

## Doña Patricia de la Garza portrait reveal set for April

The city of Victoria will celebrate its Bicentennial in 2024. It was April 13, 1824, when Martín de León and his wife Patricia de la Garza received approval to build a colony and Victoria Texas was founded.

The City of Victoria will dedicate a Founders Monument depicting Martin and Patricia in the Bicentennial year. We have a rather good idea of what Martin looked like, what has been a mystery is Patricia, said Blanche de León. To this end the children of Wence and Tillie Kruse de Leon sought an artist who could best represent her image.

Victorians are invited to a “first look” reveal of the portrait of Doña Patricia de la Garza (1777-1849), wife of Don Martín de León (1771-1834), founders of Victoria, Texas in 1824. Please see the attached invitation for details.

A face was needed to construct the Founders Monument that will be revealed by the City of Victoria during the 2024 Bicentennial Celebration.

Houston forensic artist Lois Gibson created the image by studying photos of many female descendants. Armando Hinojosa, Laredo sculptor of the “Tejano Monument” fame is creating the sculpture of the de Leóns.

It was only proper the Community of Victoria gaze upon her image first. If this reveal is not convenient for you, no worries, follow the Bicentennial activities by accessing the website cited on the invitation and save the date for the monument unveiling.

According to Explore Victoria, Texas invitation: You are invited to a first look at the portrait of Patricia de la Garza, wife of Martin de Leon, Founders of Victoria in 1824 on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 6 - 8 p.m.

Victoria Art League, 905 S. Bridge Street, Victoria, Texas. A founder’s monument

to be unveiled in 2024, during the City of Victoria’s Bicentennial Celebration activities. Follow Bicentennial Activities by accessing:

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Houston forensic artist Lois Gibson created the image by studying photos of many female descendants. Contributed photo.



Chuck Young, police chief candidate. Contributed photo.

## City announces finalists for police chief

The City of Victoria has narrowed down its search for a new police chief to four finalists.

“Working closely with our executive recruitment firm, Mosaic Public Partners, we were able to attract an outstanding pool of candidates,” City Manager Jesús A.

Garza said. “The police chief fills an important and highly visible role in our community, and I am looking forward to hiring a candidate who will protect our community and foster positive relationships with personnel, residents and our community stakeholders.”

About the candidates

Thedrick Andres has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience, serving with the Louisiana State Penitentiary, New Orleans Police Department, Arlington Police Department and Henderson

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by Meridith Byrd, manager of the Victoria Farmers' Market

Did you know that Victoria has a farmers' market that is held twice a week, all year round? Every Wednesday and Saturday morning, a normally empty parking lot on Navarro becomes a bustling marketplace with vendors from all around selling fresh picked vegetables, meats from animals raised on pasture, farm fresh eggs, local honey, and tons of homemade treats like pickles, breads, jellies, cookies, and salsa.

Victoria has had a farmers' market since the mid-1980s. For most of its existence, the farmers ran the market themselves and only featured farmers from Victoria County. In 2016 the market changed hands and was made a part of the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. The market opened its membership to any farmer and/or food producer within one hundred miles of Victoria. Today the Victoria Farmers' Market features vendors from Victoria, Cuero, Yoakum, Goliad, El Campo, Wharton, Sinton, and Aransas Pass, among others. The market allows these farmers, bakers, and other food producers two

opportunities each week to sell their products directly to customers and grow their businesses.

Victoria County graciously allows the farmers' market to set up on their property at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Public Health Center. This location is wonderful for the farmers' market because of its visibility along Victoria's busiest street and ample, accessible parking for customers. The wide-open space also allows for the market to expand and accommodate more farmers during the busy spring and fall seasons.

### March: what is in season at the market

With the warmer weather and the transition from winter to spring, more vegetables will be at the market each week. Throughout March we will have the last of the cool weather produce – strawberries, spinach, kale, celery, and lettuce. As we move into April the market will have tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, yellow squash, and zucchini.

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## UHV, VC strengthen partnership at signing ceremony

Representatives from the University of Houston-Victoria and Victoria College met Wednesday afternoon to sign a renewed memorandum of understanding between the two institutions to support higher education in the Crossroads.

The memorandum of understanding was drafted as a joint effort to identify ways to enhance efforts to help Victoria and find ways to promote higher education in the area's communities. The signing ceremony was held Wednesday in the VC Student Center and was attended by faculty, staff, students, alumni and administrators from both institutions as well as the VC and UHV mascots.

"UHV and VC are fortunate to serve a region that understands the value of higher education, and we are eager to be constructive members of our community," UHV President Bob Glenn said. "Through this agreement, we plan to be community partners and work with each other and community leaders to support a positive future for the students and people of this region."

The main message and theme of the agreement is "Together," which focuses on how the two institutions can partner to achieve goals such as creating a college-going culture in the region, meeting the needs of regional employers, enhancing the student life experience, and jointly admitting students to VC and UHV.

"The new agreement between VC and UHV demonstrates true collaboration and innovation in serving students in Victoria and across the region," VC President Jennifer Kent said. "Whether students begin in adult education with a GED, continuing education with a workforce credential, or a credit program that leads to an associate degree, we embrace the importance of aligning all our programs and services to create a seamless path to a bachelor's and master's degree."

The agreement covers many different areas of VC and UHV's operations, including recruitment

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# Hispanic-Serving Institutions Across the Nation Total 572

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities has released an analysis of the 2021-22 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) enrollment data, which shows an increase in the number of His-

panic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) and continued growth in Hispanic student enrollment at colleges and universities.

In 2021-22, there were 572 institutions that met the definition of an HSI compared to 559 in 2020-

21. This rise represents an increase in the enrollment and concentration of Hispanic students in colleges and universities around the country after a decrease seen during the previous year that reported data during the pandemic.

HSIs are defined as having 25% or more undergraduate Hispanic student full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment. In 2021-22, HSIs enrolled 65.6% of all Hispanic undergraduates and 30.5% of all undergraduate students in nonprofit postsecondary education.

The number of Emerging HSIs—colleges approaching the 25% Hispanic student enrollment threshold, showed growth to be 400 in 2021-22, compared to 393 in 2020-21.

“It is encouraging to see the enrollment at Hispanic-Serving Institutions return to numbers prior to the pandemic,” said HACU President and CEO Antonio R. Flores. “HSIs and Hispanic students were not prepared for the pandemic and those circumstances were reflected in the decrease of the number in HSIs previously reported. HSIs are critical to developing a diverse competitive 21st century workforce. We hope Congress will address the underfunding of these vital institutions to ensure that funding is commensurate with the number of students they serve.”

Important facts about HSIs to note:

- HSIs enroll 5 million students and two-thirds of all Hispanic undergraduates.
- HSIs enroll 31.2% of Pell recipients.
- Of the top 10 colleges and universities ranked by the Social Mobility Index (SMI) in 2022, seven



Contributed art.

were HSIs.

- A majority of HSIs are in urban areas and are concentrated geographically, with 80% (455) of these institutions located in six states and one territory: California (170), Florida (32), Illinois (31), New Mexico (24), New York (37), Texas (102) and Puerto Rico (59).

- California and Texas account for nearly 50 percent of all HSIs.

- HSIs and Emerging HSIs are present in all but 8 states.

About HACU

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, founded in 1986, represents more than 500 colleges and universities in the United States, Latin America, Spain and school districts throughout the U.S. HACU is the only national association representing existing and emerging Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). The Association’s headquarters in San Antonio, Texas, with regional offices in Washington, D.C and Sacramento, California. HACU will celebrate National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week, September 11-17, 2023.

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The American Legion Family Day event at Post 166 will be host to local vendors and veterans from our local community. You will be able to access information on ways to support veterans as well as information on the American Legion’s Be The One program. Please join us for a free and fun day of family activities and community awareness.

Time: 10a-5p  
Date: April 29, 2023  
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**Eric Blanchard, police chief candidate. Contributed photo.**

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Police Department in every role from patrol officer to chief of police. In 2019, he was appointed as the chief of police for the Henderson Police Department. He served HPD with distinction for five years until he retired from the agency in February 2023. Andres holds a master's degree in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree in psychology, and he is also a graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Development Program, The Senior Management Institute of Policing and the 54th School of Executive Leadership at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration. He is a member of the Police Executive Research Forum and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.



**Therick Andres, police chief candidate. Contributed photo.**

Eric Blanchard began his law enforcement career in 2000 after graduating the Del Mar Police

Academy at the top of his class. He has worked for the Mathis Police Department, the Portland Police Department and the Sinton Police Department, and he was hired as chief of the Aransas Pass Police Department in 2012. Blanchard is an experienced patrolman, investigator and police administrator. Honors that he has earned include Employee of the Year, Outstanding Citizen of the Community, the Outstanding Public Service Achievement Award, the Key to the City Award for efforts during Hurricane Harvey, the Pillar of the Community Award and the Service



**Jonathan B. Flores, police chief candidate. Contributed photo.**

Community Commitment Award. Chief Blanchard holds an associate degree from Del Mar College, a bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University in criminal justice administration and a master's degree in criminal justice.

Dr. Jonathan B. Flores has served as the City of Alton police chief since 2018, and he also serves as an assistant city manager for the City of Alton. Flores started his law enforcement career in 2001 as an emergency communications specialist for the City of McAllen. In 2005 he attended the local regional police academy, and upon graduation, he began his sworn law enforcement career for

the City of San Juan. He has also served with the McAllen ISD Police Department and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office. Flores earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from the University of Phoenix in 2017, his Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in 2018 and his doctorate in education leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University in 2021. He has several publications on law enforcement leadership and was recently inducted into the National Law Enforcement Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service.

Chuck Young has served as a

Victoria Police Department deputy police chief since 2021. He joined the Dallas Police Department in 1980, where he rose to the rank of major before retiring to the private sector in 2019. He has earned the Officer of the Year award, the Meritorious Conduct Award for valor, six Police Commendation Awards for exemplary service, five Life Saving Awards, ten Certificates of Merit for job performance, three Community Service Awards and more than 250 additional commendations. He served as the senior security manager for the Dallas Symphony Association before returning to law enforcement in Victoria. Young, who graduated

summa cum laude in 2018, earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Midwestern State University and graduated from the 2014 Caruth Police Institute Executive Leadership Series VII. He holds a Master Peace Officers license and will attend the Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston in July 2023.

What's next.

Next week, the finalists will tour the community and meet with City officials and stakeholders.

A sole finalist for the position is expected to be announced in April.

To learn more about the Victoria Police Department, visit [www.victoriatx.gov/police](http://www.victoriatx.gov/police).

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Esta solicitud autorizaría autorización continua Planta de óxido de etileno y etilenglicol ubicado en 7501 State Highway 185 North, en la ciudad de Seadrift, en el Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77983. Información adicional sobre esta solicitud se encuentra en la sección de aviso público de este periódico.

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and admission, program articulation and advising, exchange of data, financial aid and scholarships, and shared facilities and services.

“This agreement shows our commitment to increasing access for all students who desire to earn a credential by removing unnecessary barriers, while giving students the academic and non-academic supports needed to meet

their educational goals,” said Edrel Stoneham, VC’s vice president of student services. “Collectively, we are creating a stronger workforce for the Crossroads.”

As part of the agreement, VC and UHV will focus on offering

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Administrators from UHV and VC pose for a picture Wednesday with the mascots from the university and the college as part of a signing ceremony to commemorate a renewed memorandum of understanding. Pictured with the mascots, from left, are Amber Countis, UHV vice president for advancement and external relations; Karla DeCuir, UHV interim vice president for enrollment management; Chance Glenn, UHV provost and vice president for academic affairs; UHV President Bob Glenn; VC President Jennifer Kent; Cindy Buchholz, VC executive vice president-Chief Academic Officer; Keith Blundell, VC vice president of administrative Services; Edrel Stoneham, VC vice president of student services; and Terri Kurtz, VC executive director of human resources. Contributed photo.

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Through this partnership and the joint efforts it outlines, UHV and VC hope to build a talent-strong Crossroads region and Texas by

providing degree programs that will serve the needs of students as well as industries in the area.

“We are excited for the opportunity to continue this partnership with VC,” said Karla DeCuir, UHV interim vice president for enrollment management. “This agreement is a way for us to work together to meet the needs and better serve our students. We’re all looking forward to moving forward together and serving our communities as well.”

For more information about the agreement, go to [www.uhv.edu/vc](http://www.uhv.edu/vc).

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## Victoria College honors Associate Degree Nursing graduates at Pinning Ceremony



Sandra Ezell, fourth from left, was named valedictorian of Victoria College's associate degree Nursing Program Fall 2022 graduating class. Pictured with Ezell are, from left, Dr. Josie Rivera and Catherine McHaney, VC Board of Trustees member; Dr. Jennifer Kent, VC President; Cindy Buchholz, VC Executive Vice President-Chief Academic Officer; and Darla Strother, VC Dean of Allied Health. Contributed photo.

Victoria College's Associate Degree Nursing Program honored 39 Fall 2022 graduates during a Pinning Ceremony on Dec. 15 at Victoria College's Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts.

The graduates received their pins during the ceremony with family and friends in attendance.

Sandra Ezell was named class valedictorian, and Darby O'Neill was announced the class salutatorian.

Other graduates were Miranda Aguilar, Gabriella Brenes, Kurstie Caldera, Jason Castillo, Brandy Cole, Shawntelle Duenez, Tianny Escalona, Marisol Flores, Richard Friedel, Amanda Garcia, Dominic Garcia, Tori Garcia, Breann Garza, Cami Goldman, Justin Griggs, Taylor Guajardo, Janelle Hoch, Haley Kinkade, Laura Manzano, Ariel Martinez, Sierra Morin, Lauren Morton, Ismael Mujica, Christian Oviedo, Lauren Parker, Brianna Passmore, Marlena Poldreck, Ashlee Prause, Colton Repper, Ashley Reyes, Bertha Rodriguez, Jasmine Ruiz, Crystalana Salazar, Amanda Terrazas, Madeline Torres, Cheyenne Trevino, and Valerie Vasquez.

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SOLICITUD. Unión Carbide Corporación ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para renovación del Permiso 48653 autorizaría la continuación del funcionamiento de Planta de óxido de etileno y etilenglicol dentro de su Operaciones de Seadrift situado en 7501 State Highway 185 North, en la ciudad de Seadrift, en el Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77983. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación se ofrece como cortesía pública y no forma parte de la solicitud o del anuncio. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la aplicación <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.516388&lng=-96.768055&zoom=13&type=r>. La instalación existente está autorizada a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: monóxido de carbono, contaminantes atmosféricos peligrosos, óxidos de nitrógeno, compuestos orgánicos, material particulado, incluidas las partículas con diámetros de 10 micras o menos y 2.5 micras o menos, dióxido de plomo y azufre.

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Si se presenta a tiempo cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo remitirá la solicitud y cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión. **A menos que la solicitud se remita directamente a una audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo enviará por correo la respuesta a los comentarios junto con la notificación de la reunión de la Comisión a todas las personas que hayan presentado comentarios o estén en la lista de correo de esta solicitud.** La Comisión sólo podrá conceder una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado sobre cuestiones que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios a tiempo y que no hayan sido retirados posteriormente. **Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de una audiencia se limitará a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas con preocupaciones relevantes y materiales sobre la calidad del aire presentadas durante el periodo de comentarios.** Cuestiones como los valores de las propiedades, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico, y la zonificación están fuera de la jurisdicción de la Comisión para abordar en este procedimiento.

**LISTA DE CORREO.** Además de enviar comentarios públicos, puede solicitar que se le incluya en una lista de correo para recibir futuros avisos públicos sobre esta solicitud específica enviando una solicitud por escrito a la Oficina del secretario Oficial en la dirección que figura a continuación. Aquellos en la lista de correo recibirán copias de futuros avisos públicos (si los hay) enviados por correo por la Oficina del secretario Principal para esta solicitud.

**CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA.** Los comentarios y solicitudes del público deben enviarse electrónicamente a [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), o por escrito Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información de contacto que proporcione, incluido su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física, se convertirá en parte del registro público de la agencia. Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al Programa de Educación Pública al número gratuito 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener más información de Unión Carbide Corporación, P.O. Box 186, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979-0186 o llamando a Señora Vanessa Peppers, Especialista Senior en Ambiental, al teléfono (361) 553-2174.

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**FOOD BANK**, from pg. 2

your spring garden at home. Even if you have never planted a garden before, you can come to the farmers' market and get expert advice on how to grow your own food. Our farmers are selling garden vegetable plants including tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and peppers. They can tell you exactly how to prepare the garden bed and how to properly care for the vegetable plants.

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A vibrant farmers' market brings so much value to a community by supporting local farms and small businesses and being a local food source that is not dependent on regional or national retailers. As a program of the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent, farmers can donate any unsold vegetables directly to the Food Bank after the market closes for the day. This helps the Food Bank provide more fresh produce to clients.

*Meridith Byrd manages the Victoria Farmers' Market held every Wednesday and Saturday at the Pattie Dodson Public Health Center. The farmers' market is a program of the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. Contact Meridith at 361-218-9246 or mbyrd@foodbankgc.org.*

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**Armando Hinojosa, Laredo sculptor of the "Tejano Monument" fame is creating the sculpture of the de Leóns. Contributed photo.**

**PORTRAIT**, from pg. 1

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Lois Gibson is recorded in the Guinness Book of Records as The World's Most Successful Forensic Artist. Equal parts skilled artist and accomplished police veteran, she is a power force in the world of crime fighting.

Surviving a near-death attack at the hands of a murderous rapist motivated Lois to create the forensic artist job at the Houston Police

Department where she has helped bring in over 1,266 criminals.

She wrote *Faces of Evil*, a gripping true-crime book detailing her most fascinating cases in the gritty world of crime scenes and forensic detection and her stirring story of redemption. She also constructed the first textbook teaching her profession to other artists titled *Forensic Art Essentials*.

She teaches forensic art students from all over the world at Northwestern University. She is a graduate of the University of Texas and the FBI Academy Forensic Artist Course.

Her 2007 sketch of an unidentified murdered baby girl called "Baby Grace" found on a Galveston beach prompted Riley Ann Sawyers' grandmother to identify her for the authorities resulting in the apprehension and conviction of her murderers.

Gibson used her expertise to identify the Sailor kissing the nurse in the famous end of WWII photo. She currently appears in exciting segments of TRU TV Network's *Forensic Files*, *A & E's First 48*, and *ABC's 20/20*.

Lois has been profiled in and on: *Dateline NBC*, *People Magazine*, *The CBS Early Show*, *CNN*, *Larry King Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Fox News*, *Reader's Digest*, *Oprah's Magazine O*, *Unsolved Mysteries*, *CNN's Paula Zahn Now*, *RELENTLESS* on the Oxygen Channel, *Discovery Channel*, *Newsweek Magazine*, *Houston Chronicle*, *London Daily Telegraph*, and many more.

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## Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas



**AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD E  
INTENCION DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA MODIFICACION**

**PERMISO NÚM. WQ0000447000**

**SOLICITUD.** Union Carbide Corporación, P.O. Box 186, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979, que posee y opera una instalación química que fabrica polietileno, polipropileno, glicoles y derivados de óxido, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) para modificar el Permiso del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) No. WQ0000447000 (EPA I.D. No. TX0002844) para autorizar el cambio de etiqueta de los requisitos actuales de caudal, que se refieren al caudal en tiempo seco, de “Caudal” a Caudal (en tiempo seco)” para la punta de descarga 001; añadir requisitos de informe para la media diaria y el máximo diario del caudal total en la punta de descarga 001; etiquetar el caudal de control medio diario y máximo diario como “Caudal (total)” para la punta de descarga 001; aplicar las limitaciones de carga másica de efluentes y las limitaciones de concentración de efluentes para la demanda bioquímica de oxígeno de 5 días (BOD5) y el total de sólidos en suspensión (TSS) para el caudal total en lugar de que sólo sean aplicables cuando los caudales sean inferiores o iguales a 5.8 millones de galones al día (MGD) (limitaciones de carga másica) y cuando los caudales sean superiores a 5.8 MGD para las limitaciones de concentración de efluentes en la punta de descarga 001; cambiar la frecuencia de control de la BOD5 y el TSS de “una vez al día” a “tres veces por semana” en la punta de descarga 001, cuando los caudales sean superiores a 5.8 MGD; cambiar el tipo de muestra de “toma” a “compuesta” cuando los caudales sean superiores a 5.8 MGD en la punta de descarga 001; revisar el requisito No. 1 para que sea coherente con los cambios solicitados en relación con el caudal, la BOD5 y el TSS en la punta de descarga 001; modificar la redacción del punto de control del muestreo de enterococos en la punta de descarga 001; autorizar la adición de una nueva fase en la punta de descarga 002 para la descarga de la purga de la torre de refrigeración, los residuos del tratamiento del agua, la purga de la caldera, el agua de lavado de la plataforma de resina, el agua de enjuague del contenedor de resina, el condensado de vapor, las aguas pluviales de Union Carbide, el agua de la prueba hidrostática, el agua contra incendios y cantidades mínimas de aguas residuales de proceso con un caudal medio diario no superior a 17 MGD y un caudal máximo diario no superior a 42 MGD; reubicar la punta de muestreo para la punta de descarga 002; eliminar el plazo de caudal en tiempo seco para la punta de descarga 002; autorizar un aumento de la limitación máxima diaria de efluente para el cloro residual total de 0.2 mg/l a 2.0 mg/l; desplazar la punta de cumplimiento para sólidos flotantes y espuma y aceite visibles en las puntas de descarga 001, 002, 006 y 012 al lugar donde estos vertidos entran en el agua receptora (Canal de barcazas Victoria); añadir una disposición para el control alternativo de medidores continuos de caudal, pH y temperatura en las puntas de descarga 001 y 002; añadir un nivel analítico mínimo para aceite y grasa en el punto 2 de Otros requisitos; y cambiar el método de presentación de informes de biomonitorización. La instalación está ubicada en 7501 State Highway 185 North, Seadrift, en el Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77983. La ruta de descarga es desde el sitio de la planta a través de las puntas de descarga 001, 002, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, y 012 directamente a Victoria Barcaza Canal Marea; a través de la punta de descarga 003 a una zanja, de ahí a West Coloma Creek, de ahí a Coloma Creek; a través de las puntas de descarga 014 y 015 a West Coloma Creek, de ahí a Coloma Creek, de ahí a Matagorda Bay/Powderhorn Lake; a través de la punta de descarga 004 a una zanja sin nombre, de ahí a San Antonio Bay/Hynes Bay/Guadalupe Bay; y a través de la punta de descarga 016 a West Coloma Creek, de ahí a Coloma Creek, de ahí a Matagorda Bay/Powderhorn Lake. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 27 de diciembre de 2022. La solicitud de permiso estará disponible para ver y copiar en la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Calhoun, 200 West Mahan Street, en la ciudad de Port Lavaca, Texas antes de la fecha de su publicación en el periódico. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o instalación se proporciona como cortesía pública y no forma parte de la solicitud o aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-96.771388,28.510555&level=18>

El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha revisado esta medida para ver si está de acuerdo con los objetivos y las regulaciones del Programa de Administración Costero de Texas (CMP) de acuerdo con las regulaciones del Consejo Coordinador de la Costa (CCC) y ha determinado que la acción es conforme con las metas y regulaciones pertinentes del CMP.

**AVISO ADICIONAL.** El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el director ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitirá una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. **El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviado a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.**

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

**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. **A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados 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 DE CASO IMPUGNADO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU SOLICITUD LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS:** su nombre, dirección, y número de teléfono; el nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y 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; una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que usted presente durante el período de comentarios; y la declaración “[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado”. Si presenta la petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado de parte de un grupo o asociación, debe identificar una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; identificar el nombre y la dirección de un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; proveer la información indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y su distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; explicar cómo y porqué el miembro sería afectado; y explicar cómo los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

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

**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.

**CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN A LA AGENCIA.** Todos los comentarios públicos y solicitudes deben ser presentadas electrónicamente vía <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> o por escrito dirigidos a la Comisión de Texas de Calidad Ambiental, Oficial de la Secretaría (Office of Chief Clerk), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información personal que usted proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física 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, llame al programa de educación pública de la TCEQ, gratis, al 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener información adicional de Union Carbide Corporación a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Sra. Cindy Shilinga, Especialista en Medio Ambiente, al 361-553-2312.

Fecha de emisión el día 21 de marzo del año 2023

# La Cocina de Tia Yole



**Luck 'o' the Irish cheesecake.** Contributed photo.

## LUCK 'O' THE IRISH CHEESECAKE

20 cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed  
 3 tablespoons butter, melted  
 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened  
 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk  
 1-teaspoon peppermint extract  
 6 drops green food coloring  
 3 eggs, lightly beaten  
 1 cup HERSHEY'S® Mini Chips Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips, divided

1. Combine cookie crumbs and butter, press onto the bottom of a greased 9-inch spring form pan. In a bowl, beat cream cheese, milk, extract and food coloring until smooth. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until combined. Stir in ½ cup chocolate chips.
2. Pour onto crust. Place pan on a baking sheet. Bake at 300° for 1 hour or until center is almost set.

Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes; run a knife around edge of pan to loosen. Cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight.

3. Trace a small shamrock pattern onto a piece of paper; cut out set aside. In a microwave, melt remaining chocolate chips.

4. Fill plastic bag with melted chocolate; cut a small hole in a corner of the bag. Place shamrock pattern on a baking sheet; place a large piece of waxed paper over pattern. Pipe a chocolate shamrock onto waxed paper, following the pattern. Move waxed paper and repeat to make several more shamrocks.

5. Place in the freezer until hardened, about 4 minutes. Carefully remove shamrocks and arrange on and arrange on cheesecake. Yield: 8-10 servings.

## PISTACHIO CHIP COOKIES

1-cup butter, softened  
 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened  
 1-cup sugar  
 1 egg  
 1-teaspoon vanilla extract  
 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant pistachio pudding mix  
 1-teaspoon baking powder  
 1 cup HERSHEY'S® SPECIAL DARK® Mildly Sweet Chocolate Chips

In a large bowl, cream the butter, cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine the flour, pudding mix and baking powder; gradually add

to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in chocolate chips. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until easy to handle. Roll dough into 1-in. balls. Place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets;

flatten slightly with the bottom of a glass. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned. Remove to wire racks. Yield: about 6 dozen.

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