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Our Lady of Sorrows Celebrates Centennial



Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. *Contributed art.*

by Thomas Doyle, MBA

What started as a small mission in 1913 has grown into a parish of more than 1,700 families of believers.

Our Lady of Sorrows has officially turned 100 years old.

“The church was an adjunct to St. Mary’s Church,” said Father Daniel Houde, one of the parish priests. “It was intended for the Mexican-Americans in the area. It originally had the name ‘Mission Dolores’ or ‘Mission Sorrows.’”

In 1919, the little chapel became a true parish and gained its present name.

“The church was partially destroyed by fire in 1930,” Houde said. A new and larger church was built and dedicated that same year.

In 1952, a new building was constructed to house the growing congregation of the Parish.

“That remained until 1999 when there was a flood in this area and there was over six feet of water in the church,” Houde said. When the church was dried out, they discovered termite damage

so severe that the roof might have collapsed.

That church building was torn down and the present building built on the site.

Another milestone in the history of the parish came with the arrival of two religious orders in 1943, one of priests and the other of nuns.

The Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary came from Mexico to help assist with religious instruction. The sisters remained for 70 years, departing only due to a lack of personnel.

The second order, The Order of the Most Holy Trinity and Captives, arrived that same year, and is represented by the two current pastors. The group dates back to 1198 when it was founded by St. John De Matha to ransom captives held by Muslims.

Our Lady of Sorrows is home to its own slate of organizations that do good works throughout the area.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society reaches out to the sick and the needy. The Legion of Mary visit the sick and the dying, pray the Rosary over them and bring them the Eucharist.

The parish also maintains a Shut In ministry to take the Eucharist to those who cannot come to the church to receive it themselves.

The Third Order of the Most Holy Trinity is an association of laymen and women who support the Trinitarian priests in their mission. The Catholic War Veterans is an organization of those who defended this country and were catholic, he said.

Of special importance is the Guadalupanas, who work to foster devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The lady was an apparition of the Virgin Mary who appeared to native Juan Diego in 1531 over the remains of an Aztec temple and instructed him to build a church there. He ran to his bishop, who asked for proof. The Blessed Virgin appeared again and showed Juan Diego a rose bush in bloom in September. He gathered them in his cloak and took them to his

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Republican Party county chair seeks third term

by Thomas Doyle, MBA

Michael Cloud is seeking his third term as the chairman of the Victoria County Republican Party. Over the last four years he said the party has accomplished many hallmarks.

“We’re on better financial standing,” he said. “We’ve got some fail safes in place to insure we always operate in the black.”

The party has also built a substantial database of volunteers to allow the organization to more efficiently mobilize for action when needed, he said.

“We’ve done a lot more in web and social media just to try to open up access for people in our community to stay connected.” Cloud said.

The coming political season will bring a great opportunity for people locally, statewide and nationally to choose the path government at all levels will follow, he said.

“Local races have a special place in my heart just because of the impact people are able to have,” he said. “You can have a lot more impact in a local race than in state or national races on what your vote has the ability to influence.”

On the state level, the Governor’s race will be of particular interest in 2014, Cloud said.

“Every liberal-leaning force in America is going to be basically running against whoever our candidate for governor is on the Republican side,” he said. “Texas stands as a bright, shining beacon of conservative principles that are working... They’d very much like to do away with this example we have in our nation of conservative principals working so well.”

He noted that the vast majority of contributions for gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis are coming from outside of Texas.

While some may find the primary process divisive, Cloud said it is an important part of the political process whether a candidate is opposed or not.



Republican Party County Chair Michael Cloud seeks third term. *Contributed photo.*

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City and County of Victoria have big plans in 2014

by Thomas Doyle, MBA

The governments of the City and County of Victoria have big things in store for 2014.

Charmelle Garrett, city manager,

mentioned the changing of the calendar year isn't as big of a deal for the city, since its fiscal year runs from October to September.

But the calendar year still holds many good things for city resi-

dents.

"We're doing a retail study to look at maybe what retail establishments and restaurants could be marketed for Victoria," she said. The report should be delivered in March, and will give the people of the city an idea of what new businesses may be coming to town in the near future.

The city is also extending Ball Airport Road and will build Fire Station No. 6 to support and protect that area, she said.

The city will also be installing a traffic signal at Business 59 and the Loop 463, and another at Carriage Drive and Mockingbird Lane near East High School. Hanselman Road will also be rehabbed and rebuilt, Garrett said.

"We'll continue utility replacement projects in downtown," she added.

The city will also complete a traffic signal study on US Highways 87,77, and Business 59. The city hopes to synchronize the lights to allow for a better flow of traffic, Garrett said.

"We're replacing the audio system at the community center," she added. "I think people that use community center will greatly appreciate that."

The county is continuing to work to make Victoria into an energy transportation zone, said County



City of Victoria city manager Charmelle Garrett. Contributed photo.



Victoria County Judge Don Pozzi. Contributed photo.

Judge Don Pozzi. Some \$619,000 will be spent to improve area roads in preparation. The county is also creating an advisory board for the project.

The county will also redo the Old Bloomington Road and Canal Road, which are receiving extra traffic due to the expansion of In-vista, Pozzi said.

In addition, the county is in the process of turning the old Hartman Distributing warehouse into a major hub for the county that will house Justice of the Peace Place 1, constable's office, records management, maintenance, and serve as a place to house forfeited vehicles seized by the county, he said.

This year, the county will focus heavily on improving the commercial air service situation at the Victoria Regional Airport. A study on how to improve the situation

will be delivered to the Commissioner's Court later this year.

The commissioners will also focus on continuing the economic development work they have engaged in the last three or four years to bring new industries to Victoria, Pozzi said.

"Hardly a day passes when we don't have someone or some company looking at economic development opportunities in Victoria County," he said.

Pozzi said the top goal will be to continue to work for the citizens of Victoria County to move forward on the positive developments of the last 10 years.

Garrett said she is looking on 2014 with great optimism.

"I think that 2014 is going to be a great year for Victoria," she said. "We're growing and a lot's going on."

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Flu activity is on the rise across Texas

H1N1 is Among Strains Circulating



Flu vaccine recommended. *Contributed photo.*

by John Michaelson

With flu activity on the rise across the state, doctors are urging Texans to protect themselves by getting vaccinated.

Chris Van Deusen, press officer for the Texas Department of State

Health Services, says the primary strain doctors are seeing now is the H1N1, which emerged in 2009 and hit adults and school-aged children especially hard.

“Pretty much all regions of the state are seeing elevated flu right now and so, we want to remind

people that it’s an issue,” he says.

“It is flu season for sure, so if they haven’t already, people should take time to get a flu shot to help protect themselves and their families.”

The H1N1 strain is among those covered with this year’s flu vaccine.

It is recommended for everyone ages six months and older and doctors say it’s especially important for those who have regular contact with high-risk populations.

That includes pregnant women, people with chronic health problems, young children and the elderly.

In addition to getting a shot, Van Deusen says some basic hygiene can also help a person avoid getting the flu or spreading it to others.

“Remember to do those things

your mother told you,” he points

out. “Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Cover coughs and sneezes. And if you’re sick - this maybe the most important one -

stay home.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), influenza kills nearly 25,000 Americans each year.

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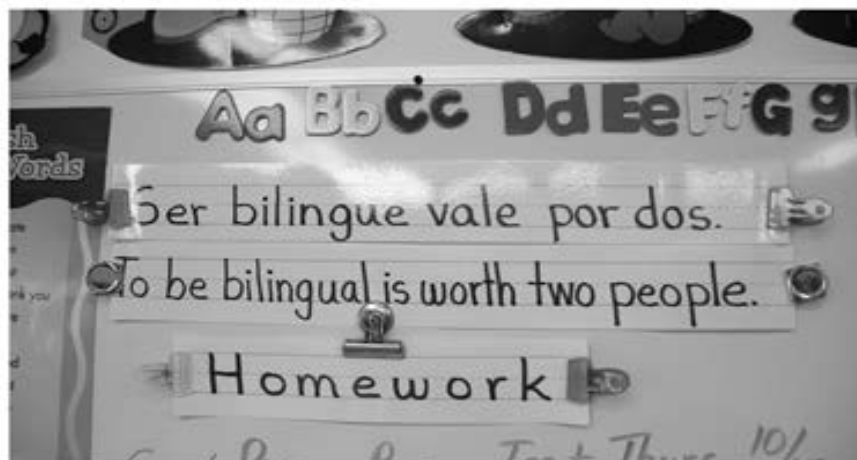
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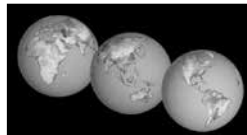
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Noticias del Mundo

por Santos Raya

VATICAN – El Papa Francisco salió en el cubierta de la revista Time. Fue llamado la persona del año 2013. El Papa ha estado en las noticias muchas veces este año pasado.

En su primer mensaje de Navi-

dad, El Papa Francisco pidió por la paz del mundo. El Papa también se acordó de los que viven en lugares donde hay mucha violencia y los que han sufrido a causa de las catástrofes naturales.

WASHINGTON, DC – El precio de las estampillas suben 6% comenzando el 26 de Enero 2014

se ha anunciado por el US Postal Service. El 6% indica que la estampilla va costar 49 centavos por cada una.

LONDON – El Príncipe William y su esposa Kate anunciaron que su bebe el Príncipe George la paso muy bien en su primer día de Navidad. Cuando llegaron a la iglesia un poco menos de mil personas los esperaban para verlos.

WASHINGTON, DC – Barack Obama y George W. Bush compartieron el avión presidencial, el Air Force One, cuando fueron al funeral de Mandela.

Este mes en Enero la Casa Blanca se prepara para una gran fiesta porque se va celebrar el cumpleaños de la First Lady Michelle Obama quien cumple 50 años de edad.

MEXICO – México le pide al gobernador de Texas Rick Perry aplazar la ejecución del Mexicano Edgar Tamayo. La fecha de la ejecución será el 22 de Enero 2014.

Tamayo fue condenado a muerte por matar al agente de policía Guy Gaddis en Houston, Texas y México quiere que este caso se investigue más.

IRAQ – Una iglesia cristiana fue



El Papa Francisco. Contributed photo.

atacada con bombas. Un mercado cerca también fue atacado y 38 personas mueren y decenas están heridas.

Los ataques en Iraq han subido desde hace cinco años.

CUBA – Elián Gonzales que hace 13 años su papa se lo llevo de los Estados Unidos para que se fuera a vivir con el después que la madre de Elián murió.

Elián dice que los Estados Unidos esta mal con el embargo contra Cuba. También dijo que el no tenia ninguna religión y que su dios es Fidel Castro.

BOGOTA, COLUMBIA – Paso finalmente una ley en Columbia por el abuso de los caballos. Las per-

sonas que abusan a los caballos se los van a quitar y los dueños no los tendrán nunca más.

REPUBLICA DOMINICANA – Regresa la cólera en América Latina desde Haití y ya llego a la Republica Dominicana donde ahora acaba de llegar en Cuba y México. Se pide muchas precauciones a todos.

El doctor Marcus Espinal, director del departamento de enfermedades transmisibles de la Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OPS) dijo a Efe que están “trabajando con todos los países para tener al día planes contingencia de preparación porque definitivamente hay un riesgo de expansión.”

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The following candidates have filed to run for public office in the March 4, 2014 primaries for the Texas Democratic and Republican parties.

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UHV students achieve best Texas university nursing exam pass rate

Recent graduates of the University of Houston-Victoria Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing have the highest first-time nurse licensing exam pass rate for universities in the state.

The first-time pass rate for UHV Second Degree BSN students was 97.3 percent on the National Council Licensure Exam-Registered Nurse, it recently was announced by the Texas Board of Nursing.

Students from 39 Texas universities took the exam from Oct. 1, 2012, to Sept. 30. The average

pass rate for university-prepared BSN students statewide was 86 percent.

"I'm extremely proud of our faculty and students," said Kathryn Tart, founding dean of the UHV School of Nursing. "I'm thankful to the administration, foundations and donors for supporting our work and our nursing staff. I'm also thankful for the support of our hospitals, clinics and health care providers. Nursing is a practiced profession. We are all concerned about our patients. We want the



UHV Dean Kathryn Tart. Contributed photo.

program was approved in 2008 by the Texas Board of Nursing. Tart said the board approved the program as an innovative way to address the state's nursing shortage. The UHV program allows students with a degree in another field to become Registered Nurses through a 12-month, intensive program.

"Most schools start with a traditional nursing program and then move into a second degree program, but we did it the opposite way," Tart said. "Moreover, our students graduate in December and have a better opportunity for beginning their careers instead of competing with all the May graduates. Employers find it valuable to hire graduates from UHV who have a BSN degree and a previous degree in another field. It is a win-win for the student and employer."

The composite test scores for the first four classes of UHV Second Degree BSN students were 88.2, 100, 97.8 and 100 percent for the most recent class. A 100 percent score means all graduates eventually passed the exam and are practicing nurses.

Tart said the school has kept pass rates high by solidifying its curriculum, hiring and retaining qualified faculty, choosing students through an innovative admissions process, and maintaining effective clinical partnerships.

"I want to convey my thanks to the terrific leadership, faculty and



UHV Provost Jeffrey Cass. Contributed photo.

staff of our School of Nursing for these results," said Jeffrey Cass, UHV provost and vice president for academic affairs. "The year-long Second Degree BSN program is demanding, and the subsequent examination is rigorous. It is wonderful news to hear how well our students are performing."

Besides being a source of pride, the NCLEX-RN exam results provide another indication to prospective students about the strengths of the UHV School of Nursing.

"The first-time test pass test results are made public because we practice in a public profession," Tart said. "Every hospital and school will know the results. The public can look up the results starting in January on the Texas Board of Nursing website."

For more information about the UHV School of Nursing, visit www.uhv.edu/nursing or call 877-970-4848, ext. 4370.

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Students who have completed an approved nursing program are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam. A passing score grants the test taker a Texas nursing license.

In the UHV School of Nursing, the test is taken by Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing students. A total of 36 UHV students passed the test during the time period. Students in UHV's other nursing programs had already passed the exam prior to studying at UHV.

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Caterpillar Inc. partners with Victoria College for \$422,829 job-training grant



TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presents a Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from Victoria College and Caterpillar Inc. Pictured from left to right are: Victoria College Board Vice Chair Luis Guerra, Workforce Solutions Golden Crescent Executive Director Henry Guajardo, state Rep. Geanie Morrison, Chairman Alcantar, Victoria College President Dr. Tom Butler, Caterpillar Human Resources Manager Chris Heitzmann, and Victoria College Board Members Josie Rivera, Catherine McHaney, John Villafranca and V. Bland Proctor. Photo Courtesy of Victoria College. *Contributed photo.*

Caterpillar Inc. has partnered with Victoria College to provide job training using a \$422,829 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train 180 new workers in assembly, warehouse vehicle operations, production welding, lean manufacturing and production qual-

ity awareness, and safety. Those trained will include production technicians and warehouse associates.

“Skills grants deliver customized training solutions that help Texas employers and workers succeed in the marketplace,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “This investment builds not only employee skills, but the capabili-

ties of our community colleges to the benefit of employers and the community. We are pleased to make this investment.”

From the program’s inception in 1996 through 2012, Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 286,000 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted 3,901 employers with their customized training

needs. The Legislature appropriated \$48.5 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2012-13 biennium. Employers seeking

more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at <http://skills.texas-workforce.org>.

What the hack?



Contributed art.

by Santos Raya

I’ve been hacked! My computer is my enemy now. I can’t buy anything online. Have to be careful. I can’t communicate with friends through e-mails. I call my bank several times a day to check if I still have any money.

The hacker is like a dark shadow waiting to see what letter on the keyboard I am going to tap on! The hacker wants numbers, bank account numbers! But I already know the hacker is there. Does the hacker know I know?

Had the computer fixed. But there’s a new hacker there! I just know!

What the hack is going on? I’m referring to the hackers who do nothing but getting into everybody’s business to steal, steal, and steal some more!

They want information on everything, private life but more than that your hard earned money, all of

it!

This isn’t something new. Hacking started with the cave men! Yes, really. Several people in caveman history started drawing pictures in their caves with new inventions like fire, the wheel,

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Charlando de TV y Cine

por Gloria Rivera

¡Hola! Que cosas pasan. La talentosa actriz Ana Brenda acaba de terminar su telenovela “Corazón Indomable” con mucho éxito y también ¡acaba de ver a su esposo, el torero, Alejandro Amaya con

otra mujer!

Ana Brenda y Alejandro se casaron por el civil en Las Vegas hace unos meses. Hicieron planes para casarse por la Iglesia después que la novela se terminara. El se fue



Angelique Boyer y Sebastián Rulli. *Contributed photo.*

con unos amigos en vacaciones y cuando ella termino su trabajo lo fue a buscar y supo que estaba con otra mujer.

Ana Brenda ha cancelado su boda con Alejandro. Los dos no han tenido comunicación con uno al otro.

Daniel Arenas, el protagonista de “Corazón Indomable” y Maite Perroni están en pláticas con un productor de novelas. Parece que esta pareja van a filmar una novela muy pronto este año.

Sonya Smith de “Marido en Alquiler” tiene un nuevo novio. El es Ricardo Chávez y es un actor. Lo conoció poco tiempo después de que se divorcio de Gabriel Porras.

Sebastián Rulli hablo por medio de Twitter que el y Aracely Arambula si se habían separado. No dijo nada de porque se separaron.

Los rumores dicen de esta separación de Sebastián y Aracely fue por los celos que Aracely. Ella no quería que Sebastián trabajara con Angelique Boyer en la telenovela, “Lo Que La Vida Me Robo.” Supuestamente ella le dijo a Sebastián que no saliera en la novela pero el lo hizo y eso resulto en la separación.

William Levy y su familia ya no viven en la mansión del rancho. Ahora viven en una lujosa zona de Broward Florida en la nueva mansión en 2.3 acres.

Murió María Rivas este año a los 82 años de edad. Ella salía en las telenovelas cuando se podían ver por primera vez en los Estados Unidos. En 1970 salió en la tele-



Sofía Vergara. *Contributed photo.*

novela “La Gata.”

En sus últimos años ella vivía en España.

Cesar Évora dice que anqué perdió unas libres y se siente mejor de salud se siente que es feo. Pero en realidad se ve muy bien. Confeso que le gusta ser el papel del malo y no el de galán.

Las tres telenovelas mas populares y mas vistas de este año fueron “Que Bonito Amor” en numero 3, “La Patrona” numero 2, y “Amores Verdaderos” ;fue la numero uno!

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CHARLANDO, from pg. 8

Jaime Camil fue todo un éxito en el cine de Hollywood en la película "Pulling Strings" y ahora siente que Hollywood lo esta llamando.

Kate del Castillo dijo que esta bien sola sin pareja a sus 41 años de edad. Ella ha sido casada y divorciado dos veces. Pero asegura que esta en paz.

Gabriel Soto y Geraldine Bazán esperan su segundo bebé muy pronto. Ella tiene 7 meses de em-

barazo. El bebé llegara en Febrero 2014.

Salen reportes que el gran cantante Vicente Fernández esta sufriendo del cáncer. Su hijo Alejandro esta muy deprimido viendo a su padre tan enfermo. El Señor sufre del cáncer.

Dos cantantes que se retiran de sus carreras son Justin Bieber

y Britany Spears. Están muy jóvenes pero comenzaron sus carreras muy jóvenes y han ganado muchos millones. Quizá volverán a sus carreras en el futuro pero que les vaya muy bien.

Mayrin Villanueva dice que toma mucha agua para no engordar. Ella esta saliendo en la nueva novela, "Mentir para Vivir" con

David Zepeda todas las noches un Univisión.

Lo que dice Sofía Vergara, la Colombiana, en Ingles, "If you are a woman in South America and you don't have large hips, you are nothing!!"

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CANDIDATES, from pg. 5

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Justice, Supreme Court Place 6
REPUBLICANS

Joe Pool
Jeff Brown*

**Joe Pool has challenged Jeff Brown's petition signatures for a place on the ballot.*

DEMOCRATS

Lawrence Edward Meyers

Justice, Supreme Court Place 7
REPUBLICANS

Jeff Boyd

DEMOCRATS

Gina Benavides

Justice, Supreme Court Place 8
REPUBLICANS

Sharon McCally

Phil Johnson

DEMOCRATS

None

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

REPUBLICANS
Bert Richardson
Barbara Walther

DEMOCRATS

John Granberg

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4

REPUBLICANS

Richard Dean Davis
Kevin Patrick Yeary
Jani Jo Wood

DEMOCRATS

None

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9

REPUBLICANS

W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall

David Newell

DEMOCRATS

None

State Board of Education, District 2

REPUBLICANS

None

DEMOCRATS

Ruben Cortez, Jr.

State Representative, Dist. 30
REPUBLICANS

Geanie W. Morrison

DEMOCRATS

None

Justice, 13th Court of Appeals District, Place 6

REPUBLICANS

Bradford M. Condit
Doug Norman

DEMOCRATS

Dori Contreras Garza

LOCAL RACES

District Judge, 267th Judicial District

REPUBLICANS

Juergen "Skipper" Koetter

DEMOCRATS

None

District Judge, 377th Judicial District

REPUBLICANS

Eli Garza

DEMOCRATS

None

Victoria County Criminal District Attorney

REPUBLICANS

Steve Tyler

DEMOCRATS

None

Victoria County Judge
REPUBLICANS

Ben Zeller
Don Pozzi

DEMOCRATS

Ron Reyna

Judge, County Court at Law No. 1

REPUBLICANS

Leslie Ann Werner
Travis H. Ernst

DEMOCRATS

None

Judge, County Court at Law No. 2

REPUBLICANS

Daniel ("Dan") Gilliam

DEMOCRATS

None

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Cathy Stuart

DEMOCRATS

Jane Bernal

County Clerk

REPUBLICANS

Heidi Easley

DEMOCRATS

Robert S. Cortez

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REPUBLICANS

Sean Kennedy
Lisa Hernandez

DEMOCRATS

Jennifer Foster

County Commissioner, Precinct 2
REPUBLICANS

Jerry Pearce
Kevin Janak

DEMOCRATS

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County Commissioner, Precinct 4
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Clint C. Ivez

DEMOCRATS

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Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1
REPUBLICANS

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Richard Castillo
Mary Ann Estrada Rivera\

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DEMOCRATS

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Texas A&M students are happy

Texas A&M University students are the happiest in the nation, according to a survey cited by the Huffington Post.

The online news outlet posted a survey by The Daily Beast that rated “happiest colleges” on several key factors, awarding scores on the basis of 10 being the highest ranking possible. The Daily Beast is a news reporting and opinion website affiliated with Newsweek magazine.

Texas A&M scored 10 for “Overall Student Experience” and 9.8 in the “Would You Do It Again?” category. It received a 9.3 score for “Best Student Health Center” and 9.2 for “Full-time Freshman Student Retention.”

“If you’re happy and you know it, you may be an Aggie,” notes the Huffington Post article. “That’s because Texas A&M University is the happiest college in the country according to a recent ranking from The Daily Beast.”

Texas A&M’s vice president for student affairs, Lt. Gen. Joe Weber (USMC-Ret.) offered the following observation in response to the survey: “Why is everyone so happy in Aggieland? I’d like to think that it’s because from the very beginning we all work to instill in our students the traditions and camaraderie—the Aggie Spirit—that have served us so well throughout our proud history. It all starts with the likes of Fish Camp (a three-day freshman orientation session),



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New Student Conference, Fish Orientation Week (for new members of the Corps of Cadets), etc. Over a student’s time on campus, the beneficial side effects of such formative programs have proven to be threefold - Aggies learn to take care of Aggies, Aggies learn to give more than they receive and Aggies commit to core values, high standards and learning for a lifetime. Not a bad formula at all for anyone seeking happiness.... and according to the surveys, it works.”

Texas A&M Student Body President Reid Joseph has similar sentiments: “This is a tremendous testament to our entire university—especially to our student body, as well as to our faculty and staff who help make it all possible. I’m glad the whole nation now knows what we have known at Texas A&M for a long time.”

The ranking of the happiest colleges puts Texas A&M at No. 1, followed by Stanford and the

University of Wisconsin, notes the Huffington Post article. Other schools listed in the top 10 are (in order) Florida State, North Carolina, University of Florida, Brigham Young, University of Georgia, University of Texas at Austin and Kansas State.

The Daily Beast editors say they based their findings on student retention information compiled by the National Center for Education Statistics and student ratings compiled by the College Prowler organization.

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AVISO DE SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR PARA UN PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE

PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE NO. 101177

SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR. Calhoun Port Authority, PO Box 397, Point Comfort, Texas 77978-0397 ha solicitado de la Comisión para la Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ por sus siglas en inglés) el Permiso de Calidad de Aire Número 101177 para autorizar la construcción de un Muelle de Manejo de Material Granel situado en 1002 Farm-to-Market Road 1593 South, Point Comfort, Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77978. Esta aplicación fue entregada a la TCEQ el 5 de diciembre del año 2012. La instalación propuesta va a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: material particulado incluyendo material particulado con diámetros de 10 micras o menos y 2.5 micras o menos.

El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha concluido la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha preparado un permiso preliminar, el cual si es aprobado, establecerá las condiciones debajo de las cuales el sitio deberá operar. El director ejecutivo ha hecho la decisión preliminar de otorgar este permiso. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del director ejecutivo, y el permiso preliminar estarán disponibles para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina central de la TCEQ, en la Oficina TCEQ regional de Corpus Christi, y en la biblioteca de Point Comfort Branch, 1 Lamar Street, Point Comfort, Condado de Calhoun, Texas, desde el primer día de la publicación de este aviso. Los archivos del cumplimiento de la leyes de la facilidad, si existen, están disponibles para la revisión del público en la Oficina regional de Corpus Christi, NRC Building, Suite 1200, 6300 Ocean Drive, unidad 5839, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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RESPUESTA A LOS COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS Y ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO Después del plazo final para someter comentarios públicos posteriores el director ejecutivo considerará los comentarios y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos relevantes y materiales o significativos. Porque no se han recibido peticiones para una audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo aprobará la solicitud para este permiso. **La respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, será entonces enviada por correo a todos aquellos que hallan sometido comentarios públicos o que están en la lista de correo de esta solicitud, y será puesta electrónicamente en la Base Integrada de Datos de los Comisionados.**

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INFORMACIÓN Y CONTACTOS DE LA AGENCIA Los comentarios públicos se debe presentar a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o por el Internet al www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. Para mayor información sobre esta solicitud para permiso o el proceso para permisos, por favor llame a la TCEQ sin cobro al Programa de Educación Pública de la TCEQ, al 1-800-687-4040.

Mas información puede ser obtenida de Calhoun Port Authority en la dirección en el primer párrafo o llamando a la Señora Lisa O. Murphy, PE, Presidente de Hill Country Environmental, Inc. al (512) 327-2725.

Fecha de Emisión: el 3 de diciembre del año 2013

CLOUD, from pg. 1

If the overwhelming majority of people think a candidate is doing a good job, he or she may not be opposed. Other times it gives people the option of choosing from a wider array of candidates of who will represent them, he said.

"I think it provides voters a great option," Cloud said.

Most issues in the upcoming primary and election season will boil down to two deeply divided philosophies, he said.

"One that espouses this liberal ideology that we can just keep spending, that it's the governments right and obligation to control our lives," he said. "We have an ideology that espouses that we have God ordained rights affirmed by our Constitution, that liberty is a gift for all men, and a limited, responsible government serves to provide a framework for a free society as opposed to a burdensome, intrusive heavy hand."

Issues ranging from health care to gun control all boil down to this difference in philosophy, he said.

However, political differences don't have to equate to personal animosity, he said.

Of Cris Gonzalez, the Victoria County Democratic Party Chairman, Cloud had kind words.

"He seemed like a fine gentleman," Cloud said.

He even had kind words for the other side of the political fence in the Democratic Party.

"I think, like the rest of us, they are people, they love America, they want to be involved, and I think they just have a different philosophy of how they think America was built to work," he said. "I don't find any value in belittling or demeaning people who are giving of themselves in an effort to make the world better."

Cloud is the media director at Faith Family Church and the owner of Bright Idea Media. His wife, Rosel, is a naturalized American citizen from Mexico and an ESL/Bilingual teacher. They have three children, Ean, 7, Zoe, 4, and Kent, 3. Cloud holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mass media and communications from Oral Roberts University.

The Victoria County Republican Party can be reached at Victoriagop.com, [Facebook.com/VictoriaGOP](https://www.facebook.com/VictoriaGOP), or on Twitter at @victoriatxgop.

Mas o Menos

“Get real about resolving this New Year”

by Pedro Raya

By the time you read this, you’ve probably made a New Year’s Resolution or two. And by the time you read this, you may have already broken some or all of them. We all do this every year. We start out with the best of intentions, but wind up frustrated and disappointed in ourselves when we fail. So why do we fail? Too often we try to reach the moon before figuring out how to get a plane into the air. Orville and Wilbur wouldn’t have even gotten close to lunar orbit, and would have been fools to kick themselves. It took the US space program years of research, and sequential steps to finally put a man on the moon. Well, that and a lot of dead space monkeys, but that’s a story for another time.

The point is this, if you want to succeed, set reasonable steps to a bigger goal. The old proverb about how you eat an elephant is quite true: You do it one bite at a time. So what follows is a list of the top five New Year’s resolutions as published a recent article in the December edition Journal of Clinical Psychology, and some suggestions for smaller resolutions that can help you set steps toward that larger goal.

1. Lose Weight – Gyms and diet programs both get a surge of new customers every January that quickly fades, It’s always a good idea to improve your health, but a massive weight loss goal takes great time, energy and self-discipline. Oftentimes it is far easier and ultimately more long lasting



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to make realistic goals to improve overall health. Resolve to make one meal a day healthier. Go for a walk three days a week. Try to go to the gym and stick with a routine three days a week. These small goals will move you much closer to your resolution with far less intimidation.

2. Get Organized – We all make the pledge to organize and declutter our entire lives. Few of us succeed. Instead, try cleaning out the hall closet. Start using that calendar on your smart phone to plan things a bit further out. One weekend a month, pick a single room of the house you will organize and clear out.

3. Spend Less, Save More – Time and money are truly the two great scaling factors in the universe. This step is one that can be made far more manageable with a pencil, paper and a copy of your monthly bank statement. Rather than try to do make big changes in your lifestyle, try gaining an understanding of where your money is going each month and see if there are a few things you can trim. Cut back on a few snacks on the grocery budget. Turn the heat

down by two degrees to save on the electric bill. Cut out that luxury cup of coffee one day a week. Little changes add up over time.

4. Enjoy Life to the Fullest – This is such a nebulous resolution, how can you possibly keep it? I had a cancer survivor once tell me that living life to the fullest every day was not for her. Some days it’s good to schlep around. Instead, try setting goals for small things that will improve your enjoyment of life. Join a club. Take one road trip a month to explore the area round you. Pick one night a week to call at least three friends to keep connected.

5. Staying Fit and Healthy – This is actually a much better resolution than losing weight. Our bodies reflect our lifestyles, and a healthier lifestyle will benefit you far more in the long run with a better quality of life. Just remember that small changes add up. Add a serving of vegetables to one meal a day. Find a new hobby that is fun for you that is physically active. Grab a few friends and go dancing. Join a Zumba class with your closest gal pals.

If you have setbacks, don’t feel bad. Only about 8 percent of us regularly succeed in our resolutions. Those are probably the few people who set realistic goals and break their ultimate goal down into smaller steps they can actually accomplish. It’s how NASA made it to the moon. And if you have slip ups and setbacks, just keep moving. Every path to orbit is bound to have its dead space monkeys along the way.

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PERMISO PRELIMINAR NÚMERO: O3062

SOLICITUD Y PERMISO PRELIMINAR. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, 2960 Carretera del Condado 93, Robstown, Texas 78380, una planta de Transmisión de Gas Natural ha presentado una aplicación ante la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para la Expedición Inicial de un Permiso Federal de Operación número O3062, aplicación número 19648, con el propósito de operar las instalaciones ubicadas en la Estación de Compresión 9, ubicada en 1925 Old Bloomington Road North, en la ciudad de Victoria, Condado de Victoria, Texas. Esta aplicación fue presentada ante la TCEQ el 13 de junio de 2013.

El propósito de un Permiso Federal de Operación es mejorar el acatamiento general de las reglas que gobiernan el control de la contaminación atmosférica, claramente definiendo todos los requisitos aplicables como están definidos en el Título 30 del Código Administrativo de Tejas § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10, por sus siglas en inglés). El permiso preliminar no autoriza construcciones nuevas, ni tampoco el aumento de emisiones del sitio. El Ejecutivo Director de la TCEQ ha concluido el análisis técnico de la aplicación y ha preparado un permiso preliminar para la revisión y comentarios del público. El permiso preliminar, si es aprobado, establecerá las condiciones debajo de las cuales el sitio deberá operar. El director ejecutivo recomienda que se otorgue este permiso preliminar. La aplicación completa y el permiso preliminar están disponibles para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina Central de la TCEQ, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, en la Oficina Regional de la TCEQ en Corpus Christi, Edificio NRC, Suite 1200, 6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5839, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412-5839 y en la Biblioteca Pública de Victoria, 302 North Main Street, Victoria, Texas. En la oficina central y la oficina regional también podrá revisar y copiar todos los demás documentos pertinentes al permiso para operar preliminar, así como los permisos para la Revisión de Fuentes Nuevas que han sido incorporados por referencia. Personas que tengan dificultades obteniendo estos materiales debido a restricciones para viajar pueden comunicarse con la oficina central al teléfono (512) 239-1540.

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Comentarios públicos por escrito y peticiones para audiencia de notificación y comentarios deben de ser presentados a la Oficina del Secretario Principal (Office of Chief Clerk), MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 dentro de treinta días después de la publicación en el periódico del anuncio del permiso preliminar.

INFORMACIÓN. Para más información, usted puede llamar a la Oficina de Asistencia Pública (Office of Public Assistance), sin cargo, a el 1-800-687-4040. Información general concerniente a la TCEQ puede encontrarse vía internet en www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Más información puede ser obtenida de Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company en la dirección en el primer párrafo o llamando a Sr. Dion Carter a el teléfono (713) 369-8559.

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bishop as a sign. When he opened his cloak, the flowers fell out and revealed an image of Mary on his cloak.



Father Daniel Houde, O.S.S.T. *Contributed photo.*

The feast day for the Our Lady of Guadalupe is on Sept. 12, and is celebrated with three days of prayers, and singing on the third day to serenade the Virgin Mary. Mass is celebrated at 6 a.m., the time Juan Diego saw the Virgin Mary.

"That is a significant devotion in the parish," Houde said. "It's a big rallying point for most of our parishioners."



Father Alfonso Serna, O.S.S.T. *Contributed photo.*

In a case of history repeating itself, the church also maintains an all-Spanish mission in Silver City.

Today, Our Lady of Sorrows is led by Fathers Houde and Alfonso Serna. Brother Patrick Wildgen works as the Director of Religious Education.

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La Cocina de Tia Yole



Cream cheese and seafood stuffed shell appetizers. *Contributed photo.*

CREAM CHEESE AND SEAFOOD STUFFED SHELLS APPETIZERS

36 jumbo pasta shells, cooked and cooled to room temperature
 16 ounces softened cream cheese
 1/3 cup mayonnaise
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 Pinch cayenne pepper
 Salt
 Freshly ground black pepper
 1 pound picked over lump crab meat

6 ounces cooked salad shrimp
 2 bunches minced scallions

1. Beat together the cream cheese, mayonnaise, sugar, lemon juice, cayenne, salt, and pepper until smooth.
2. Fold in the crabmeat, shrimp, and scallions until evenly combined. Stuff the shells with the mixture and place on a serving dish. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least an hour and up to

12 hours before serving. Makes 6 dinner and 12 appetizer servings.

ITALIAN BAKED ROUND STEAK

2 pounds top round steak
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1/4 spoon flour
 3 tablespoons cooking oil
 6-ounce can tomato paste
 2 cups water
 3/4 teaspoon salt
 1 bay leaf
 1/4 spoon thyme
 1/4 teaspoon sugar
 1 large onion, sliced
 1 bell pepper, cut into strips

1. Cut steak into serving pieces and trim fat. Sprinkle with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Pound flour into steak
2. Heat oil in large skillet. Brown steak on both sides, place in casserole dish. Pour fat from skillet.
3. Mix tomato paste, water and seasonings in skillet, heat.
4. Arrange onion and peppers on meat.
5. Pour tomato mixture over all and cover tightly.
6. Bake at 350°F for 1 1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Delicious

over rice.

STEAMED OKRA

2 pounds okra
 3 tablespoons melted butter
 Pinch sugar
 Salt

Freshly ground pepper

1. Steam the okra for five minutes, or until tender, but still quite crisp. Toss with the butter, sugar, salt, and pepper. Serve hot. Makes 8 servings.

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or a new weapon, and guess what? By the time the ones who finished drawing their ideas, the hackers had already started the barbeque, got the wheel rolling, and somebody got killed with the new weapon.

There was no monetary gratification for these inventions, just something like, “You have brains!” That was something new! You have heard the expression “The writing is on the wall.” (Who said that?) Some hacker heard that! Whoever invented the writing on the cave walls was just asking for the hacker to come in and

hack! And they did. How many hackers today are considered as the greatest writers, greatest inventors? (Was Shakespeare a hacker?) Well now the writing and the numbers are all over the computer!! Easy money! They know everything!! The hackers have been around forever!

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To help Texans tackle those New Year's Resolutions to get healthy, H-E-B will kick off 2014 with a two-week, in-store Start Fresh Fest that includes sampling and discounts on healthy products, free health screenings, cooking demonstrations and a health-focused newsletter.

Recipes during Start Fresh Fest will focus on healthy meals that can be prepared in 15 minutes or less, and demos will be available at Heb.com. H-E-B will take its show on the road with a 12-week Start Fresh Fest mobile tour — a truck will travel around the state creating healthy pop-up festivals

in the parking lots of 48 H-E-B stores. Tour dates can be found at heb.com/slimdown.

“Learning to prepare fresh produce and lean protein in a healthy way that tastes great is often the biggest roadblock to making a lifestyle change,” said Lorena Kaplen, an H-E-B registered di-

etitian. “Some people don’t enjoy cooking, others find it hard to be creative. Our goal is to make it so easy and tasty that there are no excuses not to try something new.”

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.

When shopping, customers can refer to icons on the shelf for a

wide variety of products that call out common nutrition attributes such as Fiber Source, Gluten Free, Organic, Heart Healthy, Sugar Free, Low Saturated Fat, Low Sodium, Carb Aware, Vegetarian, and Vegan.

“From the basket to the table, our goal is to make it easy for people to make healthy choices,” Rogers said. “At H-E-B, we’re not just selling food. We’re in the business of changing lives.”



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