



## Congratulations...

... to Rebecca Brunner and Peter Hutz, who were recently crowned the UDoM's 2011 May Princess and Prince at the UDoM Jugendgruppe's formal Mai Tanz 2011: Casino Royale on Saturday, May 21. Rebecca will be a sophomore at Menomonee Falls High School in the fall. She is a former Kindergruppe member and has been an active member of the Jugendgruppe for four years. Peter will be a senior at Marquette High School in the fall. He is a former Kindergruppe member, has been an active member of the Jugendgruppe for five years and the Kulturgruppe for one year. They are both looking forward to representing the UDoM Jugendgruppe, as well as the club, at many functions throughout the year.



## DE's Non-Nuclear Plans

Germany recently announced plans to become the first major industrialized power to shut down all its nuclear plants in the wake of the disaster in Japan, with a phase out due to be wrapped up by 2022.

Chancellor Angela Merkle said the decision marked the start of a "fundamental" rethink of energy policy in the world's number four economy. The commission found that it would be viable within a decade for Germany to mothball all 17 of its nuclear reactors, eight of which are currently off the electricity grid.

Germany's seven oldest reactors will be closed down permanently. However, one of these, yet to be named, will remain on stand-by starting in 2013 and will be switched on only in the event of electricity shortages until the full phase-out in 2021 or 2022.

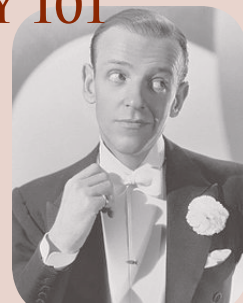
The country will have to find 22% of its electricity means (currently covered by nuclear reactors) from another source. Merkle ruled out imports of atomic energy from other countries right away.

"The agreement did not constitute an exit from nuclear power as quickly as possible, as Merkle had previously promised," Greenpeace nuclear expert Tobias Münchmeyer said on Monday. During late-night negotiations, the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian sister party of Merkle's Christian Democrats, bought for an exit within ten years. However, the general plan to phase out nuclear power by 2022 was "A step in the right direction," she said.

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## German-American HISTORY 101

Today we remember Fred Astaire, born Frederick Austerlitz on May 10, 1899, in Omaha, Nebraska. His parents, Frederic E. and Ann Gelius Austerlitz, enrolled him in dancing school at age four to join his older sister Adele. The two Austerlitz children proved extraordinarily talented and the family moved to New York, where the children continued their training in singing, dancing, and acting. In 1905 Fred and Adele began performing in vaudeville. By 1917 they had changed their last name to Astaire and began performing in musicals. They appeared in successful productions on Broadway and in London, England.



When Adele retired from show business in 1932 to marry, Astaire sought to reshape his career. He took the featured role in the musical *Gay Divorce*. This show proved Astaire could succeed without his sister and helped establish the pattern of most of his film musicals: it was a light comedy, built around a love story for Astaire and his partner that was amusing, but basically serious—and featuring some great dancing, including routines Astaire was beginning to develop himself.

In 1933 Astaire married Phyllis Livingston Potter and shortly afterward went to Hollywood. He had a featured part in *Flying Down to Rio* (1933). The film was a hit, and it was obvious that Astaire was a major factor in the success. The *Gay Divorcee* (1934), a film version of *Gay Divorce*, was the first of Astaire's major pictures with Ginger Rogers (1911–1995) and an even bigger hit. With seven more films in the 1930s (the most popular of which was *Top Hat* in 1935), Astaire and Rogers became one of the legendary partnerships in the history of dance, featuring high spirits, bubbling comedy, and romantic chemistry. By the end of the 1930s the profits from the Astaire-Rogers films were beginning to decline. Over the next few years Astaire made nine films at four different studios and continued to create splendid dances, appearing with a variety of partners.

In 1946 Astaire retired from motion pictures to create a chain of successful dancing schools. In 1947 he returned to movies to make the highly profitable *Easter Parade* at Metro Goldwyn Mayer (MGM). Nine more musicals followed. Astaire's success was marred in 1954, however, when his beloved wife died from cancer.

By the mid-1950s the era of the Hollywood musical was coming to an end, and Astaire moved into other fields. On television he produced four award-winning musical specials with Barrie Chase as his partner. He also tried his hand at straight acting roles with considerable success in eight films between 1959 and 1982. Over the years he played a number of characters on television in dramatic specials and series. In 1980, as he entered his eighties, Astaire married Robyn Smith, a successful jockey in her mid-thirties. He died seven years later.

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@ 7:30pm

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Germanfest

## WEISHEIT *des Monats*

**“Alles hat Ende,  
“Everything has an end,  
nur die Wurst hat zwei.”  
only the sausage has two.”**

### Germanfest

@ Maier Festival Park

Thurs., July 28–Sun., July 31

Celebrate 31 years of music, food and gemütlichkeit down at Milwaukee's lakefront! New highlights for 2011 include a battle of the bands, an MPS project titled *Stream of Dreams* — a public art display that combines colorful fish with writings that celebrate our Great Lake, an honest to goodness, eat everything provided in a five minute time period Eat-A-Thon that will take place over all four days/nights — Winner receives a domestic round trip flight anywhere Air Tran flies, and lastly a Home Brewed German Beer Competition to be judged by an outside panel of experts. As always, the UDoM Kinder, Jugend and Kultur Groups will have showcase performances throughout the weekend. Please make sure to stop by the Schwabenhof food booths and support the UDoM! For more info and a complete festival schedule, visit [germanfest.com](http://germanfest.com)

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