

Local Victoria McDonald's owners have love affair with business

Their meeting at a restaurant sparked a love story 25 years in the making.

Robert Wezeman was managing a McDonald's in 1990 when he was introduced to Beatriz Provençio, newly hired to plan community relations for the restaurant. For Robert, it was love at first sight, but Beatriz needed a little convincing. After three months of asking, she finally agreed to a date. Sparks flew, and their relationship grew as Robert continued to advance his career at McDonald's. Beatriz received her degree from the University of Texas and em-

barked on a teaching career. They married in 1994, and had their first child in 1998.

Starting as a crew member in 1985, he knew early on that he eventually wanted to own his own restaurants. "I was on my own since I was 17. McDonald's offered me a steady paycheck and room for advancement. I reached a point where I was either going to join the military or make a go of it at McDonald's, and I chose McDonald's."

He accepted leadership positions within the corporation, but made it very clear with his super-

visors that he knew he belonged in his own restaurant. "At McDonald's they refer to that drive as having 'ketchup in your veins'", he states with a chuckle. "The corporate positions offered room for advancement but Beatriz and I wanted something that we could call our own."

After 10 years on the McDonald's corporate side and encouragement from Beatriz, his dream became reality when he was offered two restaurants in the San Antonio area. As the businesses grew and prospered he had the

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Robert and Beatriz Wezeman. Contributed photo.



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Being Victoria's first immigration firm will provide the city's immigrant community with a new

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Payroll manager Denise Prescott named UHV's 2017 employee of the year



UHV President Vic Morgan, left, stands with Denise Prescott, payroll manager and the university's 2017 Employee of the Year, after the university's annual Faculty & Staff Recognition Reception. *Contributed photo.*

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The reception is held annually to recognize faculty and staff members celebrating employment anniversaries and to name the Em-

ployee of the Year.

"This is a well-deserved honor," UHV President Vic Morgan said. "Denise does an outstanding job with the complex duties of seeing that UHV employees receive their paychecks on a timely and regular basis. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced employee in this role."

Prescott was hired at UHV in 1998. As payroll manager, she is responsible for ensuring the university's employee payroll is accurate and timely. In her nomination, Prescott was applauded for her willingness to help UHV employees over the phone or at her office.

"UHV is very fortunate to have
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UHV awards scholarships to Black History month contest winners



The winners of the Black History Month Poster Contest stand with some of the award-winning posters at the contest reception at UHV. Brennen Gray, front left, a Vickers Elementary School fifth-grade student, won first place, and Lola Rivera, a fifth-grader at Schorlemmer Elementary School, won third. Behind them stand UHV President Vic Morgan, left; James Murphy Jr., president of the Victoria Black History Steering Committee Inc.; and Victoria College President David Hinds. Matthew Trenck, a fifth-grade student at Vickers Elementary School, won second place but was unable to attend. *Contributed photo.*

When choosing a subject for his poster, Brennen Gray looked up a website that features African American Purple Heart recipients. "I wanted to do something about

someone who had saved lives," said Brennen, a 10-year-old Vickers Elementary School student. "I really wanted to show that a person's race doesn't have to matter.

Anyone can help other people, and their skin color isn't important."

Brennen was awarded first place during the Black History Month See SCHOLARSHIP, pg. 11

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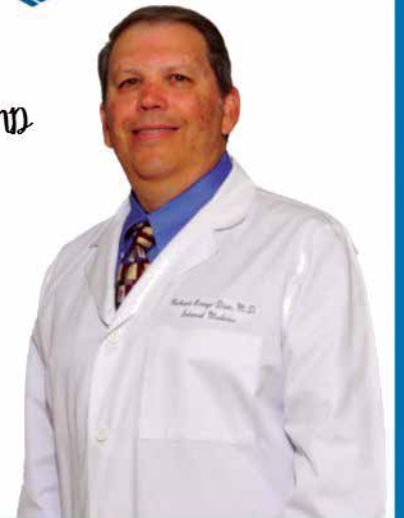
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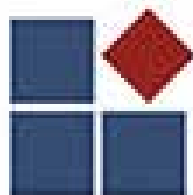
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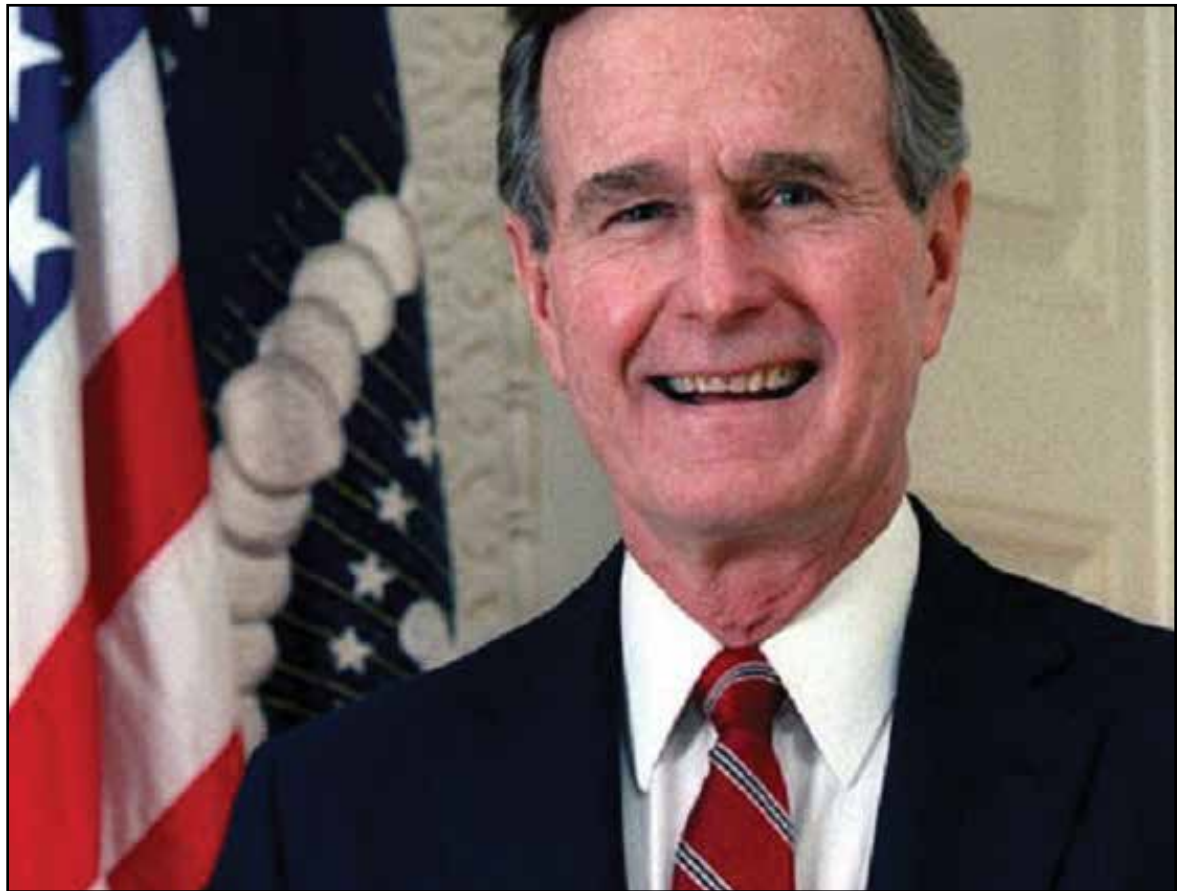
Noticias del Mundo

por Gloria Rivera

VATICANO – El Día Mundial de las Comunicaciones se celebrará el 13 de mayo en el Vaticano y en la mayoría de las diócesis. El mensaje papel fue lanzado en el Vaticano el 24 de enero, la fiesta de San Francisco de Sales, patrón de los periodistas.

Pope advierte sobre “Fake News.” Las personas tienen la responsabilidad de verificar la fuente de lo que comparten en las redes sociales para asegurarse de que no sean “noticias falsas” dice para fomentar los prejuicios o aumentar el miedo,” dijo Papa Francisco.

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el comenzó de la cuaresma.

ENGLAND – El Príncipe Harry y Meghan Markle han anunciado su fecha de boda. Sera el 19 de mayo 2018. ¡Muy enamorados!

GREECE – Un hombre y una mujer fueron encontrados congelados hasta la muerte por el servicio de bomberos de Grecia en la Cima del Monte Kainmaktsalan.

RUSSIA – No se encontraron sobrevivientes cuando un avión de pasajeros ruso se estrelló cerca de Moscú.

ARIZONA, USA – Dafne Gutiérrez, 31, dice que ahora tiene una visión perfecta después de quedar ciega hace más de un año. Ella afirma que recibió un milagro después de visitar la iglesia Católica Maronita St. Joseph en Phoenix donde un sacerdote oró con ella.

NORTH KOREA – La última prueba nuclear fue muy poderosa que reformó la montaña sobre ella.

PUERTO RICO – Después de cinco meses, el huracán María,

450,000 residentes aún no tienen electricidad.

CHICAGO – Desde 2001, 75 mujeres han sido estranguladas o sufocadas. La mayoría de los asesinos escaparon.

Las detenciones se han realizado solo en la tercera parte de los casos.

WASHINGTON, DC – George HW Bush se ha convertido en el presidente con más tiempo en la presidencia en la historia de los Estados Unidos.

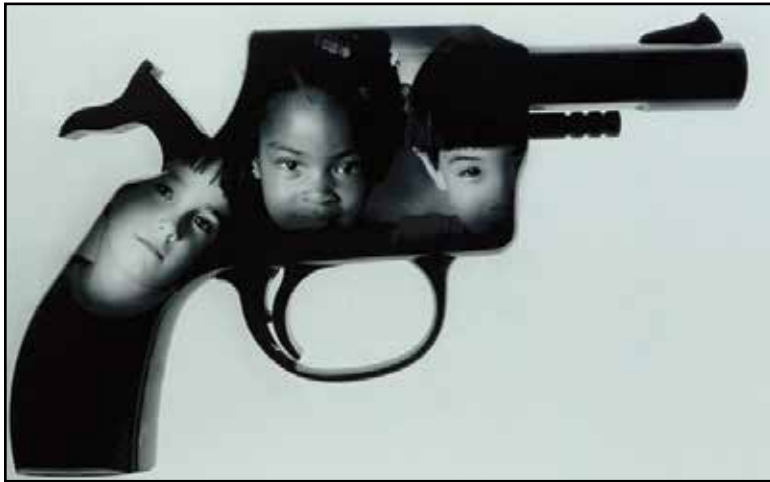


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Pistols, bullets, expanded clips, and the politics that goes with them



Guns and politics. *Contributed art.*

by Pedro Raya

I could easily refer to the recent tragedy in Tucson, or I could look historically at the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, or the attempted assassinations of Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford and George Wallace, or countless other incidents like Columbine, Waco, or even Fort Hood in Killeen. What do all these incidents have in common?

Before I answer this question, let me say that this has nothing to do with the Second Amendment, our right to bear arms, nor, in most cases does this have anything to do with hunters exercising their right to hunt animals, all though I did discuss my position on that topic previously, (see Revista, November 2010.)

This issue is about the availabil-

ity of pistols, semi-automatic and automatic weapons, the availability of ammunition, and of course the term that we have come to know oh so well: the extended clip. Now I know this is a loaded, if you'll excuse the pun, topic if you live in South Texas because from what I've personally witnessed, many individuals can't live with out their side arms.

Let me also say that this has nothing to do with law enforcement officials, because as far as I'm concerned, they should have all the firepower they need. Unfortunately, it seems like the criminals are the ones with the most efficient weapons available.

Locating a single politician who has the fortitude to stand up and say "no" to the barrels full of cash, more commonly referred to as hush money, that the National

Rifle Association (NRA) throws at them, is apparently next to impossible. When I was 20 years younger, gun control was a topic that was discussed before every election. Thanks to the power of the NRA, this topic isn't even on the table now, with the exception of the week after another one of these senseless tragedies rears its ugly head.

Honestly, it sickens me when politicians in Washington or the 50 state capitols refuse to say "enough is enough," yet innocent bystanders are shot down on a sunny day. Arizona itself has one of the highest rates of permits issued to individuals who want to carry a handgun. I'm sure that many of these same individuals say that they carry their sidearm for protection, yet where was all the protection in Tucson?

Of course, I have to talk about the extended clip. Why in God's name would any individual need to carry a semiautomatic weapon that has 31 bullets in it, unless they also carried a badge or a set of dog tags? Is there a single legitimate answer to that question?

If so, I sure would like to hear it. We all know, or at least I would hope so, that with the rare exception of a hunter being attacked by 30 renegade deer, a weapon of this nature is used to kill people. That's it, bottom line.

I feel that if politicians in Washington and Austin are so fervent about not passing any restrictions

on weapons of this nature, then the American taxpayer should not have to foot the bill for their protection. Let them take the same chances that we all have to take interacting with individuals that are hell bent on taking innocent lives.

After the tragedy in Parkland High School mass shooting, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan stated, "now is not the time to wage political battles." Cool. Let's start by pulling his security team, and then let's see if his opinion doesn't change.

Elected officials know that by being in the public spotlight, they are potential targets, but what about the shopper that happens to be in a grocery store parking lot? Should they expect to be shot or killed? Or what about the 9-year-old child that goes to a political rally for the sole purpose of partic-

ipating in the democratic process or just going to school? Should the parents of that child have an expectation that their child would be safe?

There's an old expression nothing changes if nothing changes. And since I'm very confident that nothing changes, I guess I can reprint this article next month, or next year, or ten years from now.

The only suggestion I can make is that if you're an American, its time to start having your clothes and hats made-out of Kevlar.

Editor's note: Reprinted from Revista de Victoria, February 2011 with an edit that includes a new Speaker of the House U.S. Congressman Paul Ryan and a quote after the Parkland shooting and "going to school". The column is still apropos from seven years ago.



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I am Michael Kuhn, a 54-year-old, self-employed residential contractor and a 24-year resident

of district three. Because of the recently rejected school bond issue and recent resignations of the

superintendent and president of our school board, I have decided to run for district 3, VISD board of trustees. This decision was made for several reasons I will explain to you now.

has steadily gotten worse as demonstrated by test results put out by the State of Texas Board of Education. The data released is in direct conflict with the claims of our school board, which claims steady improvement in performance on these tests to the parents and voters of VISD.

REASON 4: The VISD school board, as demonstrated by the recent bond election, has failed to provide an adequate maintenance



Michael Kuhn. Contributed photo.



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REASON 1: The Victoria County Appraisal District has, in my opinion, become out of control with its yearly increases in the appraised values of our homes. As a board member, I would have some control over this process.

REASON 2: The recent school bond vote has demonstrated the lack of responsible leadership expected from the voters and VISD residents. The extremely expensive and unwise plan for our student's future educational needs lacked any semblance of fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of Victoria County.

REASON 3: The quality of education provided to our students

programs for our schools. The recent bond was full of maintenance work that should have been done on a routine basis. The failure to do this and the boards proposed use of long term debt to do this work shows me that the board of trustees no longer has the taxpayer's best interests in mind when making financial decisions for our schools.

These four reasons along with others, I will not list here, has demonstrated plainly to me that a drastic change in leadership is required to bring our school district back into responsible stewardship of our tax dollars and address the

failure of the board to provide the high-quality education that our students deserve and what the voters expect from our school district.

I am now asking you for your support in my campaign for VISD district 3 trustee, so I can be your voice to make the needed changes to address the failures of the current school board and district.

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opportunity to purchase additional restaurants, but passed because he and Beatriz were adamant about not disrupting the lives of their young children. "They had their

friends, activities, and regular routines. I moved around a lot when I was younger and I didn't want to do the same thing to them."

Opportunity knocked again when Victoria area owners Darline and Kevin Poynter were retiring and looking to sell their

restaurants. Robert and Beatriz purchased the restaurants from the Poynters in 2015.

McDonald's is now a family affair. Beatriz retired from teaching after 23 years, and joined Robert in the business, assisting with the day to day operations of 6 res-

taurants and immersing herself in giving back to the communities where they work and live. Their children help out as time permits. "We enjoy our time together both inside and outside of the restaurants. My goals are to make my kids' lives better and my 'Mc-

Family's' lives better. I want my children and the people who work for me to know that there is opportunity at McDonald's if you work hard and never lose sight of your goals. I started with nothing and gained success because my family believed in me and supported me."

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opportunity to solve their immigration matters in their hometown versus having to travel to nearby cities.

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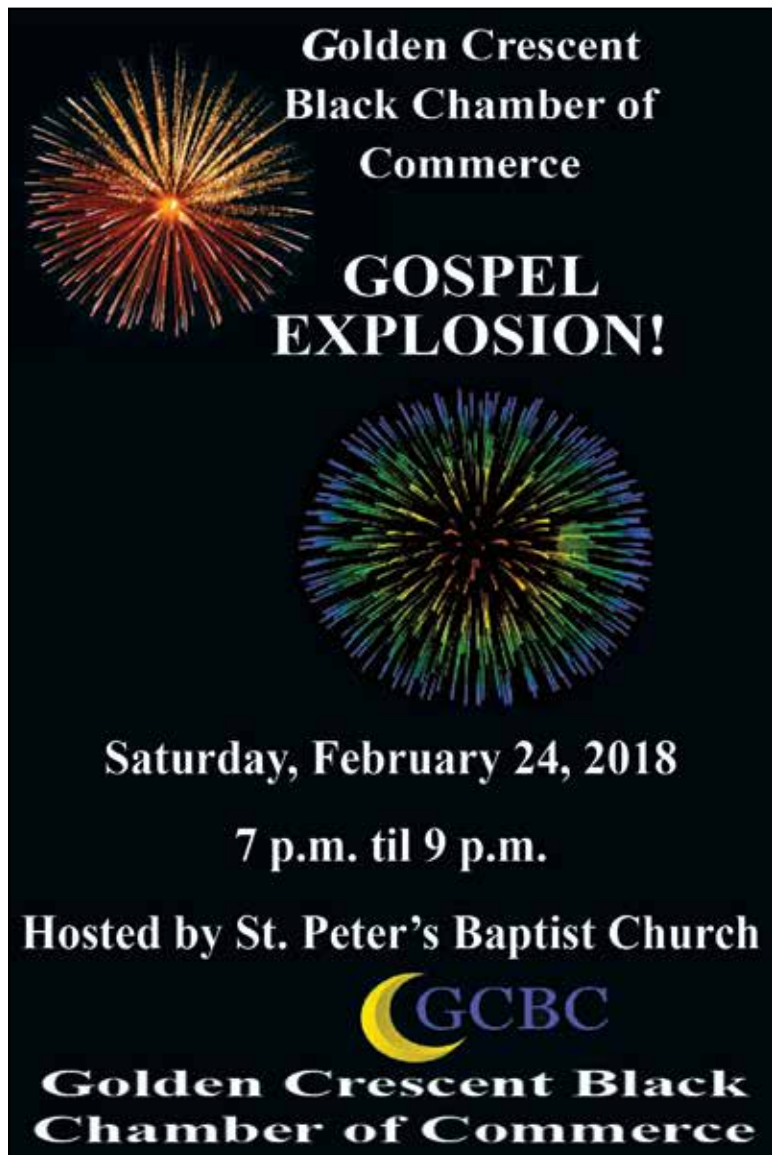


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sufre. Mucho talento tienen los dos.

Anqué que ya están divorciados desde hace tiempo, Lucero le canto a su ex esposo Mijares en su cumpleaños recientemente.

Recientemente también Lucero canta banda y lo hace muy bien.

Otro que tuvo su cumpleaños este mes, fue William Levy, quien ahora tiene 37 años. Celebro con su familia.

Elizabeth, la esposa de William Levy, dice que son feliz y que sus dos hijos son todo para ellos.

Guy Ecker, un actor muy talentoso, va a regresar a las telenovelas. El salió en la telenovela, "La Mentira" con Kate del Castillo hace tiempo.

Myrka Dállanos anuncio recientemente que ella y Luis Miguel andan otra vez. Ellos tienen una hija. Myrka y Luis Miguel hacían



Lucia Méndez. Contributed photo.

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Adela Noriega y Fernando See CHARLANDO, pg. 9

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CHARLANDO, from pg. 8 Colunga van a ser una telenovela juntos otra vez. Eso anuncio TV Azteca. ¡Esto va a ser un hit!

¡Adela y Fernando trabajan muy bien en las telenovelas y por eso sus novelas son siempre hits!

Todos dicen que Angelica Rivera y Enrique De Peña Nieto ya no quieren estar juntos. Los ter-

ribles rumores dicen que el volvió a golpear a ella. Ella ya no vive en Los Pinos, sino se fue a vivir en Los Ángeles.

Ojalá no vuelva con él. Ella quiere volver a las telenovelas.

Aracely dice que "Luis Miguel es un padre responsable." Ella tiene dos hijos con él.

Hubo pleito entre Lucia Méndez

y Madonna en un concierto. (¡No era bonito!)

José José todavía está en un hospital en New York en los Estados Unidos.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

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Noon Market Broiler Judging
Noon Grand Opening Ceremony
Noon - 8:00 pm Petting Zoo Open
Noon - 9:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm County Fair & Ag Mechanics Open (Jaycee Hall)
Carcass Awards
1:30 pm Market Hog Judging
2:30 pm - 9:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

8:00 am - 3:00 pm "Kids Day" School Tours
8:00 am - 8:00 pm Petting Zoo Open
10:00 am - 10:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open
10:00 am Sweepstakes Heifer Show
10:00 am Commercial Heifer Judging
10:00 am - 7:00 pm County Fair & Ag Mechanics Open (Jaycee Hall)
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Market Lamb Judging
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Market Goat Judging
6:30 pm Commercial Heifer Awards
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SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

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UHV alumni honorees proudly serve Victoria

In the first decade of the University of Houston-Victoria, Tenna Thompson became a UHV alumna and has since then pursued her passion in education and community service.

"I enrolled at UHV during a pivotal point in my life," said Thompson, who earned a bachelor's degree in education with a specialty in reading. "Getting an education was always very important to me, and the accessibility plus the affordable, quality education offered was such a godsend at the time. I'm so grateful for the experience and the faculty members I had the pleasure of learning from."

Thompson will receive the 2018 Distinguished Alumna Award at the March 2 UHV Alumni Banquet. The Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to a UHV graduate whose accomplishments, character and service are exceptional and represent the ideals and

values of his or her alma matter. Victoria County Judge Ben Zeller will be recognized as the Young Alumnus of the Year. The Young Alumnus of the Year Award is presented to a UHV graduate who is younger than 40 and is distinctly accomplished professionally or in service to others.

The banquet, which is part of UHV Homecoming week, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the UHV University North Multi-Purpose Room, 3007 N. Ben Wilson St. Alumni, their families and friends are encouraged to attend.

Festivities will include a beer and wine reception, catered dinner with door prizes, a photo booth and more. President Vic Morgan



Victoria County Judge Ben Zeller. *Contributed photo.*

will give an update about the university, and Kira Mudd, UHV director of alumni relations and annual giving, will review alumni engagement in 2017 and plans for 2018.

"This will be the third year we've hosted the Alumni Banquet, and it's a really fun evening we

look forward to providing for our alumni and their guests," Mudd said. "We're excited to reconnect with and celebrate our alumni at this festive event. This year, we are providing a coffee and dessert bar during an intermission between the event program and featured entertainment."

A show featuring comedian and magician Robby Bennett will be held right after the banquet in the same room. Bennett describes himself as a master of the magical arts with comic wit.

Zeller is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of UHV. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from UHV in 2005 and a Master of Business Administration degree from Texas A&M University-San Antonio in 2009. Since graduation, he has worked at Wells Fargo and TDECU, and now is the Victoria County judge, acting as the county's chief executive officer and chief budgeter.

"One thing that is very special about Ben is that he is part of a family legacy of UHV alumni, which includes his father who helped tremendously with our alumni efforts in the past," said Jesse Pisors, UHV vice president for advancement and external relations. "Ben is a capable leader who has balanced his political, professional and family leadership roles well while still giving his time to UHV."

Zeller said his UHV undergraduate degree helped prepare him to

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Poster Contest reception at the University of Houston-Victoria. He received a \$2,000 UHV scholarship and a Victoria College summer camp voucher.

The theme for this year's contest was African Americans in Times of War. Fifth-graders across Victoria Independent School District submitted 100 posters for the contest. The posters were judged by representatives from UHV, Victoria College and the Victoria Black History Steering Committee Inc.

"We love hosting this contest and ceremony because it's such a great learning opportunity," UHV President Vic Morgan said. "We received an impressive number of posters that featured some great work by these students. Every year, we've seen students explore different aspects of African American history, and their parents and teachers have learned by extension. It's exciting to see that interest grow and be rewarded."

Brennen's poster featured Lt. Col. Archie "Joe" Biggers, who received the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts for his heroic actions in Vietnam.

"Even though he got shot, he went back to save others, and he made them get medical help first," Brennen said. "When I first started researching him, I just got this spark in my mind. I wanted to learn more."

Matthew Trenck, a student at Vickers Elementary School, was awarded second place for his poster titled "African Americans in Times of War: From Slavery to the End of Segregation." He won a \$1,000 scholarship and a VC summer camp waiver. Matthew was unable to attend the ceremony.

Third place went to Lola Rivera, a 10-year-old student at Schorlemmer Elementary School, for her poster about Civil War soldier Christian Fleetwood. She received a \$500 scholarship and a VC summer camp waiver. She chose him from a list of possible poster subjects her teacher handed out.

"I thought he was really interesting because he won a Medal of Honor and carried the flag during a battle," Lola said. "I was excited to win, especially because I received a scholarship."

Honorable mention selections in the poster contest were:

- Carlee Burow, William Wood Elementary School
- Joseph DeLaGarza, Aloe Elementary School
- Emma Hilliard, Schorlemmer Elementary School
- Paige Ludwig, Vickers Elementary School

They received gift bags from UHV and VC.

The ceremony included remarks from Morgan, VC President David Hinds, and James Murphy Jr., president of the Victoria Black History Steering Committee Inc.

The posters will be on display through February in the UHV University Center, 3007 N. Ben Wilson Street.

and energy to community efforts, an investment group and a book club started by former UH System regent, Dorothy Alcorn.

Thompson said the award means a lot to her.

"I am flattered to receive this award," Thompson said. "It is not something I ever imagined receiving, but it's a great feeling to know you are appreciated."

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take on the role of Victoria County judge.

"A lot of the courses I took at UHV are very relevant to what I do now," Zeller said. "Classes like finance, communications, accounting and management are all vital parts of my day-to-day job. UHV is a tremendous asset to the Victoria community."

Zeller said the Alumni Banquet and UHV's Homecoming week are exciting events.

"Homecoming is an effective way to bring alumni back to the university to celebrate their successes and remember their alma mater," he said. "Connecting current students, faculty and staff with alumni is nothing but positive for everyone involved."

Both Zeller and Thompson have served on numerous community organizations. Thompson has been an active member and advisor to boards of Junior League, CASA, Trinity Episcopal School, Victoria Theater and Victoria Symphony, and she is a passionate volunteer in other community projects beneficial to the community like the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. She and her husband have hosted the UHV/American



Tenna Thompson. *Contributed photo.*

Book Review Reading Series receptions.

"We are extremely proud to count Tenna as a UHV alumna," Pisors said. "She has given back in ways that are both meaningful to her and beneficial to the university. We are grateful for her and her husband's support of our American Book Review Reading Series, athletics and the Here, We Go fundraising campaign efforts."

Thompson taught as a substitute teacher at Trinity Episcopal School off and on for 20 years. She is retired and gives her time

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Port of Corpus Christi included in the President's proposed FY 19 Budget



Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge. Contributed photo.

For the first time, the Port of Corpus Christi's Ship Channel Improvement Project (CIP) was included in the FY 19 Presidential Budget for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Coastal Navigation Construction that was released by the White House Monday.

"This is a historic day for the Port and we are honored to have the CIP included in President Trump's budget," said Sean Strawbridge, Port Corpus Christi CEO. "Investing in this infrastructure

expansion project is an investment in the U.S. economy and the leadership of American energy. Our challenge now is to ensure that we have an appropriate level of funds to complete this project in a time frame that ensures the competitiveness of American energy. We look forward to working with our partners at USACE in the days and weeks ahead and commencing next steps of this project as soon as possible."

The President's budget includes \$13 million in funding for port of

Corpus Christi's CIP in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in its civil works budget. Completion of the CIP will allow the Port to increase export volumes of U.S. oil and natural gas, supporting the nation's allies abroad and bolstering domestic energy production. According to Energy Analysts International, the Port of Corpus Christi exported more than \$6 billion of crude oil to U.S. trading partners in 2017 contributing to offset the United States trade deficit.



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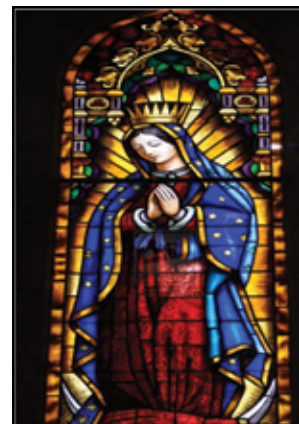
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UHV sees increase in spring enrollment, student retention

The University of Houston-Victoria's preliminary spring enrollment has increased nearly 3 percent from this time last year.

The university has 4,107 students enrolled as of Wednesday, the 12th class day, a 2.9 percent increase from spring enrollment a year ago. That growth was reflected in several areas throughout the university.

"It is exciting to see UHV making progress in its goals toward growth and student retention," UHV President Vic Morgan said. "The university continues to focus on offering an affordable, accessible education, and it is rewarding to know students are taking advantage of UHV's programs to earn a degree."

All three of UHV's academic schools saw an increase in the number of undergraduate student enrollment when compared to the previous spring. The School of Education, Health Professions & Human Development grew by 13.1 percent, while the School of Arts & Sciences saw an 8.1 percent increase and the School of Business Administration had a 1.3 percent increase. In addition, the education school also saw a 2.9 percent increase in preliminary graduate student enrollment.

In addition to more students, the university has seen an increase in

retention from the previous year's preliminary numbers.

This year, UHV has 3,601 returning students, 4.5 percent more than a year ago. There was a 25 percent increase in the number of freshmen who returned to UHV after an earlier semester compared with the previous spring. There also was a 15.2 percent increase in returning juniors and a 14.1 percent increase in returning sophomores.

The university also saw growth in the number of new graduate students enrolled. A group of 175 students, 8.7 percent more than the previous year, joined UHV this spring to pursue graduate degrees.

With the increases in preliminary spring enrollment and student retention, UHV also has seen a rise in the number of credit hours taken by students. As of the 12th class day, UHV students are taking 38,055 credit hours, a 3.2 percent increase from preliminary numbers a year ago.

"We are happy to see increased enrollment in the spring semester,



UHV jaX, the jaguar. *Contributed photo.*

especially when so many people are dealing with the effects of Hurricane Harvey," said Denee Thomas, UHV assistant vice president for enrollment management. "Retaining our current students is a win for UHV, hopefully leading to more graduates and stretching recruitment dollars. Additionally, more undergraduates are carrying larger semester credit hour loads, which should lead to shorter graduation times and a savings of time and money for students."

Final spring enrollment figures and a breakdown of student demographics will be available later in the spring semester after certification from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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Beef stroganoff with pasta. *Contributed photo.*

BEEF STROGANOFF WITH PASTA

3 cups dried wide noodles
 3 cups broccoli spears (12 ounces)
 ½ cup light dairy sour cream
 1½ teaspoons prepared horseradish
 ½ teaspoon snipped fresh dill
 1-pound beef rib eye steak
 1 small onion, cut into ½-inch slices
 ½ teaspoon bottled minced garlic
 1 tablespoon cooking oil
 4 teaspoons all-purpose flour
 ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 (14-ounce) can beef broth
 3 tablespoons tomato paste
 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1. Cook noodles according to package directions, adding broccoli until the last 5 minutes of cooking. Drain; return noodles and broccoli to pan.

2. Meanwhile, stir together the sour cream, horseradish, and dill in a small serving bowl; cover and chill until serving time.

3. Trim fat from beef. Cut beef into bite-size strips. Cook half of the beef, all the onion, and garlic in hot oil in a large skillet until onion is tender and beef is of desired doneness. Remove from skillet. Add remaining beef, cook and stir until beef is of desired doneness. Return all meat to a skillet; sprinkle flour and black pepper over meat. Stir to coat.

4. Stir in broth, tomato paste, and Worcestershire sauce. Cook and stir until mixture is thick and bubbly. Cook and stir 1 minute more. Divide noodle-broccoli mixture in four bowls. Spoon beef mixture on top of noodle mixture. Top with one or two spoonfuls or two of the sour cream mixture. Makes 4 servings.

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DOUBLE THUMBPRINT COOKIES

½ cup butter, softened
 ¼ cup granulated sugar
 ¼ cup packed brown sugar
 1-teaspoon baking powder
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 egg
 1-tablespoon milk
 1-teaspoon vanilla
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 ¼ to 1/3 cup cherry jam or preserves, or seedless raspberry preserves

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large bowl beat butter with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add granulated sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, and salt. Beat until mixture is combined, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Beat in egg, milk, and vanilla until combined. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with the mixer. Stir in any remaining flour.

2. Shape dough into ¾-inch balls. For each cookie on an ungreased or parchment paper-lined cookie sheet place 2 dough balls side by side with one side touching. Press thumbs into each ball to form an indentation in each. Press in center of each with thumb and taper bottom of cookie with fingers to form a heart shape. Repeat with remaining dough balls, leaving

about 2 inches between cookies.
 3. Bake 7 to 9 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Remove from oven, transfer cookies to wire rack. While warm, fill each indentation with jam or preserves (if necessary, snip any large pieces

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such a dedicated employee who is always willing to go above and beyond what needs to be done as payroll manager,” said Laura Smith, UHV human resources director and Prescott’s supervisor. “For example, Denise came to campus the

day after Hurricane Harvey to retrieve payroll records, so she could process payroll for UHV employees – and at the time the campus was closed and without electricity. She is a star employee who is always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.”

UHV employees choose the

Employee of the Year by casting votes on an email ballot listing each 2017 UHV Employee of the Month.

“I’m just awed to receive this honor,” Prescott said. “It’s really just a complete surprise. It’s an amazing feeling, and I appreciate all the support I’ve received from

everyone at UHV.”

In addition to Prescott, others listed on the ballot were:

- Ramona King, former employee
- Darren Keesee, instructional tech specialist
- Donna Lutz, administrative assistant
- Mary Field, administrative assistant
- Linda Bagwell, senior payroll assistant
- Kathy Walton, executive administrative assistant

- Ida Jimenez, senior administrative secretary
- Amanda Simper, senior administrative assistant
- Rhiannon Smith, director of services
- Adrian Rigby, head soccer coach
- Eliza Fortner, coordinator of grants and contracts

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



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