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CHANNEL CURRENTS

CHANNELVIEW ISD

Planning proceeds on Bond Projects

Cancer Survivors Celebration

At Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, 4301 Garth Rd., Baytown, 77521. Wednesday, June 26, 2019 from 11:30 am - 1 pm. Celebration of life with music, photo booth, lunch and Cancer walk. See AD, page 8 for details.

Klobasa Festival

Kights of Columbus presents Klobasa Festival, June 30, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at Knight of Columbus Hall in Crosby. Gun Raffle, \$10 per ticket. Car show, BBQ plates dinner, auction and more fun for the entire family. For more information, please call 281-328-1104.

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club

This newly chartered club meets on on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 6 pm - 9 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Amegy Bank on I-10, at noon. Please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

On May 4, 2019, Channelview ISD voters passed a \$195.4 million bond election with 75.23% in favor, the highest approval rating in district history. The May 2019 Bond will fund the replacement of aging campuses, grow and expand Channelview High School with CTE and other offerings, provide campus infrastructure renovations, upgrade safety and security and technology district wide, and purchase new buses and land.

Proper planning and design are critical to the successful execution of the bond program projects. Since May 4, administrators and the Board of Trustees have been moving full steam ahead, engaging in 16 project-focused meetings in just 23 days.



PLANNING MEETING with Architects and staff. Channelview ISD is moving forward after voters approved the bond. Channelview High School programming and design meetings have allowed district employees to have valuable input into the proposed bond projects.

“We couldn’t be more thrilled with the result of the election and are excit-

ed to get to work making these projects a reality for our students and teachers.

The voters have given us their trust, and we will take that responsibility very se-

riously throughout every step of the process,” said Board President Keith Liggett.

Carryout of the bond program is a multiphase process that will last several years. Each project will undergo planning, conceptual design, schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding and, finally, construction.

From start to finish, Channelview ISD will make stakeholder collaboration and communication a priority, believing that the best design solutions are the result of an interactive and engaging process that strives to meet the needs of our students.

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Waste Pits cap needs major repair

HIGHLANDS – Members of the San Jacinto River Coalition learned at a meeting last month that major repairs were needed to the northwest corner of the Waste Pits site and its cap.

The meeting was held Tuesday, June 4th at the Community Center. THEA director Jackie Young led a review of the EPA Update meeting that was held May 7th in Highlands, and then brought the group the latest news on work being conducted at the site.

Construction equipment including several cranes, trucks, cement mixers, formwork and a work crew of about 15 can be seen from a safe distance, working on the placement of a new technique known as Articulated Concrete Block Mat or (ACBM).

The EPA is calling this current work “Slope Enhancement” and says it will take about a month to complete. They said that



Articulated Concrete Block Mat is the current solution for sealing the toxic waste under the cap.

this method has key benefits over the method used before, which was a textile membrane held in place with a rock cover. This method proved to be unstable, and not a reliable method of sealing the waste material. This

is the third time that major repairs were required on the cap. Work was also done in July 2018 and November 2018, but this is the first time that the

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Judge releases survey results

Talking Transition shows Residents’ Concerns: Distrust of criminal justice system, lack of information, and geographic and socioeconomic divides.

Harris County, TX, June 19, 2019 - Today, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo released results from Talking Transition, a community-wide survey launched after she took office in January. Over 11,000 people participated in the survey, which was conducted in five languages, and available online and in person.

The survey is one of many approaches Judge Hidalgo’s office is using to inform decision-makers about the issues that matter most to Harris County residents. The following are some of the key survey findings:

- Many Harris County respondents reported a lack of information on county government, including its composition and functions;
- Nearly half of respondents have a negative per-



HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE LINA HIDALGO

ception of the criminal justice system;

- Regardless of where they live, 44% of respondents reported feeling increasingly unsafe against future natural disasters;
- 24% of Harris County respondents reported that their air and water quality is “terrible,” and a third of respondents estimated that overall quality is declining;
- A quarter of respondents reported that public transportation options are getting worse - this was especially prevalent in ar-

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Commissioner Garcia now offering free SAT Prep Course at eleven Precinct 2 locations

Precinct 2 and Project Grad Houston Team up to help students prepare for the SAT

HOUSTON, TX – (June 17, 2019) – Commissioner Adrian Garcia is working to fulfill his promise to make education a priority by launching a free test-prep program. In partnership with Project GRAD Houston, Harris County Precinct 2 will now offer a free 4-week course that will help students prepare for the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).

The session will be held in multiple locations throughout the Precinct starting July 27, 2019 to

August 22, 2019. Precinct 2 residents and students will be able to take part in these classes twice a week from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

“I believe education is the key to success and I want to make sure that everyone has all access to every educational opportunity,” said Commissioner Garcia.

SAT exams are essential for the admission to colleges and universities throughout the United States. Prep courses could range an average of \$200 to \$900. Thanks to Commissioner Garcia’s partnership, students can now register and take this course for free.

“This is an opportunity for all the students that have a dream to move on to higher institutions to get professional and a well-structured curriculum for their SAT preparations,” said Commissioner Garcia.

For eligibility, applicants must be registered to take the SAT exam on August 24, 2019 and be a resident or student in Precinct 2. Applications must be submitted by Friday, July 12, 2019.

To learn more about the program, applicants can call (713) 274-2130, visit www.hcp2.com/testprep to download application, or email testprep@hcp2.com

SCHOOL NEWS

Sheldon ISD Board approves employee salary increases

Members of the Sheldon ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved 2019-2020 staff pay raises – which also included current teacher salary increases ranging from 10-15 percent – at Tuesday’s regular school board meeting in the Ney Administration Building Boardroom.

Sheldon ISD Superintendent King Davis said these salary increases will help keep the district competitive with neighboring school districts while also providing one of the highest pay in-

creases in the greater Houston and surrounding areas.

“We are incredibly grateful to have a board that values our district employees,” Davis said. “We also realize that our employees have many choices as to where they can work, and we are delighted they have chosen Sheldon ISD as their school district of choice.”

According to an email that was sent to Sheldon ISD employees following Tuesday’s board meeting, all current teachers and certified professionals will re-

ceive at least a 10-percent pay increase based on their years of service. In addition, administrators and para-professionals will receive 7-percent salary increases, and auxiliary staff will have their hourly wages increased by \$1.00 per hour.

Please see the breakdown of the salary increases in the chart below.

These salary increases will go into effect on the first pay period for each employee’s pay calendar (i.e., 187-day teachers and most paraprofessionals = Sept. 5).

Employees	Proposal	Proposed Minimum
Teachers & Certified Professionals (i.e., classroom teachers, counselors, librarians, RNs, campus instructional specialists, etc.)	10-15% (Step increases: 0-4 years = 10%; 5-9 years = 12%; 10-14 years = 13%; 15-19 years = 14%; and 20+ years = 15%)	\$6,000
Administrators	7%	
Paraprofessionals / Clerks	7%	
Auxiliary Staff	\$1.00 per hour	



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Waste Pits meeting,

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ACBM technique has been used. The cap was constructed in 2011, and has a history of unreliable performance.

In updating the status of the Superfund site, Jackie said that Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation had been completed. This including refining the volume of waste, evaluating disposal options, assessing the construction approach, and study of groundwater migration into the site.

Phase 2 will include a Pre-Design phase similar to Phase 1 but refined, a Treatability Study of the materials and methods, and then a Remedial Design with construction plans to implement the remedy.

Jackie reported on a meeting with EPA about Community Concerns, and noted these five areas:

- Health
- Cleanup
- Community Involvement
- Wildlife
- Watershed

Part of the Phase 2 work will be to classify the type of waste in the pits. Guidelines call for it to be either hazardous or non-hazardous, and which choice will have a bearing on how it is removed, and where it can be disposed of. Jackie is concerned that tests so far have not classified the material as hazardous, but she says the tests are incomplete and not looking for dioxin and furans.

Jackie displayed a chart showing characteristics of the two classes of waste. Hazardous wastes have ignitability, reactivity, corro-



A concrete mixer at left, with forms for pouring the ACBM mat.



An excavator replaces some missing rock cover at the site's edge. Note the wooden roadway built to carry the heavy equipment and not disturb the existing cap structure below.

sivity, or toxicity.

To protect the community and the disposal area, she claims that the waste must be classified as hazardous and the disposal method design based on this information.

Another issue that was discussed was the location of the orange marker buoys meant to keep barge and tugboat traffic away

from the Superfund site. Conditions at low tide have revealed that the marker buoys are not far enough out to keep water traffic safely away. EPA said they moved them on the eastern portion in February 2019 in response to citizen complaints, but will extend them farther out on the rest of the cap site.

## Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia sends letter opposing changes to the Official Poverty Calculation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — June 19, 2019 - Today, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, Vice Chair on Rural Poverty for the Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity and other members of the Task Force sent a letter to Acting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Russ Vought urging him not to implement the recently announced changes to the federal poverty calculations. In the letter, the Members wrote: “The ramifications of the proposal to lower the poverty threshold are widespread, but the process laid out by this Administration to consider

such a monumental change is deeply flawed and inadequate. If there were to be changes to the Census poverty thresholds, the administration should consider more robust research that would explore all of the issues – including all of the ways that the current poverty thresholds understate the income needed for families to afford the basics, and the evidence that low-income households can face higher rates of inflation than the economy overall – and far more input from experts, policymakers, and the public than allowed for by a paltry 45-day com-

ment window provided in the May 7th notice.”

Congresswoman Garcia was joined by Majority Leader Hoyer (MD-5), Chair Barbara Lee (CA-13), Rep. TJ Cox (CA-21), Vice Chair on Rural Poverty; Rep. Sylvia Garcia (TX-29), Vice Chair on Urban Poverty; Rep. Deb Haaland (NM-01), Vice Chair on Families and Children Living in Poverty; Rep. Ben McAdams (UT-04), Vice Chair on Economic Opportunity, Education, and Workforce Development; and Rep. Joe Neguse (CO-02), Vice Chair on Housing and Transportation.

## Upcoming community events of interest

### June 20

East Houston Democrats will hold their monthly membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Milton Luck Youth Activity Center. Come out to learn more about upcoming Voter Education Trainings and to meet fellow Democrats and Candidates for the March 2020 Primary Elections. For more information, contact Linda Britten at 281-782-6437.

Harris County Sheriff's Office Safety Forum tonight at 7 p.m. This is being hosted at Harris County Fresh Water Supply District #6, located at 15902 Market Street. Join the HCSO Patrol Deputies to talk about community concerns in our area.

Kalum Johnson, local resident starring in Houston Movie Premier. Join San Jacinto College Alumni and Channelview High School Graduates as they watch the Houston Movie Premier of Sunday in

Houston, TONIGHT at 10 p.m. at River Oaks Theatre located at 2009 W. Gray Houston. Kalum is no stranger to our community, as he has been active in the music industry as well as in films. For information about purchasing tickets, contact him at 832-297-7335

### June 24

Sterling Forest Community Engagement Meeting at Flukinger Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

### June 25

Office Depot Business Mixer from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. to learn more about their services and products as well as meet others in the community.

Parent Connection Summer Meeting Group offered by Harris Health and the Grayson Center. Parents and Care Givers meet from 2 – 3 p.m. to discuss topics in English and Spanish. These free meetings have a variety of topics and all are welcome.

### June 28

Channelview Ministry Team will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, June 28 beginning at 9 a.m. at St Andrew Catholic Church, located at 827 Sheldon Road. CMT is a group of pastors, ministers, law enforcement officers, school officials and community members who work together on various community events and projects to love and serve the Channelview area. Join the group now to learn about the upcoming Life Fair, Annual First Responder Appreciation Lunch and much more. For more information, please contact Pastor Irvin Clark at 832-915-0610.

### June 29

North Shore Middle School and Cunningham Middle School Alumni Basketball Game begins at 3 p.m. at NSMS. For more information please contact nshs93@hotmail.com

## Bond Update,

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For that reason, the district has formed design committees comprised of teachers, administrators, directors, superintendents, and board members to assist the architects and design consultants in the planning and design of the May 2019 Bond projects. Each committee will be led through a series of design-focused meetings to define the purpose, needs, and spaces desired for each facility.

DeZavala Elementary Replacement School and Channelview High School Additions and Renovations

have been the first projects to begin. The district is also in the process of selecting contractors.

In the planning phase, committees for DeZavala and CHS have begun to set goals and assemble the program of spaces for the projects, overall size for each space, and their adjacencies. This will be followed by conceptual design charrettes to develop the concepts for site layout and further define general building adjacencies. Their work then continues through schematic design in which a more detailed

floor plan and site plan will be developed, and finally to design development, resulting in refined plans and building design, finishes, material selections, and furniture layouts.

“Stakeholder involvement and input throughout the entire design process will allow for more effective and useful facility designs for Channelview ISD,” said Superintendent Greg Ollis. “We are grateful to the voters for their support and we will be working diligently to make these projects as successful as possible for this community.”

## Survey Talking Transition,

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was not served by METRO; • One-third of respondents say they have had trouble paying for affordable housing in the last year, with many also saying they were affected by

Harvey; • 36% of respondents living in eastern and southern parts of Harris County reported having difficulty finding quality jobs to support their fami-

lies.

“Whether it’s a concern about the air we breathe, the water we drink, our safety during a flood, or the opportunity to provide for our families, every Harris County resident has a voice, and we are committed to listening and taking action,” Judge Hidalgo said. “Based on residents’ feedback, we’ve already taken concrete steps and will continue to push for changes as part of an inclusive process that will make Harris County government work for everyone, regardless of zip code.”

The County Judge’s Office is implementing a new 311 system that will allow residents county-wide to access services and streamlined information. Additionally, Judge Hidalgo recently launched Harris Thrives, an interactive website to help residents track how recovery dollars are being spent. Both projects aim to make information more accessible and connect residents to county government services.



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### JUNE 6, 2019

## NORTH CHANNEL STAR PICK-UP LOCATIONS

#### NORTH SHORE

North Channel Chamber Office, I-10 in Woodforest Bank Bldg  
Pineforest Jewelry, Uvalde Rd  
Carter-Conley Funeral Home, 13701 Corpus Christi St.  
San Jacinto College North, Student Center & Library  
Fonteno Court House, Wallisville Rd  
East Houston Hospital, I-10  
Sellers Brothers Market, Uvalde Rd  
YMCA, Wallisville Rd.  
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8  
Sen. Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank Bldg  
North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd  
United Comm. Credit Union, Normandy  
United Comm. Credit Union, Wallisville

#### HC WCID #36, Hollywood St

Grayson Community Center, Corpus Christi St  
Galena Park Admin Building, Beltway 8 at Woodforest  
CommunityBank of Texas, I-10 E @ Freeport  
North Channel Assistance Ministries, Bonham @ Freeport

#### JACINTO CITY

City Hall, Main Street  
Community Center/Senior Center, Oates Rd  
Capital Bank, I-10 E  
Jacinto City Branch Library, Akron St  
State Rep Ana Hernandez office, Mercury Drive  
Sellers Brothers Market, Market St  
Market Street Feed Store, Market St

#### GALENA PARK

Baggett Community Center, Keene St  
Galena Park City Hall, Clinton Drive  
Galena Park Library, Keene St  
United Comm. Credit Union, 16th St.

#### CHANNELVIEW

Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd  
Channelview Admin Bldg, Sheldon Rd  
Food Fair, Sheldon Rd @ I-10  
Flukinger Comm Ctr, Lorenzo St  
Holiday Inn, I-10 E

#### SHELDON

Sheldon ISD Admin Bldg.  
Kroger's, Normandy at Woodforest  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

# State Rep. Ana Hernandez Session Wrap-up - PART II

continued from last week

### Disaster Preparedness

Our state can't wait for the next major hurricane or natural disaster to strike before taking action. In order to prepare for the next emergency, the Legislature passed the following bills:

- House Bill 5, creating a catastrophic debris management plan for local communities to expedite debris removal following a disaster;

- House Bill 6, creating a "Disaster Recovery Task Force" to help communities with specialized assistance when a disaster strikes;

- House Bill 7, compiling disaster regulatory waivers needed during a disaster to have them ready to go (expedites response and recovery);

- House Bill 2305, enhancing emergency management training for personnel at the state and local level;

- House Joint Resolution 4, proposing a constitutional amendment for voters in November 2019 to provide for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in financing drainage, flood mitigation and flood control projects;

- House Bill 492 and House Joint Resolution 35, providing for a temporary property tax exemption during a declared disaster; and

- Senate Bill 7, creating the Flood Infrastructure Fund to fund a statewide effort for regional flood planning and flood mitigation projects to strengthen our state's infrastructure.

### Healthcare/Quality of Life

Several new health-related laws were adopted this year that address a multitude of issues, from expanding insurance coverage for telemedicine services to raising the age to purchase cigarettes.

- House Bill 123, allowing youth in foster care, youth experiencing homelessness, and unaccompanied minors to receive a copy of their birth certificate without parental consent and with no fee, and apply for a driver's license or state ID without paying a fee;

- House Bill 1576, providing flexibility in the Medicaid medical transportation program by allowing Medicaid clients to utilize ride-sharing companies to provide transportation to appointments;

- House Bill 2050, protecting residents in nursing homes and long-term care facilities from being coerced, influenced or unknowingly administered an antipsychotic or neuroleptic medication without written consent from the resident or a person authorized to consent on their behalf, reducing the potential for abuse;

- House Bill 3345, requiring private health plans to cover telemedicine just as they would an in-person visit;

- Senate Bill 21, raising the age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21, with an



Rep. Hernandez with veterans at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School's Veterans Day Program.

exemption for military personnel; and

- Senate Bill 568, ensuring more information is available to parents on the safety records of child care centers and strengthening the child care license renewal process.

### Mental Health

Lawmakers worked diligently to pass several comprehensive pieces of legislation to address mental health needs, particularly on school campuses. These include:

- House Bill 18, enhances school safety and mental health resources for students and school personnel, and works to reduce the stigma around mental health conditions;

- House Bill 19, placing non-physician mental health professionals at education service centers to provide resources for educators and administrators in school districts and charter schools; and

- Senate Bill 11, creating the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium to facilitate access to mental health care services through telehealth and the child psychiatry access network and expand the mental health workforce through training and funding opportunities.

### Supporting Veterans and Our Military

The transition to civilian life can be challenging for military personnel and their families. Lawmakers passed measures to help ease this burden.

- House Bill 1883, allowing active duty military personnel to pay property taxes late without penalty when away from home for military service; and

- Senate Bill 1200, allowing Texas licensing agencies to grant temporary licenses to a military spouse moving to Texas who carries a comparable license from another state.

### Public Safety/Property and Consumer Protection

Lawmakers advanced several pieces of legislation that seek to make Texas a safer place for everyone.

- House Bill 8, eliminating the backlog of rape kits;

- Senate Bill 616, establishing the conditional transfer of the driver's license program from DPS

to the DMV and extending the expiration date of a driver's license from 6 to 8 years;

- House Bill 1631, banning the use of red light cameras in Texas;

- House Bill 1885, making it possible to waive penalties if a bank fails to forward a tax bill to a property owner in time, protecting homeowners from unreasonable fines that are out of their control;

- House Bill 1941, allowing the Attorney General to investigate and file a restraining order against freestanding emergency rooms that are price gouging their patients;

- House Bill 3106, "Molly Jane's Law," requiring law enforcement agencies to enter the personal information of suspects of sexual offenses into a statewide database to improve the ability of law enforcement agencies to identify statewide assault patterns and investigate across jurisdictional lines;

- House Bill 3809, doubling the amount of time a victim of childhood sex abuse has to file a civil lawsuit against their abuser from 15 to 30 years;

- Senate Bill 20, codifying recommendations from the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force report issued in December 2018. These recommendations crack down on illicit massage businesses, enhance investigative and prosecutorial tools and protect trafficking victims; and

- Senate Bill 1264, banning balance billing, which occurs when consumers are led to believe their medical treatment is covered by insurance when it isn't and are left to pay the balance. This bill creates a new system that removes consumers from balance billing disputes, leaving the settlement over reimbursement between the insurer and provider.

### Legislation Passed By Rep. Hernandez

In addition to the measures mentioned above, Representative Hernandez authored and passed several critical pieces of legislation to address challenges facing our state. These include:

- House Bill 833, establishing a statewide "Camo Alert" system for missing military members;

- House Bill 979, including convictions for assault and unlawful restraint into the state's criminal DNA database;

- House Bill 1374, providing resources to establish pretrial diversion programs for defendants who are pregnant or the primary caretaker of a child;

- House Bill 2214, helping expedite the issuance of occupational licenses for veterans, active-duty military personnel, and military spouses;

- House Bill 2758, restricting eligibility for probation and deferred adjudication for certain human trafficking and prostitution offenses;

- Senate Bill 475 (House Bill 3378), creating the Electric Grid Security Council, comprised of officials from the Public Utility Commission, ERCOT and Office of the Governor to work with federal energy and national security officials to harden our grid against physical or cyber attacks;

- Senate Bill 936 (House Bill 3377), creating a cybersecurity monitor to protect against potential

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cybersecurity breaches within our state's utility infrastructure; and

- Senate Bill 1835 (House Bill 2712), enabling the creation of a local im-

provement district in Channelview to promote, develop and encourage economic development, safety and infrastructure.

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OPINION



by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor  
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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty – Couple with Age Difference Planning Benefits

**Dear Rusty:** I am nearing my full retirement age of 66 and given the differences in age of my wife and I, and the retirement benefits we will each receive; I was wondering what the best options are for us claiming SS and when. I am 65 and will turn 66 (my full retirement age) in September and my benefit then will be \$2347/month as per the latest estimate on the SSA website. My Wife is currently 58 years old. Her full retirement age is 67, which will be in January 2028. Her estimated SS benefit at full retirement age will be \$2498/month. I have read some things regarding being able to defer one of the benefit payments and receive the other (higher) amount based on certain criteria. I'm not sure if it would apply or be of benefit to us but was wondering if it would. I am looking for the best options to receive the most in benefits that would apply to us. Signed: Planning Ahead

**Dear Planning:** I think you're referring to the "restricted application" which can be used to collect spousal benefits while allowing your own to grow, but I'm afraid that is not something you can take advantage of. It's an option not available to your wife because her birth year is after the cutoff imposed for that option by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, and it's not available to you because your wife isn't yet eligible to collect Social Security on her own work record.

You have the option to take your full benefits in September at your full retirement age (FRA) or, if it's financially feasible, you may also choose to delay past your FRA to claim. If you delay past your FRA you'll earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) of 2/3rds of 1% per month of delay (8% per year of delay) up until age 70 when your benefit would be 32% more than it will be in September. Whether that's a good choice for you depends upon how badly you need the money right now, and your health and expected longevity. If you enjoy at least average longevity (mid-80s) then you'll get the most in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until age 70 to claim.

Your wife cannot collect Social Security benefits until she reaches age 62 in 2023. If she claims at that time she'll be automatically deemed to be filing for both her own SS retirement benefit and any spousal benefit she might be due from your record. However, given the benefit estimates you've shared she'll not be eligible for a spousal benefit from you (nor will you be eligible for benefits from her). Spousal benefits are only paid if 50% of the higher earner's benefit at FRA is more than the lower earner's FRA benefit amount. Since neither of you will be eligible for a spousal benefit, your wife should also consider delaying past her full retirement age if her personal and financial circumstances at the time permit. To do so, she will gain 24% more benefit at age 70 than she would get at her full retirement age of 67.

So, for both of you to achieve the most you can get, the longer you both delay past your respective full retirement ages the more your benefit will be, up to age 70 when the maximum is reached. Since your wife won't reach her FRA until January 2028 but will be eligible to apply for benefits in 2023, be aware that if she applies before her FRA her benefit will be reduced (according to the number of months before her FRA that she applies), and that if she starts her benefits before her FRA and continues to work, she'll be subject to Social Security's earnings limit. The earnings limit changes annually, so I can't tell you what it will be in 2023, but it will be more than the 2019 limit of \$17,640.

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A TEN-YEAR-OLD BOY'S SUMMER

BACK THEN

7 a.m. -- get up  
7:15 a.m. -- look for worms  
8 a.m. -- family breakfast  
8:30 a.m. -- go by Bobby's  
9:00 a.m. -- go fishin'  
11:30 a.m. -- collect bottles  
Noon -- family lunch  
1:30 p.m. -- build tree house  
2:30 p.m. -- go swimming  
4:30 p.m. -- play baseball  
6 p.m. -- family supper  
7 p.m. -- play baseball  
9 p.m. -- hide 'n' seek  
10:30 p.m. -- Z-Z-Z-Z-Z...

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10:30 a.m. -- get up  
10:32 a.m. -- play video games  
Noon -- pizza & soda pop  
12:01 p.m. -- play video games  
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2:15 a.m. -- play video games  
3:45 a.m. -- ice cream & donuts  
6:30 a.m. -- get up

Bobby

Governor signs disaster-related legislation

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, and 23 House and Senate members joined Gov. Greg Abbott in Houston on June 13 as he signed four disaster preparedness and relief bills into law.

The group met at Gallery Furniture, owned by Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale, to look on as Abbott put his signature on the bills. When Hurricane Harvey hit Houston in August 2017, McIngvale opened two of his stores to shelter storm-displaced Houstonians and his company deployed its largest moving truck to rescue people in flooded neighborhoods.

"Thanks to the work of the Legislature, we are rebuilding Texas stronger and more resilient than ever," said Abbott. "In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, we saw the unshakable spirit of the Lone Star State through the generosity of Texans helping their neighbors. These important pieces of legislation are a symbol of that spirit, as well as a sign of Texas' commitment to improving the way we respond to natural disasters."

The bills Abbott signed at the gathering include:

— HB 5 by Rep. Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, and Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, requiring the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to develop a catastrophic debris management plan and training and establish a work group to make recommendations on how local governments and property owners' associations can assist with recovery efforts. HB 5 also requires the TDEM to develop a model contract for debris removal.

— HB 7 by Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, and Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, requiring the governor's office to develop a list of waivers that could be implemented following a disaster and requiring the TDEM to develop a plan to assist local communities with disaster preparation contracts for services.

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By Ed Sterling

— SB 6 by Kolkhorst and Morrison, requiring the TDEM to develop a disaster response model guide and a wet-debris study group for local communities and creating a disaster recovery loan program within the TDEM for communities that suffered significant infrastructure damage.

— SB 7 by Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, and Rep. Phelan, establishing the framework for providing a total of \$1.6 billion through the Texas Infrastructure Resilience Fund as matching funds available to communities hardest hit by Hurricane Harvey, and through the Flood Infrastructure Fund for statewide infrastructure projects to mitigate future flooding events.

Senate members present as Abbott signed the bills included: Kolkhorst, Creighton, Huffman, Carol Alvarado, D-Houston; Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood; Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston; and Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels. House members present included: Phelan, Alma Allen, D-Houston; Gina Calanni, D-Katy; Garnet Coleman, D-Houston; Sarah Davis, R-West University Place; Harold Dutton, D-Houston; Sam Harless, R-Spring; Dan Huberty, R-Houston; Will Metcalf, R-Conroe; Rick Miller, R-Sugar Land; Mayes Middleton, R-Wallisville; Ron Reynolds, D-Missouri City; Jon Rosenthal, D-Houston; Valoree Swanson, R-Spring; Steve Toth, R-The Woodlands; and Armando Walle, D-Houston.

June 16 was the final day for Gov. Abbott to approve, veto or allow to become law without his signature legislation passed in the 140-day 86th regular session of the Texas Legislature that ended May 27.

Revenue is distributed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 12 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$782.1 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of June.

The amount is 10.1 percent more than the comptroller's office distributed in June 2018.

Local sales tax allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

Board of plumbing lives on

Gov. Abbott on June 13 signed an executive order for the State Board of Plumbing Examiners to continue its functions until May 31, 2021.

Without Abbott's action, the board would have been abolished on Sept. 1, 2019, because the Legislature did not act to renew its functions under the Texas Sunset Act, a law that requires periodic review of state boards and commissions for continuation or abolishment.

Abbott said it is necessary to continue the board "to perform its indispensable role in protecting Texans" in fulfilling the demands for rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey and for "keeping Texas prepared and able to recover from future disasters."

Lawmaker is elected mayor

State Rep. Eric Johnson, D-Dallas, emerged the winner of a June 8 runoff election with challenger Scott Griggs and was elected mayor of Dallas. The oath of office is to be administered on June 17.

Johnson, who succeeds Mike Rawlings as mayor of Dallas, joined the Legislature in April 2010 after winning a special election to succeed state Rep. Terri Hodge.

Johnson will be succeeded as state representative for House District 100 by the winner of a special election.

Houston Symphony 2019 Miller outdoor Theatre season opens

HOUSTON (June 10, 2019) – The Houston Symphony returns to Miller Outdoor Theatre for the ExxonMobil Summer Symphony Nights, a summer tradition that introduces outstanding soloists and conductors to Houstonians. Concertgoers can enjoy classical music in a free and relaxed outdoor setting appropriate for the entire family starting at 8:30 p.m. on June 21 and 22.

Finnish conductor Dalia Stasevska makes her North American conducting debut with the Houston Symphony, opening the ExxonMobil Summer Symphony Nights at Miller Outdoor Theatre with the program Sibelius and Rachmaninoff, Friday, June 21 at 8:30 p.m.

Principal Guest Conductor Designate of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Stasevska leads the orchestra in an evening of music by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. The program includes the Karelia Suite and The Swan of Tuonela, both prime examples of the composer's signature lush, Romantic style. Also on the program is Sibelius' most popular and patriotic work, the stirringly beautiful Finlandia—later reworked as the recognizable hymn "Be Still My Soul." Stasevska concludes the program with Rachmaninoff's rhythmical Symphonic Dances.

The Houston Symphony returns to Miller Outdoor Theatre the following evening—Saturday, June 22 at 8:30 p.m.—under the direction of guest conductor Ruth Reinhardt, former conductor assistant at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, in the program Tchaikovsky's Romeo & Juliet. Houston Symphony Principal Second Violin MuChen Hsieh takes center stage in Saint-Saëns's Violin Concerto No. 3, a popular staple of the violin repertoire. Hsieh will make her Houston Symphony solo debut in the program. Reinhardt closes out the evening with Dvořák's heartfelt Othello, and Tchaikovsky's well-known romantic interpretation of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

The remaining concerts in the ExxonMobil Summer Symphony Nights series will take place Friday, June 28, Saturday, June 29, and Thursday, July 4. Admission is free, but tickets are required for the covered seated area. Tickets are available at the Miller Theatre Box Office the day of the performance between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Any remaining tickets are released one hour before the performance time. Support for the Houston Symphony at Miller Outdoor Theatre comes from ExxonMobil, the City of Houston through the Miller Theatre Advisory Board, and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Visit [milleroutdoortheatre.com](http://milleroutdoortheatre.com) and [houstonorchestra.org](http://houstonorchestra.org) for more information.

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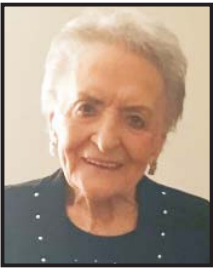
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Juanita Barker  
Regan

Juanita Barker Regan, "Nita", 96, passed away on Friday, June 14, 2019. Nita was born on August 1, 1922 in Houston, Texas to Levi J. Guillot and Beulah M. Couvillion Guillot. She graduated from Jeff Davis High School. She married Neal Barker on May 1, 1940, and together they raised their children with high standards. Nita was a long-time resident of Channelview and after retiring, she moved to Crosby. She enjoyed playing Bingo every Thursday night, travelling, and shopping. She never held back to tell you what she really thought. Nita had an outgoing and magnetic personality that will be missed by many.

She is preceded in death by her former husbands, Neal Barker and Rusty Regan; son, Dennis Barker; parents, Levi and Beulah Couvillion; brother, Raymond Guillot; son-in-law, Wallace Hinson; grandson,

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OBITUARIES



Criss Hinson, and great-grandson, James W. Hinson.

Nita is survived by her daughters, Barbara Burrow and husband George, and Mary Helen Wolf and husband Jimmy; daughter-in-law, Leslie Barker; grandchildren, Craig Ball and wife Sherry, Melonie Phillips and husband Lee, Melinda Peterson and hus-

band Jerry, James Hinson and wife Kim, Mistie Broussard and husband Jerrod, Dennis Barker Jr. and wife Michelle, and Mark Wolf and wife Dawn; seventeen great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A visitation for friends and family was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 12:00pm-2:00pm at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 2:00pm. Interment followed in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562.

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Crosby Alumni Association  
announces 2019 scholarship recipients



CHS Alumni Association's Scholarship recipients and Alumni members left to right: Bernice Florus Novosad CHS 1963, Franny Martin Hobbs CHS 1970, Baylea Cotton 2019 Graduate, Dayton Berezoski 2019 Graduate, Phalicity Davis 2019 Graduate, Joyce Polka Boyles CHS 1957, Emma Bradberry McDonald CHS 1961, and Patsy Svrcek Spitzmiller CHS 1960. Alumni members not pictured are: Bob Boyles CHS 1957, Melanie Ransom CHS 1872, Sydney Hargrave Bolom CHS 1957, John Lindsey CHS 1971, John McDonald, CHS 1960, Tricia Meigs CHS 1970, Bonnie Leissner James CHS 1959, Brenda Gracey Tuttle CHS 1959, Paula Novasad Reed CHS 1988, Shirley Lesikar Sebesta 1963, and Taylor Ransom CHS 2007.

Plans are underway for the 37th Annual Crosby High School Alumni Reunion. The event will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 at the Crosby American Legion Hall located on FM 2100.

The reunion begins at 4:00 pm with a social time and refreshments. Music by Stan Kubin, from the Crosby High School graduating class of 1963 and The Barn Band begins @ 6 pm until 9 pm. The public

is invited, as well as all former Crosby High School graduates regardless of the year graduated.

The Crosby Alumni Association committee is proud to announce each scholarship has been increased \$500.00.

Crosby High School senior recipients Baylea Cotton, Dayton Berezoski, and Phalicity Davis each received a \$3,500 scholarship.

The association has awarded \$131,550.00 in scholarships to 77 CHS seniors. This annual reunion is the only fundraiser that is held, and money generated, allow the scholarships to be presented to CHS seniors the following year.

For more information on this event, call or text Franny Martin Hobbs @ 832-514-9892 or Tricia Meigs @ 713-459-8731.

GCCISD Teacher of the Year Gala



Goose Creek CISD Teachers of the Year (front, from left) Kiki Moore (James Becker Thomson Special Education Teacher), Caitlin Huebner (HAABE ESL Secondary), Jo Ann Fenley (HAABE ESL Elementary), Jessica Vega, Jackie Brown, Neisa Villegas, Ciara Marks, Pam Bradford, Stacia Laird, (middle, from left) Esmeralda Cantu, Adriana Cienfuegos, Brandy La Bouve, Robin Edwards, Ofelia Wells, Kristin Reyes, Janette Kelley, Amy Serrano, Anna West, Teresa Black, (back, from left) Margaret Cayton, Jennifer Martin, Tracy Gaston Gray, Amanda Majeed, Angie Johnson, Valerie Currie, Jennifer Hollis Ashworth, Lauren Hoyt, Janoy Roberson, Rachel Prettyman and Ian Sobczak. Not pictured are Lizzet Austin (HAABE Bilingual Elementary) and Rovenia Moreno.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of 3 Chronicles in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Job and which other Old Testament book mention the constellation of Orion? Psalms, Isaiah, Daniel, Amos

3. What prophet took a wife of whoredoms named Gomer? Hosea, Jonah, Amos, Micah
4. From Judges 14 what did Samson eat from the carcass of a lion? Manna, Honey, Berries, Figs
5. What sin against the Holy

Spirit results in eternal guilt? Blasphemy, Adultery, Murder, Non tithing  
6. Who was the father of Joshua? Abraham, Aaron, Nun, Moses  
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### It is Camp Time!

Having grown up in the North Channel area, football seems a way of life for many. With North Shore winning three state football championships it seems as though everyone in some sort of way is connected to football. There are those in the marching band, the flag corps, the cheerleaders, the student trainers, and Scarlets drill team and of course the fans.

Young boys are ready for football and parents often have them signed up for multiple camps so that by the time they can actually play football in middle school, they are very experienced. Many of the boys have participated in the Annual Cory Redding 3D Football Camp and as we watched the 2018 Championship game, so many of those name sounded familiar. One of the greatest joys of watching the team win was being able to remember their faces at past camps when Cory and others would share their thoughts with the campers. (I can no longer refer to them as “boys” as each year we have a few more girls enroll than the year before.)

Emails started going out last week reminding parents to keep the campers hydrated and for them to get some rest this week. The Camp phone line has blown up and the emails begging to register their children for Saturday’s camp keep coming in. Officially, the capacity was reached weeks ago, but due to a glitch in the system, registrations have continued to come in. Registration had to end on Thursday of last week to get the shirts and other items ordered.

Last year, Cory added a second camp in

Austin and earlier this month, as we opened the field, campers were lined up and ready. Word had spread like wildfire that the camp was from those 8 to 17 year olds who wanted to learn fundamentals of football and then some. What is the then some? Words of wisdom and encouragement from Cory as well as other NFL and former College Players. One father said that even if the kids had never been on the field the lessons shared off the field were priceless.

Cory was able to share about the need for the 3D’s: determination, dedication and discipline. And in addition, he shared about the value of self-respect, respecting adults, respecting all authority figures and getting an education. You cannot be around Cory for long that he does not reference some of what he was taught from Coach Calvin Guillory both on the field and off the field. Coach was there for Cory and his brother Chris at a time when they needed a strong Christian man in their lives. Who would have known that all of these years later Coach Guillory and wife Stephanie would still be an active part of Cory’s life? Must be a God thing. To look around the camp and see the Guillory family all pitching in to make a difference is just a preview of what camp will look like in the future with Cory and Priscilla involving their children in the camp as well.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS Sealed Bids, in duplicate, on Bid Forms provided, addressed to the President and Board of Directors of Harris County F.W.S.D. No. 6, Channelview, Texas, Harris County, will be received at Harris County F.W.S.D. No. 6, 15902 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530 until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, June 27, 2019 and then publicly opened and read for construction of the "Equalization Basin for the 0.4 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant." Accompany Bids with acceptable Cashier's or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount bid, payable without recourse to the District, or a Bid Bond of like amount from an approved surety company, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract. Plans, specifications and bidding documents for the project are available at <https://bids.lja.com>. For each set issued a non-refundable charge of \$50.00 for an electronic copy / \$100.00 for a hard copy. The hard copy may be obtained at LJA Engineering, Inc., East Houston Office, 11821 East Freeway, Suite 360, Houston TX 77029. Examine documents at the East Houston office of LJA Engineering, Inc, Amtek Plan Room, Dodge Data & Analytics, AGC of Texas, Construct Connect and the District. A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at the Harris County F.W.S.D. No. 6, Conference Room, 15902 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530. Bids from Firms other than the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference Attendees **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. Harris County F.W.S.D. No. 6 Gary O'Brian President

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Jun 21-Louise Cann  
Eddie Marshall  
Jun 22-Dixie Roffe  
Randall Sloan  
Robert Guillory  
Jun 23-Gladys Cornelius  
Ryan Dunlop  
Janel Simmonds  
Jun 24-Jamie Triche  
Jaylee Gomez  
Jun 25-Pam White  
Larry Marlin  
Andrew Waldrup  
Jun 26-C.L. Morgan  
Jim White

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Jun 22-Larkin & Margaret McKay  
Gene & Elizabeth Bulanek  
Jun 23-Ben & Shannon Coward  
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: 91606

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** Intra-Services, Inc., PO Box 1348, Channelview, TX 77530-1348, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 91606, which would authorize modification to an Industrial Tank Cleaning Facility located at 16217 Ridlon Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on September 3, 2015. The existing facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, sulfur dioxide and sulfuric acid.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at the North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street Suite H, Houston, Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.**

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).**

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.791388&lng=-95.1125&zoom=13&type=r>.

**MAILING LIST.** You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Intra-Services, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Anthony B Donovan, EH&S Coordinator at (281) 452-9803.

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# Governor signs Military Jobs Bill by Rep. Ana Hernandez

AUSTIN, TX- Governor Greg Abbott has signed into law House Bill 2214 by Representative Ana Hernandez, which would direct the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to identify barriers that military members, spouses, and veterans face in obtaining any of the agency's 219 licenses, and develop actions for removing existing bureaucratic delays.

According to the Department of Defense, military spouses struggle nationally with a 24% unemployment rate, despite many having occupational licenses in high-need fields. Delays in the issuance of a civilian occupational license for recently-discharged service members can also hamper the transition to civilian life.

"The Economic Alliance wants to thank Representative Hernandez for championing this effort from the first time we sat down with her," said Chad Burke, President and CEO of the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region. "This bill will help active-duty military family members to go to work immediately in Texas without being unemployed while they work through the licensing process. It's a great thing for our state's workforce development demands, and a great thing for military families serving our country."

"Our state has an obligation to serve our military heroes and their families, and this bill is an example of what can be done when regional economic partners and policymakers work together," Rep. Ana Hernandez said. "House Bill 2214 represents real progress in easing the difficulties that deployment and separation from service can have on a military household, while also strengthening the available licensed workforce our employers need in order to compete globally."

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