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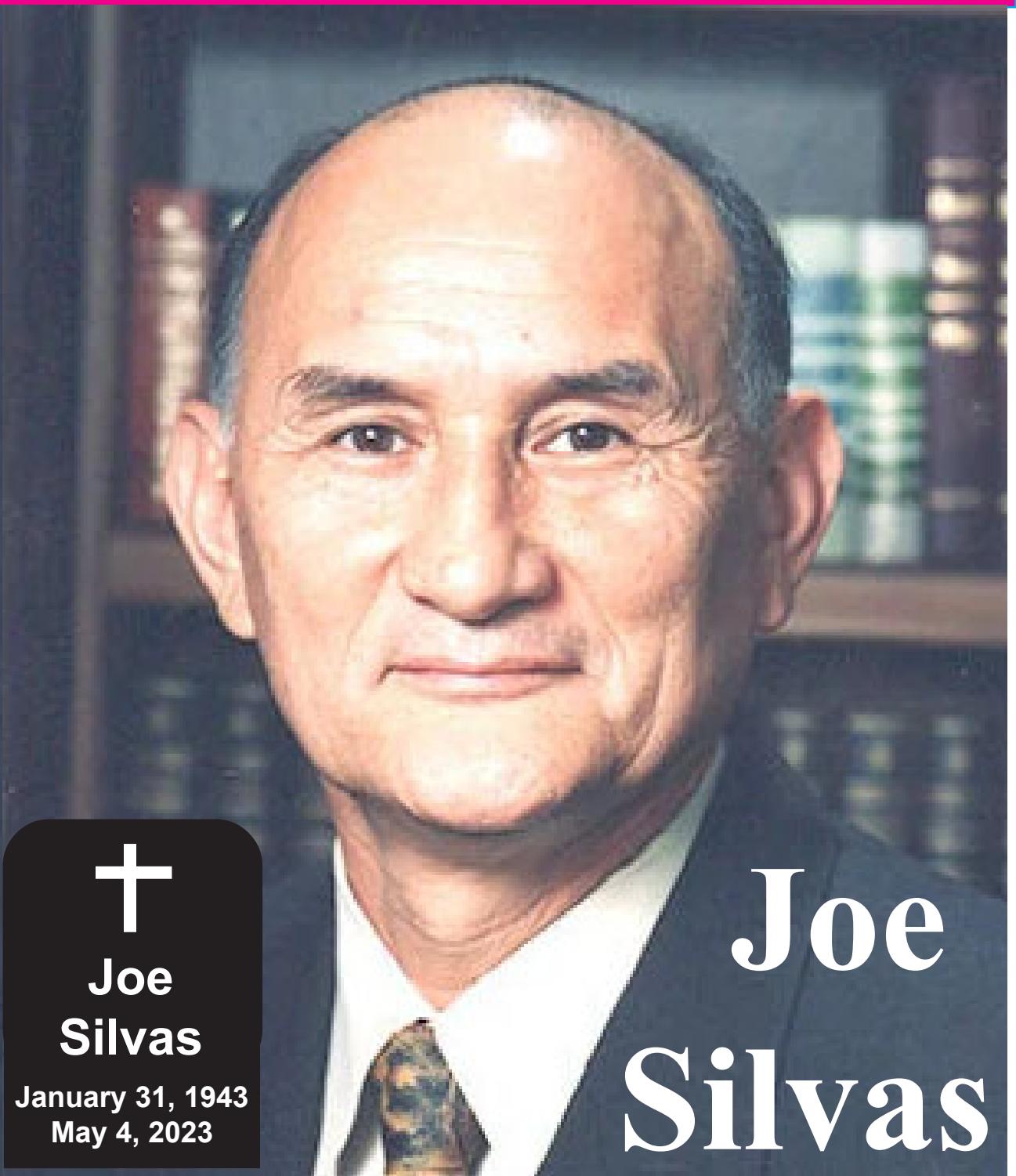
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**Joe
Silvas**
January 31, 1943
May 4, 2023

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MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS IN TEXAS

Mexican American studies programs in Texas universities are an increasingly growing field of research and education that grew out of the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Mexican American studies programs are generally interdisciplinary in nature and most often draw upon history, political science, sociology, and economics, as well as literature and education.

The intended goal of Mexican American studies programs is to prepare students for professional careers serving one of Texas's fastest-growing demographics and strengthen the presence of Mexican Americans in professional and intellectual fields. The programs also show an institutional recognition of the importance of Mexican American people in the history of the United States.

The civil rights movement, and more specifically the Chicano movement of the late 1960s, were instrumental in the adoption of Mexican American studies as a formal field. Although early adoption of these programs took place in California, the nexus for second generation Mexican American civil rights organizations, Mexican American studies programs also found support in Texas. The Mexican-American Youth Organization (MAYO) worked closely with local students to force the adoption of Mexican American studies in universities in Texas and supported the formation of the Mexican-American Studies Institute for the State of Texas.

In 1969 the students at the University of Texas at El Paso, many of whom were attuned to the reforms in California, also successfully influenced the university to create one of the first degrees in Mexican American studies, albeit as a minor instead of a major. The University of Texas at Austin first attempted to create an "ethnic studies" program, but activists were not satisfied, and in 1970 the university created the Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS), founded by Américo Paredes and George I. Sánchez. Paredes served as the first director. Other universities, such as the University of Houston, quickly followed this example.

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Pensamientos

EDITORIAL

by Olga Rodriguez

The 24th of May is a very sad day for all of us from **Uvalde**. We are all reliving an unbelievable tragedy that should not have happened. So many families are now living with not only the loss of their loved ones but are now equally hurt by the lack of action from our local, state, and Congressional legislators. It is the **Republican** party that, in my opinion, is largely to blame for the way we live today, in constant fear of another mass shooting. We are all sitting ducks. The **NRA** rules our country, it has purchased the heart and soul of the **Republican** party.

I think there is also the tragedy of an 18-year-old who was neglected, bullied, and lost from society, and who took out his anger on innocent children and teachers, on the entire town of **Uvalde**. His story is repeated in the lives of other young men who have lost their way. And the unregulated gun sales give them easy access to the weapon of choice, the assault weapon. The danger will continue in every community. It can happen again in **Uvalde** and in any place, the **Republican** majority in our state legislatures has made it so easy for anyone to obtain assault weapons like the **AR15** that killed our children and two teachers in **Uvalde**. It is now permitted to buy guns without a license, without safety training, and without background checks in many states.

We must turn our sadness into anger and have a greater resolve to vote out these gun-loving **NRA** disciples. It is ironic that **Republicans** are against abortion to save the lives of the unborn and, at the same time, refuse to enact laws that will save our lives. Each day someone dies because of their hypocrisy.



Olga Muñoz Rodriguez



Attorney Joe Silvas Passes Away at 80

It is with great sadness that we announce that **Joe Silvas**, passed away peacefully at the age of 80. Joe was a long-time resident of **Brazoria County**.

Joe will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him, his legacy will live on through his children and the countless individuals he has touched through the legal profession that he loves so much. **Joe** is survived by his siblings, sons and countless cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family members

Joe graduated from **Gonzales High School** in 1962 where he lettered in multiple sports and was a top scholar. He went on to attend **Southwest Texas State University**, where he graduated with a degree in chemistry and then went work for **DOW Chemical in Freeport, Texas** as a Chemist. During his time at **DOW Chemical** **Joe** decided to attend law school at **South Texas College of Law in Houston Texas**. Upon graduation from law school, **Joe** went into practice with **Judge Garvin Germany** and learned the practice of law. Shortly after **Joe** opened his own solo law practice dedicated to helping those who were not always able to defend themselves.

He was a tireless advocate for the Hispanic community by being the only Spanish speaking attorney in **Brazoria County** for a number of years. In a local newspaper interview, **Joe** said "*I never let things fester inside me; I saw things as they were and if there were things I could change then I did something about it.*" Throughout his long and distinguished career, he represented countless clients with compassion, integrity, and skill. He was a tireless advocate for the underprivileged and a staunch defender of civil rights.

Joe served on the **Clute City Council** in the 1970s, was on the **Brazosport Independent School Board**. He has been involved with **Toastmasters, Knights of the Columbus, Clute Little League, Clute PTA, Eagles and Brazosport Elks**. He was also involved with the **United Way** as a volunteer and was a member of the local **LULAC** organization. When he wasn't practicing law, you could find him in the gym, spending time with his family, traveling, watching sports, and as all his friends and family knew he was a fanatical **Texas Longhorn's** fan.

People come though our lives for one reason or another. **Joe Silvas** was one of those individuals touching many lives and making a difference. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time. He will be forever remembered and treasured in our hearts.



Marisa Huerta Passes Away at 54

Beloved daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend **Marisa Huerta** passed away at the age of 54 on April 24, 2023. She was born on October 23, 1968 to **Juan** and the late **María Gutiérrez Huerta** in Freeport, Texas.

Marisa loved traveling, preparing delicious meals for family and friends, dining, shopping, spending time with her nieces, and reading. **Marisa** always knew the latest fashion trends and the best restaurants.

In 1973 the family moved to nearby **Lake Jackson**, and in 1987 she graduated from **Brazoswood High School**. She thrived academically, and went on to attend **Harvard University** where she earned her AB degree in 1992.



She then went to **Brown University** where she earned a PhD in English literature and began a career in academia. She had several academic positions, including student advising, before changing careers and enrolling in law school. She earned a JD degree from **Rutgers University School of Law in Camden, NJ** in 2020.

She served as law clerk for **Judge Thomas W. Sumners** of the **New Jersey Appeals Court**, then accepted a position as an attorney with the **U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, DC**, where she was employed at the time of her death.

Marisa was preceded in death by her mother, **María Gutiérrez Huerta**. She is survived by her father, **Juan**; her brothers **Juan Carlos** (Rebecca) and **Marcos** (Clare); nieces **Isabela, Susana, and Catherine**; and her aunts, uncles, and cousins. Her intellect, humor, and bold spirit will be deeply missed.

Honorary Pallbearers are **Ken Lehr, Stephanie and Michael Apolinar, Frank Humberto Ortiz, Joe Perez, Anthony Perez, and Cynthia Perez**.

Visitation is Wednesday, May 31, 2023 from 5-9 PM with the Holy Rosary at 7 PM at **Roy Akers Funeral Home**, 515 N. Main Ave, **San Antonio**. The Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM at **St. Luke Catholic Church**, 4603 Manitou Dr. San Antonio, with the Graveside Service following at 11:30 AM at San Fernando #2.





Dr. Matthew Gutierrez, Named Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Matthew Gutierrez will be representing Educational Service Center Region 20 as the Superintendent of the Year! Gutierrez stated, "This is a product of our collective efforts in Seguin ISD. I am so proud of our students, staff, and Board of Trustees. The award is an acknowledgment of all the great things happening in our district as whole. This is "our" award."



ABOVE: The Narciso Martínez Cultural Arts Center was inducted into the Guadalupe Tejano Conjunto Hall of Fame. This is the first time an organization has been inducted into the hall of fame. From left to right: Rogelio T. Núñez, co-founder, Christina Balli, Executive Director of the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, Dr. Roberto De Leon, co-founder of the Narciso Martínez Cultural Arts Center, Juan Tejada, co-founder of the Tejano Conjunto Festival, and

Noel Mendez on his way to Harvard University

Noel Mendez just graduated from **Del Valle High School** and is now on his way to **Harvard University** with a full scholarship. How difficult is it to get accepted to Harvard? Harvard's acceptance rate for the Class of 2026 was 3.2%. The early action acceptance rate was 7.8%. While **Harvard** is test-optional, students who submitted scores, the middle 50% SAT range was 1480-1580 and the middle 50% ACT range was 33-36.

Part of what is remarkable for **Noel Mendez** is that he is the first person in his family to go to college and plans to study computer science and possibly business with a goal of working for a major company.

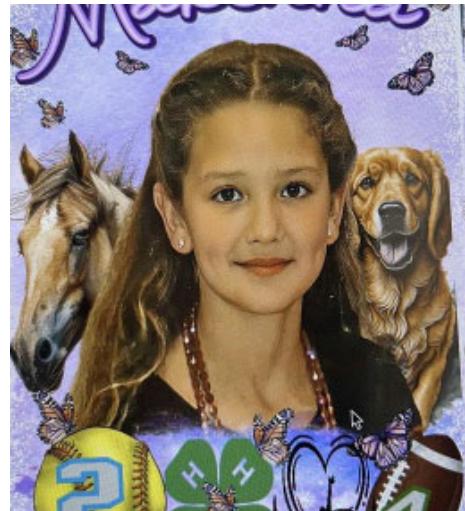
In addition to the full ride, **Mendez** also received a \$40,000 **Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship** and a \$20,000 scholarship from **Dell Technologies**. Del Valle ISD says that **Mendez** has also had an internship with event planning platform **Eventbrite** and another set for this summer with **H-E-B's** software engineering department. The **Amazon** scholarship also comes with a paid internship after his freshman year of college.

Since he was a high school freshman, **Mendez** has been part of the information technology pathway, says **Del Valle ISD**. He has also independently participated in **Code2College**, a multi-year, career prep and college access program. **Mendez** also participated in debate, the **National Honor Society**, **Red Cross**, and various volunteer opportunities, and he is currently the student council president, says the district.

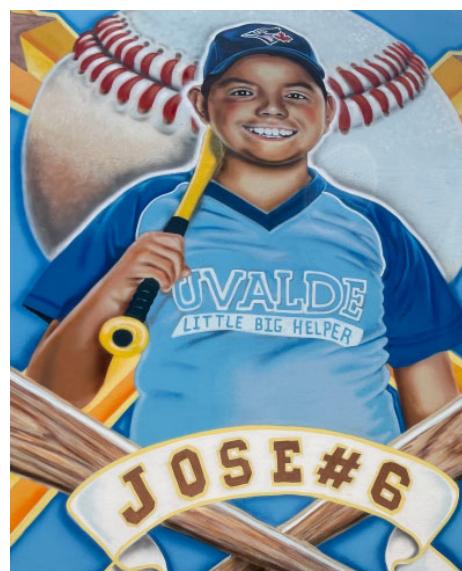


ABOVE: Del Valle HS senior **Noel Mendez** takes a photo with his mom proudly showing the pendant and scholarship certificate he received from **Amazon**.

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Makenna Lee Elrod



Jose Manuel Flores, Jr.



Jayce Carmelo Luevanos



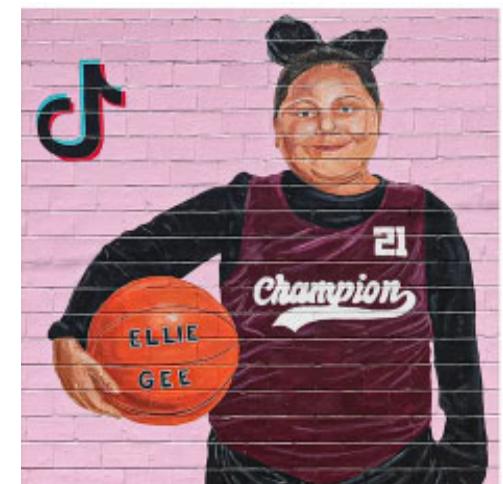
Nevaeh Alyssa Bravo



Rojelio Fernandez Torres



Layla Salazar



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Recuerde sus nombres



Ameria Jo Garza



Xavier James Lopez



Eva Mireles



Jailah Nicole Silguero



Tess Marie Mata



Jackie Cazares



Maranda Gail Mathis



Joe and Irma Garcia



Alexandria "Lexi" Aniyah Rubio

Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas



SOLICITUD. Freeport LNG Development, L.P., 333 Clay Street, Suite 5050, Houston, Texas 77002, que es propietaria de una instalación de pretratamiento de gas natural, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) para modificar el Permiso No. WQ0005415000 del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) (EPA I.D. No. TX0134056) para autorizar la eliminación de las actividades de los estantes de lavado de vehículos y los parámetros de prueba de aguas residuales asociados, la adición de un sistema de tratamiento de pH para el estanque de detención antes del desagüe interno 101 usando inyección de CO₂ o un sistema de dosificación de ácido/base inorgánico, y la eliminación de la toxicidad total del efluente (WET) requisitos de prueba. La planta está ubicada en 2363 County Road 690, Freeport en el Condado de Brazoria, Texas 77541. Las rutas de descarga son desde el sitio de la planta hasta Horseshoe Lake; de allí al Canal de Drenaje Velasco Drainage District Levee Road; de allí al Canal de Drenaje del Lago Flag; de allí a la estación de bombeo del lado este del distrito de drenaje de Velasco; de allí a East Union Bayou; de allí al Canal Intercostal; de allí a Old Brazos River Channel Tidal. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 3 de abril de 2023. La solicitud para el permiso estará disponible para leerla y copiarla en Freeport Branch Library, 410 Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas antes de la fecha de publicación de este aviso en el periódico. 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. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=95.30831,28.984878&level=18>

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

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todo 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] solicito/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 por qué 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

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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. Ademas, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una or mas de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el 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 agrega su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envia por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

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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 del Freeport LNG Development, L.P. a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Michael Stephenson al 979-415-8728.

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Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el jueves 8 de junio del 2023 a las 9:00 a.m. y el miércoles 21 de junio del 2023 a las 5:30 p.m. en la oficina de la Autoridad de Vivienda del Condado de Brazoria localizada en 1524 E. Mulberry, Angleton, Texas. El objetivo de la audiencia será para recibir comentarios de los ciudadanos y aportes relacionados al Plan Anual PHA 2024 del Condado de Brazoria.

Una copia del Plan Annual PHA 2024, estará disponible para el público en nuestra pagina de web el 16 de mayo del 2023 en la siguiente dirección:

<http://brazoriacountytexas.gov/departments/housing-and-urban-development/public-notices>

Personas que no hablan Ingles, necesitan lenguaje de señas, y cualquier otra persona necesitando adaptaciones especiales y desean atender esta audiencia publica deben comunicarse con Daphne Lemelle al (979) 864-1860, antes de la audiencia para que se puedan hacer las adaptaciones.

Los comentarios por escrito pueden enviarse a la Autoridad de Vivienda del Condado de Brazoria, 1524 E. Mulberry, Suite 162, Angleton, Texas 77515 o por fax al (979) 864-1089. Envíe sus comentarios antes de las 4:00 p.m. del 30 de junio del 2023. Para información general, por favor llame a Daphne Lemelle al (979) 864-1860.

Written comments can be submitted to the Brazoria County Housing Authority, 1524 E. Mulberry, Suite 162, Angleton, Texas 77515 or by fax to (979) 864-1089. Please submit any comments by 4:00 pm June 30, 2023. For general information, please call Daphne Lemelle at (979) 864-1860.



Word Power

En las palabras hay poder

No one can ever argue in the name of education, that it is better to know less than it is to know more. Being bilingual or trilingual or multilingual is about being educated in the 21st century. We look forward to bringing our readers various word lists in each issue of *La Voz*.

Nadie puede averiguar en el nombre de la educación que es mejor saber menos que saber más. Siendo bilingüe o trilingüe es parte de ser educado en el siglo 21. Esperamos traer cada mes a nuestros lectores de *La Voz* una lista de palabras en español con sus equivalentes en inglés.

It's about time	Ya era hora
I thought so	Pensé que sí.
You never change	Nunca cambias
Who told you that?	¿Quién te dijo eso?
When was the last time?	¿Cuándo fue la última vez?
Do you think it will happen?	¿Sucederás?
Are you prepared this time?	¿Estás preparado esta vez?
Is it possible that he never	¿Es posible que nunca
Let's find some more information	Busquemos más información
I never knew	Nunca lo supe
It is unfortunate	Es lamentable
Right now is not a good time	Ahora mismo no es un buen momento
Maybe tomorrow will be better	Tal vez mañana sea mejor
Do you have your telephone?	¿Tienes teléfono?
Make the phone call	Haga la llamada



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