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Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King's Legacy (Opinion by Allan Jamail)

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Music Legends and Rising Stars Collide: The 2026 RODEOHOUSTON® Unveils Epic Entertainment Lineup

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

RODEOHOUSTON® has announced its highly anticipated 2026 entertainer lineup, promising an electrifying mix of world-renowned stars and breakout acts to light up NRG Stadium from March 2 to March 22.

"We strive to bring Houston the very best in live entertainment, and the 2026 lineup raises that standard once again," said Chris Boleman, president and CEO of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

"From chart-topping newcomers to artists making their long-awaited return after nearly 20 years, this year's lineup is truly a reflection of both our Western roots and the vibrant footprint of the Houston community."

The festivities kick off on March 2 with Riley Green, followed by J Balvin on March 3. Rascal Flatts will take the stage on March 4, coinciding with Armed Forces Appreciation Day. Russell Dickerson

erson, who recently wowed fans with a surprise Times Square performance, is set for March 5, while Lizzo headlines Black Heritage Day on March 6. The weekend brings Dwight Yoakam on March 7 and Forrest Frank on March 8. Luke Bryan, a Star Trail of Fame inductee, returns for his 13th performance on March 9, and Megan Moroney appears on March 10. Creed joins the lineup on March 11 for Community Day, with Chris Stapleton following on March 12 for Volunteer Appreciation Day. Shaboozey performs on March 13, and Kelly Clarkson, returning after last appearing in 2004, takes the stage on March 14.

Pepe Aguilar, a new addition and influential figure in regional Mexican music, will perform on March 15 for Go Tejano Day, immediately after the Go Tejano Mariachi Invitational Championship. Cross Canadian Ragweed

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Vacant Fairfield Inn Suffers Yet Another Fire

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

The Fairfield Inn & Suites, a once-busy hotel now reduced to ruins, caught fire for the eighth time in the past year, rekindling concerns and frustration among local officials and residents. The latest blaze erupted early Friday last week, marking yet another chapter in a string of incidents that have plagued the vacant property since March of last year.

"The fire rekindled again today making it the eighth time we have been out to that property," said Brandi Dumas, spokesper



Four fire departments responded to the Fairfield Inn & Suites Hotel fire on the corner of Sheldon Road and I-10 on Thursday last week. Despite earlier attempts, the fire rekindled again on Friday and the building completely collapsed.

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Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Industry Partnership



Back row: L-R: Clinton Park Activist Billy Lee, unknown, Lawrence Bell, MCD, Special Projects Outreach for Comm'r Tom Ramsey Pct.3, Hayden Cross, Kinder Morgan Rep. & Rich Frank, Team Lead, Gulf Coast Fuels Terminals. Front row: L-R: UH student Julia Rasberry, Gladys Price, Lois Semien, Diane Cotton, Glenda Lauderdale, Rubie Nelson & Linda Jamail, District Community Liaison for St. Rep. Ana Hernandez. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ In closing out the 2025 year members of the Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Industry Partnership (GP-JC CIP) met at Houston's Valero Refinery Plant located at 51- 95th Street.

The Houston plant has about 355 employees which keeps the plant's operations running 24-hours a day throughout the week.

Also in attendance were representative of some the local plants who're indus-

try partners/members of the GP-JC CIP. Some gave their plants reports.

CIP members received the plant's printed Community Brochure Update publication with informa

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Pine Trails Community Marks 50th Anniversary with Celebration at Herrera's Event Hall



Pictured are Boad Members: Kendal Burns, Dana Wolfe, Eva Palkin, Jeralyn Hughes-Glenn, President Linda Britten, Amy Benedict, Myrtis Lester and Craig Wisniewski.

On Sunday, January 18, Pine Trails Community Improvement Association held their 50th Anniversary Celebration. The

event was held at Herrera's Event Hall and was attended by many residents, including several who have been residents

45+ years. (For more information, please contact "Charlotte's Web" at (832)896-1633

Suspect Allegedly Impersonating Police Officer Shot, Killed by Deputies

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

CHANNELVIEW - A man who was allegedly impersonating a police officer was shot and killed by Harris County sheriff's deputies in Channelview after he opened fire on law enforcement, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

The incident occurred in the 15900 block of Ridlon near Sheldon Road, where deputies responded to a call from a woman who reported a man acting suspiciously and claiming to be a police officer. When deputies arrived, they requested identification from the man, but he was unable to provide any, said HCSO Assistant Chief John Nanny.

"The male became increasingly evasive and suspicious and at one point stepped back and produced a handgun," explained Nanny during a press briefing. "Preliminary information indicates that the male fired at the deputies who returned fire and took cover. The suspect was struck. Dep-



HCSO Assistant Chief John Nanny.

uties immediately initiated life-saving measures and requested EMS. The male was pronounced deceased on the scene by EMS. Both deputies were miraculously unharmed."

Officials stated that the suspect was in plain clothes and not wearing any kind

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon ISD Education Foundation Delivers More Than \$55,000 in Surprise Grants to Teachers

Sheldon ISD educators received an early holiday surprise as the district's Education Foundation awarded more than \$55,000 in classroom grants on December 12. The Education Foundation Board of Directors, along with the Foundation Board of Directors and district administrators, visited 11 campuses to present 32 oversized checks to teachers and staff.

In total, \$55,643 was distributed to fund innovative classroom ideas, lessons, and projects. The Education Foundation also presented more than \$18,240 in a single grant, the largest grant awarded in the organization's history, to Mr. Craig Jones, King High School welding teacher. With the funds, Mr. Jones will purchase the X-Tool 1200W All-in-One Metal Fabrication Bundle to integrate digital fabrication, laser welding, and CNC cutting into the CE King High School Welding Program. King



High School will be one of the only schools in the area to use this resource. This investment supports career-ready education by introducing students to emerging manufacturing technologies, enhancing hands-on STEM integration, and aligning CTE curriculum with industry standards.

The Sheldon ISD Education Foundation, a non-profit organization, raises money each year to support educators who apply for these competitive grants. To date, the Foundation has awarded more than \$310,000 to empower creative and impactful teaching across the district. Sheldon ISD educators can apply annually by submitting proposals designed to enrich student learning and enhance classroom experiences. To learn more about the Education Foundation and how to get involved, go to www.sheldonisd.com/self/

Sheldon Spotlight Awards Featuring Fall 2025 Awardees

Elementary Artwork: State-Bound



The Board of Trustees recently held its Sheldon Spotlight Awards, recognizing the exceptional achievements of approximately 200 students from across the school district. The event, which occurs twice a year, honors students for their accomplishments at the regional, state, and national levels in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. On January 13, parents, faculty, and community members gathered to celebrate the students' hard work and dedication. This tradition highlights the school's commitment to acknowledging student excellence and inspiring continued success.

Sheldon ISD is proud to announce that Sarah Perez, a talented fourth-grade student at Carroll Elementary, has earned a significant statewide honor. Her original artwork, titled "Alebrije," has been selected for the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Youth Art Month State Art Show.

This achievement is particularly noteworthy given the competitive nature of the selection process. Each year, student artworks are submitted from hundreds of school districts across the entire state of Texas. Sarah's piece was chosen from thousands of entries to join a select group of young artists representing the very best of Texas student creativity.

In celebration of Youth Art Month, Sarah's artwork will travel to the state capital this spring. "Alebrije" will be on public display at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum in Austin



throughout the month of March. Located near the Texas State Capitol, the museum will host thousands of visitors who will have the opportunity to view Sarah's work alongside other top-tier student pieces from across the state.

This success is a testament to the hard work and

dedication of both the student and her instructor. Sheldon ISD would like to recognize Mr. Perales, Carroll Elementary's art teacher, for his mentorship and for fostering an environment where students feel empowered to explore their artistic potential.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

North Shore Sr. High Band Earns Prestigious Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction

In December 2025, the North Shore Senior High (NSSH) band earned a milestone that cements its place among the nation's elite music programs. The program was honored with the Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction award — a rare accolade recognizing ensembles that combine superior musical achievement, moral integrity, and a commitment to the international advancement of band music. Band Director Shane Goforth traveled to Chicago to accept the award on the band's behalf.

The selection committee reviewed an impressive portfolio from North Shore, which included recordings spanning marching, concert, and jazz ensembles, as well as chamber music performances that showcased the program's musical breadth. Mr. Goforth's thorough application documented sustained excellence across competitive

fields, community engagement, and educational leadership. Those materials told a compelling story of a program that not only performs at the highest level but also models character and service.

Open to ensembles worldwide, the Earl D. Irons distinction has a storied history; only a handful of programs earn it. North Shore now stands as just the fifth school in Texas to receive this honor — a testament to the program's regional and national impact.

George Hattendorf, chair of the Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction committee, notified Mr. Goforth of North Shore's unanimous selection and praised the program's example-setting achievements, expressing hope that other bands will "strive to attain these same levels of accomplishment." That endorsement captures what NSSH has



become under its leadership: a benchmark for musical excellence and ethical stewardship.

For more than a decade, Mr. Goforth and the North Shore band staff have worked tirelessly to build a program that highlights Galena Park ISD with pride. Their efforts have yielded outstanding performances, fostered strong student development, and established meaningful community connections — all qualities recognized by the Irons award.

We congratulate Mr. Shane Goforth and the entire North Shore Senior High band staff and student musicians for this remarkable achievement. Their dedication has not only raised the profile of their school and district but has also set a standard that inspires bands across Texas and beyond. To learn more about this prestigious honor.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB
By Charlotte Jackson



Celebrating Life

If you look around, attitudes are on the edge over every topic. News coverage irritates many people. The internet is filled with posts and videos that set off emotions. As a community, we grumble about the streets, the rising cost of groceries, the homeless on the street corners, the loose animals and so much more. Yet during that, I invite you to stop, take a breath and count your blessings.

Despite the confusion, there is hope. We have many individuals who have lived into their eighties and beyond. There are local businesses that are still serving our area after 50 years or more. We have an abundance of churches as well as non-profit organizations that strive to empower community members.

In the past week, residents of Pine Trails celebrated fifty years of events since the first home was built. There were many in the room who were sitting with neighbors and friends that shared relationships that had endured natural disasters, economic downturns and faced challenges yet were together to celebrate victories.

Guests shared community pride in remembering things they have accomplished and of successful journeys that residents have achieved. Many of the residents worked as educators and they were quick to share memories of former coworkers as well as colleagues. Memories were shared about the various community events over the years, many of which were organized by the late Cloverleaf Fire Chief, Battiste and late Community Relations Team Member, Freddie Torran. In addition, the late Butch Wilson was instrumental in forming a Seniors group which helped keep older neighbors active and involved in a variety of activities. Former Board President Amy Benedict as well as a host of other Board Members, both past and present have worked diligently to improve lives of the residents.

Current President of the Pine Trails Community Improvement Association, Linda Britten served as Mistress of Ceremony for the event. Commissioner Adrian Garcia talked about upcoming county improvements in the community. State Representative Harold Dutton was welcomed with a round of applause and community members have always had the ability to contact his office for attention to matters. Not only does the State Representative listen, but with the help of his staff members Abner Lyons and Mary Fontenot, results are seen quickly. A representative of Judge Lucia Bates presented a certificate of recognition for the community as well as other proclamations from Commissioner Garcia and Representative Dutton.

Mrs. Britten also shared that the Board has visions of many improvements including activities for all ages. There is interest in forming a Scout Troop, Walking Club, more gatherings and purchasing land for a large community center. Currently there are monthly Senior Meetings in addition to the CIA Meetings and Diabetes Awareness Classes as well as empowerment programs.

In the weeks ahead, I want to share other reasons to celebrate and to bring awareness to people, places, activities and more. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to me at charlotte.jackson@yahoo.com

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Dell Dale Avenue Baptist Church to Host Vendor Market

Dell Dale Avenue Baptist Church will host a Channelview Vendor Market on Friday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, located at 402 Dell Dale Street.

The market will feature a variety of vendors offering handcrafted items, handmade goods, specialty treats, and other products. Organizers say the event is designed to provide shopping opportunities for community members while supporting local vendors.

Church officials noted that vendors are still being accepted and advised interested participants to contact the Dell Dale Avenue Baptist Church office directly for more information. Organizers also cautioned the public to be aware of online scams from individuals falsely claiming to represent the church.

For additional details, the church office can be reached at 281-452-3704 or by email at office@ddbc.church.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "Where can I find the perfect Diamond for an engagement ring?"

Despite more choices and variety than ever before, diamonds remain the most popular main stone in engagement rings. Timeless and classic, a diamond is the center gem that is most durable and full of romance and tradition. With so many custom ring designs, many people are looking for tips for finding the perfect diamond for an engagement ring. It can be overwhelming for first-time shoppers—which most people are—so read on to find out more.

An engagement ring is one of the greatest purchases you will ever make, and hopefully only once in your life, so you would like to make sure that you are doing it right. Expensive, an engagement ring is often the third most expensive purchase that you will make, after a home and car, but more importantly, you want the ring to reflect your love for your partner <<https://blog.krosengart.com/mixing-and-matching-creative-melee-layouts>>.

Before making your decision, here are some tips you need to consider to ensure you purchase the perfect ring for your partner—one that they will treasure forever.

Diamond Shape
When selecting an engagement ring, the shape is where you should start. All else aside, this is where you should try to gauge your partner's preferences. Carat, color, and clarity are less obvious, but the wrong shape can wreck a piece in someone's eyes, unfortunately. Round diamonds are still the most popular due to their maximum sparkle, but other shapes that follow in popularity are princess, cushion, oval <<https://blog.krosengart.com/sizes-and-uses-for-oval-melee-diamonds>>, and emerald <<https://blog.krosengart.com/emerald-cut-melee-diamonds-uses>>. Again, since it's such a matter of preference, try your best to find out the shape your partner loves.

Size
After shape, size is one of the most visually apparent aspects of a diamond. Be fair with yourself and set a budget. If size is the most important thing to you, then maybe you compromise a little bit on clarity and color in order to get a higher-carat diamond. While most buyers approximate the weight of the diamond based on the carat, you can inquire for more indications of the actual dimensions to get a certain look, depending on the shape.

Color and Clarity
Color and clarity are the often-understated characteristics that you need to consider before making a purchase. Although individuals have varying levels of ability when it comes to being able to distinguish color differences with the naked eye, the most common color grades for engagement rings are F-H color. Generally, they are broken down into ranges: D-F is colorless, G-J is near colorless, K-M is faint, N-R is very light, and S-Z is light ('colorless' being the highest quality and most expensive and 'light' being the lesser quality, least expensive).

Where can You Find it? Ask a Professional
We hope these tips for finding the perfect diamond for an engagement ring have helped, but if you are starting to feel overwhelmed about finding the perfect ring that will truly represent your love and commitment to your partner—don't worry. Diamond Jim's Pineforest Jewelry Experience has you covered! We have a large variety of high-quality natural mined diamonds that are ethically sourced. We also offer a very impressive collection of lab grown diamonds in all shapes and sizes. We carefully select diamonds based on your desired shape, size, color, and clarity to ensure you get the greatest value for your hard-earned money. Come and see us today if you are looking for more advice!

Thank you for reading the "Ask Diamond Jim" column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!
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Members hear updates on refinery operations & environmental performance,

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tion about its production processes and their environmental impact on the surrounding communities. In addition they saw informative PowerPoint slide screen presentations about the plant.

Valero's Sara Montelongo-Oyervidez said the plant produces fuels by the refining processes; jet-fuel, gasoline and diesel. It produces an average of 255,000 barrels per day (BPD).

During a question and answer (Q&A) session she answered CIP member's questions about the plant and she explained details which were in the handouts and in the screen presentations.

Josh Jurach, a Health & Safety Specialists and Senior Resource Environmental Specialist made a report about Valero's regulatory compliance (air, water, waste), incident response, permitting, environmental auditing and its safety record. Since 1997 they've reduced their criteria emissions by 92% and have reduced flaring emissions by 97%.

They've invested more than \$700 million in environmental and reliability improvement projects. Valero uses benzene fence monitoring as do other plants in the area. Benzene is a by-product chemical and from fuel refining, it can increase the risk of various cancers.

The Valero Houston Refinery is located on the Houston Ship Channel. It processes sweet crude and intermediate oils into gasoline, jet fuel and diesel. The refinery receives its



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feedstocks primarily by various interconnecting pipelines and also has a waterborne-receiving capability at deepwater docking facilities along the Houston Ship Channel. The majority of its finished products are delivered to local, mid-continent U.S., and northeastern U.S. markets through various pipelines.

The Valero Energy Foundation has donated \$1,000,000 to Houston-area children's charities through the Valero Benefit for Children. Valero volunteers from the Houston Refinery partnered with Community Family Centers to help lay new sod, restore picnic tables and weekend activities for students. Refinery employees distribute hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies at its annual Back to School Bash.

Its helped charities with more than \$4 million given to the United Way of Greater Houston since 2018; donated \$4.5 million to Houston area children's charities through the Vale-

ro Benefit for Children since 2019.

Valero Awards, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) Safety Achievement Award Recipient, AFPM Elite Silver and Innovation Awards for 2020 & AFPM Elite Gold Award for 2023, Valero Houston refinery employees have worked 12 years and refinery contractors have worked 5 years without a lost-time injury.

The refinery is an OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star Site, the highest recognition for safety workplace programs and recipient of the Valero Chairman's Environmental Award.

Emily K. Morris, M.S. of EKMorris Consulting was the CIP meeting facilitator. She developed the meeting's Information & Orientation Packet for participants' about the various presentations. She also assisted in explaining the slide presentation and the Q&A session.

GP-JC CIP Goals: Provide a forum for face-to-face interaction between

industry and community that helps each understand the other's needs and concerns. Build relationships between community and industry with candid dialogue focused on information sharing and issue resolution. Assess industry performance and work with industry to bring about changes to improve the quality of life in the area the CIP serves.

Most common issues of interest: health, safety, environment, emergency management and communications, hazmat transportation, workforce development, Port of Houston dredging and benzene levels.

The GP-JC CIP was organized in 2011 in response to wishes of a plant, a member of another Community Action Committee and participants in a Harris County environmental project. There are 10 local industry plants and about 15 local community members. Dates of meetings and membership information is available by email: ekmorrisconsulting@gmail.com

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OPINION PAGE

OPINION By Allan Jamail, Photojournalist for the NC Star

Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday January 19, 2026 day is a much deserved holiday all Americans should be proud to honor.

Today we should heed Dr. King's advice to treat everyone with respect, equality, the right to protest and equal justice under-the-law.

Presently almost every day in the news we can see and or hear about protests being conducted across the nation by protesters alleging discrimination during President Trump's crackdown on immigrants in America.

Reports are being made that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers are indiscriminately arresting people regardless of their citizenship status.

ICE members are entering churches, schools, grocery stores, courts and homes searching for immigrants who aren't in the country with acceptable documentation papers it's been reported.

Dr. King an African American was greatly responsible for bringing social justice to many Americans regardless of race or ethnicity.

As a young man I was beginning to take an interest in politics and so I had been keeping up with the politics of the times and so I took a special interest in Dr. King's speeches.

I can remember as a child there were separate restrooms and water fountains for Blacks to use, they couldn't use the ones designated for White's only.

Dr. King organized movements and demonstrations all across the nation to bring an end to racial injustice. Although he stressed the need for non-violence to bring about these changes it was a violent act of being shot to death that took his life.

In the 1960's there were several assassinations of political figures. Nov 22, 1963, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Feb 21, 1965, Malcolm X (an outspoken Black calling for racial equality), April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated and June 5, 1968 Robert Kennedy is assassinated as he was running for President.

More than 58 years have passed since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, but his words are just as meaningful as they were during the peak of the Civil Rights Movement.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born and raised in the American South, but his dream of racial equality and social justice reverberated out of his region, into the whole country and around the world.

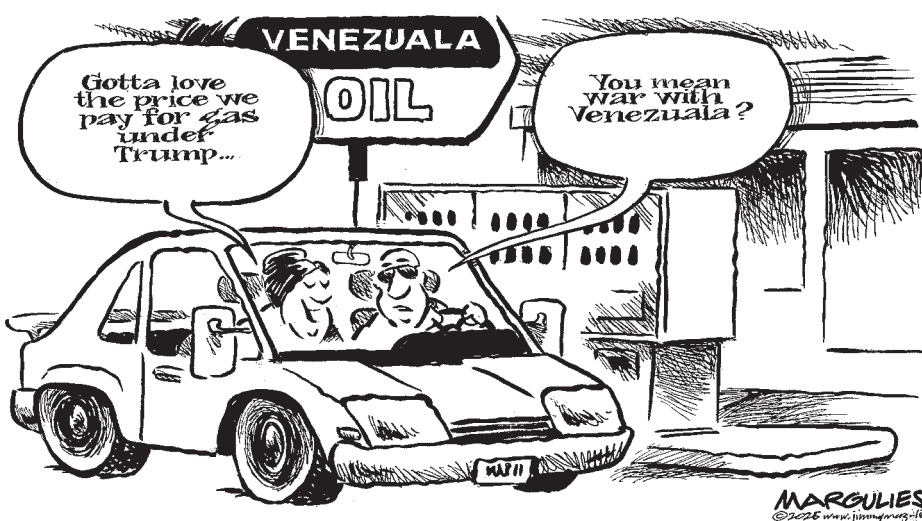
Central to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s transformative impact as an activist and leader — and to his enduring legacy as a global icon for human rights and justice — was his deep-seated commitment to speak truth to power.

ONE OF MANY MLK'S QUOTES ADDRESSING FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF PROTEST & FREEDOM OF THE PRESS: "All we say to America is, 'Be true to what you said on paper,'" Dr. King said in 1968, in the last public address he made before he was assassinated.

The vision of a truly just, fair and equal America, which Dr. King spent his life working to build, is still being shaped today — and we all have a crucial role to play in its creation.

It's been 43 years since former President Ronald Reagan signed the bill officially in 1983 acknowledging Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a national holiday to be celebrated on the 3rd Tuesday of each January.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Judy Keeps the Door Open



Last summer, Judy approached me one day when I was walking by an old church. "I see you walking by here every day!" she said. "Oh, yes. I need to walk!" I told her.

Judy is an associate pastor at this Episcopal church. She did not appear intent on getting me to church, but she was excited because they were having silent meditation in the chapel.

So I came the next Tuesday. Judy keeps the door open, and she puts a little sign on the sidewalk, inviting anyone to come in. I arrived a little late, after others had come, and I quietly took a seat, imagining I might sit there for 20 minutes or so.

But there was quiet music playing, and the chapel was so peaceful. It was old and small, and the pews were dark oak. There was an altar with round, golden icons over it and candles burning on it.

"I hope you come again," Judy said. And I did.

All summer, the attendance varied. Some people came in for only a few minutes. Some stayed the entire hour. Every week, I arrived promptly at 6:00 and took a seat in the front.

And the hour became important to me. It's hard to say why, because meditation is not so much a thing I do, as a thing I don't do. My busy brain quiets for a time. Thoughts come and float away, and very slowly I feel emotions floating to the top, things that are important, things I should have noticed, things I might have forgotten.

Then I left for Mexico. I told Judy I'd be gone for a while. But the first Tuesday we were back, I went to meditation. There was no one there but Judy.

"Is meditation happening?" I asked. "Of course," she said. "Sometimes we get more people than other times. Last week, I was here by myself."

So Judy sat quietly, and so did I. And no one joined us on that cold winter night. And that is how it has been ever since. The sidewalk is cleared of snow. The little sign sits by the open door so anyone walking by will know they are welcome. But this winter, it has just been Judy and me, sitting at opposite sides of the tiny chapel for an hour in silence.

"Does it bother you to open the chapel for just one person?" I asked. I felt bad about Judy lighting the candles and sitting for an hour with only me in attendance—when I'm not even an Episcopalian.

"No," Judy said. "I need it, too."

And the next week it was the same. The quiet was the same. The same dark outside. The same smell of burning candles and a sense of peace that seemed to settle right into my bones.

"Thank you," I told Judy again. "Thank you for doing this."

"It's my pleasure," she said. "And my pleasure, say that, you know. But I wondered if Judy wasn't telling the truth."

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



Democrats Talarico, Crockett Set First Debate

The first debate in the state's Democratic primary for U.S. Senate is set for Jan. 24 in Georgetown, The Dallas Morning News reported. U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett of Dallas and state Rep. James Talarico of Round Rock are vying for the nomination.

The seat is now held by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, who faces two major opponents in the GOP primary: Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and U.S. Rep. Wesley Hunt of Houston. Cornyn is seeking his fifth term.

The Georgetown debate is sponsored by the Texas AFL-CIO. Crockett is stressing her standing as the race's progressive and hopes to inspire left-leaning voters to turn out in November if she wins the nomination. Talarico is emphasizing electability, noting he flipped a Republican district to get elected state representative and saying Democrats need a nominee able to compete statewide.

Early voting in the March 3 Democratic primary begins Feb. 17.

WHITE DROPS BID TO TAKE ON ABBOTT

Andrew White has dropped his bid for the Democratic nomination for governor and has thrown his support behind state Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, who is widely seen as the frontrunner, according to the Houston Chronicle. The crowded Democratic primary has 10 candidates vying to take on Gov. Greg Abbott, who is seeking an unprecedented fourth term.

Abbott has \$90 million in his campaign war chest and faces only token opposition his party's primary.

Besides Hinojosa, who has served in the Legislature since 2017, the primary field also includes Chris Bell, a former Houston congressman and gubernatorial nominee, and Bobby Cole, a rancher and retired firefighter.

White is the son of former Gov. Mark White. He ran for governor in 2018, coming up six percentage points short in his Democratic primary race against former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez. She lost handily to Abbott that year in the general election.

500 MILES OF BUOYS TO BE ADDED TO RIO GRANDE

In a move to increase border security, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security plans to add floating buoys along more than 500 miles of the Rio Grande, The Texas Tribune reported.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

Secretary Kristi Noem announced the deployment last week while visiting Rio Grande Valley. The state of Texas deployed 1,000 feet of the water barrier along the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass in 2023 and added another 1,000 feet in January 2025.

"Texas finally has a partner in the White House," Andrew Mahaleris, press secretary for Abbott, said in a statement Wednesday. "The floating marine barriers deployed by Texas have been a resounding success, and Gov. Abbott is proud to work with the Trump Administration and Border Patrol to expand the program."

Under the Biden administration, the federal government sued Texas over the buoys, citing migrant safety and saying that they violated water treaties between U.S. and Mexico. That case is still before the courts.

"They'll create a safer environment for agents on patrol, and securing our waterways not only protects Americans, it saves the lives of illegal aliens by deterring them from daring to attempt to cross through this treacherous water," Noem said.

TEXAS FLU LEVELS VERY HIGH WITH NEW STRAIN

Flu activity in Texas has reached a "very high" level, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Austin American-Statesman reported that in the last week of December, the state recorded 25,000 flu-related emergency room visits, with children ages 5 to 11 accounting for more than a quarter of all ER visits statewide.

"It's been really, really star-

ting," said Dr. Jeff Shilt, president of Texas Children's Hospital in Austin. "What's most startling to us is the number and the severity."

The surge is fueled by a rapidly spreading H3N2 subtype of influenza A. Although the flu vaccine has been less effective against this strain, doctors emphasize that vaccination still helps protect against severe illness.

Other respiratory illnesses, such as COVID-19 and RSV, remain at low levels in Texas, according to the CDC.

TEACHERS' UNION SUES TEA OVER KIRK PROBES

One of the state's leading teachers unions has sued the Texas Education Agency in an effort to block investigations into public educators who commented negatively about conservative activist Charlie Kirk after his assassination, the Chronicle reported. The lawsuit said the probe has "unleashed a wave of retaliation and disciplinary actions against teachers" by their local school districts.

TEA launched the inquiry last fall and has yet to issue any disciplinary action. AFT represents about 66,000 educators in Texas. The agency said in December that it received more than 350 complaints from the public, of which 95 are "open and undergoing further investigation and review." The remainder have been dismissed.

TEA Commissioner Mike Morath warned soon after Kirk's death that educators who posted or shared "vile content" would be investigated for possibly violating the educator's code of ethics.

At a press conference last week, Randi Weingarten, the president of AFT, called the TEA investigations a "state-sponsored attack on teachers." She noted only Texas and Florida launched probes of this type.

"Mr. Morath decided to exploit the strategy of Mr. Kirk's senseless murder," Weingarten said. "His actions were a transparent effort to smear and shame educators, divide our communities and deny our kids opportunities to learn and thrive."

NEW WORLD SCREW WORM CASE REPORTED IN TAMAUlipAS

A new case of New World screw worm was identified in December in a six-day-old calf in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, less than 200 miles from the border. The Texas Standard reported this is the northernmost active detection of the flesh-eating larval parasite.

"The continued detections of New World Screw worm near the Texas border are grim reminders of the serious threat this pest poses to our state," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller said in a statement.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has developed a five-point plan to address the issue, including building a sterile fly production facility in Edinburg. The parasite was eliminated from the United States decades ago through similar efforts.

"This proven strategy is key to the long-term eradication of New World Screw worm," Miller said.

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New Cost Study bolsters efforts to Reuse Astrodome

Harris County Releases Cost Estimates for Astrodome Options

(Harris County – December 19, 2025) — Harris County has received cost estimates outlining two potential paths for the Astrodome, renovation and demolition. Commissioners Court and County leaders have long emphasized the importance of having this data to make informed, responsible decisions about the Astrodome’s future.

The renovation option would restore the Astrodome to basic operational functionality. This approach does not include full historic preservation or upgrades to meet modern venue standards, but would address necessary improvements such as plumbing and HVAC systems to allow safe occupancy. Under this scenario, the Astrodome would still not be suitable to host large-scale collegiate or professional sporting events. The estimated cost is \$752,576,133.

The demolition option, which is estimated to cost \$54,966,318, would demolish the structure, clear debris, and leave the below-grade area in its current condition until a future use for the site is identified.

“These cost estimates illustrate that it will not be financially feasible for Harris County to renovate the Astrodome without significant private investment,” said Interim County Administrator Jesse Dickerman.

While no timeline for a decision on the future of the Astrodome has been set, these estimates represent an important step in the County’s due diligence to consider all available options. The Astrodome sits at the heart of NRG Park, a 350-acre complex that includes NRG Center, NRG Arena, and NRG Stadium, and any decisions about its future must be made in partnership with our major tenants, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Houston Texans, and the community. The Astrodome remains a defining part of Harris County’s history and identity, and these efforts aim to ensure its legacy is considered thoughtfully in shaping the County’s path forward.

Questions or comments regarding the Astrodome may be directed to CountyAdministration@harriscountytexas.gov.

About the Office of County Administration: Established by the Commissioners Court in June 2021, the Office of County Administration (OCA) is tasked with supervising day-to-day operations and implementing the Commissioners Court’s priorities and policies as well as guiding the long-term strategic efforts for Harris County. For more information, visit <https://oca.harriscountytexas.gov>.



hotel rooms and suites (similar to MGM’s ~308 rooms).

A 3,000 seat entertainment theater, major spa, extensive foodandbeverage program, retail, and large structured parking.

Layering all that on top of the Astrodome’s aging structure would be substantially more expensive than the “basic occupancy” renovation the county priced at about \$752 million, because you would be adding a large hotel tower, full interior buildout, gaming infrastructure, lifesafety and code upgrades, luxury finishes, and extensive backofhouse support.

Reasonable rough range

Putting those pieces together:

Baseline to make the Astrodome safely usable again: about \$750+ million.

Add a hotel tower, casino floor, theater, spa, structured parking upgrades, and highend finishes comparable to MGM National Harbor (which alone ran \$1.3–\$1.4 billion as a new build): that easily pushes the combined project into the midbillion to low twobillion range in 2025 construction prices, especially given the complexity of working inside an old dome.

So in practical planning terms, treating the Astrodome as the shell for a full MGM style resort, a working planning number is around \$1.5–\$2+ billion.

--Contributed by Astrodome Conservancy

A New Proposal to develop the Dome as an MGM Style Resort

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH THE ASTRODOME!

Let’s stop playing with the idea and give the people of Houston what we already know what needs to happen with the Astrodome.

Turning the Astrodome into something on the scale and quality of MGM National Harbor in Maryland would likely run in the ballpark of roughly \$1.5–\$2+ billion in today’s dollars, assuming a full casinoresort style buildout rather than just basic re-

pairs.

Key cost benchmarks

Harris County’s latest study estimates about \$752–753 million just to bring the Astrodome back to basic, safe operational condition, with no full modern venue buildout or luxury amenities.

A more ambitious publicprivate redevelopment concept for the Astrodome that adds hotel rooms, arena seating, retail, and restaurants has been pegged around \$840 million–\$1 billion.

MGM National Harbor (the MGM in Maryland)

cost about \$1.3–\$1.4 billion to build from the ground up for a 1.7million-squarefoot resort with a 23–24 story, 308 room hotel, 125k–160k sq ft casino, theater, spa, highend retail and restaurants, and a 4,800–5,000 car garage.

What “like MGM Maryland” implies

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Man reportedly fired at deputies before being fatally shot,

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of uniform. The man, described as an approximately 50-year-old Hispanic male, has not yet been identified. Investigators found a vehicle nearby believed to belong to the suspect.

“We haven’t established that. That is part of the investigation. We just know it’s at the dead end down here by her residence and she said that he was outside acting suspiciously and had made contact with her and said that he was a police officer,” the chief said.

The woman who called the police told deputies she did not know the man and was cooperating with deputies in their investigation.

The Harris County Sheriff’s Office Homicide

detectives and crime scene investigators are both conducting investigations. All findings will be presented to the Harris County District Attorney’s Office for review by a grand jury. The HCSO Internal Affairs Division and the District Attorney’s Office Civil Rights Division are also conducting independent investigations, which is standard in any officer-involved shooting, Nanny told the media.

“There is no ongoing threat to the community. Anyone with information or video related to this incident is encouraged to contact the Harris County Sheriff’s Office non-emergency line at 713-221-6000,” added Nanny.

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GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Local, Intermediate, and Out of State Revenues	\$ 109,704,448	\$ 39,469,721	\$ 4,777,443	\$ 3,220,848	\$ 157,172,460
5800 State Program Revenues	139,739,608	2,512,104	-	2,492,383	\$ 144,744,095
5900 Federal Program Revenues	3,776,838	-	-	38,100,670	\$ 41,877,508
5020 Total Revenues	253,220,894	41,981,825	4,777,443	43,813,901	343,794,063
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	137,096,166	-	-	14,983,767	152,079,933
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,652,856	-	-	29,998	2,682,854
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	5,203,181	-	-	3,073,371	8,276,552
0021 Instructional Leadership	5,601,809	-	-	498,538	6,100,347
0023 School Leadership	17,773,036	-	-	125,037	17,898,073
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	9,447,410	-	-	996,613	10,444,023
0032 Social Work Services	482,771	-	-	1,300,692	1,783,463
0033 Health Services	2,273,178	-	-	319,879	2,593,057
0034 Student Transportation	11,155,812	-	-	535,938	11,691,750
0035 Food Services	-	-	-	18,375,115	18,375,115
0036 Extracurricular Activities	4,728,617	-	-	1,720,635	6,449,252
0041 General Administration	8,935,297	-	-	8,105	8,943,402
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	27,929,838	-	794,393	336,289	29,060,520
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	6,286,176	-	-	1,056,322	7,342,498
0053 Data Processing Services	6,023,059	-	-	22,287	6,045,346
0061 Community Services	1,894,032	-	-	974,349	2,868,381
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	1,021,170	18,933,767	-	298,814	20,253,751
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	56,950	19,876,344	-	17,720	19,951,014
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	-	6,275	1,657,331	-	1,663,606
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	212,551	-	16,563,410	-	16,775,961
Intergovernmental:					
0093 Payments related to shared service arrangements	-	-	-	343,770	343,770
0099 Payments to County Appraisal District	1,011,343	-	-	-	1,011,343
6030 Total Expenditures	249,785,252	38,816,386	19,015,134	45,017,239	352,634,011
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,435,642	3,165,439	(14,237,691)	(1,203,338)	(8,839,948)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	-	-	183,335,000	-	183,335,000
7912 Sales of Real or Personal Property	166,527	-	-	35,953	202,480
7915 Transfers In	-	-	4,090,000	-	4,090,000
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	2,112,268	8,322,332	-	10,434,600
7949 Issuance of SBITA Assets	724,935	-	-	-	724,935
8911 Transfers Out	(4,123,000)	-	-	-	(4,123,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,231,538)	2,112,268	195,747,332	35,953	194,664,015
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	204,104	5,277,707	181,509,641	(1,167,385)	185,824,067
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	221,953,035	2,864,615	18,048,298	8,277,756	251,143,704
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 222,157,139	\$ 8,142,322	\$ 199,557,939	\$ 7,110,371	\$ 436,967,771

Email address clarification to JC Legal Workshop Coverage,

CORRECTION ISSUED FOR JAN. 15 STORY

County Public Probate Administrator Brandon Cofield explained how to open an Estate, how to transfer ownership of property, what can be done with abandoned property, how to untangle heir’s property, the importance of wills, trusts and TODDs and how to navigate the probate process; visit:

public.administrator@harriscountytexas.gov

Partners for the event was provided by Judge Lozano: HC Attorney, HC Tax Office, HC County Clerk, HC Pct. 2, Adrian Garcia, PCT. 2, Judge Dolores Lozano, City of Jacinto City, C & S Cares, Regions Bank, Houston Land Bank and iQUE Onda! Magazine.

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Ongoing fire incidents plague vacant Fairfield inn site,

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son for the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office.

The most recent fire, the day before prompted responses from the Channelview, Sheldon, Highlands, and ESD 12 (formerly Cloverleaf) Fire Departments.

"They only pulled one alarm, but they did request an additional ladder," Dumas explained, highlighting the scale of the operation. During the fire-fighting efforts, the center of the building collapsed, followed by the east and west walls.

"They wanted to make sure that they were there for the collapse and to make sure that it collapsed into the structure and not, of course, into the street," she added.

Investigators have faced significant challenges due to the building's instability.

"They did conduct a primary search. They didn't get to go interior. They did go through the windows. They also used thermal imaging through the windows and throughout. And then we also ran drones over it to try to see if we can pick up anything. They did not find anyone so far, but this is a continual investigation," Dumas said.

In previous incidents, cadaver dogs were brought in days after the fire to search for victims. Dumas said they would do the same in a couple of days after the sight had cooled down.

The cause of the most recent fire remains undetermined.

"The fire is still undetermined. They were not able to do, of course, an interior investigation yet. It will likely be undetermined unless we get some new information," the spokesperson stated.



Four fire departments responded to the Fairfield Inn & Suites Hotel fire on the corner of Sheldon Road and I-10 on Thursday last week. Despite earlier attempts, the fire rekindled again on Friday and the building completely collapsed.



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A look back at the past year reveals a troubling pattern:

•The first fire, on March 29, 2025, was attributed to electrical failure while the hotel was still operating.

•Subsequent fires on April 22 and May 24 were undetermined, while the May 10 fire was found to be intentional, caused by someone using a torch to ignite a couch.

•On November 23, another intentional fire was set by igniting trash outside the vacant hotel, followed by a rekindling the next day.

After today's fire, "there's nothing left of it, of the area, of the entire

structure," the official confirmed. Fortunately, no injuries have been reported in connection with any of the fires. "Yeah, the thing is that there were no injuries," Dumas said, expressing relief.

As the investigation continues, the community waits for answers—and for the cycle of destruction to finally end.

A fence had been put up to surround the site to discourage vandals or homeless from encroaching on the site.

The owners have not responded to requests for an interview on what will be done with the remaining debris.

Houston Rodeo announces Star-Studded 2026 Lineup,

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returns on March 16, and The Red Clay Strays debut on March 17. Koe Wetzel is scheduled for March 18, with Lainey Wilson performing on March 19. Parker McCollum appears on March 20, and Tim McGraw, marking his 11th RODEOHOUSTON performance, headlines the finals on March 21. The grand finale on March 22 features Cody Johnson, joined by openers Jon Pardi and Randy Houser, in a special concert-only event with all NRG Park attractions open to the public.

This year's lineup includes nine new artists making their RODEOHOUSTON debut, such as Russell Dickerson, Lizzo, Forrest Frank, Megan Moroney, Creed, Shaboozey, Pepe Aguilar, Red Clay Strays, and Koe Wetzel. Four female artists—Lizzo, Megan Moroney, Kelly Clarkson, and Lainey Wilson—will take the stage, and for the third consec-

utive year, two Latin artists, J Balvin and Pepe Aguilar, are featured. Tickets for individual performances go on sale in two waves on January 15, 2026, with Cody Johnson's concert-only tickets available now.

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Wave 1 tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. for March 2–March 11 performances. Wave 2 tickets go on sale at 2 p.m. for March 12–21 performances.

Individual tickets for Cody Johnson's concert-only performance on March 22, 2026 are on sale

now. Learn about how to purchase Cody Johnson tickets, Here.

(The Online Waiting Rooms will open at 9:30 a.m. for Wave 1 and 1:30 p.m. for Wave 2. Customers in the Waiting Room will be randomly selected to enter the store to purchase tickets at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

A spot in the Waiting Room does not guarantee tickets.

Standard ticket prices start at \$35. Ticket pricing includes a \$5 convenience fee.

Individual Rodeo tickets can be purchased online at rodeohouston.com.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

Moderate Challenging HOO BOY!

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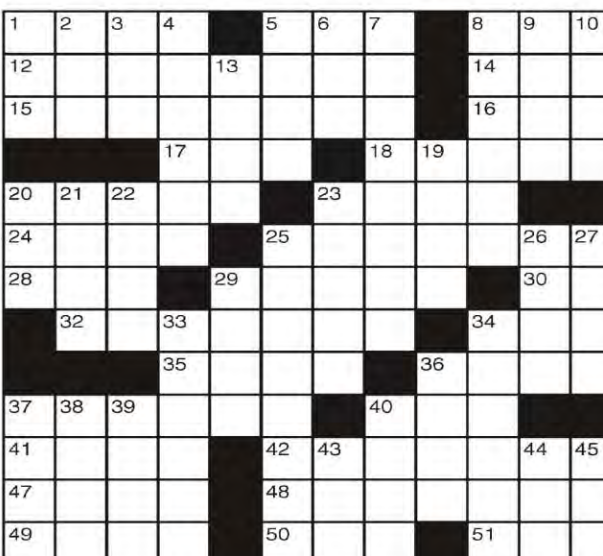
Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Window sill is higher. 3. Bow tie is larger. 4. Paper is longer. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is different.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Post-WWII alliance
5 Life story
8 Quick kiss
12 Challenger's words
14 Oklahoma tribe
15 Misses an opportunity
16 Without acting
17 Prattle
18 Contacts, e.g.
20 Vowel group
23 "Misbehavin'"
24 Japanese noodle
25 Anthology
28 Pvt.'s superior
29 To the third power
30 Green shade
32 Cruised in style
34 Furnace fuel
35 Region (Abbr.)
36 Natural talents
37 Nap
40 Extinct bird
41 "Hulk" star
42 Distributes
47 "Smallville" girl
48 Coffee bar order



- 49 Org.
50 Two, in Toledo
51 Campus VIP
9 LAX postings
10 Natalie or Nat
11 Piano pieces?
13 Isaac's eldest
19 Author
1 Zilch
2 Hubbub
3 Prof's aides
4 Salem's state
5 Invitation initials
6 Debtor's letters
7 Summarized
8 Unspecified travel destination
33 MD's dia nosis or
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Answer key for the crossword puzzle.

Weekly SUDOKU

9x9 grid for Weekly Sudoku with numbers and empty cells.

Solution time: 22 mins.

Trivia test

- 1. HISTORY: What is the Code of Hammurabi?
2. GAMES: Which letters in the English Scrabble are worth 10 points each?
3. MOVIES: What is the name of Dr. Evil in "Austin Powers in International Man of Mystery"?
4. MEDICAL TERMS: What is the common name for somnambulism?
5. TELEVISION: What is the name of the character "Veronica Mars"?
6. THEATER: What is the first play written by an African American woman to be produced on Broadway?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the official language of Austria?
8. MATH: What is the smallest prime number?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only U.S. state with a one-syllable name?
10. MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of the Norse gods?

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