traditional dance performance Nov. 6 beginning at 2 p.m. in the Spangdahlem CAC. The event is open to all community members.

## Pancake breakfast

Cub Scout Pack 161 will hold a pancake breakfast Nov. 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Bitburg Chapel Annex. For details, call Steve Blackwell at 06561-683385 or Rose Smith at 06561-941365.

## Chow down on ribs

Junior N. Glenn Lodge #135 will hold a barbecue rib sale Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in front of the Spangdahlem Commissary.

## Christmas ornaments sale

The 23rd Fighter squadron Spouse's Group is selling traditional bronze Christmas ornaments displaying the castle in Bruch, also known as Rapunzel's Castle. The

group will be selling ornaments at the Spangdahlem Post Office Wednesday, Nov. 16 and Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$7 each.

Holiday cookbooks will also be available for purchase for \$8 each. For details, call Jeanne Reynolds at 06575-1426.

## School play

The Bitburg High School Drama Club will present the musical "Camelot" Nov. 6 to 8 at the school auditorium. Performances are scheduled for Nov. 6 at 7 p.m., Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to offset production costs. For more information, call Amanda Rosel 06562-932841.

## Tutors needed

Bitburg High School officials are looking for Team Eifel members interested in working as tutors for students.

Tutoring days are Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, call the school student affairs office at 453-7937.

## Bazaar volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help out at the Eifel Holiday Bazaar Nov. 12 to 14 at hangars 1 and 2. For more information, call Stephanie Flynn at 06575-959809.

## 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 [publicaffairs@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicaffairs@spangdahlem.af.mil) or sent via fax to 452-5254. 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

1985 Mercedes 190, alum. Mags w/low-profile tires, set of winter tires, DM 4,000. Call Maria @ 06502-3174.

1992 Ford Ranger XLT, 59k miles, inspect good until Sept., AC, CD player, \$4,500 obo. Call 06561-12933.

1985/86 VW Beetle, 50th anniversary special, int. special rims, \$1,400 obo. See Klaus at Sumanns garage, Dudeldorf.

1995 Honda Civic DX, AC, in-dash CD player, winter/summer tires, 24k miles, \$7,000. Call SSGT Krause @ 452-6168 or 0170-8011545.

1985 BMW 320, inspect. good until Oct. 00, \$1,800. Call 06575-959654.

1995 Chevy S-10, AC, PS, CD, airbag, \$6,200 obo. Call 06565-7274.

1984 Mercedes, auto., tint, SR, CD, new exhaust, starter, \$2,000 obo. Call A1C Johnson @ 452-6350.

1986 Opel Kadett, 5-

spd, \$900 obo. Call Daphne @ 452-6062 or 06565-942280.

1994 BMW 318, 2-dr, auto., new radiator, tires, \$1,000 obo. Call Matt @ 452-6118 or 06562-930934.

1997 Honda Civic Coupe, 5-sp, U.S. specs, AC, CD, free winter tires, \$8,700 obo. Call 06571-969821.

1993 Fiat Tipo, 1.6L, 75HP, special edition, PL, PW, stereo, needs front tires, \$2,300 obo. Call Melanie @ 452-7575 or 0651-6860759.

1984 BMW, 2-dr, V6, 4-sp, inspect. good until March, new tires, exhaust, \$500. Call Ben @ 06563-930663.

1993 Jeep Cherokee Sport, 2-dr, 4WD, 4.0L, 5-sp, 62k miles, \$6,500. Call 06525-664.

1992 Chevy S-10 Tahoe, 4.3L, 6-cyl, 5-sp, ext. cab, camper top, Pioneer stereo, new brakes, clutch, oil pan seal, not installed, \$4,800. Call 06565-931054.

1991 Volvo 440, 1.7L, PS, PB, new tires, battery, alternator, timing belt, lube up, 121k miles, \$3,700 obo. Call Rick @ 452-5080 or 06561-941481.

1987 Toyota Tercel, U.S. specs, 2-dr, 1.5L, \$1,500 obo. Call Anthony @ 06562-930982.

1991 Volvo 440, 1.7L, PS, PB, new tires, battery, alternator, timing belt, lube up, 121k miles, \$3,700 obo. Call Rick @ 452-5080 or 06561-941481.

1987 Toyota Tercel, U.S. specs, 2-dr, 1.5L, \$1,500 obo. Call Anthony @ 06562-930982.

## For Sale

4 Temporit 195/60/15 snow tires mounted on steel rims, fit Volvo 850 or 570 w/blenders, \$250 obo. Call Lloyd @ 0651-57757.

House plants, man's med. ski suit, \$65; skis: 170cm, \$35; 150cm, no bindings, \$10; ski boots, men's 9.5, \$20; 100v vaporizer, \$5; Sega Genesis/CD; Sega Master System w/games. Call 06575-5220.

Diamond engagement ring w/women's/ladies matching diamond wedding bands, \$500 obo. Call Herbert @ 06575-5220.

220v tanning bed, \$450; sofa w/white-a-bed, love seat, rocker recliner, \$100; computer desk, \$25.

Call 06562-2827.

1972 pop-up camper, \$200; Deluxe Soother vibrating bouncer seat, \$20; battery operated open top swing, \$35; maternity, baby clothes, various prices. Call 06561-12933.

Hyundai electric Acoustic guitar w/30W Rogue amp/qualifier, strap/case, \$250; Little Tikes workbench, \$40. Call 06560-988524.

Sleeper sofa, \$150; queen size bed, metal/wood w/2 night stands, \$350; weight bench, \$50; rowing machine, \$180. Call Anthony @ 06562-930982.

Evenflo stroller w/integrated infant seat, pastel multicolor, \$90. Epson Stylus II color printer, \$70; Pico Sega w/1 game, \$70. Call Erika @ 452-6756 or 06562-1888.

Rattan hutch, \$50. Call 06561-683862.

Set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, \$1,500. Call 06565-4588.

1 AMD K6-2 300 MHz processor, heatsink/fan, \$75; 1 set 110v LabTec computer speakers w/subwoofer, \$50; 1 set 110v Nicole computer speakers w/subwoofer, \$30. Call Mark @ 06565-942251 before 3 p.m.

Various Magic cards. Call Amn. Hoffman @ 453-7340.

Siemens C10 cell-phones, no contract w/protection case, DM 200; boys clothing newborn-toddlers, kids toys, Panasonic 45x digital-zoom super VHS palmcorder, \$395. Call 06565-7274.

German oak/leather couch, love seat, chair, \$900; oval living room table, \$750; square end table, \$525; all for \$2,000. Call 06565-7274.

2 12" Rockford Fosgate 1412 car stereo woofers, \$160; Quickview computer camera, \$50. Call Mack @ 452-6795 or 06561-2074.

Light blue couch/recliner w/matching love seat, \$200; 4 original BMW rims on all-season tires, \$450; 5 meters fire wood, \$400. Call 06532-933168.

Childcraft baby bed w/5 drawers attached, converts into youth bed, \$250. Call John or Linda @ 06567-936082.

4 185/R15 tires, \$150; VHS camcorder, \$400; Calloway 8-degree titanium driver, \$150. Call Dave @ 06575-1578.

Childcraft baby bed w/5 drawers attached, converts into youth bed, \$250. Call John or Linda @ 06567-936082.

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burg CDC Wednesdays for age 1-2. Call Ann. Hoffman @ 453-7340.

## Wanted

Mother w/4 yr old, preferably French speaking, to get together w/my 4 yr old. Call Isabelle Aldridge @ 06562-932790.

Full-size brass or white headboard or w/footboard in a set. Call Erika @ 452-6756 or 06562-1888.

Responsible person to work in my home in Rchl, Mon-Thurs from 3 to 6 p.m., to assist my son w/homework, light housekeeping duties, must have transportation. Call Steve @ 452-0511 or 06562-3989.

Markin HO trains, M-track, Delta controller. Call 06578-2139.

Someone to teach new wife homemaker basic skills. Call Rebecca @ 06562-932847.

Person for house cleaning help, 4 hrs/wk for 2 weeks on Ostring, Bitburg, rates negotiable. Call Gloria Shulaw @ 06561-942801.

Bass player for hard rock band. Call Andy Rice @ 452-6821 or 06565-944385.

Child care slot for 18 month old @ Spang CDC, single days or weekly, needed ASAP. Call Lisa @ 06562-8828.

## Lost &amp; Found

Red and white plaid 1989 Kansas City Chiefs Superbowl commemorative jacket lost at Bitburg soccer field, sentimental value, reward offered. Call 06561-18202.

## For Rent

Child care slot @ Bit-



## DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you have after you've used the chain of command. Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Direct lines may be submitted via e-mail to DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil, mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126, or brought to public affairs in Bldg. 23. Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254. You must include your name and phone number to receive a direct response.

### Smoking in housing

**Question:** I am writing in regards to smoking in base housing.

I live on the third floor and have neighbors on the second floor who smoke.

The people who live directly below us have three smokers and smoke throughout their house. We are unable to open our windows without smoke coming in.

When they have their door open, the smoke comes through our closed door.

I am constantly burning candles and spraying Lysol. This is just to hide the smell, but that doesn't remove the harmful substances that come from cigarettes.

We do not allow smoking in government work places so why is it allowed in housing? I have just arrived here and do not want to have to endanger my life as well as my children's for the next four years.

I am not trying to cause trouble, but I am very concerned about second-hand smoke.

**Answer:** Tobacco smoke conflicts within government family housing is a concern of mine and has been a topic of discussion within my staff.

While stand alone houses or duplexes rarely present a problem, our apartment-style design does locate larger numbers of people within a central stairwell or multi-story facility, making potential tobacco smoke conflicts much more likely.

The Air Force has successfully implemented policies dealing with the use of tobacco in the work place and those policies are based on the premise that when there are conflicts, the rights of the non-smoker prevail.

Therefore, I have asked my base civil engineer to propose a means of

applying such a policy to our military housing.

While there is currently no prohibition against the use of tobacco in government housing, it is the legitimate concerns such as yours that will lead to a policy that is fair to all.

We will publish that policy, once finalized.

### Dining facility use

**Question:** My spouse and I visited Spangdahlem Air Base and read in a recent edition of the *Eifel Times* that retirees may now dine in the dining facility, but dependents of retirees are not authorized to.

A policy permitting both retirees and dependents to dine in dining facilities is followed at Army posts and Navy bases such as Ft. Richardson, Ala., and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Why does the Air Force permit only retirees to use the dining facility, excluding their family members?

I would like to be permitted to dine along with my spouse at the facility.

**Answer:** The Mosel Halle Dining Facility works hard to provide excellent food service to our patrons. Our patrons are mostly active-duty members on Subsistence in Kind and members serving temporary duty here.

Recently, we opened our services to retirees on a trial basis. The trial period resulted in a policy allowing retirees to eat in the dining facility on a regular basis.

We are currently seeking approval to expand this policy to include the spouses of retirees when accompanied by the retired member.

If approved, we will publicize the change immediately.

Please be aware that if approved, this policy will not include children of retirees. Thanks again for your interest in the Eifel community.

### Music in the morning

**Question:** After being here for five years, I have to say I like the music during the different times of the day.

I basically know what time it is without having to wear a watch, but I've never understood why during summer vacation, we still have to be woken up by the 7:30 a.m. music.

I don't know about other families, but it wakes my children up earlier than they would get up and makes us grumpy all day.

Is it possible to get rid of this during the summer, or is it more for the people going to work to let them know what time it is?

**Answer:** I'm sorry you feel the music in the morning disturbs your family. However, the bugle calls are not just music to inform folks what time it is.

Bugle calls are a time-honored, military tradition.

The first call at 7:30 a.m., reveille, is the signal for the start of the official duty day and it accompanies the raising of the base flag.

Each morning when reveille is played we honor our flag and what it represents.

The other bugle calls heard throughout the day represent other military traditions.

Work call is played at 8 a.m., mess call at noon, work call again at 1 p.m., retreat at 4 p.m., tattoo at 7 p.m., and taps at 9 p.m.



### Energy awareness

By MSgt. Tamas Szaloczi  
Wing energy manager

Spangdahlem Air Base is becoming more energy efficient each year. The public's awareness of energy-saving opportunities is one of the major factors in the ongoing effort to reduce consumption.

The Department of Energy's new slogan, "Clean Energy for the 21st Century," is a direct reflection of the President's Executive Order 13123 signed this past summer. The new order strengthens efforts to reduce energy and energy-related costs, and raises the government's energy reduction goal in federal buildings from 30 percent in 2005 to 35 percent in 2010.

This is very significant considering that the government's building utility bill is \$3.6 billion per year. Spangdahlem's utility bill is approximately \$10 million a year. Past experiences prove that public energy awareness can conservatively save 2 percent of this cost — a whopping \$200,000.

The savings come from turning lights off in empty rooms, powering off computer monitors when they are not being used and not leaving windows open when the heat's on. The list is endless.

The money that we save on utilities gets distributed among wing organizations for their operational and maintenance funds, giving us each more spending money to do our job.

Some of the money will also go to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron for energy-related projects like improving streetlights or office lighting quality, and building more functional facilities.

A conscious effort on our part in reducing energy consumption not only conserves our scarce natural resources, but also reduces pollution of the environment and combats global warming. Let's conserve our budget to keep that light lit at the end of the tunnel.

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# Just for kicks

*Future soccer stars have a ball on the field*



Photos by SSGT. Bryan Purcell

Meagan Speares, age 6, a member of the Snakes, knees a high ball during a game Saturday at the Spangdahlem youth soccer fields.



Players from the Snakes (in red) and Hawks (in blue) youth soccer teams duke it out for possession of the ball. Saturday's game was the final match of the season for both clubs.



Bradford Simpson (left) and Ty Lennemann enjoy orange slices during a halftime break.



Christiane Murray, a member of the Mighty Dolphins, uncorks a throw-in as her coach, Brad Hebing, looks on.



(Left) Coach Rob Grimmitt and members of the Fireballs plan strategy for the second half of their game against the Mighty Dolphins Saturday. (Above) Fireball goalie Shawn Sullivan clears the ball downfield after making a save.



Good sports: rival team members gather to shake hands after the game.

# Barons thrash AFCENT, 41-6

By SSgt. Bryan Purtell  
Public affairs

Football defenses look to neutralize the passing game or shut down the run. But when a team can't stop either, the results can be devastating. Just ask AFCENT following Saturday's game with the Barons.

Quarterback Nick Johnson threw a pair of touchdown passes and running back Travis Williams rushed for 134 yards to lead Bitburg to a 41-6 rout of the Lions at Bitburg High School Field.

The victory allowed the Barons to secure second place in Division II North and a playoff date with Division II South champion Mannheim Saturday at Bison Field. SHAPE, Belgium, captured the Division II North crown and will take on Division II South runner-up Patch in the other first-round playoff game Saturday.

Johnson completed nine of 14 passes for 129 yards, including scoring strikes of 15 yards to Charlie Pierce and 48 yards to Justin Haugen, to compliment a rushing attack that chewed up nearly 200 yards of turf. Johnson also scored on a two-yard sneak in the first quarter to help the Barons improve to 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the conference.

"In order for us to have any hope of getting our running game going, Nick needs to throw the ball well and today he did just that," said Bitburg Coach Rik Carr. "With his strong performance, we were able to open up the offense and control most of the game. We've got a lot of weapons on offense and this week we were able to use all of them."

Though still bothered by a foot injury suffered two weeks ago, Williams managed to punch in three TDs and increase his rushing total for the season to a school-record 1,117 yards. His 15 rushing TDs through six games also set a new school record.

"He's an excellent running back and a great ballplayer," said Jack Gardner, AFCENT head coach. "We were just trying to slow him down because we knew we wouldn't be able to stop him. Even when he's not at 100 percent, he's dangerous."

Bitburg jumped on the scoreboard first on Johnson's sneak with 5:21 left in the first quarter to cap a 70-yard drive. The Barons upped the score to 14-0 three minutes later when Williams blasted into the end zone from six yards out. The senior running back broke the school single-season rushing record earlier in the drive on a 12-yard scamper up the middle through a slew of defenders.

"Travis is very hard to take down because he's not going to give people a clean shot," Carr said. "It takes a least a few people to bring him down - if they catch him - because he's got amazing one-step acceleration. He's very quick and very strong."

Johnson's pass to Pierce put Bitburg ahead 21-0 before AFCENT got its only score of the game. Lion quarterback Terrance Gerald hit wingback Matthew Kruz with a 10-yard scoring pass to cut the lead to 21-6, but Baron linebacker James Asher stuffed the two-point conversion try, putting an end to AFCENT's scoring for the day.

Bitburg's offense struck again just before halftime when Johnson hit a wide-open Haugen on a post pattern up the middle for a 48-yard score. The point-after try by kicker Cory Czynewski sailed wide left and Bitburg entered the break with a 27-6 lead.

Led by linebacker Billy Freeland's nine solo tackles and seven assists, and defensive lineman Mark Delgado's eight solos and seven assists, the



Bitburg running back Travis Williams (10) follows a block by fullback Mark Delgado (36) for a 12-yard gain during the Barons win Saturday. Williams rushed for 134 yards against AFCENT and set two new season records.

Bitburg defense continued to shut down the Lions in the second half. The Barons held AFCENT to 46 net rushing yards on 42 attempts and 120 yards passing in the game, eliminating any threat of the Lions avenging a 56-20 thrashing by Bitburg earlier in the season.

"Our defense was tough on the line," Carr said. "We had great balance and we took away their inside game which forced them to bounce outside where we were able to contain them. By neutralizing their quarterback and running backs, and constantly pressuring them in the backfield, we forced them to make mistakes and we capitalized."

With the defense flexing its muscle, the offense continued to churn out points, running the score to 34-6 in the third quarter on a two-yard run by Williams. The star running back again struck pay dirt from two yards out with 10:24 left in the game to close out the scoring at 41-6.

The Lions threatened to score late in the game, but an interception by defensive end Nate Wiersum deep in Bitburg territory allowed the Barons to run out the clock.

Jason Moss added 53 yards on seven carries for the Barons and Freeland pulled double duty by rushing six times for 14 yards. The day, however, belonged to Williams with the help of an inspired offense determined to help him break the record.

"They (AFCENT) were keying on me, but our offensive line came through," Williams said. "I had

to work hard for yards today, but my teammates opened up some great holes for me to run through. We executed well on offense and I was fortunate enough to be able to gain a lot of yards today behind our great offensive line and fullbacks."

Williams, a four-year varsity starter at Bitburg, admits cracking the 1,000-yard mark is great, but now he has his sights set on a loftier goal.

"I really didn't think much about reaching 1,000 yards until I got close after the fifth game," he said. "It became important to my teammates so I wanted to do it for them, too. Now, I just want to win a Division II title. I want a championship."

According to Gardner, this is the Barons' year.

"I think Bitburg should go all the way. They have a solid offense and a fantastic defense," he said. "I think they have a terrific chance of capturing the title this year. I can't see anybody beating them in the playoffs."

The Barons begin postseason action against a Mannheim squad that Bitburg thumped 28-7 during the third week of the season. But, Carr said, the earlier win means nothing heading into the playoffs and the Barons can't make the mistake of looking past the Bison in the first round.

"We can't take Mannheim lightly. If we get too complacent and cocky because we beat them earlier this year, we can easily lose the game. We certainly want to make sure we don't have the same result as last year - getting knocked out in the first round."

## Sharks grab pool full of medals

By Gildardo Moncada  
Eifel Sharks Swim Team

The Eifel Sharks had another great swimming day Saturday in Belgium competing against the SHAPE Seals.

Jessica McDonnell came

through with her third three-win performance of the season, taking wins in the 100-meter butterfly, 100 free and the 200 individual medley.

Xavier Trisvan nabbed first-place finishes in the 50 butterfly and the 100 individual medley.

Other first-place winners were Arhianna Asuncion in the 100 individual medley, Catherine Butel in the 100 free and Demetrius Trisvan in the 50 breaststroke.

The Sharks' next swim meet will be held Nov. 6 at Wiesbaden.