



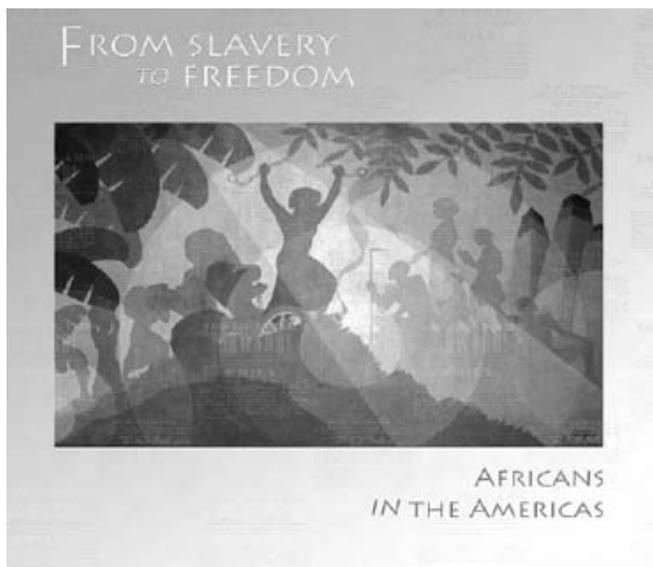
# WARNER WEEKLY

News & Information at Your Fingertips



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## Official Announcements



2007 National Black History Month theme

### Thur. Feb 22 and 23 - Celebrate Black History

The 16th Sustainment Brigade is sponsoring a luncheon in observance of Black History Month on Thur. Feb. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The luncheon takes place at the Warner Club with guest speaker retired Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Day. This event is free to the Bamberg community. Black History Month celebrations continue on Fri. Feb. 23 at the Warner Club. Take part in an African American Extravaganza starting at 7 p.m.

### Learn More!

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) dedicated its 2007 national theme to the struggles of peoples of African descent to achieve freedom and equality in the Americas during the age of emancipation. Learn more about this annual observance and the many contributions African Americans have made in a variety of professions and disciplines by reading the *Profile America* features on pages 6 and 7.



### Honoring Ella

Commemorate February's Black Heritage Month with the Ella Fitzgerald first class stamp. The "First Lady of Song" is the 30th Honoree in the Heritage Series. Available now at the Bamberg Post Office.

### Warner Weekly adds new section

**NEW!** [fränkischerTag.de](http://www.fränkischerTag.de)

Subscribers can now stay informed about

local issues that affect their German neighbors by checking out the new section added to the Warner Weekly. The "As seen in the *Fränkischer Tag*..." section is an English summary of the latest news from our host-nation city. News summaries are randomly picked items of interest from the local Bamberg newspaper, and span one week worth of events. The German news summary will appear every week and is a service provided by the USAG Bamberg PAO. Check it out this week and let us know what you think at [bambergpao@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil](mailto:bambergpao@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil).

### Wed. Feb. 21 – Motorcycle Safety Course

A Motorcycle Safety Foundation course will be offered at the Schweinfurt Drivers Testing Station on Wed. Feb. 21. Interested drivers can register for the course through the Bamberg Safety Office by contacting Mr. Horst Wachter at 469-8600.

### Thur. Feb. 22 – Blood Drive

The Bamberg American Red Cross will be having a Blood Drive on Thur. Feb 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the 173rd Family Readiness center located near Ray's Diner. Donors must have returned from Afghanistan, Iraq or Kuwait before August 2006 and have not received any vaccinations for the past six weeks. Please call the Bamberg American Red Cross office 469-1760 for more information.



### Coming to the Moonlight Cabin on February 23!

#### Rock out with 'Hello Dave'



Enjoy a night of genuine rock 'n' roll with the band 'Hello Dave' on Fri. Feb. 23 at the Moonlight Cabin. The band hails from Chicago, but their sound captures the soul of the south. After releasing five full-length albums they have been

deemed the Eagles of the New Millennium'. Say good bye to the humdrum and say 'Hello Dave'. The show starts at 9 p.m. and admission is free.

**Don't miss the Bamberg Fasching Parade Tue. Feb. 20 starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Markusplatz. Streets downtown will be closed for several hours!**



## Community Closures / Changes

### **CLOSURE—Passport & ID Office**

The Bamberg Passport and I.D. Office will be closed on Fri. Feb. 16 and Mon. Feb 19 in observance of President's Day.

### **CLOSURE— Medical Clinic**

**Update!** The Bamberg Medical Clinic will be closed on Thur. Feb. 22 starting at 11:45 a.m. for mandatory training. Emergency services will be available.

## Weekly Reminders

### **Lenten Services**

Two Catholic services will be offered at the Bamberg Community Chapel on Ash Wednesday. Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass and receive ashes at noon or 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be held at the Chapel every Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. (Except Good Friday) Share in fellowship, soup and bread immediately after.

### **Thur. Feb. 22 - Attend Community Resource Forum**

All community members are encouraged to attend the next Community Resource Forum on Thur. Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. in the Post Briefing Room. All handouts must be submitted by Fri. Feb. 16. If you would like to brief a topic, please contact Alfredo Bonilla at ACS at 469-8399 or 469-7777.

### **You Can Make a Difference!**

#### **Participate in the 2007 Bamberg AFAP Conference**



**Got issues? Get AFAP.** Do you have concerns with the quality-of-life services or support provided by the U.S. Army? Issue forms and collection boxes are located at the Food Court, Commissary Lobby, ACS Bldg. 7029, and in the AAFES mini-mall hall way. To request a form via e-mail send a message to BambergAF-BAFAP@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil For more information or to volunteer contact Mary Thompson at 469-7777.

## Health and Safety

### **DeCA's new dietician offers healthy advice**



Customers have always been able to find healthy food at healthy savings in their commissary. They can also find healthy advice, now that the Defense Commissary Agency has a registered dietitian on staff. Having a registered dietitian increases DeCA's ability to educate customers on how to make healthier meal choices – reading product labels at the commissary, enjoying more fresh fruit and vegetables and leaner meats, and preparing meals at home instead of hitting the fast food drive thru or spending hard-earned money on restaurants." Some of the initiatives planned for the DeCA dietitian include an "Ask the Dietitian"

feature on the DeCA Web site at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) and increased visibility for the recently revamped "5 A Day for Better Health" program, which focuses on fruits and vegetables. The dietician will also work closely with DeCA home economist Kay Blakley, who is well-known for her "Kay's Kitchen" newspaper columns and recipes, and TV spots on American Forces Network in Europe. Go to Healthy Living on our Web site to see more of Kay's recipes.

### **Get the Heart Truth**



The National Heart Blood and Lung Institute (NHBLI) are expanding efforts to raise awareness about the dangers of heart disease through a National Campaign called, The Heart Truth. The truth of the matter is that the leading cause of death among American Women is heart disease; and, while some women are genetically predisposed to the disease, others are at risk due to contributing factors such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Women who are between the ages of 40 and 60 are especially at risk; however, heart disease can affect women of all ages.

Please take the time to inform yourselves about heart disease and The Heart Truth Campaign. Go to: [www.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov) and learn more of the facts!



### **SMILE! February is Children's Dental Health Month**

The Tough Tooth Team is keeping kids smiling during Children's Dental Health Month. Their next stop is the Child Development Center on Mon. Feb 19. The clinic staff will be giving a dental presentation and mouth guard class.

### **Feb. 20—23 - Tooth Fairy Visits**

To help children develop good hygiene habits, the Bamberg Health Clinic Tooth Fairy will visit Bamberg Elementary students and children at School Age Services Feb. 20—23.

Don't forget! Children ages 5 and under, 6 to 8 and 9 to 12 can participate in the Children's Dental Health Month coloring contest. Winners will be announced on Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. Keep brushing, and keep smiling!

## Continuing Education

### **Take next FAST Class**

Preparing to take the GED or just need to polish up on your math skills? Sign up to take the next FAST Class Feb. 26 to March 28. Class runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. FAST Classes focus on improving basic math and english skills. Family members may attend on a space available basis. Contact the Bamberg Education Center for more information at 469-7715.

## Financial aid available

Applications for the AER Spouse Education Grant for Term IV are due **Feb 19**. Eligible applicants can receive up to 50% of tuition costs with a maximum of \$400 per term paid.

Applications for the Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians' Club Education Scholarship for Term IV are due Tue. **Feb 27**. Applications are available at the Thrift Shop or at the Bamberg Education Center.

## Job Corner

### Contracting Opportunity - Pianist Needed

The Bamberg Chapel has a non-personal service contracting opportunity for a Protestant Pianist. The price associated with the services described in the Performance Work Statement is within a range of \$7,728.00 and \$9,660.00. The anticipated performance period is March 15, 2007 through March, 14 2008. Interested parties should contact the Bamberg RCO for a copy of the solicitation packet. The deadline to submit a completed packet is Wed. Feb. 28 2007 at 2 p.m. For additional information contact Vince Read, at 0951-300-9399, 469-9399 or <http://www.usacce.army.mil/wbg/>

## School News

### Bamberg Elementary School Calendar

Mon. Feb. 19 **No School** - President's Day

### Don't miss the BHS Basketball Home Games

Sat. Feb. 17 vs. Hohenfels

### Free Pizza, a Movie and Magazine for Students Who "Make the Grade"



**AAFES**  
Army & Air Force Exchange Service

- ✓ A **FREE** AAFES Reel Time movie Ticket
- ✓ A **FREE** magazine
- ✓ A **FREE** slice of pizza w/ drink
- ✓ ...a chance to win \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 savings bond

Each "You Made the Grade" booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly savings bond drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds of \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000. To receive the booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average at the Bamberg Main Store. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card they receive, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar quarter. Military families can contact the Bamberg Main Store at 0951-300-8574 for more information.



Maj. Madonna Roberts videotapes a Valentine's Day message for a Soldier downrange with the help of JROTC cadets Cpl. Danielle Kearney (left), Cpl. Sara Brink (Right) and Bamberg Librarian Karen Lazzeri (middle).

## Love notes sent downrange by AJROTC

Story and photo by Simon Hupfer, MWR Marketing

Members of the 15th Army Junior ROTC Battalion from Bamberg High School recorded Valentine's Day messages for deployed soldiers at the Bamberg community library. "This is what we can do to show that we care about the Soldiers" said Maj. Madonna Roberts, Senior Army Instructor. JROTC cadets will convert the recorded messages into digital files and send them downrange via e-mail. JROTC Bamberg adopted the MWR community library as a community service project and is regularly hosting a variety of events and programs for children. The recorded messages are made to show support from the home front and to bring deployed Soldiers a piece of home on Valentine's Day.

## Scholarship application due Feb. 21



The Feb. 21 deadline to submit an application for a \$1,500 scholarship is fast approaching. Information and applications for the 2007 Defense Commissary Agency Scholarships for Military Children program are available at commissaries worldwide as well as online at the program Web site, [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). Applicants are advised to choose the nearest commissary and submit their paperwork (in person or by mail) no later than close of business on Feb. 21. The same application submitted to more than one commissary will be disqualified.

## Kids & Teens

### Tue. Feb. 20 - CYS Mardi Gras Party

It's Mardi Gras Time! CYS Registered youth are invited to celebrate Fat Tuesday on Tue. Feb 20 at Youth Services, Bldg. 7669 from 3 to 6 p.m. Enjoy Cajun cookin' straight from the French Quarter with fun, games and prizes.

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**Donate dry goods for orphanage**

The CYS Middle School Teen Program and the Keystone Club (A Boys and Girls Club of America program for 9th through 12th graders) have teamed up for a community service project. The clubs are currently collecting food donations to benefit an orphanage in Lwowek, Poland. Items needed are bagged rice, dry beans, pasta noodles and American cereals. Food donations can be dropped off at Bamberg's Youth Center, Bldg 7669. For more information contact Randy Lambert at 469-8641 or e-mail [randy.lambert1@us.army.mil](mailto:randy.lambert1@us.army.mil).



**Join Cub Scout Pack 48**

The Bamberg Cub Scouts Pack 48 is looking for members. Cub Scouts is a year round program for boys who are in first through fifth grade (or 7 to 10 years old). Cub scouting is fun with a purpose. It is the first of the three scouting programs from the Boy Scouts of America. (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing) Apart from the fun and excitement, the aim of Cub Scouting is to help boys grow into good citizens who are strong in character and personally fit. For more information or to join Pack 48 contact Mr. Erik Verhoef at 0170-668-7458.



**Join Boy Scout Troop 40**

Boys ages 11 through 17 are invited to join Bamberg Boy Scout Troop 40. The troop meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the scout hut located in Bldg. 7480. The Boys Scouts of America is an organization that prepares youth to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath Law. For information or to join Troop 40 contact Mr. Carlos Lopez at 01511185141 / 0951-297-2254

**Join the Bamberg Venture Crew 2002**



The Venture Crew Program, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, provides positive experiences for youth that help them grow into responsible caring adults.

If you have a sense of adventure, enjoy physical fitness and are interested in developing your leadership, citizenship, and social skills, then this program is for you. The program matches the interests of young adults with adult expertise and resources of the chartered organization and other adults in the community. VENTURING is for young adults (Males and Females) ages 14 to 20 who have completed the 8th grade and along with adult leaders, are registered with the Boy Scouts of America. For more information contact your crew advisor Mr. Carlos Lopez at 01511185141 / 0951-297-2254

**Adult Volunteers needed for Scouting Programs**



Be part of a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values. For more information on how to become a Boy Scouts of America volunteer leader contact Mr. Carlos Lopez at Mr. Carlos Lopez at 0151-111-85141 / 0951-297-2254.

**Entertainment & Leisure**

**Renovated Burger King open for business**



Photo by: Amy L. Bugala

Lt. Col. Mark Gatto, USAG Bamberg commander, with the help of his son Julius, cuts the ribbon to reopen the newly renovated Burger King on Warner Barracks. The renovation, which was done in just 17 days, includes the complete remodeling of the dining room and restrooms and provides customers with air-conditioning, a 42-inch plasma television and, as of mid to end March, with wireless internet access. The cost for the renovation project was \$170,000.

**Karaoke every Friday in February**



Step out of the shower and onto the stage at Karaoke Night this Friday! The Moonlight Cabin has Karaoke with DJ Nina every Friday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Our Karaoke machine is loaded with over 2,000 of your favorites. Stop by and sing a tune on Friday, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. For more information call 0951-300-8423.

**Bamberg Stable Theater offers Workshops**

**Sun. Feb 25 - IMPROV Workshop**

Improvisational acting skills can improve your ability to think fast, perform, and communicate more effectively in everything that you do. The Stable Theater invites you to participate in a IMPROV workshop on Sun. Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. The workshop will be taught at the Stable Theater by John Sullivan of the Sioux City Community Theater.

**Wed. March 7 - Directing Workshop**

Learn what it takes to develop and direct a theatrical performance from Ron Ziegler, of Stage West Theater Company in Des Moines, Iowa. This workshop will be held at the Stable Theater on Wed. March 7 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For more information contact Jack Austin or Holly Matesick at Bamberg Stable Theater at 469-8647 or 0951-300-8647. Advance sign up is requested for the workshops.

## AAFES Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is  
CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Fri.	Feb. 16	The Messengers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 17	Eragon (PG)	4 p.m.
		The Messengers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 18	Eragon (PG)	4 p.m.
		Rocky Balboa (PG)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 19	Blood Diamond (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Feb. 22	Rocky Balboa (PG)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 23	The Good Shepherd (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 24	Norbit (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		The Good Shepherd (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 25	Norbit (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Apocalypto (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 26	Norbit (PG-13)	7 p.m.

## Trips & Travel Opportunities

### **MWR Calendar now available online**

Download the new 30 day MWR daily calendar. The 36 page pdf is a complete list of community classes, programs and events. Find it now online at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil). Choose "MWR" on the left hand side menu bar and select the "DMWR calendar" from the drop down menu.

### **Go trippin' with the CAC this March**

Bamberg Community Activity Center offers the following trips for the month of March. These trips fill up quickly, so don't delay, sign up today. For more information contact the CAC at 469-8659 or 0951-300-8659.

#### **Sat. Mar. 3 & 4 – Skiing in Austria I**

Cost: \$150 per person and includes 1 overnight, 2 meals and transportation.

#### **Fri. Mar. 16– 19— Skiing in Austria II**

Cost: \$250 per person. Includes 3 overnights, 2 meals per day and transportation.

#### **Sat. Mar. 31—Apr. 1— Skiing in Austria III**

Cost: \$150 per person. Includes 2 overnights, 2 meals per day and transportation.

#### **Thur. Mar. 8— Tour Under Bamberg**

Cost: \$20 per person. This tour fills up quickly. Sign up today to reserve your spot.

#### **Sat. Mar. 10— Sinsheim Air and Auto Museum**

Cost: \$25 per person. See a great displays of cars, airplanes, and World War II tanks. Bring extra Euros for the IMAX theater.

#### **Sat. Mar. 24— Shopping in Poland**

Cost: \$60 per person. Departs at 4 a.m.

## Outside the Gate!

### **Weekend Events in and Around Bamberg**

#### **Fasching Parties**

##### **Saturday, Feb. 17**

3 p.m.—Fasching Concert for kids at Haas-Säle, Rabatz & die Räuber – (*Obere Sandstraße 7*)

8 p.m.— Fab Five "Beatles Revival at Jazzkeller (*Obere Sandstraße 18*)

9 p.m.—Live-Konzert: The Creetins (Punkrock) at SubOptimal Stage Club (*Böttgerstraße 4*)

9 p.m.— Rubber Soul at Club Kaulberg, (*Unterer Kaulberg 36*)

9 p.m.— Blues Bar, Sebbo (*Obere Sandstraße 18*)

10 p.m.— Beat Virus (Techouse) feat. DJane Rosarot at the Morph Club (*Siechenstraße 7a*)

10 p.m.— "30 Plus" Non-Smoking Party at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstraße 7*)

##### **Sunday, Feb. 18**

#### **Fasching Parade in Zapendorf**

A Fasching Parade with many floats will take place in Zapendorf (near Bamberg) starting at 2 p.m. They will be throwing sweets and Gummibears along the parade route!

#### **Fasching Balls on Rosen Montag Feb. 19**

Seehofhalle Memmelsdorf for tickets call 0951/41757 (*Pödeldorfer Str. 20a in Memmelsdorf*)

7 p.m.—Phönix-Club House Zum Sportplatz 1 in Buttenheim

7 p.m.—Citizens Hall (*Elsterweg in Stegaurach*)

7 p.m.—Gymnasium (*Schulstr. 2 in Gundelsheim*)

For tickets call 0951/44558, Theme: "Around the World"

7 p.m.—Brewery Wagner (*Pointstraße 1, Merkendorf, Memmelsdorf*)

8 p.m.—Schwanensaal Burgebrach (*Hauptstr. 16 in Burgebrach*)

8 p.m.—Gymnasium club room DJK (*9 Markt Heiligenstadt i. OFr.*)

Schützenhaus Siegritz (*Siegritz Markt Heiligenstadt i. OFr., 09198-8168*)

8 p.m.— Hauptsmoorhalle Strullendorf for tickets call 09543-9509 or 09543-1791

8 p.m.—Fire Fighters Ball at the Gymnasium for tickets call Tel. 2566 (*Breitengüßbach, Zentrum 1*)

8 p.m.— Fairy Tale Bamberg, Ziegelbau, for tickets call 915-77-90, [www.brk-rosenmontagsball.de](http://www.brk-rosenmontagsball.de) (*Bamberg Congress Hall, Müssstr. 7*)

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**Weekend Events in and Around Bamberg**

**Monday, Feb. 19**

9 p.m.— Rose Monday Party with Hale Bopp at Haas-Säle (Obere Sandstrasse 7)

9 p.m.— AntiFa(schings)-Punkrock-Party with Dead Fish (Rio de Janeiro/Brazil); Support: Four Hits and a Miss (Bamberg) and Vorspiel (Düsseldorf) all playing at SubOptimal Stage Club (Böttgerstraße 4)

9 p.m.— Rose Monday Party with DJ Rainer and DJ Wredo at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)

**Tue. Feb. 20—Bamberg Fasching Parade**



The Bamberg Fasching Parade 2007 starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Markusplatz and will run throughout the streets of downtown! Join the fun and wear a costume! Streets will be closed for several hours. There will be no parking downtown! TAKE THE CITY BUS from outside Gate 3 to the ZOB.

**Black History Month Honors Stories of Determination and Triumph**

**African Americans' contributions to United States are highlighted each February**

By Louise Fenner, USINFO Staff Writer



Carter G. Woodson, founder of Black History Month. (National Park Service)

Each February, Black History Month honors the struggles and triumphs of millions of American citizens over the most devastating obstacles -- slavery, prejudice, poverty -- as well as their contributions to the nation's cultural and political life. 2007 marks the 81st annual celebration since Carter G. Woodson, a noted scholar and historian, instituted Negro History Week in 1926. He chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and the abolitionist Frederick Douglass. The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Each year, the U.S. president honors Black History Month, or African American History Month as it is also called, with a proclamation and a celebration at the White House. States and cities hold their own events around the country, and media feature topics related to black history. "African Americans have been an integral part of America for generations, and our nation is stronger because of their contributions,"

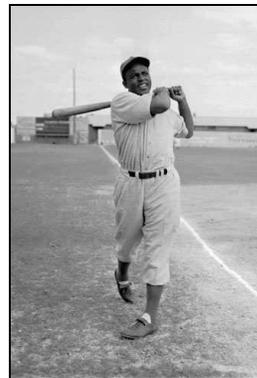
Bush said in this year's proclamation, issued on January 26. "All Americans can be proud of the progress we have made, yet the work ... is not done."

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**Black Americans Have Rich History in Professional Baseball**  
**Sport provided cultural exposure, jobs for players in era of Discrimination**

By David Anthony Denny, USINFO Staff Writer

Black Americans have a rich history in professional baseball that dates back 140 years. Like most Americans, blacks were first exposed to baseball during the American Civil War (1861-1865). For thousands of soldiers, the game was an entertaining way to fill idle time in military encampments. Once the war ended, the former soldiers brought the game back to their villages and towns all over the United States, where it took root and grew.



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Jackie Robinson, first black baseball player to be signed by a major league, in 1946. Brooklyn Dodgers General Manager Branch Rickey changed black baseball forever when he recruited Robinson from the Kansas City Monarchs. Ironically, Robinson's breakthrough, along with other stars from the Negro Leagues, prompted its decline and downfall. (© AP Images)

**Profile American Black History Month Features**

This special feature for Black History Month is a public service of the U.S. Census Bureau. To read more go to [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).



**Edna Lewis**

Edna Lewis was a tiny woman who strode large on the stage of life and especially the culinary world. One of eight children born in the little hamlet of Freetown, Virginia, she learned true Southern cooking from her Aunt Jenny using a wood-fired stove. In 1948 she opened a restaurant in New York City with antiques dealer John Nicholson. It became a favorite haunt of people such as Tennessee Williams, Truman Capote and Marlene Dietrich. Sidelined by an injury, she wrote several cookbooks, among them the classic "The Taste of Country Cooking." In the U.S. today, there are some 300,000 chefs and head cooks, one in five female, just over one in 10 African-American.



**Sharon Pratt Kelly:** When Sharon Pratt Kelly announced she was running for mayor of Washington, D.C., most political observers thought she had no chance. While experienced in business and national politics, she was not well known in her home city. But the popular incumbent dropped out of the race after drug charges, and she won the election. In January 1991, Sharon Pratt Kelly became the first African-American woman to serve as mayor of a major U.S. city. Her promised measures to reform the city government met increasing resistance, even leading to a failed recall attempt. She lost the primary in her campaign for a second term. Now, some 5,500 African-Americans hold city and county elected offices.



**Johnny Mack Brown:** When Johnny Mack Brown's sharecropper father died, he and his brothers decided to finish college and go into business to take care of their mother, who had raised 12 children. Turned down for a small business loan, Brown saw an opportunity in a failing Chicago store and became the first African-American dealer for a well-known brand of tires. A few years later, Brown bought the store and built the business into a very successful operation. Now, there are multiple locations of the Brown Tire Corporation in Chicago, Atlanta and Cleveland. There are 1.2 million businesses owned by African-Americans, and they generate nearly \$90 billion in revenue annually. New York and Chicago are the cities with the largest number of black-owned businesses.



**Willie Thrower:** Perhaps it was fate. With his last name, Willie Thrower was a natural to become a football star — first at Valley High School in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and then as quarterback of the national champion Michigan state team in 1952. Thrower became the NFL's first African-American quarterback in a game for the Chicago Bears in October 1953. He later played in the Canadian Football League, retiring because of a shoulder injury at the age of 27. After leaving football, Thrower became a social worker in New York City. There are nearly 240,000 professional athletes, coaches and umpires in the U.S. — some 8 percent of them African-American.



**Jeanine McIntosh:** June 24, 2005 was a proud day on two counts for Jeanine McIntosh. On that day, the young, Jamaican-born woman earned her wings at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas. And, as her family pinned the wings of gold on her white uniform, she became the first female African-American pilot in Coast Guard history. Before joining the service, McIntosh was a flight instructor at an airport in North Miami. Now, she is the pilot of an HC-130 Hercules. There are nearly 120,000 professional pilots and flight engineers in the U.S. — just over 5 percent of them women and just under 2 percent African-American.



**Renee Powell:** Renee Powell grew up with golf. Her father, William, developed the Clearview Golf Course in Canton, Ohio, after being denied admission to existing courses. Clearview was the first course designed, constructed, owned and operated by an African-American, and is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Powell's daughter Renee began competing as a golfer at age 12, and became one of only three African-American women to play on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour. Noted for her work to bring youngsters into the game, she received the First Lady of Golf Award from the Professional Golfers Association. About 13 million U.S. adults enjoy playing at least eight rounds of golf a year.



**Joseph Winters:** Watching firefighters struggle to unload heavy ladders to reach fires in increasingly taller buildings led one man to an invention that has saved many lives. The man was African-American inventor Joseph Winters, who patented a folding ladder mounted directly on fire wagons in 1878 for the city of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Winters' invention proved itself in a big fire in Baltimore in 1904 that burned many businesses and homes — his truck-mounted ladders gave firefighters better access to controlling the large blaze. In the U.S. today, there are nearly 270,000 professional firefighters, just over 8 percent of them African-American.



**Reginald Lewis:** There was no question Reginald Lewis was smart — after graduating from Virginia State University, he earned a law degree from Harvard. Following a brief stint with a top law firm, he set up his own corporate practice. After almost 20 years, he created a venture capital firm and became a master investment deal maker, topped by the acquisition of Beatrice International Foods in 1987. The largest black-owned and managed business in the U.S., and the first to have more than a billion dollars in annual sales. It was the top African-American firm for 11 years running, one year reaching \$2.2 billion in sales. Of the 1.2 million black-owned businesses in the U.S., nearly 11,000 have annual revenues of more than \$1 million.



**Hubert Julian:** One of the more colorful personalities of the early days of aviation was Hubert Julian. Born in Trinidad, he was among the first African-Americans to earn his pilot's license. He attempted a transatlantic flight in 1924, surviving a crash at sea. He ultimately made a successful crossing in 1929. Julian was the first black to fly coast to coast, and held a number of distance and endurance records. Hubert Julian's many flying exploits earned him the nickname "The Black Eagle." Today in the U.S., some 120,000 people make their living as pilots and flight engineers — about 2 percent of them African-American.

## As seen in the Fränkischer Tag ... **NEW!**

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### **News brief summaries from Feb. 9 though Feb. 15**

Subscribers can now stay informed about local issues that affect their German neighbors by checking out the new section added to the Warner Weekly. The "As seen in the Fränkischer Tag..." section is an English summary of the latest news from our host-nation city. News summaries are randomly picked items of interest from the local Bamberg newspaper, and span one week worth of events. The German news summary will appear every week and is a service provided by the USAG Bamberg PAO. Check it out and let us know what you think at [bambergpao@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil](mailto:bambergpao@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil)

### **Violent games to be put on age index**

The Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Ursula von der Leyen, will prohibit the sale of games and videos showing murder and extreme violence to minors. The federal state of Bavaria wants even stricter laws. New bills could be set up by the end of the year.

### **Federal Minister demands 500,000 day care spaces**

The Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Ursula von der Leyen, wants to spend 3 billion Euro more on day care until the year 2013. She said that to reach that goal the Federal Government would have to contribute a lot more money. Her line of argumentation included that most European states could already offer day care for 30 to 40 percent of the children in that state.

### **German Hostages could be killed in Iraq**

Experts confirm that the woman from Germany and her son who have been abducted in Iraq, could be in mortal peril. The woman, aged 60, is married to an Iraqi doctor. Her son works at the Iraq Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The hostage-takers have threatened to kill their victims.

### **Former terrorist free in March**

The former RAF terrorist Brigitte Mohnhaupt, sentenced for nine murders, has been in prison for 24 years. Now a court in Stuttgart decided that the 57 year old woman can be released as she is no longer a threat to the German society.

### **Cigarettes for adults only**

The Federal Government of Germany will introduce a law that prohibits smoking on public transportation including airplanes as well as the selling of cigarettes to minors (In Germany, teens under 18 are legally considered minors). The next phase will prohibit smoking in all federal buildings like court houses and administrative offices. The bill is planned to pass within the year.

### **Zero tolerance for alcohol**

The Federal Cabinet made a decision that in the future, beginner drivers (age 18) must maintain a Blood Alcohol Level (BAL) of zero % for a period of two years. Reports have shown that with every third car accident that is alcohol related, involved people between the ages of 18 and 24.

### **Federal President visits Upper Franconia**

Federal President of Germany, Horst Koehler, came for a brief visit to Kronach in Upper Franconia. He meet people of all walks of life to talk about their perspective of life, ranging from high school students to workers of the TV production company Loewe. Koehler's intention was to get in the know about the situation of people in that region and their problems.

### **DVD/CD Pirates caught**

Three men have been charged with video, pc games and music piracy in several hundreds of cases. The three men, from Thuringia and Bavaria could be sentenced to pay some 90,000 Euro.

### **Red Hand Day in Bamberg**

Terre des Hommes organized an activity to protest against the abuse of children for war. The stand was near the town hall and interested pedestrians came by to support the initiative by having their hands painted red.

### **50 trees cut down in Hain park**

Some 50 trees, mostly beech trees, have be cut down in the Hain park to make more room for tree like oaks that grow naturally in that kind of environment. Some of the trees had already been severely damaged by the storm Kyrill.

### **The Imperial Cathedral (Dom) Cross comes in a relocation van**

While the endless discussion about whether pieces of the Imperial Cathedral Treasure still kept in Munich can be transported safely, this piece of the church treasure (which had remained in the Bamberg property and had just been lent for an exhibition in Nuremberg), a 600 kilo cross of gold and silver, was simply transported in a relocation van. To the Bamberg people this proves that transportation is not the issue when it comes to why the church treasure is not returned to Bamberg. Local politicians from all over Franconia have now signed a declaration calling for the return of the treasure.

### **More than 300 cases of Noro Virus**

The Bamberg health authorities have already registered more than twice as many cases of gastro-intestinal diseases as in 2006. In nursing homes, however, the administration thinks the worst is over.

### **Bad air in gymnasium?**

The constant bad air in the Pommersfelden gymnasium has made parents call the health authorities. To be on the safe side, the Bureau of Health now called in experts to check the air. A local politician assumed that parents made this up only to get a new gymnasium.

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Commuter traffic could improve drastically in 2008. The public transport system of the Nuremberg area is preparing to connect to the city and county areas of Bamberg. While details still have to be discussed, the connection to the short distance transport system of Nuremberg could happen as soon as September 2008, leading to more frequent and quicker trains to and from Nuremberg and improving the situation for students and daily commuters.

**City Councilor Tscherner offers to cut down walls for free**

As a present to the city of Bamberg, City Councilor Norbert Tscherner offered to cut down the "Monster" walls at the Kunigundendamm (river side) for free. The city would save some 17,000 Euro. The height and sight of the concrete ramps and walls that were just recently built outraged many Bamberg residents. Tscherner is a building constructor himself and has now placed this offer to get going. "The Berlin Wall has reached Bamberg", he said. That's why he now wants to end this fiasco. Accepting his offer could save a lot of money for the city of Bamberg. The walls were built by the Bamberg construction consultant in the Bamberg building authorities – a man Tscherner has always disapproved of. Now Tscherner fears that the authorities will give such high costs for the removal of the walls that the city could not accept his offer.

**SPD votes against longer contract for construction consultant**

The SPD fraction in the City Council does not want to see the contract of construction consultant Ottmar Strauss extended. Head of the political fraction, Heinz Kuntke said: "Bamberg is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and thus it needs the best and most effective building authorities of the country." The contract is set to end June 30, 2007.

**Fasching Parade in Gartenstadt Bamberg**

More than 800 people will help to make the parade on Feb. 17 in Gartenstadt a great success. The parade will start on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. at the street Am Spinnseyer and will lead through Seehofstrasse, Gartenstaedter Markt, Joseph-Otto-Kolb-Strasse, Holdunerweg to Kunigunden School. Streets will be closed temporarily as early as 1 p.m. and since a lot of visitors are expected, everybody is advised to make use of the park and ride parking at Breitenau (near the Bamberg airfield).

**Murder in Mitwitz: Police suspect there were two killers**

Some 2,300 men between the age of 18 and 45 have been asked to come in for a DNA test in order to find the murderers of a local store manager near Coburg. The murder occurred on November 13, 2006.

**Drunken woman drives to the police**

On Wednesday, a 41 year old woman from Bamberg drove with her car to the police to pay a small fine. At the police station staff members noticed alcohol on her breath and made a blood alcohol test. Result: The woman had a Blood Alcohol Level (BAL) of 2.02 per ml (Germany has a 0.5% limit). Her license was taken away immediately.

**Street cleaning to start in March**

Beginning in March, Sandstrasse in downtown Bamberg will be closed between Katzenberg and Elisabethenplatz for street renovation. The old tar pavement will be taken off and will be replaced by shell limestone. This is a natural product from Lower Franconia and has a light grey look. It is heat resistant and can be cleaned much easier. This will be the first stage of construction and will last until October. The street will be closed off for public traffic during the road work.

**Two-year-old girl takes wrong plane**

A little girl got lost in the Nuremberg airport while her parents were waiting to take the plane to Tunisia. When her parents noticed that their daughter was missing, the police searched the airport only to find the young lady happily seated on a plane to Egypt that was ready to take off.