



HAPPY BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to Na La Mia and her husband Zaw Lay on the birth of their son Jackson Lin who was born September 13. Both mama and son are doing well. Congratulations also to proud daddy BanYar Mon whose son R Mnoi Mon was born on August 12. Welcome to the Craven Literacy Council family, Justin and R Mnoi!

My Story About Getting A Better Job

By Sutthinee Youngbloom



When I quit the job, I relaxed 2 weeks. Then my friend told me about the office Adecco. My husband got an application for me. I had applied by phone for some hotels in New Bern earlier.

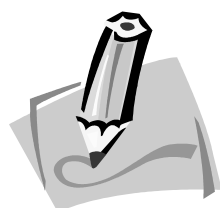
I had an interview with Jennifer at Adecco. I had taken a test for this job. Jennifer showed me around the factory. "Maybe I can do it" I thought.

She asked me what I wanted to do. I liked packing. But I started to build the faucets. One month later I could pack.

When I started on February 6, 2012, I started on the second shift. I'm happy with my job.

My Name is Saw Mon

I was born in Mon Country on May 15, 1968. We lost the country 200 years ago. The Burmese Government were killing the Mon people and all the other cultures in the country. The country is now controlled by the Burmese Government.



My husband Javana Nai and I left for Thailand. We waited for several years for a sponsor to come to America. I am learning how to read and write with the help of TCLC (the Craven Literacy Council.) Thank you to all who made this possible.

With Gratitude,
Saw Mon

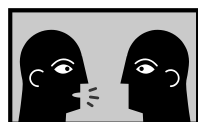
REMEMBER!

Call your tutor *right away* if you know that you cannot come to class! Don't wait until class time to call. Thank you!



For ESL Students

The Conversation Group returns on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00! Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.



Read All About It!

Craven Literacy Council's Student Newsletter

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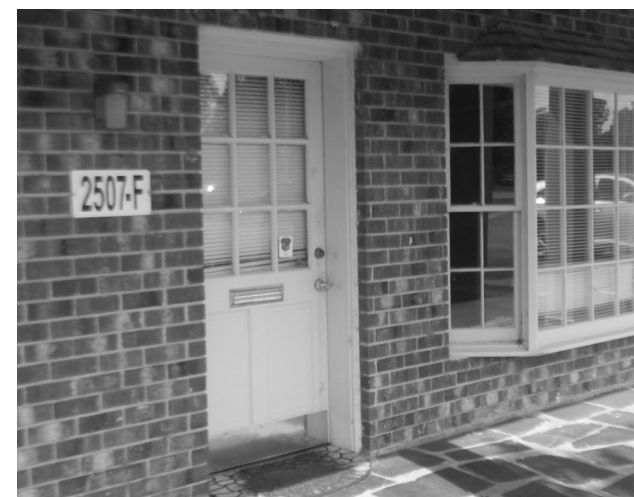
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Student Stories

SEND IN YOUR STORIES

Write a story or poem for the next newsletter.



Craven Literacy Council is Moving!!

Craven Literacy Council is moving to a different location! We are moving to 2507-F Neuse Blvd. **Beginning on November 19, 2012**, we will be located in the Town Park Plaza (which is across the street from Neuse Blvd. Cinema and near Osaka Restaurant.) We are looking forward to seeing you in our new place.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST U.S. CITIZENS!

NuNu Aye, Paw Hla, and Eliseo Ruiz! All recently passed their Citizenship interviews. Thank you – and congratulations – also to their tutors Patti Peebles, Susan Broderick, and Dawn Howe.



My Autobiography

By Jeffery Sawyer

I was born on August 8th, 1959 in Bayboro, North Carolina. I grew up in Bayboro, too. My whole family is from North Carolina. I have always enjoyed singing in the men's gospel choir.

My favorite holiday is Christmas. I spend the day with my sisters, Lori and Sandra. We celebrate by giving gifts. And then we eat turkey and ham.

My tutor and I are different in what our religions are. I am a Baptist and she is a Catholic. I go to church where the Reverend Bell is my preacher. She goes to Mass and Father Paul is her priest. My tutor and I are the same because we are both Christians. We are similar because we both love Jesus, go to church on Sunday, and we both praise God!



My Summer

By Argelia Contreras



This summer my family and I traveled to New York City. I enjoyed it so much. My children, nephews, nieces, Mom, sister, and brother-in-law stayed in New York 5 days. They are back in Virginia Beach, but they are not enjoying their stay because it is raining. My sister Beatriz had a birthday party for her little boy. His name is Jacob, and he is one year old. All of the family enjoyed the party.

Learn English

By Naw Naw

When you arrive in a new country, you face a lot of problems. The major problem is you cannot speak their language.



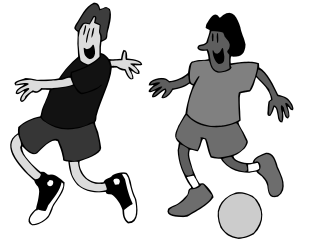
America's first language is English. If you plan to live in America, you need to speak and write English. I don't mean that you forget your own native language. When you speak the English language, it will facilitate your life. Maybe you can find a job easier. In your work, you can communicate with your supervisor and co-workers more effectively. When you go anywhere such as a Job agency, Social Services, and Health Department, they will serve you happier because you can speak their language.

Life in America is not easy. Everyone has to struggle for their living. Even me, I can speak English. I am struggling for my living. People who can't speak English, I would like to encourage them to take extra time to learn it. When you can do it, you can educate yourself in many ways such as through reading. America is freedom country. No matter who you are you do it and you get it. Nobody can control your life. Then education is never old.

Summer

By Beatriz Contreras

This summer I was glad to have my kids at home for vacation, but I'm happy too because they are going back to school. I already miss them. I miss hearing their voices at home yelling, running, and playing when they wake me up to cook something. More importantly, I miss them when we are together playing.



How I Became A Citizen

By Sein Mya

I came from Burma, but I am not Burmese. We are Mon people. I came to America on November 15, 2006. I did not know much English. I went to the Literacy Center to get a tutor. I spoke to Cathy Weiss, and she said that she would find a tutor for me.

I wanted to become a citizen because I want to stay in the United States always. The U.S. is my number one country.

I was very worried about taking the test and talking to the examiner. I studied for one year by myself, then for 8 months with my tutor. I learned to write and read. I learned about U.S. history and government. I learned the answers to 100 questions about the U.S. I practiced answers about my N400 application with my tutor.



I went to Raleigh to take the test on May 25. I was very excited. The test was easy for me. I went to the Citizenship Ceremony on June 8.

I want to thank my friends Camille Klotz, my tutor Kathy Travis, and Cathy Weiss and Donna Marshall at the Craven Literacy Council office.

A Nice Day But With A Friend

Richard Roy

We went on a field trip to the aquarium. We went through the small town of Beaufort. I saw hotels and high rise buildings and motels. My tutor wanted me to read the signs of information about everything we saw.

I really enjoyed the penguins and learned you had to feed them a certain way or they would not eat. They were molting the two sets of feathers that keep them from getting cold. The penguins were from Africa. I liked the otters because they were constantly swimming and moving up and down and waking each other up. I am glad I was able to read the information about what I saw at the aquarium. We went to the ocean to eat our McDonald's dinner. It was peaceful and calm.

