Lone Star Black is Texas’ number 1 plate in 2015!

It’s official; the number one specialty license plate design sold by My Plates in 2015 was Lone Star Black. This is now the seventh consecutive year that Lone Star Black has achieved this honor. “Ever since we released this plate to the market back in 2008, it has been very popular with Texans and continued to dominate the sales on a daily basis” said Steve Farrar, President of My Plates.com.

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UHV pays tribute to former president Glenn Goerke

As the fourth president of the University of Houston-Victoria, Glenn Goerke increased enrollment and procured the university’s largest private donation ever for student scholarships as part of a comprehensive fundraising effort.

Goerke, UHV’s president from 1986 to 1991, died Nov. 13 in Wolfeboro, N.H. He was 84.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Bayou Building, Atrium II at UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston. Goerke also was president at UH and UH-Clear Lake.

“Dr. Goerke’s vision and leadership helped shape UHV into what it is today,” UHV Interim President Vic Morgan said. “He left his mark in so many ways here in Victoria and across the UH System. While we are saddened by his passing, we will remember and honor his accomplishments.”

Diane Prince, a longtime professor and former dean in the UHV School of Education, Health Professions & Human Development, said Goerke was a strong and inclusive leader, and a friend to the Victoria community.

“He brought great stability to our university and employed some very talented administrators,” she said. “Among these were Don Smith, former provost and interim president, and Wayne Beran, vice president for administration and finance.”

Goerke returned to UHV in 2011 as part of a “Celebrating the

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Texas No. 1 plate in 2015. Contributed photo.

Glenn Goerke, left, and Debbie Hannah, former UH System Board of Regent chair, answer questions during a 1986 press conference announcing Goerke as the new president of University of Houston-Victoria. He served as UHV’s president until 1991. Contributed photo.
I am Gary Burns and running for re-election for county commissioner precinct 3. I am in my third term and would like to thank everyone for their support. I welcome any phone calls (220-2284) and am always open to any discussion on any issue.

I was raised working on ranches, worked my way through college, and earned a degree in business. I then worked as a millwright and supervisor in a steel mill in east Texas and then as a manager in a large trucking company. Then I went into business for myself and owned and operated Commercial Rebuild, Inc. and Victoria Lube Car Care, along with going into the rental business.

The formal education was great but what I learned working in large companies and running a business was probably more important in my current job as your county commissioner. I have experience working with people, running and maintaining equipment, construction, and working with budgets, giving me the ability to squeeze the best value for your tax dollars. I even sold my business after the first election when I saw this job is a full time commitment, not a hobby or something to just play at.

I am proud of my accomplishments. Examples include establishing a grant department for Victoria County and obtaining grants to demolish over 20 rundown buildings, working drainage issues in Quail Creek, improving safety issues at Aloe School, and planning, supervising construction, and staffing our new area Veterans Service Center.

The veterans center is run by some of the most competent people (all ex-military) I have ever worked with and provides some of the best services in the state. Six months ago, I worked an agreement with Citizens Hospital to assist with our construction projects that has saved over $250,000. Promises made/promises kept.
Garcia announces for re-election in precinct 1

Commissioner Danny Garcia announced that he will seek a second term as Victoria County Precinct 1 Commissioner. “I want to continue the progress we’re making in Precinct 1. We have a good team working in the precinct, we’ve been busy fixing roads, upgrading water systems, improving drainage, and working with other agencies and people within our community to make Precinct 1 a better place,” Garcia stated.

Garcia grew up in Bloomington, graduated from Bloomington High School, and attended Texas State Technical Institute. After a career spanning over 30 years with Texas Department of Transportation, where he served as an Inspector, Engineer Specialist, and the Statewide Training Coordinator, Garcia was elected precinct 1 county commissioner in 2012. An expert on roads and infrastructure, he works closely with others on local transportation issues through serving on the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

“Growing up in Victoria County, it’s a real honor to serve this area as county commissioner. For many years roads in Precinct 1 were in need of repair, and we’ve been working hard to change that. I want to continue putting my experience to work in our precinct, and working with others to make our county the kind of place my kids and grandchildren will want to live,” Garcia commented.

Since taking office in 2013, Garcia and his crew have rebuilt or seal coated over 22 miles of road, cleaned or graded some 50,000 feet of ditches, built 175 driveways, and installed over 200 new culverts. We’ve been able to do a lot of this work with grant money and to date we have received over $800,000 in grants. Garcia has also re-opened the courtesy station in precinct 1, and has come up with a way to operate in the black, which has been highly beneficial for county residents.

Garcia, 54, has been involved in our community through coaching Little League and youth sports, as well as organizations such as the chamber of commerce, La Cámara, and Friends of Guadeloupe Elementary. Garcia has been married to his wife Frances for nearly 35 years, and they have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. An active member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Bloomington, he also serves as treasurer for the Knights of Columbus.

Garcia has also been involved in making the vision of a Victoria County Veterans Center a reality. “Being the father of an Iraq War veteran allowed me an understanding of the challenges our veterans face when they come home, and I realized a center like this was very much needed to help veterans returning from combat transition back into civilian life. Our hope as Commissioner’s Court is that this center will benefit all veterans in our county,” Garcia said.

“I’m working hard to give people in precinct 1 and Victoria County the voice they deserve on Commissioners’ Court, and I want to keep working to solve the problems we have in the county and in our precinct. While we’ve made a lot of progress in a short time, there are still lots of work to be done. I’ve never been afraid of hard work, and I ask for your support in the 2016 elections,” Garcia concluded.

A TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y PARTES INTERESADAS:

Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ por sus siglas en inglés) para una enmienda y la renovación del Permisó Número 19167 de Calidad Atmosférica, el cual autorizaría modificaciones a, y la operación seguida de la planta de cloro caustica en la Formosa Plastics Plant, ubicada en 201 Formosa Drive, Point Comfort, condado de Calhoun, Texas 77978. En la sección de avisos públicos de este periódico se encuentra información adicional acerca de estas solicitudes.
VATICAN – En Febrero 10 el Papa Francisco va celebrar una misa especial para el Santo Padre Pio. Después de la misa en la Plaza de San Pedro, el Papa, a las 10:00 AM en la Plaza de San Pedro, concederá audiencia especial a los miembros de los “Grupos de la Oración del Padre Pio” de todo el mundo como también otros grupos.

El Papa tiene planes para visitar México en Febrero.

ENGLAND – El Prince George, hijo de Kate Middleton y Prince William, ya comenzó la escuela Westacre Montessori, a la edad de 2 años.

En su primer día de escuela le fue muy bien.

MEXICO – Ahora el cambio de un dólar por un peso de México pone $17.50, confirmando una debilidad de la moneda de México.

INDIA – En el pueblo de Gauhati en India un terremoto de magnitud de 6.8 dejo 8 muertos, 100 heridos, y muchas destrucciones de casas y edificios. Hasta la fecha no se ha anunciado que hay muertos.


Costa Rica esta deportando 56 Cubanos.

NORTH KOREA – El dictador, Kim Jong-Un, de North Corea anunció que ya tienen el hidrógena bomba y que están listos para guerra si provocados por los fo-rasteros “invasivos.”

NEW YORK – La tienda Macy’s tienen planes de cerrar 40 tiendas y miles de personas se van a quedan sin trabajo para el fin de Diciembre 2016.

Macy tienen tienen un total de 770 tiendas.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA – Dos famosos mueren en Enero.

Natalie Cole, cantante e hija de Nat King Cole, también un famoso cantante. Ella tenía 65 años.

Wayne Rogers murió a la edad de 81 años. Fue famoso en la TV serie “M*A*S*H.”

NIGERIA – Un 30 toneladas y 30 pies altos, la semejanza de Cristo se levantó para el año nuevo 2016 en Nigeria.

La mayor estatua de Jesús esta en Polonia desde 2010.
Voting by mail starts in Victoria County

by George Matthews, Victoria County Election Administrator

The 2016 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Victoria County is conducting this election as a Joint Primary Election with the Republican and Democratic Parties. On Election Day 35 Vote Centers will open for all voters.

The Republican and Democratic parties purpose for holding the primary is to select their nominee for each office. Voters may participate in the political activities of only one party in a primary year. Therefore a voter must choose only one party. At the beginning of the year voters are not affiliated with either party. It is the act of voting which determines your party selection.

Although the parties are responsible for Election Day, the county is responsible for conducting early voting. The early voting clerk has begun accepting applications for a ballot by mail. To receive a ballot in the mail a voter must meet one or more of the following criteria:

Sixty-five years of age or older on Election Day

A disability which prevents the voter from entering a polling location

Confined in jail but not having been finally convicted of a felony

Absent from the county during early voting and on Election day

An eligible voter must submit a written application for a mail ballot and must designate for which party they are requesting a ballot.

The last day to receive an application is February 19, 2016. Applications may be found online at http://www.vctx.org/pdf/elect/pdf/ABBM.pdf. You may contact the Elections Office at 576-0124 and request an application be mailed to you. You may also email us at elections@vctx.org requesting an application.

Early Voting in Person will begin on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 and continue weekdays through Friday, February 26, 2016. The Main Early Voting Polling Place is in Classroom A at the Dr. Pat-tie Dodson Public Health Center located at 2805 N. Navarro. Hours of operation each day will be from 8 am to 5 pm. There will be additional days and hours will be posted at a later time.
The University of Houston-Victoria has hired a director with nearly 40 years of professional health experience to oversee the development of the university’s new nursing program. Cindy Hudson, dean of the Langston University School of Nursing and Health Professions in Langston, Okla., will start her new job as UHV’s director of nursing on Jan. 4. In August, UHV will launch a Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

“Under the guidance of Dr. Hudson, we will move into the next chapter of nursing at UHV,” said Jeffrey Cass, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “Dr. Hudson’s vast experience in teaching, leading, practice and research will be a major asset as we shape a program that provides the most benefits to nurses in the Coastal Bend and beyond.”

The UH System Board of Regents and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board already have granted approval for the RN to BSN program in Victoria and online. The program will be housed in the UHV School of Education, Health Professions & Human Development.

Among Hudson’s duties will be selecting and supervising nursing faculty members, managing enrollment strategies for student recruitment, and overseeing the academic progression of students. She also will prepare for seeking accreditation and solicit external financial support, such as grants and endowed scholarships.

“Starting a new program has a lot of appeal,” Hudson said. “I like having the opportunity to get a feel for the Victoria community and find out what the needs are. I’m looking forward to working with the community to make UHV a destination for advanced nursing degrees.”

Hudson earned a BSN from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. She obtained a master’s degree in health care administration from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant and a Master of Science in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner concentration from the University of Pittsburgh. She went on to earn a Doctorate in Nursing Science from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

Hudson has worked as a staff nurse at a VA hospital, a community health nurse, and an advanced practice nurse for a material and child health program. She also served as a community health nurse in the U.S. Army.

Her teaching career includes faculty positions at University of Texas at El Paso; Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.; University of Alabama in Huntsville; the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston; and Centerville University in Ohio. In 2011, she became director of nursing education at the Round Rock campus of the Texas A&M Health Science Center.

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Hudson has served as dean and associate professor at Langston University since January 2014. She supervises a program with 120 students and 21 faculty members on two campuses that offer bachelor’s degrees in nursing, public health and health care administration. Her duties include being in charge of finances, recruiting and hiring, promoting strategies for department and an advanced practice nurse for a material and child health program. She also served as a community health nurse in the U.S. Army.

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Five things Latinos should know about the Affordable Care Act

With the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Latino Week of Action currently underway, Enroll America and its partners in the Latino community are teaming up to make sure Latinos know how to enroll in quality, affordable health insurance. Latinos have seen some of the biggest gains of any ethnic group under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), yet their uninsured rate remains higher than that of other groups. Following the close of the second open enrollment period, Enroll America’s predictive data model found that the Latino uninsured rate stood at 16.5% nationally and at 23% in Texas. Latinos often face a unique set of circumstances and may have questions about enrollment such as: How does my immigration status affect my eligibility for health insurance? What happens in a family where some members are documented and others are not? What enrollment resources are available for people who don’t speak English?

With the January 31 enrollment deadline for Marketplace coverage looming, Enroll America is offering these five helpful tips for Latino families about their health insurance options:

1. People with many different immigration statuses may be eligible to sign up: Both citizens and lawfully present non-citizens may be eligible for coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, and CHIP. Non-citizens with the following immigration statuses are eligible for coverage and financial help through the marketplace: Green Card Holders, Refugees, Asylees, Lawful Temporary Residents, and others. A full list can be found here: https://www.healthcare.gov/immigrants/immigration-status/.

2. Non-eligible family members can apply on behalf of eligible dependents: While those who don’t have an eligible immigration status cannot enroll in marketplace coverage, they can apply for coverage on behalf of their eligible dependents. For example, undocumented parents can apply on behalf of their eligible children. If you are applying for coverage for a dependent and not yourself, you will not be asked about your immigration status.

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¡Hola! ¡El nuevo año 2016 ya está aquí! ¿Lo viejo atrás y lo nuevo adelante, no creen?
Fernando Colunga está haciendo algo nuevo en su carrera haciendo el papel del malo después de hacer el bueno en muchas novelas. ¿Las chicas lo quieren bueno ó malo?
Otro cambio es el de Alexis Ayala quien hace personajes no muy buenos en las novelas. Ahora anuncio que va ser el papel de un sacerdote en su próxima novela muy pronto.

Lindas noticias de una pareja (que no son artistas) pero muy conocidos en todo el mundo es la pareja de Princesa Kate Middleton y el Prince William. ¡Anunciaron recientemente que están esperando el tercer bebé!
Poco después de que María Patricia Castañeda y Vicente Fernández, Jr. se separaron, ella dijo que vivió una tormentosa relación con él. El matrimonio duro 11 años. Ahora el anda con la actriz Esperanza Rendón.
Jorge Salinas y Elizabeth Álvarez están encantados con sus mellizos. Ella dijo que la maternidad le ha cambiado la vida con mucho amor.
La película “Ladrones” con Fernando Colunga y Eduardo Yáñez ya está en DVD y HD Digital y On Demand.
Parece que William Levy y Elizabeth Gutiérrez están juntos todavía. Se ven juntos en vacaciones y en lugares con sus dos hijos. Se ve muy bien toda la familia juntos. Se ve la familia muy feliz.

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El grupo musical Los Temerarios se van en gira en los Estados Unidos muy pronto. Tienen tiempo que no lo hacen. Los esperamos.

La nueva Miss Universo es Pía Wurtzbach, Miss Filipinas. De primero anunciaron que Miss Columbia se lo vía ganando pero fue un error y le quitaron la corona y ahora Miss Filipinas es la nueva reina.

Maite Perroni (“Antes Muerta que Licitas”) continua con éxito en su novela.

La película “Star Wars” ha hecho más dinero que todas las películas que se han hecho hasta la fecha. Dicen que va ganar en los billones. La película se va ver en casi todos los países del mundo.

Antonio Banderas y Kate del Castillo y otros actores terminaron el año trabajando en la película “Los 33”, historia de los mineros atrapados en Chile.

Vicente Fernández dice que no se arrepiente de ser artista. Dijo, “Pues si volvería a nacer y volvería a tener la misma oportunidad, volvería a seguir la misma carrera.”

Buenas palabras del Señor Fernández porque hemos disfrutado de su magnífica voz con todas las canciones que ha grabado.

El año 2015 se nos fue muy pronto. Ojalá todos tuvieran un año 2015 muy feliz pero que este nuevo año sea otra vez feliz con paz y amor. ¡Happy New Year 2016!
4 key ingredients to family business success

At the office, Alex Sutherland calls his boss by his first name, Ken. After business hours, he calls him “Dad.”

“I have two relationships with him and it’s important to have some separation between when I am in my role as his employee and when I am in my role as his son,” says Alex, a wealth advisor with LifePlan Group (www.lifeplan-group.com), an independent Registered Investment Advisory firm.

“Sometimes I do slip up and call him Dad at work. I think the clients kind of like that, though.” The difficulty of trying to manage a dual relationship is something common with those who work in family businesses. It’s easy to allow the personal to seep into the business and to allow business issues to creep into what should be private time. But there also are advantages.

“Having a father-son relationship in the business is extremely powerful when working with clients,” Alex says. “They get a feel for who we are and they want to know why we teamed up. It’s important to share that story because I think it creates a closer bond between us and the clients.”

The Sutherlands say they have found ways to address the thorny issues that arise when family and business mix:

• Separate personal from professional. In any business, challenges and disagreements will happen. “It’s important that each person understand that these are business feelings, not personal ones,” Alex says. “For example, when I make a mistake at the office and am coached on how to improve, I know that Ken is discussing who I am as an employee, not as a son.”

• Keep communication open. In any venture, communication is critical even without family issues. Adding the family dynamic emphasizes the need for communication even more. “Ken and I are constantly talking about each of our goals and aspirations so we are on the same page and there are no surprises or unknown motivations,” Alex says.

• Talk honestly about frustrations. “Not everything is going to go smoothly and there will be frustrations,” Ken says. “Talk it out. But make sure you do it behind closed doors and not in front of other members of your staff.”

• Celebrate successes together. The Sutherlands say it’s easy to become bogged down in what each person in the relationship isn’t doing or could do better. They say it’s important to stay focused on the big picture and to celebrate the accomplishments.

“Remember that it’s a privilege to work and build a business with a

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migratory status and information provided won’t be used for immigration enforcement purposes.

3. A variety of immigration documents can be used to verify immigration status on the health application: Allowed documents include: “Green Card (I-551),” “Refugee Travel Document (I-571)” and “Employment Authorization Card (I-766).” A full list of acceptable documents can be found at: https://www.healthcare.gov/help/immigration-document-types/

4. Free, in-person, culturally and linguistically appropriate assistance is available to help: In-person assisters in Texas speak a variety of languages. And the operators of the toll-free enrollment number at the Health Insurance Marketplace, 1-800-318-2596, speak thirteen different languages, including Spanish. To book an appointment with an in-person assister call 800-318-2596 or visit http://www.GCACoRponent.org.

5. Coverage can be more affordable than you think: Financial help is available to lower your premiums. Last enrollment period, 85% of Texans who signed up through the marketplace got help paying for health insurance. Also, for many low-income families Medicaid provides free or low-cost coverage, and enrollment is open year round.

6. The open enrollment period for the Health Insurance Marketplace ends on January 31, 2016. During this time, Texans are able to enter the Marketplace and select a plan that fits their needs and budget. Texans who currently have coverage will also have an opportunity to shop the new options available and find the best plan for them. Enrolling by January 31 will guarantee that consumers can spend 2016 with the peace of mind that comes from protecting themselves and their families with quality, affordable health insurance. And remember: if you don’t enroll in coverage, you may face a fine of at least $695, on top of having to pay out-of-pocket for treatment throughout the year.

Legacy of UHV" event series. At the time, he said he had many fond memories of UHV and Victoria.

“Don’t ever lose track of how strong this community is and how great it is,” he told the audience.

Goerke’s legacy continues 25 years after he left the presidency in many ways, including helping students afford college.

Established at UHV in 1991, the Glenn and Joyce Goerke Scholarship Endowment provides need-based scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Since 1996, 52 students have received financial assistance from the endowment, including five in 2015 and two so far this year. A total of $30,654 has been distributed to scholarship recipients since 1996.

A native of Lincoln Park, Mich., Goerke earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. In 1964, he earned a doctorate in adult and higher education from Michigan State University in East Lansing. He went on to serve in many academic and administrative leadership roles at colleges in Michigan, Florida, Rhode Island and Indiana before arriving at UHV.

Under Goerke’s leadership, UHV’s enrollment climbed. According to a 1987 article in the UHVoice, the university’s former student newspaper, UHV’s spring enrollment was 938 students, a record at the time and an increase of 6.5 percent from the previous spring.

Goerke and Dorothy Alcorn, a former regent on the UH System Board of Regents, met with Albert Alkek, who lived in Victoria at that time. They asked Alkek to contribute to the university’s Margin of Excellence Campaign and were thrilled when he gave $1 million.

Joe Ferguson, senior director of Academic & Student Technology Services, said Goerke was the first UHV president to start a major fundraising campaign.

“I remember he called everyone he could think of, and we all went to a bed and breakfast for a meeting about fundraising,” Ferguson said. “He asked us every question imaginable. I bet we answered 50 questions. He then asked about ways to raise funds and what to direct donations toward.”

In 1989, Goerke served as interim chancellor for the UH System’s four campuses and spurred development of the System’s inaugural six-year academic plan. Concurrently, he served as the System’s vice chancellor for special projects, while continuing to serve as UHV president.

Locally, he was president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the Victoria Rotary Club’s Citizen of the Year.


In 1997, the UH Board of Regents passed a resolution giving Goerke the title of president emeritus at UHV, UH and UHCL. He is the only person to hold that distinction at all three universities.

In retirement, Goerke spent six months each year at Lake Wentworth in Wolfeboro, N.H., and six months in Houston. He remained active professionally and as a consultant.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Glenn and Joyce Goerke Endowment Scholarship at UHV by visiting www.uhvconnect.org/donations/donate.asp?id=5384. For more information about the endowment, contact the UHV Office of Advancement & External Relations at 361-570-4812 or vasquezll@uhv.edu.

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Las solicitudes se le presentaron a la TCEQ el 11 de enero del año 2016. La renovación del permiso será otorgada conjuntamente con la enmienda. Esta acción de permisos también incluye la incorporación de las siguientes autorizaciones previas o cambios a instalaciones autorizadas en relación a este permiso: alteraciones, enmiendas, y permisos por regla. Las razones por cualquier cambios o incorporaciones, a la medida que se incluyen en el permiso renovado, puede incluir mejorando el control de las operaciones en la planta o la exigibilidad del permiso. Las solicitudes estarán disponibles para ser revisadas y copiadas en la Oficina central de la TCEQ, en la oficina regional de la TCEQ en Corpus Christi, y en la Calhoun County Public Library (biblioteca pública del condado de Calhoun), por la calle 1 Lamar Street, Point Comfort, y en el Point Comfort City Hall (ayuntamiento de Point Comfort), por la calle 102 Jones Street, Point Comfort, condado de Calhoun, Texas, empezando el primer día de la publicación de este aviso. El expediente de cumplimiento de la planta, si existe alguno, está disponible para la revisión del público en la oficina regional de la TCEQ en Corpus Christi.

El director ejecutivo de laTCEQha determinado que las solicitudes están administrativamente completas y llevará a cabo una revisión técnica de las solicitudes.

COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS/REUNIÓN PÚBLICA Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos, pedir una reunión pública, o pedir una audiencia de caso impugnado a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefal domicilio a continuación. La TCEQomará en cuenta todos los comentarios públicos en la decisión final de las solicitudes. La fecha límite para presentar comentarios públicos es 15 días después de que se publique el aviso en el periódico.

El propósito de una reunión pública es proporcionar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de las solicitudes. La TCEQ llevara a cabo una reunión pública si el director ejecutivo determina que existe un significante grado de interés público con respecto a las solicitudes o si lo solicita un legislador local. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado.

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El director ejecutivo terminará la revisión técnica, expedirá una decisión preliminar con respecto a las solicitudes, y se publicará y enviará por correo un Aviso de la Solicitud y Decisión Preliminar a todas aquellas personas que se encuentren en la lista de correos para estas solicitudes. Ese aviso incluirá la fecha límite para presentar comentarios públicos. Si se presenta oportunamente una petición para audiencia en respuesta a este Aviso de Recepcción de Solicitud e Intención de Obtener Permiso de Aire, la Comisión tendrá la opción de otorgarlo.

Después de la fecha límite para presentar comentarios, el director ejecutivo considerará los comentarios y preparará una respuesta para todos los comentarios públicos o materiales o significativos. Si se reciben comentarios, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo se enviará por correo a todas aquellas personas que presentaron comentarios públicos o que se encuentran en la lista de correos para estas solicitudes.

OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO Usted puede pedir un audiencia de caso impugnado. Una audiencia de caso impugnado es un proceso legal similar a un juicio civil en el tribunal de distrito del estado. Si se presenta una petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado durante de 15 días de esta notificación, el director ejecutivo puede aprobar las solicitudes. Una audiencia de caso impugnado solo se concederá con base a cuestiones debatibles de hecho que sean pertinentes y materiales para las decisiones de la Comisión con respecto a las solicitudes. Además, la Comisión solo concederá una audiencia sobre cuestiones que se presenten durante el período de comentarios públicos que no se hayan retirado.

Una persona que puede estar afectada por emisiones de contaminantes atmosféricos de una instalación tiene derecho a pedir una audiencia. Si se pide una audiencia de caso impugnado, debe presentar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre o para un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial, dirección, número de teléfono y número de fax; (2) la declaración “[yo/nosotros] pido/pedimos una audiencia de un caso impugnado”; (3) una descripción específica de como se vería adversamente afectado por la solicitud y emisiones atmosféricas de la planta de manera que no es común para el público en general; (5) la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad con relación a la planta; y (6) una Descripción de cómo emplea la propiedad la cual puede ser impactada por la planta. Si la petición la hace un grupo o asociación, el miembro o miembros que tienen derecho a pedir una audiencia y los intereses que el grupo o la asociación busca proteger, también se deben identificar. También puede presentar los ajustes que propone hacer a las solicitudes/ permiso que pueden satisfacer sus preocupaciones.

Después de la fecha de cierre de todos los periodos de comentarios y peticiones se realizará un proceso de audiencia que se harán en el momento en que se soliciten.

LISTA DE CORREO Además de presentar comentarios públicos, usted puede solicitar ser incluido en la lista de correo para estas solicitudes enviando una petición por escrito a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ o a la dirección de correo electrónico proporcionado en el aviso. Las personas que se encuentran en la lista de correo recibirán copias de futuros avisos públicos (si hay) para estas solicitudes, enviadas por la Oficina del Secretario Principal.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA Comentarios públicos y peticiones se deben entregar electrónicamente al www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, o por escrito a la Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk (Oficina del Secretario Principal), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Si el director decidiera comunicarse con TCEQ por vía electrónica, por favor tenga en cuenta que su dirección de correo electrónico no se hará pública. La Comisión para abordarse en el proceso del permiso.

Fecha de Expedición: 14 de enero del año 2016
holding the place as the most popular design for 7-letter personalized plate messages is Texas Black 1845. In fact, the top three plates offered by My Plates are all predominantly black and white in design and account for more than 43% of total sales. With over 43,000 plates sold each year, that’s a lot of black and white plates.

“Black and white plates are very popular in Texas, they look smart, sleek, cool, and compliment any vehicle color,” said Steve Farrar.

The top ranked flag design was the “Come and Take It” Gonzales flag plate design, which again out-sold the “Don’t Tread On Me” Gadsden flag and the U.S. flag.

If you were wondering which Texas university plate held the top spot, then you may not be surprised to hear that the Texas A&M Aggies retained that honor over the Texas Longhorns, with the Texas Tech Raiders finishing out the top three.

My Plates also offers out of state College plates and the top ranked plate in this category went to Iowa State University, which launched their plate in May. The other leading out of state contenders were LSU and the University of Alabama.

My Plates Top Ranked Plates for 2015

Top 3 Plates Overall
Lone Star Black
Texas Black 1845
Small Star Black

Top 3 Plates 7-Letter
Texas Black 1845
Small Star Black
Small Star Silver

Top 3 Flag Plates
Come and Take It (Gonzales Flag)
Don’t Tread On Me (Gadsden Flag)
USA Pride (U.S. Flag)

Top 3 Color Plates (Excluding Black)
Lone Star Pink
Lone Star Red
Small Star Red

Top 3 Texas University Plates
Texas A&M University
University of Texas
Texas Tech University

Top 3 Non-Texas University Plates (out of state)
Iowa State University
Louisiana State University
University of Alabama

Top 3 Pro-Sports Plates
Houston Texans
Dallas Cowboys
San Antonio Spurs

Top 3 Charity Plates
Calvary Hill
Breast Cancer
Protect Wild Animals

My Plates is revving up for a massive 2016 with the release of an exciting new design, the “Classic Black” Texas license plate. This plate features an all black background design with white numbers and letters. My Plates believes this will be a real contender for the top spot in 2016.

My Plates designs and markets new specialty license plates as a vendor for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Texans have bought more than 250,000 My Plates since November 2009, putting more than $32M in the state general revenue fund. My Plates’ goal is to create a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship designed to maximize revenues for the state through the sale of My Plates specialty plates, www.myplates.com.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) serves, protects and advances the citizens and industries in the state with quality motor vehicle related services. For every $1 it spends, the TxDMV returns $11 to the state. Each year the agency registers nearly 24 million vehicles; issues more than 7 million vehicle titles; licenses more than 38,000 motor vehicle dealers and distributors; credentials nearly 60,000 motor carriers; issues more than 800,000 oversize/overweight permits; investigates more than 15,000 complaints against dealers and motor carriers; and awards grants to law enforcement agencies to reduce vehicle burglaries and thefts. Learn more at www.TxDMV.gov.

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AVISO DE PERMISO PRELIMINAR FEDERAL DE OPERACIÓN

PERMISO PRELIMINAR NÚMERO: O1951

SOLICITUDB Y PERMISO PRELIMINAR Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, 9 Peach Tree Hill Road, Livingston, NJ 07039-5702, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para la renovación y revisión de un Permiso Federal de Operación (en adelante denominado el Permiso), número O1951, solicitud número 19282, para autorizar la operación de la planta de utilidades, técnica, y departamentos de mantenimiento, una instalación de materiales plásticos. El área dirigida por la solicitud está ubicada en 201 Formosa Drive, 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 al público y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. Puede encontrar un mapa electrónico de la instalación en: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.645277&lng=-96.541944&zoom=13&type=.

Esta solicitud se le presentó a la TCEQ el 15 de marzo del 2013.

El propósito de un Permiso Federal de Operación es mejorar el acatamiento general de las reglas que gobiernan el control de la contaminación atmosférica, claramente definiendo todos los requisitos aplicables, como está definido en el Título 30 del Código Administrativo de Tejas § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10, por sus siglas en inglés). El permiso preliminar, si es aprobado, codificará las condiciones bajo las cuales el sitio deberá operar. El permiso no autorizará construcción nueva. El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha completado la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha tomado una decisión preliminar de preparar un permiso preliminar para revisión y comentarios públicos. El director ejecutivo recomienda la emisión de este permiso preliminar. La solicitud de permiso, la declaración de base, y el permiso preliminar estarán disponibles para ser revisadas y copiadas en la Oficina Central de la TCEQ, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Edificio E, primer piso, Austin, Texas; en la oficina regional de la TCEQ en Corpus Christi, NRC Bldg (Edificio NRC), Suite 1200, 6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5839, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412-5839; y en la biblioteca pública de Point Comfort, 1 Lamar Street, Point Comfort, Texas, empezando el primer día de la publicación de este aviso. El permiso preliminar y la declaración de base están disponibles en el sitio web de la TCEQ:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotic

En las oficinas central y regional de la TCEQ también puede revisar y copiar todos los documentos materiales, relevantes y significativos para el permiso preliminar, además de los permisos para el Examen de Nuevas Fuentes que han sido incorporados por referencia. Personas que tengan dificultades obteniendo estos materiales debido a restricciones para viajar pueden comunicarse con la sala de archivos de la Oficina Central de la TCEQ al teléfono (512) 239-1540.

Comentarios Públicos/Audiencia de Notificación y Comentarios. Cualquier persona puede presentar comentarios por escrito acerca del permiso preliminar. Comentarios con respecto a la exactitud, acabado, y conveniencia de las condiciones del permiso pueden resultar en cambios al permiso preliminar.

Una persona que pueda ser afectada por la emisión de contaminantes atmosféricos de este sitio puede solicitar una audiencia de notificación y comentarios. El propósito de la audiencia de notificación y comentarios es proporcionar la oportunidad para presentar comentarios acerca del permiso preliminar. El permiso puede ser cambiado basado en comentarios que pertenezcan a si el permiso tiene en cuenta el acatamiento con las leyes del 30 TAC §122.10 (ejemplos pueden incluir que el permiso no contiene todos los requisitos necesarios o que los procesos de notificación al público no fueron satisfechos). La TCEQ puede otorgar una audiencia de notificación y comentarios con respecto a esta solicitud si se presenta una petición por escrito dentro de 30 días después de la notificación de este aviso en el periódico. La petición para audiencia debe incluir la razón por la petición, incluyendo una descripción específica de cómo le perjudicarían las emisiones atmosféricas del sitio. La petición también debe especificar las condiciones del permiso preliminar que son inadecuadas o especificar porque la decisión preliminar de otorgar o negar el permiso es inadecuada. Todos los asuntos razonablemente identificables deberán presentarse y todos los argumentos razonablemente disponibles deberán someterse antes del final del período para comentarios públicos. Si se concede una audiencia de notificación y comentarios, todas las personas que presentaron comentarios por escrito o peticiones para audiencia recibirán confirmación por escrito de la audiencia. Esta confirmación indicará la fecha, hora y lugar de la audiencia.

Comentarios públicos por escrito y/o peticiones para audiencia de notificación y comentarios deben de ser presentados a la TCEQ, Oficina del Funcionario Jefe (Office of the Chief Clerk), MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o electrónicamente al www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, y deben ser recibidos dentro de 30 días después de la publicación de esta noticia en el periódico. Si usted decide comunicarse con la TCEQ por vía electrónica, por favor, tenga en cuenta que su dirección de correo electrónico, así como su dirección postal, pasará a formar parte del registro público de la Agencia.

Una notificación de la acción final propuesta que incluye las respuestas a los comentarios públicos y denotando cambios hechos al permiso preliminar serán enviados a todas las personas que hayan presentado comentarios públicos, solicitudes para audiencia o que hayan solicitado ser incluidas en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. Esta correspondencia también proporcionará instrucciones para peticiones públicas a la Agencia. Para la Protección del Medio Ambiente (EPA por sus siglas en inglés), solicitando que la EPA se someta al otorgamiento del permiso preliminar. Al recibir una petición, la EPA solamente podrá objetarse a la otorgación de un permiso que no cumple con los requisitos aplicables o con los requisitos de 30 TAC Capítulo 122.

LISTA DE CORREO. Además de presentar comentarios públicos, usted puede solicitar ser incluido en una lista de correo con respecto a esta solicitud enviando su solicitud a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe (Office of Chief Clerk) a la dirección antedicha. Personas en esta lista de correo recibirán copias de futuros avisos públicos (si los hay) enviados por la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe sobre esta solicitud.

INFORMACIÓN. Para más información acerca de esta solicitud para permiso o el proceso para permisos, usted puede contactar la TCEQ, Programa de Educación Pública (Public Education Program), MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o llame, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040.

Se puede obtener información adicional de Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, llamando a la Sra. Tammy Wacker al teléfono (302) 836-2241.

Fecha de expedición: 3 de diciembre del 2015
GARLIC-ROASTED HAM
1 (3 to 4-pound) center-cut cooked ham*
2 to 4 cloves garlic
1/3-cup molasses
2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper

1. Heat oven to 300ºF.
2. Peel and slice garlic
3. Using the tip of a paring knife, cut slits in ham roast. Insert garlic slices into slits.
4. Stir together molasses and pepper in small bowl. Spread molasses mixture over ham. Wrap ham with heavy-duty foil
5. Place foil-wrapped ham in roasted pan. Roast for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until internal temperature as measured with meat thermometer is 140ºF.
6. Serve warm or refrigerate until completely chilled. Slice for sandwiches or cube for salads or main dishes. Makes 10 to 14 servings.
7. *Note: Ham has a very strong flavor, small serving portion is recommended.

CABBAGE WITH CARROTS AND CHEESE SAUCE
6 medium carrots, thinly sliced
Salt and Pepper
1/4 cup butter, divided (4 tablespoons)
1/2 cup water
1 medium head cabbage, washed and chopped
2 tablespoons flour
1-cup milk
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1/2 cup grated Cheddar cheese

1. In a saucepan, combine carrots, 1/2 teaspoon salt, a dash of pepper, 2 tablespoons of the butter, and the 1/2 cup water. Bring to a boil; cover, reduce heat, and simmer until carrots are tender. Drain off excess water.
2. In another kettle, cover chopped cabbage with boiling salted water; boil uncovered, 5 minutes. Melt remaining 2 tablespoons of butter in a saucepan and blend in the flour. Gradually add milk. Cook, stirring, until sauce is thickened. Season with salt and pepper to taste. To the cabbage, add prepared mustard, the sauce, and cheese. Blend together over low heat. Arrange cabbage on serving dish, surrounded by cooked carrots. Serves 6.

BLACK-EYED PEAS
1 medium onion
1-tablespoon bacon grease, or use 1-tablespoon butter
2 packages (16-ounces each) frozen black-eyed peas
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Sauté onions in bacon grease
2. Add peas, about 1 cup water and salt to taste. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer until tender, about 30 minutes. Drain thoroughly; add butter, additional salt if needed and pepper. Return to very low burner for about 5 minutes to melt and combine butter. Serves 6-8.

MASHED POTATOES WITH BACON BITS
4 pounds white potatoes, peeled and quartered
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
1 small onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
1 stalk celery, finely chopped
6 slices bacon, fired until crisp, drained and diced
1-cup milk (more or less)
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Cook potatoes in lightly salted boiling water until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain; return to pot and keep hot.
2. Meanwhile, heat 2 tablespoons of the butter in a skillet. Add the onions and celery and sauté until softened, about 5 minutes. Add remaining butter and mash until the lumps are gone.
3. Add milk gradually, whipping well until desired consistency. Add bacon pieces and parsley; stir well. Taste for seasoning; add salt and pepper as needed.
4. Serve immediately or reheat over low heat, stirring well and adding milk if needed.