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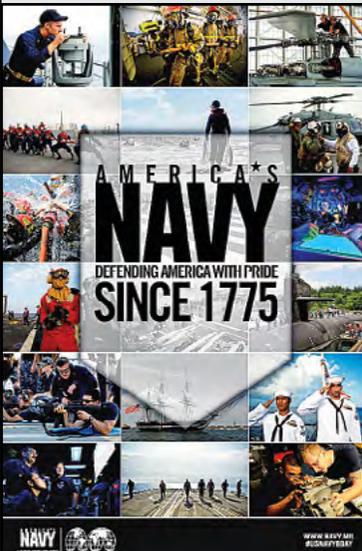
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NAS Corpus Christi celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Story & photos by Rod Hafemeister

Music, thought-provoking history and good food were the order of the day Oct. 9 as the Air Station celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month.

Scores filled the Catalina Club to hear master of ceremonies and radio personality Javier Colmenero talk about the recent history of Hispanic civil rights movements after World War II and in the 1960s.

Entertainment included an authentic dance by Kimberly DelaFuente and songs by tejano music star and Gold Record awardee Linda Escobar.

DelaFuente won the 2013 Feria de las Flores competition, including a scholarship to help her with her university studies.

Escobar began singing with her father as a child and has gone on to win numerous awards.

The ceremony ended with a luncheon of various Hispanic dishes and the raffle of an original painting of the late tejano music star and Corpus Christi native, Selena.



(left) Kimberly DelaFuente, the 2013 Feria de las Flores Queen, performs a traditional dance from Mexico; (right) Linda Escobar, who began singing professionally at 8 years old, salutes while singing a tejano song in tribute to service members.

Fire Prevention Week 2013 – Teaching children & adults



Sparky the Firefighting Dog 'high fives' with children at the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Child Development Center. NASCC Fire and Emergency Services visited the center Oct. 8 as part of Fire Prevention Week, delivering firefighter helmets and talking to the children about fire safety and how to escape from a fire.

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Photo by Rod Hafemeister

Skipper's Column Saving Energy, Saving Your Money

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



Edgecomb

Last time, I talked about how the Air Station has been reducing energy consumption.

This time, I want to talk how you can save energy, and money, at home and at work.

October is Energy Action Month, designated as a time to look at your energy usage and see how you can reduce it.

Here in South Texas, most people find that the biggest part of their electrical bill is air conditioning.

As we've done at work, you can start by

raising the thermostat to 78 degrees. Check for air leaks around doors and windows, have you're A/C cleaned and checked annually and change filters often.

More expensive options, but with long term payoffs, include improving insulation in the attic and installing ceiling fans.

Most of us, as children, were "reminded" by our parents to turn off the lights when we left a room.

Didn't seem like such a big deal back then, but in a typical household, lighting can account for 11 percent of more of electrical usage.

Government regulations are phasing out the old incandescent lights; your new choices are the more energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs or the even newer LED bulbs.

Experts say the CFLs are most efficient in places where a light is on for an extended

period.

LEDs are more expensive, but are supposed to have incredibly long lives.

Another sneaky energy waster can be the refrigerator.

When is the last time you checked the rubber seal on the refrigerator door?

Close the door on a dollar bill – if you can pull it out easily, you have a loose seal, allowing heat to leak in and make your refrigerator work harder.

If you look at how you use energy around your home – whether electricity or gas – you can probably find other ways to save.

The U.S. Department of Energy has a handy home checklist with links to additional resources at https://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/energy_aware_hec.html.

Reducing energy consumption is good for the environment, good for the country – and good for your wallet.

Chaplain's Message Good Things Come to Those Who Wait

by Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

In anticipation of a resolution to the Government Shutdown, I am pleased to announce that a new Catholic Priest will be onboard NAS Corpus Christi soon.

Fr. John Vidal began his ministry as an Episcopal priest and later converted to Roman Catholic.

He was granted special dispensation by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI; the discipline of celibacy was waived for him and he is happily married to his wife Helene, with whom he has three grown children.

Helene and Fr. Vidal are in the process of completing their move from Baltimore, MD.

I am confident that Fr. Vidal will work hard to get to know those who attend Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel and to become

part of our base family.

He tells me that he hopes to be able to frequent the various gathering places on base to meet and chat with those who might be interested.

I invite you to look for announcements on different programs that Fr. Vidal will be offering, including Bible Studies and discussions on topics of interest ranging from religious issues, family, personal and community well-being.

Fr. Vidal will also be working with Chaplain Department personnel on the various benevolent programs organized by the Chaplain's department and will develop new relationships with various religious and charitable organizations outside the gates of

the NAS.

Once he begins, Fr. Vidal will be having daily Mass at 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and Sunday Mass will continue to be at 9 a.m. Confessions will be heard beginning 20 minutes before each daily Mass.

I am delighted at the opportunity to welcome Fr. Vidal to NAS Corpus Christi.



Warne

Editor's Corner Stupidity is Now Illegal in C.C.

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

Island Drive.

(Police consider SPID and NPID to be the frontage roads, but most people include the highway itself.)

It's a really good day, not to say an unusual one, when I make the drive both ways without encountering someone more focused on their cell phone than on their driving.

On a typical day, I spend a fair amount of time on the road.

I live on the west end; my daily commute includes about eight miles on Interstate 37 – the 75 mph stretch – and the long haul down 358, commonly called Padre

Slow driving in the fast lane, weaving between lanes, repeatedly changing speeds... all of those are indications of a driver on the phone.

Or worse – texting at highway speeds.

Everyone should know it's illegal to drive and talk on the phone on the Air Station. Far too often, I see someone grabbing for that electronic lifeline the instant they are outside the gate.

Well, the Corpus Christi City Council wants that to end too.

A new city ordinance severely limits use of cell phones by drivers.

Here are the basics:

If you're behind the wheel of a car while driving in Corpus Christi, it is against City ordinance to use a handheld cell phone.

You can still use hands-free features including:

- A speakerphone feature
- A voice-activated feature or device

- A hands-free accessory device like a Bluetooth
- A driver may press the button(s) necessary to use, activate or end these features or devices.
- The handheld cell phone ban does not apply to a GPS unit that is separate from a cell phone.
- You cannot text, talk or hold your cell phone while driving.

There are some exceptions, including calling for fire, police or ambulance in case of a bona fide emergency. That means there must be imminent danger to life or safety.

To call a doctor, hospital or clinic.

A government employee, first responder, or volunteer – but only while acting in official capacity with an immediate need to give or receive necessary official information.

Citations will be issued starting November 11, 2013. Fines can be up to \$500.

You have been warned.

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VMX-22, 2nd MSOB test Osprey software update

Story & photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Coleman, USMC

Marine Operational Test and Evaluation Squadron (VMX) 22 conducted Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel (TRAP) missions in Colorado Springs, Colo., to test the biannual software update of the MV-22B Osprey, Sept. 20-25.

VMX-22 went with 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion (MSOB) to the higher altitude in Colorado to push the Osprey to its limits.

"VMX-22 executed all planned testing and collected a great amount of data at the higher-density altitude," said Maj. Sam Clark, VMX-22 projects officer.

Three MV-22B Ospreys took off early Friday morning and completed a 1,350-nautical mile TRAP mission, followed by shorter TRAP exercises.

"We focused on the TRAP mission starting with the long-range mission from New River to Pinion Canyon; the other missions conducted were shorter range TRAP missions to Pinion Canyon and Leadville," Clark said. "The longer TRAP mission provided the needed

mission profile for our test to give us a broad range of test data that could be collected."

MV-22B Osprey software update helped the pilots of VMX-22 have more control over the cyclic, commonly referred to as the "stick" while hovering 20-30 feet above the ground; the update also cleared up some other glitches within the system.

The Marines worked from sunrise to sundown to get as much testing as possible done in the time spent in Colorado.

"The test ensured that the new software in the MV-22B that will go to the fleet later this fall is acceptable for the missions the fleet users will be executing," Clark said.

Marines from 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion extract U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Tim Welsh during a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft Personnel exercise near Colorado Springs. The exercise was to test the fleet readiness MV-22B's software update.



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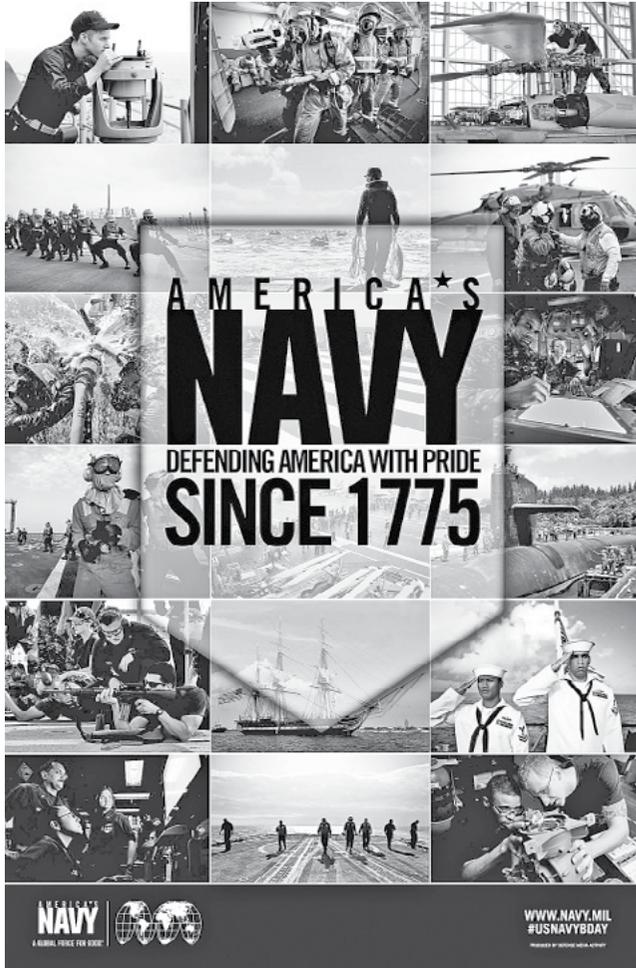
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SECNAV, CNO, MCPON wish Fleet a Happy 238th Birthday



from Navy Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, Chief of Naval Operations Jonathan Greenert, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens joined forces in a video birthday message to the fleet.

"This year on Oct 13 the United States Navy marks its 238th birthday," Mabus said.

"Since our beginning in 1775, our Navy has defended America with pride – a tradition that continues today.

"As Secretary of the Navy I have the honor and privilege of working with the finest men and women our country has to offer. This was the case 238 years ago and remains as true today as it was at our Navy's inception.

"On any given day our Sailors are deployed around the world providing a constant presence, defending the American people and our nation's interests. We are and will continue to be America's away team, the finest expeditionary fighting force the world has ever known.

"So today as we reflect on our heritage, I want to thank all of you for what you do in the service to our Navy and for our country. Happy birthday, Navy! Semper Paratus!"

For their portion of the message, Greenert and Stevens met at the Washington Navy Yard's Navy Museum in front of a display commemorating the battle of Lake Erie, which according to Greenert, was "perhaps the most dramatic and important battle in the War of 1812.

"It was at this battle that our Sailors really showed their mettle, really showed their tenacity, and, in fact, were the asymmetric advantage for our forces.

"Today, the all-volunteer force – you – are our asymmetric advantage. So think about that as we celebrate our 238th birthday."

"For 238 years our Navy has overcome enormous

challenges and faced adversity," said Stevens. "We've risen with those challenges and built a reputation as the strongest naval force the world has ever seen.

"We work daily among a rich landscape of ships, bases and waterways. But it's not the environment that keeps our Navy moving forward, it's our people! This is our heritage!"

"So let's remember the importance, as we look ahead, of our tenets of today: warfighting is first, we operate forward, and we will be ready," said Greenert.

"We will use the genius of our diverse force – our all-volunteer force – and we will be where it matters when it matters, because that's what you and I are about: our great Navy of today!"

"Thank you for your service shipmates! I'm proud to serve with you!" concluded Stevens.

"And thanks to our Navy families. None of us could do what we do without your love and support!"

YouTube Navy Birthday Videos

2013 Navy Birthday Leadership Messages:
<http://youtu.be/8JGW5xaT61g>

Navy 238th Birthday Music Video featuring imagery from around the fleet shot during the past year):
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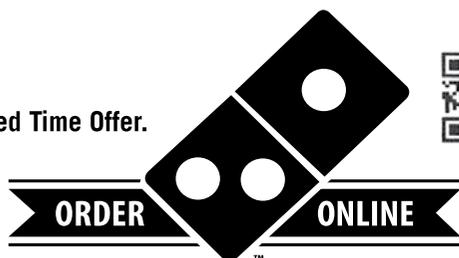
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Fire Prevention Week emphasized preventing kitchen fires

by NASCC Fire Chief John Morris

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services is joined forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind our residents to “Prevent Kitchen Fires.”

During this year's fire safety campaign, fire departments were spreading the word about the dangers of kitchen fires – most of which result from unattended cooking – and teaching local residents how to prevent kitchen fires from starting in the first place.

According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires.

Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen, more than any other place in the home.

Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

“Often when we're called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents tell us that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes,” said Mark Weil, NASCC Assistant Fire Chief.

“Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start.

“We hope that Fire Prevention Week helped us reach folks in the community before they've suffered a damaging lesson.”

Among the safety tips that firefighters and safety advocates emphasize:

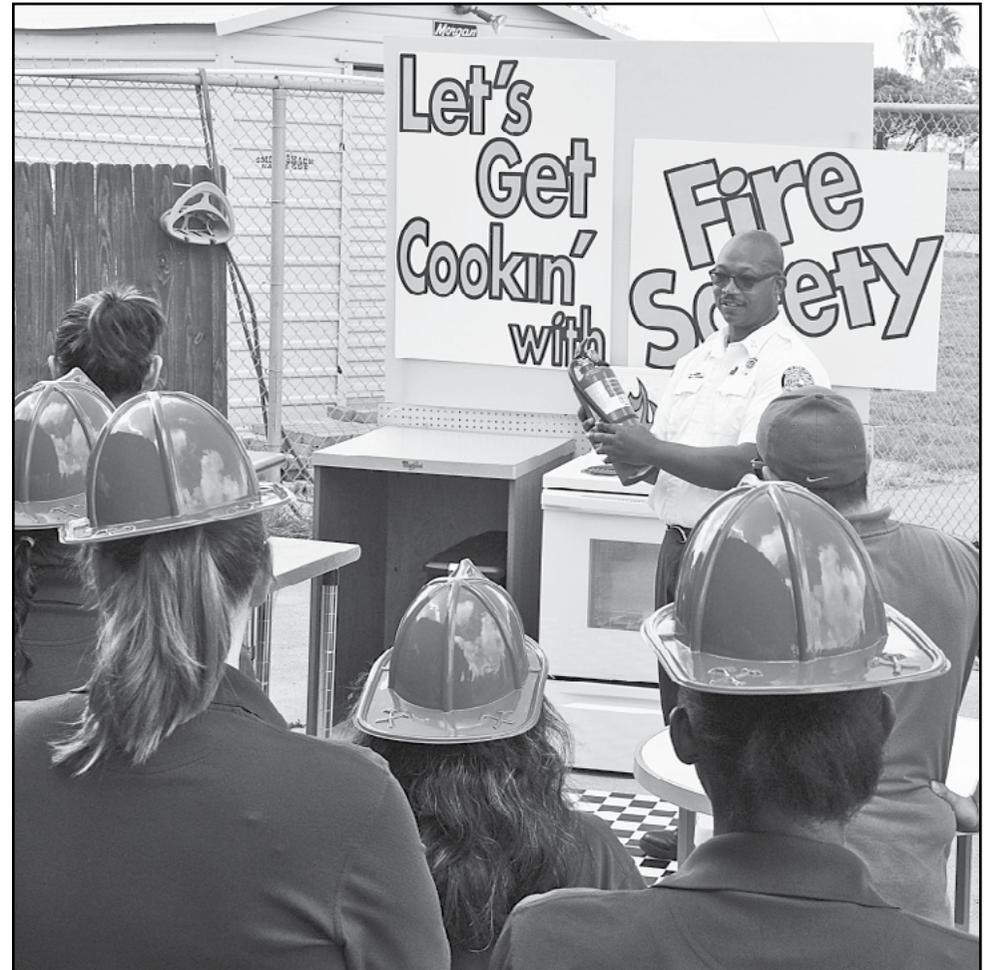
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.

- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

NAS Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services Capt. Maurice Phillips discusses kitchen fires and the types and use of fire extinguishers with NEX employees during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6 - 12.

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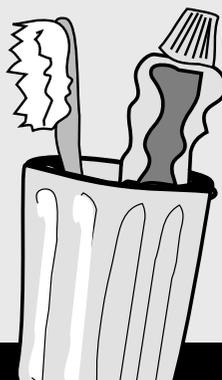
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New CPO Wolfe at NHCCC: What a finish to an amazing year!



Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF/SCW) Trevor M. Wolfe having his hat placed above his head by Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF) Greg A. Lassiter on stage with six other new Chief Petty Officers Sept. 13, during the CPO Pinning Ceremony at the Wings Auditorium.

Story & photo by Bill W. Love, NHCCC PAO

It was as though the khaki-covered Chief Petty Officer's combination cover was expressly designed for Trevor M. Wolfe – it fit perfectly when Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF) Greg A. Lassiter solemnly placed it on the new chief's head during a pinning ceremony Sept. 13, at the Wings Auditorium.

Six other new CPOs from various commands donned their uniform for the first time as well.

Lassiter, a former Naval Hospital Corps Christi staff member, had short notice to fly here from Gulfport, Mississippi.

"Trevor thought that Chief Dawn Robinson was going to place his hat on during the ceremony but I surprised him," said Lassiter, Wolfe's old buddy from Construction Battalion duty.

"I had to get down here in an awful hurry, and at the last minute, but here I am!

Before the celebration in a nearly packed auditorium, Wolfe was the leading petty officer in the Dental Department at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC).

Now that Wolfe's family has pinned his new anchors on his crisp khaki shirt, he is officially Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF/SCW) Trevor M. Wolfe.

"What a finish to an amazing year," he said.

"I have been blessed with an amazing family to support me through my career. I have been blessed to work with an outstanding group of fellow First Class Petty Officers, junior Sailors, wonderful civilians, mentors.

"This would have not been possible without your support and God's, thank you!"

Wolfe's status as a command super star is non-disputable.

Last November, Wolfe represented

NHCCC at the Navy Medicine East regional Sailor of the Year competition in Portsmouth, Va., along with 13 other outstanding Sailors in the NME enterprise.

He said that he was not expecting to win.

"I was in complete shock when the admiral announced my name," Wolfe then said in a telephone interview, "so many things rushed through my head, all of my peers were exceptional in every way.

"I didn't think I would be the one."

Rear Adm. Elaine C. Wagner, commander of NME, commander of Naval Medical Center Portsmouth and chief of Navy Dental Corps, made the presentation to Wolfe during a formation at historic Bldg. 1, the nation's first Navy hospital, established in 1830.

Then following the fiscal 2014 chief's selection board results, Wolfe and one other Sailor from the command became CPO selects.

Richard Armour, a Navy corpsman, served at Branch Health Clinic Kingsville until the beginning of September, when he deployed.

It was a tough break, according to NHCCC Command Senior Chief Mike Richardson, who said he would have liked for Armour to get pinned at the command.

But he indicated that he is happy, nevertheless, because now Armour is part of the mess even though he's overseas.

"I believe the selection board definitely got it right this year with the selection of these two Sailors. They have truly led their juniors and peers alike from the front and epitomize the core values necessary to become Chief Petty Officers," Richardson said.

"They are a welcomed addition to the Chief's Mess!"

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Children are twice as likely to be hit and killed by a car on Halloween compared to other days of the year.

Here are tips to keep children safe while enjoying the holiday.

from CNRSE Safety Office

Walk Safely

Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.

Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross. Walk--don't run, across the street.

Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.

Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be out at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out on their own, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.

Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.

Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

Double Check Candy and Costumes

Check treats for signs of tampering before children are allowed to eat them.

Remind children to eat only treats in their original, unopened wrappers.

Candy should be thrown away if the wrapper is faded or torn, or if the candy is unwrapped.

While glow sticks are good for visibility, remember that the liquid in glow sticks is also hazardous, so parents should remind children not to chew on or break them.

Look for non-toxic designations when choosing Halloween makeup.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

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Navy Ball - October 12



Naval Air Station Corpus Christi held its annual Navy Ball on Oct. 12, with guest speaker Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, Chief of Naval Air Training. It was an evening of honors and toasts, Navy Birthday Cake cut by the oldest and youngest Sailors - and good food and dancing. Photos by Senior Chief Ed Bennet



Awards and Achievements

Winging — October 11



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And the winner is...

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TABPHE Corpus Christi proudly presents our fall town hall forum "**College Success & Survival: Inspiring & Retaining Our Students for the New Reality**" at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1913 Mestina, CC, Texas on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 7 pm. The guest speaker will be Mr. Steve LeMons of Tarrant County College (Riverside Campus) Ft. Worth, Texas. This will serve as his encore presentation following a presentation at Del Mar College. For more information, www.delmar.edu/tabphe or www.facebook.com/tabphecorpuschristi

The Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education at Texas A & M University-Kingsville is proud to announce our 38th Annual Bilingual Education Conference titled "**Revisiting Academic Language Proficiency for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students**" held on October 25, 2013. We are excited Dr. Stephen Krashen will be our keynote speaker this year. Registration is \$100 for the public and \$25 for students. FMI contact the College of Education

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The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department is having a **Brisket Sandwich Plate Sale to benefit the Joe Garza Boxing Club on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 11am-2pm at the Joe Garza Recreation Center, 3204 Highland Avenue**. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new boxing equipment and uniforms. Since 2000, the Joe Garza Boxing Club has been training and mentoring local youth with a desire to perform their best in and out of the ring. Under the supervision of experienced, certified trainers, the program has trained kids for exercise and fitness benefits, as well as for competition. Many of our boxers have competed in state, national, and world competitions. The program is free and open to boys and girls ages 8 and older. Show your support for these young boxers. Plates are \$6.00 and tickets may be purchased at any of the City's recreation centers now until 7pm on October 23, 2013. For locations, visit www.ccparkandrec.com (click 'Recreation Centers'). FMI call the Joe Garza Recreation Center at 882-1408, Monday - Friday from 3pm - 7pm.

Blind Golfers to Hit the Green for a Good Cause - South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind is excited to announce its fourth annual charity golf scramble, **Birdies for the Blind**, to be held on **Friday, November 1st** at Corpus Christi Country Club. **There is still time to register!** Cost is \$150 per person (\$600 per team) and lunch will be provided. FMI www.stlb.net or call 693.6183.

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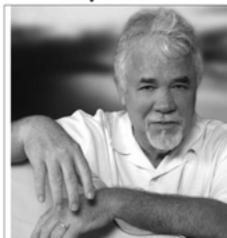
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New Exhibition by local artist, Sam Soles opens on November 2 at Harte Library. The Janet F. Harte Public Library and the Noel McArdle Gallery are pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition by local artist, Sam Soles, on November 2, 2013. Mr. Soles' mixed media exhibit is titled, Coastal Vision Series and Assorted Abstract Works. The public is invited to meet the artist at a free reception at the library and gallery on Saturday, November 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Noel McArdle Gallery is open during regular library hours and is located at 2629 Waldron Rd. in Flour Bluff. The exhibit closes on December 31, 2013. There is no charge to view the exhibit.

YWCA Yuletide Market - November 1st and 2nd with all proceeds benefitting YWCA's YWTeen Program which helps 5th and 6th grade girls gain valuable skills for positive decision-making and a lifetime of achievement. \$5 admission. YWCA Yuletide Market Luncheon on Friday November 1st at 11:30 AM featuring speaker and nonverbal communication expert, Jan Hargrave - individual tickets are \$65, and sponsorships are available. On Friday evening, the Shop & Sip Mixer will take place giving you a chance to shop for a great cause and mingle with friends - admission is only

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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Kinesiology Students to Host L.E.G.A.C.Y Run Nov. 9th Benefitting Family Outreach - The fourth annual 10K/5K L.E.G.A.C.Y. Run benefitting Family Outreach Corpus Christi will be November 9th, at 7:30 a.m. on the Texas A&M Corpus Christi campus. Let's Eliminate the Generational Abuse of our Children and Youth (L.E.G.A.C.Y.) proceeds will provide free counseling to reduce abusive patterns in the family. \$30 pre- registration/\$35 on-site for the 10K run; \$20 pre-registration/\$25 on-site for the 5K run; and \$10 pre-registration/\$15 on-site for the 1 mile (children only) run. FMI www.familyoutreach-cc.org.

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Current budget and manning constraints mean the DEA can only hold a single pickup this fall, at Corpus Christi Army Depot headquarters, Building 8, 308 Crecy St.

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Buyer Beware!! What every new or used car buyer needs to know

by Lt. Jacque Leonard, JAGC, USN

In the market for a new or used car?

Purchasing a vehicle is an exciting time, but also involves a major decision.

Follow these guidelines, and you'll walk into the car-buying situation more informed about how to protect yourself.

People typically buy cars from either a dealership or private individual.

If the seller is a private individual, the car is sold "as is" and without any warranty unless your contract specifies coverage.

When the seller is a dealership, it's important to know about the "implied warranty of merchantability," a term that describes the promises made by the dealership about the car's condition.

The implied warranty of merchantability is a contract law concept of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The UCC provides guidance to states and parties to a contract, but in order for the UCC to apply to a contract, either a state must codify the UCC into its state laws (which many states have done) or parties must include it as a governing authority to a contract.

The warranty of merchantability means that the seller promises the vehicle will do what it is supposed to do, and that the car's basic functions are operational.

However, the warranty of merchantability does not cover everything that could go wrong with a car.

It's still very important that you fully inspect a car before buying it from a dealership.

The warranty of merchantability is also "implied," meaning that it can be modified or excluded whenever a dealership includes its own warranties in a vehicle sale.

In order for a dealership to modify or exclude the implied warranty of merchantability, it must expressly use the term "merchantability" and, if the modification/exclusion is in writing, the writing must be conspicuous to the potential buyer.

When a dealership provides its own written warranty and any other warranty is expressly disclaimed, those terms and conditions govern the sales contract and any implied warranty does not apply.

Therefore, it's essential to read a dealership's warranty so that you understand what repairs are covered, what promises are made, and whether purchasing a dealership's extended service contract is worthwhile.

Purchasing an extended service contract is generally a cost-effective decision if the extension contract costs less than the anticipated repair costs for that vehicle.

On a used car, the best place to look for information about whether the vehicle is being offered with a warranty included is the Buyer's Guide, which must be posted in every used car sold by a dealership in every state except Maine and Wisconsin.

The Buyers Guide must state:

- Whether the vehicle is being sold "as is" or with a warranty;
- What percentage of the repair costs

a dealer will pay under the warranty;

- That spoken promises are difficult to enforce;
- That the buyer should get all promises in writing;
- To keep the Buyers Guide for reference after the sale;
- The major mechanical and electrical systems on the car; and
- To ask to have the car inspected by an independent mechanic before purchasing.

The Buyers Guide becomes part of the contract at the time of the sale and any guarantees within it override any of the contract's restrictions.

If you see the terms "as is," "with all faults," or other words clearly stating that there are no implied warranties, then the warranty of merchantability does not apply, and BUYER BEWARE!

A vehicle sold "as is" means that all warranties are disclaimed and the vehicle is being sold in whatever its current condition may be.

There are no promises about its quality or durability and the duty is completely on the buyer to inspect the car and know of its condition.

The UCC also includes an implied warranty of fitness. This means that statements made by a dealership about a vehicle's suitability for a particular purpose represent warranties.

If a dealership advertises that a car can haul a trailer, a customer buys it for that purpose, and the car cannot actually haul a trailer, the dealership has breached the implied warranty of fitness.

This is only implied and can be excluded or modified by a dealership's own warranties.

Many states have incorporated the UCC into state laws on vehicle sales, and some states have even built upon the consumer protections in the UCC.

Texas has incorporated the warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose into its state laws.

A dealership can modify/exclude these implied warranties with its own warranties, but any such warranty must be in writing.

Texas requires the Buyers Guide in a used car to list exactly what parts and services are covered under a warranty and for how long; and if the sale is conducted in Spanish, the Buyers Guide and all required contract terms must be in Spanish.

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