

## Three musicians honored for lifetime achievements

by Peter Moralez

On July 25, 2021, three local musicians, Inocencio (JR) Robles, Emilio Licerio, Jr. and José (Joe) Hernández were recognized for their lifetimes of achievement in the Tejano Music Industry. The event was held at the Catholic War Veteran’s Hall on South Main Street.

Inocencio (JR) Robles began his professional musical career when he turned forty years old. He performed as the lead singer in four different local conjunto bands. After his local exposure, he was invited by Pete and Modesto Villarreal to front their band, El Grupo Suave.

From there Robles formed his own band, Junior and the Highlighters. They performed together for nine years. Then came another invitation to front local talent, The Majestics where he remained until he took a hiatus from performing.

Sometime later Sid Santellana, who hailed from Austin, Texas,

approached him. Santellana told Robles about an Austin Band called, The Tejano All Stars. Robles was offered a position as vocalist and remains with the band.

“Originally my son had a drum set and I would play with it on occasion. Then one of my neighbors had a set for sale and I went ahead and bought it so I could continue to experiment,” Robles said. As he continued to improve another neighbor, John Padierna approached him with an offer to play.

“John, who lived right next to me, came and knocked on my door one day and told me about a local band looking for a drummer. Of course, I told him I couldn’t really play, especially not in a band,” he said. Padierna assured him that he listened to him all the time and that he was confident that Robles would fit in and do well, adding that this may be his only shot and when someone comes knocking you better be prepared to say yes. That was in 1978 and that band

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Honorees left to right are Jose Joe Hernandez Emilio Licerio Jr y Inocencio JR Robles. Contributed photo by Ralph Gonzales.



Appliance Pro recognized by Keep Victoria Beautiful for September. Contributed photo.

## Appliance Pro earns City beautification award

Keep Victoria Beautiful staff and Appliance Pro leadership and employees pose for a photo September 7 at Appliance Pro, 2401 E. Mockingbird Lane, with KVB’s Business Beautification Award traveling sign.

Appliance Pro received the Business Beautification Award for the month of September. The award is given monthly to recognize businesses that help to beautify the Victoria community through

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# Are you certain?

by Dr. Quintin Shepherd, VISD Superintendent

Jeremy Wolfe is a visual attention researcher who has shown that we see what we expect to see. In one interesting scenario,

they created an airport security screening process and asked the study participants to screen bags for “weapons.” When participants were told these dangerous objects would occur 50% of the time, participants had a 7% error

rate. When the participants were told the dangerous objects would occur just 1% of the time, the error rate was 30%. If they did not expect to see something, they did not see it, even when it was right in front of their eyes. This may

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sound interesting, and perhaps irrelevant to education, but this is not true. It is something I am very mindful of when it comes to student safety and security. It also could occur in the classroom if we think about student attention, focus, and behavior. Some psychologists have named this phenomenon “bounded awareness” and define it as our tendency to not see, seek out, or use readily available and relevant information. The result is that sometimes we do not perceive readily perceivable information. Other times, we perceive relevant information but miss the obvious relevance. Bazerman explains we are better at focusing than we are at noticing in his book “The Power of Noticing.”

I share all of this because it is a thinking tool I use regularly and

nearly every day. There are times when we must focus our attention or gaze on an issue, but we must realize when we do this, we have largely lost the ability to notice. As a concrete example, if we focus our attention on the total tax rate of the district currently and focus on those numbers historically then we can spend a lot of time focused on tax rates, but do not notice that overall, our tax rate has not been this low in our community since 1992. In fact, the total tax rate is down 24.8% since 2005-2006. Hold this thought for a second, because I am going to come back to it.

Confirmation bias is hard to notice as it happens (especially if you are trying to notice it within yourself) and relatively easy to ex-

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# Support the Food Bank during Hunger Action Month



Fight against hunger action month. *Contributed photo.*

by Meridith Byrd

September is Hunger Action Month, when food banks throughout America join with one voice to advocate for hunger relief. Hunger Action Month was founded in 2008 by Feeding America, a nonprofit network of food banks across the country including the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent.

This year's theme is "Food shouldn't be an impossible choice." But the reality is that too many people in our country are forced to choose between food and essentials such as medications, childcare, and utilities.

In the United States, over 46 million people seek help from food banks each year. Across our 11-county service area nearly 30,000 people receive assistance from the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. Our partners

include food pantries, schools, senior housing complexes, and soup kitchens in Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Refugio, Wharton and Victoria counties. We also host drive-through food distributions in most of the counties we serve.

Help End Hunger with H-E-B

In 1990, H-E-B launched its Help End Hunger campaign with the purpose of "giving customers the opportunity to help their local food bank in the fight against hunger and malnutrition among thousands of children, elderly and needy families in communities throughout Texas." Customers can choose to donate \$1, \$3, or \$5 as they check out at the register. In 2020, H-E-B customers donated nearly \$700,000 that was distributed between 20 Texas food banks.

This year there is a new way to Help End Hunger with H-E-B: customers now have the option of adding a donation to their Curbside order. Simply search for "help end hunger" on the H-E-B website or app, and choose the amount you wish to donate.

More ways to help

**Donate.** Each dollar donated to the Food Bank provides 8 meals for those in need. Simply put, \$1 = 8 meals. It might sound impossible, but the Food Bank is able to purchase food for much less than grocery store prices. You can make a donation on our website [www.tfbgc.org](http://www.tfbgc.org) or bring your donation to the food bank anytime during our business hours.

**Volunteer.** There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes, and our volunteers provide a valuable service. We take the health of our staff and volunteers very seriously, so due to COV-

ID-19 everyone is required to wear a mask, and we provide gloves and hand sanitizer. There are volunteer opportunities for adults, seniors, children (accompanied by an adult), and groups (scout groups, church groups, coworkers, etc). Some of our volunteer activities include sorting large bins of mixed donations, filling bags of dried beans, rice, pasta, or coffee, and assembling bags of food for schoolchildren or seniors.

**Raise money for the Food Bank.** If your business is willing, we will happily provide a donation jar for the countertop.

Follow us on social media. You can help the Food Bank spread the word about our hunger relief efforts, see our staff in action around the office or out in the community, and recognize our generous donors and volunteers. Follow the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent on Facebook and Instagram, then

share our posts so that your friends see that hunger relief matters to you.

How you can receive help

We keep an up-to-date list of our partner food pantries and mobile food distributions organized by county on our website: [www.tfbgc.org/food-assistance](http://www.tfbgc.org/food-assistance). You can also call the Food Bank at 578-0591 or stop by at 3809 East Rio Grande (off of Delmar) to receive information on your local food pantries.

Food shouldn't be an impossible choice. You can make a difference during Hunger Action Month.

Meridith Byrd is the Director of Community Engagement for the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. She also manages the Victoria Farmers' Market every Saturday at the Pattie Dodson Center at 2805 N. Navarro. Contact her at [mbyrd@foodbankgc.org](mailto:mbyrd@foodbankgc.org).



# Noticias del Mundo

**Texas** – Extienden cierre de la frontera en Texas. Autoridades de la Patrulla Fronteriza de Estados Unidos anunciaron que el cruce entre Del Río, Texas, y Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, permanecerá cerrado debido a la gran aglomeración de inmigrantes hacinados, en su mayoría personas de Haití. Así son las precarias condiciones de estos emigrantes en este punto de la frontera.

**EE.UU** – Caso Gabby Petito: FBI encuentra restos humanos. El FBI informó el domingo que encontró restos humanos en la zona donde

buscaba a Gabby Petito, la joven de 22 años que fue reportada desaparecida el 11 de septiembre por sus familiares. Aunque el FBI no confirmó la identidad de Petito, informó que los restos se ajustaban a la descripción de la mujer. Esto es lo que sabemos.

**América Latina** – Así va la vacunación contra el Covid-19 en América Latina. El 43.1 por ciento de la población mundial está vacunado al menos parcialmente contra el Covid-19, de acuerdo con Our World in Data. En promedio, Sudamérica alcanza una tasa de va-

vacunación con al menos una dosis del 58.53 por ciento y Norteamérica, del 56.19 por ciento.

**Nueva York** – Asamblea de la ONU en Nueva York. La sesión número 76 de la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas comenzará este martes en Nueva York. Los temores de EE.UU. de que la reunión anual de líderes mundiales pueda desencadenar un evento de superpropagación resaltan la marcada desigualdad del acceso global a las vacunas de Covid-19, incluso cuando los países desarrollados comienzan a ofrecer vacunas de



Haitianos cruzando el Río Grande en Del Río, Texas. Contributed photo.



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**Atlántico** – Peter y Rose, las nuevas tormentas en el Atlántico. La ajetreada temporada de huracanes del Atlántico en 2021 sigue su inusual curso. El domingo se

formaron la decimosexta y decimoséptima tormenta con nombre, Peter y Rose, respectivamente. Esto es lo que los meteorólogos dicen sobre sus trayectorias.

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# CITY OF VICTORIA BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FISCAL YEAR 2022

**MISSION:**  
The mission of the City of Victoria is to provide services to Victoria residents that enhance the livability of our community.

**VISION:**  
We envision City government in Victoria as an efficient and effective provider of governmental goods and services – a government that is not only responsive to the will of its citizens, but also a government that provides leadership in helping determine the proper course for the future of our city.

**CORE VALUES:**  
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## FISCAL YEAR 2022 ADOPTED BUDGET

**Balanced Budget of \$171,254,369**

- \$185,785 - COPS Grant Funds
- \$1,022,596 - Convention & Visitor's Bureau
- \$1,702,798 - Grant Funds
- \$2,754,122 - Motel Tax Fund
- \$2,209,397 - Other Enterprise
- \$6,718,182 - Solid Waste Services
- \$7,254,148 - ARPA Grant

**Adopted Budget BY FUND**  
\$59,709,971 - General Fund

The General Fund supports the majority of the basic services of the City.

**General Fund Revenue Breakdown:**

- Property Tax: \$17,23M (34%)
- Sales Tax: \$17,19M (33%)
- Public Safety (Police, Fire & Municipal Court): \$30.67M (51%)
- Public Works CIP Transfer: \$6.22M (14%)
- Public Works: \$5.95M (10%)
- Admin Services: \$8.35M (9%)
- Intergovernmental: \$2.75M (5%)
- Miscellaneous: \$900K (2%)
- Permits/Serv.: \$3.65M (7%)
- Transfers: \$3.38M (7%)
- Franchise Tax: \$5.82M (11%)
- Other Revenues: \$650K (1%)

Category	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Projected	FY 2022 Adopted
<b>Sales Tax</b>	16,879,223	17,111,735	16,337,766	17,677,000	17,185,000
<b>Property Tax Revenue</b>	15,143,523	15,360,374	15,970,033	16,568,109	17,229,816
<b>Property Tax \$0.5882</b>					

\* \$0.5882 was \$0.0233 lower than last year  
\* Increase \$1.38 (232K), allocated to General Fund (each \$1.00K is new property)  
\* Tax rate includes \$100K for 2021 extension

## FY22 Capital Improvement Plan \$34.37M

**Residential Street Projects - \$7.49 Million**

- North Heights Ph. VII Reconstruction: \$2M
- Residential Street Program (Maintenance Projects): \$2.9M
- Woodway Ph. III Reconstruction: \$1.7M
- Bridle Ridge Reconstruction Ph. II: \$544K
- Design of Dairy Road Reconstruction (Salem to Whispering Creek): \$300K

**Thoroughfare Street Projects - \$10.51 Million**

- Crestwood Ph. III Reconstruction (Additional Funding): \$900K
- Airline Road Mill and Overlay (Sam Houston to Stockbauer): \$2M
- Mockingbird Mill and Overlay (Laurent to Navarro): \$596K
- Ben Wilson Corridor (Airline to Red River): \$7M

**Residential Drainage Projects - \$4.05 Million**

- Lone Tree Acres Drainage: \$3.3M
- Northcrest Drainage Project (Twin 90's): \$750K

**Utility Projects - \$3.51 Million**

- Country Club Dr. Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement (Design): \$141K
- Laurent St. Water Line Replacement (Design): \$185K
- 15" High Service Connection (Main St. and Vine St.): \$600K
- Regional WW Plant Clarifier Project (Design): \$160K
- Main St. Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement: \$1.9M
- Power Secure Generator (Water Pump Station #3): \$523K

**Utility/Streets Projects - \$3.98 Million**

- Tanglewood Phase I Utility/Street Reconstruction (Design): \$765K
- College Park Utility/Street Design Reconstruction (Design): \$1.33M
- Bon Aire Utility/Street Design Reconstruction (Design): \$1.88M

**Sidewalk/Streetlight Projects - \$1.21 Million**

- Citywide Street Lighting LED Project: \$250K
- O'Corner Elementary & Stroman Middle School Sidewalk Project: \$334K
- Leary Lane Sidewalk Expansion: \$625K

**Traffic Signal Projects - \$175K**

- Traffic Signal (Water St @ Moody Street): \$175K

**Facility Projects - \$3.35 Million**

- Environmental Services Building Expansion: \$500K
- Fire Station #1 Remodel: \$2.1M
- Sports Facility Improvements (Riverside Park): \$750K

**Key Expenditures**

- Compensation Pay Program: \$1.73M
  - Phase I: \$512K
  - Phase II: \$1.2M
- Fleet Replacement: \$310K
  - Public Safety/Frazer Ambulance: \$310K
  - Public Safety/Police Cars (12): \$222K
  - Public Works/Gradall: \$452K
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant: \$7.3M

**Key Initiatives**  
Previously budgeted projects beginning in FY 2022.

- Unified Development Code Development: \$250K
- Facilities Master Plan: \$200K
- Work Order/Asset Management Software: \$250K
- Duck Pond Renovation: \$1.25M
- Riverside Splashpad/Water Features: \$1M

## American Rescue Plan Act

The U.S. Department of the Treasury recently announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments.

- Broadband:** Invest in broadband infrastructure with modern utility in mind. Broadband efforts should aim to improve reliability, accessibility, and affordability of internet.
- Utility Infrastructure:** Make necessary improvements to water/sewer infrastructures, including projects that address the impacts of climate change. Utility investments should aim at improving the reliability and resiliency of the utility system.
- Organizational Needs:** Address needs within City departments or amongst city essential employees that improve the capabilities of staff to respond to public needs and support employees most susceptible to COVID.
- Tourism/Travel Industry:** Speed the recovery of tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors that are just beginning to mend.
- Community Grants:** Assist organizations that serve the needs of vulnerable populations within the community, particularly those heavily impacted by the pandemic. Investments can range from assisting individuals to supporting redevelopment of entire neighborhoods.
- Economic Development:** Provide aid to small business and industries negatively impacted by COVID-19 and its effects on the local economy.

**Allocation:**  
The total allocation for The City of Victoria is \$14,508,296. Half of the funds were received June 2021 and the remainder will be received next year.

All funds received must be committed to an eligible expense by December 31, 2024.

**Employee Compensation**  
The City of Victoria conducted a comprehensive compensation/classification study for 2020-2021. The study consisted of position/job analysis for all positions; review of Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Exempt and Non-exempt designations; internal equality, salary and benefits survey, competitiveness analysis, salary range recommendations, job title changes, and Fiscal Year estimates and implementation strategies. The last time the City completed a comprehensive study was in the 1990's.

**Phase I: Police/Fire Step Plan - Implemented on January 1, 2021**

- Developed new step plan for certified Police/Fire positions. This new step plan included data from the City's Compensation/Classification study and input from the departments. The new step plan has a brand-new look, competitive market ranges, and added command/leadership level positions that were not included in the previous structure.
- Phase I was for the majority of employees to be placed in the step plan on the next relevant step to their current salary without reducing pay. This resulted in a 4% average pay adjustment for Fire, and 5% for Police.

**Phase II: General Population - Implemented on October 1, 2021**

- The City has approximately 151 unique civilian job descriptions in use for providing a full complement of municipal services, minor title modifications and position descriptions have been updated to reflect employee input on current job duties.
- Using 4-5% to define competitive, the City's current salary ranges are below market average for 60% of positions. An updated salary range table was designed, and updated pay range placements have been adopted using the market data from the study, the City's hierarchy, and internal equality.
- Phase II will move those employees below the new minimum to the minimum of the new salary range for their position.
- The hourly minimum wage for full-time City employees has been increased to \$13.00 from \$11.00.
- The hourly minimum wage for part-time City employees has been increased to \$10.00 from \$9.00.

**Phase III:**

- When financially able, the city will be looking to provide additional pay adjustments for city personnel who are above the minimum for this initial year and consider experience/tenure with the City.

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# Charlando de TV y Cine

por Santos Raza y colaboradores

## Premios Emmy 2021 | Lista completa de nominados y candidatos

La 73ª edición de los Premios Emmy se llevará a cabo el 19 de septiembre. ¡Conoce la lista completa de nominados para los Emmy Awards este 2021!

¡Ya están aquí!

Luego de acoger una ceremonia digital en 2020 debido al aún latente brote de coronavirus, la Aca-

demia de la Televisión de Estados Unidos ha dado a conocer a los nominados para la 73ª edición de los Premios Emmy, misma que se llevará a cabo de manera presencial el 19 de septiembre.

El encargado de conducir la gala en el Teatro Microsoft, en Los Ángeles, California, será el actor y comediante Cedric the Entertainer.

Las nominaciones se dieron a conocer a través de una ceremonia en vivo de manera virtual la mañana de este martes, 13 de julio a las 10:30 a.m. a través del sitio oficial de los Emmys.

Premios Emmy 2021 | Lista completa de nominados: Series, actores y más

### Mejor actor principal en serie de comedia

- Anthony Anderson (Black-ish)
- Michael Douglas (The Kominsky Method)
- William H. Macy (Shameless)
- Jason Sudeikis (Ted Lasso)
- Kenan Thompson (Kenan)

### Mejor actriz principal en serie de comedia

- Aidy Bryant (Shrill)
- Kaley Cuoco (The Flight Attendant)



Emmy's lista completa de nominados. Contributed photo.

- Allison Janney (Mom)
- Tracee Ellis Ross (Black-ish)
- Jean Smart (Hacks)

- Jeremy Swift (Ted Lasso)
- Paul Reiser (The Kominsky Method)
- Carl Clemons-Hopkins (Hacks)

### Mejor actor secundario en serie de comedia

- Bowen Yang (Saturday Night Live)
- Kenan Thompson (Saturday Night Live)
- Brett Goldstein (Ted Lasso)
- Brendan Hunt (Ted Lasso)
- Nick Mohammed (Ted Lasso)

### Mejor actriz secundaria en serie de comedia

- Kate McKinnon (Saturday Night Live)
- Cecily Strong (Saturday Night Live)
- Aidy Bryant (Saturday Night Live)

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- Live)
- Rosie Perez (The Flight Attendant)
  - Hannah Einbinder (Hacks)
  - Hannah Waddingham (Ted Lasso)
  - Juno Temple (Ted Lasso)

### Mejor programa de variedades y talk-show

- Conan (TBS)
- The Daily Show with Trevor Noah (Comedy Central)
- Jimmy Kimmel Live! (ABC)
- Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)
- The Late Show with Stephen Colbert (CBS)
- Mejor reality show
- The Amazing Race (CBS)
- Nailed It! (Netflix)
- RuPaul's Drag Race (VH1)
- Top Chef (Bravo)
- The Voice (NBC)

### Mejor actriz principal en serie dramática

- Uzo Aduba (In Treatment)
- Olivia Colman (The Crown)
- Emma Corrin (The Crown)
- Elisabeth Moss (The Handmaid's Tale)
- MJ Rodriguez (Pose)
- Juren Smollett (Lovecraft Country)

### Mejor actor principal en serie dramática

- Sterling K. Brown (This Is Us)
- Jonathan Majors (Lovecraft Country)
- Josh O'Connor (The Crown)

- Rege-Jean Page (Bridgerton)
- Billy Porter (Pose)
- Matthew Rhys (Perry Mason)

### Mejor actor de reparto en serie dramática

- Michael K. Williams (Lovecraft Country)
- Bradley Whitford (The Handmaid's Tale)
- Max Minghella (The Handmaid's Tale)
- O-T Fagbenle (The Handmaid's Tale)
- John Lithgow (Perry Mason)
- Tobias Menzies (The Crown)
- Giancarlo Esposito (The Mandalorian)
- Chris Sullivan (This Is Us)

### Mejor actriz de reparto en serie dramática

- Gillian Anderson (The Crown)
- Helena Bonham Carter (The Crown)
- Emerald Fennell (The Crown)
- Ann Dowd (The Handmaid's Tale)
- Yvonne Strahovski (The Handmaid's Tale)
- Samira Wiley (The Handmaid's Tale)
- Madeline Brewer (The Handmaid's Tale)
- Aunjanue Ellis (Lovecraft Country)

### Mejor actriz en una miniserie o película para televisión

- Michaela Coel (I May Destroy You)
- Cynthia Erivo (Genius: Aretha)
- Elizabeth Olsen (WandaVision)

- Anya Taylor-Joy (The Queen's Gambit)
- Kate Winslet (Mare of East town)

### Mejor actor en una miniserie o película para televisión

- Paul Bettany (Wanda Vision)
- Hugh Grant (The Undoing)
- Ewan McGregor (Halston)
- Lin-Manuel Miranda (Hamilton)
- Leslie Odom, Jr. (Hamilton)

### Mejor actriz de reparto en miniserie o película para televisión

- Jean Smart (Mare of East town)
- Julianne Nicholson (Mare of East town)
- Kathryn Hahn (WandaVision)
- Phillipa Soo (Hamilton)
- Renee Elise Goldsberry (Hamilton)
- Moses Ingram (The Queen's Gambit)

### Mejor actor de reparto en miniserie o película para televisión

- Daveed Diggs (Hamilton)
  - Jonathan Groff (Hamilton)
  - Anthony Ramos (Hamilton)
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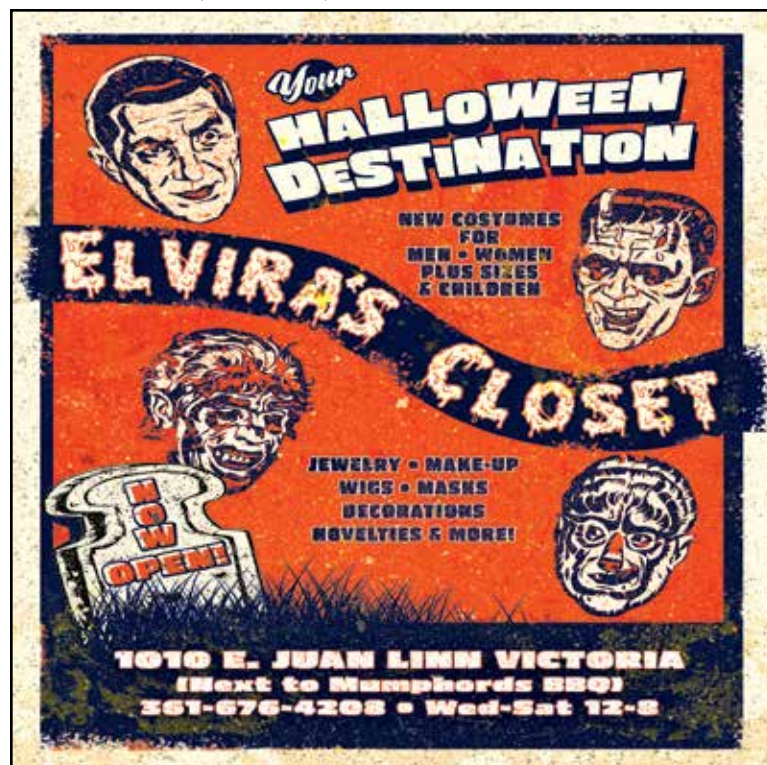
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**Mejor actriz invitada en una serie dramática**

- Alexis Bledel (The Handmaid's Tale)
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**Mejor actor invitada en una comedia**

- Chris Rock (Saturday Night Live)
- Dave Chappelle (Saturday Night Live)
- Daniel Kaluuya (Saturday Night Live)
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- Morgan Freeman (The Kominsky Method)

- Wanda Vision (Disney+)

**Mejor serie de comedia**

- Black-ish (ABC)
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- Emily in Paris (Netflix)
- Hacks (HBO Max)
- The Flight Attendant (HBO Max)
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- The Handmaid's Tale (Hulu)
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- Pose (FX)
- This Is Us (NBC)

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## Judge Gilliam announces re-election for Victoria County Court at Law No. 2



Judge Dan Gilliam. Contributed photo.

Judge Gilliam announced that he's seeking the Republican nomination for Judge of County Court at Law #2 and re-election to that office. "It is my intention to file with the Victoria County Republican Party for placement on the 2022 primary ballot" Gilliam announced. "I have been honored to serve the citizens of this county for the past eleven years and have a vested interest in my community. I want to continue to serve the citizens of Victoria County with 35 years of experience in the practice of law. I was born in Victoria. My wife Jamie and I have chosen to live and raise our children in Victoria," said Gilliam.

"I have presided over more than 100 jury trials. Governor Rick Perry appointed me to the advisory board for the Texas School Safety Center. Re-appointed by Governor Greg Abbott and served for approximately 10 years and as board chair. I am a member of the Victoria County Juvenile Board and

have worked to improve the safety of our children in our schools throughout the state and within the juvenile criminal justice system," said Gilliam.

"The continuation of the DWI Court program will also remain a priority for me during this next term," Gilliam said. This program was awarded the Spotlight on Success Award in 2020 for the outstanding DWI court team for the State of Texas by the Texas Center for the Judiciary. This program combines accountability with substance abuse treatment and intense supervision to reduce repeat DWI offenses.

"I participate on the Gulf Bend Community Mental Health Collaborative to support the community's response to mental health issues. I am an active member of the Victoria Rotary Club, a lifetime member of the Victoria 100 Club, and a member of CCA, NRA and Ducks Unlimited. I have supported and volunteered time for Warriors Weekend, the Family Outdoor Exposition, and the Jack Whitmire Memorial Charity sporting clay shoot hosted by the Victoria Rotary Club," Gilliam stated.

Jamie and I have been married for 37 years. We have two daughters and two granddaughters. We attend Trinity Episcopal Church. I am looking forward to continuing to serve the good people of Victoria County.

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## Aviso Revisado de un Permiso Federal para Operación Preliminar

Permiso Núm: O1951

**Solicitud y Permiso Preliminar.** Formosa Plastics Corporation, 9 Peach Tree Hill Rd., Livingston, NJ 07039-5702, ha presentado una solicitud ante la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para la renovación del Permiso Federal de Operación (en adelante denominado el Permiso) Núm.O1951, Solicitud Núm. 31134, para autorizar la operación de Planta de Servicios Utilidades y Departamentos Técnicos y de Mantenimiento, una instalación de Fabricación Petroquímica. El área a la cual se refiere la solicitud está ubicada en 201 Formosa Drive, en la ciudad de Point Comfort, Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77978. 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. Usted puede encontrar un mapa electrónico de la instalación en: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.688888&lng=-96.547222&zoom=13&type=r>. Esta solicitud fue recibida por la TCEQ el 10 de septiembre del año 2020.

El propósito de un Permiso Federal de Operación es mejorar el acatamiento general con las normas que gobiernan el control de la contaminación atmosférica, claramente definiendo todos los requisitos aplicables, como están definidos en el Título 30 del Código Administrativo de Texas § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). El permiso preliminar, si es aprobado, codificará las condiciones bajo las cuales el área debe operar. El permiso no autorizará construcción nueva. El director ejecutivo ha concluido la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha hecho una decisión preliminar para preparar el permiso preliminar para la revisión y comentario público. El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ recomienda la expedición de este permiso preliminar. La solicitud de permiso, la declaración de base, y el permiso preliminar estarán disponibles para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina Central de la TCEQ, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building (Edificio) E, First Floor (Primer Piso), Austin, Texas 78753; en la Oficina Regional de la TCEQ de Corpus Christi, NRC Bldg. Ste. 1200, 6300 Ocean Dr., Unidad (Unit) 5839, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412-5839; y la Biblioteca del Condado de Calhoun, por la calle 200 W Main St., en la ciudad de Port Lavaca, en el Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77979-3327, empezando el primer día de la publicación de este aviso. El permiso preliminar y la declaración de la base están disponibles en el sitio web de TCEQ:

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En la oficina central y la oficina regional de TCEQ, también puede revisar y copiar documentos pertinentes para el permiso preliminar, así como los permisos para la Evaluación de Nuevas Fuentes que han sido incorporados por referencia. Cualquier persona que tengan dificultades obteniendo estos materiales debido a restricciones para viajar pueden comunicarse con la sala de archivos de la Oficina Central al teléfono (512) 239 2900.

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**Comentarios públicos por escrito y/o peticiones para una audiencia de aviso y comentarios deberían ser presentados a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental (TCEQ), Oficina del Secretario Oficial (Office of Chief Clerk), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o por internet al [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), dentro de 30 días después de la fecha de publicación en el periódico de este aviso.** Si se comunica electrónicamente con la TCEQ, favor de notar que su correo electrónico, tal como su dirección de correo doméstico, formarán parte del archivo público de la agencia.

Un aviso de la acción final propuesta que incluye una respuesta a los comentarios y denotando cualquier cambio al permiso preliminar, será enviado a todas las personas que hayan presentado comentarios públicos, una solicitud de audiencia, o que hayan solicitado ser incluidos en la lista de correo. Este envío de correo también proveerá instrucciones para hacer peticiones públicas a la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA, por sus siglas en inglés), para solicitar que la EPA se oponga a la expedición del permiso preliminar. Después de recibir una solicitud, la EPA solamente podrá objetar a la expedición de un permiso que no cumple con los requisitos aplicables o los requisitos del 30 TAC Capítulo 122.

**Lista Para Envío De Correo.** Aparte de entregar comentarios públicos, usted puede solicitar ser incluido en una lista para envío de correo con respecto a esta solicitud al enviar su petición a la Oficina del secretario oficial (Office of Chief Clerk) a la dirección antes mencionada. Los que se encuentran en la lista para envío de correo recibirán copias de avisos públicos futuros (si hay) para esta solicitud enviados por correo por el secretario oficial.

**Información.** Para más información con respecto a esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, favor de contactar a la Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas), Programa de Educación del Público (Public Education Program), MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 o llamar sin cargo al 1-800-687-4040. Se desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-383-1598.

Se puede obtener más información sobre Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, llamando al Señora Tammy Lasater al teléfono (302) 383-1598.

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VISD, from pg. 2

plain. One paragraph and a game can prove my point. Your job is to guess the rule I am using for the following number sequence. You can only guess the rule once, but you could share other sequences of numbers and I will tell you if you are correct. Here is my sequence: 5, 10, 15, and 20. What is the rule I am using? Some already know the answer; they don't have to even think about it. Some may want to check first to make sure I'm not playing a trick, so they say 50, 55, 60, 65 and I say, "correct". You all are likely thinking the same answer; the rule is adding five to the previous number (or multiplication tables by five). All of you who guessed that are wrong. My rule was simply adding a number. You could have asked me if 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 meets my rule and I would have said "correct", but it didn't occur to you to ask that sequence. Confirmation bias is why. You were certain the answer was to count by five because it is obvious. So obvious, that when you were given the opportunity to gather more information, you only sought out information to confirm what you believed to be true, not to challenge your own thinking. This is important. Think how many times we only seek out information to prove ourselves correct. I will be the first to admit I fall prey to confirmation bias all the time as hard as I try not to. I have a poster on my desk with various thinking biases that I see countless times every day just to check myself regularly. This has been one of my guiding lights throughout the pandemic.

Back to the tax rate from above. When I shared that information about our local tax rate being the lowest since 1992, maybe you immediately thought, "well my property value has gone up since 1992, so surely 6 the district is getting more as a result." This is confirmation bias rearing its ugly head. We begin looking for information to confirm what we believe to be true as it relates to tax rates (my home value went up, so it makes sense...). We may fail to realize or notice that when property values rise, the amount we get in state aid decreases so there are no added funds coming to the district.

I will keep thinking... and I know you will too.

# La Cocina de Tia Yole



Corn and enchilada pie. *Contributed photo.*

## CORN AND ENCHILADA PIE

3 (6-inch) small flour tortillas  
1-pound ground beef  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 (8-oz.) can creamed corn  
1-tablespoon Chile powder  
1 (4 oz.) can green chiles chopped, small  
½ cup water Vegetable Cooking Spray  
2 cups Monterey Jack Cheese, shredded  
½ up Cheddar Cheese, shredded

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Brown ground beef and onions in skillet. Remove and drain fat.
2. Add beef back to hot skillet and add can of creamed corn, chili powder, chiles, and ½ cup water. Mix well and simmer approximately 5 minutes.
3. Lightly coat all of the flour tortillas with cooking spray and place the first tortilla in round baking dish sprayed side down. Cover tortilla with a layer of half of the beef mixture. Sprinkle with ½ of the shredded Monterey Jack cheese. Place another tortilla on top of the cheese. Top with remaining beef mixture and sprinkle with remaining of the shredded Monterey Jack cheese.
4. Top the cheese with the third tortilla. Sprinkle cheddar cheese

on top. Bake at 350°F oven until bubbling (approximately 5 minutes). Makes 4 servings.

## PORK CARNITAS CORN TORTILLA TACOS

4 pounds boned pork shoulder, cut into large cubes (remove as much fat as possible)  
1-quart beef broth  
2 cups chunky tomato salsa either prepared or homemade  
Water  
Salt  
2 cups fresh tomato salsa (pico de gallo)  
16-24 corn tortillas

1. In a large, heavy saucepan over medium-high heat, combine pork, broth, and salsa. Add enough water to completely cover the meat. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, covered for 3 to 4 hours (or longer) until meat pulls apart easily. Add salt to taste if needed.
2. Preheat oven to 400°F. Remove meat from liquid I pot (discard the liquid) and spread the meat out in a roasting pan. Break the meat into small chunks. Roast meat for 15 to 20 minutes until brown and crispy.

3. If you are using store-bought tortillas, heat the tortillas one-by-one either in a microwave or on a hot skillet. If you heat them on a skillet you may need to use a little butter or oil to help soften them. When air pockets form in the tortillas they are ready. To heat them in a microwave, place a paper towel on the floor of the microwave. Lay one or two tortillas on the paper towel (whatever will fit so there is only one layer). Microwave on high heat for 10 seconds per tortilla (some brands of tortillas require 20 seconds each).

Keep warm tortillas wrapped in a clean cloth towel for serving.

4. To serve, double up the tortillas and place a few spoonfuls of the carnitas on them. Top with salsa. Serve with grated lettuce (that has been lightly salted and sprinkled with vinegar), beans, avocados, and/or grated cheese.
5. To eat, remove half the carnitas from one tortilla to another. Take one tortilla at a time with the carnitas and salsa, fold it over and enjoy. Or, keep them doubled up. Your choice. Serves 6-8.

## SOPAPILLA CHEESECAKE PIE

2 (8 ounce) packages of cream cheese, softened  
1 cup white sugar  
1 teaspoon Mexican vanilla extract  
2 (8 ounce) cans refrigerated crescent rolls  
¾ cup white sugar  
1-teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ cup butter, room temperature  
¼ cup honey

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Prepare a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Beat the cream cheese with 1 cup of sugar and the vanilla extract in a bowl until smooth.
3. Unroll the cans of crescent roll dough, and use a rolling pin to shape each piece into 9x13 inch rectangles. Press one piece into the bottom of a 9x13 inch-baking dish. Evenly spread the cream cheese mixture into the baking dish, and then cover with the re-

maining piece of crescent dough. Stir together ¾ cup of sugar, cinnamon, and butter. Dot the mixture over the top of the cheesecake.

4. Bake in the preheated oven until the crescent dough has puffed and

turned golden brown, about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and drizzle with honey. Cool completely in the pan before cutting into 12 squares.



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**MUSICIANS**, from pg. 1

was the Beto Gómez Orchestra and so it began for Robles.

Robles was born and raised in Victoria and attended Victoria High School. With respect to the award he said, "Honestly it took

me by surprise, and I feel honored. I'm humbled to have even been nominated and am very thankful to receive the award along with the other great musicians who received the award along with me."

Emilio Licerio, Jr. began his music career when he started playing saxophone while at Patti Welder Middle School in the sixth grade. His Father, aunt and two uncles had an orchestra and when he was fourteen Licerio began playing bass guitar for the orchestra.

He has played with several local bands including Sangre Chicana, El Grupo Suave, Pio Treviño

and Magic, Gary Hobbs and the Bush Band, Zena, The Majestics as well as his current band, The Cross Roadzz Crue. While with Zena, Licerio penned his hit song, Amándote, which climbed to number 9 on a U.S. Tejano Musical Chart.

Licerio was born and raised in Victoria and graduated from Stroman High School. He recalls, "When I was fourteen, I picked up my dad's bass guitar and playing it came really easy to me. One day I came home from school and dad had bought me a new bass guitar, along with a brand-new amplifier. I was thrilled,"

Growing up playing "Mexican Music" was difficult in middle and high school he said. "Hispanic music wasn't cool and all my friends that were musicians were busy playing rock and roll," Licerio said. He enlisted into the U.S. Air Force for three years.

"I owe a debt of gratitude to all those who came before me, especially my entire family that believed in me, as well as to the local community that has always supported me," he said. "Hopefully the younger generation will be proud to play Tejano Music again."

José (Joe) Hernández, who was born in Smiley and now lives in Yorktown, got interested in music when he was ten years old by using his mother's metal sewing box

as his first drum. This interest led him to teach himself by playing along to songs on the radio, as well as records.

In 1990 he began playing with the band, Conjunto Falcon de Cleo Mungia. Later he played with, Tema de Valero Mungia, and Los Mismos de Gilbert Mungia. As his talent and stage presence continued to grow, he was both co-owner and drummer for the rock and roll band, Phoenix.

Hernández has also played with, Johnny Garner, Almost Famous, Los Aristicos de Junior Farias, The Wild Bill Band, Mónica e Paciencia and Big Al de León. Currently he plays with, Liz Garza in Fantazia, as well as Almost Famous.

"I was really proud and pleased to be nominated," Hernández said. "I had been nominated in the past, and I guess this time it was finally my turn to win. I am very thankful to my parents as well as to all the musicians that I have played with in the past."

Adding, "I started playing when I was ten years old banging away on my mom's sewing kit and that has led to all of this," he said. "When I was just getting started as a young child my parents would go to a dance it seems like every weekend and they would always bring home a single from who they had danced to. It was all those recordings that inspired me."

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