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Walle Honors MacArthur Coaches



State Rep. Armando Walle, left, joins former MacArthur HS coaches during the MacArthur Senior Track and Cross Country Alumni Fun Run honoring the longtime educators. (Courtesy photo/State Rep. Armando Walle) See story in page 5.

NEWS NOTES

Set for July Flood Resilience Meetings

As part of its ongoing efforts to battle localized flooding, Harris County Flood Resilience will host a series of public open houses throughout July to guide future mitigation efforts.

The drop-in meetings are designed to allow residents to review proposed flood resilience strategies and help set community priorities for upcoming projects. Officials noted that community input gathered over the past year has revealed the real challenges facing local neighborhoods.

The open houses will be held at four different locations across the county. All sessions will follow the same format and run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The schedule includes:

Wednesday, July 29: Tom Bass Community Center, 15108 Cullen Blvd., Houston.

Translation services will be available on-site at all locations, including English Sign Language, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Residents seeking more information on the county's resilience plan and updates can visit hcfloodresilience.net.

East Aldine Offers Free Community Walking Group

Residents looking for a fun and healthy way to stay active are invited to join the East Aldine FREE Walking Group, a community fitness program that offers regularly scheduled group walks throughout the week.

The walking group meets every **Wednesday at 7 p.m.** and **Saturday at 7 a.m.** at the **East Aldine District Amphitheater**, located at **2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive, Houston, TX 77039**.

The free program encourages participants of all fitness levels to enjoy outdoor exercise while connecting with neighbors in a welcoming community setting. The initiative aims to make healthy living accessible to East Aldine residents.

The walking group is part of the **Fit Houston** initiative and is supported by several community partners, including **Hope Clinic, REACH, BakerRipley, the East Aldine Management District, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, and H-E-B**.

Residents are encouraged to simply show up at the scheduled meeting times and enjoy a free walk with friends and neighbors.

From Aldine to the Nation: Dr. Goffney Takes the Helm of 13,000 Superintendents

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

WASHINGTON — Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney was installed July 7 as the 2026-27 president of American Association of School Administrators, The School Superintendents Association, a national organization representing more than 13,000 school system leaders.

The installation took place during AASA's Legislative Advocacy Conference in Washington. Goffney will serve in the volunteer leadership role while continuing to lead Aldine ISD.

Goffney's installation marks a national leader-



The theme of Goffney's installation reception was "Champions for Public Education," with the letters in "hope" emphasized throughout the event. The theme reflected a message Goffney has shared throughout her career about the role educators play in creating hope and opportunity for students, families and communities.

ship milestone for the Aldine superintendent, who was elected president-elect by AASA's Governing Board in 2025 and has served on the organization's Executive Committee. She also served as president of the Texas Association of School Administrators during the 2023-24 school year.

The ceremony featured remarks from Aldine ISD Board of Trustees President Dr. Kimberley Booker and La Porte ISD Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson, who reflected on Goffney's leadership, commitment to public education and service to students.

"Those of us who work alongside Dr. Goffney see

every day that her leadership is grounded in service, hope and an unwavering belief in the potential of every child," Chief Communications Officer Sheila Adams said. "Her installation as AASA president is a well-deserved national honor, and we are proud that Dr. Goffney will continue leading Aldine ISD while helping advance the future of public education across the nation."

Goffney said the role is both an honor and an opportunity to serve public education nationally.

"This is an incredible honor, but more importantly, it is an opportunity

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Jude Hidalgo Joins Congressional Leaders in Calling for ICE Reforms



Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus lead a congressional public oversight hearing into ICE's use of force against Houston resident Lorenzo Salgado Araujo. (Source: Judge Hidalgo media release)

HARRIS COUNTY TX, - Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo released the following statement today after the congressional public oversight hearing over Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) use of force in the tragic killing of Houston resident Lorenzo Salgado Araujo:

"I'm so grateful to the members of Congress from around the nation

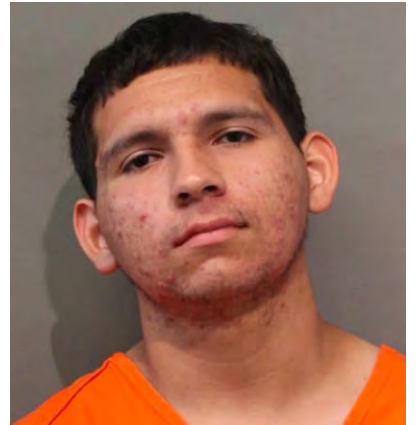
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Man Charged with Capital Murder After NE Harris Double Homicide

By Gerardo Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

NORTHEAST HARRIS - A 19-year-old man has been charged with capital murder following a double homicide last Sunday morning in northeast Harris County that left a teenage girl and her older brother dead, authorities said.

According to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Angel Javier Rodriguez, 19, was taken into custody and booked into the Harris County Jail in connection with the shooting deaths that occurred in the 200 block of West Canino Road.



Angel Javier Rodriguez, 19-Year-Old

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'Love Like Lou' Day Draws Volunteers to NSLL Fields



By David Taylor
Managing Editor

On Saturday morning, nearly 200 family members, friends, church members, former players, coworkers and neighbors gathered at the North Shore Little League fields on Castlegory Road to honor the life and legacy of Louis Erebia, a longtime volunteer who spent de-

CADES helping maintain the fields even after his own children had aged out of the league.

Erebia, 56, a father of five and grandfather, was shot and killed last month after his son's truck was stolen. Authorities have charged London Hogan Sr., 37, with murder in the case. But Saturday's gathering was not about the crime, family members

said. It was about the way Erebia lived.

"Words cannot adequately express what Saturday meant to our family," said Amanda Erebia, Louis Erebia's wife. "What started as an idea to honor Louis became something so much bigger than we ever imagined. Nearly 200 people showed up to volunteer, work on the North Shore Little

League fields, or bring donations to support the league he loved so much."

Volunteers leveled fields, hauled dirt, cleaned bleachers, detailed concession stands, reset trash cans in concrete and prepared the park for the next season. Others dropped off bottled water and sports drinks that the league can sell during the season to help pay for umpires, field

repairs and other expenses. The fields are not maintained by the county.

Amber Burrough, Louis Erebia's sister-in-law, said the family wanted the day to reflect Erebia's habit of giving without seeking attention.

"We knew that we didn't want to do any type of

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Man charged with capital murder after double homicide,

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Investigators said the shooting happened around 10:50 a.m. Sunday, July 26 during what deputies described as a domestic-related confrontation.

The sheriff's office said the 17-year-old girl was outside her trailer with her toddler when she was preparing to hand the child over to a family member. Authorities said her former boyfriend, identified as Rodriguez, arrived at the scene carrying a firearm.

The victim's 29-year-old brother then came outside and attempted to intervene and calm the situation, investigators said.

According to deputies, Rodriguez allegedly shot both siblings before fleeing the area in a vehicle.

The toddler was not injured during the incident, authorities said.

A description of Rodriguez and his vehicle was quickly provided to surrounding law enforcement agencies. Deputies with the Harris County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit and officers with the Humble Police Department later located the vehicle in the 8800 block of Will Clayton Parkway.

Rodriguez was taken into custody without incident, officials said.

Harris County Sheriff's Office homicide detectives continue investigating the case and are working to determine the full sequence of events leading up to the shooting.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at 713-221-6000 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS. Tips may also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers.

Source: Harris County Sheriff's Office

Second Arrest Made in N. Harris County Apartment Shooting



HARRIS COUNTY, Texas (KTRK) — A second arrest has been made in connection with an April shooting that left a woman dead and another injured at a north Harris County apartment complex, investigators said.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office announced Alyzae M. Davila's arrest on Wednesday. A few months prior, HCSO detectives said they also arrested and charged Javon E. Brown.

The pair is charged in

the shooting death of 20-year-old Julianna Elizabeth Cardenas in the 12600 block of Kuykendahl Road.



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COMMUNITY WATCH

Family Dispute Ends in Fatal Shooting, Series of Crashes in Northwest Harris County

NORTHWEST HARRIS - A family dispute over child custody escalated into a series of crashes and a fatal shooting early Saturday in northwest Harris County, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

The incident began shortly after 2 a.m. when deputies responded to a disturbance involving family members at a gas station. Investigators said the argument centered on a child custody dispute.

During the confrontation, authorities said one of the men allegedly stole a red pickup truck from the gas station before family members fled the area in another vehicle. Deputies

said the suspect then pursued the family in the stolen truck.

The chase came to an end in the 12000 block of Veterans Memorial Drive when the family's silver sedan left the roadway and crashed into a ditch. Three occupants, including an infant, were ejected from the vehicle and transported to a local hospital. Authorities said all are expected to survive.

The stolen pickup also crashed nearby, striking and destroying a gazebo. Officials said one person inside the truck suffered injuries but was able to walk away from the crash.

According to investigators, additional family

members arrived at the scene shortly afterward. Deputies said an adult male relative confronted the suspect, who then allegedly pulled out a handgun and fatally shot him before fleeing the area.

The suspect has been identified by investigators, but had not been arrested as of Saturday. Authorities continue to search for him.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said the investigation remains active and noted the case is one of several homicide investigations deputies have responded to in northwest Harris County since Friday evening.

Source: Harris County Sheriff's Office.



stole a red pickup truck from the gas station used by the suspect man.



The family's silver sedan left the roadway and crashed into a ditch

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SCHOOL NEWS

Nimitz HS Student Completes Prestigious Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Western Art Academy

By Leticia Fehling
Director of Internal Communications

Rising senior Ta'Mya Holmes earns college credit and celebrates another milestone in Aldine ISD's award-winning visual arts program.

Aldine ISD student Ta'Mya Holmes is continuing to make her mark in the art world with a significant new achievement.

Holmes, a rising senior at Nimitz High School, recently graduated from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's (HLSR) prestigious Western Art Academy (WAA), an intensive scholarship program that gives talented young artists advanced instruction from professional artists.

Selected from more than 250 applicants, Holmes was among a select group of students chosen for the academy's Class of 2026. Over the four-week immersive program at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas, she completed college-level oil painting and sculpture courses while earning three hours of college credit.

Holmes celebrated her graduation during the academy's July 11 ceremony, which also featured a student art exhibition and artwork sale highlighting the students' accomplishments.



Her academy selection followed another notable achievement. Holmes was previously chosen for the 2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Sale of Champions Art Auction, making her eligible to apply. Her artwork, *Peace in the Pasture*, sold for \$20,000 during the auction.

"This is an incredible accomplishment for Ta'Mya and a testament to her talent, dedication, and hard work," said Kaileigh Newman, Aldine ISD Director of Visual Arts. "We are extremely proud of her and all she has achieved."

Holmes studies under Nimitz High School art educator Jorge Vázquez, whose award-winning

visual arts program has helped students earn recognition at the local, state, and national levels.

Her accomplishment also marks an important milestone for the Aldine ISD Visual Arts Department. Holmes is the third consecutive Aldine ISD student selected for the prestigious Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Western Art Academy, reflecting the district's continued excellence in visual arts education.

Congratulations to Ta'Mya Holmes on this outstanding achievement and for representing Nimitz High School and Aldine ISD with excellence.

Brutality without accountability must stop,

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who spent the day at our Harris County Commissioners Court gathering public information about the death of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo — and in particular to Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, who continues to advocate for transparency and accountability. I join today's speakers in demanding that ICE follow the same standards as every other law enforcement agency in the country: no masks, clear identification, body cameras, marked vehicles, and full transparency any time an agent uses lethal force. While it's a long road to achieving these reforms, I know that Harris County is resilient and we won't back down until we get justice for Lorenzo Salgado Araujo's family," said Judge Hidalgo.

Judge Hidalgo thanks all of the congressional leaders and members of

the community who attended today's hearing and continue to fight for justice, transparency, and accountability in Lorenzo Salgado Araujo's death. Speakers at today's forum, hosted at the Harris County Administration Building, included:

U.S. Representative Adriano Espaillat (NY-13), Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus

U.S. Representative Bennie Thompson (MS-2)

U.S. Representative Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)

U.S. Representative Al Green (TX-9)

U.S. Representative Lizzie Fletcher (TX-7)

U.S. Representative Joaquin Castro (TX-20)

U.S. Representative Christian Menefee (TX-18)

U.S. Representative Nanette Barragán (CA-44)

U.S. Representative Andrea Salinas (OR-6)

U.S. Representative

Rob Menendez (NJ-8)

U.S. Representative James Walkinshaw (VA-11)

Ronaldo Salgado and Lorenzo Salgado Jr., Lorenzo Salgado Araujo's sons

Harris County District Attorney Sean Teare

Houston Councilmember Joaquin Martinez (District I)

Juan Proaño, Chief Executive Officer, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

Patricia Cabrera, Director, East End Communities

Rev. Father Salvatore De George, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Representatives from ICE, the Department of Homeland Security, and the FBI did not attend the hearing despite requests from congressional leaders. (Source; Jude Lina Hidalgo press release)

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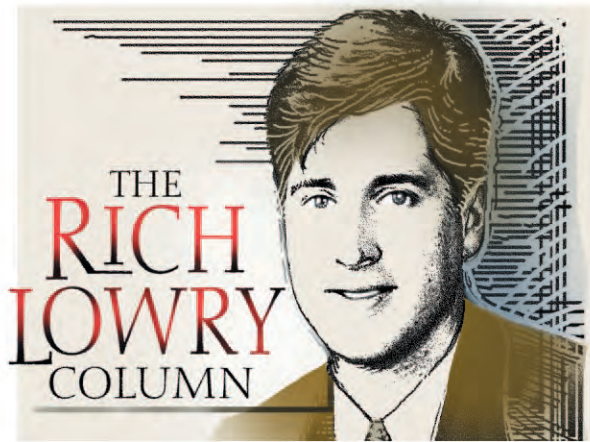
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Workers of the world aren't uniting behind the DSA

What did the country ever do to white college graduates to make them feel so disaffected from its economic and political system? The wave of socialist victories in Democratic primaries is being driven by well-educated white voters who are more extreme than the rest of the Democratic coalition.

The latest evidence is a new poll in the closely watched Democratic primary for a Senate seat in Michigan. The AOC-endorsed, Israel-hating insurgent, Abdul El-Sayed, has had momentum, but is now narrowly trailing the establishment candidate, Haley Stevens. According to a Detroit News survey, Stevens is ahead by about seven points, with demographic advantages that are very telling.

Stevens, a goofy white lady, leads El-Sayed by a 3-to-1 margin among black voters. On the other hand, El-Sayed, a person of color fully vested in the left's Third Worldist agenda, leads among white voters, 51-39%. Stevens, a career apparatchik and politician, leads among non-college-educated voters, 56-34%, whereas El-Sayed, who has been endorsed by the Working Families Party, is ahead with college-educated voters, 48-41.

The respective strengths of the two candidates run against the grain of what you might expect in a race between a conventional Democrat and a radical, yet accord with what we've seen in campaign after campaign.

Socialists may imagine themselves the champions of people of color and of workers, but their movement is, by and large, most attractive to caucasian associate professors of sociology who think they haven't achieved the station in life that they deserve.

It's less a proletarian phenomenon than a project of frustrated Ph.D. candidates and medium-level professionals. Because many socialist candidates have immigrant backgrounds, it can be tempting to consider the movement as fundamentally a function of immigration, when that's not true.

A 2021 survey of DSA members found that they were disproportionately white, at 85%, and disproportionately had college degrees (80%) or a higher degree (35%). This leaves them in a similar predicament to pioneering communists and socialists in Europe who talked up the prospect of a worker revolution, and then looked around the room and saw no workers, only intellectuals and activists like themselves.

The good news for DSA-aligned candidates is that college-educated white people are very reliable voters who can make a big difference in the kind of low-turnout primaries where anti-establishment, left-wing candidates thrive. A recent analysis in The New York Times noted that Zohran Mamdani-endorsed socialist Darializa Avila Chevalier defeated Rep. Adriano Espaillat in a marquee New York City congressional primary while winning high-education and higher-income areas; Espaillat, in contrast, won in majority-Hispanic and lower-income areas.

Another Mamdani pick, Brad Lander similarly wiped up in high-income and high-education areas while crushing Rep. Dan Goldman, whose strong performance in low-income parts of the district didn't save him. Socialistic economics may have appeal to working-class voters in theory, but the DSA couples its economics with extreme views on cultural issues that have very little appeal with non-college-educated voters. Tax the rich? Sure. Transcend the gender binary? No, thanks — whatever that means.

That the average black Democrat is more moderate and pragmatic than the average white Democrat may prove the ultimate check on whether an AOC-type candidate can claim the big prize of the Democratic presidential nomination in 2028. It's one thing to appeal to the so-called Commie Belt in New York City, the young, highly educated, diverse neighborhoods in Queens and Brooklyn that so strongly backed Zohran Mamdani; it's quite another to win over the older, religious African American voters in, say, South Carolina's I-95 Black Belt.

In the 2020 primaries, Bernie Sanders ran a campaign of great verve and ideological energy, while Joe Biden stumbled from one early setback to another — yet, black Democrats decided that the former vice president was the safer choice, and that was the end of Sanders. In short, the workers of the world may one day unite, but not behind a socialist vessel for the grievances of ideologically exotic, college-educated white people.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Flooding Batters Hill Country Once Again

A massive amount of rain once again engulfed the Hill Country, causing widespread flooding in several counties, including Uvalde, Kerr, Kendall and Gillespie. At least two fatalities were reported near Comfort and Uvalde.

More than 270 people were rescued. Damage was widespread from rains bringing as much as 25 inches to parts of Kerr County and 10 to 15 inches in other counties. That is much lower than the toll from last summer's flooding, which killed more than 130 statewide, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Officials and residents credit improved warning systems, including text alerts and flood sirens, and fewer people clustering on riverbanks, since it was not a holiday weekend — unlike the July 4, 2025, flood.

Law enforcement officials fanned out to campgrounds, hotels and RV parks as the floodwaters began to raise, though this time the flooding built up over a few days.

"We weren't caught off guard by something nobody expected," state Rep. Wes Virdell, R-Brady, said at a news conference Friday. "We had a lot of critical, key people that were in the proper locations that were very instrumental in helping us. Residents were very aware of the possibility of what's going to happen when that river floods."

Gov. Greg Abbott signed a major disaster declaration seeking federal assistance for rebuilding efforts in 28 affected counties.

STATE AGENCIES ASKED TO CUT SPENDING BY 3% IN NEXT BUDGET CYCLE

Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, and House Speaker Dustin Burrows announced their top four priorities for the 2028-2029 budget cycle last week, including requiring state agencies to reduce base spending requests by 3%. Other priorities include addressing affordability concerns, fully funding public education, supporting teachers, and advancing property tax reform.

In a news release, Abbott said the budget guidance "protects our historic investments in public education and teachers, delivers even more property tax relief, and makes the cost of living more manageable for Texas families through strict standards of efficiency and accountability from every state agency."

The 90th legislative session begins in January.

MORTGAGE DELINQUENCIES UP



AMONG FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS

First-time homeowners in Texas are increasingly failing to make their mortgage payments on time, the Houston Chronicle reported. Increasing homeowner insurance costs are the primary culprit, according to data from the Federal Housing Administration.

Most FHA borrowers are first-time homebuyers and typically have lower credit ratings and less money for a down payment, making them more vulnerable to rising monthly costs. Roughly 6% of FHA loans in Texas were at least 90 days past due, up from 3.7% a year earlier.

"This unfortunately positions Texas at the epicenter of the national affordability squeeze," Scott Norman, CEO of the Texas Mortgage Bankers Association, told state lawmakers in June.

Home insurance rates have increased by an average of 80% since 2020, according to the Texas Department of Insurance. Compounding the situation, homeowners with low credit scores are paying almost \$3,000 more annually for home insurance than those with high credit scores.

Late payments on conventional mortgages have remained flat, with less than 1% of borrowers seriously behind on their payments.

HOWDEN NAMED TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

Abbott has named Robert S. Howden to succeed Jane Nelson as Texas secretary of state, according to the Texas Standard. Nelson left office on July 17.

Howden has served as Abbott's legislative director since September 2024. He will serve as interim secretary until the legislative session begins in January, when he will need to be confirmed by the Texas Senate.

"His experience in the legis-

lative process and extensive public service have prepared him to protect the integrity of Texas elections and represent our state with strength on the global stage," Abbott said in announcing Howden's appointment.

The office's primary responsibility is overseeing elections and voter rolls. It also oversees business filings, such as limited liability corporations and other entities.

TALARICO HOLDS FUNDRAISING EDGE OVER PAXTON

With less than four months before the November general election, Democratic nominee James Talarico has vastly out-raised his GOP rival Ken Paxton in the U.S. Senate race, the Chronicle reported.

The Austin-area state legislator ended June with a bank balance of \$21.5 million, according to newly filed documents with the Federal Election Commission. After factoring in expenses, incumbent senator Paxton's campaign was left with a balance of just \$1.7 million.

Both candidates are heavily backed by so-called super PACs. The Talarico-aligned PAC has \$21.6 million in the bank, including \$10 million from Linde. In co-founder Reid Hoffman. The Paxton-aligned PAC, which spent heavily in his successful runoff against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, was left with just \$35,000 to start July.

Talarico hopes to break Texas Democrats' 32-year losing streak in statewide elections. He has raised more than \$68 million thus far, the most for any non-incumbent in a U.S. Senate race.

ABBOTT CAMPAIGN PAID \$25K TO RENT ELEPHANT

Gov. Greg Abbott's reelection campaign paid \$25,000 to rent Paige the elephant for the state GOP convention from an exhibitor that failed to register with the city of Houston before bringing the elephant to the George R. Brown Convention Center, according to the Chronicle.

A campaign finance report revealed the amount the campaign paid to East Texas Elephant Experience to parade her at the June convention. The city's regulatory division said it had no record the company registered as a licensed exhibitor at least 20 days before the event as required by city code.

Klayton Rutherford of PETA said the payment rewards an exotic animal entertainment industry that has come under criticism over its treatment of elephants.

"The amount of money that is involved in this industry is staggering," Rutherford said. "The most prominent elected official in the state arranged this exhibit and it was done apparently in violation of the city's ordinances and that's alarming."

The Abbott campaign declined to comment.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Dose of Dog



I haven't been giving out dog treats for a while. Sometimes, I am the treat lady on my walks, and sometimes I do not carry dog treats. I love dispensing treats, but I hate getting turned down by owners. Getting turned down by dogs is also disappointing, but somehow easier to take.

So lately, instead of bribing dogs with treats, I've been doing my secret whistle, a high-pitched noise that dogs always hear and their owners usually do not, that makes the dog look my way. Then I tell the dog what a beautiful dog they are, and they usually come running over to me, and I delay whoever was trying to take them for a walk while we talk, and almost always, that person does not care.

I rub the dog's ears, and I scratch their nose, and sometimes they throw themselves on the sidewalk and I scratch their belly.

"You are such a good dog! Aren't you just a perfect dog?" I ask them. And the dogs agree that I am correct — they are all perfect dogs.

Sometimes their owners disagree. "Oh, I wouldn't say she's perfect. ..." And they may start talking about some totally inconsequential things the dog has done involving an expensive shoe or a piece of furniture or the cat — something that has no bearing whatsoever on the conversation.

The dog will look at me as I continue to scratch her ears, and she will know that I realize the owner is just being humble. They don't want to claim to be the owner of a perfect dog, and I understand.

"So she's 99.5% perfect," I reply, and usually the owner seems to think this is a little generous, but it's somewhere in the ballpark.

But I have had owners who, when I told them their dog was perfect, agreed wholeheartedly. I think they must have a very good relationship with their dog.

"Oh! Isn't he a perfect dog?" I'll say.

"Yes, he pretty much is," the owner will reply and shrug, as if they are not quite sure how they were fortunate to adopt — out of all the imperfect dogs in the world — the one perfect one. The dog never pretends he is not perfect. What would be the point of that? The dog nuzzles his owner and nuzzles my hand and lets me know that even perfect dogs have time to chit-chat on the sidewalk.

So I have not felt the need to carry treats. Lavish compliments, small talk, and lots of ear scratching seem to do just as well, and I don't run afoul of special diets and concerns that a dog might be "putting on weight," which is a myth that veterinarians spread, probably just so they can get more business.

Eventually, I say goodbye to the dog, and I thank the owner for letting me delay them on their walk, and I head off down the sidewalk. "You have a new best friend!" some of them say. And some of the dogs look back at me, a little disappointed that we are not all continuing the walk together.

I had a dog for years, and I miss having a dog. As much as I love my cat, Felix, there is something about a dog that pulls on my heartstrings. But having a dog is not practical for my right now. And so every day, I get my dose of dog. And while I may be holding things up for a minute or two, I don't think anyone is worse off for the time we spend together.

Till next time,
Carrie

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Community unites to honor Louis Erebia's legacy at 'Love Like Lou' Day,

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fundraising because we respect and we love our community and we know that there's other people hurting too," Burrough said. "The premise of the event was to really get out there and spread the light like Louis did."

Burrough said Erebia had worked on the fields "for decades," including years after his children stopped playing.

"He would be the one that would be out there this time getting ready for the next season," she said. "So, we continued his legacy."

The effort benefited the entire league, Burrough said, not only one division.

"It was for any kid in the community that utilizes those fields," she said.

North Shore Little League President Eric Kirchner thanked the family after the event and said the day reflected what Erebia meant to the league.

"I can't think of a better way to 'be like Louis' and build a community," Kirchner said. "So many people today said we should do this more often."

Kirchner said one moment stood out to him: watching a volunteer named Jimmy walk directly to Field 3 and begin working.

"It was like going back in time and him and Louis just working on that field," Kirchner said. "It felt like he was saying, 'Come on old friend, let's do this again.'"

Burrough said the turnout included 160 to 200 people throughout the morning, including some who came only long enough to drop off water or sports drinks. The donated drinks, she said, were not for the family or the volunteers, but for the league to sell later.

"It was only for the ball fields to sell so that they can continue to generate ways to help those kids," she said.

For Amanda Erebia, the day was a way to keep her husband's name alive by continuing the work that mattered to him.

"Our goal has always been to keep Louis' name alive, but even more importantly, to keep his legacy alive," she said.

"Louis believed in serving others without expecting anything in return. He gave countless hours to North Shore Little League because he loved those kids, that league, and this community."

She said her husband should be remembered for more than the way he died.

"We refuse to let evil have the final word," Amanda said. "We refuse to allow one senseless act to define the life of an extraordinary man. Louis was not just the victim of a horrific crime. He was a devoted husband, an incredible father, a proud grandfather, a loyal friend, a faithful man of God, and a servant to his community. That is how he deserves to be remembered."

Burrough said that message guided Saturday's work.

"Although we hate what happened to Louis, we do not want this tragedy to define him," she said. "What defined him is the character of who he is and who he was with his volunteer work and his light

that he shined with everybody. So as much as we demand justice and we want accountability for all, we took Saturday to honor him and his contribution to our community."

The family called the event Love Like Lou Community Day — a name meant to capture how Erebia lived, his wife said.

"Love Like Lou Community Day was more than cleaning ball fields," she said. "It was a reminder that love is stronger than hate, that kindness outlives cruelty, and that one life lived with generosity can inspire hundreds of others."



Louis Erebia, 56 and his wife Amanda Erebia

Alumni Fun Run Honors Beloved MacArthur Coaches



By Gerardo Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

NORTH HARRIS - Former students and community members gathered Saturday morning for the MacArthur Senior Track and Cross Country Alumni Fun Run, an annual event recognizing the lasting impact of two longtime coaches on generations of student-athletes.

The event, organized by Juan Flores and Coach PJ, honored former coaches

Gnatzig and Silha, both of whom were praised for their dedication to public education and mentorship.

Among those participating was Texas State Rep. Armando Walle, who reflected on the influence the two educators had on his life.

"Without their belief in me, I would not be where I am," Walle said, adding that both coaches made a lasting difference in the lives of countless students throughout their careers.

The reunion also gave former athletes an opportunity to reconnect, share memories and celebrate the legacy of the coaches who helped shape their lives both on and off the track.

Walle thanked the event organizers for continuing the tradition and said he looks forward to returning for next year's gathering.

Source: Texas State Rep. Armando Walle (social media post).



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EAST ALDINE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date: July 14, 2026

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to East Aldine Management District, Attention Carlos Silva, President, Board of Directors, will be received at the office of Buckson Landscape Architecture, 12337 Jones Rd. Ste. 200, Houston TX 77070, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, August 4, 2026, and then publicly opened and read for "Median Improvements Project for East Aldine Management District, Harris County, Texas." In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Teams the Meeting ID: 238 573 913 912 61 and Passcode: ng65oC72

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 43:5

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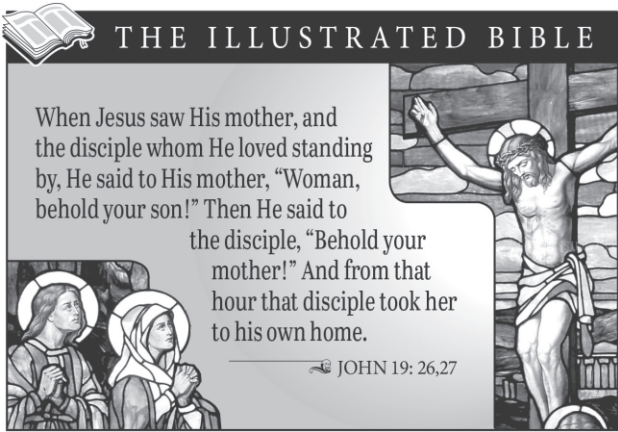
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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Samaria (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. When he had a vision, who said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean"? Adam, Reuben, Samson, Peter
- 3. From Acts 7, who was the first person martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ? Apollos, John the Baptist, Jehu, Stephen
- 4. Besides Jonah, which other prophet ministered in Nineveh? Nathan, Paul, Nahum, Philip
- 5. From 1 Kings 11, what was the number of wives of King Solomon? 3, 50, 100, 700
- 6. What is Yiddish for a small package or parcel? Mishna, Pesach, Peckel, Shiva

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Peter, 3) Stephen, 4) Nahum, 5) 700, 6) Peckel

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Mary Steenburgen, left and Jake Johnson stars in "The Dink."

"The Dink."

"Disclosure Day" (PG-13) — Three-time Oscar-winning director Steven Spielberg's ("The Fabelmans") latest directorial feat is now available to rent, following a box-office stint that barely made double its \$115 million budget. Spielberg signed on Emily Blunt ("The Devil Wears Prada 2") and Josh O'Connor ("Wake Up Dead Man") to respectively play his lead actors in the film — an NBC meteorologist (Blunt) and a cybersecurity analyst (O'Connor), who join forces against the government to reveal the hard-kept secret of extraterrestrial life. Colin Firth ("Young Sherlock") portrays a government contractor who attempts to stop the duo in their tracks, while Colman Domingo ("Euphoria") takes on the role of another contractor who switches sides to become an advocate for disclosure.

(Fandango)
"Supergirl" (PG-13) — Another recently released film that didn't do so well in theaters will be available to rent starting on July 28. This superhero flick led by Milly Alcock ("House of the Dragon") follows David Corenswet's "Superman" as the second overall film within the new DC Universe. After Kara Zor-El, Superman's cousin, gets sent to Earth by her father to avoid Kryptonite poisoning, she adopts a new life on Earth as Supergirl with her dog, Krypto. As Supergirl reaches her 23rd birthday and has a party bender on different planets, Superman's concerned that she hasn't yet fully adapted to her life and role on Earth. But perhaps an intergalactic adventure is exactly what Kara needs to appreciate where she's been and where she'll go in the future. (YouTube)

"The Dink" (PG-13) — Jake Johnson ("New Girl") leads this new sports-comedy film that is out now to stream — right on time for it to compete with Will Ferrell's series "The Hawk" (which basically has the same plot but with golf!). "The Dink" follows a cocky, washed-up tennis pro Dusty Boyd (Johnson), who suffers a hand injury before a big duel. When his doctor prescribes pickleball as a strategy to ease back into tennis, Dusty's very reluctant to grab a paddle and take his place alongside the older ladies on the court. But as he embarks on his pickleball journey, he also learns some important life lessons - undoubtedly thanks to his kind and wise teammate, Candace (Mary Steenburgen). Look out for former pro tennis players John McEnroe and Andy Roddick to make appearances throughout the film as well. (Apple TV)

"Ride or Die" (TV-MA) — This action-comedy series stars Octavia Spencer ("Smurfs") and Hannah Waddingham ("The Woman in Cabin 10") as two best friends who don't really know much about each other. One friend, Debbie (Spencer), is the wife of a member of Parliament, while the other, Judith (Waddingham), is secretly a deadly assassin. While Judith usually keeps mum about her job, the two besties are forced to go on the run with mercenaries hot on their trail after a hit gone wrong. With no other options but to put her faith — and life — in Judith's hands, Debbie succumbs to being an assassin's accomplice, hoping that she's still in one piece by the end of the mission. All eight episodes are out now to stream! (Amazon Prime Video)
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Q:When are the Emmy Awards, and who'll be hosting this year? I think Conan O'Brien should host them, like he does the Oscars. — S.H.

A:While former late-night host turned podcaster Conan O'Brien has hosted the Primetime Emmy Awards by himself in both 2002 and 2006, he's pretty much locked in as the permanent host of the Oscars. This isn't a guarantee, but we're all assuming that he'll be back to host cinema's most prestigious awards show for the third year in a row.

In recent years, the Emmys have been hosted by comedian Nate Bargatze, father-son duo "Schitt's Creek" stars Eugene and Dan Levy, and sitcom actor Anthony Anderson. Jimmy Kimmel has hosted three times, but there hasn't been a female solo host since actress Jane Lynch ("Only Murders in the Building") introduced presenters in 2011.

New York Knicks fanatic and "Law & Order: SVU" star Mariska Hargitay has been chosen by NBC to be this year's emcee when the ceremony airs live on Sept. 14, at 8 p.m. ET. However, a recent announcement stating that the live telecast would feature five fewer categories to make room for more musical performances and comedy sketches has the Hollywood community in an uproar.

Two of the categories that didn't make the cut are Supporting Actor and Supporting Actress in a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie. According to Variety, the two talents projected to win in these respective categories this year are David Harbour for "DTF St. Louis" and Constance Zimmer for "Love Story."

Q: Is it true that Robert Redford was supposed to star in "Yellowstone"? Was it the role that Kevin Costner played? — L.G.

A: Before "Yellowstone" found its home with Paramount, its creator Taylor Sheridan pitched the show to HBO. He suggested actor Kevin Costner in the lead role of John Dutton, but HBO wanted a "generational talent" of Robert Redford's stature, which Sheridan misunderstood to mean Robert Redford himself. According to the Hollywood Reporter, Sheridan personally visited Redford to make him an offer (which the legendary movie star accepted), only to have to rescind it when HBO clarified that



Host of the 2026 Emmys Mariska Hargitay ("Law & Order: SVU")

they wanted someone of Redford's type but not age.

Costner went on to play Dutton for five seasons before departing the show. Meanwhile, Sheridan went on to dedicate the first episode of his most recent hit series "The Madison" to Redford, in what's felt to be a fitting tribute.

Q:Are they still going to do an American version of "The Traitors" with noncelebrities? If so, when and where will it air? — C.C.

A:Yes, "The Traitors: New Blood" will launch its two-hour premiere episode on NBC on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m. ET. This version featuring civilian contestants will also be hosted by Alan Cumming, the two-time Emmy-winning host of Peacock's "The Traitors." It'll be filmed at the Ardross Castle in the Scottish Highlands as well.

Twenty-two contestants, who were chosen from a nationwide search of more than 60,000 applicants, will compete for the \$250,000 prize — and what's sure to be a lucrative career on social media when it airs!

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King Crossword



- GAMES: What is the goal space in the board game Candy Land?
 - GEOGRAPHY: How many countries and territories border Spain?
 - TELEVISION: What are Captain Picard's two favorite catchphrases in "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?
 - FOOD & DRINK: What is brioche?
 - CHEMISTRY: Which metal has the highest melting point?
 - LITERATURE: Who is credited as the author of "The Odyssey"?
 - U.S. STATES: Which state is home to Acadia National Park?
 - MOVIES: What is the name of Dottie's team in "A League of Their Own"?
 - COMICS: Who is the archenemy of the Fantastic Four?
 - SCIENCE: What is the thickest layer of Earth?
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Leading the nation while staying local,

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to serve,” Goffney said. “Public education is one of the most powerful promises we make to children, families and communities. Every child deserves access to outstanding educators, meaningful opportunities and a future filled with possibility.”

She said her national work will remain connected to Aldine ISD.

“I am honored to serve AASA and to stand alongside superintendents across the country as champions for public education,” Goffney said. “That work is national, but it is also deeply personal. I carry Aldine with me — our students, our families, our educators and our unwavering belief that hope is not just something we talk about. It is something we build every day.”

Goffney’s presidency comes as AASA advances The Public Education Promise, a national framework focused on ensuring every child in every community has access to a future-ready education that prepares students for college, career, citizenship and life. The initiative emphasizes student-centered learning, effective educators, community partnerships and meaningful measures of student success.

Aldine ISD officials said the framework reflects work already underway in the district, where students have access to specialized campuses, magnet programs, career and technical education pathways, early college opportunities, leadership experiences and other innovative learning environments.

“In Aldine ISD, we believe every student deserves access to opportunities that reflect their unique strengths, in-



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney was installed July 7 as the 2026-27 president of American Association of School Administrators, The School Superintendents Association, a national organization representing more than 13,000 school system leaders.

terests and goals,” Goffney said. “Our responsibility is to ensure every child is seen, supported, challenged and empowered to succeed. When we fulfill that promise, we strengthen not only our schools, but also our communities.”

The theme of Goffney’s installation reception was “Champions for Public Education,” with the letters in “hope” emphasized throughout the event. The theme reflected a message Goffney has shared throughout her career about the role educators play in creating hope and opportunity for students, families and communities.

Family members, colleagues and education leaders from across the country attended the installation. Aldine ISD representatives included Booker; Adams; Angela Williams, assistant secretary of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Dawn

Ayers-Rodríguez, chief of accountability, assessment and analytics; Abel Garza, assistant superintendent of government relations and constituent services; former Chief Transformation Officer Dr. Adrian Bustillos; and Chassity K. Coston, a Doctor of Education Leadership candidate at the Harvard Graduate School of Education completing a 10-month leadership residency in Aldine ISD.

Aldine ISD students participating in the Aldine Votes Close Up Washington program also attended, giving them a firsthand look at educational leadership and civic engagement on a national stage.

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EAST ALDINE NEIGHBORHOOD DEPOSITORY & RECYCLING CENTER

WE-CYCLE WEDNESDAYS

EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

CADA TERCER MIÉRCOLES DEL MES

On We-Cycle Wednesdays, the center will accept ALL EAST ALDINE RESIDENTS without an appointment. You will need to bring a photo ID, as well as a water, light, or gas bill, as proof of residency.

Los miércoles de reciclaje WE-Cycle, el centro de reciclaje atenderá a TODOS LOS RESIDENTES DE EAST ALDINE sin cita previa. Deberá presentar una identificación con fotografía, así como una factura de agua, luz o gas como comprobante de domicilio.

Location / Ubicación:

2789 Hopper Rd, Houston, TX 77093

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