

## Congressman Michael Cloud opens district offices

Congressman Michael Cloud opened the 27th Congressional District Offices this Monday morning, July 16, 2018. The offices had been closed since the June 30 special election that sent Rep. Cloud to Congress this past week.

The Congressman personally opened the Victoria office and took questions from the media about the office opening, his swearing in, and his first week in Congress.

“Taking care of residents of our district is my top priority,” said Rep. Cloud. “I’ve been in Washington this past week working for our district’s interests, but my office has been especially focused on reopening our district offices as quickly as possible so we can begin meeting needs here at home.”

The offices are now staffed and available to District 27 residents to provide input and request assistance from the Congressman’s office. The office can help resi-

dents navigate bureaucratic obstacles and receive fair and timely responses from federal agencies, including the Social Security Administration, Veterans Affairs, Citizenship/Immigration, FEMA, the IRS, and more.

Rep. Cloud also encouraged all those who had open cases left unresolved when former Rep. Farenthold’s office closed to contact his office and reopen the case. Due to privacy laws, those cases do not automatically transfer from one of representative’s office to another.

Rep. Cloud was sworn in to office this past Tuesday. Notable legislation included H.R. 200, a top priority of the recreational fisheries sector and saltwater anglers, which passed on Wednesday with Rep. Cloud’s support.

Office information: Corpus Christi Office, 101 N. Shoreline Blvd. Ste 300, Corpus Christi, TX See CLOUD, pg. 8



U.S. Congressman Michael Cloud swearing in by the U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives Paul Ryan, wife Rosel Cloud and children: Zoe, Ean and Kent. Contributed photo by Speaker’s office. *Contributed photo.*



Isabel Verver-De La Vega. *Contributed photo.*

## The Little School of 400

by Peter Morales

Sixty-two years ago seeds were planted for what would become the nationally known Head Start Program. It occurred in one of the most unlikely places, Ganado, Texas, and with the partnership of the most unlikely duo, Houston businessman Felix Tijerina and 15-year-old Ganado High School freshmen, Isabel Verver – De La Vega.

But the real story starts nine years before that when Verver –

De La Vega began the first grade at Ganado Elementary. It’s imperative to place that time in perspective. The only language spoken in public school was English.

“I remember before school started, Paul, my oldest brother and confidant, told me to sit at my desk and don’t say anything.” As the morning progressed the need for Verver – De La Vega to use the bathroom got to an urgent state. The class size according to her was about 20 children, half of which were Hispanic, referred to

as Latins at that time.

“I didn’t know what to do, I only spoke Spanish and no one in the class was able to translate my needs to the teacher,” she said. “Unfortunately, I wasn’t able to make it to the bathroom in time. As long as I live I will never forget the shame and humiliation I felt from that incident.”

From that point on, and remarkably at that early age, Verver – De La Vega realized it was a communication problem and later she

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## Hosting a food or fund drive to benefit the Food Bank

Each month, the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent helps to feed nearly 30,000 people throughout 11 counties in south Texas. The food we provide comes from several different sources; retail stores such as H-E-B and Wal-Mart donate food to us, some is purchased from the USDA and other suppliers, and some is obtained through food drives. We also receive money through grants and donations, which we use to buy food.

### Can anyone host a food or fund drive?

YES, we welcome anyone – individuals, businesses, schools, churches, community groups - to host a food or fund drive on our behalf! We will make it as easy as possible by providing donation jars for money, donation barrels for food, and flyers for advertising.

We will happily deliver the flyers, jars and barrels to you and pick up the donations once the drive ends. All you need to do is provide a place to set out the donation jar or barrel.

### Why fund drives are the most beneficial

Fund drives, and fundraisers allow us to acquire the food most needed by our neighbors who are facing hunger. By now you might have seen our billboards around Victoria proclaiming, "Every \$1 donated helps provide 8 meals" to our clients. This is because food banks can make a dollar go so much further than we as individuals can. By working closely with suppliers, retailers, government entities and buying at larger bulk quantities, the food bank can get more bang for our buck. The bottom line is that food donations are always welcomed, but the monetary donation gives our organization greater flexibility in providing for those in need.

### Which foods are needed most?

When it comes to food donations, our greatest need is for nutritious non-perishables that our clients can use to create healthy meals. High protein, low sugar and low sodium foods are the best choices. We are always in need of peanut butter, canned or dried beans, rice, cereal, macaroni and cheese, canned meats such as chicken or tuna, chili, canned soups and stews, and meals-in-a-box. Canned foods with pop-top



2017 Food Bank Big Freakin' Flea Market Peanut Butter Drive. Contributed photo.

lids that do not require a can opener are a definite plus.

### How is donated food given to clients?

The Food Bank serves as a warehouse that collects the food to be distributed. Donated food arrives at the Food Bank unsorted, so the first step is to remove the food from the donation barrels and sort it into boxes according to category – pasta, canned fruit, canned meat, and so on. The boxes are weighed, moved to the appropriate spot in the warehouse, and entered into our online inventory system. Food pantries have access to our inventory and place orders according to their needs, with the option of picking up the order or having it delivered to them. The pantry then provides the food to their clients.

For a complete list of the food pantries in your county, call the Food Bank at 578-0591 or go to the Get Help section of our website: [www.tfbgc.org](http://www.tfbgc.org).

Meridith Byrd is the Director of Programs and Development for the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. Contact her at 361-578-0591 or [mbyrd@feedingamerica.org](mailto:mbyrd@feedingamerica.org).




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# VC Adult Education students inducted into honor society



Members of Victoria's Incarnate Word Convent pose with Sisters Tuyet Thi Anh Pham, holding certificate, and Huong Nguyen, seated right of Pham. *Contributed photo.*

Victoria College recognized 25 students during the 15th annual National Adult Education Honor Society Induction Ceremony on June 15 at the Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts.

Nominated by an instructor or staff member and chosen by a selection committee, the students were rewarded for their consistent attendance, cooperative attitude and good work ethic.

Each student received a National Adult Education Honor Society gold, black and white lapel pin and a letter of recommendation to be used for employment or promotion. They also received a letter of recommendation for financial assistance to be used in applying for funding for further education.

Victoria College's Adult Education Center serves limited English speakers, people with academic challenges and those who have not completed a high school education. Students are offered evaluations, individual tutoring, face-to-face instruction and online learning options. VC's Adult Education Center also provides academic support for students seeking career training.

Services are also offered at satellite locations, including Cuero, Edna, Goliad, Gonzales, Hallettsville, Port Lavaca, Yoakum and Yorktown.

Inductees were Natalie Brummett, Brenda Casillas, Rayder-son Chevalier, Maria Guadalupe

Garcia, Karla Hernandez, Hala Hmam, Undarmaa John, Jacqueline Martinez, Maria Veronica Mendoza, Huong Nguyen, Tuyet Thi Anh Pham, Susana Pina, Jessica Ramirez, Chadrick Reed, Ingrid Zafra Reina, Christela Reyes, Rosealia Rubio, Eugenia Ruiz, Maria de Los Angeles Sosa de Melgarejo, Rutika Surati, Wan Zhen Wu Tang, Brioshanique Taylor, Hannah Trevino, Hsu Chun Wang and Angelino Zavala.

For more information on Adult Basic Education courses at Victoria College, call (361) 573-7323, email [AdultEducation@Victoria-College.edu](mailto:AdultEducation@Victoria-College.edu) or visit [VictoriaCollege.edu/AdultEducation](http://VictoriaCollege.edu/AdultEducation).



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- Human Services
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- Manufacturing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

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tar en contacto con los verdaderos problemas del pueblo.”

**MEXICO** – Violencia en Cancún, playa de Carmen y los Cabos amenazan la industria turística de México. Los informes son sobre la delincuencia y las tragedias turísticas que han hecho titulares recientes.

**USA** – El Presidente Trump dijo “DACA está muerto.” El presidente está culpando a los Demócratas por el fin de ellos y por la desaparición de la política de inmigración de la era de Obama, a pesar de que



Presidente Trump y Kim Jong Un líder de Corea del Norte. *Contributed photo.*

terminó la política hace 8 meses.

**CALIFORNIA** – La gente en California decidirá dividir California en tres Estados califica para la bola de noviembre.

**USA** – El Presidente Trump dijo que Corea del Norte ya no es una amenaza nuclear después de que se hayan formulado preguntas sobre su reunión con Kim Jong Un.

**USA** – Los Estados Unidos, Canadá y México ganan el voto para

acoger la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026.

**CHINA** – Trump planea hablar con China sobre la toma de las firmas norteamericanas.

**CALIFORNIA** – John Cox está en la lucha para convertirse en el próximo gobernador de California.

**ENGLAND** – Prince Harry toma el corazón desparasitación viaje en solitario a África para la apertura de una nueva escuela en Lesotho.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – El Presidente Trump pidió a los Estados Unidos que deporten a personas sin procedimientos judiciales, que se referían a una invasión de “esas personas” y se encontraban en contra de leyes migratorias permanentes. “No podemos permitir que toda esta gente invada nuestro país. Cuando alguien entra, debemos de inmediato, sin los jueces o los casos de la corte, llevarlos de vuelta de donde vienen. Nuestro sistema es una burla a la buena política de inmigración y la ley y el orden. La mayoría de los niños vienen sin padres”.

**NORTH KOREA** – El ejército estadounidense ha enviado 100 ataúdes de madera a la frontera de Corea del Norte en preparación para el regreso de los muertos de la guerra de los Estados Unidos y Corea.



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# Mas-o-Menos

## Game Rooms to the right, Game Rooms to the left...I want one!



Game Room 8-liners. Contributed photo.

by Santiago Raya

Just got back to Victoria after plying my wares in that big city down the road. I say I left town of my own volition. But there will always be the naysayer who will argue that I was run out-of-town. Nonetheless I'm back home and looking for cash flow opportunities.

I've only been here for a couple of days, but I've got a real feel for where my money is going. I'm throwing my hat into the ring and opening up a game room. I already have a name picked out. It'll be called Lucky U.

Now I've been very prudent in researching the laws that are on the books concerning game rooms, and I have a team of local attor-

neys assisting me on exactly how I can make all the money that all these other game room owners are lining their pockets with.

The real predicament is in how to circumvent local regulations; oops I mean work within the law to insure both compliance and that my winners are paid out in hard cold cash...I sure hope I can go on record by saying that without tipping my hand to my competition.

I've never actually been in a game room but the way I figure it out is there is no way any gambler worth his or her salt is going to spend their valuable time or hard earned cash to win toilet paper or toothpaste, so there's got to be a catch.

The best part is when I'm successful, and I can assure you that I'm going to do everything in my power to do exactly that. I'm spreading my wings by franchising out...doggone it I want to share the wealth.

I won't be happy till every vacant storefront in Victoria houses a new Lucky U Game Room. But let me tell you something, I don't want to stop there. I think I'm on the cutting edge of something really big.

The way I see it, if one vice is good then two must be better. Ap-

parently to local officials it's all about the tax dollars, right? To heck with the fact that it appears the members of our community that are most susceptible to this type of operation, just like the Texas Lotto, are those individuals that can least afford it, and there's never a shortage of people who fit that bill.

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dollars in local troughs.

So, if you're looking for great investment opportunities, keep your eyes open for a Lucky U opening-up in your neighborhood. Come on in and ask for Santiago and we'll talk turkey...but let's discuss it in the back, in my gift room, where I'll be handing out the real prizes.

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# Charlando de TV y Cine

por Gloria Rivera

Luis Miguel se es que tiene muchos hijos aquí y a ya. Reconocimiento ya se sabe desde que los dos hijos son de Miguel y Aracely. Aracely tiene dos o tres de él. Ella

dice que los ve muy poco. También el hijo de Lucia Méndez es de Luis. En ese tiempo Luis Miguel estaba muy jovencito. ¿Ahora sus hijos lo buscan a él y



Lucia Méndez. Contributed photo.

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La anuncia que Queen Elizabeth mando a quitar la foto de Megan y Harry del palacio.

Hay muchos despidos en Primer

Impacto, Despierta América y El Gordo y la Flaca. Todos estos programas tienen muchos años en TV.

¿Hace ya se vía anunciado has poco que Adamaris López está esperando su segundo bebe!

¿Porque Aida Cuevas dice que Lucero no es cantante de rancho? Y Despierta América y El Gordo y la Flaca por escándalos.

Angelica Rivera se va para California después de su divorcio. Ahora vive en Los Ángeles.

Los que les gusta el “Caro Cerrado” ya saben que ya Telemundo lo cancelo.

Ya tiene como hace cinco meses que Alejandra Guzmán se lo cambio se cara, peo ahora después

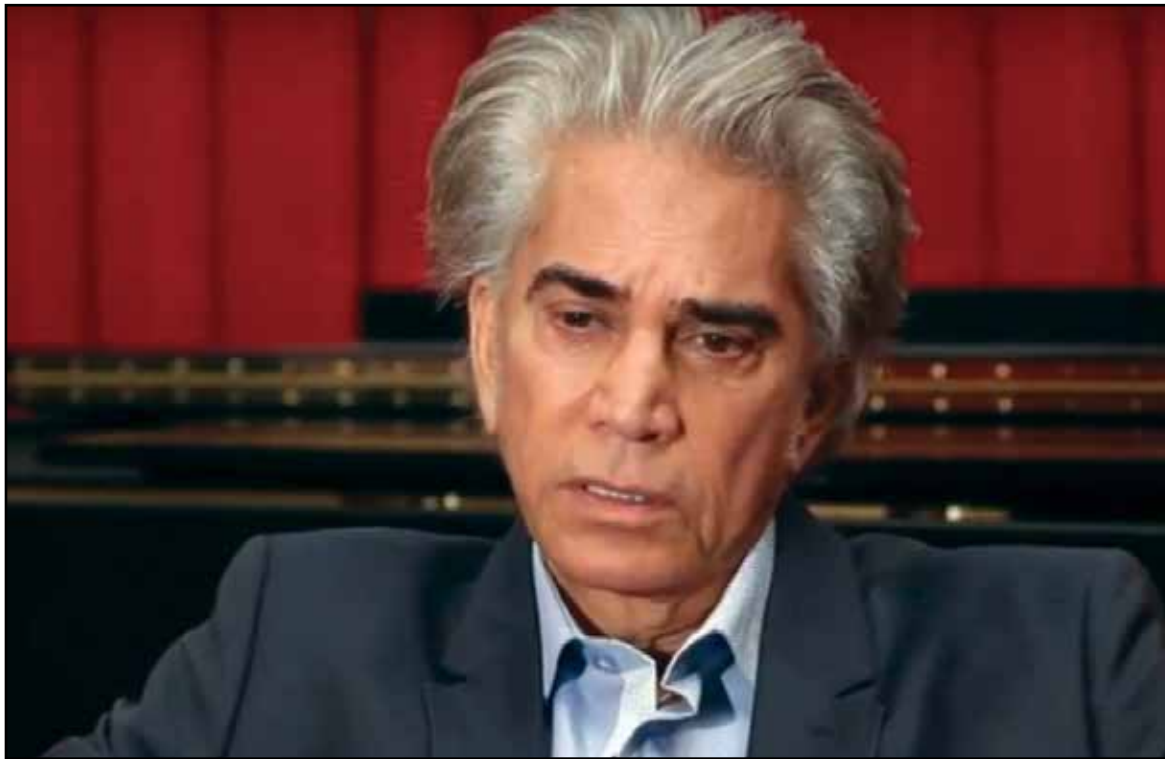
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# CHARLANDO

de los cinco meses se está viendo mejor.

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Elizabeth Gutiérrez siempre le preguntan cuándo se casa con El. ¡Ustedes saben quién es El!

José Luis Rodríguez hablo de su salud. Dijo que sigue bien. Dice también que se esposa está siempre as su lado. José Luis Rodríguez "El Puma" habla del milagro

que está viviendo! El habla de su mal incurable y como lo afronta trasplante de pulmón. El Puma anuncia nuevo disco y gira.



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vowed to do whatever she could to help Spanish speaking students assimilate into English speaking public schools.

At the same time Houston restaurateur, Felix Tijerina, owner of Felix's Restaurant was grappling with the issue of how to help Spanish speaking students learn enough

English to assist them in their formative years in Texas public schools.

According to historical records, Tijerina was trying to devise a program that could be enacted for that exact purpose. He appealed to his local chapter of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) for assistance, as well as local Hispanic businessmen, but

to no avail. It wasn't because of finances as donations were forthcoming; it was for an actual plan on what to do to better prepare students before entering the first grade.

By the time Verver – De La Vega was 14 she had become a proficient bilingual student and had been recruited locally to assist adults who needed translation in seeking medical services from the only doctor available to them in Ganado.

"Spanish speaking friends of my fathers knew that I was bilingual and so they began to ask him if I could go with them to the doctor's office so I could translate their ailments to the doctor," Verver – De La Vega said.

One day while at that office she had the opportunity to thumb through a magazine that was in

the waiting room. "I don't recall what magazine it was but there was an article about this Houston businessman who was trying to make a difference in Texas Public Schools," she said.

As fate would have it, that man was Tijerina and based on that article Verver – De La Vega came to the conclusion that if her peers could learn a list of English words that Spanish speaking students could learn before they started the first grade, those students would be better prepared to succeed, and more importantly to her, avoid the problem she had on her first day of class.

Somehow, Verver – De La Vega doesn't recollect exactly how, she was able to get a telephone number for Tijerina and called him. "Mr. Tijerina had no idea that I was so young, but nonetheless he warmed to my idea about learning specific English words that were essential for any Spanish speaking student. Tijerina explained that he wanted to come to Ganado and speak with me personally and before considering what I was going to tell my father, I agreed."

Once again she appealed to her brother Paul to assist her in smoothing all this over with her father. "Unfortunately, my father never placed a premium on education," she said. "For him farming came first, family second, and the rest came somewhere after that."

Between her and her brother's pleadings she was able to keep

her appointment with Tijerina. "I will never forget that day when a huge Cadillac pulled into town, and even though he was surprised by my age, he liked the fact that I was so gutsy and that I had at least the beginnings of a plan to effect change," said Verver – De La Vega

According to her Tijerina used her idea of a "list of words" for the creation of a master list of 400 words that was used during the summer at Ganado Elementary School to teach the 15 students that had signed up to take that first summer school class.

They were taught to learn this list by none other than their first teacher, who had turned 17 by this time, still a student, and as she describes, "wet behind the ears," Verver – De La Vega.

By 1958, Tijerina had used this model of summer school classes, along with the list of 400 words to appeal to the Texas Education Agency, who oversaw all public education in Texas, and the Texas Legislature who later passed legislation, which provided funding for the fledgling program.

When asked about the difference she helped to make, Verver – De La Vega said that it wasn't till 1997 when another chance meeting with the president of her local chapter of LULAC in Southern California met with her as a new LULAC member and she was handed a booklet about the organization.

"Within that booklet was mention of an example of how to effect change," she said. And my name was in a story about the Little School of 400. It was a very humbling feeling."

Later that year Verver – De La Vega was inducted into the LULAC Women's Hall of Fame, and a historical marker was placed outside the Ganado Elementary School commemorating the significance of this event, and this program became what we know today as the Head Start Program

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# UHV awards nearly \$700,000 in 2018-19 scholarships



Keir Walker. Contributed photo.

When Avery Krohn of Victoria applied to attend the University of Houston-Victoria in the fall semester, she was worried about how she would pay for classes, but then she was awarded the UHV Presidential Scholarship.

“It was like this huge weight of worry turning into relief,” the incoming freshman biology major said. “It’s going to significantly reduce my financial burden, which will let me focus more on classes instead of worrying about how I’m going to make my tuition payments.”

Krohn is one of the 557 new and 396 returning UHV students who have been awarded more than \$688,000 in scholarships through the university for the 2018-2019 academic year as of June 19. More scholarships will be awarded as students apply for financial aid, said Lashon Williams, director of financial aid.

Scholarships are only a portion of the \$31,763,777 in financial aid UHV has awarded so far, but much of the other funds come from sources such as federal or state aid such as Pell grants, direct loans, TEXAS Grants and other insti-

tutional aid within the university, Williams said.

Many of UHV’s scholarships are available thanks to contributions from community organizations or individuals, said Jesse Pisors, UHV vice president for advancement and external relations. They are endowed scholarships that are awarded based on returns from an initial gift, as well as scholarships funded immediately by cash donations. Whatever the source, UHV tries to award as many scholarships as possible during each school year.

“Scholarships are where UHV, our students and the community come together,” Pisors said. “It takes a special kind of generous spirit to invest in a stranger’s education by supporting or creating scholarship funds. And it’s an amazing statement of trust in UHV to relinquish control of funds and let the university select the best student to receive the aid. We are grateful for the support we’ve received from everyone who contributes to our scholarships.”

With all the concerns surrounding student loans and students graduating from college with overwhelming debt, UHV sophomore Keir Walker was grateful for scholarships that would help him avoid taking on loans.

“When I first was accepted and started learning about college loans, it was overwhelming,” said Walker, a biology major from Victoria. “It means a lot to know that people are investing in these scholarships that are helping me get my education. Growing up, people think the world is easy, but it can be hard. It’s encouraging to



Lashon Williams. Contributed photo.

know there are people who want to help and invest in the potential they see in me.”

Scholarships are given out based on a variety of criteria. Although a student’s grades often are included, other factors can be community volunteering, involvement in student organizations, a student’s academic major or even where a student lives. The university also offers scholarships for student-athletes.

Athletics scholarships rely on community support, because no state funds may be used for athletics, UHV Athletics Director Ashley Walyuchow said. The university has about 140 student-athletes, and many of those students benefit from athletic scholarships.

“Our coaches do an excellent job of distributing our scholarship funds to help bring quality student-athletes to UHV,” Waly-

uchow said. “In addition to being leaders on the field, our scholarship recipients often participate in many service opportunities, student organizations and community events. It gives us so much pride to know that our community values these students and helps them pay for their education.”

As the fall semester approaches, students still have time to apply for financial aid, but many scholarships are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, Williams said.

“We might not be able to give every student a scholarship, but we try to give out every bit of funding we can,” Williams said. “Every person in the Financial Aid office has stories of how helping students get scholarships has helped the students accomplish their dreams.”

To learn more about UHV’s scholarships and how to contribute to or start a fund, contact UHV University Advancement at 361-570-4306 or pisorsj@uhv.edu.

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**Permiso Núm. WQ0005245000**

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De acuerdo con la 30 TAC (Código Administrativo de Texas) Sección §307.5 y los procedimientos de implementación de la TCEQ (junio 2010) para las Normas de Calidad de Aguas Superficiales en Texas, fue realizada una revisión de la anti-degradación de las aguas recibidas. Una revisión de anti-degradación del Nivel 1 ha determinado preliminarmente que los usos de la calidad del agua existente no serán perjudicados por la acción de este permiso. Se mantendrá un criterio narrativo y numérico para proteger los usos existentes. Una revisión del Nivel 2 ha determinado preliminarmente que no se espera ninguna degradación significativa en Victoria Barge Canal, el cual se ha identificado que altos usos en la vida acuática. Los usos existentes serán mantenidos y protegidos. La determinación preliminar puede ser reexaminada y puede ser modificada, si se recibe alguna información nueva.

El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha completado la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha preparado un borrador del permiso. El borrador del permiso, si es aprobado, establecería las condiciones bajo las cuales la instalación debe operar. El director ejecutivo ha tomado una decisión preliminar que, si este permiso es emitido, cumple con todos los requisitos normativos y legales. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del director ejecutivo y el borrador del permiso están disponibles para leer y copiar en la biblioteca pública de Victoria, por la calle 302 Main Street, en la ciudad de Victoria, Texas.

**COMENTARIO PUBLICO/REUNION PUBLICA.** Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el director ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

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Después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios y de petición que aplican, el director ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier petición para reconsideración o para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración durante una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión sólo puede conceder una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre los temas que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron retirados posteriormente. **Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad del agua que se hayan presentado durante el período de comentarios.**

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También se puede obtener información adicional del Victoria Port Power, LLC a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a la Señoría Lisa Murphy, P.E., Principal Consultant, al (512) 922-0293.

Fecha de emisión: el día 6 de junio del año 2018

# La Cocina de Tia Yole



Pan de campo. Contributed photo.

## PAN DE CAMPO

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 6 tablespoons shortening, slightly chilled (can also use lard)
- 3/4 cup whole milk

1. Preheat oven to 450. Stir together the dry ingredients, then blend in the shortening with a pastry cutter or your fingers until the mixture is crumbly.
2. Add milk, a bit at a time, until you can form a not-too-sticky ball of dough. Turn it out on a floured surface and knead gently for about 1 minute.
3. Flatten the ball of dough and roll out into a round about 1/2 inch thick. Prick the top all over with

a fork.

4. Meanwhile, melt a little shortening in a 12-inch cast-iron skillet (enough to coat the bottom). Add the round of dough to the skillet and place in the oven.

5. Bake for about 6 minutes, then flip the bread and bake another 6 minutes. Serves 4-6.

## BEAN-AND-BEEF ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

- 1/2 pound lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1-teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (4-ounce) can diced green chili peppers
- 1 (8-ounce) carton dairy sour cream or light dairy sour cream
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 8 (6-inch) corn tortillas
- 1 (10-ounce) can enchilada sauce or one 10 1/2-ounce can of tomato puree
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (4 ounces)

1. In a large skillet cook the ground beef, onion, chili powder, and cumin until onion is tender and meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir pinto beans and un-drained chili pepper into meat mixture; set aside.

2. In a small mixing bowl stir together sour cream, flour, and garlic powder until combined; set aside.

3. Place half of the tortillas in the bottom of a lightly greased 2-quart rectangular basking dish, cutting to fit if necessary. Top with half of the meat mixture, half of the sour cream mixture, and half of the enchilada sauce. Repeat layers. Cover dish with plastic wrap; chill in refrigerator for to 24 hours.

4. To serve: Preheat oven to 350°F. Remove plastic wrap; cover dish with foil. Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until bubbly. Uncover; sprinkle with cheese and bake 5 minutes more. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

## CHEESY ITALIAN MEATBALL CASSEROLE

- 16 ounces dried ziti or penne pasta
- 1 (26-ounce) jar tomato pasta sauce
- 1 (16-ounce) package Italian-style frozen cooked meatballs (32), thawed
- 1 (15-ounce) can Italian-style tomato sauce
- 1 (15-ounce) carton ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (8 ounces)

1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Return to pan.

Stir in pasta sauce, meatballs, and tomato sauce. Transfer to an ungreased 13x9x2-inch glass baking dish or 3-quart rectangular casserole. Bake, covered, in a 350°F oven for 30 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in a small bowl combine ricotta cheese and Par-

mesan cheese. Uncover pasta mixture and spoon ricotta mixture in mounds over pasta mixture. Cover loosely; bake about 10 minutes more or until heated through. Top with mozzarella cheese and bake, uncovered, for 5 minutes more. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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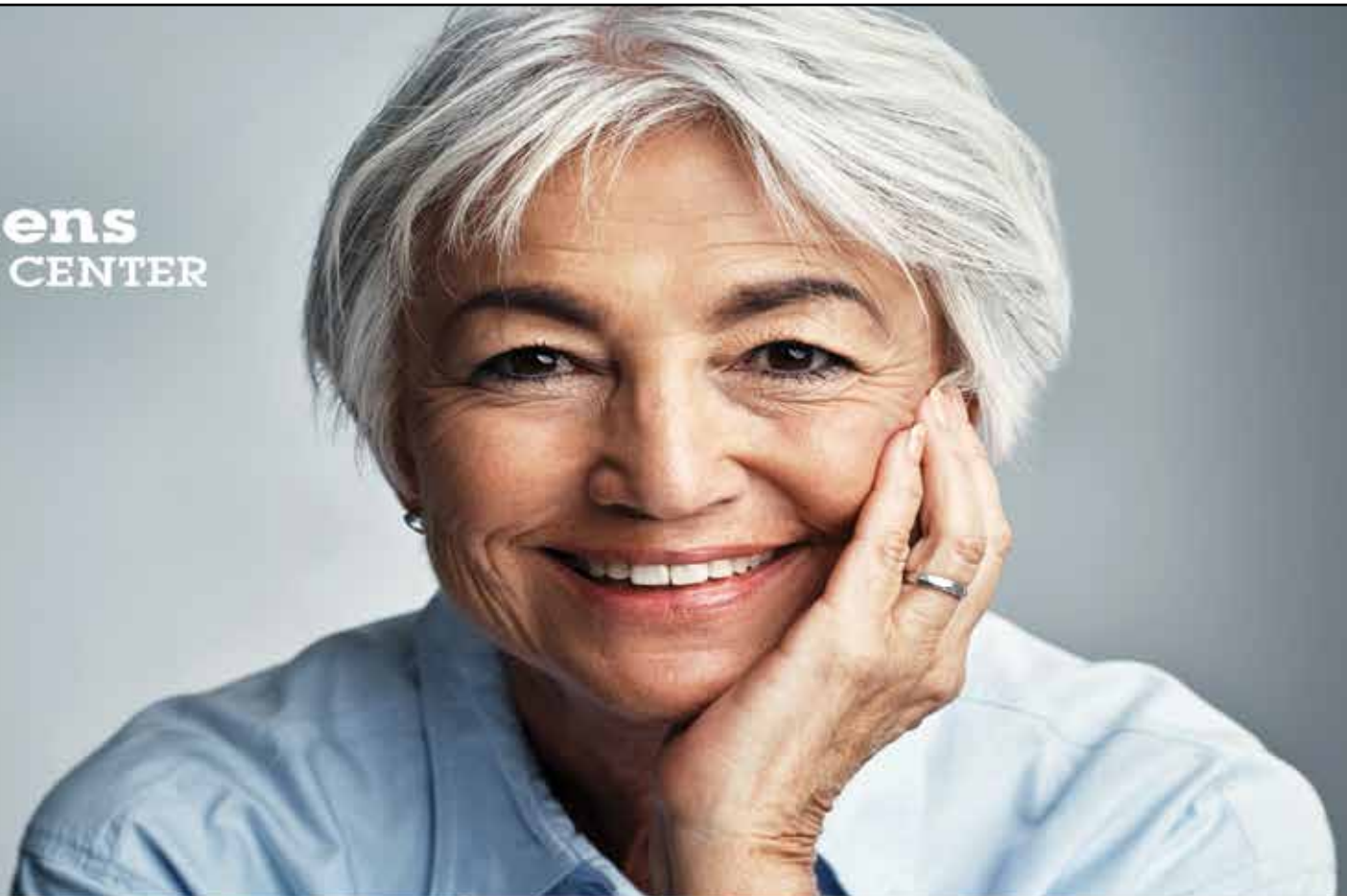
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