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Victoria County voters use vote centers for March primary. *Contributed art.*

# Voters will use Vote Centers countywide

by George Matthews

Victoria County has received approval from the Secretary of State to utilize Vote Centers in future elections. The March 4, 2014 Joint Primary Election for the Democratic and Republican Parties will use Vote Centers.

This will allow registered voters in Victoria County to vote at any one of the thirty-six polling locations open on Election Day. Both political parties have endorsed the plan to use Vote Centers during this primary election.

Voters may vote only one ballot in an election. While both the Democratic and Republican Parties

are conducting an election, a voter may only vote in one of the party's primaries.

When you select a party by voting in its primary, you take an oath not to participate in the political activities of the other party during the election year. Violating this promise is a Class C misdemeanor.

Victoria County earned this endorsement after successfully conducting the Constitutional Amendment Election last November using Vote Centers for the first time.

To qualify for countywide voting (Vote Centers) a county must have electronic voting equipment capable of providing the correct

ballot to any voter and a computerized voter qualification system connected to a centralized database to track voters during the day.

The county has used electronic voting equipment since 2005 and electronic poll books since 2011.

Several schools are used as polling places, and Vote Centers will allow teachers and staff at the schools to cast their vote in this election without having to return to their home precinct before the polls close.

There are also several churches with easy access from main thoroughfares where motorists can stop to vote. The county also uses

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## New Exhibition Opening at the Nave Museum

### *Ride: New Works by Amber Eagle*

From March 6 through May 4, 2014, The Nave Museum will be exhibiting *Ride: New Works* by Amber Eagle. Amber Eagle is an internationally exhibited artist who works in many different media and is well known for her exquisitely crafted award-winning art cars.

*Ride* is inspired by ancient aliens and outer space as well as the ancient and baroque culture of Mexico where Eagle lives. The ancient alien is used a metaphor for the stranger in everyone, as well as illegal aliens; and outer space as a metaphor for our mysterious inner space.



*Ride: New Works* by Amber Eagle. *Contributed photo.*

The exhibit features the worldwide premier of her new art car "Rosebud" and a series of work she has created while making the car. The car arrives in Victoria for the March 6th opening, having travelled the route of many alien crossings from central Mexico. Eagle's exhibit reflects collaboration with many Mexican craftspeople including her husband Guillermo Rosas and his wrought iron workshop, as well as mechanics, carpenters, electricians and seamstresses.

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# GetEducated.com ranks UHV business degree eighth in nation for affordability

The University of Houston-Victoria School of Business Administration online bachelor's degree recently was ranked first in Texas and No. 8 in the nation on a list of affordable online degrees com-

piled by GetEducated.com.

The UHV Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in health care, management and marketing were highlighted as "Best Buys" for students seeking a high quality, low-cost online business degree.

Cost often is a major factor for students choosing to get a higher education, UHV President Phil Castille said.

"UHV is able to reach a broad group of highly motivated students because we offer an affordable, accessible, accredited education that can be taken from anywhere in the world, although most of our online students are in southeast Texas," he said. "For UHV to rank top among all of Texas' 38 public universities shows UHV's experience and quality in online degree programs. We've been doing 21st century higher education successfully at UHV for more than two decades now."

The GetEducated.com Business Administration "Best Buy" rank-



Contributed photo.

ing is based on a national survey of 76 regionally accredited colleges that offer 126 different online bachelor's degrees in business administration.

The average cost of an online business bachelor's degree is \$47,472, according to GetEducated.com. A UHV BBA degree costs less than \$25,000 for Texas residents, not including financial aid,

which often reduces actual out-of-pocket expenses.

"It is a testament to the business school faculty and staff that one of our degree programs is once again nationally ranked," said Farhang Niroomand, dean of the UHV School of Business Administration. "For the past 10 years, GetEducated.com has seen the value in UHV offering an accredited education at an affordable price."

GetEducated.com first recognized UHV in 2004. It currently ranks the business school's Master of Business Administration program fourth in the U.S. and the Strategic MBA No. 25 as "Best Buys."

The online BBA also was ranked earlier this month by U.S. News & World Report as being a quality online degree based on the business school's student engagement, faculty credentials and training, student services and technology, peer reputation and admission selectivity. Overall, U.S. News ranked UHV second in Texas in top online undergraduate degree programs. In addition, the online BBA was ranked No. 8 nationally in 2013 as a Distance Education Best Buy by AffordableColleges.org.

The UHV School of Business Administration is accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. This is the highest level of accreditation available to business schools, and less than 5 percent of business schools worldwide have earned it.

For more information about the BBA program, call 361-570-4231 or visit [www.uhv.edu/bus](http://www.uhv.edu/bus).

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# HMO? What is that?

by Dale Zuck

Open enrollment for individuals purchasing health insurance is more than halfway complete. If you have been waiting (or procrastinating) to purchase a health insurance plan you have less than two months left. When the Open Enrollment Period closes on March 31st, you may be subject to a penalty. To avoid being fined, you should learn about the health plan options available to you.

Since October, I have been discussing the various options available through the "Obama Care Marketplace" with hundreds of Victorians. I can understand why many shoppers are confused. A first time insurance purchaser has many questions. Where do I start? How do I determine if I qualify for a tax credit? And the most perplexing question of all, "What is a Silver HMO?"

After the tax credit question has been answered, a number of my clients are learning their new health plan will cost them about \$25 a month. Their first response is always, "that plan is cheap." Then the next question is what benefits do they get? So, what benefits does this Blue Advantage Silver HMO 003 provide? A \$30 doctor office visit. Generic prescriptions drugs are either free or \$10 each. The plan even provides to some qualifiers a \$500 or \$1500 deductible.

But what is the catch? The number one disadvantage, you probably won't get to keep your current doctor. What if you want the opportunity to keep your current doctor while using the "Obama Care" plans? Generally, you should expect to pay \$100 to \$250 more per month through the purchase of a PPO health plan (Participating Provider Option).

What is a HMO? HMO is the abbreviation for Health Maintenance Organization. Should you elect to enroll in a HMO you are instructed to select a primary care provider. Your PCP is your first point of contact for most of your basic health care needs. (Women can also select an OB/GYN for obstetrical and gynecological care).

Certain restrictions are a part of most HMO plans. Generally, there is a much smaller selection



Dale Zuck. Contributed photo.

of medical providers and hospitals to choose from. And you must always remember if you utilize a hospital or doctor not within the HMO your insurance plan will not pay any of the cost.

How is Blue Cross's HMO network different from its PPO?

Blue Cross-Blue Shield's Blue Advantage HMO has only 21 Victoria PCPs participants whereas it's the Blue Cross Blue Choice PPO Network has 72 physicians to choose from. What about local Hospitals? Only DeTar North and DeTar Navarro participate on the BCBS Blue Advantage HMO. You are not able to use Citizen Medical Center.

So far I have mentioned the disadvantages of an HMO. Besides a lower price, does a HMO offer any advantages when compared to the PPO options? Not really. But price is the determining factor as to whether or not most insurance customers can even afford health insurance.

Do you have some questions regarding your health insurance options? HEB Food Store on Rio Grande is allowing me to answer your questions at a booth set up

across from the in-store pharmacy. The information booth is open Wednesday and Friday, 3pm to 6pm from now until the end of March. Or you phone my office (361)572-0024. We are located at 2001 E Sabine St, Suite 203 here in Victoria. We are on the second

floor behind the newly remodeled Guadalajara Restaurant on Ben Jordan St.

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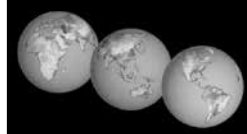
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por Santos Raya

**VATICAN** – El Papa Francisco tiene una larga agenda hasta 2015. Anuncio que este año quiere ir a Medjugorje. También quiere ir a South Korea donde se va a celebrar el World Youth Day. Sus planes de

viajes también incluyen ir para la Tierra Santa.

En 2015 el Papa anuncio que quiere visitar los Estados Unidos. Visitara a Philadelphia y la ciudad ya se esta preparando para esta visita donde se espera miles de gente.

El Vaticano anuncio que la visita a Philadelphia no es oficial todavía.

**NEW YORK** – JC Penney Company, Inc. anuncio recientemente que van a cerrar 33 tiendas de las 1,100 que tienen. Las 33 tiendas se van a cerrar en Mayo de este año, dejando a casi 2,000 personas sin trabajo.

Los grandes de JC Penney esperan que con estos cambios, la compañía ahorrare \$65 millones de dólares en un año.

**MEXICO** – El Presidente de México Enrique Peña Nieto quiere juntarse con el Presidente Raúl Castro de Cuba para unas pláticas.

**CANADA** – En la residencia de Quebec hubo un enciendio en una comunidad de ancianos donde mas de 30 personas mueren reporto la policia de Canadá. Todavía andan buscando cuerpos.

**VENEZUELA** – El Presidente Nicolás Madura se opone a las telenovelas. Dice que las telenovelas transmiten antivalores que afectan a los jóvenes a la mala vida.

Maduro ordeno a la ministra de comunicación, Delsy Rodríguez, que revise a todas las telenovelas.

**ARGENTINA** – Argentina celebro 30 años de democracia. La presidenta Argentina Cristina Kirchner celebro con la gente en el Museo Bicentenario.



Marihuana es legal en Colorado. Contributed photo.

La presidenta dijo que en 2010 y 2011 ha vedado actos violentos. Dijo la presidenta, “Los violentos, os antidemocráticos, los que no respetan los valores por los que tantos Argentinos dieron su vida, quieren, sin lugar a dudas, hacernos olvidar o que despreciemos o que no nos importa los valores de la democracia.”

**COLORADO, USA** – El estado de Colorado quien paso recientemente la ley de que la marihuana es legal en Colorado, ahora tienen el problema que hay unas gentes que están en estampillas de comida que quieren comprar marihuana con esas estampillas.

El estado ahora esta trabajando para pasar una ley de que la gente no podrán comprar marihuana con

las estampillas de comida.

**NEW YORK** – Este mes se cumple 50 años que hace que el grupo musical Los Beatles llegaron a los Estados Unidos y salieron en el Ed Sullivan Show donde fueron un big hit y la música popular cambio para el estilo de ellos.

**CUBA** – Los Cubanos, después de muchos años, pueden comprar autos. Pero los autos se venden con un precio muy alto.

“Esto es un abusivo, es una falta de respeto, nos han engañado miserablemente, porque llevo ya dos años con la carta. Esto es para millonarios, no es para el pueblo, y no tengo opción de comprar,” dijo Mayra Echarp, jefa de personal del Centro Nacional de Música Popular.

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# Love has no barriers

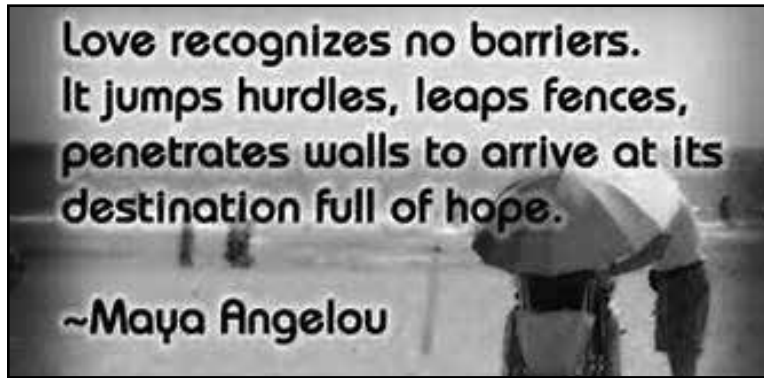
by Santos Raya

Who is this person, very attractive, looking at me, wanting to dance with me? I am only 15 years old. What is this new feeling that I am experiencing? It's a powerful feeling. It feels good, better than any other feeling.

As a young man, I finish school and am always in contact with this pretty girl. Then I have to go away for several years. My country needs me. I become a soldier. I am 18 years old.

I call her "my girl" now. She promises to wait for me. I believe her. Her letters are very refreshing as the war I and my buddies are fighting gets ferocious.

Normandy beaches. The battle is intense. At the corner of my eye I see my best friend fall. I run as fast as I can to him. No barrier can stop me. I get to him in time to hold him as he dies in my arms calling for his mother. He was 17



Contributed art.

years old.

My friends and I become very weary. We can't wait until this war is over and go home to love with our parents, wives, children, and for the single guys' girlfriends and other relatives.

I am a grown man when this war is over. I was one of the lucky few who was not wounded. There will be other wars, I am sure. But for now I look for my family, friends and her.

One thing is for sure. I will never be the same. But this will not destroy my life. I arrive in the US with my heart still raw with grief at the loss of some of my friends. But my heart was bursting with love for everyone that came to meet me. She was there also.

We got married, had eight children, two of them died young but our marriage was full of love. After so many years, she died. I was shattered. The little girl of 15

years in that long ago dance was gone. We had been married 35 years.

I was the last one to leave the graveside. No one could make me leave until I was ready. And I am glad I stayed because I felt a soft wind and I heard her sweet voice saying, "I am waiting for you." With tears in my eyes, I left.

I had fought in World War II. I saw my sons leaving for Viet Nam. My youngest son died over there. Once again I could feel the hate of

the enemy, the communist Vietnamese soldiers.

As I lie in bed dying, my family surrounds me and don't understand why I keep saying, "Mi amour y mes tres hijos! I am going home!" My joy was intense. I could also see my Army buddy! The love ones I was leaving behind finally understood and let me go.

He fought hate to come back home to love. Love has no barriers!



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# Putting off working on your Tax Return may cost you, financial planner warns

## 3 tips for keeping more of your own money

Nearly 150 million Americans will file federal income tax returns this year and, unfortunately, many will be shelling out much more of their hard-earned money than necessary, says veteran financial expert Jeff Gorton.

“With the ridiculous complexity of our tax code, I can understand how the average person might want to put off doing their homework, but that’ll cost you,” says Gorton, a veteran Certified Public Accountant and Certified Finan-

cial Planner™, and head of Gorton Financial Group ([www.gortonfinancialgroup.com](http://www.gortonfinancialgroup.com)).

“When you think about all you do to earn your money, and the lengths we’ll go to save a few bucks, it doesn’t make sense to

not do all we can to prepare for the inevitable – our compulsory contribution to Uncle Sam’s bank account.”

There is nothing unpatriotic about taking advantage of legal measures to reduce your tax bill,

Gorton says. Most Americans, however, don’t understand the basics of how to minimize the tax burden, he says.

“If you wait until the last minute to do your taxes, you’re sure to miss out on savings,” says Gorton, who offers some basic and more advanced tax-saving options.

- **Credits:** Tax credits are usually subtracted dollar for dollar from the actual tax liability and may be utilized when filing for 2013. They include the Child Tax Credit, which allows up to \$1,000 for children younger than 17; the American Opportunity Credit, featuring up to \$2,500 in tax savings per eligible student for tuition costs for four years of post-high-school education; and the Energy-Efficient Home Improvement Tax Credit, which grants qualifying taxpayers 10 percent of the cost of certain energy-efficient building materials — up to a \$500 lifetime credit. The Child and Dependent Care Credit, for those who have to pay someone to care for a child younger than 13, or another dependent, offers up to \$3,000 for one qualifying individual, or up to \$6,000 for two or more qualifying individuals.

- **Deductions:** Like tax credits, deductions have phase-out limits, so you may want to consult with a professional. Deductions are subtracted from your income before your taxes are calculated, which may reduce the amount of money on which you are taxed and, by extension, your eventual tax liability. Some examples include contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations. And, you may be able to write off out-of-pocket costs incurred while doing work for a charity. Others may include amounts set aside for retirement through a qualified retirement plan, such as an Individual Retirement Account; medical expenses exceeding 10 percent of your adjusted gross income are now deductible — expenses exceeding 7.5 percent are still deductible for those older than age 65; and, potentially, mortgage interest paid on a loan secured for your primary residence.

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# Victoria College Adult Education Center awards 88 GED diplomas



Some of the 88 students who received their GED in recent graduation ceremonies included three National Honor Society members and nine Students Accelerating through Integrated Learning participants. *Contributed photo.*

Eighty-eight Victoria College Adult Education students received their GED in graduation ceremonies held Jan. 11 in the Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts.

The ceremony honored students who have completed their certificate since August, 2013. With the closeout of the 2002 GED series, many students completed their exams and will not have to return to begin the 2014 GED version.

“One of the reasons we decided to have two graduations is to avoid limiting the number of guests a graduate can invite,” said Tiffany Johnson, VC Adult Education director. “The graduates have

worked hard and deserve to share that achievement with anyone they choose.”

“Our students become friends to us, we share in their struggles and also their celebrations,” said Lisa Edwards, advisor for the VC Adult Education Center.

Guest speaker Randy Meyer, superintendent of the Sweet Home Independent School District, urged the GED graduates to continue their educational pursuits by constantly asking “what’s next?”

National Adult Education Honor Society members recognized during the ceremony included: Maria M. Alvarez, Margaret Aranda and Kasy Owens.

SAIL participants included: Margaret Aranda, Kim Boscarello, Jessica Cavazos, Cynthia Clifford, Marvin Cooper, Ismael Garza, Leeann Immenhauser, Yolanda Salinas and Michelle Rodriguez. These SAIL students obtained their high school equivalency as well as their certification in certified nurse aide, truck driving, or welding. Students Accelerating through Integrated Learning (SAIL) is new training that allows students to dual-enroll in Victoria College Workforce & Continuing Education classes while also completing their GED certificate.

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# Charlando de TV y Cine

por Gloria Rivera

¡Buenas noticias! Bueno, para me si son. Ojala que para todos ustedes también.

Los jóvenes actores Maite Peroni y Daniel Arenas ya están trabajando en una telenovela juntos. La novela no es nueva. Se llama

“La Gata.” Esta basada en una telenovela muy vieja que salió en Univisión hace muchos años.

Daniel apenas termino la novela “Corazón Indomable” y Maite viene de Sur América donde andaba en gira en un concierto musical.

Erika Buenfil va ser parte del elenco de “La Gata” y otros más.

¡Angélica Vale estuvo muy emocionada cuando recibió un mensaje de George Clooney! Parece que un amigo de Angélica le dijo a Clooney que Angélica es unas

de las mas grandes fans de el. El mensaje que el le mando a ella fue, “Eres una mujer muy hermosa.”

Por supuesto que Angélica le dijo al galán de Hollywood que es casada y tiene una niña de casi un año.

El hermano de Verónica Castro, José Alberto Castro, quien es productor de telenovelas, quiere poner a su hermana en una telenovela. Verónica lo esta pensando.

Vicente Fernández y su esposa



Veronica Castro. Contributed photo.

Cuquita celebraron 50 años de casados el mes pasado. Celebraron con una gran fiesta con 800 invitados.

Vicente dijo, “Estoy completamente agradecido con Dios por haberla puesto en mi camino.”

El mes pasado se comento que Ana Brenda no quiera casarse con Alejandro Amaya porque lo pesco

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años mas joven que el. Están viviendo en Miami porque el ha firmado un contrato con Telemundo.

William Levy esta en Oklahoma filmando la nueva película de Hollywood, "The Veil." Y como estaba tan frio en Oklahoma, se enfermó. Pero ya esta bien porque se fue para donde el clima esta en verano para ser un comercial de las papas Sobritas.

En un mensaje de Twitter, William escribió, "Y después de pasarme la mañana y la tarde completa comiendo papas, ahora de descansar un rato con un poco de fiebre, pero agradecido."

La hija de Jacqueline Andere, Chantal Andere, cumplió 42 años este mes. Chantal y su esposo están esperando su segundo bebé.

La Diva Mexicana, Silvia Piñal, habla de su vida, "Lo que ya paso, no se puede cambiar. Soy feliz, la gente me respeta y eso me lo he ganado."

El cantante y actor Pedro Fernández, quien ha tenido mucho



Daniel Arenas y Maite Perroni. Contributed photo.

éxito en su carrera dice, "La gente no necesita hablar tu misma idioma para enamorarse de tu música y que le guste."

Pedro también, como muchas veces, dice que si no fuera el entendimiento de su esposa no fuera su carrera tan exitosa.

La primera actriz Susana Dosamantes defiende a su hija Paulina Rubio sobre los reporteros que la critican. Dijo la Señora Dosamantes, "Amigos van y vienen pero la familia esta en las buenas, las malas, y las regulares, por lo que debemos defenderla y cuidarla. Hay quienes solo hablan por hablan, como si tuviera derecho a destruir con la boca. Hay que tener respeto."

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**CHARLANDO**, from pg. 8 con otra. ¡Este mes se reconciliaron! Ella lo perdono después de una larga plática y los planes de la boda por la Iglesia siguen.

Andrés García, el eterno galán, se ha casado varios veces y ha tenido muchas novias. Casi nunca ha estado solo. Cuando le preguntan porque no dura casado o de novio, la contesta, "¡Las mujeres me hicieron infiel!"

Plutarco Haza, el ex-esposo de Ludwika Paleta, se va casar con Ximena Del Torro, quien es 17

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# UHV staff recognizes longtime administrative assistant as 2013 Employee of the Year

Recently retired Sandra Wood ended her career on a high note Tuesday when she was named the University of Houston-Victoria 2013 Employee of the Year at the university's Faculty & Staff Recognition Luncheon.

Wood was an administrative assistant for the UHV School of Arts & Sciences for more than 20 years before retiring on Friday. During her time at the university, she worked with five different School of Arts & Sciences deans and countless faculty members.

"This is a marvelous way to end my career at UHV," she said. "Everyone at the university has been so wonderful to work with and very supportive. I'm honored the UHV staff chose me as the Employee of the Year."

She plans to spend her retirement traveling, gardening and taking care of her mother.

Jeffrey Di Leo, dean of the UHV School of Arts & Sciences, said that Wood always had a smile on her face.

"Sandra was very knowledgeable about her job and was always available for students, faculty and staff members," he said. "A large part of the success and growth of the school is directly attributed to her efforts. We will miss her."

UHV staff members cast votes on an email ballot listing each 2013 UHV Employee of the Month. In



Sandra Wood, center, a recently retired administrative assistant for the University of Houston-Victoria School of Arts & Sciences, is recognized by the school's dean, Jeffrey Di Leo, left, and UHV President Phil Castille as the university's 2013 Employee of the Year. She received the award during Tuesday's Faculty & Staff Recognition Luncheon. *Contributed photo.*

addition to Wood, others listed on the ballot were:

- Bev Hoerig, instructional designer in the Provost Office
- Matt Alexander, academic user services manager in Academic & Student Technology Services
- Tammy Whatley, student recruitment and marketing manager for the School of Nursing
- Candace Boyd, student advising coordinator in the School of Arts & Sciences
- Ana Laura Pineda, certification analyst in the School of Education & Human Development
- Justin Kutzer, grounds supervisor in Facilities Services
- Kendra Matthews, administra-

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- Eunice Mesa, Career Services manager in Career Services
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**UHV**, from pg. 11

**Services**

- Karen Sanders, senior budget analyst in the Budget Office
- Shawn Brett, senior applications programmer and developer in Student Affairs

Wood received a \$500 check, a UHV T-shirt and a plaque. Her name also will be engraved on the Employee of the Year plaque displayed in UHV University West.

A second Faculty & Staff Luncheon will take place at UH Sugar Land on Feb. 18 for those UHV

employees who work at that teaching center, the UH System at Cinco Ranch, the Houston Community College Katy campus or the Lone Star College University Center at Montgomery in The Woodlands.

UHV also recognized employees who have worked for five, 10, 15, 20 or 25 years at the university. Each employee's name, title and department are listed below.

**Five Years**

- Keith Akins, assistant professor in the School of Arts & Sciences
- Omar Al Nasser, assistant pro-

fessor in the School of Business Administration

- Eugenia Blomstrom, assistant clinical professor in the School of Nursing
- Candace Boyd, student advising coordinator in the School of Arts & Sciences
- Leticia Briones, office assistant in Academic and Student Technology Services
- Carmen Cancel, accountant in Finance
- Eliza Fortner, grants and contracts coordinator in Research & Sponsored Programs
- Trina Hall, assistant professor

in the School of Arts & Sciences

- Macarena Hernández, lecturer in the School of Arts & Sciences
- Junda Hu, lecturer in the School of Arts & Sciences
- Shonna Jud, secretary in the Office of Admissions
- John Kagochi, assistant professor in the School of Business Administration
- Leslee Lee, travel specialist in Finance
- Elsa Leggett, associate professor in the School of Education & Human Development
- Uppinder Mehan, associate provost in the Provost Office
- Katie Moody, assistant editor in the School of Arts & Sciences
- Uchenna Nwabueze, assistant professor in the School of Business Administration
- Adam Sierra, custodian in Facilities Services
- Kathryn Tart, dean and professor in the School of Nursing
- Denee Thomas, senior director of enrollment management and retention in the LEAD & Student Recruitment office
- Angela Willis, lecturer and Nursing Simulation Lab coordinator in the School of Nursing

**10 Years**

- Melanie Crider, senior secretary in Facilities Services
- Cherlyn Hodge, student advising coordinator in the School of Arts & Sciences
- Sandy Hybner, senior coordinator of recruitment and marketing in the School of Education & Human Development

• Hsin-Hui Lin, associate professor in the School of Education & Human Development

- Rachel Martinez, assistant professor in the School of Education & Human Development
- Ziad Swaidan, professor in the School of Business Administration

**15 Years**

- Linda Hayes, professor in the School of Business Administration
- Carol Klages, associate professor in the School of Education & Human Development
- Denise Prescott, payroll manager in Human Resources
- Marci Wallace, Web services manager in Academic & Student Technology Services
- Andria Young, associate professor in the School of Education & Human Development

**20 Years**

- Debbie Jozwiak, general accounting manager in Finance
- Mary Ann Rivera, applications programmer and analyst in Academic & Student Technology Services
- Lori Williamson, access services librarian at the Victoria College/UHV Library
- Sandra Wood, administrative assistant for the School of Arts & Sciences

**25 Years**

- Joe Dahlstrom, senior director of libraries at the VC/UHV Library
- Ruby Dean, financial aid specialist in Financial Aid



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## Why do you look so tired?

*Nationally recognized facial cosmetic surgeon explains*

For a malady that's as common to aging as waning vision, Festoons — also called “malar mounds” — aren't well understood by the public, says Adam J. Scheiner, M.D., an international eyelid and facial cosmetic surgeon specializing in the treatment of Festoons and featured on “The Dr. Oz Show” and “The Doctors.”



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“The more people know about the causes of Festoons and how they are often misdiagnosed, the better informed they are to be their own effective health-care advocates,” says Dr. Scheiner (www.adamscheinermd.com).

“A growing part of my practice is correcting treatments with less than favorable results that patients have had done elsewhere; like fillers used under the eyes to treat ‘bags,’ or lower eyelid surgery that doesn't address the patients' Festoons,” Dr. Scheiner says.

“The lack of awareness around Festoons and how ubiquitous they are — and how often they are misdiagnosed — is why my practice has executed an educational marketing campaign to bring clarity to combat the misinformation and confusion surrounding this condition,” he adds.

What is the difference between “bags” and Festoons?

“‘Bags’ are caused by fat protruding through the skin in the lower eyelid area, while Festoons, which also protrude, are primarily on the upper part of the cheek,” Dr. Scheiner says. “The two together can look like one large protrusion, but they're separate issues.”

Physicians will perform procedures to help a patient's lower eyelid “bags,” but often they leave the Festoons behind. This is because Festoons are notoriously hard to treat. The result? When they are not repaired at the same time as the “bags,” Festoons can actually look worse compared against the newly rejuvenated lower lid.

Festoons can also be a marker for pre-cancerous skin conditions on other parts of the face — another good reason to know the difference between Festoons and “bags.”

Dr. Scheiner offers tips for evaluating whether you have “bags” or Festoons, the causes of both, and

solutions:

- Are they “bags” or Festoons? “Bags” often appear as puffy circles directly beneath the eye. “If you touch them, they're usually firmer, and you can't easily move them from side to side. That's an indication they're ‘bags,’” Dr. Scheiner says. “Also, if you look up, they become more prominent.”

Festoons, on the other hand, are high on the cheek, although they can extend to the lower lid area. “They feel squishy to the touch, and they can be easily moved from side to side. They don't become more prominent when you look up.”

- What causes them? “Bags” are generally associated with aging, although younger people can also get them, Dr. Scheiner says.

Festoons are usually the result of damage. Sun exposure, smoking and aging are among the possible causes, and the results can be worsened by the contrasting pull of underlying facial muscles over the years. Fair-skinned people tend to be more susceptible to Festoons.

- What can you do about them? “Effective treatments for removing ‘bags’ have been available for quite some time, but physicians have struggled with removing Festoons,” Dr. Scheiner says. “Festoons are complicated to treat.”

Medications and steroid injections can provide temporary improvement, and some older surgical procedures offer mixed results.

One of the biggest problems with Festoons and eye “bags” is that they occur around the most expressive area of the face—our eyes. The eyes speak volumes, but they can give off the wrong message if they are framed by Festoons or eye “bags.”

“My patients say people are always asking them if they're sick or if they're tired,” Dr. Scheiner says. “It's hard to hear that over and over again, and it begins to impact

how you feel about yourself, as well as your energy level. What I love about the advanced laser and heading protocol that I developed is that it fundamentally changes the quality and the health of the skin—it takes swollen, sun-damaged skin and makes it smooth, tight and younger. It cleans up the messages around the eyes so that people can appear well and rested.”

About Dr. Adam J. Scheiner: Adam J. Scheiner, M.D. (www.adamscheinermd.com) is world-renowned in laser eyelid and facial plastic surgery for his groundbreaking treatment for Festoons. He wrote the medical text on the condition and treated two complex causes of Festoons for the Dr. Oz and The Doctors TV shows.

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1-tablespoon olive oil  
1 pound roma tomatoes - peeled, seeded and chopped  
1 (6.5 ounce) jar marinade artichoke hearts  
½ cup chopped green onions  
3 cloves crushed garlic  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook ravioli according to package directions
2. While the pasta is cooking, prepare the sauce. In a large nonstick skillet, heat 1-tablespoon oil over a medium high flame. Add tomatoes, artichokes, scallions, garlic, and salt and pepper. Cook 1 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are warmed through. Remove from heat.
3. Drain pasta well. Transfer to a large bowl, and toss with 1-teaspoon oil. Add half of the sauce to the ravioli; toss gently, but

thoroughly to mix. Transfer ravioli to a large serving platter. Pour remaining vegetable sauce over ravioli. Garnish with Parmesan cheese.

## Valentine Meatballs

1 cup shredded Swiss cheese  
1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms  
2 pounds lean ground beef  
2 (1 ounce) envelopes dry onion soup mix

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C)
2. In a medium bowl, toss together the cheese and mushrooms. In a separate bowl, mix together the ground beef and onion soup mix. Divide the beef into 12 to 16 balls then form them into small, thin heart shaped patties. Press an indentation into the center of half of the hearts, and fill with the cheese and mushrooms. Place another patty on top, and press to seal the hearts around the filling. Place in a shallow baking dish.
3. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven, until beef is well done, and filling is hot.

## Asparagus Parmesan

1-tablespoon butter  
¼ cup olive oil  
1 pound fresh asparagus spears, trimmed  
¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
salt and pepper to taste

1. Melt butter with olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add asparagus spears, and cook stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes, or to desired firmness.

Drain off excess oil and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper.

## Berry Valentine Pie

1 (9-inch) prepared graham cracker crust  
1 (16 ounce) package frozen strawberries, thawed and drained  
3 (7 ounce) cans whipped cream  
1 (16.5 ounce) can pitted dark sweet cherries  
1 (15 ounce) can blueberries  
2 graham crackers, crushed

1. On bottom of pie crust, spread strawberries evenly; cover with whipped cream
2. Spread cherries on whipped and cover cherries with whipped cream layer
3. Spread blueberries on top of whipped cream and cover with last layer of whipped cream
4. Sprinkle crumbled crackers on top of pie and place in the refrigerator for 45 minutes; serve.

## Cupid's Cookies

1-cup butter  
1 cup white sugar  
1 egg  
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract  
2½ cups sifted all-purpose flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup rolled oats  
¼ teaspoon peppermint extract  
3 drops red food coloring  
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar  
5 (1.5 ounce) bars milk chocolate candy

1. In a medium bowl, cream together butter or margarine and

white sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in egg and vanilla. Sift together flour and salt. Add to cream mixture and mix well. Stir in oats.

2. Divide dough in half. Add peppermint extract and a few drops of food color to half of dough. Chill for several hours.
3. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
4. Roll out each half of dough to 1/8-inch thickness on surface sprinkled lightly with confectioners' sugar. Cut out half of each color with the 2½-inch heart

shaped cookie cutter, and half with a 1½-cookie cutter. Try to make it so that you have an equal number of small and large hearts in opposing colors. Place them on unprepared cookie sheets.

5. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven.
6. Remove from oven and place 1 one square (1/8) of a chocolate bar onto the center of each large heart. Place small heart on top and press lightly to secure. Transfer to rack to cool.

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