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287th MPs earn top unit honors

Unit wins USAREUR nod, awaits DA decision

by Joe Ferrare
Editor

The 287th Military Police Company here has again been chosen the best MP company in the U.S. Army, Europe.

By earning the USAREUR distinction the unit won the right to go forward to the Department of the Army level competition to pick the winner of the annual Brig. Gen. Jeremiah P. Holland Award for the best MP company in the Army. The 287th won the DA-level award in 1985, as well as the USAREUR level award in 1984 and the DA award in 1976.

Company Commander Capt. Dale E. Archer emphasized that the recognition for winning the award should fall squarely on the shoulders of the individual MPs.

"The MPs of this company have a real-world mission, and anything else it takes to get ready for an inspection like this is above and beyond the 10 hours or whatever the MP puts in out there on the road.

"It takes a lot to get ready for an inspection like this; you don't win these kinds of competitions just by doing your job. You have to do something above and beyond," he said.

The inspection for the USAREUR-level J.P. Holland Award was conducted by a promotion-board like panel of five lieutenant colonels and a sergeant major who pored over a half-inch thick submission packet put together by the unit. The packet contained recommendations, unit history and a full complement of data sheets that spell out every facet of the MP company's operation.

Unique and demanding missions was a

287th MP Company strongpoint. The unit not only has several missions unique to Berlin, but providing security for President Ronald Reagan's visit earlier this year gave the company another credit no other MP unit could claim.

Besides making the "most sensitive piece of real estate in the world" safe for President Reagan and his entourage, the unit could also boast of a number of unique missions, to include:

- manning the famous Berlin checkpoints and the transit routes between West Germany and West Berlin;
- providing security for the duty trains;
- being the only U.S. Army MP company to the State Department by providing security for the U.S. Mission, Berlin; and
- Operating boat patrols.

These missions were carried out in addition to the usual MP missions, such as physical security, public awareness, crime prevention, canine patrols, special event security (such as the Volksfest) and an especially heavy VIP security job.

Archer also stressed that the unit's combat support role is also a major mission, and that the company must concentrate on Combat in Cities, which most MP units don't have to do. The company also sends soldiers with each battalion when it rotates through the major training areas in West Germany, as well as providing traffic control in the city that requires they be in place before the battalions can move.

To accomplish these missions the unit has just over 230 soldiers, making it, "one of the biggest, if not the biggest MP company in the world," Archer said.

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Survey results released

Hundreds voice opinion of the Berlin Observer

Commentary and analysis

by Joe Ferrare
Editor

The results of this summer's *Berlin Observer* readership survey have been tabulated and the majority of those responding agreed with how the paper looks, reads and handles its coverage of a wide variety of categories.

The 30-question survey solicited views from all sectors of the American commu-

ity in Berlin, primarily through a mail-out in August and September. Five hundred and twenty-five people responded to the survey; 371 military, 69 family members, 63 American civilians and 22 local nationals.

Those 525 people rated the paper in such areas as reliability, believability, appearance, content and in other, more specific areas. Biographical questions were also included on the questionnaire so the staff could analyze how the paper was doing with different segments of the command.

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Landmarks of Berlin . . . The contrasts of Berlin attract *Observer* attention. See page 12 for more.

Larry Lane



A unique Christmas "card" for a unique city.

Eve Krüger



Commentary

Christmas in the air

"Uncle Kenny" goes home as Jennifer's Christmas gift

by Ken Jones
Troop writer

I talked to my sister last week on the phone. She said my niece, Jenny, is really looking forward to my return for Christmas. Somehow, someone in my family has talked her into believing that Santa Claus is bringing her "Uncle Kenny" home for Christmas.

Now, I have no argument that little children should believe in Santa Claus; they have to have something to believe in besides He-Man and the Masters of the Universe. But I think it's pretty sad state when a two-year-old is talked into believing that a non-existent person is doing something that, if he did exist, he still

wouldn't be able to pull off, unless of course, he had ties with the Honorable Frank Carlucci.

(If Carlucci has children or grandchildren, I suspect Claus would be able to pull it off, but that's an entirely different subject).

Have you noticed that a lot of men and women around Berlin are walking around with dead animals on their heads? Sometimes you can't even tell if the things on their heads are indeed dead animals or hair. And sometimes you're better off not knowing. The truth could kill you.

With the onset of winter I've noticed a lot of drivers are doing more stupid things more often. Hopefully, this is so when the roads are bad, they won't feel obligated to

do those stupid things they are supposed to do as listed in their quota. I firmly believe every driver in this city has been issued a list of stupid things they must either accomplish or at least attempt each month. Somehow, I never got my list, so I don't do any of those stupid things.

Being that it's Christmas time, my reactions to the stupidity of these drivers has somewhat mellowed out. I no longer scream (out loud) the worst obscenities that come to mind. I still think of them, but now, in the interest of not fouling the holiday air, I just mutter them under my breath. Let it not be said that I don't have holiday spirit. After all, would Santa Claus deliver somebody who fouled the holiday air?

Diepgen lauds American GIs

Thanks soldiers for help during the city's 750th anniversary

Dear Maj. Gen. John H. Mitchell,

At the end of all activities on occasion of the 750th anniversary, I would like to thank you on behalf of the Senat and all the people of Berlin for your contributions, your engagement and your manifold help during the festivities.

It is especially important for me that you convey these thanks to all members of the American Forces in Berlin who helped us many times with great personal effort. Together we have demonstrated how a

community living in freedom can make use of an anniversary to celebrate enthusiastically, to reflect past and present and to invest into the future. The basis for all this is especially the friendship and partnership between the people of Berlin and their protective powers.

With hearty greetings,

Eberhard Diepgen
Governing Major of Berlin



Governor sends holiday greeting

Rhode Island chief thanks soldiers for defending freedom

Greetings:

It is with a great deal of personal, state and national pride that I extend season's greetings to my fellow Rhode Islanders stationed abroad in Berlin.

As this nation celebrates the joy of the holiday season, we have a special obligation to remember and pay tribute to all whose unselfish commitment to our nation's freedom and security too often we take for granted.

It is individuals like you who remind us how much we owe to our service personnel throughout the world. Our military pre-

sence abroad has long been one of America's enduring strengths, and your efforts demonstrate how our nation continues to benefit from this tradition. I am proud to salute you, and, on behalf of all Rhode Islanders, I want to extend my very best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

I would also like to convey my own personal appreciation and that of your fellow citizens for your dedicated commitment and patriotic service to our nation.

Edward D. DiPrete
Governor

Observations

"What would you like for Christmas?"



Sgt. Tracy Brown, C Co., 6th Battalion: "I'd like a 1987 Volkswagen GTI, red with the X-1 package, and I'd also like a schrank."



Lance Corp. Stewart Howatson, Kings Own Scottish Borders: "I could do with a new car, a Ford XR3. That should be it."



SP4 Wendy McIntyre, Berlin MEDDAC: "A trip to the states. I'd like to be stationed in the states."



Shawn Garrick, family member: "A remote control car and a skateboard."



Brian Shivers, family member: "I want some tapes, movie soundtracks from 'Top Gun', 'Beverly Hills Cop' and 'Beverly Hills Cop II.'"

Berlin to get first-run flicks



Whoopi Goldberg in "Fatal Beauty."

Movie-goers here will soon be able to keep up with some of the latest stateside releases simply by going to their local AAFES theater, because Berlin will soon be added to the list of venues featuring "first-run" movies.

"AAFES is expanding its first-run movie distribution, and has agreed to add Berlin to the circuit," said Berlin Exchange Manager George Bass.

"Our first first-run movie is scheduled to premier at the Outpost Theatre Jan. 9, and will be 'Fatal Beauty,'" said Bass. "This is the first of many first-run movies scheduled for Berlin. The movies are straight from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer—United Artists studios in the states. Others will include "No Man's Land," "The Sicilian," "Running Man," and "Cry Freedom." Play dates will be announced through local advertising."

In "Fatal Beauty," Whoopi Goldberg and Sam Elliot team up in an R-rated action drama about a rough metropolitan police detective (Goldberg) who embarks on a personal crusade to rid the street of her city of the distributor of a deadly new drug, nicknamed "Fatal Beauty."

Show times will be 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Jan. 9, and 2, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Jan. 10.

Observer begins two-week break

The *Berlin Observer* will take its annual two week Christmas break beginning Monday. The first *Observer* of the new year will be published Jan. 8. Anyone who wants to submit articles or ads for the Jan. 8 edition should have them in the *Observer* offices by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 4. The *Observer* offices will be staffed during the break and will continue to consider events for coverage. For more information, call SFC Joe Ferrare, BM 6122/7193.



Celebrate Sober girds for holidays

The annual Celebrate Sober campaign is heating up for the fast approaching holidays. The Berlin Counseling Center has already sponsored six community BCC bars, at which mocktails, non-alcoholic drinks, were served.

The counseling center will sponsor one more community bar, as well as one for the 6th Battalion in their dining facility.

The center has already sponsored the BCC Bar at the Community Fair, the Combat Support Battalion dining facility, the Field Station Berlin Andrews dining facility, the FSB Teufelsberg dining facility, the 4th Battalion dining facility and the 5th Battalion dining facility.

The Berlin Club System is keeping up its efforts by offering the mocktail drinks and the designated driver program, in which one person in a group of two or more is named the driver and that person receives free non-alcoholic beverages for the entire evening in return for driving the other members of the group home.

The military police are continuing their safety and seatbelt checks and still offer their free rides home to those too drunk to drive and who have no other way home. The rides are only to the rider's home, not to another party or bars.



CID seeks help in robbery case

The Criminal Investigation Division and the German Police are looking for community help in their effort to track down suspects wanted in connection with a Dec. 9 armed robbery of a taxi driver in the vicinity of the U.S. Army Outpost Theatre.

The robbery occurred about 7:20 p.m. Dec. 9 and shortly after the incident, a German policeman observed a light complexioned black male in the vicinity. The man was about 25 years old, 5' 10'' tall with a slender build and wearing a red silklike jacket and faded jeans.

A second witness reported that a black male matching the description of the black male observed by the German

policeman attempted to gain entry into the Cole Sports Center between the time of 8-8:20 p.m. the same night. The second witness described the black male as wearing a head scarf on his head. The man was denied access when he could not produce an ID card.

Anyone with information about the incident or the black males pictured above should contact the Berlin CID office, BM 3513/4 or the Military Police, BM 3512/3402. Those wanting to remain anonymous can use the Berlin CID Hotline, operational 24 hours a day at BM 3564.

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Steppin' out

Music tops holiday bill

by Eve Krüger
Cultural events editor

Carillon music

Two Christmas concerts can be heard from Berlin's new attraction, the Carillon, situated in the Tiergarten between the Congress Hall and the Reichstag. 8 p.m. today and Dec. 2 the American music scientist Jeffrey Bossin will play Christmas songs from the U.S., France and Germany. The new Carillon—a bell tower—is the largest in Europe, weighs 100 tons, has a range of 5 1/2 octaves, is 42 meters high and was gift for the city's 750th anniversary by a large automobile company. Take bus 48 or 69 to get to the Tiergarten.

School choir

The Hurstpierpoint college chapel choir from Sussex, England is visiting Berlin on youth exchange program and they are giving a Christmas concert 5 p.m. Saturday at the St. Peter and Paul church located Nikolskoer Weg near Glienicker Brücke. The Russian style built church overlooks the Lake Glienicke and right beside the church is the Blockhaus Nikolskoe which houses a nice restaurant. So this might be a Saturday afternoon fun trip for the whole family.

Concert tickets

Most tickets for any concerts in December are sold out according to an ITT spokeswoman, but they still have tickets to Deutsche Oper performances in January.
Jan. 6 Nutcracker Suite DM 20-70
Jan. 16 The Magic Flute DM 20-70

Comedy

Berlin's "off theatre" scene presents the "Berlin Play Actors" with an Oscar Wilde comedy titled "The Importance of Being Earnest" 8 p.m. Saturday until Dec. 27 with the exception of Christmas Eve at the Klecks-Studio in Neukölln.

The "Berlin Play Actors" had excellent results with the cast during the summer season in New York, Edinburgh, London and Hannover. Now they would like to continue their success in Berlin by performing here during their two-week break. They promise the best of comedy and

satire and say the laughter and fun would add to a cheerful Christmas season. Tickets for the play can be reserved by calling 694-3054 after 6 p.m. and cost DM 11 and 14. The Klecks-Studio is located on Schinkestrasse 8-9 in Neukölln and to get there take U-Bahn line 1 to Kottbuser Tor change to line 8 and get off at Kottbuser Damm.

Last chance for Christmas markets

Most Christmas markets end this weekend except for the one downtown one located on Breitscheidplatz near the Kaiser-Wilhelm Memorial church, which continues until Dec. 27. For those who have not been out to the Spandau market yet, this is the last opportunity to experience some of the traditional atmosphere with the historic background of the old part of Spandau. Lots of entertainment will be offered, and not only for children. A candlelight afternoon will be held 4 p.m. Sunday in the St. Nikolai church which is the center of the Christmas market. ITT offers a guided tour for \$7 to old Spandau on Saturday. The downtown Christmas market invites people for a stroll on Christmas day or the following weekend.

The Spandau Christmas market can be reached by taking the U-Bahn to Rathaus Spandau or Altstadt Spandau. The downtown Christmas market can be reached by taking the U-Bahn to Wittenbergplatz.

"Festival do Brasil"

Carnival in Rio right here in Berlin and the opportunity to be part of it. The Hochschule der Künste presents the annual super dance and music show "Festival do Brasil" 7 p.m. Dec. 25 and 26, 4 p.m. Dec. 27, 7 p.m. Dec. 29 and 30, and 7 p.m. and 10.15 p.m. New Years Eve with a big party. Tickets for this happening cost DM 15-50 and are available now at any ticket agency.

Upcoming events

- 8 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Philharmonie—Salute to Benny Goodman. Tickets cost DM 22-32.
- 3.30 p.m. Jan. 17 Philharmonie—Pasadena Roof Orchestra. Tickets cost DM 22-32.
- 8 p.m. Jan. 29, Philharmonie—Gershwin concert tickets cost DM 22-32.
- 8 p.m. Jan. 30, Hochschule der Künste—Mister Acker Bilk's Paramount Jazz Band. DM 15-30.



With broadcasts scheduled to begin in only 12 days, the broadcasters of "Radio in Berlin" spend many hours familiarizing themselves with the control panel. Sibylle Gerlinger here cues up the next song.

"Radio in Berlin" broadcast to begin

For those tired of AFN, BFBS and RIAS 2, a new radio station will be opening soon to ease the burden of the top 40 and hot 100.

"Radio in Berlin" is scheduled to begin broadcasting Dec. 30 at 11 p.m. on 103.4 FM. It will broadcast "Newsik" daily from 11-5 p.m. "Newsik" is described as a mixture of news and music as well as occasional features.

Presently, the station broadcasts two songs and a description of what the station will offer in either English, German or French.

They are sharing the frequency with Radio 100, which broadcasts from 5-11 p.m. According to the Managing Editor Klaus Dieter Rasch, the two stations will differ quite a bit.

"Our radio is different because of the music. We play oldies, we play swing, we play popular classics. We play music not just for kids but for people in the 20-35 age group."

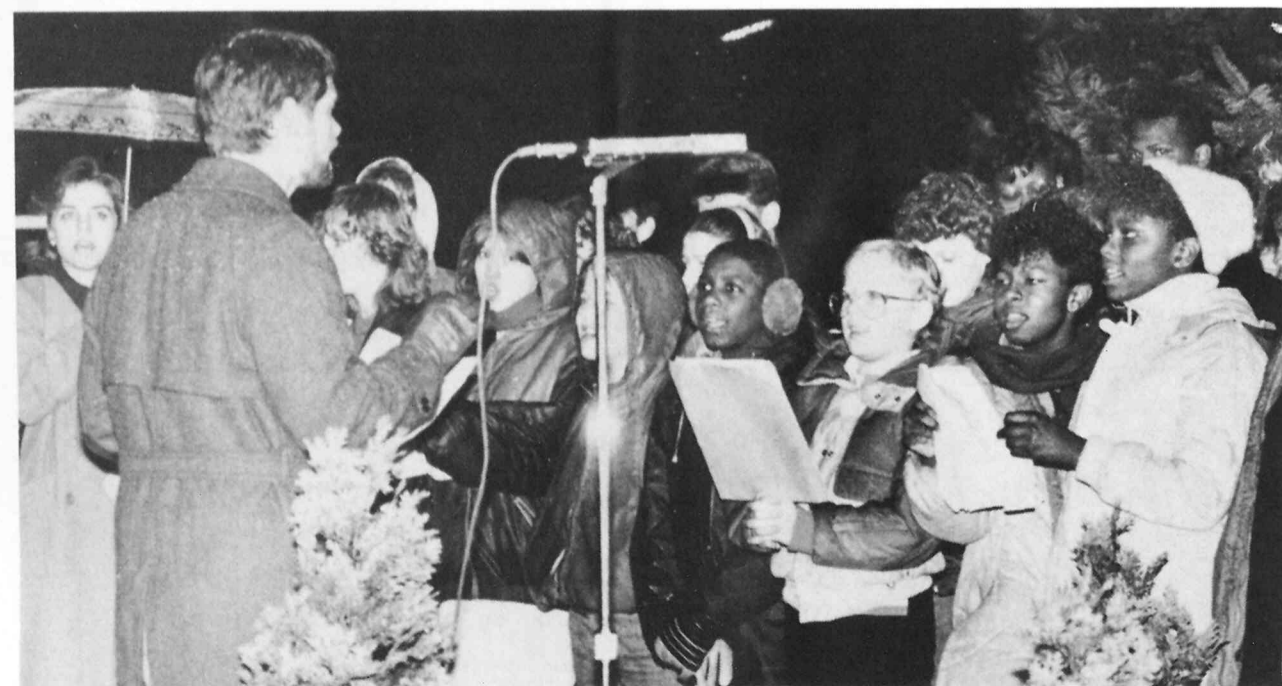
"Most private stations play popular music, the charts, and heavy metal," Rasch said, "that's the difference between them and Radio in Berlin."

Maryland offers art history class

Learning art history in Berlin can be fun, as Professor Lorette Ann Gascard feels she has shown in her innovative courses in art appreciation.

"Most people walk out of a museum exhausted and confused. It's no wonder. Would you take someone to a library who couldn't read and tell him to enjoy the books? The appreciation of art must be learned, just like reading or writing, and Berlin offers a fantastic opportunity to experience art as it was meant to be appreciated."

Art History I, covering Greek and Egyptian art, is the first of a two-semester series and will take place on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays (museum visits) from Jan. 18 to March 13. Registration will be Jan. 4-15.



Larry Lane

The Berlin American High School Choir performs following the annual Community Christmas Tree lighting ceremony Wednesday.



On the screen

Dec. 18—24

Outpost — Clayallee (6524)

Fri. **No Way Out** (R), 19:30 in Dolby stereo
Sat. Children's matinee **Follow that Bird** (G), 14:00
Stakeout (R), 18:30
Sun. Same show as above (R), 14:00 and 19:30
Mon. Same show as above (PG), 19:30
Tue. **Disorderlies** (PG), 19:30
Wed. **Nadine** (PG), 19:30
Thu. —closed—

Columbia — Tempelhof (5522)

Fri. **Superman IV** (PG), 19:30
Sat. **From The Hip** (PG), 19:30
Sun. **The Living Daylights** (PG), 19:30
Mon. Same show as above (PG), 19:30
Tue. **Summer School** (PG), 19:30
Wed. **No Way Out** (R), 19:30
Thu. —closed—

Coliseum — McNair Brks. (3131)

Fri. **Revenge Of The Nerds II** (PG), 19:30
Sat. **La Bamba** (PG), 19:30
Sun. Same show as above (PG), 19:30
Mon. Same show as above (PG), 19:30
Tue. **The Lost Boys** (R), 19:30
Wed. **Superman IV** (PG), 19:30
Thu. —closed—

Andrews — Barracks (3538)

Fri. **Full Metal Jacket** (R), 18:30
Sat. **Sweet Liberty** (PG), 18:30
Sun. Early Bird show: **Masters Of The Universe** (R), 01:00
Spaceballs (PG), 18:30
Mon. Same show as above (R), 18:30
Tue. **Who's That Girl** (PG), 18:30
Wed. —closed—
Thu. —closed—

Jerboa — Theodor-Heuss-Platz

Fri. **The Untouchables** (R), 19:30
Sat. Children's matinee **Mighty Mou-**

se-Great Space Race (G), 10:00
The Untouchables (R), 19:30
Same show as above (R), 19:30
Mon. **Children Of A Lesser God** (PG), 19:30
Tue. **Superman IV** (PG), 19:30
Wed. Same show as above (PG), 19:30
Thu. —closed—

Astra — RAF Gatow compound

Fri. **Full Metal Jacket** (R), 19:30
Sat. Children's matinee: **He-Man And She Ra** (G), 14:00
Full Metal Jacket (R), 19:30
Sun. Same show as above (R), 19:30
Mon. **Basil The Great Mouse Detective** (G), 19:30
Tue. **The Living Daylights** (PG), 19:30
Wed. Same show as above (PG), 19:30
Thu. —closed—

Odeon

— German movie theaters downtown, playing movies in the original English version —
— 116 Hauptstrasse, Schöneberg
Tel. 781-5667 from 5 p.m.

— **I've Heard The Mermaids Singing**, 18:00 and 22:00 daily; **Dr. Strangelove**, 20:00 daily until Jan. 7, 16:00 Sat. and Sun.; **Round Midnight** 24:00 Dec. 25—30; —closed— Dec. 24 and 31.

Yorck

— Yorckstrasse 86, Tel.: 78615070
U-Bahn to Mehringdamm—
Full Metal Jacket, by Stanley Kubrick. Daily performances at 17:15, 20:00, 22:30 and 01:00

Thalia 2

— Kaiser-Wilhelm-Strasse 71, 1-46 (admission DM7)
(Note: ID card holders get a discount; air conditioned; fully licensed bar)

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

AFN-TV

Dec. 18—24

Friday
06:00 NBC Nightly News
06:30 CNN Sports
06:55 AM Notebook
07:00 ABC Nightline
07:30 Just For Kids
08:00 Get Smart
08:30 Jeopardy
08:50 AFN's Morning Movie: "Written On The Wind"
10:35 Entertainment Tonight
11:05 Larry King
11:55 Berlin P.M. (R)
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 Donahue
13:20 **General Hospital**
14:05 Guiding Light
14:50 For Kids Only
15:15 Snowball Satellite
16:00 Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Berlin Tonight
18:45 CNN Sports
19:00 The Cosby Show
19:25 Silver Spoons
19:50 Berlin P.M.
20:00 Designing Women
20:30 New Mike Hammer
21:25 Berlin Tonight—Late Edition
21:30 St. Elsewhere
22:20 CNN Headlines
22:30 AFN's Late Show: "Man On A Swing"
00:10 Late Night With David Letterman
01:10 'Allo! 'Allo!
01:35 ABC World News
After the Sports
Fridays

Saturday
— Nightwatch continues through the morning —
06:00 NBC Nightly News
06:30 CNN Sports
06:55 AM Notebook
07:00 Crook And Chase
07:30 For Kids Only
09:50 The Incredible Hulk
10:30 Star Trek
11:30 CNN Sports
11:55 Berlin P.M. (R)
This schedule is tentative.
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 EUCOM Report
13:00 AFN's Saturday Matinee Movie: "Ocean Eleven"
15:00 Hee Haw
16:00 Wrestlemania III
17:00 The Wizard
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Gimme A Break
19:00 The Fall Guy
20:00 Love Boat
21:00 Sports: TBA
After the Sports:
Saturday Night Life
— Nightwatch continues through the night —
Sunday
— Nightwatch continues through the morning —
06:00 CNN Headline News
06:30 Insight
07:00 Saturday Night Sing
08:00 For Kids Only
09:00 Small Wonder
09:30 Wheel Of Fortune
10:00 Lifestyles Of The Rich And

— Nightwatch continues through the night —
Famous
11:00 Eight Is Enough
This schedule is tentative.
12:00 CNN Headline News
12:30 Nickelodeon Matinee: "Elmer"
14:05 America's Top Ten
14:30 McLaughlin Group
15:00 Solid Gold
16:00 The A-Team
17:00 Dance Fever
17:30 American Forces Perspective
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Newhart
19:00 60 Minute
20:00 Today
21:00 Sports: TBA
After the Sports:
AFN's Late Show: "A Shot In The Dark"
Monday
06:00 CNN Headline News
06:30 Face The Nation
07:00 Meet The Press
07:30 Just For Kids
08:35 My Favorite Martian
09:00 Jeopardy
09:25 Dream Girl
09:45 Together We Stand
10:15 Business World
10:40 Fight Back With David Horowitz
11:05 The Health Show
11:35 Ebony Jet Showcase
12:00 CNN Headline News
12:30 Donahue
13:20 General Hospital
14:05 Guiding Light
14:50 For Kids Only
15:15 Snowball Satellite

16:00 The Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Berlin Tonight
18:45 CNN Sports
19:00 Entertainment This Week
19:50 Berlin P.M.
20:00 227
20:30 Moonlighting
21:25 Berlin Tonight—Late Edition
21:30 Falcon Crest
22:20 CNN Headlines
22:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
23:00 D.C. Follies
23:30 AFN's Late Show: "You'll Never See Me Again"
01:10 ABC World News Tonight
Tuesday
06:00 NBC Nightly News
06:30 CNN Sports
06:55 AM Notebook
07:00 ABC Nightline
07:30 Just For Kids
08:30 Beverly Hillbillies
08:50 Jeopardy
09:15 It Figures
09:20 Candidates '88
10:40 Entertainment Tonight
11:10 People's Court
11:30 Super Chargers
11:55 Berlin P.M. (R)
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
13:15 General Hospital
13:50 Guiding Light
14:50 For Kids Only
15:15 Snowball Satellite
16:00 The Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Berlin Tonight
18:45 CNN Sports
19:00 Knight Rider
19:50 Berlin P.M.
20:00 Facts Of Life
20:30 Paper Chase
21:25 Berlin Tonight—Late Edition
21:30 Knots Landing
22:20 CNN Headlines
22:30 TBA
After the programming:
ABC World News
Wednesday
06:00 NBC Nightly News
06:30 CNN Sports
06:55 AM Notebook
07:00 ABC Nightline
07:30 Just For Kids
08:35 Addams Family
09:00 Jeopardy
09:20 AFN's Morning Movie: "You'll Never See Me Again"
10:40 Entertainment This Week
11:05 Larry King
11:55 Berlin P.M. (R)
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 Donahue
13:20 General Hospital
14:05 Guiding Light
14:50 For Kids Only
16:00 Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 Berlin Tonight
18:45 CNN Sports
19:00 Airwolf
19:55 Berlin P.M.
20:05 AFN's Evening Movie: "I'll Take Manhattan"
21:40 Berlin Tonight—Late Edition
21:45 Cagney And Lacey
22:40 CNN Headlines
22:50 The Tonight Show
23:50 AFN's Late Show: "Damned Don't Cry"
01:30 ABC World News
Thursday
06:00 NBC Nightly News
06:30 CNN Sports
06:55 AM Notebook
07:00 ABC Nightline
07:30 Just For Kids
08:20 Jeopardy
08:45 It Figures
09:10 National Geographic
09:35 Mayberry RFD
10:00 Frugal Gourmet
10:30 Entertainment Tonight
11:05 Larry King
11:55 Berlin P.M. (R)
12:00 CBS Evening News
12:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
13:20 General Hospital
14:05 Guiding Light
14:50 For Kids Only
16:00 The Today Show
18:00 CNN Headline News
18:30 CNN Sports
19:00 Murder She Wrote
20:00 Cheers
20:30 The Equalizer
21:30 Hill Street Blues
22:20 CNN Headlines
22:30 The Tonight Show
23:30 AFN's Late Show: "Maneater"
01:10 ABC World News

BFBS-TV

The Services Sound and Vision Corporation BFBS Television Program Schedule Dec. 19—25

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

Saturday
10:55 Children's SSVC starting with: Percy Peeverly's World Of Cartoons
And including: Coral Island
Battlestar Galactica
12:45 Pop Spot
13:15 Grandstand*
18:05 News And Weather*
18:15 The Fall Guy
19:00 Blind Date
19:40 Copy Cats
20:05 Casualty
20:50 TV Movie: Who Is The Black Dahlia?
22:20 The Ronnie Corbett Show
22:50 The Equalizer
23:35 Saturday Almost Live
00:25 Closedown

Sunday
13:55 Glynn Christian's New Zealand
14:25 Film: The Invisible Man
15:30 The Big Match Live*

17:25 Wish You Were Here ...?
17:50 Family Ties
18:20 Rivers Of Fire
18:50 Vanity Fair
19:20 News And Weather*
19:35 Songs Of Praise
20:15 Eastenders
21:10 A Royal Gala
22:45 The New Statesman
23:15 Ski Sunday
23:55 Closedown

Monday
12:35 Children's SSVC starting with: What's Inside?
12:45 Play School
13:05 The Flintstones
13:30 News And Weather*
13:50 Bazaar
14:20 Take The High Road
14:45 BFG Teletext
16:10 Children's SSVC starting with: Bertha
16:25 Boss Cat
16:50 Chish 'n' Fips
17:15 Splash

17:45 Making The Most Of ...
18:10 Every Second Counts
18:45 News And Weather*
19:00 The Krypton Factor
19:25 Coronation Street
19:50 The Benny Hill Show
20:20 Peter Ustinov's Russia
21:05 Taggart
22:00 News And Weather*
22:30 Lily My Love
23:15 SportsScene
23:45 Closedown

Tuesday
12:35 Children's SSVC starting with: Chucklehounds
12:45 Play School
13:05 The Flintstones
13:30 News And Weather*
13:50 The Clothes Show
14:15 Hudson And Halls
14:40 BFG Teletext
15:55 Children's SSVC starting with: Chock-A-Block
16:15 The Pondles
16:30 Corners
16:45 Emu's Wide World
17:25 Blue Peter
17:55 Knights Of God
18:20 Knight Rider
18:45 News And Weather*
19:00 Emmerdale Farm

19:25 Dr. Who
19:50 Bodymatters
20:20 The Canterville Ghost
22:00 News and Weather*
22:30 Film '87
23:00 Late Night In Concert
23:30 Closedown

Wednesday
12:30 Children's SSVC starting with: Flicks
12:45 Play School
13:10 The Kwicky Koala Show
13:30 News And Weather*
13:50 Look Good, Feel Great
14:15 Take The High Road
14:40 BFG Teletext
16:05 Children's SSVC starting with: Rainbow
16:20 Jackanory: The Reluctant Heartbeat
16:35 Hartbeat
17:05 The Gemini Factor
17:30 The Flintstones
17:55 Swim
18:20 The Roxy
18:45 News And Weather*
19:00 Alf
19:25 Coronation Street
19:50 Home To Roost
20:15 Des O'Connor Tonight
21:10 Howard's Way

22:00 News And Weather*
22:30 Rugby Special
23:10 Clive James In Japan (Pt. 1)
23:40 Closedown

Thursday
12:30 Children's SSVC starting with: Ratman
12:45 Play School
13:05 The Flintstones
13:30 News And Weather*
13:50 Knots Landing
14:35 Film: The Life And Times Of Grizzly Adams
16:10 Children's SSVC starting with: Super Ted
16:20 Henry's Cat
16:40 Kids Kafe
17:05 Christmas Past
18:00 Blue Peter*
18:35 Wacky Races
18:45 News And Weather*
19:00 Emmerdale Farm
19:25 All At No. 20
19:50 Tomorrow's World
20:20 Film: The Great Waldo Pepper
22:05 Blackadder The Third
22:35 Day To Remember
23:25 News And Weather*

23:40 Carols From Winchester
24:30 Closedown

Friday
10:00 Christmas Morning With Noel* (Pt. 1)
11:30 Commander-In-Chief's Christmas Message
11:35 Christmas Morning Service*
12:45 Christmas Morning with Noel* (Pt. 2)
13:30 Film: The Christmas Gift
15:05 Top Of The Pops Christmas Party*
16:00 HM The Queen*
16:10 Jim'll Fix It For Christmas
16:50 Film: Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory
18:25 SSVC Christmas Competition
18:35 News And Weather*
18:45 The Russ Abbot Christmas Show*
19:25 Home James For Christmas
19:50 Film: Romancing The Stone
21:30 Miss Marple: Murder At The Vicarage
23:05 Victoria Wood As Seen On TV Special
23:45 Jessye Norman's Christmas Symphony
24:45 Closedown

Survey

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The survey would not have been the success it was without the help of Hans Boeck of the data processing office. Boeck printed the original survey, wrote the computer programs to analyze the data and is providing the *Observer* with those easy-to-read graphs and charts without which no staff project is complete.

The *Observer* scored well in the most important categories, the first being how often the respondents read the paper. More than 82 percent of those who answered the question said they read the paper every week, and another 11 percent read it every other week.

Just under 34 percent said they read all of the paper, and another 52.8 percent said they read at least half of it.

The *Observer* is also a fairly reliable paper, according to those who answered the survey, with 35.6 percent saying it is always reliable, and another 62 percent saying it was reliable most of the time. Only three percent said it was rarely reliable, and no one said it was never reliable.

people, or .004 percent of those surveyed, took the advice of the old adage "don't believe anything you read and only half of what you see." The pair marked the "none of it" column when asked how much they believed of the *Observer*.

The majority of the respondents found the paper a bit more believable, however, with 20.4 percent believing all of it, and another 74.3 believing most of it. Five percent believe little of it.

Overall rating

Those surveyed were also asked to rate the *Observer* overall, both in appearance and content, and again, the *Observer* is keeping most of the readership happy. Just over 14 percent rate the paper excellent, and another 55.6 percent said the paper was a good one. Just under 23 percent said the paper was an average one, while another 2.1 percent rated it as poor.

When asked to rate the *Observer* against other military papers, the voting was more spread out, with both the excellent and the average ratings going up. Just over 24.2 percent rated it as excellent, with 41.3 percent adding a good rating. Almost 29 percent chose the average response, while 5.7 percent said the paper compared poorly to other military papers.

The paper was also found wanting in one area when respondents were asked more

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specific questions, though overall the majority of the respondents agreed with how the *Observer* handled its coverage.

Travel stories

The only area in which the majority of those surveyed disagreed with how the *Observer* did business was in the number of travel stories in the newspaper. A full 55.2 percent said there was not enough travel information in the paper. Just over 44 percent agreed with the amount of travel information, and a lone reader, which translates into .002 percent, said there was too much.

It should be explained that the final results of the survey are not the first inkling of the survey trends the staff has seen. An interim report was done after about 450 people had answered the survey, and the desire for more travel information surfaced then, too. Since that late-October interim report, the *Observer* has made an editorial shift to increase emphasis on both in-city and out-of-city travel information. The staff will continue to try to bring *Observer* readers more new in-city and out-of-city travel stories.

Next on the list of areas in which a significant number of readers marked the not enough coverage block was the coverage of current affairs in Berlin and other parts of Germany. Fifty-one percent said such coverage was about right, but 45.3 percent said they'd like to see more coverage of such current affairs.

Right behind was the coverage of current affairs on the military and American side of the house, with just over 39 percent wanting more, but a solid majority of 58.5 percent satisfied with current coverage.

Satisfying the rather large majority of people who'd like to see more coverage of current affairs will be more difficult than fixing the travel information gap because the charter of the *Observer* is mainly as a community newspaper, with the burden of out-of-community news coverage falling on such media as *Stars and Stripes*, *Army Times* and within the city, AFN. In order to increase current affairs coverage we would also have to cut coverage of some other category of news, and this was not the message sent by the survey.

The *Observer* staff will, however, make a greater effort to publish newsworthy events and photos from Berlin.

Next on the list was the coverage of controversial topics, such as child or spouse abuse. More than 35 percent of those surveyed wanted to see more on these topical issues, but 57.1 percent marked the "about right" column.

Fewer people disagreed with the coverage of other categories of news, and the "about right" ratings soared into the 60 to almost 80 percent range.

The remaining ratings were on coverage of:

- military news: too much 15.2 percent, about right 74.3 percent and not enough 10.9 percent;

- unit sports: too much 18.1 percent, about right 65 percent and not enough 17.1 percent;

- non-units sports: too much 12.6 percent, about right 62.5 percent and not enough 24.8 percent;

- community news: too much 2.1 percent, about right 68.6 percent and not enough 29.3 percent;

- features: too much 2.5 percent, about right 79.6 percent and not enough 17.9 percent.

- ceremonies: too much 24.2 percent, about right 69.5 percent and not enough 6.5 percent; and

- editorials and commentaries: too much 10.5 percent, about right 68.6 percent and not enough 21 percent.

Got that look

Art and illustration were next under the knife, and 11.4 percent rated them excellent, 52 percent good, 32.4 percent average, and 3.8 percent poor.

Photography fared a little better, pulling in a 18.3 percent excellent rating, a 49 percent good rating, a 27.6 percent average rating and a five percent poor rating.

Two regular features came under special attention. The weekly history column was rated excellent by 28 percent of those who responded, good by 43.6 percent, average by 24.8 and poor by 3.6 percent.

Unfortunately, because of the departure

of historical columnist Tom Blake, the history page will be intermittent at best in the foreseeable future, and may disappear altogether. This is a recent development and is still under consideration by the staff.

The paper's Steppin' out column got a 12.4 percent excellent rating, followed by 49 percent good, 34.5 percent average and 4.2 percent poor. As with the history column, a recent turnover in personnel has prompted a change in the Steppin' out column, though it will continue to appear regularly. The staff's attempts to upgrade travel and current affairs reporting will impact on Steppin' out, with travel features replacing the normal column when available and of sufficient interest.

Keeping up

The paper does a good job of keeping its readers informed about the military community according to those who responded. Just over 10 percent rated it excellent, 55.2 percent good, 27.6 percent average and 6.9 percent poor.

In line with the desire for more travel and current affairs news, the paper didn't fare as well when the respondents voiced their opinions of how it did in keeping them informed about what's going on outside the military.

Only just over four percent rated it excellent, 24.9 percent good, 46.5 percent average and 24 percent poor—the highest poor rating in the survey.

Biographical questions completed the survey. Almost 71 percent of those surveyed were active duty military, 13.1 percent were family members, 12 percent American civilians and 4.2 percent were local nationals.

Of those active duty people responding 48.2 percent were E1-5, 35 percent E6-9, 13.2 percent O1-4, and 3.5 percent O5-8.

The ages of those responding were spread over the average ages of people in the military, with 25.1 percent 18-25 years old, 44 percent 26-35 years old, 22.3 percent 36-46 and just 8.6 percent over 45.

Finally, 19.4 percent of those who responded got their copy of the *Observer* at Truman Plaza, 39.6 percent through home delivery, 32.6 percent at their place of work and 8.4 percent got it in some other way.

The results of this survey will be forwarded through the U.S. Army, Europe to the Department of the Army. All military newspapers are required to conduct such a survey every two years.

Holland award

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The unit has also been singled out for its supply system, winning the Department of the Army-level award for the best supply operation in a unit of its size last year, and has been selected as the best in USAREUR this year, meaning the unit will go on to the DA-level competition again this year.

Whatever the outcome of the DA-level J.P. Holland Award, Archer feels his soldiers have shown their excellence by winning the USAREUR-level award.

"It's quite an accomplishment just to

win USAREUR," he said. "There are a lot of MP companies in USAREUR—everyplace has one—and we were chosen the best. All kinds of MP companies could compete, combat MP companies, physical security units, division MP companies and other kinds," he said.

"But I'm really not too concerned about the glory of the company or anything like that," Archer said. "I'd just like to see the individual MPs recognized and let them feel a little proud about their company and how well its doing."



The Officer Friendly program is just one of the programs that helped the Berlin MPs win the Holland award.

AFN schedules holiday fare

by Mark White
Chief AFN Berlin TV programming

AFN TV has lined up a group of special shows over the holidays.

The season of entertainment starts with "The Sound Of Music" starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. Produced in 1965, this box office blockbuster by Rogers and Hammerstein is based on the life of the von Trapp family. The movie won an Oscar for the best picture. Look for it at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Christmas Eve at 8:50 p.m., Bob Hope will be beamed in from the Winterfest in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. His star-studded guest list includes: Sammy Davis Jr., Morgan Fairchild, Brooke Shields, country superstar Reba McEntire, the Associated Press All-American Football Team, the Tournament of Roses Queen, Julie Jeanne Myers and her court, and also the Orange Bowl Queen, Lillian Wilkoszynski.

Christmas Eve is time for Ebenezer Scrooge, and Charles Dickens' classic story of the miserly old man changed by the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future will air again this year. George C. Scott portrays

Scrooge, supported by Nigel Davenport and Frank Finlay. "Christmas Carol" will play 7 p.m. Christmas Eve.

At 9 a.m. Christmas day AFN will show a Christmas drama about a woman (Lee Remick) on the verge of a breakdown after the death of her mother (Angela Lansbury). She dreams of happier holiday times back in New England. The movie is very reminiscent of "It's A Wonderful Life" originally produced in 1946, and is titled: "A Gift Of Love."

The Christmas classic of classics, "Miracle On 34th Street" with the original cast from 1947 is scheduled for 1:20 p.m. Christmas day. The story is Valentine Davies' fable of Kris Kringle (Edmund Gwenn) working in Macy's, encountering an unbelieving child (Natalie Wood), and going on trial to prove he's Santa. The comedy-fantasy won Oscars for Gwenn, Davies, and the screen writer-director, George Seaton.

On radio will be the traditional Allied Christmas Carol Concert from the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church with singers from the British, French and American forces in Berlin. The exact Christmas Eve air time will be announced on AFN Berlin's local programs.

'Jumped' serial stories released

AFN Berlin TV will join the AFN Europe superstation operation Dec. 28.

The link-up to Superstation will cause the Berlin audience to miss three weeks of normal programming. To ensure that viewers do not miss any story lines of serialized programs, AFN Berlin TV has condensed what will happen during the three-week period.

"Falcon Crest": Maggie promotes her book in New York City as Terry meets Jordan's alter ego. Peter finally has a reunion, against his will. Hope's custody is decided with surprising speed while Chase finds his stolen wine and gets a handle on finally putting Angela where she belongs. Falcon Crest comes under new command. Cole and Melissa split up, which moves Richard to "business as usual" tactics to replace Melissa's lost harvest. Peter is suspected of withholding information about the woman he claims to have married.

"Knots Landing": Sumner openly acknowledges his acceptance of Peter's claim and urges him to help recover Empire Valley. Fuming over Gary's public indiscretion, Abby goes on the warpath. The ice melts between Karen and Mack as they make up. With her hands tied Abby watches Olivia run wild.

Mack discovers that Jill has been less than truthful with him. Lillimae's unexplained absence worries Val and Ben. Michael gets wind of Olivia's marijuana habit and Abby's appeal fails to move Gary. Abby tells Peter to stay out of her affairs but asks for his help in distracting Jill. Michael won't tell Karen whose marijuana was in the car when he was arrested. Mack learns more about Jill's interest in the Westphall case. Laura questions Sumner's business ethics and her own tolerance of them, and Gary takes a dangerous spin in a race car.

"Hill Street Blues": Goldblume is branded a "subversive" by the press when he appears on TV. He blames the police's bureaucratic new regulations for allowing a murderer to go free and kill again. Buntz is made king of the hill for a day while Furillo is away, and turns the blue uniforms loose in a wild spree to ring up \$130,000 in drug contraband, to ensure future overtime pay. The mass slaying of a sleeping family forces an uneasy Goldblume to ask a young snitch to risk his life by setting up a lethal gang. Belker and Russo go undercover to nab a neighborhood drug dealer.

"General Hospital": Scorpio is sure that the body that was found in a Parisian river is that of the D.V.X. Bobby is excited about the prospect of being fitted for leg braces. Elaina decides that Dusty is the only D.V.X. agent she can depend on. Robert, Anna and Robin return to Port Charles unaware that Elaina dispatched two assassins to assist Dusty when she orders the killings. Duke is concerned about Anna's safety after she and Robert are

forced to flee Duke's Club by two gunmen. Terry confesses to Bobby and Jake that she's fallen in love with Dusty.

Terry suspects that Robert and Anna's sudden request for invitations to Elaina's costume party has something to do with the song Elaina wrote. Elaina successfully delays Robert and Anna at her party long enough for her pair of assassins to rig her plane to explode with them on board.

Sean, Duke and Felicia have to come up with a believable story to convince everyone that Robert and Anna have been killed. Edward doubts that Alan has the sophistication to handle G.T.I.'s business interests in Geneva.

Despite the memorial service at Duke's Club for Robert and Anna, neither Bobby or Jake is totally convinced that Robert and Anna are dead. Tiffany and Terry are angry and confused about Dusty's unexplained refusal to perform at Mt. Rushmore. Having established a link between Elaina, Dusty and the song that Elaina wrote, Sean tells Robert and Anna about Dusty's refusal to perform. Sean, Anna and Robert tell Felicia that they have learned that Dusty is a part of Elaina's team of assassins. Elaina suggests that Dusty go ahead and perform at Mt. Rushmore with Terry. While Tiffany, Dusty and Terry are busy checking in at the Mt. Rushmore resort where they'll be performing, Robert and Anna arrive in disguise they're sure will hide their true identity from everyone.

"Guiding Light": "HB" serves the tainted steak as Rusty, Rick and Chelsea rush to retrieve the steak to analyze it for its poison content. Josh exclaims to Will that he still wants to put Reva out of his mind but he still loves her. Michael-Alan tells Alan about the party and the stolen bonds that were returned. Mindy talks Rusty out of bowing out of her life. Michael-Alan cancels his plans to leave town and plans to have another party. Cameron's dad comes to see Vanessa about his son keeping things from him, and makes a dinner date with her. Rusty proposes a plan to bait the hit man. Cameron is all but convinced that his dad is behind the string of robberies. Vanessa's safe has been cracked and Rusty and the Spauldings put their plan to snare the hit man into action.

Ross cautions Josh about the possible ramifications resulting from signing the partnership papers. Alan-Michael takes the Spaulding jet to try and foil the hit man. Vanessa teaches Diana an important lesson on the first day of college. Reva watches as Fletcher and Maeve prove that love will find a way. Lacey isn't afraid to break the law to accomplish her real estate deal.

If you have any questions call AFN Berlin's "Commentline" at Berlin Military 6145.



Larry Lane

Talina la Mothe and Tammy Teale help box items for needy families for the Operation Santa Claus program.

Volunteers put wraps on last of Operation Santa

The Army Community Services' Operation Santa Claus, a program aiding needy families during the holidays with food items and children's gifts, is said to have been a success this season, according to Chairperson Barbara Meadows.

"I hope that the families receiving these baskets feel as much joy and pleasure as the volunteers and community did putting them together," she said.

"More than 100 people volunteered their time and services to make this project an overwhelming success. Every contribution, from large donations to a single can of food has been greatly appreciated," she added.

One gift, a can of green beans was addressed to "Santa" and was sent by "a family of five." A note with the donation read "we don't have a lot but we remember how it feels to have nothing. With gratitude in our hearts we gladly give to this operation. We hope someone else feels as thankful as we do."

The project benefitted 227 military families with 373 children. Contributions ranged from single gifts of food to large donations of money.

Gathering more than 2,300 food items, the Boy and Girl Scouts held a food drive. The Girl Scout Troop 766 wrapped 250 gifts, many of which were toys donated by the Latinos Unidos Club. A food and toy contribution was given to the program by the East Berlin Scout Pack 46 through the U.S. Embassy East Berlin.

E-Battery, 320th Field Artillery donated a large food contribution and one unit's wives club that wishes to remain anonymous made 300 stockings and stuffed them with candy.

Major cash contributions came from the American Community Chapel, Checkpoint Charlie Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Warrant Officers Association of Berlin and the Berlin Roadrunners running group who held a 24 hour marathon run for funds.

The Berlin Lodge 46, 933, Outpost Lodge 895, Taharka Temple and EW Armstrong Military Lodge 145 mason chapters also contributed cash donations. Other food donations came from F Co., 40th Armor, H&S, CSB and Helmstedt Detachment, CSB.

"On behalf of the ACS and the Berlin community, we thank each of you for sharing your love this Christmas," Meadows said.



Community events

This week

Christmas party closures

■ The Berlin MEDDAC/DENTAC will be closed, except for emergencies, this afternoon for its organizational Christmas party.

■ The G-3 divisions will close at noon Monday for a Christmas party.

■ The Supply and Services Division will close at noon today for the annual Christmas party, to include Supply Branch, Services Branch, Food Service, Ammunition Branch, Troop Issue Subsistence Activity and Laundry and Dry Cleaning Branch.

■ The Public Affairs Office, including the *Berlin Observer* offices, will close at noon Friday for the annual Christmas party.

G-1 closing

The ACofS, G-1 DPCA, Plans and Operations will close noon today.

Midnight sale

The Berlin Main Exchange and Four Seasons stores will hold a sale 8 p.m.—midnight today. According to PX officials, special values will be offered on selected home entertainment electronics, toys and fashion clothing.

FSB holiday ball

The Field Station Berlin holiday ball will be held Saturday at the Harnack House. Tickets will be \$12.50, and are available through FSB first sergeants or command sergeants major. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. with a pay-as-you-go bar. Dinner will follow along with a visit from Santa and dancing until 1 a.m.

Dress will be evening wear, coat and tie, class A with bow tie or dress blues. Child care reservations may be made for the evening by calling BM 6270. Bus transportation will be provided to all housing areas along with Andrews Barracks.

PX ski show

The Main Exchange is hosting a ski show and sale 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Saturday at the Youth Activities Sports Center. Ski fashions will be modeled and sold throughout the day. Cash, checks, DPP and credit cards accepted, but no layaways. There will be limited quantities, and no rainchecks.

FSB benefit Christmas party

The Field Station Berlin Operations Battalion Benefit Association will hold its annual Christmas party Sunday 2—5 p.m., for the kids of the Elizabeth Weiske Children's Home at the Hi-Lite Community Center on Andrews Barracks. All FSB personnel and others who have contributed throughout the year may attend. For more information call Sgt. Kouns at BM 3136 or Sgt. Robb at BM 3403.

Christmas choral concert

The American Community Choir will present a free service of Christmas lessons and carols 5 p.m. Sunday at the American Community Chapel. Babysitting will be provided.

Children's Christmas party

The Tempelhof Officers' Wives Club will hold a Christmas party for the children of TOWC members 2—4 p.m. Sunday 20 at the Sky rider Recreation Center. The party is limited to children 10 and under. Parents are asked to bring cookies or a snack to share. Call 817-4521 for reservations.

Finance closing

The Finance and Accounting Office will close at noon Wednesday. Emergency services can be handled by calling the EOC at BM 7222. The banking facility at Truman Plaza will be open to cash checks.

Soldier-Airman Day

The Berlin Chapter of the Association of the United States Army and other private community organizations will host the annual Berlin Soldier-Airman Appreciation Day 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Starlight Grove Enlisted Club. This event is to show appreciation for the service of young soldiers/airmen in grades E-1 through E-4 who are not usually singled out for recognition during the year.

Holiday hours

The following community stores and services will operate listed during the dates and times listed.

The Treasure Chest

- Monday, 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Tuesday 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Wednesday 2—6 p.m.

Army Post Offices

- Dec. 24 Truman Plaza APO 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- Dec. 24 Andrews APO 8—10 a.m.
- Dec. 24 McNair APO Closed
- Dec. 25 All APOs Closed
- Dec. 26 All APOs Closed
- Dec. 27 Truman Plaza APO noon—4 p.m.
- Dec. 31 Truman Plaza APO 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- Dec. 31 Andrews APO 8—10 a.m.
- Dec. 31 McNair APO Closed
- Jan. 1 All APOs Closed

Class VI Store

- Dec. 24 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Dec. 25 Closed
- Dec. 26 Closed
- Dec. 28 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Dec. 31 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Jan. 2 Closed

American Express Banks (all branches)

- Dec. 24 Closed
- Dec. 25 Closed
- Dec. 26 Closed
- Dec. 31 9 a.m.—noon
- Jan. 1 Closed
- Jan. 2 Closed

Army Air Force Exchange Service

Dec. 24

- All retail facilities and concessions will close at 4 p.m.
- All food facilities will close at 3 p.m.
- All theaters will be closed.

Dec. 25

All AAFES facilities will be closed.

Dec. 26

- Main Exchange 10 a.m.—5 p.m.
- McNair retail store 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
- Andrews retail store 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
- TCA retail store 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
- TCA military clothing store Closed
- Four Seasons store 10 a.m.—5 p.m.
- Truman Shoppette 10 a.m.—9 p.m.
- Düppel Shoppette 10 a.m.—7 p.m.
- Schlagenbader Shoppette 1—7 p.m.
- Sundgauer Shoppette 11 a.m.—6 p.m.
- Filling station 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
- Garage, Auto parts store Closed
- McNair Burger Bar 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Andrews Burger Bar 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Burger King 8 a.m.—9 p.m.
- Baskin Robbins 11:30 a.m.—9 p.m.
- Frank's Franks 10:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- Concessions Closed

Dec. 31

- All retail and concession facilities will close at 4 p.m.
- All food facilities will close at 3 p.m.
- All theaters will be closed.

Jan. 1

All AAFES facilities will be closed.

Commissary

- Dec. 24 Close at 2 p.m.
- Dec. 25 Closed
- Dec. 26 Closed
- Dec. 28 Open 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
- Dec. 31 Close at 4 p.m.
- Jan. 1 Closed

Christmas services

The Berlin chapels have announced their Christmas service schedules.

For Christmas Eve;

- 5 p.m. American Community Chapel (Catholic)
- 5 p.m. McNair Barracks Chapel (Protestant)
- 6:30 p.m. Tempelhof Chapel (Protestant)
- 7 p.m. Andrews Barracks Chapel (Catholic)
- 7 p.m. McNair Barracks Chapel (Catholic)
- 7:30 p.m. American Community Chapel (Protestant)
- Midnight American Community Chapel (Catholic)
- Midnight Andrews Chapel (Episcopal)
- Midnight Tempelhof Chapel (Catholic)

For Christmas Day;

- 9 a.m. American Community Chapel (Catholic)
- 9 a.m. Tempelhof Chapel (Catholic)
- 10 a.m. McNair Barracks Chapel (Catholic)
- 10 a.m. Andrews Barracks Chapel (Catholic)

Next week

Retiree meeting

The Association of Retired Members of the Armed Forces of Berlin will hold its monthly meeting on 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at the Harnack House. New ration cards will be issued at the meeting.

'Cudas boosters meet

The monthly Berlin Bear-A-Cuda's Booster Club meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Hi-Lite Community Center.

Silverwings bake sale

The Silverwings Wives Club will hold a bake sale 11 a.m.—2 p.m. Jan. 15 at Tempelhof Central Airport by the postal area. Donated goods may be brought to either Brenda Hurst's home, 25 Charles H. King No. 1, or Karen Pepper's home, 14-B Taylor No. 23, and should be delivered the evening before the bake sale.

Misc.

Eyewear backlog

Because of the increased demand for glasses bought through the Optometry Clinic, not only in Berlin but in all facilities in Europe, the backlog at the optical fabrication laboratory in West Germany continues to grow. Orders are now being received from four—five weeks after being placed. Those who have not received their glasses within six weeks should contact the clinic at BM 4140.

Eye test requirements

Many states have changed driver's vision test requirement, making an evaluation by a doctor a requirement. To fulfill this requirement, make a routine appointment through Patient Appointments, BM 4211, or if uncertain of the requirement bring the state renewal forms and medical records to the Optometry Clinic.

Thrift Shop closure

The Thrift Shop will close Monday for the Christmas holiday and reopen Jan. 4.

AAFES management job

The Berlin Exchange is accepting applications for the manager's position in Baskin Robbins until Saturday. The position is a UA-5 with possibilities for promotion to UA-6.

The job entails supervising all phases of the Baskin Robbins, which comes under the McNair Burger Bar and ensuring that all required internal controls and procedures have been compiled with through use of the prescribed manuals and directives.

Qualifications needed are: completion of high school or the equivalent, three years of progressively responsible general experience or experience in an AAFES food activity, commercial restaurant or cafeteria. Experience must have required the employee to develop, direct and supervise a staff. Qualifying college-level education may be substituted for the general experience at a rate of nine months of study for nine months of experience.

Job opportunities

Civilian Personnel Directorate is currently accepting applications for the following dollar-paid positions:

U.S. program, GS and DODDS/SF 171 required: teacher, full-time /part time; nurse, GS-9; School lunch monitor, GS-02, part-time.

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

Applications are being accepted for the waiting list for the following DM-paid positions, AE 57 required: nurse, KC-VI, shift; cook, five years experience, 47 hours per week; secretary, working knowledge of German and French, English shorthand and typing; various clerical positions with English/German knowledge.

Applications are now being accepted for DYPT; unmarried youths ages 14-23 years, (high school and full-time college students) residing with parents and family members of military or civilian are eligible if they are full-time students. Applications are available at Civilian Personnel Directorate, Job Information Center, 26 Saargemuender Str.

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

CTC job

Central Texas College is accepting applications for the position of secretary to the regional director. Excellent clerical and interpersonal relations skills are essential requirements. This is a full-time, salaried position with standard employee benefits such as paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, and retirement plan.

Interviews will be conducted the week of Jan. 4. Those interested should contact Texas College, BM 9651.

Aerobics classes

New Aerobics classes are being sponsored by the Hi-Lite Community Center. Corey Knowlton teaches noontime aerobics 12:15-1:15 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Youth Activities Center, and also on von Steuben compound 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the Hi-Lite Community Center, BM 3554, for more information.

Boston University registration

Registration for the Boston University spring 1988 term runs until Jan. 8. The term will run Jan. 9-April 15. For more information call the Boston University representative, BM 6976, or the Tempelhof representative at BM 5259.

Births in Berlin

Jean Mikhail Coyan, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born Oct. 29 to Sgt. Peter and Cheryl Coyan, Berlin MEDDAC.

Rachel Anne Adent, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born Dec. 3 to Lt. Deborah Lynn and John K. Adent, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

Eric Ivan Pabon Jr., 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born Dec. 7 to Sgt. Eric and Brigitte Pabon, Co. F, 40th Armor.

Jessica Leah Camp, born Dec. 7 to Sgt. Jon and Lisa Camp, A Co., 6th Bn.

Casey Brianna Ryan, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born Dec. 9 to Ray and Connie Ryan, G-3 Education.

HRO change

The Housing Referral Office will no longer be open on Saturdays. Housing Referral Office personnel are still available to assist customers on an appointment basis Monday through Friday. Appointments may be made by calling BM 7315.

Santa suit rentals

The Entertainment Branch of the Community Recreation Division is renting Santa Claus suits and a limited number of Mrs. Santa suits, and German Weihnachtsmann costumes. Suits cost \$7.50 per day and can be reserved by calling BM 3550.

Children's Center hours

The Children's Center will be open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. the first three Saturdays of December for those who want to do some "unaccompanied" Christmas shopping. For reservations, call BM 6270.

Starlight hours change

The Starlight Grove Gift Shop will have new operating hours until Jan. 1. The new hours are:

Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday noon-4 p.m.

Monday closed

TCA open house booths

The Tempelhof Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division is now accepting applications for 1988 open house booths. Only officially sanctioned private organizations and activities are eligible to apply. Applications forms are available in the MWR offices, rooms 4173/77, on the fourth floor of the Columbia House. Applications will only be considered if they are completed correctly and received on or before Jan. 22. For more information, call BM 5385.

Duty shuttle

Effective Jan. 4, the departure times on the Düppel Housing Area Duty Shuttle will change. The bus will depart

■ Düppel Housing	6:40 a.m.
■ Mexico Platz	6:50 a.m.
■ Flanagan Strasse	6:57 a.m.
■ Taylor Strasse	7:00 a.m.
■ Bus Terminal	7:05 a.m.
■ Sundgauer Housing	7:12 a.m.
■ McNair Barracks	7:18 a.m.
■ Andrews Barracks	7:25 a.m.

Requirements for printing ads and events

All submissions must be:

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

(except for want ads).

4. Signed.

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

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

Want ads

For sale

Jaguar XJ6 4.2. Four-door, automatic, racing green, fully equipped, garaged, winter/summer tires, never in an accident, serviced by authorized dealer, European specs., top condition, DM 15,000. Call BM 6145 or 261-4269.

1981 Datsun Diesel pickup with top. Mechanically sound, new exhaust and transmission. U.S. specs. \$1,000 obo. Call 813-6232.

1974 Mercedes 230. In good mechanical condition, needs one new muffler. German specs., \$495.00. Call 803-7341.

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

1979 Ford Thunderbird. Blue, two door, American specs, A/C, AM/FM cassette stereo, excellent mechanical condition, tilt steering, \$1,800 negotiable. Pioneer stereo with timer, digital synthesized tuner, graphic equalizer, front loading stereo turntable, amplifier, double cassette deck, two Kenwood speakers, all for \$600. Atari 800XL computer with 1050 disk drive, over 60 disks and color monitor, asking \$250. Call Sgt. Morales BM 3268 or 711-9996 after 5 p.m.

ETS Sale basement of 39 Lloyd G. Wells Str., Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. 8 X 10 ft. salmon colored carpet with finished edges, ladies rabbit fur jacket, ski jacket, shoes, houseful of plants, and more.

PCS Sale: Transformers, 2000w - \$50; Two 300w - \$10 each; 12 cup automatic drip coffee maker, 220v - \$10; Iron, 220v - \$8; Hair dryer with accessories, 220v - \$10; Four-slice toaster, 220v - \$10. Call BM 6464 or 801-1739.

Basement sale: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, 241 Argentinische Allee. All house decor., dishes, knick knacks, curtains, small rugs, lamps, some baby items, toys, and lots more. Also have brown Berkline sleeper sofa and lounge chair like new, 6 mo. old. Asking \$850. Call 813-8887.

Glass kitchen table with four chairs; \$55. Phone: 801-7563.

Grey papagi with cage, DM 150 or dollar equivalent. Call 802-8735 after 6 p.m.

Baby bath, bottle warmer, stroller; \$5 each. Stroller; \$15. Gerry baby carrier, \$10. Call 801-8338 evenings and weekends.

Transformers 1600W-\$45, 1000W-\$25, 300W-\$10, and 75W-\$5 or best offer. Several plants. Baby carriage, runner (carpet), end table, espresso maker (220V), iron (220V), vacuum cleaner (220V). Call 801-4206 after 6 p.m.

Diamond Back II Silver Streak racing trick bike. Red, black & chrome. All the best components; made in the U.S. \$300. Assorted individual racing components to include sprocket, forks and frame standers. Extra parts for repairing 10-speeds also available. 826-3439.

Walnut-stained desk. All wood, no plastic or pressed-wood. Made in U.S. Perfect for student. Measures: desk top (107 cm x 51 cm; height - 78 cm tall). Chair included. 826-3439.

Four piece oak-veneer bedroom schrank, including shelves, closet and desk. \$350. 813-6320 5-11 p.m.

Three women's coats, size 11/12: khaki raincoat; \$15, burgundy wool coat; \$25, black wool coat; \$40, all in excellent condition; natural wicker chair; \$25, natural wicker bookshelf; \$35, antique German women's bicycle; \$50, wine glass rack with five glasses; \$5, warning triangle and first aid kit (never used); \$10 for both. Call 825-6643.

Solarium, \$145, electric pachinko machine \$50. Call BM 8181 or 831-3659 at night.

Pioneer PL-1000 top of the line turntable, \$225; KLH pop/click noise reduction, KLH tape hiss remover, \$150 each; child's bed rails, \$10 each; Hitachi VCR, new costs \$900, will sell for \$225, needs minor work; Panasonic TV, NTSC, \$225; lot of albums, \$3-4 each; Sharp CD player, \$200; Christmas pyramid, cost \$60 will sell for \$30. Call Scott at 813-6337.

Kenwood AM/FM tuner, Sony solid state amp, Kenwood cassette, Bic turntable and two Jensen speakers, \$300; large round Ikea pine table with one leaf. DM 200 firm; Heinrich, Villerooy and Beka dishes. New geranium pattern, eight dinner, six cake, six cups and saucers, cream, sugar, coffee pot, six cereal bowls, three serving bowls, platter, sandwich tray, two tea pots, \$250; Amapola pattern, eight dinner, eight salad, eight cereal bowls, two serving bowls, sandwich tray, \$100. Various patterns of Wächtersbach, including 48 piece, solid black, \$160; Heinrich Russian fairy tale collector plates, No. 7-12, \$60; Heinrich fairy plates, all 12, \$25 each; Heinrich Fairies of the Field, have nine, \$25 each. Hut-schenreuther plates, \$75 each. Call 891-8223 after 6 p.m.

Electric go-kart with two 12 volt electric motors, powered by automobile battery. Mini 50 cc moped, with ILO two cycle engine & three forward speeds, small enough to slip into car trunk or airplane. Both items are in mint condition. Call 891-6081 6-8 p.m.

Eight piece wall unit, schrank. Dark brown, 1 1/2 years old. Book case, two big drawers, china cabinet, pull down bar area, cabinet with doors, two small drawers, record storage area. Paid \$2,700 asking \$600 or best offer. Infant car seat, \$25; Toddler car seat, \$10. Call 813-8884 anytime.

11 month old full bred German shepherd. Purchased for DM 300, asking DM 200 or dollar equivalent. Good dog, loves to play, wonderful with children, all shot records up to date. Call BM 9525/9536 duty hours or after 6:30 p.m. weekdays and weekends at 801-3912.

Sofa sleeper, beige, "L" shape, asking \$400. Two bar stools, \$80. Two bar stools, \$80. Two beige chairs with arms, asking \$100. German coffee table, pine, \$50. All in good condition. Call Sgt. Montgomery BM 4150 during duty hours and 801-3943 after duty hours.

Wanted

Someone to take care of four children ages 9, 5, 3 and 1. Would prefer my Düppel area home, hours vary, salary negotiable. Call 802-8829.

Auto: Must be four door and automatic trans. Any model or make will be considered. Call 831-1325 after 5 p.m.

Experienced babysitter to care for a two month-old child in my home. References preferred. Call 813-8999.

Used Aquariums - any size, any condition - even broken. Also aquarium stands. "Habitrail" Hamster set, or parts. Would like to have the part that sits on aquarium. "Paddle Controllers" for Atari 2600 game system. Also "power pak" (110 volt) for Atari 5200 game system. Disk drive, printer, etc. for Atari 800XL computer. Games, etc. for all the above. Call 813-6301 anytime.

Video camera to rent, call 801-4578.

Free

Black male cat. Two years old, good with children. Neutered and all shots to date. Needs lots of love and attention, very playful. Call 813-8757.

School lunches

—JFK school has the following menu for the week beginning Dec. 21:

Monday—Chicken frikassée, rice, ice-cream.

Tuesday—no lunch.



Sports

Holiday racquetball contest scheduled

The Community Recreation Division's Christmas racquetball tournament organized by Jackie Yzaguirre is scheduled to begin today at the Cole Sports Center and finish up Sunday.

More than 80 wall slammers have entered into the competition that has matches in the open singles and doubles, women's division and doubles and the men's senior 35 and over and B division. The men's B division has the most amount of participation with 40 players. A total of 94 games are scheduled.

"I think it will be successful," Yzaguirre said.

"People who didn't enter will say they are not good enough. People will never know how good they are unless they get out there. They don't want the competition.

"There are lot of good players out there and I'm going to keep bugging them until they get out there," Yzaguirre said. Brackets for the matches will be posted at the Cole Sports Center.

Woods leads men's racquetball league

Clyde Woods still leads the men's A division of the Berlin Brigade racquetball league. Leroy Walters is in second place with 376 and David Williams is close behind with 368 points.

In the men's B division, competition is down to one point away at the top positions. Mark Cornwell leads the division with 388, Michael Frazey has 387 and Michael Fleming holds third spot with 386 points.

Kathleen Blöse leads the women's division with 360 points. Her closest competitor is Mary Jenning with 335 and Astrid Coley hangs on to third position with 286 points.

Bears bruise Baumholder

The Berlin Brigade's men's and women's community basketball squads hosted the Baumholder Bears Saturday and Sunday at the Cole Sports Center. The teams won three of four games; one contest was forfeited by the visitors after a fight broke out in the second half of the Dream Team's first contest with Baumholder.

The fouls came early and heavy in the first half of the Dream Team's first battle with the Lady Bears. Both teams played a tough, physical game and players were at the foul line often. The Dream Team earned six points at the line compared to Baumholder's 11 charity points. Berlin led the Lady Bears 33-27 at the half.

With 15 minutes left in the game, a scuffle started on the court, ending with Baumholder coach Barbary Flythe pulling her Lady Bears team off the court and forfeiting the game. The final score had the Dream Team leading 39-34. Joyce Taylor put in a high 13 points for the Dream Team in the game and Baumholder's Denise Parker tossed in 11.

Dream Team player Dee Butler was the high shooter for Berlin, putting in 24 points in the squad's 62-47 Sunday slashing of the Lady Bears.

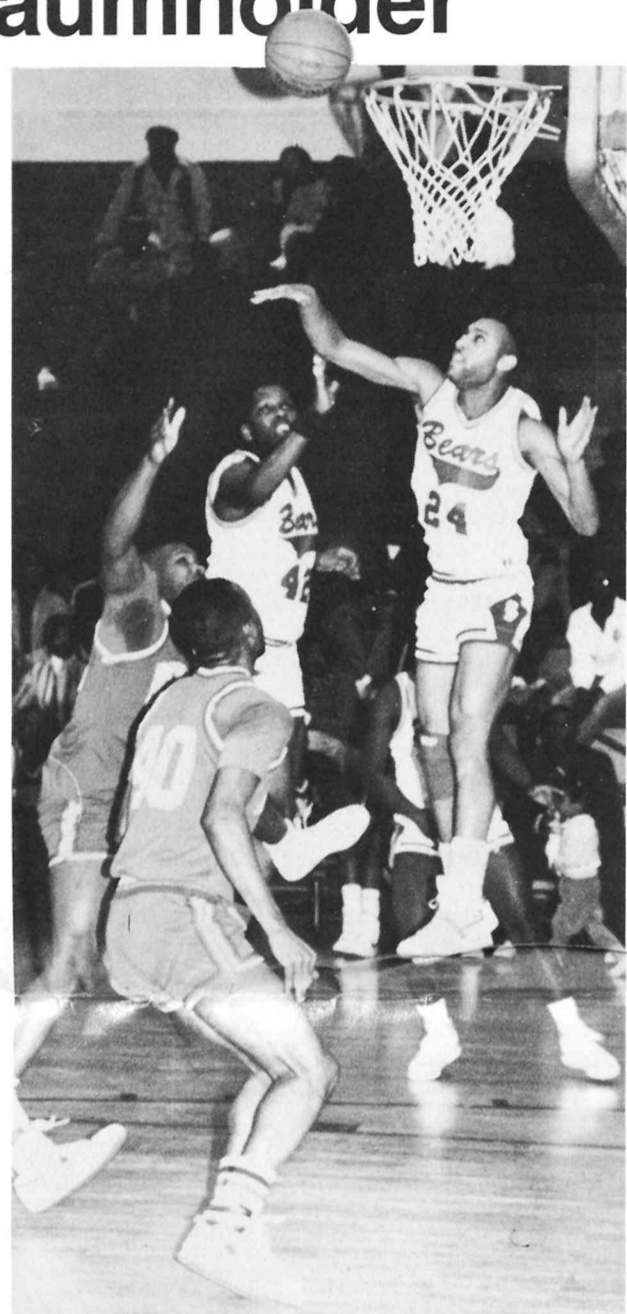
Few fouls flew in the game, both teams clearly cleaning up their fouling problems after Saturday's fracas. Berlin held onto a 36-22 lead at the end of the first half with Butler putting in 12 and Monica Freeman dropping in 10.

Butler matched her first half scoring with another 12 in the second half. Scoring was scattered throughout the rest of the Berlin team, as each member added points in the game.

The Baumholder Bears outscored the Berlin Bears in both halves of Saturday's game to finish the home team 80-71. Top scorers for Baumholder were Darnell Arbet at 17, March Malcomb at 11 and Jimmy Davis and Reggie Hughes both at nine points for the game.

Berlin's scoring for that game came from Alvin Cummings at 13, Kenneth Collion at 12 and Keneth Cain at Darvis Johnson each with 10 points.

Berlin's revenge came Sunday as Berlin downed visiting Baumholder 71-62, with Collion leading at 20 points for Berlin. Gregory Carr knocked out 14 and Kenneth Cain tossed in 13 for the game.



Larry Lane

Both Bears teams battle at the boards for a rebound.

BAHS shooting squad takes Bear rifle match



High scoring Neal Weaver fires at the BAHS rifle range.

Larry Lane

The Berlin American High School Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps rifle squad outshot five visiting teams of shooters from the West in a rifle match held Saturday at the school's range.

Berlin outpointed the Bad Kreuznach team 1,252 to 1,220 points to win the top placing in the contest. The Bad Kreuznach team was last year's northwest conference rifle team champs while Berlin took second place.

Other scoring had Giessen with 1,162, Hanau close behind with 1,144, Frankfurt at 1,090 and Osterholz bringing up the rear with 828 points. Scoring is based on a high overall score of 1,500 points possible. Each team competes with squads of six or less firers.

High shooter in the overall contest was Berlin's Neal Weaver. Weaver fired for 267 points out of 300, not his best day, the team captain said.

Assistant coach 1st. Sgt. (ret.) John Hartley said the team didn't have a good day as a whole and that the team usually shoots in the 1,300s.

The next match for Berlin will be a tournament held at Bad Kreuznach Jan. 9. The team is coached by MSgt. Jack Wayne.

BAHS wrestlers wrap up triangular tourney

The Berlin American High School wrestling squad coached by Jerry Hubbell manhandled teams from Bad Kreuznach and Ulm Saturday in a triangular wrestling meet held at the BAHS gymnasium.

Berlin beat Bad Kreuznach 58-14 and defeated Ulm 37-31. In the same meet, Ulm outpointed Bad Kreuznach 50-24.

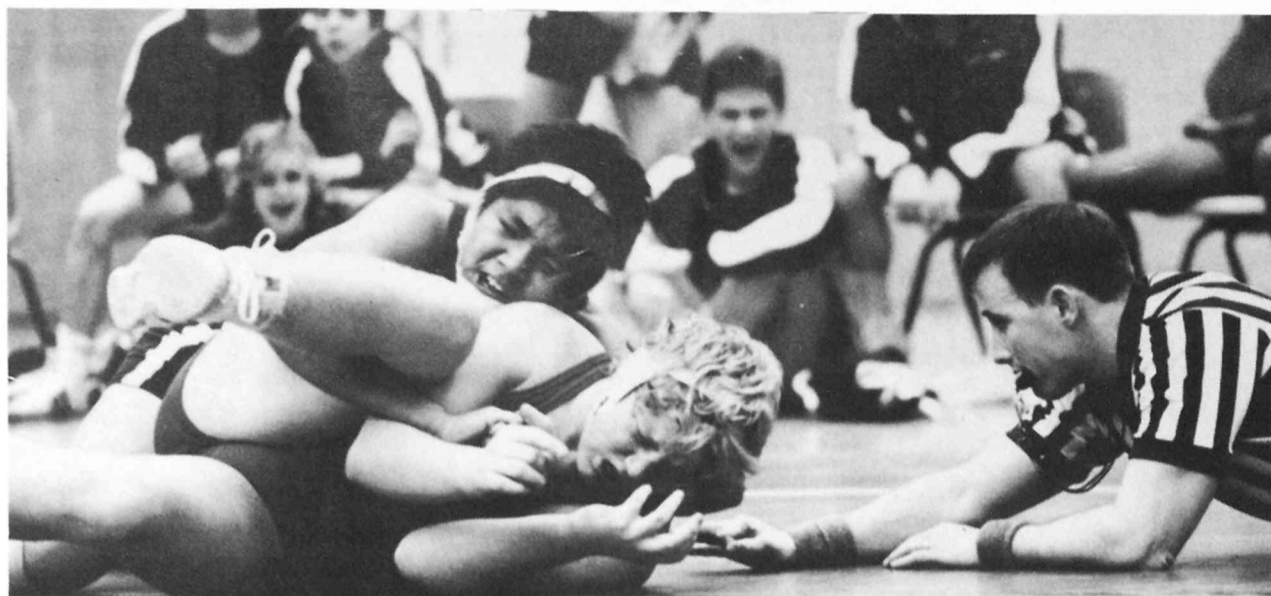
In the 103 pound weight class, Berlin's Eric Koop put away Ulm's Eric Brogan in 1:55. To take top notch of the 112 pound class, Bad Kreuznach's Peter Gamble pinned Ulm's Ryan Patterson in 48 seconds.

Ulm's Taymond Rodriguez took out Berlin's Thadeus Freeman in a 14-10 decision match of the 119 pound class. Ulm's Greg Pace defeated Berlin's Richard Rapp in 1:30 time to take the 125 pound class.

Ulm's Bobby Lane beat Bad Kreuznach's Thomas Santos in 1:36 time and overcame Berlin's Jim Rejzak in 45 seconds to be top wrestler in the 130 pound class. Santos won a 7-4 decision over Rejzak in the same division.

In the 135 pound class, Sammy Perez brought Berlin a win by beating Ulm's Rob Ulrey in 1:58. Berlin's Chris Jillson took care of Bad Kreuznach's Chris McClanahan in 3:36 to snatch the 140 pound class.

The 152 pound class saw heavy competition with Greg



Berlin's Audie Noneo wraps up Ulm's Mike Thompson.

Larry Lane

Newton toughing out a match for Berlin, defeating Bad Kreuznach's Rich Swift in 5:58. Ulm's Wally Schafer outwrestled Newton in 1:22 and quickly finished Swift in 58 seconds.

Sean Abner of Bad Kreuznach picked up a 17-7 decision against Berlin's George Thomas in the 160 pound class and Berlin's Audie Noneo roughed up Ulm's Mike Thompson to take a 10-2 decision in the 189 pound class.

'Cudas chew up Piranhas, Bucs to raise record

by **Buthaina Krauss**
Swim team stringer

The Berlin Bear-A-Cudas swam over the Stuttgart Piranhas and Baumholder Bucs Sunday at the Andrews Barracks swimming pool. Berlin scored 351 points, Stuttgart had 231 and Baumholder earned 143. The double win boosted the 'Cudas season

to 8-0.

Allison Wagner led the girls 10 and under division with wins in the 100 meter Individual Medley, 50 breaststroke and the 50 butterfly.

Denise Boyer won the 50 backstroke and added second places in the 100 IM and 50 butterfly. Jessica Kerr added a second in the 50 breaststroke and a third in the 50

freestyle and 100 IM. Rhian Young added a second in the 50 backstroke and a third in the 50 breaststroke.

John Rigney won the 50 freestyle, 100 IM and 50 butterfly for Berlin. Markus Gruett ensured a Berlin sweep in the boys' 10 and under division with wins in the 50 backstroke and 50 breaststroke and second place in the 100 IM.

Boyer, Wagner, Gruett and Rigney combined to sweep the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay.

Elizabeth Kunz and Kirsten Stewart were top finishers in the girls 11 and 12 division. Elizabeth Kunz won the 50 breaststroke with teammate Stewart taking a close second place. Katherine Kunz added a third in the backstroke.

John Cutting won the 50 freestyle, 100 IM and 50 butterfly to dominate the boys' 11 and 12 division. Ryan McFarland took second in the 50 backstroke.

Anne Doucette won the 200 IM and placed second in the 100 backstroke. Robin Jaynes won the 100 breaststroke for Berlin.

Tristan Gruett won the 100 breast and 100 butterfly. Dimitri Cassimatis won the 100 backstroke event.

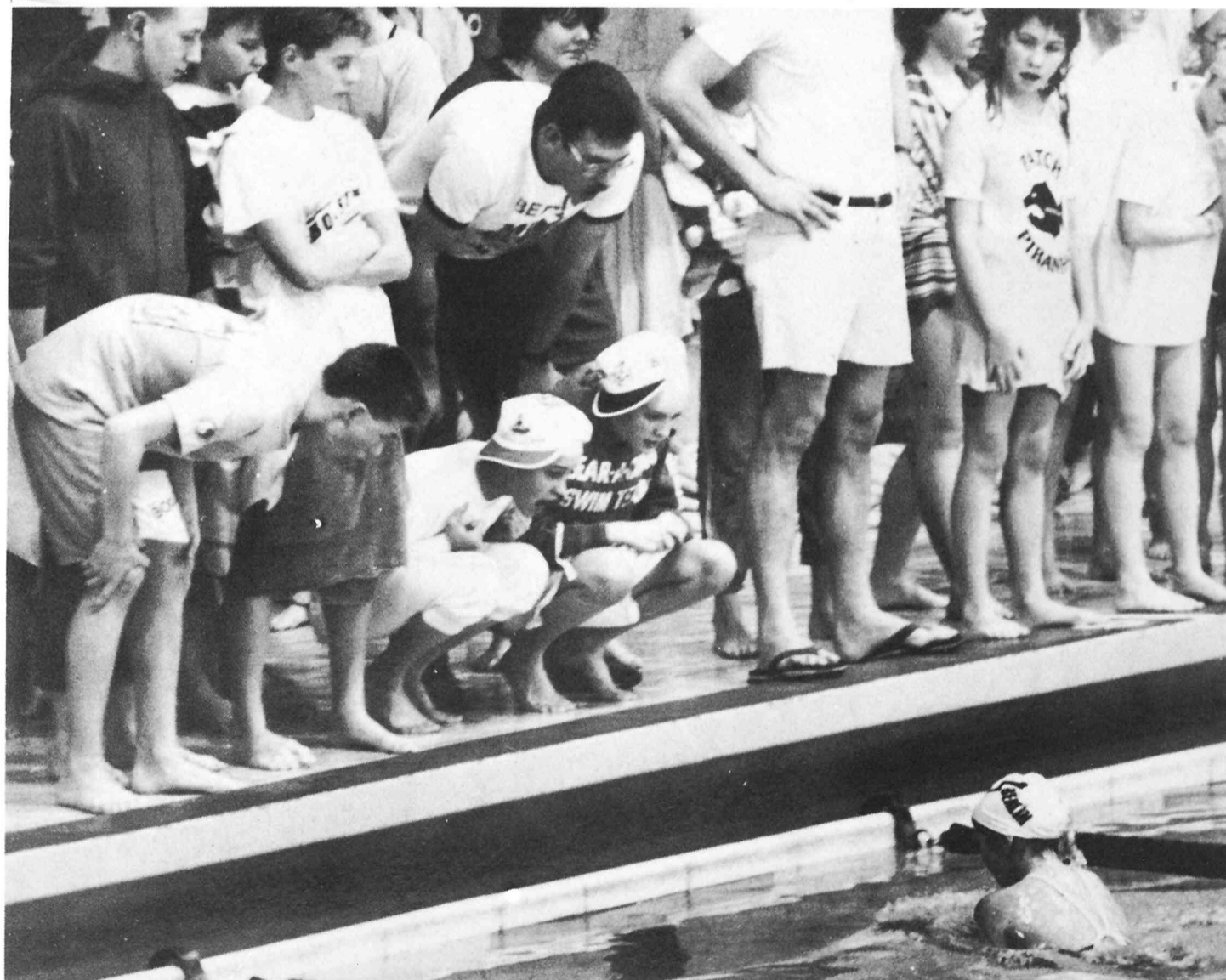
Alden Richert added a second in the 100 breaststroke and a third in the 200 IM. Contributing second places were Maxie McFarland in the 200 IM and Aaron Torres in the 100 backstroke. Doucette, Young, Gruett and Cassimatis teamed to win the 200 medley relay.

In the girls' 15-19 division, Laura Doucette won the 100 breaststroke and placed second in the 100 backstroke. Britt Caldwell won the 100 freestyle and took a second in the 100 backstroke.

Isabella Theiller placed second for Berlin in the 100 freestyle. Karen Richert finished second in the breaststroke.

Berlin swept 12 out of 15 places in the boys' 15-19 division, Kirk Slobody won the 200 IM and placed second in the 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Knut Asmis won the 100 butterfly and placed second in the 100 backstroke.

Yon Steffan Vogt won the 100 backstroke, Peter Rigney placed second in the 100 butterfly and third in the 200 IM. Doucette, Caldwell, Asmis and Slobody teamed up to finish out Berlin's dominating day by winning the 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.



Sideline 'Cuda swimmers cheer on a competing teammate in a 25 meter event.

Larry Lane

Berlin contrasts sharpen holiday feelings for all

Commentary

by Joe Ferrare
Editor

As Christmas season gets more intense the landmarks of this divided city take on the trappings of the joyous holiday season despite the obvious contrasts this brings about.

At the Breitscheidplatz Christmas market the holiday lights dominate the landscape for blocks in every direction, while at Checkpoint Charlie the lights from the tree atop the allied checkpoint are almost lost in the glare of the floodlights used by the East German border guards. But both sets of lights, whether illuminating the buying frenzy downtown or adding to the wash of light around the infamous Wall, add to the holiday season, and both are appreciated by those who see them.

At the Wall one of the city's many graffiti artists took an opportunity to spray paint his message of good will onto that landmark, turning it into a 13-foot high Christmas card. This contrasts sharply with the more traditional scenes, whether of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, or the idyllic gingerbread creations that brighten their surroundings.

Even at the Glienicker Brücke, site of spy exchanges and one of the few literal and figurative bridges between the two systems, a Christmas tree has been set squarely amid the jarring lines of the severe metal construct that is famous for wintry scenes quite different.



A gingerbread Christmas scene sweetly depicts the snow-filled holidays ahead.

Eve Krueger

These scenes, set amid the famous Berlin weather, are where Americans celebrate their Christmas while serving their unique duties in this *unique* city. It's an overused word in this city, but the contrasts of Christmas bring it again to the fore.

With these scenes the *Berlin Observer* staff wishes its readership a Merry Christmas, and look forward to the New Year.



Larry Lane

A simple small Christmas tree brightens up the Allied Checkpoint Charlie building.



Eve Krueger

The Glienicker Brücke Christmas tree adds color to an otherwise dismal scene.