Mayor attempts to freeze bank checks

GALENA PARK – A special called city council meeting dissolved just after a Monday afternoon, when members of the city council and city administrator Robert Pruett presented copies of the charter to the city council. The mayor has issued a notice of a special called city council meeting, which will be held on January 8, 2015.

The FBI needs the pub- lic’s help identifying a bank robber who threatened to pull a gun during a Sunday robbery of a Bank of America branch located inside an office building at 12605 East Freeway in Houston. Surveillance photographs of the bank robber are being re- leased and a Crime Stop- pers reward of up to $5,000 is being offered for infor- mation leading to the bank robber’s identity and ar- rest. At approximately 10:05 a.m., the man entered the bank and approached a tell- er. He passed the teller a note threatening to have a bomb. Tellers gave the man an undisclosed amount of cash which he placed inside a blue vinyl bag. He left with the bag in his hands. Several cars were in- side during the bank rob- bery, but no one was physi- cally hurt.

The bank robber was de- scribed as a Hispanic male, about 5’3” – 5’5” with a light complexion. He was wearing a black hoodie, a black pants, and tennis shoes. He was carrying a blue vinyl zippered bag. He left with the bag full of cash.

Crime Stoppers is offer- ing up to $5,000.00 for in- formation leading to the charging and arrest of this bank robber. If you have infor- mation about this crime, please call the Crime Stop- pers toll free line at 713-222-TIPS (8477). or the Houston office of the FBI at 713-493-5000.

North Channel Chamber: Art Rascon to speak at North Channel Chamber’s Annual Gala

Lazy Award winning Rep- resentative Gene Green, a speaker at the 11th Annual North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards and Gala at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport, Houston, TX. 77017.

The Health Subcommittee has jurisdiction over pub- lic health, hospital construction, biomedical research and development, health information and technology, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Dis- ease Control and Prevention, and medical malpractice and malpractice insurance.

The Health Subcommittee was elected by unanimous consent to serve as Ranking Member of the Commit- tee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. The committee has jurisdiction over one of the 11 major committees of the 114th Congress. “It is an honor to serve in leadership on the Subcommittee on behalf of our District and all Americans,” Green said. “We’ve made great strides in health care reform, but some of our nation’s most vulnerable citizens still lack access to the care they need. This Congress, one of our top priorities will be to address these gaps and foster a better system that will provide accessible, world-class care for all, regardless of age, gender, or income.”

During the 113th Congress, Rep. Green was an active member of the Health Sub- committee and worked to address pro- ging health care reform. In 2013, he authored legislation to fund trauma care systems, and legislation to spur the de- velopment of treatments that combat drug-resistant bacteria. In 2012, he authored the health care reform legislation, including the House passage of the Affordable Health Care Act for America and the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. He has also introduced and supported legislation on the Energy and Commerce Committee to expand access to quality health care, and pursued op- portunities to improve access to cover- age, including Medicaid expansion.
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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FREE PARENT TECHNOLOGY TRAINING!**

Gala Park 52 is offering FREE technology training for parents who have children in one or more GRISD schools. 

Re-registration: Call 281-261-1300 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Training Topics include Word Processing and Internet.

Talk with staffs and FREE technology training for parents.

Training is offered in both English and Spanish. Training will take place at Joyce Hole Education Center, 13801 Holly Park, Houston 77079.

Monday, February 8-15:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

February 23: 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**JANUARY**

***NORTH CHANNEL***

**Library Events**

-January, 17, 10am - 3 pm Scrapbooking for fun, 8 pm, Fellowship Hall.

-January, 19, LIBRARY CLOSED.

-January, 20, 10:30 am, Toddler Time, 1-3 pm, Fellowship Community Hall.

-January, 21, 4:30 pm, Shamrock Craft.

-January, 26, 10:30 am, Baby Time.

**COMPUTER CLASS**

**Intermediate Excel, Practice**, Jan. 9, 1-3 pm.

**Intermediate Excel, Practice**, Jan. 16, 1-3 pm.

**Requires registration**

January 23, 10 am - 12 pm.

**Intermediate level, Practice**, Jan. 30, 10 am - 12 pm.

**Requires registration**

January 30, 10 am - 12 pm.

**FEBRUARY**

**Library Events**

-Feb. 1, 10 am - 12 pm.

-Feb. 3, 10 am - 12 pm.

-Feb. 5, 5 pm, Intermedia Social, Practice.

-Feb. 12, 10 am - 12 pm.

-Feb. 26, 10 am - 12 pm.

**INTERMEDIATE Excel, Practice**, Feb. 26, 10 am - 12 pm.

**Requires registration**

February 26, 10 am - 12 pm.

**Gala Park Library**

-Tuesday, Jan. 20, 10:30 am, Baby Story Time.

-Tuesday, Jan. 27, 10 am - 12 pm.

-Tuesday, Feb. 3, 10 am - 12 pm.

-Tuesday, Feb. 10, 10 am - 12 pm.

-Tuesday, Feb. 17, 10 am - 12 pm.

-Tuesday, Feb. 24, 10 am - 12 pm.

-Friday, Feb. 27, 10 am - 12 pm.

**Gala Park Library**

-Sunday, Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 10 am - 12 pm.

-Intermedia Excel, Practice, Jan. 25, 1-3 pm, Fellowship Community Hall.

-SA Habla Españo... Se Habla Español.

**Galena Park**

-Community High School's Science National Honor Society inducts new members

-Chambersville High School's Science National Honor Society inducted several new members on Jan. 15, 2015 during the ceremony. The organization had several members in attendance at the ceremony.

-Patrick, Miranda, Maddy, Alex, Bob, Samantha, Elizabeth, and Mary attended the ceremony.

-Members are recognized for their hard work and dedication to their studies.

**NORTH CHANNEL**

**Schools**

**Gala Park**

**School volunteer recognized at school board meeting**

Bernie Henderson, a volunteer at Cleveland Elementary School, was recognized for her service at the CFISD Board of Trustees meeting on January 15, 2015. For three years, Mrs. Henderson has been an active member of the “Mama Bears,” a group of parent volunteers who daily visit the campus to assist teachers with their projects. She also volunteers in translating. Mrs. Henderson is a very important person on our campus. She is always ready to assist in any way,” said Evan LeBlanc, principal of the school.

The impact of the volunteers is felt on the campus. The impact of the volunteers is also felt in the community. Mrs. Henderson is a very special volunteer at Cleveland Elementary School. She is always ready to assist in any way,” said Evan LeBlanc, principal of the school.

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Proposal would put contracts under increased scrutiny

AUSTIN — Signaling his intent to strengthen transparency and accountability in the state, House Speaker Joe Straus on Jan. 9 introduced a bill in the coming weeks the House would "unleash a budget proposal designed to strengthen oversight of state contracts."

Agencies or institutions of higher education who proposed, would have to meet with reporting requirements prior to entering a contract or making a purchase worth more than $10 million. Straus said new rules also would encourage agencies who choose worth more than $1 million and which do not go through a competitive bidding process, to be added.

At least 30 days prior to making such an expenditure, a contract would have to be notified to the Legislative Budget Board, governor, state auditor, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, chair of the Senate Finance Committee and chairs of any other committees with jurisdiction over the issue, the Legislative Budget Board, auditor, state auditor, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, chair of the Senate Finance Committee and chairs of any other committees with jurisdiction over the issue.

A certified copy of the contract would have to be filed with the board, the governor, state auditor, and the other committee chairs.

"We must be vigilant and stand guard against the complacency that could erode everything that we've worked so hard to achieve," said Straus. "We're doing it for the people and for the for the state's benefit.""Ag chief Miller tells new oath

Bill Miller of Stephenville was sworn in as Texas Agriculture commissioner before a crowd of family, friends and others at the Texas Capitol on Jan. 5. He took the oath of office. "We will remain steadfast in our commitment to the principles and values that have made Texas great," said Miller.

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Glen Edwin Muldrow, age 80, of Highlands went home to her Heavenly Father Saturday, January 3rd, 2015. Glen was born in the home surrounded by family. He was born on the 29th of August, 1934, in Houston, Texas to Helen Shanklin Muldrow and Blanche Donny Muldrow.

Glen graduated from Lee High School in 1952, he served 7 years in the armed forces and worked in the oil field for 53 years. His first job was as a laborer for Lee Oil & Gas in 1960 and in 1974 was promoted to Superintendent of Payroll for 33 years, often volunteering his plumbing skills for community organizations and those in need. Glen married Frances Araceli Irwin in 1953 and enjoyed 62 years of marriage. They had 3 children, 16 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Glen was a loving husband and father and was affectionately known as Papa to his grandchildren, Renee, Robbie, and Rupe.

Preceded in death by his parents, Hynes and Frances, his wife, Frances, and his siblings, Betty and Easton Ramsey; brother, Bennet and Sutton Muldrow, and Katrina Ramsey. Survivors include his wife, Frances, daughter, Sharon Muldrow; son, Bryan Muldrow and wife, Jac-Lynne; and daughters Muldrow of Austin, Texas; lovely sister, Betty; and brother-in-law, Larry Maddox of New Mexico; sisters-in-law, Glenda, Sherry, and Iva; brother-in-law, Robert Muldrow; nieces, Betty Ray, Son, Dianna, Vivian, and Carol Smith, and many cousins. Remembering him will always bring a smile to each of us. He will be greatly missed by all.

Glen loved his children and grandchildren and was always ready to help someone in need. Glen was a faithful worker in the church and very active in his community and was always ready to help people, spending time with his great-grandchildren, and traveling throughout Texas finding his outdoors family and friends. He loved ones include his wife, Frances, daughter Sharon and son Bryan.

In memory of Glen, we plan to have a memorial funeral, we suggest Bryan Harper, a non-profit, which provides services to caregivers with accompanies care. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 on Monday, January 5th at the Memorial Funeral Home. The service will be at 11:00 am, Tuesday, January 13th at First Baptist Church Highlands, with graveside service following at Sterling White Cemetery. God is very great, and we will never miss a person like Glen. He was loved and is missed by his family, especially his wife and children and his great-grandchildren. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

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North Shore Rotary donates to CHS JROTC
The North Shore Rotary Club recently presented the Channelview High School Army JROTC with a $2,000 donation. CHS Principal Cindi Ollis and the JROTC cadets are shown accepting the donation from Rotary President Dr. Allatia Harris.

Channelview Elles volunteer at Houston Food Bank
Over the holiday break, the Channelview Elles participated in helping the Houston Food Bank package food for the hungry in Houston. The Elles were humbled and excited to give back to the community through their service. Students that represented Channelview High School were Julissa Aleman, Kierra Boyer-Young, Kenya Brooks, Rykea Brooks, Alexis Bryant, Keyona Carpenter, Adryanne Coleman, Tiffany Conrad, Adriana Daniels, Tyzae Gaines, Kennedy Garrison, Kennedi Herderson, Tearlysa Johnson, Ashley Jones, Keondria Matthews, Sonserae Matthews, Chelsea Page, Brea Richardson, Breah Rogers, Raven Scott, Phillia Starghill, Kamryn Webb, Sharde Willis, Cayce Winnfield and Adeana Young. Sponsors for the group are La Kwanta N. Wheelock and Dorcassia Richard-Lewis.

Rep. Ana Hernandez’s statement on the President’s proposal for Community College Affordability
Austin, TX – January 9, 2015
"Today, the President proposed a plan that would invest in the potential of young Americans and enshrine them with the economic future of our nation. By working with Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam on a national proposal to make community college affordable for a new generation of students, we would not only create an opportunity that would help fulfill the promise of the American Dream, but also place the United States at distinct skills advantage in a competitive global labor market.

Texas is a national leader in many key industries—import/export, energy production, and healthcare. It stands (and increasingly competitive in high-skilled sectors such as software development and research. The Houston metropolitan area is a major center for each of these key industries, and the communities represented here have been formed by the increase of processing jobs tied to technical career paths in our region. Whether a student is seeking a maritime certification to work at the Port of Houston or is starting an academic path towards a master's degree in petroleum engineering, community colleges open doors which may be unavailable for some students. Making community colleges an affordable option to all not only helps fill critical industry needs, but also helps us on our promise of Texas as a land of opportunity.

As the President further details his policy proposal this month in his State of the Union Address, I look forward to working proactively with my colleagues in the Legislature to build on Texas’s commitment to enhance workforce development and economic growth.”

ASK DIAMOND JIM
Diamond Jim...What is the January birthstone?
Garnet, the birthstone for January, signifies eternal friendship and trust and is the perfect gift for a friend. Garnet, derived from the word garnet, means seed, and is so called because of the gemstone’s resemblance to a pomegranate seed. Reference to the gemstone dates back to 3100 B.C., when the Egyptians used garnets as amulets. Garnet is the name of a group of minerals that come in a rainbow of colors from the deep red of the pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of tsavorite. Today, the most important source for garnet are Africa, Sri Lanka, and India. Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. If you have questions pertaining to a jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious metals, or other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com. See more at: www.pineforestjewelry.com.
**Waste Pits meeting eyes “Bring the Money Back”**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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In the view of the state general fund, the split between the legal fees, proceeds from the fines levied at the trial of alleged polluters in the San Jacinto river, that have endangered the health and economy of the townspeople.

Making presentations were Harris County attorney Rock Owen, and Environmental activist Jackie Young, representing Texas/Texas and San Jacinto River Coalition.

Owen had been the legal attorney at the two month trial that ended in November, with the jury panel agreeing that the defendant company, Interner, was responsible for the pollution.

A number of suggestions were made by the audience, including:

1. Land conservation on the riverfront, a set-aside to buffer the river.
2. Water supply to areas in addition to the known waste pits.
3. Dissemination of health information, warnings, and educational outreach regarding the dangers of the pollution in the river.
4. Remediation of other areas in addition to the known waste pits.
5. Provide soil testing and monitoring of private wells, which cannot now be paid for by public monies.
6. Water supply to areas that are new only wells.
7. Health Surveys, such as a complete epidemiology study.
8. Further testing of sediment and water quality in the river, over a period of time, and after storms.

Owen pointed out that under current law, the county cannot pay expenses of individuals who have suffered health problems or injuries. However, he noted that several private lawsuits were being pursued with this goal. He noted that groups have a better chance than individuals to win this type of lawsuit.

Owen also said that county attorney Vince Ryan was committed to having the toxic materials removed completely from the river and the community. Besides the county lawyer, there is also a federal lawsuit, and private lawsuits still to be adjudicated, he said.

Owen noted that looking at a larger picture, it is possible that the state legislature will try to limit local authorities from being able to sue on environmental issues, which would not be in the best interests of area citizens.

Owen said that the county attorney Vince Ryan was committed to having the toxic materials removed completely from the river and the community. Besides the county lawyer, there is also a federal lawsuit, and private lawsuits still to be adjudicated. Bob Allen, who works for Harris County Pollution Control, told the group that the Texas Health Department has the authority to deal with people who have suffered, and were injured or died.

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to work on the problem. The council meeting on Monday turned into a “circus atmosphere” according to one of the participants. The meeting only lasted about 12 minutes, before the consensus大会 decided that they couldn’t be heard or recognized by the Mayor, and that it was frustrative to continue the meeting. So the meeting was mostly with the Mayor’s support, unanimous comments and tried to speak although not officially recognized. The bank, Comerica, added in their comments that they had never placed any type of restriction on any type of the city’s bank accounts. The council met again on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. at city hall, to continue to work on the problem.