

## UHV Athletics shares plans for future sports complex

University of Houston-Victoria Athletics supporters got a glimpse of the future Saturday during a Night for the Jaguars Dinner, Auction and Dance when sketches of the university's proposed athletics complex were unveiled.

The proposed complex is the result of a study by CannonDesign, a global architecture, engineering and design firm with an office in Houston. The complex will be built on 65-acres off of Business Highway 59 on Big Bend Road near the Victoria Regional Airport, about four miles from the university's main campus. The land was gifted to UHV Athletics in 2018 by the Bennett-Wood family and is valued at \$820,000, the largest donation ever made to support UHV Athletics.

"This complex will allow UHV to expand its programs beyond baseball, softball, soccer and golf by giving us our own facilities," UHV Athletics Director Ashley Walyuchow said. "This will be a

boost for UHV and for the community."

The sketches were shown to UHV supporters during the event at Schroeder Hall. The estimated cost of the proposal is about \$25.5 million. However, the complex will be constructed in different sections for specific sports. That way, each field and the accompanying facilities can be constructed as funds become available, Walyuchow said.

"UHV Athletics is a major asset to UHV and the community," UHV President Bob Glenn said. "This proposal is an exciting step forward, and I am looking forward to seeing how the future facilities will help our student-athletes, the university and our community."

The proposal includes fields for baseball, softball and soccer, as well as locker room facilities and a central concessions building. The 65-acre site allows enough space to accommodate facilities as UHV

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A graphic rendering of the proposed UHV Athletics complex was shown to attendees of Saturday's Night For the Jaguars Dinner, Auction and Dance. The design was created by CannonDesign. Contributed photo.

## A star in our constellation of excellence



Jacob Padron. Contributed photo Victoria Advocate.

by Dr. Quintin Shepherd, VISD Superintendent

I have almost 14,000 kids that make me proud to come to work every single day. This week, Victoria West High School student Jacob Padron was named 1st chair All-State Choir! A big congratulations to him, his family and all the teachers who have influenced his life.

To help you understand what an amazing accomplishment this represents, you should know this process begins with almost 67,000 students across the state of Texas vying for these opportunities. Through a rigorous process of auditions first at the regional level and then again at the Area competitions, only 1,795 students are selected for the 15 performing ensembles (bands, orchestras, and

choirs).

Only 2.6 percent of the musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians. Not only was Jacob selected; he was selected "first chair"! At All-State, Jacob will have a life-altering experience. For several days he will be surrounded by the best young musicians in Texas and will be challenged to grow as they prepare

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# Mobile food pantries bring food to rural clients

by Meridith Byrd

The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent has always strived to expand our reach, do more good, and help more people. We grew quickly from an organization that served the residents of Victoria into one that serves eleven counties throughout south Texas.

Those eleven counties encompass nearly 10,000 square miles and include a large number of

rural areas that can be considered “food deserts,” where there are no nearby grocery stores and access to food pantries may be limited. To help alleviate this problem, the Food Bank established the region’s first mobile food distribution in 1989 in Waelder, a rural community north of Interstate 10 in Gonzales County. Since then, monthly mobile food pantries have been added in Port Lavaca, Eagle Lake, Edna, Bay City, Refugio,

Bloomington and Wharton. These mobile pantries are held rain or shine, in extreme heat or cold, unless the weather turns dangerous.

### What is a mobile food pantry?

A mobile food pantry is set up like a drive-thru, so the clients do not leave their car, and might be held at a church, park, or community center. According to Frances Santellana, Agency Relations Director for the Food Bank, volunteers are essential. “It takes a lot

of people to make these distributions run smoothly, and we simply could not do it without the help of volunteers,” she says. “Some of our volunteers are actually clients who help in areas that are needed to make the distribution process a success. Volunteers are the heart of our distribution program.”

Food Bank delivery trucks arrive about an hour before the event begins, and staff and volunteers begin unloading the pallets of food. Once everything is unloaded and organized, clients drive up to a checkpoint and food is loaded into their car. Each family, regardless of size, is allotted the same amount of food. Some clients must walk to the event and can only accept as much food as they can carry home. Many families choose to carpool, so volunteers must keep track of how many families are represented in each car so that they can be sure each family receives the food they need.

Depending on the number of families registered, the Food Bank typically gives out 10,000 to 20,000 pounds of food at every mobile pantry. Edna and Wharton have the highest number of clients, each serving approximately 300 families every month.

### Who can receive food at a mobile pantry?

Any person or household has the right to apply for the mobile program (one application per household). To apply, a household is asked to bring a valid ID and utility bill showing a physical address. The Food Bank’s guidelines for determining eligibility come from the Texas Department of Agriculture’s Emergency Food Assistance Program. Connie Zapata, Food Bank Agency Relations Coordinator, explains that “if you currently receive SNAP, Medicaid, SSI or TANF, you are deemed eligible by the State of Texas.” Anyone



Cars line up to receive food at a recent mobile food pantry. *Contributed photo.*

not currently receiving any type of state assistance may still be eligible depending on their household income. As an example, the income for a family of four must be less than \$47,638. Zapata states that households who receive help from food pantries may also apply for the mobile food distribution. Each household must be recertified annually by reapplying and meeting eligibility requirements again.

### How can I find out more?

A list of food pantries, including the mobile food pantries, is available on the Food Bank’s website at [www.tfbgc.org/food-assistance](http://www.tfbgc.org/food-assistance). You can also find out more, including how to volunteer, by calling the Food Bank at 578-0591.

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## UHV student lands internship at Disney World



Adrian Chavana Jr., a UHV sophomore from Port Lavaca, stands in front of Cinderella's Castle Monday at Walt Disney World and displays his official Disney cast member name badge. Chavana will be in Orlando, Fla., for four months as part of an internship through The Walt Disney Company. *Contributed photo.*

Like many people, Adrian Chavana Jr. grew up watching Disney movies and visited the Disney theme parks. So when the Port Lavaca native found out The Walt Disney Company offered internships, he took a chance and applied.

The chance paid off for the University of Houston-Victoria kinesiology major, who was accepted into the Disney College Program for the spring. He started the program at the end of January in Orlando.

"I couldn't believe that I got accepted," Chavana said. "I was so excited and shocked because thousands of students apply, and I was accepted. It's crazy and exciting."

Chavana, 20, is in his second semester at UHV. He applied for the Disney College Program last year for the fall semester but did not get accepted, he said. He didn't let the rejection deter his goal of working at a Disney park. Instead, he researched how to create a stronger resume and reached out to a former cast member for advice.

Disney employees are called cast members.

Chavana will spend the spring semester as a paid cast member in guest services at Disney's Hollywood Studios, one of the parks within Disney World.

"It's really exciting because new Star Wars attractions just opened, so I'm really looking forward to helping people enjoy their time at the park," he said.

During his orientation, called Disney Traditions, Chavana met other students in the program, toured the park and learned about the company's core values, called the Four Keys: safety, courtesy, show and efficiency. Mickey Mouse also presented Chavana with his work ID.

Chavana, who is considering becoming a physical therapist, is excited to gain work experience from such a big company. He is taking one UHV course online during his

internship, which will end in May. He plans to return to UHV after he finishes the program and take courses this summer.

"I know this experience will help me when I apply for graduate school and for jobs in my career," he said. "I would tell other students to not give up on their dream internship or job. Keep trying because you just might get it."

Amy Hatmaker, director of UHV Career Services, said internships are a valuable part of the college experience. Some internships are eligible for course credit, depending on the student's degree plan.

"Internships are a great way to

build skills and references," Hatmaker said. "Many entry-level jobs want a student to have worked in their field as well as a degree. Internships are often the best route to gain that experience. We can help students highlight what skills employers are looking for in their resumes and job applications."

Students looking into internships can contact Career Services at 361-570-4385 or 361-570-4378 to receive help with their resumes and applications. Employers interested in starting an internship program at their company also are encouraged to call UHV Career Services to speak to Hatmaker about internship opportunities.

A political advertisement featuring a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored top, standing with her arms crossed. The background is blue with white stars. Text on the left reads: "DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP &amp; EXPERIENCE" in quotes, followed by "VOTE ASHLEY HERNANDEZ FOR REPUBLICAN VICTORIA COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR". At the bottom, it says "Pol. Ad paid by Ashley Hernandez Campaign".



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# Noticias del Mundo

## EE.UU. - Elecciones 2020

**Donald Trump** - ¿Nuevo abuso de poder? Cronología de las críticas de Trump que desencadenaron la renuncia de cuatro fiscales. ¿Nuevo escándalo en puerta? Un repaso breve del caso de los tuits de Trump, las renunciaciones de los fiscales y el Departamento de Justicia desandando sus propios pasos. El caso: el proceso judicial contra el excolaborador de campaña y amigo personal del presidente, Roger Stone. El presidente Donald Trump felicitó al fiscal general William Barr por intervenir en el caso de su exasesor de campaña y amigo Roger Stone para darle una sentencia menor.

Stone, un reconocido estratega republicano que asesoró a Trump durante la campaña presidencial de 2016 fue encontrado culpable

en noviembre de 2019 por mentirle al Congreso, manipular testigos que lo habrían dejado expuesto y obstruir la investigación de Cámara de Representantes que buscaba determinar si hubo coordinación entre la campaña de Trump y Rusia para afectar la elección.

**Joe Biden** - Le reconoce a Jorge Ramos que "fue un error" deportar tantos inmigrantes durante el gobierno de Obama. En una entrevista concedida a Jorge Ramos, de Univisión, que estuvo centrada sobre todo en temas migratorios, el exvicepresidente y actual contendiente por la nominación demócrata Joe Biden, calificó de error las deportaciones bajo la administración Obama.

Un ejemplo son los tres millones de deportaciones de inmigrantes que se realizaron bajo el gobierno

de Obama, una pregunta de Jorge Ramos a la que Biden respondió aceptando su responsabilidad pero asegurando que en las administraciones anteriores, de Bush y Clinton, se llevaron a cabo más casos de deportaciones.

"Nosotros tomamos demasiado tiempo antes de corregir esto", dijo el exvicepresidente. "Yo vi el dolor en los ojos de tantas personas que estaban viendo a sus familiares deportados. Yo sé lo que significa perder a un miembro de la familia. Es doloroso," añadió.

Biden también intentó justificar la existencia de niños en jaulas en los años en que estuvo en la Casa Blanca, una imagen que se asocia a las políticas de Trump pero que, aunque en números inferiores y con distintos procedimientos, también existió en el gobierno de

Obama.

"Buscamos a los parientes de acá para llevarlos a una comunidad segura, pero vinieron sin nadie," explicó.

En la conversación, Jorge Ramos también le recordó que en 2006 él votó por la existencia de una cerca en la frontera con México. ¿Cómo es eso distinto al muro que quiere construir el presidente Trump? Preguntó el periodista.

"Sí, yo voté por una cerca, en una pequeña parte y en ciertos sitios tiene sentido," intentó explicar un Biden algo irritado. "La idea de que votamos por un muro nosotros como lo que está haciendo Trump es ridícula," añadió.

"Yo he dicho que en la primera



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semana (como presidente) voy a preparar un proyecto de inmigración para 11 millones y también voy a legalizar a los dreamers, a los soñadores, de nuevo, para que no haya duda de que son estadounidenses", explicó Biden sobre su posible agenda política con respecto al tema migratorio, si alcanza la presidencia.

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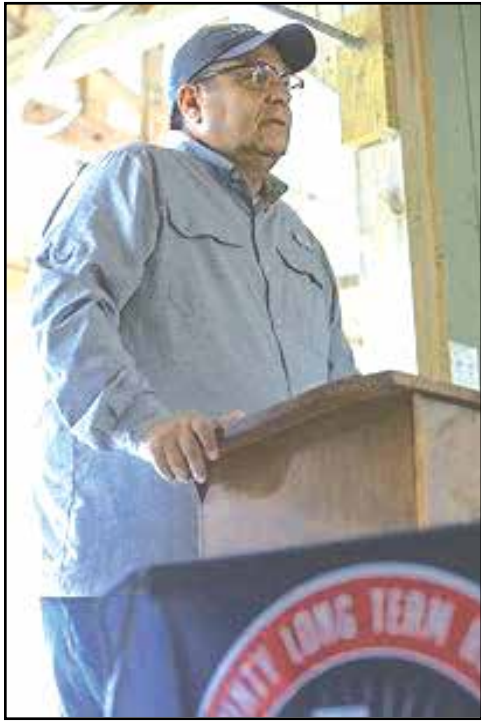
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## Precinct one county commissioner update



Victoria county commissioner Danny Garcia. *Contributed photo by Victoria Advocate.*

by Danny Garcia, Victoria County Commissioner Precinct 1

As your county commissioner, it's my duty to serve the residents of precinct One to the best of my ability. I'm constantly looking for ways to supplement our budget. Grants are an excellent source to increase the amount of work that can be done in our precinct. Since my time in office, we have had success in securing over \$10 million in grants that benefit our precinct.

We have improved infrastructure around the port of Victoria with grants available through TX DOT for areas around the port. We have assisted the water districts in both Bloomington and Placedo in securing grants to help with improvements such as sewer and water lines being upgraded or replaced.

Because of my background and relationship with TXDOT and our industry partners at DOW, INEOS and NOVUS we have been able to secure monies for projects such as streetlights along State Highway 185. Working with our industry partners has also allowed us to be able to provide a sidewalk from the elementary school in Bloomington to highway 185, this allows the school children a safe way to get home.

I am currently working with

TXDOT on the final stages of plans for a sidewalk to be installed from Key road to King road in Bloomington. Our initial conversations with TX DOT, required the county to match 25% of the cost, our part being around \$200,000. After several meetings with TXDOT, we were able to qualify the project to be 100% funded by TXDOT through their safety program. Residents currently must walk on the shoulder.

Grants play an important role in county government; county taxes do not always provide all the extras that would make our communities a better and safe place to live. Our industry partners at DOW, INEOS,

and NOVUS have awarded us a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to help make improvements at E.E. Hatchett school property; this area was once the only African American school in Bloomington. With the help of volunteers within the community we can add a pavilion, picnic tables, new basketball goals, and cleaning of the existing concrete basketball court. Thanks to our industry partners, we can preserve some of the history in Victoria County.

As I began this adventure of being your county commissioner, I always imagined that it would allow me the opportunity to help in areas that truly needed help. Never in my thought process did I foresee how rewarding it would be to be a true servant of the people.

As your county commissioner, the things that I am most proud of are being able to make improvements to our community and our county.

When Hurricane Harvey made landfall in August 25, 2017, Victoria County was hit pretty hard, but the area of Precinct one was most affected by Harvey's damage. Our crews immediately went to work removing debris and helping residents in the county haul off materials that were damaged.

We were very fortunate that God brought the Mennonite Dis-

aster Service (MDS) folks in to help us just a few days after the hurricane. With the help of MDS, we were able to begin the remediation process for many families whose homes were damaged. We

were able to convince MDS to stay and help with a long-term commitment.

Precinct one also became members of the Victoria long-term recovery group and has worked very

closely with them to able to provide full recovery for many residents.

I may not be able to solve everyone's problems, but I try every day to help make things better.

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# Kurth runs for Victoria County Commissioner 3

With a strong desire to put years of military service and experience serving his community to work for Victoria County, James Kurth is on the ballot in the March Republican Primary for Precinct 3 County

Commissioner.

“Over 22 years of military service taught me how to lead from the trenches and get things done. I believe in leading by example, and that leadership is much more

than just talk or showing up once a week to be an armchair quarterback on Commissioners’ Court,” Kurth said.

A native of Victoria County, Kurth returned to our county six years ago to build a business and bring up his daughters after serving for over two decades in the military. He served in the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army, and the Texas Army National Guard before becoming a Senior Military Analyst. Kurth served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, was in Iraq on combat duty with the Army for over a year and achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Three.

“Our military taught me to be a problem solver, particularly during my 15 month combat tour in Iraq where we constantly needed to solve problems swiftly and accurately. I use that valuable training every day in business, and I want to bring these proven problem-solving skills to Commissioners’ Court,” Kurth stated.

Along with his distinguished military career, Kurth has been active in serving communities wherever he’s lived. He helped launch Operation Not Forgotten, a faith-based outreach group for veterans in our area. In addition to serving as a City Planning Commissioner for Cache, Oklahoma from 2012-2014 while he was at Fort Sill, Kurth currently serves as a Zone Commander for the American Le-

gion and coaches’ karate.

“In the military and in my own business, ‘proactive leadership’ is more than just a catchy phrase. Serving overseas on an aircraft carrier as part of Operation Enduring Freedom after 9/11, we had to be constantly looking and planning ahead. After all, when we fail to plan, we plan to fail,” Kurth noted.

As owner and operator of an oil-field services business, Kurth believes county government should work hard for people, while also working smart in how it uses resources and taxpayer dollars. “People should expect good services from the county, and that when they have problems the county will respond. I answered my country’s call for years in the military, and I’ll answer your call as County Commissioner,” Kurth commented.

Kurth holds an associate degree in Liberal Arts and Electronics Engineering, and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree in Information Technology Management. He also earned a master’s degree in Information Technology Management with a concentration in Digital Forensics and Information Security Management. He married his high school sweetheart Katy in 1998, and they have two daughters: Madison (16) and Bry (14). They all help out with the family’s cattle operation, and the Kurths are active members



James Kurth. Contributed photo.

of First Baptist Church.

“While we’ve all heard a lot of talk from certain people over the years about economic development in our county and in Precinct 3, many of us are still waiting to see real results from all those promises. Part of being a leader means getting results, not just giving out rhetoric. While the Road & Bridge budget for Precinct 3 has doubled under the current Commissioner and Road & Bridge taxes are as high as they’ve ever been, millions of dollars that could be spent fixing roads and facilitating economic development are gathering dust in a precinct account instead of being used to help county residents and get the show on the road,” Kurth stated.

Kurth is in a three-way race for County Commissioner in the Republican Primary election, which is on March 3rd. Early voting for the primary will be on weekdays from February 18th-28th. Since this Commissioner position is uncontested in the November General Election, whoever wins this race in the Republican Primary will be sworn in as Precinct 3 Commissioner on January 1, 2021.

“I constantly hear about the poor condition of county roads in Precinct 3, and I know first-hand how rough some roads are because I drive on them. We need to make a real plan for maintaining and rebuilding our roads, and implement that plan before our county roads become as bad as many city streets in Victoria. If you want a County Commissioner who will work for you and answer to you, I would appreciate your vote in the March Republican Primary,” Kurth concluded.

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# Hicks-Callaway is a Republican candidate for State Rep. District 30



Lt. Col. Retired Vanessa Hicks-Callaway. Contributed photo.

US Army (Retired), Lt. Col. Vanessa Hicks-Callaway, a bronze star medal recipient and native Victorian, is running for state representative for the Texas House, District 30 (Aransas, Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Refugio, and Victoria Counties). Vanessa graduated from Victoria High School, attended Victoria College, earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Sam Houston State University (SHSU), and achieved a master's degree in human resource management from Central Michigan University (CMU).

Vanessa, a conservative Republican, fervently supports these principles: pro-God, pro-life, pro-gun, pro-limited government, pro-legal immigration, pro-lower

taxes, and pro-Texas traditional values. Vanessa will be a strong Texas legislator due to her extensive experience in public service:

- 26 years as a US army soldier and military intelligence officer (with two combat tours in the Middle East),
- nearly three years as a constituent liaison and field representative for the Texas 27th district's congressional office,
- two years as a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Corrections, Death Row
- field director for South Central Texas for Senator Ted Cruise's reelection campaign, and
- Texas Governor Greg Abbott's former appointee to both the Texas Medical Board and the Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Prevention Council.

Since retiring from the military, Vanessa has immersed herself in serving her community as

- planning commissioner for Victoria, Texas;
- member of the board of directors for the Victoria Police Foundation Explorer Program;
- member of the board of directors for the Victoria Bach Festival;
- former president of the Victoria Kiwanis Club; and
- member of the board of direc-

tors for Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity.

Vanessa's tireless devotion to her community also includes serving as a court appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer for nearly three years, a student mentor for the Victoria Business and Education Coalition (VBEC) for three years, and secretary for the Victoria West High School football booster club for the 2016-2017 school year.

Vanessa's unwavering faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior directed her to challenge the 20-year incumbent for Texas's 30th District. Vanessa believes adamantly that she is the right choice, at the right time, for the right future for Texas. Vanessa will be a powerful legislator due to her education, loving family life, world-wide military experience, vast community involvement, and positive experiences as the former

Precinct 21 chair, former secretary for the Victoria Republican party, and district director for the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) for Senate District 18.

The time is now for brand-new, bold leadership for Texas's 30th District. If elected, Vanessa will work diligently to

- keep taxes low (but still balance the budget),
  - demand transparent accountability for every tax dollar used for Hurricane Harvey recovery,
  - protect the rights of responsible gun owners,
  - protect the unborn,
  - secure the Texas border with Mexico, and
  - promote higher education through fostering careers in welding, refining oil, electronics, agriculture, and the plumbing industry (she created the acronym 'WREAP' to describe this focus).
- Vanessa's WREAP strategy

will augment the current focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for educating today's youth to nurture the critically important business, farming, and manufacturing industries in Texas.

Vanessa describes herself as a "servant-leader" who loves working for her community, state, and country. She fervently hopes that voters will realize that she is someone they can trust and grant her the privilege of serving them as their next state representative in the Texas House.

Vanessa has been married to Jason Callaway, fellow Texan and US Army veteran, for 23 years. They have two sons: Eric, age 20, a junior track and field athlete at SHSU; and Edward, age 14, an eighth grader at Howell Middle School. Vanessa wrote Decision Precision Vision, a book detailing Christian decision making, in 2011.

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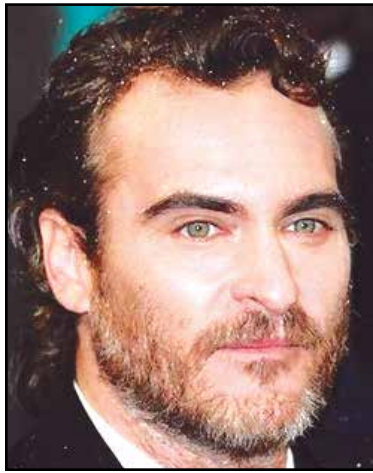
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# Charlando de TV y Cine

por Santos Raya y contribuidores

Hace meses que el medio 'Variety' daba la exclusiva: Robert Pattinson, actor generacional que saltaba a la fama en la década del 2000 gracias a la saga 'Crepúsculo,' sería el nuevo Batman en la pantalla grande. Noticia que, lejos de generar una opinión unánime, generaba controversia en redes sociales, donde los más regios del séptimo arte no tenían muy claro que este fuera el relevo idóneo de Ben Affleck. Ahora, cuanto todavía falta un año para que se estrene el 'filme,' ha sido el propio director de la cinta, Matt Reeves, quien ha compartido la primera imagen del británico enfundado en el famoso traje del superhéroe. ¡Y la verdad es que nos encanta mucho!



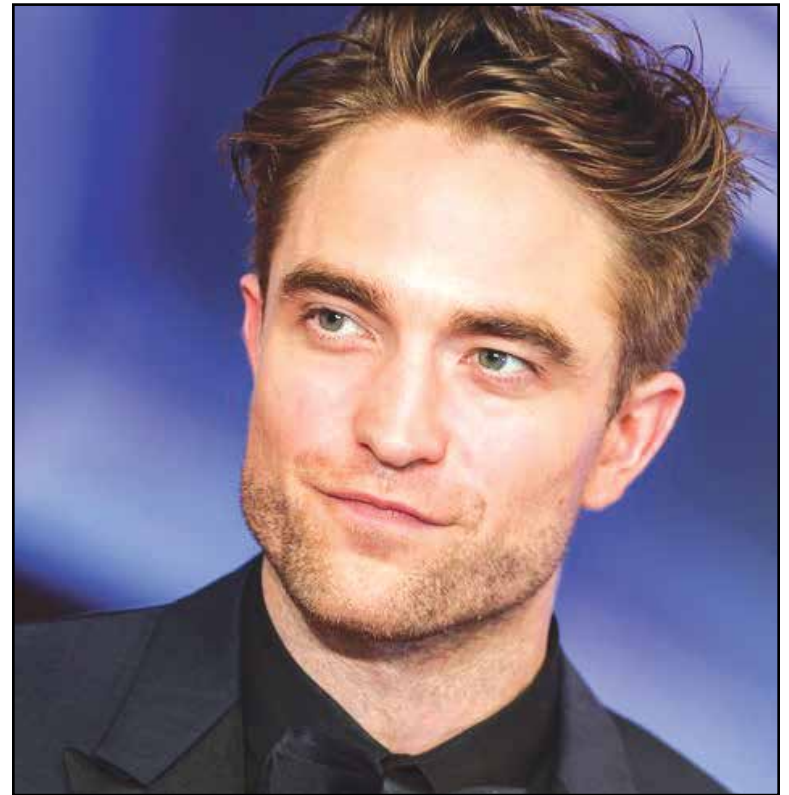
Joaquin Phoenix. Contributed photo.

La grabación neta del 'blockbuster' empezaría en el verano de 2020, por lo que dentro de poco

podríamos tener acceso a otro adelanto más revelador. Pattinson sustituye así al hasta ahora Bruce Wayne, que había sido encarnado por el americano Ben Affleck desde 2016 en 'Batman v Superman: El amanecer de la justicia,' 'El escuadrón suicida' y 'La liga de la justicia.'

La academia de cine de Hollywood ha anunciado la lista de nominados a los Oscar 2020, la edición número 92 de estos premios, cuya gala se celebró el 9 de febrero en el Teatro Dolby de Los Ángeles.

El Joker, de Todd Phillips, es la favorita a los Premios Oscar de 2020 con 11 nominaciones. Le siguen, con 10 candidaturas,



Robert Pattinson. Contributed photo.

El irlandés, de Martin Scorsese, Érase una vez en... Hollywood, de Quentin Tarantino, y 1917, de Sam Mendes. Entre los nominados están también el español Antonio Banderas (a mejor actor, por Dolor y Gloria) y la película Dolor y Gloria, de Pedro Almodóvar, en la categoría de mejor película internacional.

**Mejor película:** Le Mans'66, El Irlandés, Jojo Rabbit, el Joker,

Mujercitas, Historia de un Matrimonio, 1917, Érase una vez... en Hollywood, y Parásitos.

**Mejor actriz:** Cynthia Erivo, por Harriet, Saoirse Ronan, por Mujercitas, Renee Zellweger, por Judy, Charlize Theron, por El Escándalo, y Scarlett Johansson, por Historia de un Matrimonio.

**Mejor actor:** Antonio Banderas, por Dolor y Gloria, Leonardo DiCaprio, por Inferno. See CHARLANDO, pg. 9



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Renee Zellweger. Contributed photo.

**CHARLANDO**, from pg. 8 DiCaprio, por Érase una vez... en Hollywood, Adam Driver, por Historia de un Matrimonio, Joaquin Phoenix, por el Joker, y Jonathan Pryce, por Los dos Papas.

**Mejor dirección:** Martin Scors-

ese, por El Irlandés, Todd Phillips, por el Joker, Sam Mendes, por 1917, Quentin Tarantino, por Érase una vez... en Hollywood, y Bong Joon Ho, por Parásitos.

**Mejor actriz secundaria:** Kathy Bates, por Richard Jewell, Laura Dern, por Historia de un Matrimo-

nio, Scarlett Johansson, por Jojo Rabbit, Florence Pugh, por Mujercitas, y Margot Robbie, por El Escándalo.

**Mejor actor secundario:** Tom Hanks, por Un Amigo Extraordinario, Anthony Hopkins, por Los dos Papas, Al Pacino, por El Irlan-

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# Hernandez seeks Republican nomination for tax office post

Ashley Hernandez is running for the office of the Tax Assessor Collector and is a Republican candidate for the 2020 election.

The current Tax Assessor Collector, Rena Scherer for the past 13 years, has employed Ashley Hernandez. She has worked her way up from a clerk in the motor vehicle department to becoming

the assistant chief deputy in 2018, supervising the employees of the Motor Vehicle Department. She has taken various training courses to accrue her education credits through regional meetings, webinars, and cyber-security courses. She is familiar with the property tax code and procedures handled by the property tax department.

“I currently have many responsibilities, but not limited to: the titling and registration of motor vehicles, accounting for various funds received in motor vehicle department and the disbursement of those funds received to the county of Victoria and the state of Texas, training new and current employees on the ever-changing rules and laws handed down by the Texas state legislature as well as the Texas department of motor vehicles.

“Several months ago, when Rena was first considering retirement, she approached me and asked if I would consider running for her elected position. She said, she has faith in me, and believes that I can maintain the tax office and uphold the laws set by the state of Texas,” as she has done since she was elected in 1993.

“Public servants always strive to provide for their citizens while retaining and updating knowledge and efficiency for daily occurrences. Being an employee for 13 years has given me great hands-on experience. I believe I have the solid foundation, and skill set needed to fill the highly respected shoes of our current Tax Assessor Collector, Rena Scherer. Having learned from my predecessor, I know I can uphold, with accuracy, the rules set by Legislature, to maintain this office with integrity, professionalism, and excellence.”



Ashley Hernandez. Contributed photo.

Ashley Hernandez was born and raised in Victoria County. Ashley currently resides in Victoria County with her husband, Thomas Hernandez II and their children. Ashley attended Catholic schools locally and is a Saint Joseph High School graduate. Ashley attended Victoria College and graduated from the Woodhouse School of Wellness.

“I enjoy my job, and I am dedicated to helping the citizens of Victoria County understand any issues that may arise to the best of my ability. I am ready to achieve new goals and reach new levels.

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# New students give UHV major spring enrollment boost



UHV West campus. *Contributed photo.*

The University of Houston-Victoria's preliminary spring enrollment reached 4,378 students thanks to a large increase in new student and graduate enrollment.

As of Wednesday, UHV experienced a 50.3 percent increase in the number of new students enrolled in the university compared with the previous spring. The overall preliminary enrollment for the spring is 5.2 percent higher than the previous spring. An official enrollment count is taken on the 12th class day of each semester.

"UHV's growth reflects the work of faculty, staff and administrators in Victoria and Katy to strengthen and promote our academic programs," said Chance Glenn Sr., UHV provost and vice president of academic affairs.

"The university is working to launch new programs in the future to continue to build upon this enrollment momentum."

UHV saw double-digit growth in all areas of the new student population, including preliminary increases of 29.2 percent in freshmen, 45.6 percent in sophomores, 27.6 percent in juniors, 53.3 percent in seniors, 44.4 percent in post-baccalaureate and 74 percent in graduate enrollment.

Thanks to the increase in the number of new graduate students, overall graduate enrollment rose to 1,249, a 13.9 percent increase compared with preliminary enrollment numbers from the previous spring.

The university's new student enrollment growth stems from be-

ing more proactive when working with students, said Jose Cantu, UHV vice president for enrollment management. During the spring application process, the enrollment management team focused on personalized communications to reach and engage students throughout the enrollment process.

"The increase in our student population is exciting to see because it reflects the results behind our incredible collaborations across the university and the new momentum behind our enrollment team," Cantu said. "There's a lot of positive energy and strategies at UHV that have led to this growth, especially becoming more student-centered in our focus and efforts."

In addition to enrollment growth in areas across the student population, UHV saw an increase in the total number of hours students are taking. Preliminary spring

numbers show students are taking 40,730 credit hours, a 5 percent increase compared with the previous spring. That includes a 17.2 percent increase in the number of graduate credit hours.

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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City of Victoria se ha registrado con la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ o Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) para el Permiso por Reglamento de Calidad de Aire Núm. 157096, el cual autorizará la construcción de dos unidades de generación eléctrica por la calle 2902 North Bluff Street, Victoria, en el Condado de Victoria, Texas 77901. Información adicional concerniente a esta solicitud puede encontrarse en la sección de anuncios públicos de este periódico.

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**AVISO DE LA SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR PARA EL PERMISO DEL SISTEMA DE ELIMINACIÓN DE DESCARGAS DE CONTAMINANTES DE TEXAS (TPDES) PARA AGUAS RESIDUALES INDUSTRIALES  
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**PERMISO NÚM. WQ0001521000**

**SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR.** South Texas Electrical Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 119, Nursery, Texas 77976, que opera la planta de central eléctrica Sam Rayburn, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) una renovación para autorizar Sistema De Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) Permiso Núm. WQ0001521000, que autoriza la descarga de efluentes previamente monitoreados (golpe de torre de refrigeración, fuentes de residuos de bajo volumen y aguas pluviales) y aguas pluviales a un flujo promedio diario que no exceda los 264,000 galones por día a través de Outfall 001. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 18 de julio de 2019.

La planta está ubicada en 2849 Farm-to-Market Road 447 Sudoeste de Nursery, en el Condado de Victoria, Texas 77976. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud.  
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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 North Main Street, en la ciudad de Victoria, Texas.

**COMENTARIO PUBLICO/REUNIÓN PÚBLICA.** 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.

**OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO.** Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. **La respuesta a los comentarios sobre la solicitud será enviada por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.** Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

**PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA, DEBE INCLUIR LOS SIGUIENTES ARTÍCULOS EN SU SOLICITUD:** su nombre; dirección; teléfono; nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; y la declaración “[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos un/a audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.” Si presenta por parte de un grupo o asociación el pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, debe identificar el nombre y la dirección de una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; debe identificar un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; debe proveer la información ya indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y la distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; debe explicar cómo y porqué el miembro sería afectado y como los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de los períodos para los pedidos y comentarios, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y los pedidos para reconsideración o por una audiencia administrativa de los contenciosos a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en 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. Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso para descargar aguas residuales sin la necesidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.**

**ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO.** El Director Ejecutivo puede emitir una aprobación final de la solicitud a menos que exista un pedido antes del plazo de vencimiento de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o se ha presentado un pedido de reconsideración. Si un pedido ha llegado antes del plazo de vencimiento de la audiencia o el pedido de reconsideración ha sido presentado, el Director Ejecutivo no emitirá una aprobación final sobre el permiso y enviará la solicitud y el pedido a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

**LISTA DE CORREO.** Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos del solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

**Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos una reunión deben ser presentados durante los 30 días después de la publicación del aviso a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 o por el Internet al [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment)**

**INFORMACIÓN DISPONIBLE EN LÍNEA.** Para obtener más información sobre el estado de la solicitud, visite la base de datos integrada de los comisionados en [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Busque en la base de datos utilizando el número de permiso para esta aplicación, que se proporciona en la parte superior de este aviso.

**CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA.** Comentarios del público y las solicitudes deben presentarse electrónicamente a [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), o por escrito a la Comisión de Texas sobre Calidad Ambiental, oficina de la secretaria del jefe, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Si usted se comunica con la TCEQ electrónicamente, tenga en cuenta que su dirección de correo electrónico, como su dirección postal, pasarán a formar parte del registro público de la Agencia. Para obtener más información acerca de esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, por favor llame al TCEQ Programa de Educación Pública gratis al 1-800-687-4040 y la información general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la red [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener información adicional del South Texas Electrical Cooperative, Inc. a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Sra. Jessica Schwab, Environmental Coordinator, al (361) 485-6149.

Fecha de emisión: el día 8 de enero del año 2020

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for a culminating concert on Saturday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the CC Stars at Night Ballroom in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

I hope you'll consider going in support of Jacob. A lifetime ago, I was in Jacob's shoes as I performed in All-State choir and I have no doubt it influenced my decision to become a music teacher. Maybe someday we'll be lucky enough to have him as a colleague in education. Jacob's teacher, Vanessa Mora, belongs to TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) that counts in its membership nearly 13,500 school music teachers who are dedicated to promoting excellence in music education.

Young Mr. Padron is just one example of the many students throughout the Victoria ISD who have countless opportunities to thrive in their area of genius. I am grateful to our community for supporting a robust fine arts program in the schools and the myriad opportunities our students must demonstrate their art. As you may not know, very few schools have full band, choir, orchestra, theater, dance, mariachi, guitar, ballet folklorico and art for students to choose from.

For those who regularly read my articles here you also know we are building upon our current CTE program offerings with the deployment of new P-TECH initiatives. We have been advertising a lot about P-TECH Healthcare lately, which will start next fall, and you can find information about that on our website. We are excited to kick-off P-TECH education in the future and even more programs after that as another way for our kids to pursue their gifts.

Students can choose to pursue their genius in the classroom as well, choosing a traditional route through school, a focus on industry certifications (through CTE and P-TECH), an AP intensive track through high school, a dual-credit track through high school, and next year we will be offering a dual-enrollment track as well for the first time in partnership with UT Austin! We are giving more kids more opportunities and excited about their future.

Jacob Padron is a local star! He is one star in our

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# League of voters turns 100 years old



League turns 100 years. Contributed photo.

The League of Women Voters of the United States turns 100 years old on February 14, 2020. To celebrate this centennial anniversary, the League of Women Voters of Texas joins Leagues in 750 communities across the country in a Day of Action: Women Power the Vote to demonstrating the power of women to achieve a more perfect democracy.

“The League was founded by suffrage leaders 100 years ago to help American women exercise their new right to vote,” said Grace Chimene, president of the League of Women Voters of Texas. “We celebrate 100 years of empowering voters. There are many ways to take action today! Become a modern-day voting rights heroine!”

Three actions Texans can take to recognize and honor the women heroines who fought to empower voters for the past 100 years are:

- Be a Texas voter in the March 3 Primary. Talk to friends and family about voting!

- Read and share the League’s nonpartisan Voters Guide and VOTE411.org.

- Join and support the League of Women Voters in your community.

Chimene continued, “We celebrate this great accomplishment, but at the same time, we acknowledge that the 19th Amendment did not break down voting barriers for all women. Many Americans still don’t have their voices heard in choosing our representatives. Politicians have robbed voters of their power by manipulating access to the polls and gerrymandering districts at all levels of government. Women have played a fundamental role in shaping an inclusive and active electorate. Women have powered -- and continue to power

-- the vote.”

Texans can find more information on how they can empower voters and defend democracy on the League website: LWVTexas.org.

The League of Women Voters of Texas represents over 10,000 grassroots advocates across the State of Texas. The Texas League has been “educating and agitating” since 1919. The League is a nonpartisan organization - it does not support or oppose any candidates or parties. Instead, the League encourages active and

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## COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DE TEXAS AVISO DE SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR PARA UN PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE

### PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE NÚM. 157096

**SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR.** City of Victoria, PO Box 1758, Victoria, TX 77902-1758, ha solicitado de la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ por sus siglas en inglés) el Permiso de Calidad de Aire Número 157096 para autorizar la construcción de dos unidades de generación eléctrica en la planta de tratamiento de aguas superficiales ubicada en la calle 2902 North Bluff Street, Victoria, en el Condado de Victoria, Texas. La instalación propuesta va a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: amoníaco, monóxido de carbono, óxidos de nitrógeno, compuestos orgánicos, partículas que incluyen partículas con diámetros de 10 micras o menos y 2.5 micras o menos, dióxido de azufre y neblina de ácido sulfúrico.

El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha concluido la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha preparado un permiso preliminar, el cual, si es aprobado, establecerá las condiciones debajo de las cuales el sitio deberá operar. El director ejecutivo ha hecho la decisión preliminar de otorgar este permiso. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del director ejecutivo, y el permiso preliminar estarán disponible para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina de la TCEQ y en la biblioteca pública de Victoria, por la calle 302 North Main, Victoria, en el Condado de Victoria, Texas. Los archivos del cumplimiento de las leyes de la facilidad, si existen, están disponibles para la revisión del público en la Oficina Regional de Corpus Christi de la TCEQ.

### COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS/REUNION PÚBLICA.

Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o solicitar una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de la reunión pública es el proveer la oportunidad de someter comentarios o hacer preguntas sobre esta solicitud. La TCEQ tendrá una reunión pública si el director ejecutivo determina que hay suficiente interés de parte del público en esta solicitud o si es solicitada por un legislador local. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado. **Puede enviar comentarios públicos adicionales por escrito dentro de los 30 días posteriores a la fecha de publicación de este aviso en el periódico de la manera que se establece en el CONTACTO DE LA AGENCIA E INFORMACIÓN que se encuentra a continuación.**

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

**DISPONIBILIDAD ELECTRÓNICA DE INFORMACIÓN.** Por medio del sitio web de la Comisión, en la página [www.tceq.state.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.state.texas.gov/goto/cid), se pueden obtener los siguientes documentos: la respuesta del director ejecutivo a los comentarios y la decisión final sobre esta solicitud. Una vez que usted haya obtenido acceso a la Base de Datos Integrada de los Comisionados (en inglés. Commissioners' Integrated Database, o CID) usando el enlace de arriba, favor de poner el número de permiso de esta solicitud, el cual se encuentra en la parte superior de este aviso. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.822222&lng=-97.013611&zoom=13&type=r>.

**LISTA PARA ENVÍO DE CORREO.** Usted puede solicitar ser incluido en una lista de correo para recibir información adicional con respecto a esta solicitud. Para ser incluido en una lista de correo, envíe su petición a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial a la dirección que se encuentra a continuación en el párrafo titulado "Información."

**INFORMACIÓN.** Los comentarios públicos se debe presentar a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o por el Internet al [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/) cualquier información de contacto que proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física, se agregará al registro público de la agencia. Para más información sobre esta solicitud para permiso o el proceso para permisos, por favor llame a la TCEQ sin cobro al Programa de Educación Pública de la TCEQ, al 1-800-687-4040.

Más información puede ser obtenida de City of Victoria en la dirección en el primer párrafo o llamando a Trisha Victor al (202) 503-7455.

Fecha de emisión: el día 22 de enero del año 2020

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constellation of great students throughout the VISD. He represents what we want for all students in our care... a chance to thrive, appropriate pressure to succeed and enough support so he can. I'm betting that before today you didn't know about Jacob, because not enough people talk about it. Well, now we have no excuse not to talk about great kids like Jacob and countless others who do amazing things every day. Part of my job is to bang the drum for my kids and my schools and encourage you to do the same. I'm proud of you, Jacob. Congratulations!

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adds athletics programs, Walyuchow said.

An additional advantage will be that UHV's facilities will be available for outside groups to use, such as high school playoffs and tournaments or even events such as outdoor concerts.

"There's so much potential for these facilities to bring extra business to the Victoria area," Walyuchow said. "Visitors will bring in outside money to spend at hotels, restaurants, gas stations and more."

Since state funds cannot be spent on athletic programs, building the facilities will rely heavily on community support and donations. For more information about how to support UHV Athletics, contact the office at 361-485-4423 or [athletics@uhv.edu](mailto:athletics@uhv.edu).

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Cilantro grilled porterhouse steak. *Contributed photo.*

## CILANTRO GRILLED PORTERHOUSE STEAK

2 pounds of porterhouse steak (or T-bone)  
 ¼ cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped  
 Grated zest of ½ lemon  
 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 2 roasted garlic cloves  
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
 1-teaspoon kosher salt  
 ½ teaspoon black pepper

1. Place roasted garlic, mustard, cilantro, lemon zest, balsamic vinegar and olive oil in a shallow bowl and mix into a paste. Place steaks in a shallow baking dish and pour mixture over the meat. Make sure

the steaks are evenly coated. Let sit at least 8 hours.

2. Preheat grill. Remove steaks from dish and retain marinade. Sprinkle steaks with salt and pepper.

3. Grill for about 5 minutes per side or until cooked to desired doneness. Brush with marinade half way through grilling.

## BACON STUFFED CHERRY TOMATOES

2 pints cherry tomatoes  
 ¾ cups mayonnaise  
 ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (Not packaged)  
 1/8-teaspoon garlic powder  
 ½ teaspoon dried basil leaves  
 16-oz. pkg. bacon, crisply cooked,

drained, and crumbled

1. Cut the top off each cherry tomato, and using a melon baller or a sharp knife, carefully scoop out the seeds and pulp. Place each tomato upside down on paper towel to drain.

2. Combine the rest of the ingredients in a small bowl. Stuff each cherry tomato with the bacon mixture. Chill in fridge for at least 2 hours to blend flavors. To serve, line the serving tray with parsley

to keep the little tomatoes from rolling around. Serves 8.

## FRUIT SALAD WITH POPPY SEED DRESSING

2 tablespoons honey  
 2 tablespoons frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed  
 1-tablespoon oil  
 ½ teaspoon poppy seed  
 1/8 teaspoon dry mustard  
 1/8-teaspoon salt  
 1-cup blueberries  
 1 peach, sliced

1 nectarine, sliced  
 1-cup strawberries  
 1 cup cubed cantaloupe  
 ½ cup raspberries

1. Combine honey, lemonade concentrate, oil, poppy seed, mustard, and salt in a clean small jar with screw top lid. Shake well to combine and chill until serving time.

2. Combine fruits in glass bowl and mix gently. Drizzle with poppy seed dressing and serve. Serves 6.

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