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## Newslines

### Mandatory briefing set

A force development briefing will be held at 1 p.m. today in Anderson Hall. The meeting is mandatory for all officers. Enlisted members and civilians are invited to attend.

Force development is a new approach that transforms how the service will train, educate and assign people to meet mission challenges.

### Promotion ceremony scheduled

An enlisted promotion ceremony is set for 4 p.m. today at Club XL. All base members are invited to attend.

### Thanksgiving feast tickets on sale

Tickets for the chapel's Thanksgiving feast Nov. 12 at Club XL are now on sale at the chapel administrative office. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children 8 and under eat for free. Only 300 tickets are available.

For more information, call 298-5111.

### Deployed family dinner set

A deployed family dinner is scheduled at 9 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel's Fellowship Hall. Family members of deployed personnel are invited to attend.

For more information, call 298-5111.

## Deployment stats

Deployed	Returning next 30 days	Deploying next 30 days
50	31	29

## Mission status

(As of Oct. 24)

Airframe	Days behind or ahead	Mission Capable Rate
T-37	-3.56	94.1%
T-1	1.60	82.5%
T-38	-1.56	82.1%
T-6	-3.94	93.1%



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chance Babin

### A kooky welcome...

Members of the 47th Services Division dress in Halloween costumes and greet people arriving on base

Thursday to promote today's Halloween activities. For a complete list of activities, turn to page 4.

## Clinic offers alternatives for specialty health care

By 2nd Lt. Sheila Johnston  
Public Affairs

While the Laughlin Clinic provides limited outpatient services, the 47th Medical Group works hand in hand with local civilian and regional military facilities to provide a full range of health care services to Laughlin beneficiaries.

Val Verde Regional Medical Center and San Antonio's Wilford Hall and Brooke Army medical centers bridge the health care gap for Laughlin, and medical group leaders say this joint relationship only continues to grow stronger.

"The 47th Medical Group has a working re-

lationship with these medical centers like few others across the Air Force," said Lt. Col. Susan Baker, 47th Medical Support Squadron commander. After converting from an in-patient hospital to an outpatient clinic in 1996, the clinic had to change the way it did business and has worked hard to ensure all health care needs continue to be met for Laughlin beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries continue to receive primary care, pharmacy, laboratory and radiology services, as well as limited specialty care, at the base clinic. Should a patient require care not

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## 'Mix It Up' day: message for Laughlin teens



### Commander's Corner

By Capt. Tarrance Mosley  
*Wing Military Equal Opportunity chief*

There I was, heading to the worst place on earth for the new kid in school: the cafeteria. "Who do I sit with? Where do the cool kids sit? Should I sit with someone who looks like me so I fit in?"

These are all questions you may have asked yourself when you first arrived at your school. The question is, what choice did you make and why?

At many schools around the country, the cafeteria at lunchtime is a social map of the whole school ... A map criss-crossed with boundaries. These boundaries exist for many reasons – habit, friendship, status, fear and prejudice.

The simple space of a cafeteria table is, for many of us, a comfort zone where we can be ourselves with those who know us best to touch base and regroup. We can let down the guard that classroom pressures often require of us. For others, the lunchroom with all its boundaries is a world with its own pressures – a world of familiar strangers and rigid expectations.

The scene is the same in basically every high school across America. The black kids sit with the black kids, athletes sit with the athletes and etc. Only a few brave souls are willing to mix it up.

On Nov. 18, I challenge you to Mix It Up. High schools and middle schools across the country will participate in the program sponsored by the Southern Poverty Law Center and [tolerance.org](http://tolerance.org).

This is your chance to venture outside of your group and get to know people in your school who you may not have taken the time to get to know in the past.

All it takes is one person venturing

outside their comfort zone to stir things up, but why not have a whole crowd sitting someplace new on Nov. 18?

Ask your friends to join in. Pitch the idea to the clubs, sports teams and other groups you belong to. Get teachers and administrators on board.

Ask your teachers if you can start a Mix It Up dialogue in your classroom to talk about the issues on your mind. Honest and open communication on topics such as race, equality and tolerance is the key to overcoming the negative aspects of these issues.

To Mix It Up at your school log on to <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/index.jsp>. On this site, you'll find tons of useful ideas for Mix It Up day and ways to continue to Mix It Up throughout the school year.

Promotional posters and stickers are available at the military equal opportunity office. For more information, call 298-5400.

## Tiger Team update: Educational issues addressed

Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin's tiger team on education issues convened Oct. 1 and 17 to discuss ongoing issues of concern to base parents. The cross-functional team was established in response to feedback from concerned Laughlin parents about various education issues in the local school district.

The team, chaired by Col. Keith Traster, 47th Flying Training

Wing vice commander, is working with local school officials to address and find solutions to parents' concerns. Parents are also encouraged to become actively involved at their child's school so issues may be addressed at the grassroots level.

**Issue:** Early pickup and late drop-off times for base children on school buses

See **Education**, page 3

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## Education, from page 2

**Status:** This issue primarily affects middle-school children. With the opening of the new middle school in January, the bus schedule will soon be modified, which may alleviate this problem. The new schedule will be published in the *Border Eagle* once it is released.

**Issue:** Quality of substitute teachers

**Status:** The school district is interested in expanding its pool of substitutes and will offer a substitute teacher training session on base from 8:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 24 in the Family Support Center's conference room. Attendees should take school transcripts, résumé, and picture identification or social security card.

**Issue:** Consolidated list of PTO and school district meetings

**Status:** There is no consolidated list since each campus is responsible for planning and advertising its own PTO meetings. However, PTO meetings are advertised in the *Del Rio News Herald*. Additionally, each school has a newly assigned parental aide to act as a liaison with parents. A complete list of parental aides and their phone numbers is included. For information on school district meetings, parents may call Laura English at 778-4000, option 2.

**Issue:** Community outreach for base members to help teachers with relocation into new middle school

**Status:** The base has agreed to assist with the move on Dec. 12, 13, 19 and 20. The school primarily needs people to help pack up and move boxes and communications experts to assist with the relocation and hook-up of computers and other equipment. The Top 3 organization is spearheading the project, and volunteer opportunities will be published in an upcoming edition of the *Border Eagle*.

**Issue:** Implementation of a wing mentoring program between

Laughlin members and individual children in junior high and high school.

**Status:** The "One Person Can" mentoring program has been implemented, and volunteer mentors are being sought for Del Rio children. Mentors will work with at-risk children in middle or high school for one hour a week. Applications are available via the Laughlin home page and should be completed and submitted to Judy Rhinesmith in the 47th Medical Group.

**Issue:** Grade-scale policy for advanced placement classes

**Status:** The school district committee is reviewing this issue, which will be discussed at an upcoming school district meeting.

**Issue:** Compiling a list of tutors to work with home-schooled children on specialized subjects such as languages, advanced math and science

**Status:** Flyers requesting volunteer tutors for base children in home-schooling programs have been distributed on base. Tutors should register with the base library or Family Support Center. A database of volunteers will be compiled and forwarded to interested families who will directly contact the volunteer tutor.

**Issue:** Working with the school district to allow home-schooled children to participate in group activities and sports

**Status:** While state law allows this, it is not required. The school district has elected not to open activities to home-schooled children.

**Issue:** Can there be a stronger presence at the high school by the Air Force recruiter or a

U.S. Air Force Academy liaison?

**Status:** There is an upcoming meeting scheduled with the Del Rio recruiter to discuss this issue, and the base has appointed an Air Force Academy liaison. There will be more on the liaison's role and plan of action in a future edition of the *Border Eagle*.

Parents wanting to know more about the local school district or schools can go to [www.sfdr-cisd.org/](http://www.sfdr-cisd.org/).

### Parental aides

DRHS	Thelma Soto	778-4348
9TH Grade	Mary Mota	778-4421
8Th Grade	Frances Flores	778-4502
7th Grade	Lolis Zylka	778-4543
6th Grade	Lupita Flores	778-4576
Buena Vista	Laura Rivera	778-4611
Calderon	Martha Gonzalez	778-4633
Cardwell	Viola Guadiana	778-4658
Cardwell	Cynthia Bejarano	778-4647
Cardwell	Estela Mares	778-4456
Cardwell	Dora Padilla	778-4659
Cardwell	Gloria R Peña	778-4650
Cardwell	Mari Rios	778-4646
Cardwell	Santa Sandoval	778-4659
Cardwell	Pete Talamantez	778-4658
Chavira	Amy Jimenez	778-4673
East Side	Rose M. Rizo	778-4691
Garfield	Dina Sanchez	778-4719
Garfield	Laura E. Garcia	778-4719
Lamar	Petra Maldonado	778-4739
Lonnie Green	Carolina Almaguer	778-4763
Lonnie Green	Minerva Valdez	778-4763
North Heights	Yolanda Padilla	778-4781
Annex II	Gabriela Perez	778-4158
Annex II	Norma Gonzalez	778-4140



Col. Dan Woodward  
47th Flying Training Wing commander

### Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the

general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*.

Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

Below are some useful telephone numbers that may be helpful when working your issue with a base agency.

**AAFES** 298-3176  
**Accounting and Finance** 298-5204

**Civil Engineer** 298-5252  
**Civilian Personnel** 298-5299  
**Clinic** 298-6311  
**Commissary** 298-5815  
**Dormitory manager** 298-5213  
**EEO** 298-5879  
**FWA hotline** 298-4170  
**Housing** 298-5904  
**Information line** 298-5201  
**Legal** 298-5172  
**MEO** 298-5400  
**Military Personnel** 298-5073  
**Public Affairs** 298-5988  
**Security Forces** 298-5900  
**Services** 298-5810

# Newslines

## Halloween activities set

Laughlin has a host of Halloween activities set for today:

**9 to 10 a.m.** Storybook parade at Ribas-Dominicci Circle

**5 p.m.** Ghostly Gathering at the library

**6 to 8 p.m.** Trick-or-treating in housing areas

**6 to 8 p.m.** Harvest festival at the base chapel

**7:45 p.m.** "Trunk-or-Treat" and a children's costume contest in Club XL parking lot

**8:15 p.m.** BooMobile will pick up kids at Club XL for Fright Night at the base theater

**8:30 to 11 p.m.** Fright Night Moviethon at the base theater (Parents are reminded they will have to pick their children up at the base theater at 11 p.m.)

**8:30 p.m.** Miller VIP special guest visit at Club XL

**9 p.m.** Apple bobbin' contest at Club XL

**10 p.m.** Adult costume contest at Club XL

**10:30 p.m.** Frozen t-shirt contest at Club XL

## Worship service seeks volunteers

The chapel is seeking to establish a contemporary worship service at the base theater as soon as possible. They are looking for people to help out with the service. Musicians (instruments provided), praise team members, audio and visual manager/coordinator and a welcome team are all needed.

For more information, call Chap. (1st Lt.) Kenneth Fisher at 298-5111 or 298-7073.

## White House fellowship open

All U.S. citizens (except federally employed civilians) are eligible to apply for the White House Fellowship Program. The program provides first-hand experience in the governing of the nation.

Military personnel applying must have 24 months time-in-service and have enough retainability to serve a three-year active-duty service commitment upon completion of the program and be available for reassignment.

Nomination submissions must be to the military personnel flight by Dec. 8.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Sara Birnbaum at 298-5487.

## Medical, from page 1

available on base, the clinic first turns to VVRMC. The clinic's relationship with this facility is unique in two ways, according to Colonel Baker.

First, the clinic and VVRMC have an agreement by which Laughlin physicians have admitting privileges downtown and can provide in-patient care to Laughlin beneficiaries as necessary.

Second, VVRMC serves as the base's 9-1-1 response. Once a patient arrives at VVRMC, a Laughlin doctor is called in to take over any necessary treatment and care. If Val Verde resources aren't adequate, the patient is transferred to San Antonio.

When medical needs can't be met locally, it is the base's proximity to San Antonio that allows the referral process to be relatively stress-free and convenient for the patient, said Colonel Baker. Wilford Hall, the largest medical facility in the Air Force and national center of excellence for a number of medical programs, provides specialized care to patients referred from

all over the world.

"While two and a half hours may seem a bit far at first, we're actually lucky to be so close to Wilford Hall and that our patients can receive world-renowned care quickly when it really counts," said Colonel Baker.

She said the clinic now offers shuttle service to San Antonio twice a day instead of only once as in the past, which makes departure and return times more convenient and less stressful on the patient. And the clinic continues to pursue ways to improve health care for Laughlin beneficiaries.

"We are currently exploring options with Wilford Hall to learn how we can better serve our beneficiary population here with specialists from that facility," said Colonel Baker. "Just recently, we agreed to support a specialist in women's health one day each month. His first scheduled visit took place last month.

"We are proud to provide medical care for the folks here at Laughlin," she said. "We believe our unique relationship with medical facilities in Del Rio and San Antonio allows for topnotch health care for all of our beneficiaries."

## Local medical services

### Laughlin Clinic

#### Primary care

- Family practice
- Flight medicine
- Pediatrics

#### Ancillary services

- Pharmacy
- Laboratory
- Radiology

#### Limited specialty services

- General surgery
- Internal medicine
- Optometry
- Women's health care

### Val Verde Regional Medical Center specialty care

- Gastro-enterology  
(arriving soon)
- General cardiology
- General surgeon
- Nephrology
- OB/Gynecology
- Orthopedics
- Otolaryngology
- Pediatric cardiology
- Urology

All other specialist services are referred to either Wilford Hall Medical Center or Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.



## Laughlin Salutes

### **Laughlin 1st Lieutenants selected for captain:**

#### **47th Comptroller Flight:**

- John Velez

#### **47th Mission Support Group**

- Paula Schoch
- Jamie Wade

#### **47th Operations Support Squadron**

- Lewis Demaso
- James Farm
- Michele Lobianco

#### **84th Flying Training Squadron**

- Rudolfo Chavez
- William Hartman
- Jeremy Hintz
- Jonathan Houghnon
- Darcianne Hutchins
- Gabriel Repucci
- Christopher Splees
- Don Walpole

#### **85th FTS**

- Jonathan Gallego
- Alexander Heyman
- William Maclin
- Zachary Manning
- Jeffery Marshall
- Matthew Minkley
- Jamie Nordin
- Stewart Wells

#### **86th FTS**

- Nelson Bennett
- Kathleen Hasson
- Justin Mackey
- Wesley Stark
- Jeffery Taylor
- Brad Winter

#### **87th FTS**

- Kevin Cossey
- Michael Jones
- Cameron Nordin
- Ryan Rensberger
- Julio Rodriguez
- Joseph White

### **47th Flying Training Wing third-quarter winners:**

#### **Airman:**

- Senior Airman Maralah Wright, 47th Flying Training Wing Command Post

#### **NCO:**

- Tech. Sgt. David Drotts, 47th FTW Manpower

#### **Senior NCO:**

- Master Sgt. Laura Hopkins, 47th FTW/CP

#### **Soldier:**

- Spc. Carlos Martinez, 47th Security Forces Squadron

#### **Company grade officer:**

- Capt. Gerald Mulhollen, 47th SFS

#### **Instructor pilot:**

- 1st Lt. James Ladd, 85th FTS

#### **Civilian category I:**

- Valeri Montgomery, 87th FTS

#### **Civilian category II:**

- Timothy Selfridge, 47th Maintenance Directorate

#### **Civilian category III:**

- Britten Gambrel, 47th MX

#### **Nonappropriated funds category I:**

- Adelina O'Brien, 47th Services Division

#### **Nonappropriated funds category II:**

- Jesse Diaz, 47th SVS

#### **Volunteer:**

- Diana Carta, 47th FTW/MX

#### **Honor guard member:**

- Staff Sgt. Jerry Dunn, 47th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

#### **Health and safety con- tributor:**

- Master Sgt. Patricia McHugh, 47th Communications Squadron

#### **Outstanding dormitory suite:**

- Senior Airman Carrie Staugler, 47th Mission Support Group

#### **Outstanding dormitory:**

- Airman 1st Class Michelle Howe, 47th CS
- Airman Kristal Knowles, 47th OSS

# Air Force Climate survey hits halfway point

By Scott Hopkins  
*Air Force Manpower and  
Innovation Agency*

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – Since its launch Oct. 1, more than 25 percent of Air Force people have taken advantage of the opportunity to speak to their leaders through the 2003 Air Force Climate Survey.

The survey's importance hinges on maximum participation, and the more people who participate, the better the results, officials said. The deadline is Nov. 23.

More than 65 percent of active-duty airmen and appropriated-fund civilians participated in the 2002 survey. For the first time, this year's survey includes the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and nonappropriated-fund civilians.

"Our goal is to make things better for our people and our organizations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "This is a great opportunity for you to provide direct feedback about how well your leadership and organizations are functioning."

The survey gives leaders honest, identity-protected feedback about the organization from the people who make that organization work. It measures factors that influence people's behavior and factors that are relatively enduring over time, officials said. Leaders at all levels can use this information to improve an organization's climate and to ultimately improve its effectiveness and productivity.

As an integral communication link between leaders and enlisted airmen, the survey provides senior leaders insights into areas that need improving and areas that are doing well, officials said.

The survey also serves as an important link between senior leaders and civilians. Through the survey, civilians can voice their concerns and provide valuable information that can improve their organizations, officials said.

Aeronautical Systems Center

officials at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, applied several new initiatives as a result of the feedback received from the 2002 survey. Officials from the center's financial services office received a new telephone system with voice-mail capability, and they eliminated hardcopy travel vouchers, which stopped costly "assembly line" work when mailing out travel vouchers. Section workers developed an automated self-help tool for travelers that gave technicians more time to work complex inquiries.

These actions demonstrate participative leaders, officials said. According to published research, sound management practices lead to increased employee and customer satisfaction, loyalty, better retention and increased financial performance.

To safeguard personal information, only Air Force-level analysis

is done on the personal information. Questions that ask for a respondent's Air Force Specialty Code, rank or grade, time on station, etc., will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff; that information will not be released elsewhere.

Multiple levels of protection are built into the system. For example, a squadron report will list respondents by number of officers, enlisted members and civilians – not by rank or grade, etc. And each breakout can be made only if there are at least seven respondents in that category.

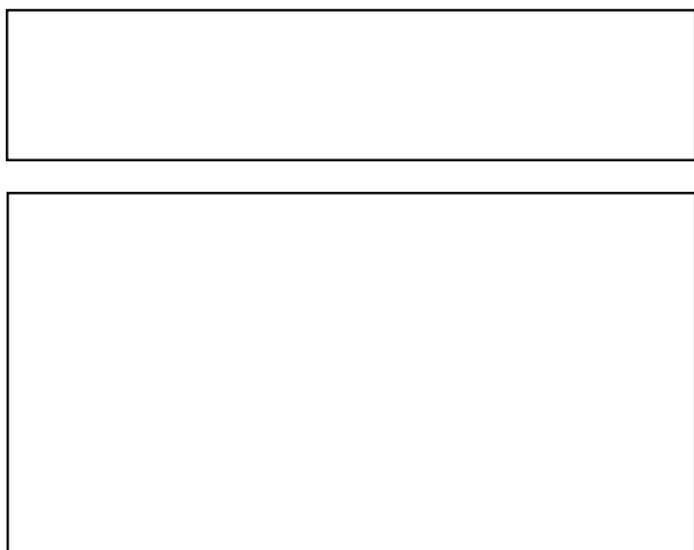
For example, if there are three officers, eight civilians, and 10 enlisted responding in a squadron, the officer data will be included in the next smallest breakout, the civilians. The data will be labeled as "10 enlisted" and "11 other."

The 30-minute survey can be completed online at <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer. People can also click on the Air Force Climate Survey link at Air Force Link, [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

**"This is a great opportunity for you to provide direct feedback about how well your leadership and organizations are functioning."  
- Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff**

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# Personnel data system problems explained

By 2nd Lt. Tiffany Ewton  
47th Mission Support Squadron customer service chief

In the last few months, Laughlin and military bases across the country have experienced severe downtimes with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System.

Though it's happening often enough to make one suspect customer service must use it as an excuse to enjoy some R and R, the truth is, this database is a multi-layered system comprised of many individual elements that can quickly break down the entire system if not fully functional.

Recently, when Hurricane Isabel hit the coast of Virginia, it managed to knock out a primary Issuance Portal (which happens to be the one Laughlin uses). An Issuance Portal is a central-trusted system used for cryptographic operations. The RAPIDS workstation always uses the Issuance Portal to communicate with the Certificate Authority (where the card receives digital certificates). It's responsible for generation of a card recipient's e-mail encryption keys and for updating the card recipient's Common

Access Card with the encryption private key and three certificates (one identity and two e-mail). The card recipient's CAC generates the signature keys for identity and e-mail certificates and provides the public keys back to the Issuance Portal. So in one fell swoop, Isabel brought down all workstations at all bases that "talk" with this particular portal.

Keep in mind the difference between DEERS and R A P I D S . DEERS is the database that tracks all Department of Defense personnel and medical benefits. The DoD operates one of the largest health care

## Potential problem sites

- Local: Internet problems, server and/or software upgrades, firewalls, closed communication ports, equipment breakdown.
- "Host site" Goodfellow Air Force Base: Goodfellow AFB is Laughlin's host site; Laughlin is considered a remote site. Laughlin connects to Goodfellow to connect with DEERS/RAPIDS. In order for Laughlin to even log in to DEERS, the RAPIDS system at Goodfellow must be working.
- Issuance Portals: The crypto module is never present at the RAPIDS workstation; if unable to "talk" with the Certificate Authority, no certificates will load onto a CAC.
- DEERS database (Auburn Hills Service Management Center, Mich.): RAPIDS communicates with DEERS via the Defense Information Systems Network (DISN), DISN communicates directly with the DEERS mainframe.

workstations in the world. RAPIDS is the application software that allows users to communicate with the DEERS database and, more recently, issue a CAC.

At Laughlin there are two workstations that can issue ID/CAC cards. Problems can arise at any of several sites and may directly affect the issuing capability and/or personnel update capability.

Paul Cain, Field Service Technician, states, "It's not a perfect system, but it works. It will take patience and understanding on the customer's part because there are so many systems that these workstations hit. If one connection

goes down, it can impact all aspects of the DEERS/RAPIDS system. But the capabilities now are improving."

RAPIDS extends beyond the application loaded on a site's workstation. An extensive database and communications infrastructure have been developed to support the functionality of RAPIDS. With the inclusion of the PKI requirements, this infrastructure has been enhanced with changes to existing components and the addition of other components.

In the last several months Laughlin had two RAPIDS software upgrades, and another one is scheduled in January. Though each new version offers better features and the enhanced infrastructure offers greater support for all DEERS/RAPIDS capabilities, it still boils down to a huge machine with lots of parts.

Be assured that the 47th Mission Support Group is continually working to improve service to everyone at Laughlin. Laughlin has only a 4.29 percent error rate in ID card issuance with only four bases lower than us. So as much as a delicate beast DEERS/RAPIDS might be, Laughlin's updates will proceed and ID cards will continue to get issued.

## Oct. 27 edition of AFTV News airs on channel 34

SAN ANTONIO – The work of airmen preparing Tallil Air Base, Iraq, to become a major supply link with the United States highlights the latest edition of Air Force Television News. Staff Sgt. John Somheil reports on major construction at the base by the new Air Force landlord.

AFTV News plays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday on the

Laughlin commander's access channel, base cable channel 34.

President George W. Bush uses a trip to Portsmouth, N.H., to praise efforts by Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve airmen in the fight against terrorism.

Staff Sgt. Leigh Bellinger is at Camp Bullis to watch as security forces hone their antiterrorism skills in the Defender Chal-

lenge competition.

Staff Sgt. Rusty Barfield reports on the role of Pacific Air Forces in "The State of PACAF," an in-depth examination of the mission of the Air Force in the Far East.

Staff Sgt. Melissa Allan is at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., to profile a young airman whose love of flight is another example of man's inherent desire to

escape the confines of Earth.

Tech. Sgt. Pachari Lutke reports on a process at Robins AFB, Ga., to clean F-15 Eagle canopies that is saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Air Force Television News is a biweekly production of Air Force News Service. It is distributed on videotape to more than 3,000 military and civilian outlets

worldwide and is seen on more than 700 cable TV outlets nationwide. It is also available on the Internet at [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil) and can be seen regularly on The Pentagon Channel. The program is closed captioned. Viewers can comment on the program by sending e-mail to [aftvnews@afnews.af.mil](mailto:aftvnews@afnews.af.mil).

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

## Nine Services members deploy to Southwest Asia

### Largest Laughlin Services deployment since Gulf War

By Staff Sgt.  
Chance Babin  
Public affairs

Laughlin's 47th Services Division will be losing nearly half of its enlisted members as nine troops prepare to ship out to Southwest Asia this week as part of their Air Expeditionary Force tour.

This is the largest deployment Laughlin Services has experienced since the Gulf War, and the strain on the unit will be felt on base, according to Chip Faver, 47th SVS director.

"The majority of the members are out of the fitness center and food operations," said Mr. Faver. "That will lead to limited curtailment of services at the fitness center."

The Laughlin Fitness Center now closes at 10 p.m. on weekdays, two hours earlier than before, and will be staffed in part by six new temporary civilian employees for the four-month duration of the deployment.

While deployed, the nine members will be providing the standard services

combat mission of cooking, recreation, fitness and lodging.

"What Air Force services brings to this fight is the first hot meals of this engagement," Mr. Faver said. "When Air Force Services gets there, life changes for everyone. Laughlin Services is very proud to send our professionals to the fight and continue this tradition."

The reason Laughlin is sending such a large number of people, nine out of 21 enlisted members, is because this is the first time the nine-person team has been tasked since it was added to the base's mobility roster in August of 2002.

For some of the junior members of the group this is the first time deploying, while for the more senior members, going on deployments is nothing new.

"I have nervous excitement and a little concern because it's a hostile zone," said Master Sgt. Ricky Harting, team leader for the deployment. "I'm excited to do what we need to do for the war on terrorism. This



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chance Babin

**Airman 1st Class Nellie Durkee, 47th Services Division fitness specialist, watches as Xavier Ornelas, one of the six temporary Services employees brought in to man the XL Fitness Center, performs a mandatory physical test Thursday. Mr. Ornelas is required to lift 80 pounds as a fitness employee.**

is the first time Laughlin Services has deployed as a team, and we're happy to represent the 47th Flying Training Wing and Team XL proudly."

Part of Sergeant Harting's and other senior members' jobs before deploying is to prepare the younger troops for this endeavor.

"We started early trying to indoctrinate them and prepare them," Sergeant Harting said. "Those of us who have deployed before have been sharing our experiences and showing (the younger troops) the tricks of

the trade and letting them know what to look out for and what to look forward to."

For younger members, like Airman Robert Ashford, lodging specialist, there is an air of uncertainty that the elder members have tried to ease.

"I'm kind of scared, but excited," Airman Ashford said. "They've been telling me how to get all my affairs and family business in order before we leave. And to just try my hardest, get lots of sleep and be prepared for the next day and take it one day at a time."

A farewell party was given for the deploying members and their families at the Cactus Lanes Bowling Center Tuesday evening.

"It's a send off to keep morale up and let [deploying members] know we are going to take care of their families and that we care," said 2nd Lt. Andre Clark, food services officer. "It's a way to let the services family meet with the member's family to reassure them their loved one is in good hands while they are deployed and to show our appreciation."

Need the latest Laughlin information? Call Laughlin's Information Line at 298-5201.

## The *XLer*

**Juan Fuentes**  
47th Maintenance Directorate

**Hometown:** Del Rio  
**Family:** Wife, Ernestina; sons; Juan Jr. and Daniel; daughters, Monica and Belen  
**Time at Laughlin:** Two years  
**Time in civil service:** Two years  
**Greatest accomplishments:** Marring my wife and raising our four children  
**Hobbies:** Playing in a conjunto band  
**Bad habits:** Watching too much television  
**Favorite movie:** "Shane"  
**Favorite musician/band:** Ramon Ayala  
**If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?** My grandmother. Even though she passed away, she was like a second mother to me.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Yvonne Clark

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

- Saturday* ● 5 p.m., Mass  
*Sunday* ● 9:30 a.m., Mass  
*Thursday* ● 6 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Rite of Christian Initiation  
*Reconciliation* ● By appointment  
*Religious Education* ● 11 a.m. Sunday

### Nondenominational

- Sunday* ● 6 p.m. Officer Christian Fellowship, call 298-2238  
*Friday* ● 7 p.m., Unity in Community Fellowship

### Protestant

- Sunday* ● 9:30, Sunday school  
● 11 a.m., General worship  
*Wednesday* ● 7 p.m., Choir practice

**For more information on chapel events, services and other denominations, call 298-5111.**

## Controller lands picks, takes weekly poll

Last week, Staff Sgt. Neil Larmon, 47th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, took the weekly prize by picking 11 games correctly.

To enter the weekly contest, individuals can put their names in

contest boxes located at various Services locations for a chance to forecast winners of weekly NFL football games in the Border Eagle.

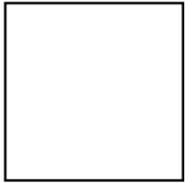
Five names will be drawn each week to get an opportunity to pick the most winners of that week's football

games.

Drop boxes are located at Club XL, Club Amistad, Cactus Lanes, Silver Wings and the Chaparral Dining facility.

The players for this week are: Senior Master Sgt. Richard Conerly, Staff

Sgts. Steven Taylor and Neo Greene, Senior Airman Anna Mayo and Beverly Jno-Baptiste.



**Staff Sgt. Larmon**

<b>Games:</b>	<b>Senior Master Sgt. Richard Conerly</b>	<b>Staff Sgt. Steven Taylor</b>	<b>Staff Sgt. Neo Greene</b>	<b>Senior Airman Anna Mayo</b>	<b>Beverly Jno-Baptiste</b>
Jax. at Bal.	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Jacksonville
S.D. at Chi.	San Diego	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Wash. at Dal.	Washington	Dallas	Washington	Dallas	Washington
Oak. at Det.	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Detroit
Car. at Hou.	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Houston
Ind. at Mia.	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Miami	Indianapolis	Miami
N.Y.G. at N.Y.J.	New York Giants	New York Giants	New York Giants	New York Jets	New York Giants
N.O. at T.B.	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
Cin. at Ariz.	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Arizona	Cincinnati	Arizona
Pitt. at Sea.	Pittsburgh	Seattle	Pittsburgh	Seattle	Pittsburgh
Phi. at Atl.	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Atlanta
St.L. at S.F.	St. Louis	St. Louis	San Francisco	St. Louis	San Francisco
G.B. at Minn.	Green Bay	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
N.E. at Den.	New England	New England	Denver	New England	New England

### New XL Fitness Center hours: (starting Mon.)

Monday through Thursday:  
5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday:  
5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:  
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Holidays:  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Intramural flag football standings

<b>Eastern Conference</b>		<b>Western Conference</b>	
<u>Team</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W-L</u>
LCSAM	3-0	MDG	6-0
87th	2-0	LSI	4-2
86th	2-1	CES	1-4
84th/85th	0-3	MSS	0-5
OSS	0-2		

## Sportslines

### New fitness center hours set

The Laughlin fitness center will be closing at 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays starting Monday. Weekend and holiday hours will remain the same.

The change of hours are the result of several members of the gym staff being deployed.

For more information, call 298-5251.

### 5K Turkey Trot scheduled

The Laughlin fitness center is having a 5K Turkey Trot at 8 a.m. Nov. 22. Free turkeys will be given away.

For more information, call 298-5251.

# 87th defeats 86th, 21-0, in defensive battle

By Airman 1st Class  
Timothy J. Stein  
Editor

Defense was the name of the game when the 87th Flying Training Squadron defeated the 86th FTS in an intramural flag football game Wednesday night, 21-0.

The game's only real offense came in the middle of the first half when 87th quarterback, Eric Parker, hit receiver Rich Jones on a 97-yard touchdown strike putting the 87th up by six.

The game started off well for the 86th. They held the 87th to just 15 yards on the first possession of the game. After the 87th punted, the 86th moved right down the field on the excellent play of

quarterback Leron Hodgins. He had runs for seven and 15 yards and hit receivers John Karnes and Don Hicks for 30- and 14-yards strikes.

The 86th found themselves third and goal on the 1-yard line. With ease they moved down the field, it seemed they were certain to score.

The 87th's defense had something else in mind. They stopped the 86th two times from the one and got the ball back. Two plays later Parker hit Jones on the 97-yard bomb down the left side of the field. An extra point brought the score to 7-0 in favor of the 87th. It would be the last offensive touchdown until the very end of the game.

The 87th's defense came up big on the next drive also. On the first

play of the drive, 87th cornerback Brian Leestma intercepted a Hodgins pass and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown. An extra point brought the score to 14-0 in favor of the 87th.

With the clock running down on the half, the 86th got the ball one more time. They tried a couple of long bombs down the field but to no avail. The 87th was up by 14 at the half.

The second half had both teams playing excellent defense. Each team held the other to a few yards on their first possessions. The 87th did catch a break on the 86th's second possession when a 54-yard touchdown pass was called back because of holding. It would be the closest the 86th would come to

scoring in the half.

With about 20 seconds left in the game, 87th cornerback Joseph White intercepted another Hodgins pass and returned it to the 86th's 10-yard line.

In the last play of the game, Parker threw a 10-yard pass to White for a touchdown. An extra point brought the score to 21-0.

The victory brought the 87th's record to 2-0 while the loss brought the 86th's to 2-1. Both teams trail Laughlin Consolidated Services Aircraft Maintenance, who defeated the 84th/85th squad in an earlier game, with a record of 3-0 in the Eastern Conference. In other action Wednesday night, Lear Seigler, Inc., defeated the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron.

