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Official Announcements

USAG Bamberg to begin issuing German license plates

USAG Bamberg Directorate of Emergency Services Release

The U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Vehicle Registration Office will start issuing German License plates for new vehicle registrations starting on Mon. March 5 at 1 p.m. The changeover has been occurring throughout Europe since December 2005 and is a result of an agreement between the U.S. Forces and the German Government. By displaying the same license plate as the host-nation, the conversion offers enhanced security and reduced visibility of U.S. Forces.



The new German plates will be available in Bamberg starting March 5.

All new POV registered vehicles will receive two standard long plates displaying the prefix for the area they are assigned. The prefix for Bamberg is "BA". Unlike the current U.S. Forces plates (those starting with AD, HK or AF) the new German Plates are the property of the U.S. Government and must be turned in to the Vehicle Registration office for reuse prior to PCSing. A temporary plate will be provided for vehicle shipping, reassignment to other countries, upon separation, or termination of employment.

The new plates can not be sold, kept as souvenirs or destroyed. The plates must be physically secured and correctly mounted in accordance with AE-190-1. The Registry of Motor Vehicles policy states that the vehicle type and specifications will determine whether the vehicle will be issued a small rear plate. In some instances the U.S. mount may have to be removed in order to display the standard size German plate. A copy of this policy can be obtained at <http://rmv.hqusareur.army.mil/>

Owners with registered POV's displaying the current U.S. Forces plates (i.e., AD, HK or AF) can changeover to the German plates after March 5 for a \$30 fee or wait until their renewal date. For more information please contact the Vehicle Registration Office at 469-7580. The office, located in the Military Police Station Bldg. 7011, Room 119 is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Please note, the Vehicle Registration Office will be closed conducting inventory the morning of March 5. The office will be open starting at 1 p.m.

5K Fun Run for Women's History



Kick off National Women's History Month by participating in a 5K Fun Run and running shoe clinic on Tue. March 6. The run starts at the Bamberg Freedom Fitness Facility at 6:30 a.m. Registration is not necessary.

In support of the 173rd and Women's History Month the Bamberg Health Clinic, and Mediteam have teamed up to provide a safe and informative running shoe clinic. The FREE clinic will be held in conjunction with the 5K Fun Run from 6:30 to 9 a.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility and is open to all ID card holders.

The focus of the clinic is injury prevention. Runners of all levels can receive helpful advice that will enhance their overall running. Aspects of the clinic include: a foot impression, stretching recommendations, and precise information to assist with proper running shoe selection.



Make injury prevention your priority. Let us help keep you running and enjoying a healthy lifestyle! Come out and join the fun.

For more information on injury prevention contact the Bamberg Health Clinic or e-mail

Bamberg-Health-Promotion@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil.

Attend Women's History Luncheon

Attend a Women's History Month Luncheon on Wed. March 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Warner Club. This year's national theme, *Generations of Women Moving History Forward*, will be discussed by guest speaker Col. Duffy, 3rd COSCOM DCO. For more information contact the EO Office at 469-8624.

Take Overseas Housing Allowance Survey

Service members who reside in privately leased quarters and receive OHA are being asked to participate in the annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility and Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) Expenses Survey. Maximum participation is strongly encouraged because the results of this survey can significantly impact the amount of your monthly Overseas Housing Allowance.

Homeowners do not need to take this survey as historically their expense data is different from renters upon which the program is based. The web-based survey link is <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/survey/febaha.html> and will available through March 16.

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DOT simplifies missing label process

By Robert Szostek

U.S. European Command Customs Public Affairs

An intact U.S. Department of Transportation certification label is required on all U.S. specification vehicles returning to the United States.

Whether a member brought the vehicle with them when they transferred to Europe or purchased it while overseas, the certification label is required to show the vehicle was built to U.S. safety standards.

Members planning on shipping a U.S. specification vehicle back to the States should ensure the certification label is still in one piece by looking in the following locations:

Cars and vans: Labels are affixed to either the hinge pillar, door-latch post, or the door edge that meets the door-latch post, next to the driver's seat.

Trailers: Labels are affixed to a location on the forward half of the left side.

Motorcycles: Labels are glued to a part close to the intersection of the steering post with the handlebars.

But what if the label has been damaged or is missing?

In the past, vehicle owners were required to provide a DOT compliance letter in order to ship the vehicle. Fortunately, DOT no longer requires this.

"Instead you can now give the company shipping your vehicle one of three documents to show that your vehicle complies with U.S. DOT safety, bumper and theft prevention standards," said Bill Greenwood, director of operations for U.S. European Command's Customs and Border Clearance Agency.

The three options are:

- A manufacturer's letter (on the manufacturer's letterhead, not that of a franchised dealer) stating that the vehicle was originally manufactured to comply with DOT standards;
- An official vehicle registration document from a state department of motor vehicles showing that the vehicle was once registered for on-road use in the United States; or
- A vehicle identification number report (from a commercial VIN-checking service such as CARFAX) as evidence that the vehicle was once registered for on-road use in the United States.

Greenwood reminds vehicle owners to declare their vehicle under Box 2A on the DOT HS-7 form (Declaration - Importation of Motor Vehicles) and provide to U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the time of entry into the United States.

For more information on this and other customs issues, contact the Bamberg Customs Office at 469-7480.

Community Closures / Changes

CLOSURE—SATO Travel Office

The SATO travel office located in Bldg. 7109 will be closed on Wed. Feb 28 for a mandatory Works Council Meeting. Customers can still book tickets via the web at www.satotravel.com or by calling 01-800-100-0172.

CLOSURE—Pass and ID

The Bamberg Pass and ID Office will be closed on March 6 and 7 for equipment upgrades.

Weekly Reminders

Stations of the Cross

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.

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. Choose "MWR" on the left hand side menu bar and select the "DMWR calendar" from the drop down menu.

Health and Safety

Peter Pan peanut butter

removed from European commissaries

February 15, 2007—Defense Commissary Agency Release
Commissaries throughout Europe have been directed to remove all Peter Pan peanut butter from their shelves based on a Food and Drug Administration warning issued on February 14. FDA warns consumers not to eat certain jars of Peter Pan peanut butter due to risk of contamination with Salmonella Tennessee, a bacterium that causes food borne illness.



The affected jars of peanut butter have a product code on the lid of the jar that begins with the number "2111." Any commissary customers who have this product at home are asked to return it to the store where purchased for a full refund. Any unused portions of the product should not be consumed. Symptoms of food borne illness caused by Salmonella include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. In persons with poor underlying health or weakened immune systems, Salmonella can invade the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections. Individuals who have recently eaten Peter Pan peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 and have experienced any of these symptoms should contact their doctor or health care provider immediately.

Continuing Education

Classes Offered at Digital Training Facility

The Digital Training Facility located at Bldg. 7055 (by Ray's Diner) is offering a Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR TRAIN UP March 12 through 16 and a Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Phase I Class March 19 through April 6. For more information, please contact the Digital Training Facility Manager, Lilian Benitez at 469-8118 or lilian.benitez@us.army.mil

Financial aid available

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

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



Reading, writing and arithmetic are taking a back seat to electronics, clothes and toys at the Bamberg Main Store as students cash in on the AAFES "You Made the Grade" program. Do you have an overall "B" or better average at school? Bring your grades and military ID to the Bamberg Main Store and you can receive an AAFES coupon booklet that includes:

- ✓ 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.

Tue. March 6 - BHS PTSA Meeting

Attend the next Bamberg American Middle/High School Parent-Teacher-Student-Association (PTSA) general meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the school's conference room. Mark the first Tuesday of every month on your calendar and get involved!

Dress code to be discussed at Town Hall

The continuation or rejection of the current Bamberg Elementary School dress code policy for school year 07/08 will be discussed at a Community Town Hall in April. The date and time will be announced in a future edition of the Warner Weekly. A vote on the policy is scheduled for May.

Preschool services available for children with disabilities

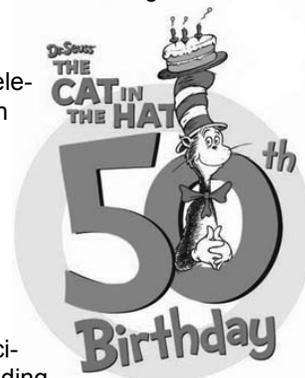
EDIS Release

Preschool services are available for children, ages 3 through 5, who exhibit significant developmental delays or have an identified disability.

Youngsters who are eligible for services will demonstrate a developmental delay in one or more of the following areas: physical, speech and language, cognitive, social/emotional, and self-help or adaptive behavior. If you suspect your child is in need of an early intervention program, contact Bamberg Elementary School at 469-7616 or 0951-300-7616 (or email ChildFind@eu.dodea.edu to request a screening.

The Cat in the Hat Turns 50

Bamberg Elementary School is celebrating the Cat in the Hat's 50th birthday with two weeks of creative, fun-filled activities designed to promote reading and literacy.



One event that is sure to put a book in the hands of every student is the "Cake the Principal Challenge". Students can participate in the challenge by reading books to earn candles that will be placed on top of a giant cake. If the students reach the school goal of 1,000 candles, one student will be chosen at random by the school Principal, Ms. Kuplinski, to "cake the principal" on March 2 at the BES Cat in the Hat assembly. During the assembly BES will participate along with thousands of others across the U.S., in the National Education Association's Read Across America Day and nationwide read-aloud of the book *The Cat in the Hat*.

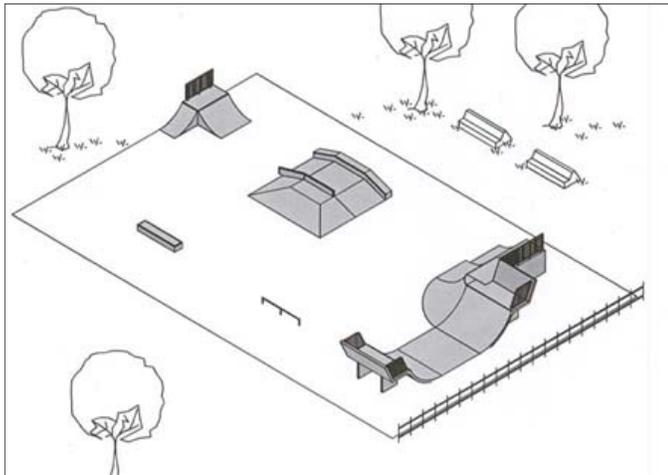
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Kids & Teens

Skateboard park set to open late Spring

Bamberg skateboard enthusiasts will soon have a place to practice their kickflips, ollies and wallies. A 7,000 sq. ft. asphalt area directly across the street from the Bamberg High School will be transformed into a concrete skateboard park for all levels of thrashers. As weather permits, community skateboarders and inline skaters can look forward to a grand opening in late spring. Park components include elements for beginners as well as experienced riders such as grind boxes, rails, pyramids, launch boxes and even a mini half-pipe.



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.

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 0151-111-85141 / 0951-297-2254.

Entertainment & Leisure

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.



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. 23. For more information call 0951-300-8423.

Bamberg Stable Theater offers Workshops Sun. Feb 25 - IMPROV Workshop

Improvational 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.

Free Monthly Movie Night Features at the Library



Thur. Mar. 1
"Men of Honor"

Thur. Mar. 15
"Cop Land"

Enjoy free popcorn, beverages and a movie starting at 6 p.m.



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.
Thur.	Mar. 1	Apocalypto (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 2	Children of Men (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 3	Bridge to Terabithia (PG)	4 p.m.
		The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 4	Bridge to Terabithia (PG)	4 p.m.
		We Are Marshal (PG)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 5	Children of Men (R)	7 p.m.

Trips & Travel Opportunities

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

Friday, Feb 23

6 p.m. – The Magic Flute at String Puppet Theater Loose, (Untere Sandstrs. 30)

8 p.m. – Die Fledermaus operetta by Johann Strauss at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater, (E.T.A. Hoffmann Platz 1), for tickets call 0951 / 873030

9 p.m. – Fusion jazz at Club Kaulberg (Unterer Kaulberg 36)

9 p.m. - Live-Concert m. Helt Oncale at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)

9 p.m. - CHP - Chapple, Hyde & Porzel at Sound 'n' Arts (Obere Sandstraße 2)

9 p.m. - DJ Sprout at Stilbruch (Obere Sandstraße 18)

10 p.m. - Dröönland (Alternative, Rock) at Morph Club (Siechenstraße 7a)

Saturday, Feb 24

7:30 p.m. – Die Fledermaus operetta by Johann Strauss at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater, (E.T.A. Hoffmann Platz 1), for tickets call 0951 / 873030

8 p.m. – Sigi Finkel & Mamadou Diabate at Jazzkeller, Obere Sandstraße 18

8 p.m. – Rondo Veneziano “Venetian Dreams, Pop-Classic” at Concert Hall, Müssstr. 1

9 p.m. – Live: Jens Wimmers Boogie Trio at Club Kaulberg (Unterer Kaulberg 36)

9 p.m. – The Ambassadors at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)

10 p.m. – Bass Rocket (Drum&Bass, Jungle) at Morph Club (Siechenstraße 7a)

10 p.m. – 30 Plus Party (non smoking) at Live-Club (Obere Sandstrasse 7)

Sunday, Feb. 25

4 p.m. – Basketball League: Brose Baskets play TBB Trier at Jako Arena (Forchheimer Strasse 15, next to Kaufland Store)

6:15 p.m. – La Vita che vorrei, Italian movie at Odeon Bamberg cinema (Luitpoldstrase 25) movie in Italian

7:30 p.m. – Die Fledermaus, operetta by Johann Strauss at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater, (E.T.A. Hoffmann Platz 1), for tickets call 0951 / 873030

8 p.m. – Bamberg Symphony Orchestra plays Tschaiakowsky and Dvorak at Concert Hall, Mußstrasse (Call at 9647-100)

8 p.m. – Tango “Suerte”, Haas-Saele (Obere Sandstr. 7)

9 p.m. – Live: T.J. Trodden at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)

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Monday, Feb 26

6:15 p.m. – La Vita che vorrei, Italian movie at Odeon Bamberg cinema (*Luitpoldstrasse 25*) movie in Italian

6:30 – Los espiritos de Goya, Spanish movie at Lichtspiel Bamberg cinema (in Spanish), (*Untere Koenigstrasse 34*)

9 p.m. – Dance party with drinks at half price at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)

Tuesday, Feb 27

6:15 p.m. – La Vita che vorrei, Italian movie at Odeon Bamberg cinema (*Luitpoldstrasse 25*), movie in Italian

6:30 p.m.– Los espiritos de Goya, Spanish movie at Lichtspiel Bamberg cinema (in Spanish), (*Untere Koenigstrasse 34*)

9 p.m. – Live-Concert m. Andre Dusk at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstraße 18*)

Wednesday, Feb 28

6:15 p.m. – La Vita che vorrei, Italian movie at Odeon Bamberg cinema (*Luitpoldstrasse 25*), movie in Italian

6:30 p.m.– Los espiritos de Goya, Spanish movie at Lichtspiel Bamberg cinema (in Spanish), (*Untere Koenigstrasse 34*)

9 p.m. – Sean Slattery at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstraße 18*)

9 p.m. – Pit Pop with DJ Peter at Stilbruch (*Obere Sandstraße 18*)

10 p.m. – Soirée loungesque: quiet is the new loud (Indiepops, Post rock, Nouvelles Chansons Francais) at Morph Club (*Siechenstraße 7a*)

Thursday, March 1

6:30 p.m. - "La vie est belle..." Talks in French at Studio 13 (*Luitpoldstr. 40*)

8 p.m. – Volksmusik Spring Festival at Jako Arena (*Forchheimer Strasse 15, next to Kaufland Store*)

9 p.m. – Live-Concert: Hip Hop with Bambägga and Soul jam at Sound 'n' Arts (*Obere Sandstraße 20*)

9 p.m. – Pompej at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)

9 p.m. – Lonecat Thomas at Bar (*Obere Sandstraße 18*)

10 p.m. – Pop'in Mary (Indie, Electro, Wave, Rock) at Morph Club (*Siechenstraße 7a*)

Preview for March events at Jako Arena

Sun. March 4 at 8 p.m. – Mama Africa "Circus of Senses"

Sun. March 11 at 8 p.m. - Lionel Richie "Coming Home Tour 2007"

The Jako Arena is open and right down the street from Warner Barracks on Forchheimer Strasse next to Kaufland.

To find out more about these upcoming events go to

www.jako-arena.com/ or purchase tickets at

www.worldticketshop.com/venues/jako_arena

www.tickettout.com/venues/JAKO_Arena_Bamberg.php

As seen in the Fränkischer Tag ...**Fränkischer Tag.de****News brief summaries from Feb. 16 though Feb. 22**

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

Monk caught thief

After his tour through a monastery in Kronach, a thief sat down in front of the TV in the monastery. There he was caught by a monk who made him give back everything he had stolen as well as his ID. Then the monk let him go and sent the police to the thief's home.

Drunk causes accident with chemical truck

According to the police the driver had a Blood Alcohol Level of 2,32 per mille when his truck flipped over near Schluesselfeld. It took more than eight hours to recover the chemical freight. What made matters worse was the fact that the truck did not have the necessary sign indicating its dangerous freight.

Phantom caught

A 71 year old woman has been found to be the phantom of Hofffeld. For years, she has scared people by running around with a morion (balaclava) on her head and frightening people. She hid her face under a black mask, marched through private gardens, made offensive telephone calls and damaged property. The woman is in treatment and her defense lawyer has stated that she is innocent and someone else is playing a joke at her expense.

C & A stands up for Bamberg

The fashion store C & A will their store in downtown Bamberg without closing. A grand opening of the renovated store is planned for March 22. Meanwhile, Bambergers can still shop. Shop Manager Harald Limmemann did away with any worries about a potential closure of C&A in Bamberg. There were no such plans and C&A wanted to continue to stand up for Bamberg.

Airbus causes dispute between France and Germany

The future of the German production site of the Airbus airplanes has caused some dispute between France and Germany since the company wants to cut down some 10,000 jobs in Europe.

Five years prison for Nazi

Ernst Zuendel has publicly denied the Holocaust. As a consequence he was charged with incitement of the people and sentenced to five years in prison.

As seen in the Fränkischer Tag ...**Fränkischer Tag.de****News brief summaries from Feb. 16 though Feb. 22****Audience cheered for Stoiber, rejected Pauli**

At the traditional party meeting on Ash Wednesday, the party members celebrated the chairman and Prime Minister of Bavaria, Edmund Stoiber, at his last official appearance. His opponent, Gabriele Pauli, whose criticism had initiated the resignation of Stoiber, was greeted with sneers "Pauli, go home".

Fighting for the top

The political fight for leadership of the CSU party continues. Opponents are Erwin Huber and Horst Seehofer. Huber is the Bavarian Minister of Economy and receives a lot of support from party members. Seehofer, Federal Minister for Nutrition, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, is currently losing support due to disclosures about his private life and an alleged extramarital affair.

Two states oppose CO2 tax

While most German states greeted the government's plans for a new automobile tax, two states rejected the idea: Schleswig Holstein and Berlin called for alternative ideas to improve climate protection. The government plans to switch calculation base for the automobile tax from cylinder capacity to exhaust fumes.

Bamberg Tennis club short of money

Due to financial shortages the Bamberg Tennis Club reduced its first team. Club chairmen Lord Mayor Starke and Jochen Funke gave their position to new people.

New boiler for waste-fueled power station

Renovating the power station will cost 55 million Euro. The urgency of the renovation became evident when one of the three boilers stopped working. Fixing the boiler would have cost 60,000 Euro but according to the manager this would not have been worth the effort.

Mayor of Memmelsdorf celebrates 60th birthday

Even the County Commissioner Dr. Denzler and his wife came to the celebration of Johann Baeuerlein, Mayor of Memmelsdorf who celebrated his 60th birthday. Dr. Denzler praised Baeuerlein for benefiting the community so much.

Pilgrims saw Madonna crying

On Feb. 12 around 5 p.m. some 50 to 70 pilgrims witnessed how the statue of the holy Madonna in Heroldsbach pilgrim's home shed tears for a period of two hours. Among the eye witnesses was a priest who said, " It was a miracle." The archbishop Dr. Ludwig Schick has now decided to have the event checked.

Trade Union boss in prison

The Federal Chairman of the AUB trade union has received 14 million Euro from Siemens enterprise. The company denies that payments were made to influence trade union policy. The money was paid during the past five years. Compared to the IG Metal trade union, AUB trade union is "employer-friendly".

Health Reform starts April 1

The Bundesrat - upper house of the German parliament - has passed a bill for a health reform. As of April 1 everybody with health insurance (82 million Germans) will face major changes.

Bamberg Social Democrats call for Solar Plant

The SPD calls for a solar plant on the roof of the county commissioner's building. The county commissioner should be a role model for all to support renewable energy technology.

Family tragedy - only one boy survives

A husband from Kitzingen County killed his wife. Then he died in a car accident. Also, his nine year old daughter was killed in the accident. The police could only rescue the seven year old boy. A farewell letter was found later in the home. Police are investigating.

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