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Photo by Staff Sgt. Dominic Hauser

Keeping in step

Dressed as the 1st Combat Camera Squadron mascot eagle, Master Sgt James D. Mossman marches along beside of the 437th Maintenance Squadron during the Veterans Day Parade Sunday. About 5,000 people showed up to watch the parade through downtown Charleston. For more pictures of the parade, see page 12.

Families recognized during MFW

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

November 18-25 is Military Family Week, honoring families with members serving in the Armed Forces.

In honor of military families, many organizations in the 437th Airlift Wing are offering special programs.

The Family Support Center, along with its regularly scheduled classes, is offering the Building Self-Esteem in Children Workshop Nov. 28, 1-3 p.m., and Steven Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families" Seminar Nov. 27-28, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. To enroll in these programs, call the FSC at 963-4406.

Discount coupons will be distributed by the 437th Services Squadron throughout the month at 437 SVS facilities.

Children are a big part of military

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437 CES members lend helping hands: Troops use CE skills, elbow grease to aid local orphanage

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Fifteen members of the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron painted walls and hung doors at the Jenkins Institute for Children Nov. 8.

According to Senior Airman Ed Bunce, 437 CES, the squadron has a history of helping out at the orphanage.

"I coordinate with Mr. (Allen) Matthews (plant manager for Jenkins) and find out what needs to be done," Bunce said. "Then I set everything up and get the people we need to get the job done."

Earlier in the year, Bunce and other 437 CES

members helped the orphanage replace a sewer line. Bunce said the squadron also plans to help install new bathrooms in the near future.

"Lowes donated the paint for the walls, and is donating the bathroom stuff too, along with an installation crew," Bunce said.

Bunce said helping the orphanage was an easy decision.

"Seeing the condition of the buildings, I wanted to help out," he said.

The help is appreciated.

"They sure help Jenkins out a whole lot," said Matthews. "Without the help of the Air Force and Navy folks, I don't know what we'd do."

"They play a big part," Matthews continued. "Ever

since they came on board, they've redone the sewer and a lot of groundwork. I can't ask for anything better."

Building and maintenance are just a small part of what needs to be done at Jenkins. The institute also needs volunteers to do committee work and fund-raising, help with group projects, do landscaping, provide medical assistance, provide office assistance, perform mentoring, plan opportunities for youth and special events, tutor, and provide education assistance and assisting with youth in other areas.

The Jenkins Institute now houses about 37 boys and girls, ranging in age from 10-21, according to Matthews. Residents may

stay at Jenkins as long as they are enrolled in school.

Matthews said the teens at Jenkins are taught how to shop, find jobs, open bank accounts and generally take care of themselves. The program also helps prepare them for college.

"Jenkins does a lot for kids around here," Matthews said.

Those at Jenkins are also provided help with behavior management, alcohol or drug counseling, supervised team sports, field trips and Big Brother/Big Sister mentoring.

Rev. Daniel Joseph Jenkins established the Jenkins Orphanage, now the Jenkins Institute for Children, around 1890. His mission was to provide a safe, loving home for or-

phaned and destitute boys and girls. The orphanage was originally located at 20 Franklin St. in the City of Charleston, and later moved to its present location on Azalea Drive, in North Charleston.

In its heyday, the orphanage housed more than 500 children and was world renowned for its traveling bands.

The brass bands, made up of children from the orphanage, traveled all over the U.S. and to Great Britain and Canada to raise money for the institution. They played marching music, religious favorites and popular tunes of the day.

The orphanage bands

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IN THE NEWS

Ramadan one of Islam's holiest months

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. Islam uses a lunar calendar, basing each month on the citing of the new moon. Because the lunar calendar is about 11-12 days shorter than the solar calendar used elsewhere, Islamic holidays "move" each year. This year Ramadan begins around Saturday, where as in 2002, it will begin around Nov. 6.

Muslims believe during the month of Ramadan, Allah revealed the first verses of the Koran, the holy book of Islam, to the prophet Muhammad. Muhammad was a caravan trader who wandered the desert near Mecca, in present day Saudi Arabia, while thinking about his faith. One night the voice of the angel Gabriel called to him from the night sky and told Muhammad he had been chosen to receive the spoken word of Allah. In the days that followed, Muhammad spoke the verses that would be transcribed as the Koran.

Muslims practice sawm, or fasting, for the entire month of

Ramadan. They may not eat or drink anything, including water, from the time of sunrise until sunset. They also must abstain from smoking and marital sex during this time. The usual practice is to have a pre-fast meal, called suhoor, before dawn and a post-fast meal, called iftar, after sunset. Iftar usually begins with dates and sweet drinks to provide a quick energy boost.

Pre-adolescent children, sick adults and the elderly are typically excused from the fasting for health reasons.

If the fast is broken intentionally, the fast-breaker is required to make up the time by continuing to fast past the end of Ramadan until all days when the fast was broken are accounted for.

Fasting is one of the Five Pillars, or duties, of Islam and serves many purposes. While they are hungry, Muslims are reminded of the suffering of the poor. Also, fasting is a chance to practice self-control and to cleanse the body and mind. During Ramadan, the fast helps Muslims feel the peace

that comes from spiritual devotion and kinship with fellow believers.

On the twenty-seventh day of the month, Muslims celebrate Lailat ul-Qadr, the Night of Power. This night is believed to be when Muhammad received the first revelation of the Koran. According to the Koran, this is when Allah determines the course of the world for the following year. Because it is such a powerful night, many Muslims spend the entire night in prayer.

Ramadan ends with the festival of Eid al-Fitr, the Feast of Fast Breaking. People dress in their finest clothes, adorn their homes with lights and decorations, exchange gifts and spend time with friends and family.

(Information compiled by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter, 437th AW Public Affairs, from the following sources: www.factmonster.com/spot/ramadan1.html, www.colostate.edu/Orgs/MSA/events/Ramadan.html, <http://encarta.msn.com>, and www.holidays.net/ramadan/story.htm.)

Bombing halt during Ramadan unlikely

The United States is sensitive to allies' concerns, but it is unlikely to curtail the campaign against terrorism in Afghanistan during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, said Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke.

Clarke said the United States is sensitive to regional concerns, but that Muslims have fought during Ramadan throughout history.

"We are not going to telegraph what we are going to do," Clarke said during an informal briefing. Ultimately, President Bush will decide on the question with input from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, Clarke said.

"No one takes a holiday on us," she said, when asked about the continuing fight. *(AFPS)*

JENKINS

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were the starting place of many outstanding jazz musicians, including William "Cat" Anderson, who played with Duke Ellington, and Cladys

"Jabbo" Smith. Because Jenkins was often mistakenly identified as a penal institution, many of the musicians trained there later refused to credit the Jenkins Orphanage for their musical instruction.

The band ceased to exist

in the 1950s, and the orphanage experienced financial difficulties, which persist today.

Bunce said other Charleston AFB organizations may also help out at Jenkins by contacting him at 963-5727, or by calling the institute at 744-2429.

437 CES airman claims Levitow, academic awards

Senior Airman Brian Sharman, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, earned the Sgt. John L. Levitow and Academic Achievement Awards when Airman Leadership School Class 02-A graduated Nov. 8.

Receiving Distinguished Graduate Awards were Senior Airmen Keith Magnum, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron; Paul Graham, 437th Mission Support Squadron; and Beatrice Ward, 437th Medical Support Squadron.

Magnum also earned the Leadership Award.

Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley, 437th Airlift Wing commander, presented awards, and the guest speaker was Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton, 437 AW command chief master sergeant.

Graduates from the course also include the following senior airmen:

1st Combat Camera Squadron: Jennie Ivey and Luella Wilson

14th Airlift Squadron: Carmen Cornelius and Troy Fizlaff

15th Airlift Squadron: DeQuan Barthell

437th Aeromedical Dental Squadron: Jennifer Cutlip and Hollie Rogers

437 AGS: Bjorn Harris, Jeramie Houston, Jeremy Mager and Rasheed Philson

437 AW: Ashok Kori and Brian Tressler

437 CES: Michael Edwards and John Stinnett

437th Comptroller Squadron: Kim Sonnenberg

437th Communications Squadron: Patrick Bauer and Amanda Gunther

437th Logistics Support Squadron: Jaime Guitierrez

437th Maintenance Squadron: Jerome Aubert, Ashley Courtney, Nathan Stuch and James Schwichert

437th Operations Support Squadron: Kenneth Blackmon

437th Security Forces Squadron: Donald Jacobs, Timothy Eason, Anthony Osborne

437th Supply Squadron: Kenneth Simpson and Frances Williams

437th Services Squadron: Rebecca Brennan

(Information submitted by the Airman Leadership School staff.)



Staff Sgt. Rob Skiff, 437 CES, prepares doors for hanging at the Jenkins Institute for Children. Squadron members have helped with a variety of projects, including installing a sewage pipe earlier this year. They also plan to help install new bathrooms in the near future.

NEWS BRIEFS

Around the base

Flu shots: Flu shots are available for active-duty members today, Monday and Nov. 27, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Base Theater. Members must have their shot records to receive the immunization. For more information, call Public Health at 963-6962.

Nature trail: The 437th Environmental Flight will host an open house Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., to showcase the newly-upgraded base Nature Awareness Trail. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. The trail is located behind the water tower on the corner of Davis Drive and McCaw Street.

Bible study: The Protestant men of the Chapel will gather in the Chapel Annex for breakfast, fellowship and Bible study Saturday, 9 a.m. For more information, call 963-2536.

Family week: Military Family Week is Sunday-Nov. 25. The Family Support Center has information about many base programs being offered during the week, to include discounts and contests. For more information, call 963-4406.

Clothing drive: The Air Force Sergeants Association is sponsoring a baby clothing drive through today. Donated clothing will go to the Lowcountry Crisis Pregnancy Center. Donations can be dropped at the 437th Medical Group Flight Medicine lobby. For more information, call 963-6652 or 963-6923.

Commissary: The Commissary will be open Monday, and will be closed Thursday and Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Seven habits: Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families seminar is being held at the Family Support Center Nov. 27 and 28, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The two-day course will cover subjects such as solving family problems and renewing family spirit. Space is limited to the first 40 people who sign up. To make a reservation, call 963-4406.

Study skills: There will be a Study Skills Seminar Nov. 30, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in the Community Education Center. The seminar is open to all personnel, but is geared primarily for personnel who need to improve their study habits. This class may help personnel prepare to take their career development course exam, college tests and CLEP/DANTES tests. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 963-4575.

Golf tournament: The Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament is scheduled for Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m., at Wrenwoods. The captain's choice tournament costs \$20, plus green fees. Carts are optional. Food and

beverages will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and more. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Anthony Maffini at 963-2791. Those interested may also sign up at the Pro Shop.

Nativity: The chapel is hosting the Nativity of Emmanuel, or NOEL, program Dec. 8, 9 a.m.-noon. The program features crafts, stories, songs and more for children ages 3-12. Registration is required and begins Nov. 15. This time may be used by parents to shop, wrap presents or just relax. The Chapel staff will need help with the program. Anyone wishing to volunteer should call the Chapel at 963-2536 or Mary Davis at 552-0303.

Closure: The Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Office will be closed Dec. 10-12 while the system for the new identification card, the Common Access Card, is installed. The office will be closed for all services, so plan accordingly. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ronnie Cullum or Staff Sgt. Shonna Billings at 963-4545.

Scholarship: Applications and fact sheets are now available at the Commissary for the 2002 Scholarship for Military Children Program. The deadline for filing for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 5. Information is also available at www.commissaries.com.

SIU: Southern Illinois University is holding open Spring 2002 registration for its one-year Workforce Edu-

cation and Development program through Dec. 14. Military members, dependents, retirees and civilians are eligible to enroll. The Workforce Education and Development degree major is a one-year program in training and development that will commence Jan. 12 and conclude in November. SIU is located in the Community Education Center. For more information, call 552-7320.

CCC: City Colleges of Chicago Term III schedules will be available Monday. Registration will begin Dec. 10. For more information, call 552-5959.

Limestone College: Limestone College will have a representative on base every Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Community Education Center. Limestone offers a non-traditional approach to education. For more information, call 745-1100 or 963-7298.

Consignment Shop: The Consignment Shop has extended its hours to include Tuesday nights, 6-8 p.m. Consigning on Tuesday nights will be available from 6-7:30 p.m. The shop is still open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Consignment Shop is located in Bldg. 203, Graves Avenue, and can be reached at 963-3294.

ESC: The Enlisted Support Club, formerly the Enlisted Wives Club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Anyone associated with the Charleston AFB enlisted commu-

nity is invited to join the group. Their activities include social events, fund raisers and helping with the Consignment Shop. For more information, call Marcia Lytton at 760-6892 or 207-0123. She can also be reached via e-mail at marcia359@hotmail.com.

Vehicle storage: Any individual going on a contingency TDY for more than 30 days is entitled to have a POV stored at government expense. This includes current AEFs and other deployed locations. Individuals must take a copy of their orders to TMO, which will process the paperwork. The member will have to do some paperwork and deliver the vehicle. Members have up to 90 days after the TDY to get the vehicle out of storage.

Retiree activities: The Charleston AFB Retirees Activities Program is seeking volunteers to help in a number of positions working with military personnel in such areas as security, pharmacy staffing and administrative offices. For more information, call 963-2228.

Family Support Center

Pre-deployment Briefing: Nov. 29, 4-4:30 p.m., and Monday and Nov. 26, 8-8:30 a.m.

Troops-to-Teachers: Nov. 26, 10-11 a.m.

Resume II: Nov. 27, 9-10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

All workshops are held at the FSC unless otherwise noted. For more information or to register, call the Family Support Center at 963-4406.

Charleston Profile

Staff Sgt. Ronnie Godbolt 437th Medical Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ronnie Godbolt is the assistant NCOIC of preventive health assessment for the 437th Medical Operations Squadron.

His duties center around the annual health assessment every Air Force member receives.

"I pre-screen patients for the providers," said Godbolt. "We ensure blood is taken for the annual HIV test and cholesterol screening, and take a family history for high-risk patients. I also assist with minor procedures like biopsies."

His job not only identifies if something is wrong, but also helps military members prevent future problems.

"We educate the patients on nutrition and taking care of themselves," said Godbolt. "We make them aware of their job hazards and using the proper equipment."

Part of his duties also includes being the assistant NCOIC of the Hands for Healing Team.

"We make sure the doctors have enough technicians for the procedures they are doing," said Godbolt. "This ensures the patients are seen on a timely basis without interfering with the quality of care."

The Mullins, S.C., native said he gets satisfaction in his job from all the people he interacts with every day.

"If someone is in need, I like to be the one to help," said Godbolt. "If a patient walks out happy I feel I did my job."

In his off time he enjoys salt- and fresh-water fishing, working with wood and spending time with his family. He is married and has two children.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Murphy

COMMENTARY

CAFB honored during Veterans Day events

By Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley
437 AW commander

I felt truly honored this past Sunday as the nation celebrated Veterans Day. The Charleston area held a number of salutes to our veterans, to include a free Charleston Symphony Orchestra salute, Charleston Lowgators basketball game and many others. The highlights for me were a special celebration held at Patriot's Point in Mount Pleasant, a speaking engagement for the Goose Creek American Legion post and the downtown Charleston Veterans Day Parade. Each of these events was a salute to America's veterans.

A special thanks to the 315th Airlift Wing, 437th Maintenance Squadron, 437th Medical Group, 437th Security Forces Squadron, 437th Transportation Squadron and 1st Combat Camera Squadron for participating in this year's Veterans Day parade. According to the Veterans Administration hospital organizers, they had one of their largest parades ever and a record turnout from the public. It was a great day and it was a real pleasure for me to sit on that humvee and speak with the public about Team Charleston. I know I'm the luckiest person in the world to command the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet.

At each of these events, I received hundreds of words of encouragement and thanks from the public. You could not participate in these events without coming away with a tremendous sense of pride, professionalism and passion in what we do. If there was a silver lining in the Sept. 11 tragedy, it has been this reawakening of patriotism and greater support for the men and women of today's Armed Forces. It is clear to me that the public fully supports our efforts in this fight against terrorism. People respect and admire what you do for our country each and every day. Our efforts are truly appreciated.

Charleston is also becoming an Air Force town, and I've noticed that our elected officials and civic leaders often mention the Air Force in their comments when they talk about the military. We're mentioned almost everywhere, to include the local news media, and people seem to understand our mission much better. We've finally made our mark.

We had about 46 congressional visitors and their spouses and aides from the U.S. House of Representatives and British Parliament pass through the local area this past weekend. They were here for a Congressional Delegation British-American Parliamentary Group Meeting. It took a lot of hard work by our Protocol staff to take care of this large crowd and they did it in a truly first class manner as always. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the baggage detail. The 437 TRANS and Command Post provided superb support also. The group was impressed by our outstanding support.

We celebrate Military Family Week, Nov. 18-25. Military Family Week is set aside to recognize and appreciate families and their role in contributing to a strong Air Force. Mom or Dad may wear the uniform, but as every military family member knows, spouses and children serve the nation as well. With many of our people deployed, the annual weekly observance has taken on increased importance.

The military family often keeps everything together while the servicemember must work long hours away from the family or deploy during the war against terrorism. Military Family Week provides an outstanding opportunity to say thank you.

The theme of this year's observance is "connect with kindness in your neighborhood." Wave at your neighbor, smile, say hello, help an elderly person, introduce yourself to your neighbors, meet your children's friends ... it is really the little things that make a difference.

There are a wide variety of activities to benefit military families provided by the Family Support Center and the 437th Services Squadron. For a listing of activities, see the story on page 1.



Photo by Lt. Col. Ed Memi

Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley, 437 AW commander, rides in a humvee during Sunday's parade through downtown Charleston.

We accepted our third and final Block 12 version of the C-17, P-77, from the Boeing plant in Long Beach, Calif., on Wednesday. Maj. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, Air Force Director of Programs, flew the aircraft in. McNabb was assigned to Charleston from June 1988 to August 1992 and has a special place in his heart for the C-17. He was thrilled to fly in our latest addition to our fleet of C-17s.

The arrival of this latest C-17 could not have happened at a better time when we need almost every aircraft on the ramp to fly missions. By the time you read this, this newest airlifter will have already flown on an operational mission. The expanded range and added capabilities of this newest airlifter are already being put to good use.

The Combined Federal Campaign is coming to a close, and I want to thank everyone who gave. We extended the campaign a little to give deployed Team Charleston members one last opportunity to contribute. You are also welcome to participate in the CFC golf tournament Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m., at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The captain's choice tournament costs \$20, plus green fees and cart. A variety of prizes will be awarded. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Anthony Maffini at 963-2791.

I spoke with the First Six Group Thursday in the Charleston Club. I was invited to be one of their guest speakers to talk about our efforts since the terrorist attacks Sept. 11. The group meets the third Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. in the Charleston Club. They have a great agenda and are looking for increased basewide participation from enlisted members in the grades of E-1 to E-6.

The group volunteers in the local community to help the Florence Crittenton Home for Unwed Mothers, the Veterans Hospital and a local homeless shelter. They also meet to provide to one another support and to look for opportunities for professional mentoring opportunities. Each of their monthly meetings usually features a guest speaker. It is a great chance for our junior enlisted members to get involved. If you need more information or want to join, please contact Tech. Sgt. Lisa Barkman at 963-4508.

I am hosting a patriotic salute to Team Charleston for their support of Operation Enduring Freedom Nov. 20, 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., in the Base Theater. We should have a large crowd for both salutes. It's my way of letting everyone in the wing know how important he or she has been to the on-going efforts so far. I've asked the 1 CTCS to produce a special video that captures some of those contributions. I'll also present some statistics to capture what the wing has achieved to date. When you look at our accomplishments, it is easy to understand why we are the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet.

As the holidays approach, it is especially important for us to be extra careful on the highways. More people than ever will head out on the highways during the Thanksgiving holidays. Motor vehicle accidents continue to be the leading cause of injury to our folks, and more often than not, those incidents are related to excessive speed, tailgating and other unsafe driving practices. Alcohol related incidents also increase during the holidays. Take time to plan your trips properly and always be safe!

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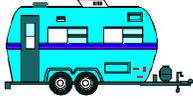
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Off duty--Around town



Sports:

Stingrays: Tuesday, 7 p.m., vs. Macon. For more information, call 554-6060.

Lowgators: The North Charleston Lowgators are holding Military Night Saturday, 7:30 p.m., vs. the Fayetteville Patriots. Active duty, Reserve, DOD civilians, retirees and their family members are eligible for buy-one, get-one-free tickets to the game. Tickets are only available at the North Charleston Coliseum box office, and proper ID is required to receive the discount. For more information, call 764-4013 or 416-1162.

Entertainment:

Theatre: The Charleston Stage Company presents "WIT," a Pulitzer-Prize-winning drama today and Saturday, 8 p.m., at Dock Street Theatre, 135 Church St. For more information, call 577-5967.

Theatre: Journey into a world of complete illusion with the Crabpot Players as they present "Alice in Wonderland" today-Saturday, 7 p.m., at the G.M. Darby Bldg., 302 Pitt St., Mount Pleasant. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students, and \$5 12 and under. For more information, call 849-2061.

Music: The College of Charleston offers selected excerpts from opera, operetta and musical theater today, 8 p.m., at Simons Center Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 953-8228.

Broadway concert: St. Michael's Church offers Broadway Around the World, with solos, duets and ensembles from 10 Broadway musicals, today, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 723-0603.

Comedy: Skoddy Bu Bopp performs improv comedy at Theatre 99, 30 Cumberland St., Saturday, 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 853-6687.

Events:

Holiday exhibit: Local artist exhibit and sell watercolors, jewelry, hand-dyed silks, sculptures, purses and more today, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Marshfront Studio, 1600 Home Farm Rd. For more information, call 881-8630.

Children's carnival: An old-fashioned carnival, with midway games, entertainers, live music and more, takes place Saturday, 10a.m.-4 p.m., at Ansonborough Park, across from the S.C. Aquarium parking deck. Proceeds benefit Charleston Marine Corps Toys for Tots and Happy Days and Special Times. Admission is \$5 plus ride tickets. For more information, call 723-1554.

Holiday bazaar: Baked goods, crafts, decorations, books and more will be on sale Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Unitarian Church, 4 Archdale St. The bazaar is free. For more information, call 723-4617.

Diwali celebration: The India Association of Greater Charleston offers a cultural festival of lights followed by Indian cuisine Saturday, 6-10 p.m., at Charles Towne Landing. For tickets, call Latha at 849-1728.

Street rod show: Doin' the Charleston show displays street rods, 1948 and older, Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Exchange Park Fairgrounds. Admission is \$2.

Family picnic: Charleston Museum's annual event, with a Lowcountry picnic dinner, live blue-grass music, pony rides, hayrides, a jump castle, archaeology tours, birds of prey, crafts, games and a nature walk, takes place Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for ages 6-12. For more information or for tickets, call 722-2996, ext. 235.

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FEATURE

Bargains abound at Consignment Shop

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

Only one more week until the Christmas shopping frenzy officially begins. In the search for the best bargain, Team Charleston need look no farther than the Consignment Shop.

The shop, located in Bldg. 203 on Graves Avenue, is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Recently the shop expanded its hours to Tuesday evenings, 6-8 p.m., to accommodate shoppers and consigners who can't make it during the day.

During daytime hours, the shop consigns up to twelve items per person, per day. Tuesday nights are the exception, with customers able to consign up to 24 items. According to Jann Nuttall, Consignment Shop manager, the additional items are allowed because the people who use the later hours generally don't have a chance to make it more than once a week.

Though the shop will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Nov. 23, it's still a great place to pick up all sorts of Christmas presents and paraphernalia.

The shop is crammed from wall-to-wall with a variety of items, from clothing to shoes to toys, and the majority of items are in fairly good to excellent condition.

Servicemembers, their families and retirees can consign items for sale. On each sale, a 25 percent commission is collected by the shop and is used for scholarships for military dependents.

"We take almost everything except appliances," said Nuttall.

Some of the "hot" items, sold quickly, are furniture, name-brand clothing and Christmas items.

"Something will catch my eye, could be books, clothes, a little bit of everything," said Ronnie Blanchard, retired Navy. "The price is always right. That's what I like about it. Plus, the money goes to a good cause, to support the military. That's basically my main reason for shopping here."

According to both the customers and Nuttall, the shop depends greatly on the work of its volunteer force.

"We would not be here without these ladies who come in here and aren't paid a dime," Nuttall said.

The volunteers said they wouldn't have it any other way.

"The best part of it is the people, and the interaction with the girls who work here, we click well together," said Carol Mummy, a volunteer for about four years.

Volunteers do almost everything in the shop, from taking consignments to helping customers find the perfect gift.

So when Christmas shopping gets hectic and bargains are

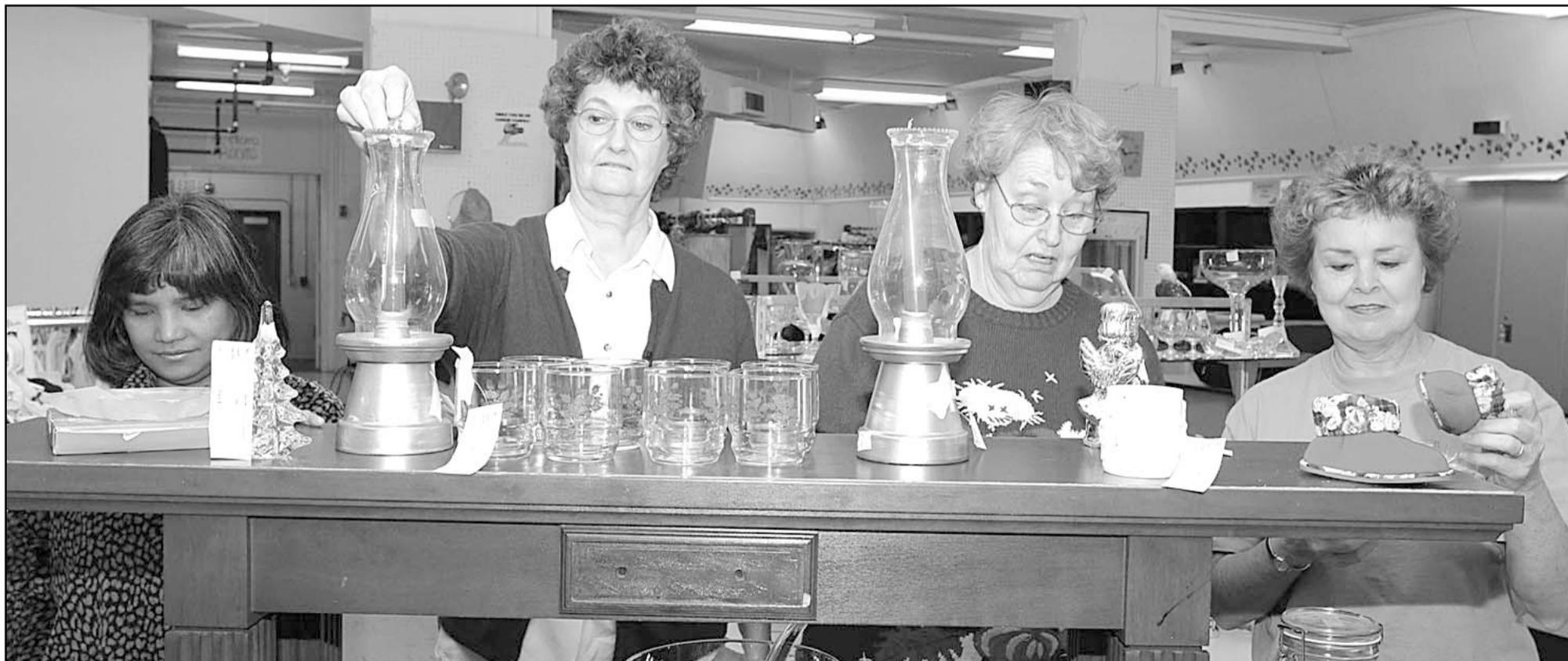


Bella Gates, Consignment Shop volunteer, said she just moved to the Charleston area about two months ago after having spent 10 years in Europe. She said, "My fun is volunteering here."

scarce, when the mall is packed with frenzied gift-buyers and there's not a friendly salesperson in sight, the Charleston AFB community should remember the best bargain of all might be right around the corner, backed by a smiling

face, and a cheerful and honest "Have a nice day."

For more information, call the shop at 963-3294.



The nearly all-volunteer Consignment Shop staff, (left-right) Bella Gates, Del Ponte, Pauline Schaeffer and Carol Mummey, prepare a display of Christmas items. With a wide variety of items for sale at bargain prices, the shop may be a good stop on the holiday shopping circuit. The ladies said while they enjoy helping customers, the biggest joy of their job is the other volunteers they work with every day.

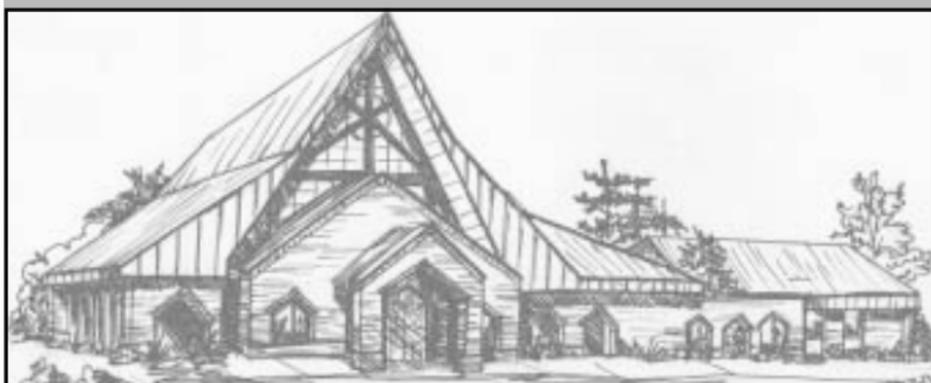
Veterans Day parade draws crowd



Photos by Staff Sgt. Dominic Hauser
Staff Sgt. Cherle Thurlby, 1st Combat Camera Squadron still photographer, hands out candy to Charleston children during Sunday's parade.

A retired Army major salutes the colors as they march past with members of the 437th Airlift Wing. About 5,000 people were on hand Sunday to see the parade, which featured around 1,000 people. The annual Veterans Day Parade is hosted by the Ralph H. Johnson VA Hospital to honor those men and women who fought to keep America free and to make the U.S. military into the powerful fighting force it is today.

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive

Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Phone: 963-2536. After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services

Saturday -- 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass.

Sunday -- 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church.

Weekdays -- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For Sacrament of Marriage, call the Catholic chaplain six months prior to the wedding.

Protestant Services

Sunday -- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m. Children's Church.

Thursday -- 7 p.m. Praise and Worship contemporary service.

Buddhist: Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405. Phone: (803) 254-9048.

Orthodox: Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race St., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 577-2063.

Jewish: Call Jewish Lay Leader: Senior Airman David Winner at 963-2676.

Islamic: Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed, 1998 Hugo Ave., Charleston Heights, S.C. Phone: 554-1773.

Movie schedule

Admission prices:

Adults/Children -- 99 cents

Any child under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor child to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to start of movie, unless otherwise noted.



Movie schedules are provided by AAFES. Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

"Max Keeble's Big Movie" – Larry Miller

Seventh grader Max Keeble is a good kid who only wants to fit in. Max's parents tell him they're planning to move to Chicago. With the help of his two friends, he spends his last week at school getting revenge on his tormenters. When Max finds out he's not moving after all, he is left at the mercy of his victims, and must apologize for all the mayhem he's caused. **(PG) 86 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Glass House" – Lee Sobieski

When Ruby and Rhett's parents are killed in a car crash, Erin and Terry Glass become guardians of them. They are promised a world of opulence and California fun. Before long, Ruby suspects that Erin and Terry may not be the ideal guardians they seemed to be. **(PG-13) 106 minutes**

Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m.

"Zoolander" – Ben Stiller

Derek Zoolander, a supermodel, is targeted by a dangerous crime organization that wants him to carry out some dangerous plans. Suddenly, Zoolander has to think fast. With his head in the clouds, Zoolander has trouble thinking at all. **(PG-13) 87 minutes**

Fitness & Sports

Swami wins again; Ingold comes close

By The Swami
Pigskin Prognosticator

The Swami won again. Maybe we should call the Swami "Butter," because he is on a roll. Besides, it's almost Thanksgiving! After winning week eight, the Swami has decided to go back-to-back and win week nine. In what was another tough week of picking, the Swami turned in the best record to date with a beautiful and most impressive 13-2 record. The Swami was looking at going a perfect 15-0, but the huge upsets of Oakland and New Orleans cost the Swami his perfect week. If the Swami's fans did not catch those games, the Saints and Raiders should have won.

"I believe there was some funny stuff going on for the boys in Vegas," said the Swami.

Also finishing 13-2 was Dennis "Aldo the Greek" Ingold. The Swami knows Ingold wants to be like the Swami. Ingold copied the Swami's picks, but he does not know how to pick the tiebreaker like the Swami does.

"You can take your ice-cold picks back to the house," commented the Swami after spanking him and the rest of the field for another week.

Todd "Junior" Walker and Tony "Skins" Palangi turned in nice 12-3 performances,

but not good enough to hang with the Swami. They have won nothing, just like Ingold. The Swami's fans know what they say about coming close. Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades, so leave the art of picking football games to the Swami.

Sam "The Godfather" Lyons and Ron "Downhill" Desautels turned in the worst picks of the week. They had unimpressive 6-9 records. Lyons was kind enough to send the Swami his picture along with his picks.

"I'll frame that in my loser's photo gallery, right next to the biggest loser, Dutch," laughed the Swami.

With the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday next week, the Swami has graciously decided to give his fans those games free. The Swami does not even consider them real games anyway. It's obvious that the Packers will maul the Lions and that the Broncos will stomp the Cowboys. The Swami knows who the Dallas fans are out there, so he will give them a loss for that game.

The Swami's fans can bet the Swami will not be watching those worthless games. Instead, the Swami will feast on some good food and give thanks for what a great country he and his fans live in. Look for the Swami to "Three-peat" and have a great Thanksgiving!

Week Eleven

Name/Phone #: _____

Comments: _____

Sunday, Nov. 25

Atlanta @ Carolina

Baltimore @ **Jacksonville**

Cincinnati @ **Cleveland**

Miami @ Buffalo

Pittsburgh @ **Tennessee**

San Francisco @ **Indianapolis**

Seattle @ Kansas City

Washington @ **Philadelphia**

New Orleans @ **New England**

Arizona @ **San Diego**

Oakland @ **New York Giants**

Chicago @ **Minnesota**

Monday, Nov. 26

Tampa Bay @ **St. Louis**

Monday night total points: _____

Swami's Monday night points: 50

Swami's picks are in bold and underlined.

Send your picks to: Swami@charleston.af.mil

Picks may be dropped at the Public Affairs office in Bldg. 1600, Room 224.

Picks must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 23, 4 p.m.