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Washington, DC – U.S. Representative Brian Babin (D-36) voted for House-passage of two important bills that cut taxes and provide certainty for Texas taxpayers, the State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act (H.R. 622) and the Death Tax Repeal Act (H.R. 1105).

"Hardworking Texas taxpayers should not be punished for living in a tax-friendly state like Texas," said Rep. Babin. "Permanently restoring the sales tax deduction will create a level-playing field for Texas taxpayers and save Texans roughly a billion dollars a year. I am proud to support this legislation, as well as a bipartisan bill to fully repeal the death tax. The death tax is an unfair tax that penalizes Texas farmers and ranchers who want to hand down their small business to the next generation. These two bipartisan bills provide critical tax relief to Texas taxpayers and ensure their hard-earned dollars stay in their communities rather than in Washington's coffers."

Additional information on these two bills:
- H.R. 622, the State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act would permanently allow citizens of states like Texas that do not levy an income tax to deduct their sales taxes from their federal tax obligation. Since 2004, the state sales tax deduction has allowed Texas taxpayers to save more than $10 billion.
- H.R. 1105, the Death Tax Repeal Act would permanently repeal the estate tax, also known as the death tax, which is a 40 percent tax on an individual’s transfer of assets in excess of an exemption amount to the next generation at the time of his or her death. In many cases, the “estate” in a death tax bill can make a family’s loss even more devastating.

Yard of the Month
Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce recognized Sterling-White Funeral Home for their lovely landscaping. Pictured are Jeff Moore, left; Betty Michalsky, middle and Sandy Denson, right. You may submit recommendations to info@HighlandsLynchburgCC.org

San Jacinto Battle Re-enactment
The Battle of San Jacinto re-enactment featured hundreds of history re-enactors—complete with canons, horses, dogs, women, children and pyrotechnics— that recreate the events leading up to Texas winning its independence 179 years ago in a decisive defeat of Mexican troops under Gen. Santa Anna’s command on April 21, 1836.

ABOVE: Our own Major Lewis Spearman, an annual Re-enactor at San Jacinto Battlegrounds State Historic Site, leads a training exercise for young future Texans.
LEFT: Merry Texas Re-enactors take a break under the famous Oak Tree where Santa Anna surrendered. Wet weather caused the battle action to be modified, but the day was deemed a success by the participants nevertheless.

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1. The House passed both bills by large margins.
2. H.R. 622 was passed by a vote of 415-4.
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**Library events**
- Monday, April 27, 10:30 a.m., Men's Reading Group
- Tuesday, April 28, 10:30 a.m., Teen Takeover: Computers 101
- Wednesday, April 29, 3:30 p.m.
- Registration required.

**Galena Park Library events**
- Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.
- Story Time; 1 p.m.
- Computer Basics I; 3:30 pm

**Children's Medicaid/CHIP**

**Food fair** will take place on Friday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Galena Park Library**

**South Shore High School Senior Second Year Academic Career Exploration, GPSD student Larrio Harden desires to become a lawyer and is interested in future job opportunities at TexanChem.

**4th THURSDAY**

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**5th THURSDAY**

**San Jacinto Pilot Club**

**Club meeting**

**Relay for Life**

**Clothing Sale**

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**Forms**

Contact us via e-mail at mkrramer@cpisd.org.

**Activities**

Relay attendees will also have an opportunity to put their arms in on many silent Auction items that were donated for the cause. At dusk, the Luminary Ceremony will take place. Participants may bring their own candles inside the bag as they will be lit for the ceremony.

**Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Harris County, State and Federal agencies are working together to make a Superfund Open House for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 at the Martin Fiskinger Community Center.

This informal meeting is to update the community on the EPA’s remediation process, encourage public input and next steps for the site located on the west bank of the San Jacinto River directly north of the I-35 Bridge.

Agency officials will also update residents on upcoming community activities, schedule and what’s next.

The meeting is being held in a fully accessible facility. Should you have any specific needs or questions about the facility, please contact EPA Community Involvement at 1.800.333.3058 (toll-free).

Additional information is also available on the following web site:


For information en espanol, comunícate con la Agencia de Proteccion Ambiental de los Estados Unidos (la EPA) a 1.800.555.3058 (llamada gratuita).
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George "Henry" Johnson, Jr.

George "Henry" Johnson, Jr., 91, of Channelview, Texas, passed from this life on April 14, 2015.
Mr. Johnson was born February 10, 1924 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to parents, George Henry Sr. & Amelia Johnson. He joined the U.S. Navy Feb. 3, 1942 and served 22 years of active duty April 3, 1953; and discharged March 4, 1953 with the rank of Water Tender First Class. He served for three years in the reserves and reported to Norfolk, VA for recommission Nov. 11, 1952 and reported to the USS Stormes (APA-17) as Tender First Class. After shakedown he was sent to the South Pacific, landing reclassified APD-17 and sent to the USS Robert E. Lee with the rank of Leading Seaman. He joined the U.S.S. Stormes and discharged August 4, 1956. He was married to Gladys Adams on April 17, 1975 at Carter Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements were officiated by Rev. Johnny Brady, Carter Funeral Home, Houston, Texas. Graveside service was held Friday morning April 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Carter Funeral Home's Chapel with Rev. Gene Summers officiating.

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Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, and grandparents, Jim McDonald and Mary McDonald; by siblings, Judy Jenkins and husband Gary, Kim Wood; by grandchildren, Linda; grandchildren, Britni Adams, Jr. and wife, Joni; daughters, Andrea Shimek and husband David, Jim McDonald and husband Steve, Judy Adams and husband Dan, Jim Rogers and wife Barbie, Adam Shimek, Danny Shimek, and husband Kerry, Ruby Pearl Adams of 28 years in August of 1985.

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**Organizations, Sports**

**CHANNELVIEW ISD:**
**Mustang to become a Cowgirl**

Alongside her proud parents, Claudia Santos signs a letter of intent to compete at Oklahoma State University.

Claudia Sofia Santos, a four-year letterman of North Shore Senior High School’s Cross Country and Track & Field teams, signed her national letter of intent to compete on the Women’s Cross Country and Track & Field teams at Oklahoma State University. During her time at North Shore, she has earned numerous district championships and regional qualifying finishes in both Cross Country and Track & Field. During her senior year the 2014 District Champions in Cross Country, she finished 7th at Region III and was a State Qualifier. She also duals in the 4x800m and 4x400m relay. She competed in both races at the State Track & Field Complex on Thursday, April 26.

**FCCLA Entrepreneur Team heading to nationals**

The STAR Events team of Elisha Boland, Alicia Gonzalez and Ashlee Stelzer took top honors in the Entrepreneur category at the recent state contest and will advance to the national Families, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competition in Washington, D.C. this summer.

At the state competition, the STAR Events team designed and developed a detailed business plan—which also earned gold medal honors at the region competition. In addition, 16 students from CHS and Kolarik Ninth Grade Center combined earned medals in the Job Interview and Etiquette FCCLA testing categories. Those students were:

- **Gold Medalists:**
  - Elisha Boland
  - Alicia Gonzalez
  - Christian Metz
  - Malcolm Roach
  - Juan Carlos Rodriguez
  - Jessica Silva
  - Ashlee Stelzer
  - Felicia Trevino
  - Jane’e Whitaker
  - Courtney Williams

- **Silver Medalists:**
  - Stevie Barton
  - Elisha Boland
  - Alicia Gonzalez
  - Christian Metz
  - Malcolm Roach
  - Juan Carlos Rodriguez
  - Jessica Silva
  - Ashlee Stelzer
  - Felicia Trevino
  - Jane’e Whitaker

- **Bronze Medalists:**
  - Kasey Kim
  - Roberto Rodriguez

Kolarik FCCLA

**Gold Medalist:**
- Crystal Perez

**Silver Medalist:**
- Deysi Garduno

**Bronze Medalist:**
- Brittany Glenn

**WASTE PITS,** Continued from page 1

“Under that theory, any polluter could escape punishment by giving waste away, and they would no longer be responsible for it,” Ryan said.

On April 6 the trial court overruled Harris County’s Motion for New Trial, clearing the way for the appeal.

Vince Ryan will ask the Harris County Commissioners Court to use the funds from the $29.2 million settlement for environmental projects that will benefit the people of Harris County who were most affected by the contamination.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
A public meeting will be held at the Galena Park Independent School District Administration Building, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015, on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. to answer questions regarding the stacking of Triploid Grass Carp into the Highland Reservoir and Canal System for invasive exotic vegetation control.

Proposed by the Galena Park Independent School District until 10:00 a.m. May 19, 2015 for "PROPOSALS FOR RAW MATERIALS, DEMO & INSTALLATION RFCSP 15-011", all of that time proposed for the Galena Park Independent School District to have the right to reject all or any proposals.

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**Energy Department releases first ever QER**

Washington, D.C., Wednesday, April 22, 2015 – On Tuesday, the Department of Energy (DOE) released the initial installment of the first ever Quadrillion Energy Review (QER). The review examines vulnerabilities in U.S. energy infrastructure and proposes policy recommendations to modernize, to prevent and mitigate impacts of extreme weather and climate change, and to safeguard the nation’s national security and economic potential. The report is solubility-balanced, balanced by the DOE, and is the first ever to be released as a public document.

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**OBITUARY**

Mary Alice Bundy, of Galena Park, Texas, known to her family as Honey, passed away on April 20, 2015. Mary Alice was born December 29, 1924 in Fort Worth, Texas. She was the daughter of Bob and Alice Benson. She was a longtime member of the Galena Park United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Charles Bundy, a retired oilfield geologist and a native of Galena Park, and her sons, John Charles (Toni) Bundy, a retired oilfield geologist and a native of Galena Park, and John Michael (Pam) Bundy, a retired oilfield geologist and a native of Galena Park.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherry Pye; her son, John Bundy; her brother, John Charles and his wife, Cindy Buchanan; her grandchildren, John Charles Jr., Joshua Bundy and Ashley Bundy; her great-grandchildren, John Charles Jr. III, Joshua Bundy Jr., John Charles Bundy III, John Charles Bundy IV, and Ashley Bundy III; and her sisters, Joyce Jackson, Kathy Jackson and Sherry Jackson.

She is also survived by her nieces, Carnie Pye and Sherry Jackson.

A visitation will be held Thursday evening, April 23, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest Friday, April 24, at Galena Park Cemetery, in Galena Park, Texas.