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## New Year's Eve Casino Night at Catalina Club



Revelers prepared to bring in the New Year with a 'no-cash casino night' at the Catalina Club that also included live music,

dancing and breakfast following the New Year's toast.

Photo by Bob Torres

## 2013 a busy year for NASCC Fire & Emergency Services

by NASCC Fire Chief John Morris

As we close out 2013 and look back, it was another busy year for NAS Corpus Christi Fire and Emergency Services Department in our mission to "Protect Those Who Defend America."

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Our personnel were dispatched to 1,183 emergencies, including: 22 fires (eight on station and 14 automatic aid off-station fires); 223 Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls; eight vehicle accidents; 28 HazMat incidents; 517 airfield incidents; and 385 other incidents.

Some highlights to this activity included an exceptional response to a significant release of Nitric Acid,  
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Firefighters in HazMat suits are decontaminated after exiting the area of a nitric acid spill in April after a failed valve spilled about 200 gallons. Ultimately, the spill was contained within three hours without injury or significant environmental impact.

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# Skipper's Column

## Cooperate and Keep Moving

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



Edgecomb

First I would like to welcome everyone back from the Holidays and wish you all a Happy New Year.

It certainly seems to be shaping up to be a cold winter.

Let me start 2014 by complimenting the over-

whelming majority of officers, enlisted Sailors, civilian employees, dependents and retirees who live on, work on or otherwise visit Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

The vast majority of you do a fantastic job getting to and from the base every day without incident, but I would like to take a moment to talk about some issues that come up from time to time, and that I think deserve additional emphasis.

First, I would like to talk about security at the gate. Most of you enter the gate every day with your identification out and ready and without incident.

But from time to time individuals find themselves in an argument or altercation with the security force.

I would be the first to state that we are not perfect and there may be occasions where you have a valid complaint concerning the conduct of security.

It is appropriate in these instances to point out the discrepancy in the spirit of continuous improvement and then to continue on with the business of the day; however it is never appropriate to get into an argument or other altercation with security personnel.

The nature of what security does and what they are responsible for does not lend itself to verbal altercations.

If you feel you have not been treated appropriately and/or do not think your concerns were addressed at the time of the incident, end the conversation, before it becomes an argument, and take the matter up with my Security Officer, XO, or me directly.

We will take your concerns seriously, but we would rather focus on the issue instead of the emotion, and your position will be strengthened if you avoided the temptation to argue with the sentry.

I would also like to remind everyone about the danger associated with the Final Denial Barrier at the main gate.

We have reduced the speed limit, put in speed bumps and added signs to reduce the risk of impact should the barrier deploy – but we still need your vigilance.

When someone attempts to access the base without authorization the barrier will deploy and it will block both incoming and outgoing lanes.

So please obey the speed limit and watch for the warning lights when transiting between the two speed bumps. That is where the barrier deploys.

Finally make sure you understand the directions from the sentry. If he instructs you to stop or turnaround and you chose to ignore that direction, the barrier will be deployed and you may be held accountable for any damage caused as a result.

## Chaplain's Message

by Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

Another year, come and gone! We must now set our thoughts upon the New Year and what 2014 will hold.

I must confess, as I started thinking about what plans I must make and about the various programs and other significant events that will occur, a small amount of anxiety started creeping in.

Although Christmas time is over (one of the busiest times of the year for Chaplains), my schedule for the next two months has already filled and even plans for Easter are now underway.

In my business and stressful thoughts of planning, I have found that there are a few very practical ways I can keep from being overwhelmed by it all.

Keep a well-organized calendar and daily schedule.

Although there are a few occasions when I might miss an appointment or event

out of forgetfulness, I find that having a visible reminder such as a desktop planner, appointment book, or important events planning memo is extremely helpful in maintaining my sanity.

If you are stressed about remembering an important date, chances are that it will slip your mind. Write it down! Don't stress the things over which you have no control.

Do everything you can to assure success in the planning of an event, important date, activity, etc., and then let it go. Even Jesus commented on the matter by stating in Scripture, "Do not worry....." (Matthew 6:25).

Don't over-commit.

This is one that I continue to struggle with. How many times have you waited at the doctor's office with a room full of people, knowing that only one at a time can see the doctor? Or have been at the airport when the

## Looking Ahead

flight attendant announce that the flight is overbooked and volunteers are being given vouchers for other flights? In these instances, it is about economy and efficiency in making money. Financial planners tell us that a certain amount of income should be set aside for unanticipated or emergency expenses. Why not do the same with our personal time? Allow for time to rest and account for unexpected time commitments.

These are but a few suggestions. I hope that your 2014 is filled with excitement and prosperity, and that you look forward to each new day!



Warne

## Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

I may be partially responsible for this issue's Skipper column topic.

See, I told him about my recent experience, driving up Lexington about 6 p.m. when an SUV comes roaring up behind me, well

over 30 mph, as I pass the golf course.

The driver encounters several vehicles, both lanes, as he or she gets into the 20 mph zone – and commences a game of auto slalom, cutting back and forth between vehicles and across the speed bumps, barely slowing down.

The SUV then accelerated rapidly out the gate.

Curious, as it passed the gate, I started the old paratrooper's count; "One thousand, two thousand,..."

By my estimate, the entire spectacle allowed the driver to get out the gate a whole 11 seconds sooner than I did – while risking

## Some Quick Thoughts

life and limb of everyone else on the road.

As my old platoon sergeant used to say, "That don't make no kinda sense."

If you were that driver... see page 7 for the list of Driver Improvement Classes being offered this month.

New year, new look.

With this first issue of 2014, I've made some minor design changes to the Wingspan, reflecting current newspaper design ideas.

It's rather subtle; if you figure out what changed, email me - I'm curious if anyone even notices.

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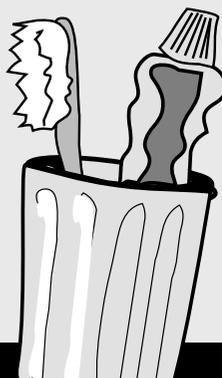
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The Chief of Naval Air Training, Rear Adm. Roy Kelley (right), and CNATRA Chief of Staff, Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth, present Diana Reynolds, Wilfred Merkel, Ray Vanderpool and Olga Pemberton awards for their combined 100 years of government service.

*Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA PA*

### Fire continued from page 1

where our teams worked tirelessly in fully encapsulated protective suits (Level A), and completed four grueling entries to safely and successfully mitigate this dynamic incident.

During this same time, with assistance from the City of Corpus Christi Fire Department, we also responded to six other emergencies, and coordinated with Air Operations to facilitate the closure and eventual reopening of the airfields as we brought in additional crews to assist at the incident.

Despite the complexity of this incident, the Air Station's mission was restored in less than five hours.

As part of a long-standing and highly beneficial automatic aid agreement with the Corpus Christi Fire Department, we responded to assist CCFD 69 times, and received assistance 86 times for Advanced Life Support ambulance transport at medical emergencies.

On one such off-base response, we received accolades for our innovative tactics at a multi-alarm storage facility fire, where deployment of our specialized Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting apparatus was pivotal in controlling this "out of control" fire that directly resulted in a significant reduction in property loss.

To better serve our community, in May 2013 we also implemented a Basic Life Support ambulance service.

This has reduced the average ambulance response time from 8 minutes 29 seconds to 4 minutes 17 seconds, effectively cutting in half the response time for initial transport

capability.

We continued to successfully partner with the City of Corpus Christi to provide us with Advanced Life Support when the nature of the illness or injury requires specialized advanced intervention.

Our highly dedicated Fire Prevention Division, also known as our "First Preventers," completed 465 comprehensive facility fire inspections and issued 491 permits for hazardous operations.

We surpassed 86,000 public education contacts on and off the base with on and off-base face-to-face contact, a far-reaching and locally produced public safety announcement video, and print, email and social media outreach.

### *Train Like You Fight and Fight Like You Train*

Our firefighters completed 30,292 man-hours of all hazards training, including technical rescue, firefighting, Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, Hazardous Materiel, Emergency Medical Service and leadership development.

Formal training also resulted in personnel being awarded 27 DoD Firefighter certifications following completion of necessary coursework.

Seven of our personnel are currently pursuing associate's, bachelor's, and graduate degrees, with two completing their bachelor's in Fire Service Administration in 2013, and three poised for 2014 graduation - including Assistant Fire Chief Mark Weil, who will be completing his master's in leadership through Oklahoma University.

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## Get most value from tax refund

by Ken Thorn, Fleet & Family Support Center

We're fast approaching Military Saves Week, Feb. 24 – March 1, and James Lander, Military Saves Director, has provided us with some tips on how to get the most bang from our income tax refund bucks.

Tax time is one of the few opportunities when low to medium-income households receive a sizable amount of money – especially if they take advantage of the earned-income tax credit.

While it may be tempting to spend that money on wants or needs, saving your tax refund can protect you from needing to turn to payday loans or high-cost credit later in the year, and can serve as the foundation to grow your savings.

Here are three ways to get the most value from your tax refund:

**Pay down your debt.** Use your refund for some much needed debt relief. Pay off your credit card balance.

Alternatively, you can apply your refund toward other debts, like a car loan or a home equity loan.

**Save for a rainy day.** Why not give yourself an even bigger return on your tax refund by putting the money into a share or savings account?

It's always helpful to have a savings account to draw from when a major car repair bill, medical emergency or other unexpected expense comes along.

That way, you don't have to borrow money and add to your debt-load.

**Consider your financial goals.** Trying to save for a house or car down payment?

Hope to contribute to your child's college tuition?

Consider applying your tax refund toward these goals.

If you don't yet have a set of short-term and long-term financial goals, get together with your Command Financial Specialist and put one together.

You'll be more conscientious about how you spend your refund or any other extra money that comes your way.

Remember, you work hard for your money and you deserve to enjoy a healthy financial lifestyle.

Put some thought into how you use your tax refund.

Making smart financial decisions is not always easy, but it will definitely benefit you and your family over the long term.

Need help finding ways to save?

Take the Military Saves pledge (<http://www.militarysaves.org/organizations/military-saves-week/sign-up-for-military-saves-week>) to make a commitment to yourself to save and receive emails and/or text messages to keep you motivated.

**Military Saves**, managed by the nonprofit Consumer Federation of America (CFA), seeks to motivate, encourage, and support low to moderate-income households to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth.

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## Filing a small claims lawsuit

by Lt. Sarah Aguero, JAGC, Legal Assistance Attorney

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If your answer to these questions is yes, you may be a good candidate to file your case in a small claims court.

### Small claims.

Depending on what state you live in, the maximum amount you can sue someone in small claims varies.

For our region, the following limits apply:

Texas: \$10,000  
Louisiana: \$2,000 (varies by parish also)  
Mississippi: \$3,500  
Georgia: \$15,000  
Florida: \$5,000.

The fee for filing your case will also vary by where the case is filed, but the fees are generally minimal (between \$25 and \$50).

Most courts will not allow you to sue someone for "stuff" – only the money value of that stuff. So if you last roommate took your X-Box when he moved out, you cannot sue him to get the X-Box back, but you can sue him for the amount of money the X-Box was worth at the time he took it.

Additionally, you can add the court fees to the total amount of your lawsuit.

### The court.

To file your case, you need to identify the court where you will file. Choose the court in the location where the wrong took place, or where the defendant (the person you are suing) lives.

If the defendant lives out of state, you may not be able to take advantage of the small claims court, unless you are willing to take time off to travel to the other state, or hire an attorney to represent you in the out-of-state court.

### The paperwork.

Most small claims courts have forms you can fill out to submit your case.

If you have any doubts about completing this paperwork, make an appointment with your local legal assistance attorney to have it reviewed for you.

### Service of process.

"Service of process" means hand delivering the court documents to the defendant so they are on notice that they are being sued and will be required to defend themselves. This requires knowing where to find the defendant.

If the defendant is a business, you should visit your local legal assistance attorney for help identifying who from the business can accept service of process on behalf of the business.

If the defendant is a person, anyone over the age of 18 at their home can accept service on behalf of the defendant.

If the defendant is not properly served, it could lead to your lawsuit being dismissed or severely delayed.

Service can be accomplished in most places by paying a small fee to the sheriff's office. Otherwise, you will need to hire a



"process server."

Once you have a receipt that the defendant has been served, you will file that with the court as proof that the defendant is now on notice.

### Pre-trial Hearing.

Once the court receives notice that the defendant has been properly served, you and the defendant will receive notice from the court about the first hearing.

You will need to show up at the court on time on the day of the hearing. You should dress professionally. You should expect to wait several hours, if not all day.

### Mediation.

Some courts will require you to go through mediation before you can see the judge.

Mediation is an opportunity for the parties to reach a compromise before going before a judge.

If you and the defendant cannot reach an agreement, your case may either go before a judge the same day, or may be rescheduled for trial.

### Trial.

On the day of your court appearance, you will again need to show up on time to court dressed professionally, and expect to wait at least half a day, if not all day.

You need to bring all of your evidence to present to the court: receipts, pictures, lease, bank statements – whatever documents you need to prove that the defendant owes you the money you claim.

You should also prepare a statement to read to the judge, or at least notes so you remember to make all of your points when it is your turn to talk.

You may also call witnesses, but you will need to bring them with you to court.

Make an appointment with your local legal assistance attorney prior to your trial date for help preparing your case, especially if you plan to call witnesses.

### Judgment.

If you are successful in your claim, the judge will issue a judgment in your favor. You will use this judgment to collect the amount owed to you.

Try to get the defendant to pay you that day, if possible.

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## Collecting on a small claims judgment

by Lt. Sarah Aguero, JAGC, Legal Assistance Attorney

Did you get a court judgment against someone you sued, but he or she still refuses to pay you? How can you get your money back?

Collections is still one of the more difficult areas of the law.

The short answer to the questions above is to hire an attorney, whether the defaulting party lives in your state or in another state.

Collecting on a judgment when the debtor refuses to pay voluntarily is much more complicated than the small claims case itself was.

In most jurisdictions there are not sufficient resources to allow you to pursue your collections case without the professional help of an attorney.

If you sued someone who has no money, collecting from them when he or she refuses to pay voluntarily can be like trying to squeeze blood from a penny.

If they had money, they may not have put you through the trouble of the small claims case to begin with!

If you sued a person or a business with the means to pay you but who simply refuses to, below are some of the options available to you:

### Wage Garnishment.

Almost all courts will allow you collect your judgment from the wages of the person you sued.

This is provided that the person you sued has a job, you know where they work, and they don't quit that job after the judgment against them has been issued.

To collect from someone's wages, you will need a court order from the judge directing that the debtor's employer garnish the wages of their employee until the judgment is satisfied and turn the money over to you.

### Bank Garnishment.

You can also try to collect your judgment from the bank account of the person you sued.

This requires that the person have a bank account, you know where they have an account, and they don't change banks once they figure out you might try to collect in this way.

To find out where their bank account

is, you will have to file a motion in the court to force the other party to disclose this information to you.

To collect from someone's bank account, you will need a court order from the judge directing that the debtor's bank deduct the amount of the judgment from the bank account and turn the money over to you.

### Personal or Real Property Liens.

Another way to collect on your judgment is to get a court order to place a lien against any non-exempt personal or real property owned by the person you sued.

If the person you sued is not a person of means, they are not likely to have any personal or real property that is non-exempt.

In other words, you cannot take away the house that the person lives in, their only car, or the furniture they sit on.

You could force the sale of their boat or their 4-wheeler, in some cases, however.

To find out what assets the other party has, you will have to file a motion with the court to force the other party to disclose this information to you.

You could get a court order to place a lien against the property, allowing the sheriff to seize the property and sell it at a sheriff's sale, with the proceeds of the sale going to you to satisfy the judgment.

All of the remedies above require new court filings, following the judgment you received when you won your small claims case.

Our society no longer believes it is prudent to imprison people simply because they cannot afford to pay their debts.

There are more appropriate consequences, however, like placing the judgment against the other party's credit, getting liens against their property, and notifying their employer and their bank of their legal troubles.

These remedies are best handled by an experienced attorney.

If you would like more information or would like to find the legal assistance office closest to you, please contact us at any of our offices listed at [http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal\\_services/r1so/r1so\\_southeast.htm](http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/r1so/r1so_southeast.htm).

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Register now for the 2014 Captain's Cup Softball League at the E-Street Gym, building 102 by Jan. 29. League will start play on Feb. 4.

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## Powers of Attorney can ease problems

by LN1 Sharlissa Barefield

Deployments, PCS moves, TAD orders and other military travel do not always come at the most convenient times for us and our families.

Sometimes you are right in the middle of a major life event, like buying a house or sorting out custody of your children when you are called away from home.

Powers of Attorney can be very valuable documents, because they allow you to continue the business of your life even when you cannot be physically present.

Basically, you sign a legal document that gives the person you name as your "Agent" or your "Attorney-in-fact" the authority to act as if they are you.

These documents are great ways to plan for the future or to plan for worst-case-scenarios.

Giving these powers to your spouse or your parent before you leave home or go on deployment allows them to finish what you started, take care of your family, or in the worst case scenario, take care of you.

Powers of Attorney are also helpful in avoiding the expense of having a court appoint a Guardian to handle your affairs in the event you suffer an incapacitating medical condition.

A POA can be abused, and dishonest Agents have used them to enrich themselves and others.

That is why it is so important for you to appoint an Agent who is completely trustworthy.

### What is a Power of Attorney (POA)?

A Power of Attorney ("POA") is a legal document that grants legal powers to another person.

The person who signs the POA is called the Principal, and the person who is given the legal powers is called an Agent or Attorney-in-Fact.

### What are the different types of POAs?

A General Power of Attorney is a document that grants broad powers to make decisions about your every day affairs, like handling money, taking out loans, paying taxes, etc.

With a General POA, the Agent can make all the decisions that you could make.

If you execute a Durable POA, it is effective immediately, and stays in effect even if you suffer an incapacitating medical condition.

If you execute a Springing POA, it will not be effective *until* you suffer an incapacitating medical condition.

A General Power of Attorney can be time limited (for instance, the length of your deployment), can have an expiration date or not, or in the case of a Springing POA, can expire only when you recover from the incapacitating medical condition.

A Special Power of Attorney gives limited or specific powers to the Agent for a specific purpose.

Examples include buying or selling real estate, allowing a dependent to get an ID card without the service member spouse, taking care of household goods move, or taking care of your children.

Special Powers of Attorney are generally effective immediately and have an expiration date of one year or less according to your needs.

A Health Care Power of Attorney grants your Agent the authority to make decisions regarding your health care or treatment.

A health care power of attorney can be effective immediately, or effective only upon an incapacitating medical condition. It can have an expiration date, or it can last indefinitely.

For more information about POA's, please contact your nearest legal assistance office.

## CNATRA joins USO Holiday Lunch



Chief of Naval Air Training, Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, and Chief of Staff, Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth, take part in a USO-sponsored luncheon for Naval Air Station Corpus Christi's military, wives and families Dec. 18. Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA PA

## DoD ends sponsorship of Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN) website

by Commander, Navy Installations Command, Navy Housing Communications

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- On December 31, 2013, the Department of Defense ended its sponsorship of the Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN) website, AHRN.com.

AHRN is expected to continue to operate as a commercial listings website, offering the same level of service customers have experienced since it was created 10 years ago.

Terms and conditions are being updated to reflect the change in sponsorship. Registered users are encouraged to review them carefully to ensure they agree with any changes.

For service members going through a Permanent Change of Station (PCS), the local Navy Housing Service Centers will continue to provide high quality and free home finding services, including: needs assessment, counseling on housing options, and assistance with the leasing process.

"Navy Housing remains committed to assisting military members and their families with finding safe, suitable, and affordable housing, wherever they choose to live," said William Pearson, Acting Director of Navy Housing at Commander, Navy Installations Command.

"While AHRN will no longer be the tool for DOD-approved listings, Navy Housing will continue our tradition of quality customer service in managing and providing DOD-approved listings using other available tools."

Service members (Navy only) are encouraged to utilize the Housing Early Application Tool at [www.cnic.navy.mil/HEAT](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/HEAT) to learn about their housing options, including the availability of privatized housing in the continental U.S. (CONUS) /

Hawaii, military housing Outside CONUS, or to obtain lists of DOD-approved community listings that meet their needs.

To continue to provide these DOD-approved listings to customers, Navy Housing will continue its relationship with property managers who offer community housing. Property managers wishing to list a DOD-approved property in 2014 can contact their Navy Housing Service Center for local listing processes.

Service members and property managers can contact their Navy Housing at any time and for any reason through a variety of means, including visiting the official website: [www.cnic.navy.mil/Housing](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Housing), through Navy Housing social media (Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and YouTube), and via email [NavyHousingHQ@navy.mil](mailto:NavyHousingHQ@navy.mil).

Local Navy HSC contact information can be found at [www.cnic.navy.mil/HousingQuickReference](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/HousingQuickReference).

Service members from other branches of DOD are encouraged to reach out to their respective housing representatives for information on housing referral services.

Contact information for Army Housing can be found at [www.housing.army.mil](http://www.housing.army.mil), and Air Force Housing can be found at [www.housing.af.mil](http://www.housing.af.mil).

Additionally members of the US Marine Corps and US Coast Guard are encouraged to contact base leadership for local housing assistance.

Navy Housing has a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions for the end of DOD sponsorship of AHRN on their website: [www.cnic.navy.mil/AHRNFAQs](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/AHRNFAQs).

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For details, visit [http://www.commissaries.com/press\\_room/press\\_release/2013/DeCA\\_76\\_13.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/press_room/press_release/2013/DeCA_76_13.cfm).

## Applications for 2014 Scholarships for Military Children available

Applications for the 2014 Scholarships for Military Children Program became available Dec. 3 at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 28.

Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods, not emailed or faxed.

This year's award amount has risen to

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Applicants should ensure that they and their sponsor are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database and have a military ID card.

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**January Low Cost Vaccine and Wellness Clinics** - The Cattery is hosting Wellness Clinics for your cats and dogs! Vaccines, flea/tick treatment, heartworm prevention, heartworm tests, Feline Leukemia/Feline Aids tests, microchips and more! January Clinics are on Tuesdays and the remaining dates are 1/14, 1/21 and 1/28! Please call 445-4349 or email [mash@thecatterycc.org](mailto:mash@thecatterycc.org) for an appointment! Walk-ins are also welcome from 9-1pm

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hosted at 9am on the second Saturday of each month near the pavilion at the Salinas Park, located at 1354 Airport Road (78405). Join us for the first walk on **January 11, 2014**. Before each walk a doctor will make a brief (less than five minutes) presentation on a health topic and then join the walkers as they all make their way around the Salinas Park trail. This is perfect for people who don't like to go it alone. It is a proven fact that some people stick with their fitness program when it is done with others. Plus it's more fun that way and the time passes quickly. This program was inspired by the book entitled *A Year of Being Well*. To learn more, visit [www.bewellbook.org](http://www.bewellbook.org). For more information about this walking program, please call the Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department at 361-826-PLAY (7529) or visit [www.ccparkandrec.com](http://www.ccparkandrec.com) (click 'Health & Fitness').

H-E-B is inviting Texans to act on those resolutions to get healthy in 2014 by joining the **Slim Down Showdown Challenge**, a 10-week, online healthy living course developed for H-E-B's annual Slim Down Showdown competition. To help motivate customers, H-E-B will kick off the year with a two-week, in-store Start Fresh Fest featuring samples, cooking demonstrations and savings



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by Tina Konwerski

on healthy items. The Start Fresh Tour, a 12-week mobile tour, will travel around the state creating healthy pop-up festivals in the parking lots of 48 H-E-B stores. **Registration for the Slim Down Showdown Challenge is open now through Jan. 17 online at [Heb.com/slimdown](http://Heb.com/slimdown).** Logging eight weeks of continuous activity will enter contestants in a random drawing to win up to \$1,000 in H-E-B gift cards. Though the Slim Down Showdown Challenge runs from Jan. 6 through March 30, the online course is available to anyone, any time of the year. It's never too late to get started. **In addition to the free online course, H-E-B is offering low-cost packages for employers to host a weight loss challenge in their workplace.** Options include classes facilitated by a registered dietitian, aggregate reporting to track collective progress and "train-the-trainer" sessions that teach companies how to run the program in-house. As H-E-B does every second Saturday, stores with a pharmacy will offer free health screenings on January 11 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. On Jan. 11-12, all products in H-E-B Healthy Living sections will be offered at a 20 percent discount.

**Special Olympics announces partnership with Charity Miles** - Smartphone app encourages fitness and fun, while

supporting the movement. Special Olympics is now an official partner of Charity Miles <http://www.charitymiles.org/> a smart phone app that tracks exercise mileage and allows users to raise money for different causes. The app is free and simple to use. Users just launch the app, choose Special Olympics as their preferred charity and either walk, run or cycle. Special Olympics - and Special Olympics Texas - will then earn money for every mile logged. Walkers and runners earn 25¢ per mile; cyclists earn 10¢ per mile. The Charity Miles app, iPhone and Android compatible, is GPS-enabled and easy to use. Users can track their time, mileage and funds raised for their favorite causes.

**January 11, 2014 - 32nd Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival** - Join us in celebration of the 32nd Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival with three performance times at: 3 pm, 5 pm, and 7 pm. Hosted by: First Christian Church at 3401 Santa Fe. Cost: Free, but non-perishable items will be collected for the Food Bank of Corpus Christi.

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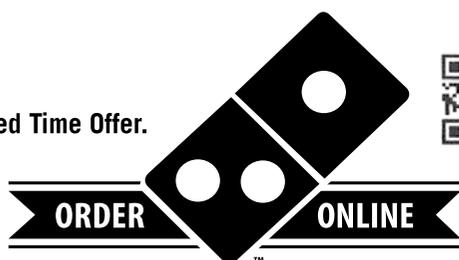
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2 tablespoons soy sauce  
1 pound boneless round steak, cut into bite size pieces  
1/4 teaspoon chopped fresh ginger root  
1 clove garlic, minced  
4 cups chopped fresh broccoli

In a small bowl, combine flour, broth, sugar, and soy sauce. Stir until sugar and flour are dissolved.

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Death

## Caffeine

Vomiting

Diarrhea

Toxic to Heart

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## Avacado

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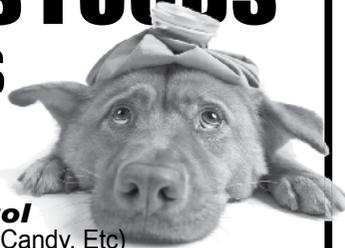
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