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## General Ward visits Bamberg during Black History Month

Gen. William E. Ward, Commander U.S. Africa Command, speaks to students at the Bamberg Elementary School prior to giving out awards and prizes to the winners of the school's Black History Month poster contest. Gen. Ward was the guest speaker at USAG Bamberg's Black History Month celebration at the Warner Club Feb. 14. Approximately 250 community members attended the celebration.

Photo by Renate Bohlen

## Job shadow day provides learning opportunities

Story and photos by James Fredrick

Bamberg High School juniors and seniors stepped out of the classroom and into the adult workforce during a job shadow day here Feb. 13.

The annual activity, hosted by the 15th Battalion Army Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps Cadets gives more than 50 high school students a chance to explore career opportunities by experiencing them first-hand.

This year the students shadowed adults in a variety of career fields during the course of a normal workday at more than 20 different garrison agencies and units located at Warner Barracks including the Dental Clinic, the Veterinary Clinic, the dining facility, Military Police, Bamberg Health Clinic, Elementary School, Community Bank and the Stable Theater to name just a few.

Alexandra Biquelme, 16, enjoyed the time she spent working alongside the staff at the Bamberg dining facility, or Ray's Diner. "It was a very friendly environment," said Biquelme between dishing out portions on the serving line to hungry patrons.

"I've got a great understanding of what the staff does here on a daily basis."

In addition to working the serving line, the students at Ray's Diner helped prepare the food for the day plus organize and store goods behind the scenes.

Sgt. 1st Class Evan Leach, dining facility NCOIC, commended the students who worked with his team. "Overall, they showed up motivated and have done an excellent job," he said.

High School junior Jaleesa Knuckles spent the day at the Bamberg Dental Clinic, discovering the basics of dentistry while shadowing Capt. Aaron Brooks. Knuckles assisted with patient X-ray's, learned about anesthetics, and got an up-close look at a thorough checkup.

Besides being educational for the shadows, Brooks said he had the opportunity to learn a bit as well. "Working with Jaleesa today really gave me some good opportunities to brush up my teaching skills," he said.

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Capt. Aaron Brooks walks Jaleesa Knuckles through a routine dental exam as part of her day at the Bamberg Dental Clinic.



D.J. Sain and Alexandra Biquelme serve lunch to Soldiers and civilians at Ray's Diner as part of the job shadow day program.



## BMHS mourns loss of long time teacher and coach

A memorial service will held for Charles "Chuck" Jordan, Bamberg Middle/High School teacher and coach Tue. Feb. 26 at 2:15 p.m. at the Bamberg Reeltime Theater. The entire community is invited to attend. Cards and condolences are requested to be sent to the High School and will be forwarded to Mr. Jordan's family stateside. Courtesy Photo

## Model rear detachment Soldier praised by his unit, family members

By Sgt. Phillip H. Valentine  
7th Army Reserve Command. PAO

During a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom it is important to have a strong and reliable rear detachment.

When Army Reserve Soldiers from the 1172nd Movement Control Team (MCT), a subordinate unit of the 7th Army Reserve Command (ARCOM), were mobilized to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in August 2007, the unit was in need of that strong rear detachment.

Staff Sgt. Willard Andrus, from the 1172nd MCT, was brought on active duty to fill that role.

Andrus said he was planning to deploy with the unit, but that there was a need for him here.

"I wanted to go downrange, but the unit had enough volunteers," he said. "So I volunteered for rear detachment."

The mission of a rear detachment is to sustain operations for both the deployed unit and the rear detachment, and support the unit's family readiness group (FRG).

Capt. Raymond Ireland, commander, 1172nd MCT, said, "Long ago, a

colonel recommended two things to me: to fight with all of my power to get a full-time rear-detachment NCO and to leave my best Soldier behind as the rear-detachment NCO. That's exactly what I did, and, man, are they paying off."

This is a sentiment that is being shared by all.

Ireland continued saying, "Staff Sgt. Andrus has tirelessly brought the FRG closer by coordinating relevant FRG training and events, resolving rear detachment problems, and 'always' being ready to support us."

"My mission is to support the forward deployed unit and provide the 7th ARCOM with trained and ready Soldiers when they are needed," Andrus said, "and to provide guidance for the Soldiers and their Families."

Not only do the Soldiers appreciate the job Andrus is doing, but the Families of the deployed individuals do as well.

Rosemary Angel, the family readiness group leader, said, "Staff Sgt. Andrus keeps in contact. He calls the spouses and checks up on them."

Going beyond what most rear detachment NCOs do, Andrus has sent

greeting cards and gifts to various family members.

"He sends e-cards on the holidays and jokes to keep our morale up, and he calls every once in a while to see how we are doing," said 1st Lt. Kimberly Sheehan, executive officer, 1172nd MCT. "He also put together a package for my husband's birthday on my behalf."

When Andrus was asked why he does this, he said, "Because there is a need for it. Our goal here is to make the Family strong, resilient, and independent."

Andrus has proven to be strong and reliable resource in taking care of Soldiers and their Families during deployments. Andrus emphasized that strong, resilient and independent families are the foundation that will keep the Army strong.



Andrus



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Tiffany Miskell, job shadow day participant, helps calm Duke the cat during his checkup with Bamberg veterinarian, Capt. Michael Hansen.

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Tiffany Miskell, 17, daughter of Spec. Brandon Daar, 173rd Special Troops Battalion, spent the day shadowing Capt. Michael Hansen, Officer in Charge at the Bamberg veterinary clinic. Miskell learned the ins and outs of the office routine and accompanied Hansen during his appointments throughout the day.

Miskell said she has no immediate plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine, but signed up for the day at the veterinary clinic to broaden her horizon. "I decided to come here just to have a brand new experience," she said. "The staff here made me feel really comfortable so I was able to ask lots of questions and learn a lot."

A ceremony will be held Monday at the High School conference room to thank all the garrison agencies and units that participated in the program and to allow the students to share their future career goals with the adults they shadowed for the day.

### College Success

#### Seminar slated for March

*Do you want to save thousands of dollars in college costs, hundreds of hours of research and eliminate the stress concerning the college process?*

Attend the JROTC College Success Seminar Tue. March 4, 6 p.m. at the Bamberg High School multi-purpose room featuring Terry Wilfong, College Success Expert, Author and President of the College Options Foundation. Wilfong is one of the nation's leading experts on college financing and admissions. His work has received accolades from USA today, Wall Street review, U.S. Department of Education and others. He has provided seminars to hundreds of thousands of parents. For reservations call DSN:469-8605 or CIV:0951-300-8605 or e-mail madonna.roberts@eu.dodea.edu.

## Softball official's clinic planned for April

IMCOM-Europe PAO news release

SCHWETZINGEN, Germany – A softball official's clinic will be held at the Schwetzingen Workforce Training Center on April 15-19.

Participants will have the opportunity to become certified officials, allowing them to provide follow-up clinics and to umpire games at their home garrisons.

During the clinic, attendees will learn current rules, proper signaling, points of emphasis, rule changes, plate, and field mechanics and procedures.

Dick Gayler, of Kennesaw, Ga., has been selected by the Amateur Softball Association to oversee the clinic. He has served as the umpire-in-charge of 18 national tournaments. Plus he has earned numerous honors, including being named Georgia Umpire of the Year, selected to Atlanta Fall of Fame and working the USA Olympic Softball Exhibition Tour in 1996.



Selected officials will have the opportunity to officiate at the 2008 Installation Management Command-Europe unit-level tournament or the community men's and women's championships set for Wiesbaden, Germany, this summer.

For more information on becoming a sports official or attending this clinic, e-mail [Tom.Hlavacek@US.Army.mil](mailto:Tom.Hlavacek@US.Army.mil). Apply at [www.mwr.tade.com](http://www.mwr.tade.com)

## Logistics sergeant coaches boxing to promote well-being

By Sgt. Keith M. Anderson,  
16th SB Public Affairs

While other Soldiers use their off-duty time to rest and recuperate, one non-commissioned officer pushes himself and a handful of enthusiastic boxing students to physical exhaustion and athletic achievement.

Staff Sgt. Ferdinand Perez, recently the excess turn-in non-commissioned officer for Task Force Knight, Schweinfurt, and a logistics supply non-commissioned officer for 240th Quartermaster Company, 391st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion has coached more than 100 people in the Army, and taken several to championships.

His boxing team took second place at the US Forces European boxing championships in Wiesbaden June 15 to 18, 2006. It was the first time a Bamberg team participated in the event.

"I'm able to teach what I know, I enjoy the time while I'm coaching and I can see the product of my sacrifice," Perez said.

The 33-year-old from Moca, Puerto Rico, has boxed since he was seven years old. He represented Puerto Rico at the 1999 Pan-American Games where he

won a silver medal. Now he gives back by coaching at the Freedom Fitness Facility at Bamberg.

Perez is currently coaching 10 Soldiers to prepare them for the US Forces Europe boxing championship scheduled for April 2008, but there are slots for more Soldiers.

For Perez, boxing began early in his life.

"When I was in first grade, you know, I used to get in trouble," Perez said. "I used to get beat up by kids older than me and bigger than me. Then my daddy told me 'hey I'm going to take you to a boxing gym and I'm going to teach you how to fight.'"

While other children were out playing, he was in the gym with his dad.

"I took it real serious because it's all about discipline," Perez said. "After that, I kept winning and winning and winning fights and I made the tryouts and I got into the Puerto Rico Boxing Federation and I was able to represent the island."

But boxing is more than just a sport for the married father of one.



Staff Sgt. Ferdinand Perez, tapes Sgt. Victor Sotomayor, for boxing training at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Perez has coached more than 100 people in the Army, and taken several to championships.

"I think that boxing helps Soldiers to stay physically fit and be combat ready at all times," Perez said. "That's one reason why I think boxing is great because you don't know when you're going to have to use your hands in self defense."

For Staff Sgt. Victor Sotomayor, property book non-commissioned officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Special Troops Battalion, boxing helped him stay in shape.

"It's one of the best sports to condition your body," Sotomayor said. "You use almost every portion of your body when you box."

Sotomayor said he didn't worry about getting punched.

"Boxing is the art of hitting without getting hit," he said. "That's the goal."

The training also instills mental toughness and motivation.

"Discipline is a big point, if you don't have discipline you're not going to be successful," Perez said.

Perez said boxing is a family affair. His father, also Ferdinand Perez, owns a gym in Moca. He met his wife, Yajaira Jimenez, because his father coached her brother.

For Soldiers interested in competitive boxing, or just learning to box, Perez leads boxing conditioning Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. on the second floor at the Freedom Fitness Facility.

"Boxing is a big phase in my life that, I think, will never go away, because I will keep doing it until I die," Perez said.



### Welcome back from Iraq!

Staff Sgt. John Bradley, automated technician for combat service support automated maintenance office, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Special Troops Battalion, welcomes back comrade Staff Sgt. Leisly Figueroa-Torres, HHC, 16th STB, from a year's deployment in Iraq at the Basics Building Feb. 20. Figueroa deployed to Iraq as the Multinational Forces Iraq computer information systems non-commissioned officer in charge at the Joint Network Operations Communications Center at Camp Victory. Photo by Keith M. Anderson

## Community Announcements

### Postal rate change effective May 12

The cost of mailing letters weighing up to one ounce will increase from 41 to 42 cents on May 12. The chart below shows the upcoming rate changes. For more information go to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

Services	Current Prices	New Prices
Letter up to 1 ounce	41 cents	42 cents
Letter more than 1 ounce up to 2 ounces	58 cents	59 cents
Postcard	26 cents	27 cents
Large Envelope up to 2 ounces	97 cents	\$1.00
Money Orders up to \$500	\$1.05	\$1.05
Certified Mail	\$2.65	\$2.70
First-Class Mail International Letter to Canada and Mexico	69 cents	72 cents
First-Class Mail International Letter to other countries	90 cents	94 cents

### Use "forever" stamp and save

The United States Post Office's "forever" stamps can be used without the additional 1 cent once prices go up. The stamp is valid to mail a one-ounce First-class letter regardless of this or future price changes. The stamp can be purchased at the Bamberg Post Office in booklets of 20. Once prices change on May 12, the Forever stamp price will go from 41 cents to 42 cents.

### HHC 391<sup>st</sup> CSSB

#### deployment ceremony

A deployment ceremony will be held at the Bamberg Basics Building for HHC 391<sup>st</sup> Combat Service Support Battalion Thur. Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. Come out and support our Soldiers and Families. For more information call the 16th Sustainment Brigade, Public Affairs Office at DSN:469-8506.

## Weekly Reminders

### Let your voice be heard. Vote!

The Presidential election is right around the corner. Do not forget to exercise your right as an American citizen to let your voice be heard. You can't vote if you don't register! See your Voting Representative now! If you are not sure who your representative is, please call Charles

Schnepfe at DSN:469-7514 or email [charles.schnepfe@eur.army.mil](mailto:charles.schnepfe@eur.army.mil).

### Dealing with Deployment?

#### ACS can help

No matter what stage of deployment your family is in, ACS can help. Attend Battleminds for Families Tue. Feb. 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and learn strategies for coping during deployment. Deployment can affect children differently depending on their age. The Children and Deployment training class on Tue. Feb. 26 will help parents recognize and address behavioral changes and manage expectations. The course will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free child care is available. Please pre-register. For more information or to register, contact ACS at CIV:0951-300-7777.

### Bamberg Health Clinic hours

**Reminder:** The Bamberg Health Clinic hours are: Mon. through Fri.

- Primary Care - 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- AD Sick Call - 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- Nurse Advice Line - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Clinic Closures:

- closed holidays
- closed training holidays except for previously scheduled appointments and pharmacy.
- Closed from noon to 4:30 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Thur. of the month for mandatory training.

### Bamberg Tax office is open

The Bamberg Tax Office located in rm. 412 of Bldg. 7000 is now open Mon. through Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thur. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat., during February only, from 9 to 11 a.m. Taxes are prepared at no cost for all military I.D. card holders. Don't delay! Please call DSN:469-8261/8262 to make an appointment to file your return.

### Breakfast burrito fundraiser

The Alpha Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion family readiness group will be offering breakfast burritos to go Mon. Mar. 4 in the parking lot across from bldg. 7000 from 7 to 9 a.m. (or until the burritos are gone!) Stop by, support this fundraiser and enjoy an egg-celent start to your day!

## Continuing Education

### ACAP basic resume writing lab

Resumes can either open doors or eliminate you from the running. Be sure to

demonstrate how you and your skills, experience, training and education match the employer's needs. Get the instruction you need to begin writing your resume at the next Bamberg ACAP Resume Writing Lab on Mon. Feb. 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Attendees should have already completed a 2-day Transitional Assistance Program (DOL/ TAP) workshop prior to the Lab. Please bring your VMET, TAP Workbook, Pencils, and Paper. Next month's resume writing lab will be on Mar. 17. For more information or to register call ACAP at DSN:469-8925.

### Non Appropriated Fund (NAF) resume class

The Bamberg NAF Human Resource Office will be conducting a resume class every other Thursday for anyone interested in learning about how to apply and write a resume for a NAF position. The first class will be conducted on Thur. Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. to noon. This course is specifically tailored to applying for NAF vacancy announcements and is not a general class on how to write a resume. This class will be conducted in the NAF Human Resource Office training room in bldg. 7486. No appointment is necessary but space is limited to 8 students, please be there early. Contact Anna Sanderlin at DSN:469-8027 or CIV:0951-300-8027 for more details.

### Disabled Transition Assistance Program briefing

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering a briefing on the Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) on Fri. Feb. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Preston Hall Bldg 7080. DTAP is designed to encourage and assist potentially eligible Servicemembers in making informed decisions about the V.A.'s Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E) Program. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office for more information at DSN:469-8925 or CIV:0951-300-8925.

### Attend V.A. Benefits Briefing

Ask the experts! Attend the next ACAP V.A. Benefits Briefing on Fri. Feb. 29 from 8 a.m. to noon at the post movie theater. The briefing will explain what programs and services are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Open to entire military community. The next V.A. briefings will be on Mar. 27.

## Interested in applying for a job with the Federal Government?

The Federal Government requires specific things in a resume and the application process is different from most civilian employers. ACAP is holding Federal Application Seminar Mon. Mar. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. Attendees should have already completed a 2-day Transitional Assistance Program (DOL/ TAP) workshop prior to the Lab. Please bring your VMET, TAP Workbook, Pencils, and Paper. The next Federal resume writing lab will be on Jan. 7. For more information or to register call ACAP at DSN:469-8925.

## Learn German

Army Community Service (ACS) now offers free German classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced students at the Education Center, Bldg. 7047, room 307. Classes start immediately and are free. Beginners' class is Mondays and Fridays, 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., intermediate Mondays and Fridays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., advanced is Wednesdays, 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. Make the most of your Europe tour and register for German classes today. Call ACS at CIV:0951-300-7777 or e-mail BamACSCustServ@eur.army.mil.

## Health and Fitness

### Spring Fitness program assessments scheduled

Operation Walk-4-Freedom and Civilian Fitness Program assessments will take place Tue. Mar. 25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wed. Mar. 26, noon to 3 p.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Enrollments, fitness and health assessments, and fitness consultations will be conducted at these times. Please contact Angela Hunter at CIV:09721-96-6793 or e-mail angela.hunter2@eur.army.mil for more information.

## Kids and Teens

### Celebrate Black History Month at the library

Explore and learn more about African-American history in America at the Bamberg community library.

Tue. Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m. Create peanut butter science experiments in honor of George Washington Carver.

For more information contact the library at DSN:469-1740.

## Get ready for Easter with SAS

School Age Services (SAS) is inviting children ages kindergarten through fifth grade to the SAS "Eggcellent Eggstravaganza",

Thur. Mar. 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. at SAS, bldg. 7669. Come join in a fun evening of egg decorating, Dr. Seuss birthday celebration and a trivia game show about the incredible edible egg! Parents are encouraged to participate. Call CIV:0951-300-8698 for more information.

## Come join the Easter egg hunt!

Child and Youth Services is hosting Bamberg's Community Easter egg hunt on Sat. Mar. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at Pendleton Field. Age groups for the hunt at 10 a.m. will be 0 to 2; 3 to 5; 6 to 8 and 9 to 12. After the hunt children can compete in an egg toss, egg spoon race, bunny hop race and egg coloring. Call Archie Johnson at SKIES Unlimited for more information, CIV:0951-300-7452.

## School News

### BES needs volunteers

Bamberg Elementary School is looking for parent volunteers to help out with their Accelerated Reader program. For more information please contact Pam Pullman in the school media center or email pam.pullman@eu.dodea.edu.

## Elementary School Calendar

Feb. 25 - 29 - PTA Book Fair

Feb. 28 - 29 - PTA Spring Photos

## JROTC Drill Team needs sponsors

The Bamberg High School JROTC Drill Team is looking for units to sponsor their members. The group is also in need of dress blue uniforms (used or new). Please contact Sgt. 1st Class Young at DSN:469-8605 or via e-mail at prince.young@eu.dodea.edu.



Do your part to save energy and conserve natural resources. Check back weekly for great energy saving and recycling tips brought to you by the Bamberg Environmental Office.

## Energy saving tips

- If your apartment has radiators they should be kept clean, since dirt and dust absorb heat.
- Items covering the radiators should be removed when the radiators are in use because they absorb the heat

and block the flow of air through the radiator.

- Throughout the heating season, bleed radiators that are running cooler than normal.

## Recycling tips for home and office

- Rent or borrow seldom-used audiovisual equipment.
- Share newspapers and magazines with others to extend the lives of these items and reduce the generation of waste paper.
- Choose recyclable products and containers and recycle them.

For more information on what you can do to save our natural resources and help reduce the effects of global warming contact the Bamberg Environmental Office at CIV:0951-300-7730.

## Entertainment & Leisure

### Fishing license certification

Going fishing? Not without a license! IM-COM-E certified instructors will be holding fishing license certification course on Thur. Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 at Bamberg Warner Barracks. Cost is \$75. Contact Bambergfishing@eur.army.mil for details.

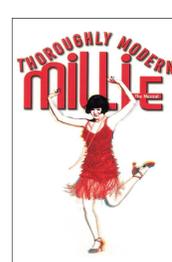
## Donate music and movies to Soldiers

The Bamberg Community Library is collecting music and movies to send down-range to deployed units. Check your collections and drop audio books, movie DVDs and audio CDs at the front desk. For more information contact the library at CIV:0951-300-1740.

## Art Exhibit "Hidden Faces" at CAC

Stop by the Community Activity Center to view the newest oil and acrylic works by artist Randy Jones. Jones' exhibit "The Hidden Faces" will be on display now through April 16. For more information contact the CAC at DSN:469-8659.

## "Thoroughly Modern Millie"



### at Stable Theater

Tap into hilarious music, dance, romance and intrigue! See the hit musical performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at the Stable Theater Mar. 3 through 9 and Mar. 13 through 16. Shows are at 7:30 p.m.

and on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and cost \$9 for adults and \$7 for children. Family and group discounts are available. Call CIV:0951-300-8647 to reserve your seat today.

**Salsa your way fit!**

Salsa dance your way fit every Tue. and Thur. at the FFF starting in March. You won't miss a beat with instructor Sujin Mojica. Singles or couples are welcome and no experience is required. Classes cost \$5 per person per session. Call the Stable Theater to register at CIV:0951-300-8647.

**Easter Bunny photos at the CAC**

Get your photos taken with the one and only real Easter Bunny at the Community Activity Center Portrait Studio, Sun. Mar. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Photos are \$5 for the first, any additional is \$3. Make your appointment by calling CIV:0951-300-8659.

*The Portrait Studio will be closed from March 15 to 31, please plan accordingly.*

**Trips & Travel Opportunities****ODR February trips**

Take a trip this February with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

**Sat. Feb. 23 Porsche Museum \$20**

Want to get a good look at some fine German engineering? Join ODR for a quick trip to the Porsche museum in Stuttgart. Includes transportation, admission to the museum is free. Please bring money for lunch and anything you might like to buy. Don't forget your VAT forms. Departs CAC 8 a.m. and returns approx. 8 p.m.

**Sat. Feb. 23 Learn to Snowboard \$75**

Always wanted to try snowboarding? Here's your chance. Spend a day on a local slope with Outdoor  Jordan. Includes transportation, lift, 5 hours of lessons. Departs CAC at 8:30 a.m. and returns approx. 5:30 p.m.

*Trips fill up quickly, so reserve your seat now. Contact the CAC for more info at DSN:469-8659.*

**AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule**

AAFES Reeltime Theater is  
CLOSED Tue. and Wed.

Fri.	Feb. 22	Fools Gold (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 23	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)	4 p.m.
		AVPR: Aliens vs. Predator-Requiem (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 24	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)	4 p.m.
		Fools Gold (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 25	AVPR: Aliens vs. Predator-Requiem (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Feb. 28	Charlie Wilson's War (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 29	National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 1	Jumper (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG)	7 p.m.

**Outside the Gate****Weekend Events in and around Bamberg**

Frequently used locations can be found online at [www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/news/map.pdf](http://www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/news/map.pdf)

**Friday, Feb. 22**

- 8 p.m. Oldie night with several bands at Jako Arena (*Forchheimerstrasse 15, next to Kaufland store*)
- 8 p.m. Bamberg Symphonic Orchestra plays at the Bamberg Congress Hall (*Musstrasse 1*)
- 9 p.m. Concert with Andi Lauth at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Massa in Spirit—Reggae concert at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 9 p.m. Jazz concert with Ralf Altrietrih Trio at the Jazzkeller (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)
- 10 p.m. "Dröönland" alternative rock concert at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)

**Saturday, Feb. 23**

- 7 p.m. "Don Juan" (opera) at String Puppet Theater Loose (*Untere Sandstraße 30*)
- 7:30 p.m. Graefin Mariza (operetta) at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater (*E.T.A. Hoffmann Platz*)
- 8 p.m. Bamberg Symphonic Orchestra plays at the Bamberg Congress Hall (*Musstrasse 1*)
- 9 p.m. Frankonian blues at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 10 p.m. 30 Plus Party at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)

**Sunday, Feb. 24**

- 10 a.m. Hobby craftsmen and artists' fair with lots of decorative ideas for Easter at Hauptsmoorhalle Strullendorf (*Hauptsmoorstr. 2*), Strullendorf 96129
- 11 a.m. Chamber concert with "Venetian Baroque music" at Cloister Banz, Bad Staffelstein. For tickets call 0951-9808220)
- 5 p.m. The Ligeti Quartet plays Mozart, Stravinsky and Dvorak at the Harmonie - Gruener Saal (*Schillerplatz*)
- 7:30 p.m. Graefin Mariza (operetta) at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater (*E.T.A. Hoffmann Platz*)
- 9 p.m. "Ecoustica", classic rock at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*), free entry

**Special Tip! Special Tip! Special Tip! Special Tip!**

"The Bar at Buena Vista" - The grandfathers of Cuban music, Reynaldo, Rubalcaba and Maracaibo, perform at the Bamberg Congress Hall (*Musstrasse 1*) on Tue., Feb. 26. For tickets call CIV:0951-98082-20 or book online at

[www.virtuopolis.de/nbgmusik/servlet/nbgmusik?handler=go&op=veranst&nummer=232](http://www.virtuopolis.de/nbgmusik/servlet/nbgmusik?handler=go&op=veranst&nummer=232)

## ***As seen in the NEWS ..***

**News summaries from Feb. 14 through 22**

### **Social Democrat web link leads to Conservatives**

Thomas Sendner from Hirschaid helped to develop the Social Democratic Party (SPD) election slogan "Starkes Bamberg" in 2005/2006, which is a play on words with the name of the current Lord Mayor Andreas Starke and the German word for strong. But as the party is using the slogan again for this election campaign 2008 and not all bills have been paid, Sendner looked for a little revenge. Now the web link for the SPD leads straight to the political opponent, the Christian Social Party (CSU) of Bamberg. The local election in Bamberg will take place on Sun., Mar. 2.

### **More grand openings at Nuernberger Strasse**

Mc Donald's was the first to have a successful grand opening at the south end of Nuernberger Strasse. The next one in this series will be Tegut supermarket on February 27 offering more than 18,000 products. It's to be followed a few days later by the opening of the huge furniture store Pilipp, a 19 million Euro project. As these investments are designed to attract more customers to this area, the plan appears to be successful. Right from the start, the Nuernberger Strasse branch of McDonalds made it to one of the three top stores in Upper Frankonia.

### **Police search for rowdies**

In the early hours of Feb. 15, at Obere Karolinenstrasse in downtown Bamberg, three English speaking men attacked a young local. The man was punched and kicked even when lying on the ground. Then the rowdies stole his blue backpack ("Deute Futura") and escaped. The victim had to be taken to the hospital. The police are now searching for these three individuals. One of them appeared to be of Hispanic origin and wore a black-white checkered shirt. Eyewitnesses are asked to call the police at CIV:0951-9129-210.

### **Severe traffic accidents**

On the A3 the car of a Dutch family hit a truck. The mother died at the scene of the accident, the rest of the family survived with minor injuries. Police are investigating the cause of the accident. A woman was severely injured in Burgebrach when the driver of her car disregarded the right of way and hit another car. The woman had not worn her safety belt and the force of the impact had thrown her from the back seat through the rear window and onto the street.

### **Lovesick and intoxicated**

A lovesick musician from Nuremberg wanted to serenade his love, but when he arrived in Bamberg he found her not at home. The intoxicated man then kicked the door to her home open and waited for her. Unlike he had hoped, when she returned she was not amused and called the police. So instead of getting kisses the man now faces legal charges for breach of domestic peace and damage to property.

### **"Hit and run" ship**

Currently, the river police are investigating in a hit and run case that occurred not on a street but on the Bamberg water way. Near Heinrichsbruecke an unknown ship hit a construction pontoon and damaged it. Police are now looking for an empty, black painted cargo ship traveling towards Viereth.

*Sources: Information collected/translated from Fraenkischer Tag*