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Staff Sgt. Ray Corbett, 437th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, writes a ticket in Hunley Park. Photo by Mr. Andre Bullard With schools soon out for summer, drivers should be cautious in housing areas and watch out for children. Military Family Housing residents should also remain vigilant and watch out for the security of their families and neighbors.

Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!

COMMENTARY

Commander's Comments

By COL. KARL YOUNG
437 AW VICE COMMANDER

Col. Bash is flying overseas this week, something he does periodically to experience firsthand what our crews and deployed people encounter as they carry out the mission around the world. He has relayed to me his great pride in the amazing work he sees from Team Charleston on the road, supported by the "home team" here.

Coins

Before he left, Col. Bash presented warrior coins to **Lt. Col. Gregory Schwartz**, and **Master Sgt. James Blakley** from the wing tactics shop, and to the 17th Airlift Squadron's **Capt. William Schellenberger**, **1st Lt. Will Friar** and **Airman 1st Class Renee Morales**, for their role in planning multiple missions to insert troops and equipment into northern Iraq and flying the historic paratrooper airdrop. Additionally, he recognized **Tech. Sgt. Hermann Kuebitz** and **Staff Sgt. David Polmanteer** from our Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory for completing the C-17 engine test cell semi-annual calibration in less than half the normal time, so there was no interruption to production of critical C-17 spare engines. Great work!

Volunteers

As we celebrated volunteer appreciation week, I was pleased to see people recognizing the contributions of their volunteers, without whom much of the base would cease to function. Please be sure to thank volunteers in your organization and wherever you encounter them on base.

AFA

We have several great opportunities this weekend for professional growth and entertainment. Today the Air Force Association state convention kicks off with a golf tournament starting at noon at Wrenwoods Golf Course. The convention includes a luncheon at noon Saturday with Maj. Gen. Ronald Bath, director of Air Force strategic planning, as the featured speaker.

Celebration

In another example of the outstanding community support we enjoy, the Clarion Hotel and other community partners are hosting a party Sunday, 1 – 9 p.m. in honor of our contributions to Operation Iraqi Freedom. This celebration is open to all active duty, temporary duty, reservists and family members. I hope to see you there.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, opens Little League season on April 22. For more on opening day, see page 18.

Commander's Call

Col. Bash will hold commander's calls next week: the civilian session is 2:30 p.m. Wednesday; enlisted calls at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday; and officers call at 8 a.m. on May 9. This is a chance to hear from him on topics of interest, with ample opportunity to have the commander personally answer your questions. Don't miss it.

Visitors

Also this week we hosted Maj. Gen. John Becker, 15th Air Force commander, as he traveled through and took a look at our stage operation. He was very complimentary of the work Team Charleston is doing.

Next week, we have the honor of hosting former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric Benken, who will be here for a visit and to speak at the Airman Leadership School graduation Thursday.

Safety

As the war in Iraq transitions to a new phase, we will continue to stay busy. Each person on this base deserves a pat on the back for the safety record we have maintained through the operation to date. The concerted effort to put safety first pays off every day. Continue to be vigilant on the job and at home, taking preventive measures to avoid mishaps and to thwart would-be terrorists or criminals. Report any suspicious activity to the Law Enforcement desk, 963-3600. Be alert and aware of your surroundings, and above all, be safe!

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Law Day celebrates nation's legal system

Military justice plays big role in maintaining good order, discipline

By CAPT. JOHN PAK
437 AW LEGAL OFFICE

Last year, the President declared May 1st as Law Day, a day to celebrate our nation's legal system.

This year's theme is the independent judiciary branch the founding fathers created to protect our cherished freedoms and rights.

Judges must act impartially, regardless of popular or political pressure, while attorneys represent every client with dedication and skill.

The goal is a search for truth, without the fear of corruption and unlawful influence.

With Operation Iraqi Freedom and the present world situation, public interest in military issues has increased.

In December, a U.S. News and World Report article looked at the subject of military justice.

Its main focus was the perception of command influence



Photo by 2nd Lt. Jennifer Andrews

Students from the Charleston AFB Youth Center celebrated Law Day by participating in a mock trial, hosted by the 437th Airlift Wing Legal Office. On trial was Goldilocks, with the three bears testifying against her for trespassing. After all the evidence was presented, the jury voted, and the verdict wasn't good for Goldilocks. She was found guilty by a jury of her peers.

in the military justice system.

The military has a unique mission, and the military environment requires great discipline from its servicemembers.

Military justice maintains the good order necessary for the military to accomplish its

mission.

Commanders play a crucial role in the military justice system, but instances of actual command influence are rare.

For minor infractions, commanders use administrative actions and nonjudicial punishment, which have no equivalent

outside of the military.

In board and court-martial proceedings, military judges, JAG attorneys, and military court members (the equivalent of jury members in civilian courts) conduct themselves with the highest professionalism and responsibility.

The appeal and review process keeps commanders, judges, and attorneys accountable and ensures consistent treatment of offenses.

The military makes every effort to provide justice freely and fairly for every servicemember.

Our military justice system gives servicemembers more protection than any civilian court.

Its independent judiciary branch thrives within the context of a unique military environment.

In the words of the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force, Maj. Gen. Thomas Fiscus, "[An] independent judiciary is the hallmark of all healthy free societies. It is also vitally important to those of us in uniform because it is the bedrock of a fair and impartial military justice system."

Charleston chat

What do you like about volunteering?



"I like to help the younger generation get acquainted with CAFB and the Air Force."

— Mr. Leonard Flesher
Family Support Center volunteer



"The chance to set an example to others of the importance of health and fitness in our careers."

— Senior Master Sgt. Matt Harless
Spinning class instructor



"The opportunity to give back to the AF community and support shared throughout the years."

— Ms. Marion Jones
Airmen's Attic/Medical Group volunteer



"The opportunity to pass on to future generations the knowledge I gained from past generations"

—1st Lt. Aaron Rivers
Boy Scout volunteer



"The opportunity to help other airmen get the maximum returns in their taxes."

— Senior Airman Adam Walker
Tax Center volunteer

NEWS

Golf course clubhouse construction tees off

By 2nd Lt. Jennifer Andrews
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After three years of planning and waiting for approval, the new Wrenwoods Golf Course Clubhouse groundbreaking was April 23.

"The old clubhouse is being replaced because it has served its useful life," said Ms. Karen Harrell, clubhouse manager. "We tried to renovate, but the estimates were so large, we decided to build a new clubhouse instead."

The 6,500 square foot facility is scheduled for completion in summer 2004 and will cost a little more than \$2 million. The old clubhouse, built in 1964, had about 5,500 square feet.

The clubhouse will include a state-of-the-art kitchen to serve breakfast and lunch, plus the capability to cater to small and large functions,

like catered functions, squadron breakfasts, commander's calls and birthday parties.

The new facility will seat more than 120 customers.

"This offers people who want to host functions another place to go," said Ms. Laura Abell, 437th Services Squadron Marketing director. "We wanted to offer more than what's currently available."

In addition to improved food and beverages, the driving range will allow golfers to hit from a grass tee instead of a mat.

"To the avid golfer there will be added pleasure in playing a course that is in better condition and it will have a new "feel" to it since the hole layout (numbering and location) will change," said Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Harless, 437th Airlift Wing career advisor and avid golfer. "Also, practice is very important in golf.



This sketch is an artists rendition of the new Wrenwoods Golf Course Clubhouse. Construction is currently underway, and the 6,500-square-foot facility is scheduled for completion in Summer 2004.

Having a quality driving range and practice area will make it easier to work on your game and therefore improve your level of play." The golf course operating hours are from

dawn to dusk. The clubhouse will have extended hours depending on the day and scheduled functions.

The facility is scheduled for completion in Summer 2004.

Brown widow spiders pose risk to Team Charleston

By Capt. Krista Carlos
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

What's creepy, crawly, the size of a 50-cent piece and can potentially kill you?



courtesy photos

Brown widow spiders, far from their native home of Australia, pose a threat to the people who live and work on Charleston AFB. They may be twice as potent as a black widow and 30 times more toxic than rattlesnake venom.

No, it's not a poisonous palmetto bug, but a new threat to the southeast region called the brown widow spider.

Due to Charleston's mild winters and warm-weather climate, brown widows moved from other southern states, like Alabama and Mississippi, to South Carolina, said William Webber, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Entomology supervisor and resident bug expert.

"Last year was the first time I've seen them [brown widows] at Charleston AFB," said Mr. Webber, whose career at CAFB began in 1971. "We've had about 20 to 30 calls on these spiders ... it's bad."

The spiders are relative newcomers to the United States.

"Brown widows are Australian spiders that are not indigenous to the United States," said Capt. April Ulmer, OIC Veterinary Services.

They are very dangerous and can be twice as potent as a black widow and 30 times more toxic than rattlesnake venom, Captain Ulmer said.

"They are about the size of a 50-cent piece and may or may not have an hourglass shape on their stomach," said Captain Ulmer. "They are not aggressive, but won't run from you either."

"The spiders have been found in the military working dog kennels here as well as base housing," said Captain Ulmer.

Parents and residents need to be aware of them and take precautions to ensure their children and pets are safe.

"We have had two cases of spider bites on base," said Mr. Webber. The 437th Medical



When ridding housing areas of brown widow spiders, it is important to get their egg sacs.

Group clinic treated those individuals.

A brown widow bite is felt anywhere from five minutes to three hours after the bite.

Venom spreads through the body's lymphatic system, potentially causing intense pain, nausea, muscular rigidity, shock and respiratory arrest, and may lead to death if untreated.

"There is nothing you can do to prevent them [spiders]," said Mr. Webber. "However, if you live on base, it is recommended that you clean up the stuff around your yard."

The best way to minimize brown widows is to physically remove them and their egg sacks, said Captain Ulmer.

"It's important to not take these guys lightly. They are pretty dangerous, she said."

AF implements NCO retraining program

Some AF members may be asked to choose a new job

The Air Force recently began the voluntary phase of its fiscal year 2003 and 2004 noncommissioned officer retraining program.

This retraining program is designed to rebalance the enlisted force by cross flowing NCOs (E5-E7) from skills with NCO overages to skills with NCO shortages; provide NCOs a voice in their career development; and return disqualified airman to a productive status, according to Air Force officials.

The voluntary phase of the program started April 25 and is set to run through June 6. The involuntary phase, if needed, is set to run June 20 through Aug. 15 in AFSCs that didn't meet the retraining-out program objectives.

This year, officials seek to move about 1,400 midlevel NCOs into shortage specialties. The fiscal 2004 program will target about 2,000 to 2,500.

"There are 373 people vulnerable to involuntarily retrain into the 1,400 slots the Air Force is trying to fill," said 1st Lt. Clint Fisher, chief of relocation and employment for 437th Mission Support Squadron.

"Around 4,100 personnel in Air Mobility Command are vulnerable, so Charleston's impact will be minimal," Lieutenant Fisher said.

"Because Phase 1 is voluntary, and no one knows how many people will volunteer or where they will come from, there's no way to determine how many people at Charleston AFB will retrain.

"Once the volunteer phase ends, the most eligible people on the involuntary retrain list will be forced until all the slots are filled," Lieutenant Fisher continued. "When the involuntary phase begins, the personnel system will generate rips again and squadron orderly rooms will notify those selected."

The MPF will notify the Team Charleston personnel who might be affected.

"Personnel vulnerable to involuntarily retrain will be receiving a RIP from their orderly rooms next week," Lieutenant Fisher. "From there they will receive instructions on what to do and who to contact. The Air Force will take volunteers first, then fill the remaining slots with personnel from the involuntary list."

Personnel officials encourage all eligible NCOs to consider a special duty assignment such as the recruiting field, military training instructor, first sergeant duty or professional military education instructor.

Affected AFSCs

Noncommissioned officers in the following career fields may be asked to retrain.

1C6X1, 1N2X1, 1T1X1, 2A0X1B, 2A571 2A6X2, 2E0X1, 2E1X4, 2E6X2, 2M0X2, 2P0X1, 2R1X1, 2S0X1, 2S0X2, 2T0X1, 2T370, 3A0X1, 3C1X1, 3E0X1, 3E1X1, 3E2X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E4X3, 3E6X1, 3M0X1, 3P051, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4N051, 4N071, 4N1X1, 4N171, 4R0X1, 4R071, 4Y071, 4Y072

For more information on the NCO retraining program contact Airman 1st Class Nathan Ferguson at 963-4506 or go to the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

(Air Force Print News. Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber, 437 AW Public Affairs, also contributed to this article.)

Award recognizes CDC's focus on caring, education

By 2nd Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Charleston AFB Child Development Center recently received the 2003 South Carolina Vanguard Award for Exemplary Child Care.

Ms. Debbie Ross, director of the CDC accepted the award April 24 at a ceremony in the state capitol.

"CAFB stands out as a shining example of a child care center that works," said Ms. Susan DeVenny, chairperson for the South Carolina Family Friendly Workplace Award. "The highly-trained and committed staff helps give parents the peace of mind they need to complete their important work, and give children a safe and nurturing environment in which they grow."

"Strong families make a strong South Carolina," said Mr. Hunter Howard Jr., S.C. Chamber of Commerce president and chief executive officer. "Companies that invest in family-friendly policies reap double rewards. They create climates in which employees are more productive and satisfied, and they also ex-



Photo by Mr. Andre Bullard

Jo Everlyn Thomas, a Child Development Center staff member, hands out snacks to Trey Westry, son of Staff Sgt. Rashad Westry, and Alyna Kelly, daughter of Staff Sgt. Sharon Kelly,

perience better retention."

"We are really an extended family to the parent, so we constantly have to make sure that we are there for them," said Ms. Feleen Haynie, CDC assistant director.

The Center's director said the CDC is also locally recognized for excellence.

"The Child Development Center program continues to be the leader in the local community as evidenced by

invitations to mentor individuals from Trident Technical College and other early childhood programs as well as serve as members on specialized early childhood committees," said Ms. Ross.

Despite the local recognition, the award was still a surprise to the CDC staff.

"This really came out of the blue for us," said Ms. Haynie. "This is one for the things that puts us on the map, so that's really wonderful."

The Vanguard award recognized the CDC for various achievements:

- Provided more than 280,000 hours of care per year in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment to 116 children, ages 6 months to 5 years

- Recognized as nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children

- Employs approximately 30 staff members, with some holding Child Development associate and bachelor's degrees in elementary education and others with specialized training in early childhood development

- Provides free childcare two Saturdays a month as part of the "Give Parents a Break" program

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

'Red Tail Express' delivers in Iraq

WASHINGTON — Taking a page from Air Force history, members of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing are doing whatever it takes to get the job done.

Faced with the problem of getting much-needed supplies to airmen at remote locations supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, and no apparent way to get it there, transporters of the wing unveiled their "Red Tail Express."

Col. Duane A. Jones, chief of logistics for the Combined Forces Air Component Command, said the call for transportation services within Iraq has been significant.

"We opened up some temporary airfields in Iraq, and those sites needed to have a lot of stuff taken to them," Col. Jones said via telephone from his deployed location. "There was such a huge demand for transportation that there was more stuff to move than could be moved."

When the Air Force found itself lower on the cargo shipment priority list than they wanted to be, airmen of the 332nd decided to take matters into their own hands, Col. Jones said.

"There were some specific Air Force-kinds of things we needed at one of these sites," he said. "Some of our innovative thinkers asked, 'What if we leased some vehicles from the host nation, put our own drivers in them and delivered them ourselves?'"

AF thanks parents of America's airmen

A campaign is being launched May 5 by Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper to thank the parents of airmen for their continued support of their children's service to our country and in the fight against terrorism.

Each parent or parental figure signed up will receive a letter from Secretary of the Air Force Roche, and Air Force Chief of Staff Jumper expressing their gratitude for their

continued support of their children, which is critical to the countries ongoing efforts to protect America's freedoms.

A lapel pin with the letter P and the U.S. Air Force emblem will be enclosed as a token of appreciation. It is a way to recognize the vital partnership between America's Air Force and the parents of our airmen.

Airmen in the Air Force, Guard and Reserve can help the Air Force thank their parents by signing up their parent or parental figure at the secure website www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com and clicking on new user in the upper right and corner of the page.

U.S. aircraft leaving Saudi Arabian base

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Saudi Arabia — Department of Defense officials said the combined air operations center here will be mothballed and all U.S. aircraft operating at the base will be gone by August.

The decision was made by "mutual agreement," said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld following a meeting with Saudi defense minister bin Sultan in Riyadh on April 29. The secretary and minister discussed the changes taking place in the region.

"It is now a safer region with the change of regime in Iraq," Rumsfeld said. But this does not mean an end to the Saudi-U.S. relationship, he added. The military training and exercise program will move to the fore, and in the months and years ahead, the air base could still be used temporarily for exercises. The mission of the center has already passed to Al Udeid Air Base in neighboring Qatar.

"All air-tasking orders began coming from Al Udeid (April 28)," said Navy Rear Adm. Dave Nichols, coalition air component deputy commander. The center, air command and control center, and all services and nationalities participating in the coalition are commanded through the CAOC.

The Prince Sultan center handled

air sorties and targets for Operation Iraqi Freedom; the Al Udeid center handled mission planning for Operation Enduring Freedom and for the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

The shift increases the Al Udeid workload, but not intolerably, officials said. On its first day handling the Operation Iraqi Freedom requirement, the Al Udeid CAOC generated about 700 air missions, they said. About 100 were standby close-air-support missions, and about 400 were airlift missions. The rest were tanker and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

The U.S. aircraft were at the Saudi base to enforce the U.N.-mandated Operation Southern Watch. That operation began 12 years ago at the end of the Persian Gulf War. In the beginning, U.S., British and French aircraft enforced the no-fly zone south of the 33rd parallel. France dropped out of that coalition years ago, but the U.S. and the United Kingdom pilots kept on. The necessity for that operation ended March 19 with the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



An Apache AH-64 with the Army's 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Hunter Airfield, Ga., lands to rearm after destroying numerous surface to air threats located in Baghdad, Iraq, in early April.

Photo by Staff Sgt. D. Myles Cullen, 1 CTCS



NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement: The 1st Combat Camera Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Brian Smart May 9, 3 p.m., at the Base Education Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gary Robinson at 963-4432.

School information: The Charleston County School Board recently approved moving 6th grade students in District 4 from middle schools to elementary schools. This means Hunley Park Elementary and Lambs Elementary will house grades Pre-Kindergarten-6. Previously 6th-grade students attended Morningside Middle School.

Military parents with school-aged children are welcome to attend the School Liason Committee meeting at noon the first Tuesday of every month in the Charleston Club.

Volunteers needed: Alston Middle School needs volunteers to monitor students during PACT testing Monday-Wednesday and May 12-14, 8:30-11 a.m. Oakbrook Middle School is also looking for volunteers to help with testing Monday-Wednesday and May 12-13, from 8:15-11 a.m. Lambs Elementary needs volunteers May 16, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. to help set up, tear down, and manage games and activities for an "End of PACT Test" celebration and fun day. For more information on these opportunities, or to volunteer, call the 437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Stephen Gerke 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Stephen Gerke is a C-17 crew chief, and his job is to oversee and coordinate maintenance inspections and service the C-17 aircraft.

"The part about my job I enjoy most is launching out a jet," said Airman Gerke. "There is no greater feeling than working on a plane all day and then being able to see it take off. The emotion and sense of accomplishment is overwhelming."

Airman Gerke joined the Air Force in February 2002. He said he felt a need to help defend his country from terrorists.

The Brooklyn, N.Y., native has been here since September.

"Charleston has an exceptional environment surrounded by a unique historical city that offers an unlimited educational experience," said Airman Gerke. "I am thoroughly enjoying my experience at CAFB."

In his spare time, Airman Gerke likes to work out at the gym, relax at the beach and play ice hockey for the base team. He also likes watching the Stingrays play.

"I think what separates me from others is my initiative and ambition to see the task through and achieve my goals on or off duty," said Airman Gerke.

In the future, Airman Gerke plans to become a flying crew chief and earn his airframe and powerplant license.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzeczny

963-5535 or 963-5608.

Community support

Concert: The Clarion Hotel is sponsoring a free "freedom" concert in honor of military members and their families Sunday, 1 p.m. Tongue and Groove, a local band, will play and several businesses will donate food and supplies. Res-

ervations are required. For more information, or to make reservations, call the hotel at 572-2200.

Baseball: The Citadel Bulldogs and Charleston Southern University play at Riley Park Wednesday at 7 p.m. The event is free to military personnel and their families with a valid ID card. For more information, call Rebecca Raynor at 953-6765.

Oil changes: Ravenel Ford is offering free oil changes and half-off repairs under \$1,500 for spouses of deployed military personnel. The offer is good on all Ford and GM light-duty personal vehicles through June. Participants will need to show their identification cards. Call 889-8500 for appointments.

Around the base

Taste of Asia: The Asian Pacific Islander Council hosts the "Taste of Asia" Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Base Exchange. All funds raised by the donations-only event will be used for the Asian Pacific Extravaganza luau May 23.

Nurses: A "Thank You for Caring" reception is scheduled for May 9, 4-7 p.m., at the Charleston Club in honor of National Nurse Appreciation Week. All nurses are invited to attend - military, retired and spouses. Families are welcome, and appetizers will be served. RSVP by May 7 to Ms. Marcia Wildhorn at 963-6779.

Top 3: The Top 3 Association annual Golf Tournament is May 9, 11 a.m., at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The cost is \$15 plus green fees and cart. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Matt Harless at 963-8004, or e-mail at matt.harless@charleston.af.mil.

The Top 3 Association will also hold its annual Steak Out June 4, at the base picnic ground. Top 3 ticket point of contacts are needed from each unit. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charles Gosner at 963-7133.

Vendor fair: The 437th Contracting Squadron hosts a GPC/Vendor Trade Fair May 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Ms. Mandy Butler at 963-6305.

437 SFS to celebrate National Police Week

In 1962, President Kennedy designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. In observation of this, the 437th Security Forces plans the following activities:

May 9: 2:15 -5 p.m. Parade with McGruff and candy through housing area beginning at Lambs School gate

May 10: 9-11 a.m. Bike Rodeo (Bldg 1000). A gift certificate for a bicycle and helmet will be donated by the BX for one lucky individual

May 12: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Security forces weapons, vehicles, and equipment display at the BX

May 13: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Car wash at the Shoppette

May 14: 9-11 a.m. K-9 competition at the base kennels

May 15: 8 a.m. Base flag will be flown at half staff in honor of slain police officers

May 16: 4:30 p.m. Retreat ceremony at the Base Flag Pole

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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.

Protestant Services: *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Bldg. 217 (old Chapel).

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: Synagogue Emanu-El, 5 Windsor Dr., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 571-3264.

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

Movie schedule

Admission: 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor 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. **"Willard" – Crispin Glover**

Pestered by his coworkers, Willard exacts revenge when one of his pet rats is killed at work. An army of rats then descends on those who did Willard wrong. **(PG-13) 100 minutes**

Saturday, 2 p.m. **"Agent Cody Banks" – Frankie Muniz**

Teenager Cody Banks is recruited by the U.S. government to be a special agent that they call upon when they are faced with a mission that can only be accomplished by someone who wouldn't normally be old enough. **(PG) 101 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. **"Bringing Down the House" – Steve Martin**

Peter is a divorced attorney who's doing his best to move on with his life. He's been chatting online, and when his new friend comes to his house, he discovers she's not who he thinks she is. Charlene is a prison escapee who wants Peter to help clear her name. **(PG-13) 105 minutes**

SPORTS & FITNESS



More than 175 Little League players and coaches kicked off the 2003 season with a parade of teams at the base Little League fields.

Little sluggers step up to bat

Youth baseball season swings into action

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After being rained out several times, Charleston Little League baseball season opening day finally happened April 22.

The season opened with a Little League baseball parade at the baseball field behind the Fitness and Sports Center.

Miss Jessica Lee, 2002 youth programs youth of the year, sang the National Anthem while the base honor guard presented the colors.

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, asked Miss Lee to throw the season's opening pitch.

Charleston Little League has 147 youth and 25 volunteer coaches making six teams of T-ball 5-6 year-olds, four teams of machine-pitch 7-8 year-olds, two teams of minor league 9-10 year-olds, and one team of major league 11-12 year-olds.

The Charleston Little League teams play

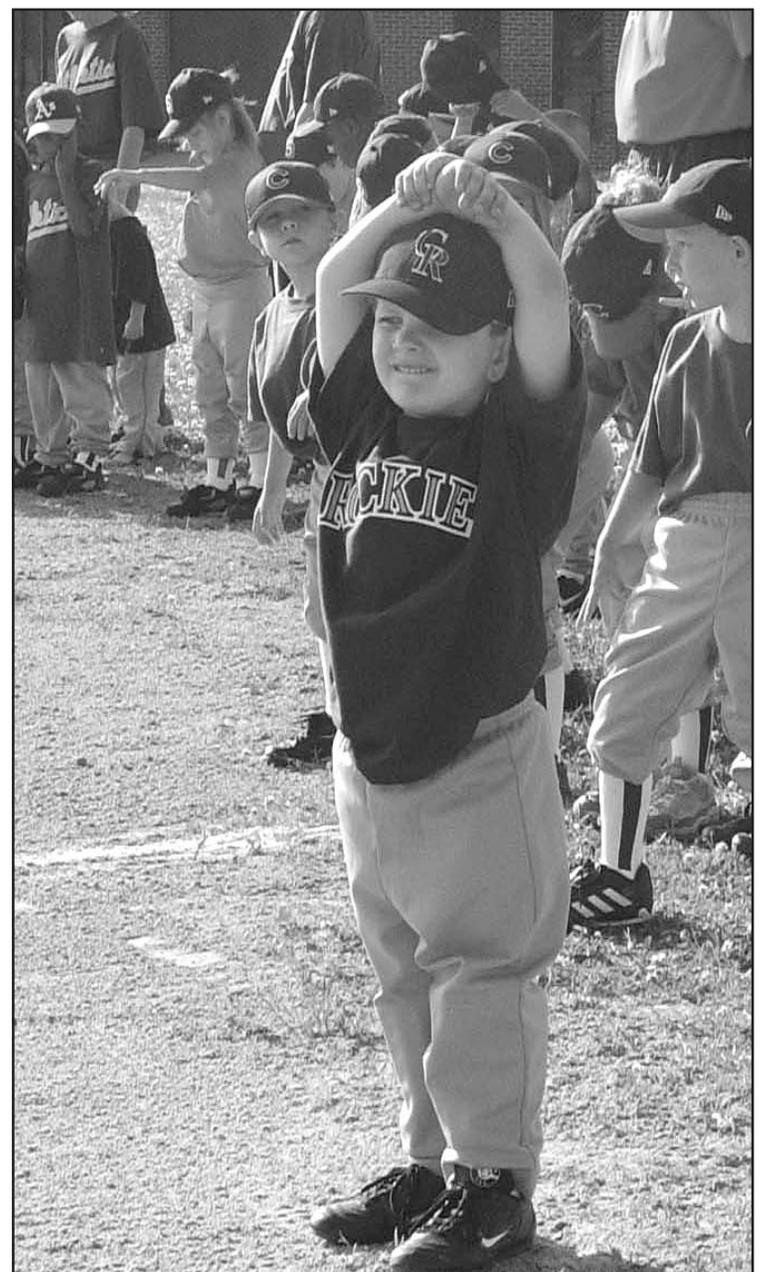
in division four against Lowcountry, Charleston American and James' Island Little League.

The minor and major league teams will play 12 or 13 games and participate in tournament play sometime in June.

Weather permitting, CAFB Little League closing ceremonies will be June 7.

"The youth program has worked together as a team with the coaches and the parents to make a successful Little League program, while the new youth sports coordinator, Alan Fleming, is in transition and will be on-line in May," said Ms. Denise John, CAFB Youth Center youth program director.

For more information about the CAFB Little League program call 963-3132 or 963-5684.



A future major leaguer stretches before his big moment in the Youth Baseball Parade.



Left: Volunteer Little League coach, 2nd Lt. Justin Sincoff, gets his team ready to take the field.