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Lackland instructor faces court-martial

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A basic military training instructor at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is accused of having sex with three recruits when they were in technical training school.

A spokesperson for the Air Force's 37th Training Wing said in a statement that Staff Sgt. Davonte Hardaway is being prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice "after he was alleged to have engaged in im-

proper conduct with students."

He faces court-martial on charges stemming from allegations that he developed inappropriately close relationships with the female recruits and had sex with them in 2024 and last year. He's the first Air Force training instructor to stand trial for such an offense since 2013.

Hardaway, who was assigned to the 324th Training Squadron and had served as a training instructor for two years, was also charged with failing to obey a general order or regulation, and

engaging in "prohibited activities" with a recruit or trainee by a person in a position of trust.

His trial is set to start June 8 at Lackland. If found guilty, he could face a bad conduct discharge, confinement for up to one year, forfeiture of two-thirds of his pay for a year, a reduction in rank or some combination of those penalties.

The 37th Training Wing said he is not currently training recruits with the squadron, providing no further information. **Lackland continues on A7**



San Antonio Express-News file photo
Training graduates take an oath in 2011 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. An instructor is accused of misconduct.

Airport traffic could worsen



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Construction on curbside lanes is happening as San Antonio International Airport moves ahead on a \$2.5 billion expansion.

Work scheduled on terminals' curbside lanes

By Megan Rodriguez
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Travelers flying out of San Antonio International Airport will have to fight traffic cones beginning next week.

Construction on terminal curbside lanes near passenger pickup and drop-off areas will begin Monday as the airport continues to make progress on its \$2.5 billion expansion.

Crews will spend the next



Airport Director Jesus Saenz says the curbside project will simplify entry and departure from each terminal.

two years adding and reconfiguring traffic lanes that abut the terminals. Workers will also remove curbs so that passengers in wheelchairs can easily enter the terminals from any point, instead of having to park near a handful of entries that are level with the street.

But the first phase of curbside construction isn't expected to cause much fuss for drivers. Crews will shut down a lane of traffic and sidewalks in front of the under-construction Terminal C, which is the last structure travelers drive past when leaving the airport. It's out of the way of the load-

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Veterans office's leader is ousted

By Saul Pink
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Bexar County commissioners have fired the head of the county's veterans services office, but they discussed the reasons only behind closed doors.

Supporters of Keith Wilson, the executive director of the Department of Military and Veterans Services, pleaded to let him keep his job. But about 30 minutes later, commissioners voted to terminate him without a word of explanation.

However, the San Antonio Express-News obtained a five-page investigation report that was at least partly behind Commissioners Court's decision to fire Wilson. It found that he allegedly failed to act on complaints about his deputy, had made "inappropriate physical contact" with a county employee and used his work cellphone to access a pornography site.

Wilson had been on administrative leave for three months over allegations tied to his handling of his deputy's conduct.

He disputes most of the investigators' findings, saying they are inaccurate or misconstrued. He has filed a complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleging that county officials retaliated against him for reporting concerns from employees about the workplace behavior of another manager.

The report examined a **Wilson continues on A4**



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Chuck Norris attends the premiere for "The Expendables 2" in Los Angeles on Aug. 15, 2012. Norris has died at age 86.

CHUCK NORRIS 1940-2026

Name of actor, martial arts grandmaster became synonymous with toughness

By Jonathan Mattise
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Chuck Norris, the martial arts grandmaster and action star whose roles in "Walker, Texas Ranger" and other television shows and movies made him an iconic tough guy — sparking internet parodies and adoration from presidents — has died at 86.

Norris died Thursday, in what his family described as a "sudden passing."

"While we would like to keep the circumstances private, please know that he was surrounded by his family and was at peace," the family said in a statement posted to social media.

Before he would become a star in movies and on TV, Norris was

wildly successful in competitive martial arts. He was a six-time undefeated World Professional Middleweight Karate champion.

He also founded his own Korean-

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