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## Base beats e-mail bug

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The "ILOVEYOU" virus brought down base e-mail systems when it struck around 7 a.m. May 4, forcing network administrators and the 437<sup>th</sup> Communication Squadron system administrators to shut down the system.

The virus arrived in people's email boxes with the words "I love you," in capital letters, in the subject box and once opened, would spread by infiltrating a computer user's address book and sending copies to everyone on the Global Address List. In addition, the virus would also change your default web address in your Internet browser to the author's web site and then attempt to download another virus, causing damage to your computer.

The new virus, which uses the Outlook e-mail program from Microsoft to quickly spread, also may infect other types of files stored on desktop computers and network servers, according to base communications officials.

Base officials caution anyone who gets such a message to immediately delete it first without opening the message. Base communications squadron officials have also blocked the web address for the virus.

"Every time we thought we had it eradicated, someone would open the message and it would re-spread itself again," said Capt. Jonathan Bakonyi, Information Systems Flight commander, 437<sup>th</sup> CS. "In addition, every time they would reopen Microsoft Outlook, the e-mail would be sent out again across the base."

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### Reminder

A basewide power outage is Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to repair a main electrical switch that had been damaged during Hurricane Floyd. All Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores and the base commissary will be closed during the outage. The commissary will open at 1 p.m. and remain open until 8 p.m.



Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

### See ya later, alligator

Commuters driving past Hunley Park Monday morning may have noticed something out of the ordinary, as police and animal control officers corralled a six-foot alligator sunning himself along Dorchester Road. Above, Lt. Mikle Benton of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (at left) and animal control officer Willard Contron (on truck) struggle to control the reptile, which was released into the wild.

## Eight teams representing CAFB at Rodeo 2000

by Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith  
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**POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFP)** — Rodeo competitors from Charleston AFB and beyond ignited the flight line here May 7 with energy and enthusiasm during the opening ceremony of Rodeo 2000, Air Mobility Command's international airlift and tanker competition.

"This is the largest air mobility competition the world has ever seen," said Maj. Gen. Silas "Si" Johnson, Rodeo commander. "This next week's going to be an incredible show of air power."

There are 79 aircraft and more than 3,000 members representing 34 active duty, 18 Reserve and 10 Air National Guard units, and eight foreign countries.

Eight teams are representing Charleston AFB, including aircrews,

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CAFB Rodeo team chief

maintenance, aerial port, security forces and joint airdrop inspection members.

"Teamwork is the key because it's important for the individual teams to show each other support," said Maj. Matthew Heuer, Charleston's Rodeo team chief. "If one of our teams does well, that will be a motivator for the others. What we do at the competition and the knowledge we take home is what we do across the board on a daily basis."

Tech. Sgt. Michael Stevens, a mem-

ber of the C-141 aerial port team, said, "We can learn a lot from watching other teams. If we pay attention to the things they are or aren't doing right, that will benefit us."

As of press time Wednesday, Charleston teams were doing well. The C-17 engine running offload aerial port team had scored a perfect 800 in their event.

Rodeo gives competitors the opportunity to highlight and focus on their skills and contributions to air mobility, said Gen. Charles T. "Tony" Robertson, Commander in chief, U.S. Transportation Command, and AMC commander. "Mobility continues to be a primary tool to building a better future for the Air Force and the world."

As part of opening ceremony festivities, Staff Sgt. Ty Clark, 720th Special Tactics Group, Hurlburt

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