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Branch Health Clinic opens doors to temporary facility

By Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs

The NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic (BHC) opened the doors to patients at its new, temporary location on base, Monday Jan. 14. The Clinic is now operating from Building 1781, just across from the main Clinic Building (3745) which is being remodeled.

The Clinic staff began preparing for the move to Bldg 1781 several months ago when it was decided that using Bldg 1781 would be cheaper than using portable buildings as temporary Clinic offices. The Rehabilitation of the building was completed on schedule by the contractor and turned over the base in January. Nearly everyone who has been in the building since then has been amazed.

"Our customers have really been amazed at the transformation of this



Branch Health Clinic's Belinda Titus takes a break from moving office furniture at the Clinic's new temporary spaces in Bldg. 1781 on base. The Clinic is now open.

building," said Master Chief Hospital Corpsman Clarence Hodges, BHC Kingsville Command Master Chief. "Really, the building is clean, it's spacious, and it looks great. We're very happy with the way it turned out." Hodges added that his staff is still doing some touch up

work throughout the building, and new doors will be added within the next few days. But things are going fairly smoothly. "Our staff has been fantastic through this whole process," Hodges said. They've worked long hours to get ready for the move and they've worked long hours to get things in order for our customers, and we couldn't be more pleased with the way they have all responded to the move."

The parking lots were repaved and painted this week, and Hodges said that everything was falling in place. "Things are going pretty smoothly, really," he said.

Hodges added that all normal clinic services are being offered at the new lo-

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NASK names Sailors of the Year, Sailors and Civilians of the Quarter

By Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham recognized the 2007 Sailors of the Year, and Sailors and Civilians of the Quarter during a command quarters and awards ceremony at The Club Jan. 15.

"I'm very happy to recognize our top Sailors and employees today," Waddingham said. "Each of these people have proven themselves to be very important to Team Kingsville, our mission and the local community. Most of them have not only excelled at their regular jobs, but have also gone the extra mile by volunteering their time and efforts in making a difference in their community through volunteer efforts. That's what the "Team Kingsville" concept is all about, and I salute each of these Sailors and civilian employees for



Navy League Vice Pres. Jeff Lambert, right, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to 2007 Bluejacket of the Year AC3 Chelsea Morgan.

their accomplishments."

Selected as NAS Kingsville Sailors of the Year for 2007 were: Sr. Sailor of the Year: MA1 (SW) Dwayne Carpenter, NASK Security Department; Jr. Sailor of the Year: AC2 (AW) Geoffrey Steele, Air Ops/Air Traffic

Control; and Bluejacket of the Year: AC3 Chelsea Morgan, Air Ops/ Air Traffic Control. Sailors of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2007 are: Sr. Sailor of the Quarter: MA1 (SW) Reginald Chase, Security; Jr. Sailor of the Quarter: AC2 (AW) Geoffrey Steele, Air Ops/Air Traffic Control; and Bluejacket of the Quarter: AC3 Chelsea Morgan, Air Ops/Air Traffic Control.

The Sailors were also recognized at the Navy League's monthly luncheon on board the Air Station Jan. 30. Navy League Vice President and Rolls-Royce site manager Jeff Lambert presented certificates and savings bonds to the Sailors on behalf of the City of Kingsville. "We just want all of you to know that we really appreciate what you do -- for the base, for the City of Kingsville, and for your country," Lambert said.



From the Bridge ...



Capt. Phil "Waddz" Waddingham
Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville

Talking About Super Teams

Greetings, NAS Kingsville! I don't know about you, but as far as Super Bowls go, the game last Sunday was one of the best I can remember—in years. Not so much for the commercials (I think this year's lineup fell a bit short from previous years), but for the grind-it-out, slug-it-out, clock-eating, lead-changing spectacle that will be remembered as simply, "Super Bowl XLIII." I'd like to share some of my thoughts on that great game, because I do believe there are some parallels to what we have going on here at NAS Kingsville.

Let's start with the Patriots. This was the team all of the experts expected would win. In fact, they had been anointed by some (preordained if you will) to be the next in the very short list of dynasty teams that have won four Super Bowls. On top of that, they would be only the second team ever to go undefeated in a season. And since the NFL increased the number of

games in a single season from 14 to 16, they would go down in history as being the all-time winner. This indeed was to be the "perfect season."

There was only one problem with this -- somebody forgot to tell the N.Y. Football Giants.

Against all odds—literally—the NY Giants took the field against the greatest team to ever play the game (words of the pundits, not mine). Down 14-10 with less than 3 minutes to play, and some 80 plus yards to go, the Giants had to pull together a Herculean drive to beat the Patriots. I don't know about you, but when "the escape" was immediately followed by "the catch" (if you watched the game, or saw the highlights, you know what I am talking about), I knew the Giants were going to win. Two passes later and they were in the end zone and had the lead.

But the game was not over. With about 30 seconds remaining, and a slew of timeouts, the Patriots were poised to do what they do best—win. Again, they failed to convince the NY Football Giants. And the end is now history.

If I have lost you thus far on how Kingsville fits in with all of this, allow me to cut to the chase. Remember the article I wrote last edition? I mentioned that I am committed to getting a new Chapel. In his article, CAPT Davis talked about how he

and I are committed to making NAS Kingsville a better place to work. But, we had been told that a new Chapel would be difficult to fund, and a renovation would be too costly. Our old nemesis of "that's just the way it is here in Kingsville" was going to win over the team that wanted to go against the odds. Not many people gave us a chance to win this battle. Well, if you haven't heard already, we have received the official word that money is being sought to fund a full repair and renovation of our prestigious base Chapel. I expect this to happen within the next 12 months, and once again, members of NAS Kingsville and the city will have a special place to worship, and to conduct social events. We will use existing stained glass and other prominent features to preserve the present beauty of the McFall Chapel, so that others may enjoy all the facility has to offer.

Friends of NAS Kingsville, this is just the beginning. Look around. Take notice. Things are getting better. Maybe we haven't won the Super Bowl, but this is a huge win for the home team.

Finally, in case you haven't noticed, our Club is open for meals again, so stop on by. Lots of changes taking place there, too. Be sure to thank Debbie and her staff for their hard work!

Regards;
Waddz sends.



Tews' Views

Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Mark Tews
NAS Kingsville
Religious Ministries

Discernment vs. Suspicion

"So Moses thought, 'I will go over and see this strange sight - why the bush does not burn up.'" **Philippians 1: 9-11**

"And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David." **I Samuel 18:9**

Discernment is extremely valuable to people of faith. But sometimes we label suspicion with the pious name of discernment and think we're being super spiritual. So it is important to learn the difference between discernment and suspicion. Amazingly, it is a difference that is really quite simple...Discernment will recognize evil for what it is. Suspicion on the other hand imagines evil where there is none.

When Moses saw the burning bush on the mountainside, he said, "I must turn aside now, and see this marvelous sight,

why the bush is not burned up." He was genuinely curious and wanted to go see what was going on. He didn't imagine all sorts of evil lurking near that bush. He merely saw the bush and went to see what was up. In the alternative, Saul was suspicious of David, letting his imagination run wild. He imagined evil motives when there were none.

I've counseled with many young Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen with beautiful devoted spouses in their lives, warm, caring, hardworking, faithful and devoted young men and women. But these folks were unhappy and unable to relax and enjoy the blessings God was pouring upon them through their wonderful marriages. Instead, they were suspicious of their loved ones every move, wondering what was really motivating him or her to be nice. When folks like this don't let go of all the suspicions, they soon lose the relationship, and then wonder why.

All of us can be guilty of the same thing sometimes - letting imagination take over when discernment and wisdom should be the rule. Suspicion destroys relationships...it destroys lives. When

we are constantly overly suspicious of the motives of others, we drive people away that might otherwise have brought us rich blessings. Check your life today...lay aside all suspicion and carefully discern all that the Lord has blessed you with and give Him thanks.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless...- to the glory and praise of God." **Philippians 1: 9-11**

Trivia Challenge: Congrats go out to our last winner, AO2 Darden for correctly identifying **Lebanon** as the country that supplied cedar for the construction of the temple in Jerusalem.

The correct answer to this latest challenge will begin with the letter **M**. Here is your latest challenge:

The first sale of a burial plot mentioned in the Bible, is known as the Cave Of M_____.

Take care & God Bless,
Chaps

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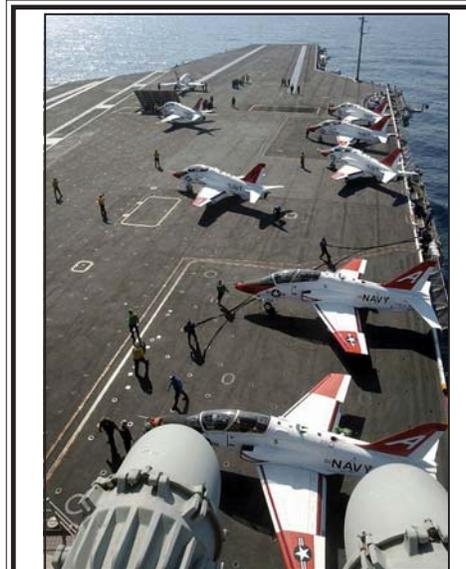


Capt. Bill "BD" Davis
Commander, Training Air Wing TWO

Greetings!

I just returned from sunny Key West and a very successful carrier qualification detachment aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt. It's a great ship with a superb crew, which resulted in our completing everyone in record time. Carrier qualifications came on the heels of a weapons detachment to NAF El Centro, where we conducted low level navigation training and air to ground training. Two months into the New Year and we have been very busy and that is ops normal for the training command. Unlike football and other sports we don't have an end to our season followed by a break. In less than two weeks, we will start getting ready for our next carrier qualification detachment to Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Fla. on March 6. In April, we'll go back out to El Centro to train our next group of students. It's a continuous cycle that goes on year-round.

It's this day-in, day-out routine that can lead to complacency and errors – something we have to continually guard against. Not so much for the students, because it's all new for them, but more so for our instructors who can be lulled into a Groundhog's Day syndrome. We all need to stay cognizant of the fact that while we do the same briefs every day the information is not only new to the student we are teaching but an essential part of our profession – ensuring *both* crew members understand the mission and their responsibilities, that the aircraft is ready for flight, and that we are prepared to handle the unknown problems that are al-



SEA QUALS: T-45s from NAS Kingsville and NAS Meridian fill the flight deck of the USS Theodore Roosevelt off the coast of Key West, Fla., during last week's carrier qualifications. U.S. Navy photo.

ways lurking. Don't be afraid to slow down and redo a checklist, review NATOPS, brief the emergency of the day, or discuss an aircraft system. Not too many weeks ago we had a student accidentally shutdown the engine on short final as he pulled the throttle to what he thought was approach idle. [To pull the throttle to shutoff in flight you have to be at approach idle or ground idle and raise the throttle finger lift, think about it.] We have had folks land with the throttle still at approach idle and think they lost their brakes and take the long field gear – never pulling the throttle to ground idle – what are those lost brake procedures again (?) and how

does that approach/ground idle stop work again? During our detachment to Key West a student blew a tire on an arrestment and then followed that by blowing both tires on the preceding CAT shot. How do you blow your tires on the cat shot if you have all your switches in the correct position and the parking break off, even if you have your feet on the brakes (we should not have our feet on the brakes)? We had students preparing for a night flight who turned on the batteries to check the lights while they conducted their preflight. In the process they were pulling the nose emergency landing gear door pin followed by the nose landing gear pin – what is wrong with that picture?

Folks we are in a great business; people cannot pay to do what we do – fly tactical jets! The only way to do that is to join the military. We are professionals at what we do, no different than a professional athlete. What do you think of a pro athlete who doesn't remember the snap count or drops passes or fly balls? Not very professional, right! You may not make \$10 million dollars a year, but you are entrusted with \$20 million dollars worth of T-45 and when you get to the fleet it becomes a \$60 million dollar aircraft and millions of dollars worth of weapons and peoples lives. In our profession, if we make a mistake the consequences are much higher than losing a game – there is no next week or next year. The Navy Safety Center has found that more than 80% of mishaps are linked to human factors. Whether the aircrew made a poor decision, omitted a step in a checklist, or succumbed to fatigue, the key ingredient is human error. We call this self-inflicted condition the "Blue Threat." Our training both in the classroom and in the cockpit is designed to help us understand and protect us from this risk. We are the world's best trained combat aviators and our government has entrusted the world's finest aircraft to us. To succeed both in combat and in training we need to know our procedures, understand our aircraft and weapons systems, as well as our own limitations, and prepare for every flight like it's our first.

Until next time, stay safe, be ready and be professional! BD

On assignment with NAS Kingsville's Individual Augmentees (IAs): MA3 Dustin Ruddell

Petty Officer Ruddell departed NAS Kingsville for Individual Augmentee duty in the Persian Gulf in 2007. He originally had orders to Camp Arifjan in Kuwait, but midway through his training at Fort Jackson, S.C., he was informed that he was needed in Iraq. He is now assigned to Camp Cropper, located at the Victory Base Complex (VBC). Ruddell is the only Navy Dog Handler at the kennels there, the other five handlers being Air Force Staff Sergeants.

According to Ruddell, the camp has a huge compound and kennel, where he and his Military Working Dog (MWD) Barry reside. The building houses six runs, 4 bedrooms, a bathroom and a shower.

"There are no rest room facilities, however," Ruddell said. "When we need to, we use a port-a-potty. But other than that, the complex is just fine." The building also has an office, a kitchen, and a storage room.

"As for my job," Ruddell says, "I work every other



MA3 Dustin Ruddell and Military Working Dog Barry pose in front of a throne at one of the late Saddam Hussein's palaces in Baghdad.

day, 12 hour shifts. On my shift I do two patrol walks through the prison here plus regular training that I normally do with my dog. The prison here is very big. Saddam Hussein was kept here until his execution last Dec."

Ruddell says his MWD Barry has adjusted well to the new environment. "Because Barry is a drug dog we do a lot of health and wellness inspections of the living quarters here on the Victory Base Complex," Ruddell said. "He also escorts me on patrols throughout the complex."

MA3 Ruddell is one of 21 NAS Kingsville, Training Air Wing TWO and Branch Health Clinic personnel currently serving on Individual Augmentee (IA) duty in the Middle East in support of the Global War on Terror. Beginning this week, "On Assignment With NAS Kingsville's Individual Augmentees (IAs)" will be a regular feature in each issue of "The Flying K."

NAS Pensacola flyover marks 50th anniversary of the T-2 Buckeye trainer

By Mike O'Connor, NAS Pensacola Public Affairs
PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) — Flight instructors of Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola's Training Squadron (VT) 86, marked the 50th anniversary of the Navy's longest-serving jet trainer, the T-2 Buckeye, with a ceremonial flyover of Naval Air Station Pensacola's Forrest Sherman Field Jan. 30.

The seven-aircraft formation, led by Maj. Chuck Gant, was a tribute to longevity of the Buckeye, which has trained thousands of naval aviators in its 50-year history — and has flown more than 3.4 million flight hours, according to the Naval Safety Center.

VT-86 is the last training squadron in the Navy to use the T-2 Buckeye. Starting in April, the aircraft's replacement, the T-45 Goshawk, will begin arriving at NAS Pensacola. The Buckeye's final flight or "sundown" is scheduled for later this year in August.

The 50-year service span of the aircraft is considered remarkable, because jet designs of the 1950s frequently had short service careers during the rapidly developing jet age.

VT-86 Squadron Augmentation Unit Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Doug Drew praised the Buckeye for its many roles.

"It was conceived as a total-syllabus trainer," he said. "It's a multimission aircraft. It was originally used to train pilots to land on aircraft carriers and get them used to tactical missions such as dogfighting. The Buckeye's been a one-size-fits-all solution for us."

VT-86 Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Brad Close, agreed. "It's a workhorse of naval aviation," Close said. "It's been training naval aviators for the last 50 years. For naval aviators it's near and dear to the heart, because it's been the primary jet for carrier qualifications, so a lot of aviators have cut their teeth flying this onto an aircraft carrier for the first time. It will be sad to see it go."



PENSACOLA, Fla. -- T-2 Buckeye aircraft attached to Training Squadron 86, Training Wing 6, fly a seven-aircraft formation over Perdido Pass near Naval Air Station Pensacola. U.S. Navy photo.

Four T-45 Goshawks are scheduled to arrive at VT-86 April 1. By year's end, nine Goshawks will have replaced the squadron's 30-year-old Buckeyes.

Al Tessier, an employee with NASP contractor L3 Vertex Aerospace, has had a long-term relationship with the T-2 Buckeye — almost 50 years. Tessier was plane captain to the prototype aircraft in 1959. Tessier said he has seen a lot of aircraft and a lot of aircraft retirements but admitted the T-2 is special to him.

"It's a tough old bird; it's trained thousands and thousands of pilots and it's got a darned good reputation," Tessier said. "There were a lot of jets coming on line at that time (the 1950s) Navywide and this one has outlived them all."

Training Wing 6 Commodore, Capt. Peter Hunt recalled the Buckeye's tenure aboard NAS Pensacola.

"I think the reason this airplane is still here is because it proved itself as a reliable platform," Hunt said. "It's a wonderful airplane and it's got life left. It's not

like we couldn't keep flying it longer, we could. It's a cost/benefit decision. The maintenance program to keep up a small number of airplanes is more costly."

Hunt praised the incoming T-45 Goshawk.

"It's a great airplane," he said. "It's a new technology and we need that technology to train. The closer we can replicate the aircraft that students are going to use when they get to their operational aircraft, the better off we are."

Lt. Col. Paul Hart, a longtime T-2 instructor, summed up the pilots' mixed feelings.

"Although we welcome the new technology that the T-45 provides, the Buckeye will be sorely missed."

After the aircraft's sundown, the last of the VT-86 Buckeyes will join other retired military aircraft in "the boneyard," a long-term preservation facility at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.



Photo by Lt. Cmdr Brendon O'Brien

Naval Education and Training Chief says 'Quality is Never an Accident'

By Joy Samsel, NETC Public Affairs

"These instructors are building the legacy of US Military Aviation, and in doing so, they are giving our armed services the most formidable weapon in our arsenal."

That was the message of Rear Adm. Gary Jones, commander, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), as he addressed the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA) Instructors of the Year awards ceremony Friday, Jan. 25. The event was held at the Wings Club at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla.

According to Jones, the "most formidable weapon in our arsenal is the highly trained and exceptional warriors that will take the fight to our enemies.

"Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution. That is the embodiment of what these instructors put into their work every day."

The awards, sponsored by the Naval Aviation Foundation/Association of Naval Aviation, Goshawk Squad-

ron 19, honors excellence in aviation instruction from area naval aviation training commands.

"The U.S. Armed Forces are our Nation's 911 service, and our long distance carrier is aviation," said Jones. "The enduring roles of the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard demand the formidable presence and striking power of aviation. A forward-deployed aviation team, ready to project power, shape events, deter conflicts, and defeat aggression, demonstrates our nation's commitment to its allies."

Jones also reminded the audience that combat is not the only role for the US military or their aviation forces.

"Our response to the devastation of the Southeast



Rear Adm. Gary Jones

Asia tsunami in December 2004, Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, and the cyclone in Bangladesh last November have allowed our nation to provide desperately needed relief in a time of need," Jones said. "We do this, because it is the right thing to do. Our actions send a message to the world that United States seapower promotes security and stability in cooperative ways that do not necessarily resemble conventional applications of seapower."

A total of 19 ANA Instructors of the Year were selected from the flight training squadrons associated with Training Air Wing 5 at NAS Whiting Field, and Training Air Wing 6 at NAS Pensacola, as well as Naval Aviation Schools Command.

For related news from the Naval Education and Training Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnet/.

Editor's Note: Joy Samsel is the Deputy Public Affairs Officer for the Naval Education and Training Command in Pensacola, Fla.

“Team NAS Kingsville” MVPs (Most Valuable People) Share their thoughts on their job



Andy Flores
Contractor, LC Foundation

Flores has worked for LC Foundation as a custodial supervisor for just over two years. He is part of the team that handles contract janitorial services on the air station and he enjoys his job.

“I really enjoy working with the staff that handles the custodial work,” he said recently.



Lt. j.g. Tyler Smith
SNA, VT-21 “Redhawks”

Lt. j.g. Smith, a native of Visalia, Calif., just recently finished the instruments portion of his intermediate jet training with the VT-21 Redhawks. He says he has always wanted to be a pilot.

“The freedom of flight always appealed to me,” he said. “I enjoy the camaraderie of the military and I wanted to do my part for my country.”



Ed Williams
MWR Gymnasium Assistant

Williams has worked for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation for just over 9-years, and he says he now

What he enjoys most about his job is “working with the military and meeting people.”

Briefly Speaking

Volunteer as a Mentor for Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is an organization that inspires young people to value free enterprise, business and economics to improve the quality of their lives. NAS Kingsville is supporting the area Junior Achievement Program through volunteer classroom facilitation at Memorial Middle School on S. Armstrong Blvd.

Volunteers are being sought for assistance with 8th grade classes, assisting 4 teachers, on the first and third Tuesdays in April and May. Specific dates are April 1 and April 15, and May 6 and May 20.

Interested personnel should contact HTC (SW) Oscar Vargas at the Fleet and Family Support Center (516-6333) or Maj. Alejandro House at TW2 (516-4084). All volunteers must complete a two-hour training session prior to the start of each term.

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Driscoll's "Miss February" Sarah Reyna is 2008's first PFAD

Story and photos by Maryann Shramko, Editor

Tuesday, Jan. 22 Training Air Wing TWO and Naval Air Station Kingsville welcomed 6-year old Sarah Nickole Reyna of Petronila as the first "Pilot for a Day" (PFAD) of 2008.

Sarah is a patient at Driscoll Children's Hospital (DCH) in Corpus Christi and is being treated for multiple conditions. She is also "Miss February" in the 2008 Driscoll calendar. Weighing only 4 pounds 12 ounces at birth she was rushed into emergency surgery to correct a condition known as Gastroschisis, which caused her intestines and part of her colon to not be enclosed in her body. Sarah also faces another medical condition known as Arthrogyrosis which translated from the Greek literally means "curved or hooked joints." Although the arthrogyrosis is not curable, it's a non-progressive disease that with appropriate treatment, independent ambulation and function can be expected.

Accompanying Sarah throughout the day was her mother Amanda Reyna, grandparents JB and Susan Green, great uncle Richard Green, and DCH representative Aislynn Campbell.

Training Air Wing TWO and DCH have joined forces to bring one child a month aboard the air station



Sarah hams it up with Firefighter William Seaman.

and make them a PFAD giving the children a day away from their treatments and daily struggles by pampering them throughout their time on board the air station.

Sponsor pilot Lt. Cmdr. Tim Kray escorted Sarah and her family into a packed VT- 21 "Redhawk" ready room where squadron personnel anxiously awaited her arrival. "Redhawks" commanding officer, Cmdr. Chris Moore, was standing by to officially welcome Sarah and her entourage. "Welcome to VT-21" Moore said. "We have a lot of neat and interesting things to show you today, but first we got some goodies to get you started. Here is a t-shirt with our airplane on it, a couple stickers and I think most importantly, a flight suite." As Moore pulled the flight suite from the aviator bag the crowd broke the silence with a round of applause as Sarah smiled from ear to ear at the sight of her very own flight suite.

Throughout the day Sarah was somewhat challenged without the assistance of her wheelchair but that didn't stop her from doing touch-and-go's all over the base. "She is very independent, very determined little girl" her mom Amanda said.

As she began her adventure she bounced from one place to another landing at her final event of the morning, the T-45 simulator. Under the guidance of Lance Hamm, an L3 Vertex simulator instructor, and the assistance of Kray, she went for a quick spin over Petronilla, out to an aircraft carrier at sea, and then off to El Centro, Calif. to drop a few bombs. When it was all said and done, Hamm presented her with a certificate of completion making her an honorary pilot. After recharging her batteries with a burger and fries at the bowling center, Sarah was once again ready for take-off. As she began her approach to the next event, bowling center manager Dan Rackley surprised her with a departing gift...a bowling pin making her the first PFAD to ever receive one.

With only the fire department and base security remaining on her flight schedule, she was determined to make her way through the remaining events. "She started walking right before her fifth birthday," her



Sarah can't wait to taxi down the runway with her personal VT-21 flight instructor Lt. Cmdr. Tim Kray..

grandmother Susan said, "and she doesn't like using her wheelchair."

At the fire department Sarah got to try out as much equipment as she wanted before she received yet another first for a PFAD...a bronze fire fighter statue with her name engraved upon it and a plaque that will be hung in the hallway of the Fire Department with her photograph. Before departing for her final stop the fire crew gathered to present her with an authentic fire fighter helmet signed by all the fire fighters. "Being able to bring smile to a small face that has it hard really makes us all feel good," said battalion chief Eric Escalante.

As the day came to a close Kray gave Sarah the call sign "Angel" as her grandfather JB chuckled and chimed in "Angel with horns." "No" Kray said, "she's been a good little girl, she's been an angel."

The day's events concluded with yet another learning experience for the hosts. That is, the child teaches us that once again nothing is thrown your way that you can't handle. Or as Kray put it, "Sarah and her family were open and positive. They didn't dwell on the things that Sarah couldn't do, but focused and rejoiced on the good that Sarah brought to their lives. Sarah and her family's good spirits and positive attitudes is a good reminder of what is really important in life."



AC3 Chelsea Morgan (left) turns the watch over to Sarah in the radar room.



Sarah is the first Pilot for a Day to receive her own bowling pin from Bowling Alley Manager Daniel Rackley.

Volunteers needed for Wings Over South Texas Air Show April 5-6

The NAS Kingsville "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show is less than two months away and air show organizers are looking for volunteers and special groups to help with the two-day event. The show features the Navy's Blue Angels and Leap Frogs, and plans are in the works for other acts that will make the show one of the best ever in South Texas.

The Air Show Committee is currently seeking 256 volunteers to work the food and merchandise booths each day for this year's event. Each volunteer group will receive a percentage of the net sales generated from their booth during the air show. Each volunteer group must have a designated Team Leader, and all Team Leaders must attend a mandatory training course.

Volunteers should dress comfortably and wear protective shoes (no open toes), shirts with sleeves, wear

a hat to protect them from the sun, and dress according to the weather. All volunteers will be provided food vouchers for meals on the days they work. Food vouchers only cover meals and cannot be used to purchase merchandise or alcoholic beverages. Vendor parking vouchers will be given, but carpooling is strongly encouraged.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department at NAS Kingsville is currently accepting applications from volunteers and vendors. If you're interested, contact Volunteer Coordinator LaVonda Steen by phone at 361-516-4388 or by email at lavonda.steen@navy.mil. Application forms and vendor banking information forms are available for downloading on the air show Web site at www.wingsoversouthtexas.org.

Branch Health Clinic open for business

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ation and operating hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays (closed for training in the afternoon), and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. After hours, contact the duty Corpsman at 361-219-0074.

J&J Maintenance performed the rehab on the old library building. The 14-month project cost an estimate \$400,000.

"We had some challenges initially," said Robert Steele, J&J project manager, "but we were able to work through them. One of our biggest challenges, of course, was to take this old building and make it look new again so that the Health Clinic's customers would feel comfortable in the new spaces. We think we've done that."

The Clinic move was needed to a scheduled and funded overhaul of the present Health Clinic, a project that is expected to take up to 18 months to complete.

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham couldn't hide his feelings about how the rehab project of the old library turned out.

"We really got a great deal with this project," he said. "We took a building that was set for demolition and had it completely refurbished for less than what it would have cost us for temporary buildings. A few months from now when the Clinic rehab is done, we'll be able to look at this building again and see how it will best serve the Naval Air Station."



RP3 Norman Otters (left) gets some training from Branch Health Clinic Secretary Belinda Titus.



One of the passageways leading to treatment rooms.



(Left) HM2 Parke dropped in on HM3(FMF) Ismael Lopez in the clinic's new spacious records office.



Tricare representatives Tara Elrod (in pink) and Valarie Gomez assist Lavanda Steen in the new Tricare space.

Local Toys For Tots campaign reports 2007 giving, distribution "Up" over last year

The 2007 local Toys for Tots Campaign numbers are in, and reports show a significant increase in both toy donations as well as the number of children benefiting from the program.

According to Lisa Bockholt, campaign coordinator, 5,079 toys were distributed to 1,016 less fortunate area children as compared with the 2006 campaign, which distributed 3,547 toys to 822 children. Toy donations saw a significant increase at 3,969, up from 1,972 in 2006. 1,034 additional toys were provided to the local campaign directly from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. This figure includes \$ 2,000 worth of toys received from the Toys R Us retail toy store chain, as part of the company's national sponsorship arrangement with Toys for Tots. 142 additional toys were purchased locally this year using campaign funds.

While toy donations were up, monetary donations were down by over \$ 1,700. "The reduction in monetary donations was completely offset by actual toy donations. People shopped more for toys in 2007, rather than writing out a check or making a cash donation. Either way, the community once again put their best foot forward and rallied behind this program, enabling us to help over 1,000 children have a merrier Christmas. We have been truly touched by the generosity of this community," said Bockholt.

The number of toys left over after all applications

had been filled dropped significantly from 2006. Rather than warehousing the small assortment of leftover toys, campaign coordinators and volunteers agreed that in accordance with the mission of Toys for Tots, leftover toys would be placed into the hands of less fortunate children in the outlying communities of Premont and Falfurrias. Approximately 140 children from these areas benefited.

For the third year in a row, 2007's largest contributors to the campaign were the students of H.M. King High School. Music Department head Mr. Molina spearheaded the effort, and was joined by the ROTC, and other departments on campus in encouraging the students to collect toys.

NAS Kingsville's McFall Memorial Chapel's Religious Ministries Offering Fund was the largest monetary contributor to the campaign, making a \$ 750.00 donation, with Kleberg County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol and the Kingsville Noon Lions Club coming in 2nd and 3rd with \$ 500.00 and \$ 250.00 donations.

Other major contributors included King Ranch Agri-Business employees & their families; Uranium Resources, Inc.; the management and employees of L3-Vertex & Rolls Royce at NAS Kingsville, NAS Kingsville's VT-21, Officer's Spouse Association, and Branch Health Clinic, the students at Santa Gertrudis ISD, TAMUK's Athletic Department, Debbie Willms'

4th grade class at Perez Elementary, Greene's Energy Group of Alice, Premont High School, the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, Kingsville's Tri-Cities Retired Teachers Association, the Faculty & Staff of Riviera High School, and management and patrons of the local Curves for Women exercise studio.

The 2007 Campaign was fortunate to have assistance from 1st Lt. Steve Rich, USMC, currently stationed at NAS Kingsville. 1st Lt. Rich provided much-needed manpower, as well as the all-important visual presence of a Marine in full dress uniform. Pizza Parlor owner Beth Dembski served again as Distribution Coordinator, with assistance from Boy Scout Troop # 186, Petty Officers Norman Otters and Christine Roman of NAS Kingsville, and Ed Sanders, St. Vincent DePaul Society. Kingsville Police Officers were instrumental in assisting Dembski's distribution efforts. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501 (c) 3 tax exempt not-for-profit charity, is the authorized fund raising and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. In 1988 local Stop-n-Lube quick oil change and car care center owners Lisa & Jerry Bockholt volunteered to serve as local campaign coordinators. This year marked the 20th consecutive year the Bockholt's have made Toys for Tots a reality for Kingsville and the surrounding area.



Welcome Aboard!

The following people have recently reported to NAS Kingsville.



1st Lt. David B. Wesalo
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Baltimore, Md.

ENS Derek H. Ellis
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Hughesville, Md.

1st Lt. Rivers N. Plowden
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Columbia, S.C.

ENS Scott F. Sulich
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Chandler, Ariz.

ENS James Sheets
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Burtonsville, Md.

ENS Jonathan D. Robinson
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Manchester, Tenn.

ACAR Christy N. Collins
Air Operations
Baytown, Texas

ENS Benjamin J. Baysinger
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Livermore, Calif.

ENS Brandt Schmall,
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Mitchell, Neb.

LCDR Matt Gevo
Instructor Pilot, VT-22
Doylestown, Penn.

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Air traffic control Chief signs on for 4 more years

Story by Maryann Shramko

Chief Air Traffic Controller (AW/SW) Michael A. Garcia took the plunge for another 4-years of service on Friday, Jan. 25 at Air Operations. This hitch will take Garcia to 23-years service as he plans on retiring after following this enlistment.

Lt. Joe Heuser turned the floor over to Garcia after presenting him with his discharge certificate but Garcia failed to take advantage of the moment by passing on the rare opportunity in favor of jumping right into his reenlistment.

Administering the oath to Garcia was his wife of two months, Pamela Garcia who will get her first taste of being married to a Sailor in another two years when Garcia transfers back to sea duty.



Newlywed ACC Garcia takes the Oath of Enlistment from his wife Pamela and re-ups for 4-years which will take him to 23-years of naval service.

Civilian awards & recognition



**Karen Aldrich, Admin
Sr. Civilian of the
Quarter**

**Marcia Speller, CDC
Civilian of the Quarter**



**Carmen Chapa, CDC
20-year service certificate & Pin**



**Donald Gregory Jr., Fire Dept.
10-year service certificate & Pin**



**John R. Prigmore, Fire Dept.
5-year service certificate**

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center (VITA) now open

The Kingsville VITA Center is now open. This is a free E-file service for all active duty personnel, dependents, training Reservists and retirees.

The VITA Center is located at NAS Kingsville Headquarters Building 2740 on the first deck, Room 106.

Hours: Monday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Walk-ins)

Tuesday-Friday (Appointments Only)- Sign up sheet is on the door.

Phone: VITA Office 516-4829

Office will be open until Tax Day, April 15.

Please schedule an appointment by signing up on the sign up sheet on the VITA office door or call RP2 Christine Roman at ext.6331.

If you plan on filing your own electronic return, FREE tax filing is available at militaryonesource.com by using either HR Block Tax Cut, or the IRS Free File software.

For more information contact the site director, Lt. Chris Code at christopher.code@navy.mil.

What to Bring: Current year's tax package and or label. All forms W-2 and 1099's. Information for other income. Information for all deductions/credits. A copy of last year's tax return. Proof of account for direct deposit of refund (e.g., voided check). Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification cards for you, your spouse, and/or dependents. Proof of identification for yourself and/or spouse.

The VITA office WILL prepare: Form 1040-EZ; Form 1040A with Schedules 1,2,3 and EIC); Form 1040 with Schedules A,B, EIC and R; Form 1040-V; Form 1040-ES; Form 2441 (Child and Dependent Care Credit); Form 8893 (Education Credits); and Form 8812 (Additional Child Tax Credits).

The VITA Office is NOT able to prepare the following: Schedule C (Profit or Loss From Business); Complicated and advanced Schedule D (Capital Gains and Losses); Schedule E (Rents and Losses); Form-SS (Request for Social Security Number); Form-2106 (Employee Business Expenses); Form 3903 (Moving Expenses); Form 8606 (Non-Deductible IRAs); and Form 8615 (Minor's Investment Income).

Trading Post

For Sale: Black futon w/ metal frame \$25 OBO; Weider 8525 weight machine with weights, \$50 OBO; Two sets never used twin-size bed in bag/comforter/sheets (beige floral) \$10 each set. Call Don at 361-592-3038.

For Sale: Two rattan papasan chairs with cushions. Great condition. \$60 for both. Call Jon at 592-6776.



Commentary: Community Corner



Cmdr. Scott Allen
NASK Executive Officer

Blu vs. the rattler

The temperature had risen steadily. By the time we put the dogs out that afternoon it was pushing 90 degrees. Scott Dodds, George Meyers, Scotty Bledsoe, Lt. Julio "JLo" Galvan, and yours truly

had collectively walked the 20 miles of bad road that characterizes quail hunting in the thick brush of south Texas. I had put this hunt together on Escondido Ranch because I wanted to show off the habitat and quail conservation efforts of the past year. We had enjoyed the hunt despite the heat and the cagey nature of the birds on the ranch. The blue quail were especially crafty and seemed to delight in leading us into a labyrinth of thorny brush then escape their just reward by flushing well beyond shooting range. Blue quail are cruel and sadistic creatures...and truth be told, the bobwhites aren't much better.

The quail were holding close to the deer feeders and as we climbed out of the truck to canvas the immediate area near feeder number 40 the sun was begin-

ning to set. This would be the last stop for today. We spread out and began walking slowly through the brush looking for Blues. As Dodds walked past a clump of dead-fall he looked down to his left and there, three feet away, was a coiled six-foot western diamondback. I heard Dodd's shotgun discharge twice. Dodds was yelling at Blu to get back and a third shotgun report followed as Galvan finished the snake off. There was a brief silence, followed by choruses of expletives being blurted out in unison like the encore performance of a deranged barbershop quartet. Blu had been bitten in the leg.

The chaos that ensued over the next four hours is now a fleeting montage of images I'd just as soon forget. The two-hour drive to the veterinarian, the near death experience on the caliche road leading out of Escondido with Dodds screaming something about not flipping the truck over, Blu laid out, his gums gray and pupils dilated, all ran contrary to the burned steak and



cold beer I had envisioned after a day of hunting. Still it was no small miracle that we managed to reach the 24 hour veterinarian's office in Calallen with Blu alive and no reckless driving charges pressed. In the bright light of the veterinary clinic we could see the hemotoxin's damaging effects – swelling, necrosis, and paralysis. I reached down and touched the leg, Blu's black hair sloughed off on my fingers. He was in bad shape. The Vet recommended giving Blu antivenin and despite the staggering cost (\$700 per vial) it was an easy decision. They started the IV and we waited.

By the time we headed back to the ranch it was close to midnight. Conversation was sparse on the return trip. I suppose quiet contemplation was unavoidable under the circumstances. As we pulled up to the cabin Scotty Bledsoe walked over. "How's he doing?" he asked. "He'll make it." Dodds replied. The next morning we headed back to Kingsville and despite the fact that the Escondido quail hunt had not gone as planned everyone seemed satisfied – satisfied that we had saved Blu's life and forged some lasting friendships along the way. A closing comment – I got to hunt with Blu again this past weekend as he has made a full recovery. My impression is that he blames the Blue quail for this whole incident.

Next time: The Sarita Checkpoint.



Jon Gagné
NASK Public Affairs Officer

Pass the antivenin

I'm happy to hear that Blu has fully recovered from his encounter with the rattlesnake at the Escondido Ranch. When I first heard this hunting tale I could see that the XO, Cmdr. Scott Allen, was going to get emotional. Hunters, it seems, have a

rare and undeniable attachment to their dogs. They speak about them like they're human, and often can be heard carrying on personal conversations with the animals during down time. "Boy Blu, we almost got that one today, didn't we?" Or, "Maybe next time Blu you'll pay more attention to the noises before you go sniffing the brush."

I'm not trying to lay blame on Blu - or the XO, for that matter. People who have been born and raised in Texas know all about snakes. And this area - which was once called the Wild Horse Desert - is as prone to produce a rattler as anywhere. For that fact alone, it's important that even us non-hunters know about these slimy varmints.

Snakes can be found just about anywhere. From dirt and rock piles, to old tires, flower beds, in backyards, on driveways, and beneath rocks. They tend to like to find places that are out of the way of humans. But when us humans invade their space, they tend to get a little bit confrontational.

And for you golfers out there, if your game is any-

thing like my game, you probably spend a lot of time in the woods like I do. We need to be especially careful of where we go looking for lost golf balls. I've come to the decision that there comes a time when we have to realize that a replacement ball isn't all that expensive -- considering the alternatives.

When I was stationed at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla., back in the early 90s, a Security patrolman came into the newspaper office one day and told me that he had found a rattlesnake in one of the toilets at the park across from the golf course. My first thought was, "Wow ... wouldn't that be a fine 'Top of the mornin' to ya' while you're thumbing through the morning sports pages!"

Just last week I had a brief run-in with a water moccasin in Pensacola. The snake was coiled up in some pine needles, and fortunately, I was armed with a weed-eater and the confrontation lasted only seconds. But the little rascal startled me enough to get me to do a little dance that I'm certain entertained my neighbor who was working on his boat in his driveway.

That incident, and the unfortunate bite that Blu suffered at the Escondido Ranch, got me to thinking about just how little I knew about snakes and snake bites. And since snakes can pop up just about anywhere, I thought it would be a good idea for all of us to know the proper steps to take, if any of us (or our kids) are ever bitten.

According to medical reports, about 7,000 Americans get bitten by snakes each year. And although snake bites can be deadly, only about 5-percent of snakes (about 25 species) are venomous. The most

common venomous snake bites come from rattlesnakes. What do you do if you're bitten?

Well, gone are the days when snake bites are treated like depicted in the movies. City Slickers II comes to mind, but I know there a lot of other ones that show Cowboys out on the range taking care of their wounds. Fact is, hardly anything you see in the movies is what really should be done if you ever get bit.

Doctors say don't apply a tourniquet, don't slash or cut around the wound, and never, ever, attempt to suck out the venom. "You just leave it alone and get to a doctor or a hospital," according to Mike Edwards of Rockvale, Tenn. He knows. Last year he was bitten on the index finger by a timber rattler and almost died. While he was waiting for an ambulance to arrive, a local citizen showed up and tried to help, putting a tourniquet on his arm. When Mike's wife got the EMT on the phone, she was told to take the tourniquet off. Seems the tourniquet was keeping all the venom in one place causing it to swell and making it difficult for the antivenin to get to it. Doctors say Mike was lucky to have survived.

The bottom line here is, of course, to simply "be aware" of our surroundings. Look around your yard and get rid of any old tires or other debris that could be used by snakes as a hiding place. Make sure your children are aware about how dangerous snakes can be. And, keep a watchful eye when you're working in your flower garden, or exploring a new area on your local golf course. Oh yeah, and keep an eye on your pets. Not all of them are professionals like Blu.

Like Blu might say: "Don't try this at home."

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MWR NEWS

ITT San Antonio Riverwalk Trip

This trip to the beautiful San Antonio Riverwalk will be departing from the ITT parking lot on Sat., Feb. 23 at 8 a.m. and returning at 7 p.m. The San Antonio area has many things to offer including shopping, museums, Ripley's Wax Museum, brewery's and lots of places to eat and all within walking distance. This trip is open to all Active Duty, retirees, dependents and MWR card holders, no children in car seats please. Cost is \$8 per person.

Burn your own steak

This is an opportunity cook your own steak without the clean up. This will be from 3-7 p.m. on Feb. 15. The club is offering 8 oz. Rib Eyes, 10 oz. Rib Eyes and a 10 oz. New York Strip.

Open House on Valentines Day

The staff of School Age Care Program invites everyone to an open house to tour their spaces on Thursday, Feb. 14 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Play a few games and view the new facilities while enjoying punch and cookies.

Kids Night Out at CDC and SAC

Take advantage of this rare opportunity for a night out with that special someone, and know your kids are in good hands. Feb. 15, 7 p.m. – midnight, sign up no later than Feb. 13. Don't forget to have your children wear their silliest pajamas! For more information SAC 516-6718, CDC 516-6176.

After School Program

The After School Program is now picking up children from Ricardo School District. Contact SAC at 516-6718 for more information. MWR's School Age Care Program is National After School Association certified, and drop in spaces are always available. Contact SAC at 516-6718 for more information.

February is American Heart Month

Stop by the Library and pick up literature on how to have a healthy heart as well as a cookbook with great recipes!

San Antonio Spurs Tickets

Spend a great weekend in San Antonio watching the NBA. February and March tickets available at the ITT office. Call 516-6449.

Sports and Fitness

Feb. 13-24: Singles Racquetball Tournament, 4:30 p.m. each day.; Feb. 21: Basketball league begins. Rosters due NLT Feb. 14; Feb. 29: Spinning across the Country events. Starts at 5:30 p.m. Limited to the first 14 participants to sign up.

Bowling Center

Active duty military and station personnel bowl FREE Monday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Bowling Center will also be hosting the Kingsville Ladies City Tournament Feb. 23-24. For more information, contact the Bowling Center at 516-6196.

Storage Compound

Need a safe and secure place to store that RV, boat, trailer or extra car? Then the Auto Skills Center can help you. There are a total of 47 sites available at three on-base locations. All sites, except those at the Auto Skills Center, will now be accessible 24 hours a day. For more information call 516-6248.

Basics of Arc Welding Class

Participants will learn the basics of an AC/DC welding machine, learn to establish an arc, run a simple bead, and join two pieces together. All safety equipment and supplies are provided. For your protection wear non flammable (cotton) shirts, long pants, and closed-toed shoes with socks. This class is being offered Saturday, Feb. 23. Class begins at 10 a.m., cost \$10 per person.

Valentines Weekend special at Outdoor Rec

Outdoor Recreation is offering you and your special someone a great Tent Camping Special for Valentines weekend, Feb. 15-17. This offer includes a tent, two sleeping bags, lantern, and cooler full of ice for \$20.



MWR Holds Family Night at The Club

Some of the more than 50 military family members attending Family Movie and Dinner Night at The Club on Feb. 1 line up for a turn in the Astro Jump. Family members enjoyed pizza, soda, and a showing of Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium. The event was the first of many that MWR has scheduled for the year. "We in MWR were so pleased with the turnout for our Family Movie Night on Feb. 1," said MWR Director Tara Culbertson. "We're partnering with other organizations on base to produce more events to take care of military families, and especially those families impacted by the military member being on Individual Augmentee (IA) orders. You'll be seeing a lot more family programming in Kingsville in the near future."



Texas A&M at
Kingsville

Hog Pen

Men's Basketball:

Reggie Love hit 5-of-7 3-point shots and led five Javelinas in double figures with 17 points as Texas A&M-Kingsville rolled over Abilene Christian 91-75 at Kleberg Bank Court in Kingsville, Feb. 2. It was the Javelinas' ninth consecutive win over the Wildcats and the biggest margin of victory in a league game since beat ACU 88-59 in 2005.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for the Hogs and improved their record to 14-6 overall and 3-2 in league play, good for third place in the Lone Star Conference South Division. ACU fell to 15-5 and 2-3 in league play.

The Javelinas will now play four of their next five league games on the road starting with Wednesday night's (Feb. 6) game at Angelo State.

Girl's Basketball:

Junior center LaKeisha Jones scored 27 points and grabbed 9 rebounds, but the Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas couldn't hold off the Abilene Christian Wildcats in a 67-63 defeat Saturday, Feb. 2 at Kleberg Bank Court. The loss dropped the Javelinas to 5-14 overall and 1-5 in the Lone Star Conference South Division. ACU improves to 10-9 and 4-2 in league play. Jones hit 12 of 16 shots from the floor, both of her free throws, blocked two shots and did not have a turnover in 29 minutes of action. Lana Toki added 13 points and 8 rebounds for the Javelinas.

The Javelinas led 32-27 at the half and open the lead to 10, 41-31, just five minutes into the second half.

Javalina Baseball:

Kingsville – Chase Myrick and Taylor each had three hits to pace the Javelinas' 12-hit attack, but it wasn't enough as Incarnate Word pounded out 18 hits including five extra base hits in a 12-8 win over the Javelinas, Feb. 2. Incarnate Word catcher Chris Solis hit two home runs, went 4-for-4 and drove in six runs as the Incarnate Word Cardinals handed the Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas a 12-8 loss in the season opener for both teams. Sophomore Mario Gonzalez (Premont) took the loss for the Javelinas, allowing six runs on seven hits in 2 2/3 innings.

Women's Softball:

The Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas rallied for four runs in the fourth to earn a 5-3 win over Delta State in the final day of the Division II Classic hosted by St. Mary's in San Antonio Feb. 2. With the win the Javelinas finished their opening weekend with a 3-2 record. Sophomore Courtney Rigamonti (Victoria St. Joseph's) evened her record at 2-2 by pitching a complete game eight-hitter. She allowed only three runs despite the Javelina defense making for errors.

"It was a good start for us," said Javelina head coach Blake Miller. "The biggest thing was that from game one to game five we were a different team. We made progress every game."

Bowling Leagues

Wed. Nite Mixed League Standings

Pos.	Team	Won	Lost	GB
1.	Kool Katz	34.0	18.0	--
2.	DUHs	29.5	22.5	4.5
3.	Skippy Strikes	27.5	24.5	6.5
4.	Laugh Out Loud	27.0	25.0	7.0
5.	Sharp Shooters	25.0	27.0	9.0
6.	Pete's Angels	23.5	28.5	10.5
7.	Sixty Forty	23.5	28.5	10.5
8.	Big K Rollers	18.0	34.0	16.0