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# RETURN TO ITS ROOTS

Wiley College becomes Wiley University, announces new graduate programs

> BY NICHOLAS OSBORN nosborn@marshallnewsmessenger.com

Tiley College has announced the institution is set to become

Wiley University alongside the implementation of three new graduate programs. The school's new name was an-

nounced in at a special "Returning to Our Roots"Homecoming event Friday to celebrate their historic academic achievements.

"Becoming Wiley University is not simply an exercise and a name change, it is an exercise in our ability to embrace our past and see the future," said Wiley University President and CEO Dr. Herman J. Felton Jr., Ph.D., JD.

"The past 150 years have been a testimony to our faith in what is possible," continued Felton Jr. "We stand proudly today and return to our roots, symbolically as Wiley University, and literally as we embrace the next chapter of excellence."

The change from Wiley College into Wiley University will return the institution to its original name it used when the school was founded, and will introduce three newly created online-focused grad-



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In a special 2023 Homecoming event to celebrate their historic academic achievements on Friday, Nov. 3, Wiley College announced the institution is set to become Wiley University alongside the implementation of three new graduate programs.

uate programs to provide students with a pathway to earning a master's degree in higher education administration with an emphasis on HBCUs, business administration, or criminal justice.

In 1873, the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church founded Wiley University, named after the inspiring medical missionary Bishop Dr. Isaac William Wiley. The purpose of the institution, when established, was to

provide an opportunity for African American youth to pursue higher education in arts and sciences, as well as several other professions.

The institution was originally named Wiley University upon its inception when it opened with two frame buildings, and on Friday, students, staff, and faculty on the 63-acre campus gathered to celebrate

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# Woman dies in house fire, **GoFundMe** created

BY ROBIN Y. RICHARDSON rvrichardson@marshallnewsmessenger.com

A GoFundMe fundraiser has been organized to assist with the burial costs of beloved wife, mother, grandmother and veteran Amanda Weide, who died in an Oct. 31 house fire.

"I'm asking all my friends to help with this time of need,' Weide's brother-in-law Christopher Williams, who organized the online GoFundMe, stated. "My brother just lost his wife in a house fire. She got trapped in their house and she passed away and he lost everything — (their) house and his loved one. They were a perfect couple."

"I'm asking if y'all can help, please do," said Williams.

Williams said the entire family is heartbroken by the loss of

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# Veterans Day events planned this week

From Staff Reports

Marshall's annual Community Veterans Day program will take place Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Marshall Depot, 800 N. Washington in downtown Marshall.

All veterans and members of the public are cordially invited to attend the annual Community Veterans Day program, which takes place each year to honor the brave service and sacrifice of all veterans.

The annual program will begin at the traditional time of the Armistice of the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.'

The annual veterans Day program is sponsored by the City of Marshall and Marshall Main Street, in collaboration with the Marshall Depot Board of

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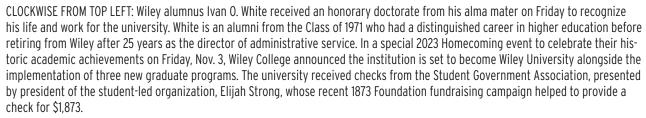
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## **WILEY**

From Page 1A a return to the name with a dedicated ceremony during the 2023 Homecoming week.

"We've been preparing for this since our sesquicentennial, and it's an opportunity for us to look to the future with the name change as a signal of the institutional offerings, such as the graduate programs that are our new additions, and then to also uplift our continued commitment to excellence," said Wiley University Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Administration Tashia Bradley, Ph.D.

Bradley commented on the leadership that helped to make the change possible and how the institution's historic achievements in the past have helped to shape the motivations and expectations for the university in the future.

"The bold and audacious vision is an opportunity for us as individuals in the institution, to really aspire to what is bold and audacious.," said Bradley. "To think outside the box or think in ways that move the institution forward and utilize and leverage our history for us to think about what was bold in 1873."

"When we think about the person who came to this institution at that period of time who were formerly enslaved, living in that particular time period who had a vision and had a dream that they too could have access to education, and to leverage education to radically change their lives," continued Bradley. "And so, in the 21st Century, the bold and audacious vision continues that tradition, but inspires us and asks us to really focus on how we can achieve that as an institution. It also asks what we can be radical with regards to providing an accessible education and affordable education during these times to any student who would want it at Wiley University."

#### **Graduate Programs**

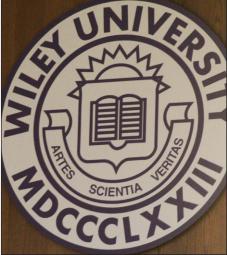
The formation of the new graduate programs at Wiley University is aimed at expanding on the institution's vision for providing students with academic opportunities in areas where the university has seen significant impact through their students.

"We think about the present day and use that as an opportunity for us to manage the idea that a student comes to Wiley University to become their very best," Bradley said. "Our role is to help facilitate that for them by creating opportunities, by engaging them in what's possible, and then guiding them through the impossible."

The three newly created graduate programs each emphasize the institution's original mission and focus, which aims to help students serve as catalysts of social







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change in their community and professions. Wiley University will partner alongside the Higher Education Leadership Foundation — where Wiley President and CEO Herman Felton Jr. is a founder — to launch the graduate programs in an online capacity, and will also work to provide graduate assistantships for students to gain the on-campus experience while doing coursework virtually.

"We're taking applications right now and what students can expect is a phenomenal experience in which people who are in the field are very excited to engage with them," said Bradley.

The master of science in higher education administration with an emphasis on HBCUs graduate program will be geared towards practitioners and brings additional attention to addressing cultural-related issues at HBCUs and the historical significance of assisting students in their experience while pursuing higher education. The program will benefit students seeking entry-level or mid-management positions in higher education and will consist of 36-credit hours over six eight-week terms for a one-

year duration.
The master of business administration (MBA)

graduate program will engage emerging traditional business administration practices while recognizing areas such as entrepreneurship culture and more modern concepts like influencer culture. This will assist students in managerial and professional leadership responsibility for business, industry, and government, and will consist of 30-credit hours over five eight-week terms in a one-year duration.

The master of arts in criminal justice graduate program aims to provide students with the opportunity to better understand how they can impact the criminal justice system through their involvement in a variety of different aspects. This will benefit students seeking entry or supervisory level career positions and will consist of 36-credit hours over 12 months for a non-thesis track or 15 months for a thesis track.

"When we think about the future for Wiley University, the bold and audacious vision is that we are able to move through this experience in ways that continue to offer the world ways to think about us as the home of the great debaters, home of activists, scholars, vocalists, athletes — all of those components of a student's

life — so that they can go into the world and go forth inspired," said Bradley.

#### State of the College

The 2023 Homecoming State of the College Address brought the community, students, alumni, staff and faculty together at the Julius S. Scott Chapel on Friday to celebrate their significant announcement featuring President Felton as the speaker. The university recognized recent achievements such as last year's gift that erased student debt to the institution, the creation of the Transformation Center, the Kenny Ponder Welcome Center and partnerships that have secured over \$9.5 million in gifts, grants and

services. The announcement of Wiley University's new name was met with cheers and applause from those in attendance as Felton spoke about the significance of the move, detailing the historical achievements of the institution and how they play a role in the vision for their future. This included Wiley's contributions to help create the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) and being the first to receive a triple "A" academic rating for their available programs,

among many others in the

institution's history.

"We return to our roots today as Wiley University because it signals to the world who we are, what we're becoming and what we will be," said Felton Jr. "We return to our roots and the liberal arts tradition where students are invited to learn from multiple disciplines while refining their talent in their respective majors."

The State of the College Address showcased the institution's implementation plan for the graduate programs as well as outlined several goals for the future to continue growing the university. This included an emphasis on three pillars of focus, which are enrollment, fundraising and academic innovation. Among the goals for Wiley University moving forward is a fundraising effort to bring in \$10 million to continue their efforts in providing higher education for students.

"It is vital that we have your support," said Felton. "To be an institution of unmitigated excellence, we must have the fiscal flexibility to provide our students with an exceptional physical learning environment and innovative curriculum of offerings."

The university received checks from the Student Government Association, presented by president of

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- Wiley University COO Tashia Bradley

the student-led organization, Elijah Strong, whose recent 1873 Foundation fundraising campaign helped to provide a check for \$1,873. The staff of Wiley University also presented two checks supported by their 1929 campaign in the amount of \$1,929 and \$2,2023.

"In the moment of days like this, since I have begun here as a student at Wiley University, I've learned that what you give to it, it will give back to you," said Strong when presenting the check to Wiley University.

The announcement also included a special presentation of an honorary doctorate degree to Mr. Ivan O. White to recognize his life and work for the university. White is an alumni of Wiley University from the Class of 1971 who had a distinguished career in higher education before retiring from Wiley after 25 years as the director of administrative service.

"I just hope that what I did in working with a lot of others was of meaning, and I continuously worked for the betterment of Wiley University," said White.

The event came to a close with the unveiling of the new Wiley University logo adorning the Julius S. Scott Chapel on campus along with a performance by the Wiley University Acapella Choir before Felton thanked the Board of Trustees, community leaders, alumni, staff and faculty for being stalwarts of the dream that inspired Wiley University.

"The past provides us with a roadmap, but it is up to us to see a future that continues to serve as a beacon of light. Go forth inspired," said Felton Jr.

# MHS to present 'Once Upon a Mattress'

BY NICHOLAS OSBORN

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be presenting a showing of with two showings, the first social media. "Once Upon a Mattress" for at 2 p.m. and the second at

the book by Jay Thompson, hours.

Marshall Barer and Dean

Andersen. It first came to with art by Malachi Baird. Marshall.

"The students and direc- Broadway in 1959. The play

Fuller and features music tors have worked so hard tells the story of Princess of "Once Upon a Mattress" by Mary Rodger with lyr- and it's going to be so much Winnifred, a brash girl who will be available online The Marshall High School ics by Marshall Barer. The fun!" read the announce- competes for the hand of through the QR code on the Fine Arts Department will event will be held on Nov. 11 ment from Marshal ISD on Prince Dauntless, whose event flier or at the door mother Queen Aggravain before entry, priced at \$5 "Once Upon a Mattress" declares must marry a per student or child and \$8 the community on Nov. 11 7 p.m. The final showing is described as a musical "true" princess before any- per adult. The event will be and 12 at the high school au- will be on Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. comedy version of the 1835 one else in the kingdom can held at the Marshall high Each showing is expected story "The Princess and marry. Marshall ISD show- school auditorium located The musical is based on to run for an estimated 2 the Pea" by Hans Christian cased a poster for the event at 1900 Maverick Drive in

## VETERANS

From Page 1A Directors.

the Hallsville High School pot. ville Band Director — will as: Railroad in our Roots." perform patriotic music for The program begins at

president of the volunteer ic railroad veterans, their Marshall Depot Board of families, and descendants. Directors, said "We invite Refreshments will be veterans, their families, and served following the proall community members to gram, and visitors are invitattend the annual ceremo- ed to tour the Texas & Pacifnv to honor and express our ic Railway Museum and Gift community's profound ap- Shop, located in the Marpreciation for the brave ser- shall Depot. They can view vice and sacrifice of those some of recent and exciting who have given so much for donated artifacts, as well as our nation. It's so important new additions and upgrades that we honor and appreci- that have been made to the ate all veterans not just on Depot and Museum by the ans Day parade and prosic program will begin at Friday, Nov. 10 at 8:45 a.m. Veterans Day, but every volunteer Board of Direc- gram on Friday, Nov. 10.

Anderson also invited those attending to stay for **Other Events** 

a special program immediately following the Veterans Among other aspects of Day program at the same the Veterans Day program, venue at the Marshall De-

Band, under the direction The name of the program, of Band Director Sherri coordinated by the Board of Morgan — who is celebrat- Directors of Marshall Deing her 50th year as Halls- pot Inc., is "Marshall, Tex-

the program, including a 12:15 p.m. at the Marshall "Musical Salute to Ameri- Depot and will focuses on ca's Finest," which honors sharing aspects of Marveterans of each branch of shall's important and fascithe United States military. nating railroad history and Anderson, honoring our Texas & Pacif-



Hallsville ISD hosted a Veterans Day parade on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 at its campuses. Students, staff and community members lined the streets as veterans made their way around to each campus.

Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Those wishing to particmeet at the back of Halls- Day program at 10 a.m. on breakfast at 8:20 a.m.

liam B. Travis Elementary ter tower. The parade will School gym. The program School will host a Veterans wind through each campus, is open to the public and all Day program on Friday, ending at West Elementary

At the conclusion of the Hallsville ISD: Halls- parade, a breakfast will be ville ISD will host a Veter-ry School. A patriotic mu-

ipate in the parade should ISD will host a Veterans to arrive early and enjoy a

Marshall ISD: Wil- ville High School by the wa- Friday, Nov. 10 at the High veterans. A reception will follow for veterans.

Elysian Fields ISD: Elysian Fields ISD will host a Veterans Day program on at the High School audito-Waskom ISD: Waskom rium. Veterans are invited

## Ore City man dies in crash

From Staff Reports

An Ore City man died after driving off the road and striking a tree on Old Avinger Road in Harrison County, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Lynwood A. Bowland Jr., 76, died Saturday, Nov. 4, a few days after the Oct. 31 crash, Sgt. Adam Albritton said.

DPS troopers were called around 5:35 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31 to Old Avinger Road, about one mile east of Ore City.

Albritton said a preliminary investigation shows that a car driven by Bowland was traveling east on the road, approaching a curve. The car traveled off the road and struck a tree, Albritton said.

Bowland was nounced dead by Dr. Elaine Cleveland and Dr. Afshan Hussain at Christus Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler on Nov. 4.



## FIRE

From Page 1A Weide, a mother of five and ing," her husband said. grandmother of one.

said. "Thank you."

Weide, 40, passed away afafter midnight.

"I lost my loving wife," said, noting how devastated cupant there at the time, was Weide, who was owner of he and his family are.

animals' momma, too," he Duana Couch determined

Anthony said when the accidental. fire erupted the morning of alert 911, but unfortunately Deputy Hall Reavis. smoke inhalation.

having a hard time breath- to help assist the family with

"I would appreciate all my Woodlawn and Nesbitt vol- natrea for Amanda's Burial friends help if they can," he unteer fire departments all Fund." responded to the scene.

plained.

Weide's 14-year-old son, fortunately able to escape.

and the family's glue and the linary report, Fire Marshal ling care of. shared on his Facebook page. that the cause of the fire was been rescuing them," her

to breathe due to the massive Me online fundraiser, Weide's perished in the fire." sister-in-law, Angela Minacall after she said she was at Cadence bank in Marshall her honor.

burial services. The account Fire units from Harleton, is organized as "Angela Mi-

"They didn't have any in-"They knew about where surance... no burial insurter her home caught fire at she was at, but by the time ance, no house insurance or her residence at 2870 Haynes (they found her, it was too anything," Minatrea told the Road near Harleton shortly late)," her sister-in-law ex- News Messenger. "Everything is gone."

The fire also claimed the Weide's husband Anthony who was the only other oc- lives of several rabbits that "Hopper Haven TX" animal "She was my everything According to the prelim- rescue and rabbitry, was tak-

> "She loved rabbits. She's sister-in-law, Minatrea said.

Weide's husband plans to





A house fire that occurred at 2870 Haynes Road near Harleton on Oct. 31 claimed the life of 40-yearold Amanda Weide. A GoFundMe account has been organized to assist her family as well as a burial fund account at Cadence Bank in Marshall.

"It appears to be electri- "The last place she did a big the 28 of them that are left," already invested in. He wel- that's Amanda smiling, rid-Oct. 31, his wife was able to cal," shared HCSO Chief rescue was in Waxahachie. Minatrea said of her brother, comes any volunteer help. She had over 100, and now Weide's husband. "Me and lost contact after struggling In addition to the GoFund-like 28 because a lot of them my other brother, we've been her family," Anthony told the was a loving mother and comtrying to help him."

"She called 911 and lost the trea, has set up an account still carry on the rabbitry in to keep his wife's dream of and caring for rabbits, puphaving a petting zoo/farm pies and other animals.

"He's trying to hold onto alive on the 40 acres that she

Anthony said he also plans also loved horseback riding others."

"When you see a rainbow ing horseback with a dog by "She loved animals and her side," her obit says. "She News Messenger, sharing she panion, selfless and caring of

> "She'll be very missed," said Minatrea.



Aviso de Audiencia Pública Virtual de 2023 - Distrito de Atlanta Disponible para ver a las 4 p.m. el martes, 12 de diciembre de 2023

De acuerdo con el Código Administrativo de Texas, Título 43, Parte 1, Capítulo 25, Subcapítulo D, Regla §25.55 (a) y (b), el Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) llevará a cabo la Audiencia Virtual Anual de Bicicletas 2023 para Atlanta Distrito. La presentación pregrabada de la audiencia pública virtual estará disponible para su visualización el martes 12 de diciembre de 2023 a las 4 p.m. Este formato de audiencia virtual (sin audiencia en persona) incluye una presentación de video pregrabada y oportunidad de comentarios. Para ver la presentación en video pregrabada y los materiales de la audiencia, visite www.txdot.gov y busque "Audiencia virtual sobre bicicletas en Atlanta 2023". La presentación incluirá componentes de audio y visuales.

El propósito de esta audiencia pública virtual es brindar información sobre proyectos y programas de transporte que podrían afectar el uso de bicicletas en el sistema estatal dentro del Distrito de Atlanta. Los nueve condados dentro del Distrito de Atlanta incluyen: Bowie, Camp, Cass, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Panola, Titus y Upshur. Durante la audiencia virtual, se mostrará una presentación que muestra las adaptaciones de las vías para bicicletas y peatones y tendrá la oportunidad de proporcionar comentarios verbales o escritos por teléfono, correo postal o correo electrónico.

Se solicitan comentarios del público sobre los proyectos y programas de transporte del distrito que podrían afectar el uso de bicicletas en el sistema de carreteras del estado y se pueden enviar en línea, por correo electrónico a Jason. Overmyer@txdot.gov, o por correo a la oficina del distrito de TxDOT Atlanta, Attn : Jason Overmyer, 701 E. Main St., Atlanta, TX 75551. Se pueden enviar comentarios verbales llamando y dejando un correo de voz al (903) 224-8390. Todos los comentarios deben recibirse o tener matasellos del martes 2 de enero de 2024 o antes. Las respuestas a los comentarios escritos recibidos y el testimonio público proporcionado estarán disponibles en línea en <u>www.txdot.gov</u> una vez que se hayan preparado.

La audiencia virtual anual de bicicletas de 2023 se llevará a cabo en inglés. Si necesita un intérprete o traductor de documentos porque el inglés no es su idioma principal o tiene dificultades para comunicarse de manera efectiva en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si tiene una discapacidad y necesita asistencia, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para satisfacer la mayoría de las necesidades. Si necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o es una persona con una discapacidad que requiere una adaptación para asistir y participar en la Audiencia anual virtual de bicicletas de 2023, comuníquese con Jason Overmyer, coordinador de bicicletas, al (903) 799-1205 a más tardar a las 4 p.m. CT, jueves 7 de diciembre de 2023. Tenga en cuenta que se requiere notificación previa ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que el Departamento de Transporte de Texas los organice.

Para obtener información adicional o para ser agregado a la lista de correo de personas u organizaciones interesadas en el uso de bicicletas en el sistema estatal, o si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud general con respecto a la audiencia virtual, comuníquese con Jason Overmyer, en 701 E. Main St., Atlanta, TX 75551, (903) 799-1205 o Jason. Overmyer@txdot.gov.

Los comentarios escritos pueden enviarse por correo o por correo electrónico:

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Todos los comentarios deben tener matasellos o recibirse antes del martes 2 de enero de 2024 para que se incluyan en el informe resumido de la audiencia pública virtual.

Attention: Jason Overmyer 701 E. Main St. Atlanta, TX 75551 Jason.Overmyer@txdot.gov Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of 2023 Virtual Public Hearing - Atlanta District Available for Viewing at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023

In accordance with Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 25, Subchapter D, Rule §25.55 (a) and (b), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be conducting the 2023 Virtual Annual Bicycle Hearing for the Atlanta District. The virtual public hearing's pre-recorded presentation will be available for viewing on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023 at 4 p.m. This virtual hearing format (no in-person hearing) includes a pre-recorded video presentation and comment opportunity. To view the pre-recorded video presentation and hearing materials, please visit www.txdot.gov and search for Atlanta 2023 Virtual Annual Bicycle Hearing. The presentation will include both audio and visual components.

The purpose of this virtual public hearing is to provide information regarding transportation projects and programs that might affect bicycle-use on the state system within the Atlanta District. The nine counties within the Atlanta District include: Bowie, Camp, Cass, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Panola, Titus, and Upshur. A presentation showing bicycle and pedestrian roadway accommodations will be shown during the virtual hearing and you will have the opportunity to provide verbal or written comments by phone, mail, or email.

Comments from the public regarding the district transportation projects and programs that might affect bicycle use on the state highway system are requested and can be submitted online, by email to Jason.Overmyer@ txdot.gov, or by mail to TxDOT Atlanta District Office, Attn: Jason Overmyer, 701 E. Main St., Atlanta, TX **75551.** Verbal comments may be submitted by calling and leaving a voicemail at (903)884-4169. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before **Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024**. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be made available online at <a href="https://www.txdot.gov">www.txdot.gov</a> once they have been prepared.

The 2023 Virtual Annual Bicycle Hearing will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the 2023 Virtual Annual Bicycle Hearing, please contact Jason Overmyer, Atlanta District, at (903) 799-1205 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

For additional information or to be added to the mailing list of individuals or organizations interested in bicycle use on the state system, or if you have any general questions or concerns regarding the virtual hearing, please contact Jason Overmyer, at 701 E. Main St., Atlanta, TX 75551, (903) 799-1205 or Jason. Overmyer@txdot.gov.

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All comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024 to be included in the virtual public hearing summary report.

## **IEWPOINTS**

#### FOR STARTERS

"The problem with people who live in a world of speeches and books and theories is they don't know how to fix things in the real world when they go wrong. They feign ignorance, blame others, and make another eloquent speech."

- Kathleen Troia McFarland

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

— 1 Timothy 2:1-2

## Most important economic number hasn't gotten enough attention

BY JENNIFER RUBIN **Guest Columnist** 

mericans have no shortage of economic data. Some of the data — 14 million new jobs — is familiar by

Unemployment is at 3.9 percent. Manufacturing jobs have increased by around 800,000 under President Biden. And the clean-energy boom is well underway. ("A nonpartisan business group that advocates for clean energy estimates that 403,000 jobs will be created by the 210 major energy projects announced since the Inflation Reduction Act took effect in mid-2022," the Associated Press reported recently. "At least \$86 billion in investments have been announced, with the biggest job gains in expected in the electric vehicles, battery storage and solar energy sectors.")

On the inflation front, we are not at the 2 percent target, but inflation has come down to 3.7 percent. Biden can boast: Core inflation is at its lowest level in two years, and we have one of the lowest inflation rates of any major economy in the world.

The results are impressive.

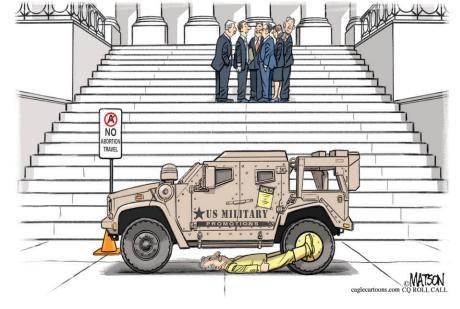
The Wall Street Journal seemed almost apologetic about its gloom-and-doom forecasts. "It is easy to make fun of other people's past forecasts, but considering the hurdles the economy has had to clear, it really is striking that it has done so well," the Journal intoned. "Add that inflation has cooled despite the addition of 2.4 million jobs so far this year, and gross domestic product is expanding much faster than economists expected," the report added. The economy even overcame "a regional bank crisis, a sharp increase in both short- and long-term borrowing costs, and the resumption of student-debt

Less discussed is why this is happening. One data point emerged last week that might explain how we are simultaneously getting strong growth and reduced unemployment and inflation. The Labor Department reported, "Nonfarm business sector labor productivity increased 4.7 percent in the third quarter of 2023, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today . . . as output increased 5.9 percent and hours worked increased 1.1 percent." Moreover, the report found, "The increase in labor productivity is the highest rate since the third quarter of 2020, in which productivity increased 5.7 percent. From the same quarter a year ago, nonfarm business sector labor productivity increased 2.2 percent in the third quarter of 2023."

Bottom line: We are not seeing wage inflation, which many experts predicted. Instead, the report found: "Unit labor costs in the nonfarm business sector decreased 0.8 percent in the third quarter of 2023, reflecting a 3.9-percent increase in hourly compensation and a 4.7-percent increase in productivity." This continues a pattern some picked up on over the summer.

As Karl W. Smith observed at Bloomberg: "Rising labor productivity means the economy can create more stuff with the same number of workers, working the same number of hours. That's crucial because getting inflation back under control requires either businesses to increase the supply of goods and services or consumers to decrease their demand." In this case, business has increased supply, allowing consumers to buy more. That boosted the consumer spending number, critical to the U.S. economy's performance.

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"HAS ANYONE SEEN SENATOR TUBERVILLE?"

## Comparisons, contracts and concerns

**COLUMNIST** 

ome years ago while returning from Israel, read Dan Brown's novel Inferno about using science, genetics and threats of overpopulation to modify people genetically. In the past Brown attacked Christianity in his books, especially in The Da Vinci Code, offering alternative explanations and historical bases.

I was surprised to learn nothing obviously anti-Christian in this book. He raises moral questions pertaining to

overpopulation. In my thinking, Brown's radical Muslims use our weapons. Such new novel generates some comparisons and contrasts with our time-period and that between World War I and World War II. We need to consider these present factors; what is happening before our

Weapons were very important during the World Wars, especially during the '20s and '30s, as Germany re-armed and turned her intellect, industry and chemical resources to war technology development. During this time, German genius was applied to build an arsenal that ravaged the world. Millions of people were sacrificed on the altar of their aggression. Aircrafts, bombs, submarines, chemical weapons, machine guns, tanks, flame throwers, land mines, hand grenades and nuclear weapons became reality. Germany even worked on developing an atomic bomb and was close to achieving that goal when defeat came.

The American development of a nuclear weapon brought the war to an end. What if Germany had achieved that weapon? That is a question that we must consider, particularly in the light of North Korea, Iran and other rogue nations achieving this ultimate weapon, along with the threat to use it. Such leaders do not have any moral guidance, indeed some like the Iranians have a religious mandate to destroy their enemies and heretics (i.e., Jews, Christians, Europeans and Americans).

During the last century, the world mostly ignored the threat of radical leaders, thinking they would not carry out their nightmare visions. Yet both Asians and Europeans did what they said they wanted to do. Some businesses and world leaders even cooperated with these nightmarish ventures until the terror of their actions became so vile and vicious. While in Israel, Ladded a new book to my collection on the time under consideration. I purchased, at the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem, Diarmuid Jeffreys' Hell's Cartel: I G Farben and the Making of Hitler's War Machine (2008), that clearly presents the interlocking of German industry and the Nazis.

Through the years a number of studies have revealed the sad history and involvement of organizations, businesses, industries and individuals in the tragedy of World War I and II. Even American businesses and industries were variously involved in the Nazi venture. The famous book that detailed the role of one American company in these events was Edwin Black's IBM and the Holocaust: The Strategic Alliance Between Nazi Germany and America's Most Powerful Corporation (2001). Many people, both business and government leaders, simply did nothing to confront Germany's leadership during those awful and eventful years.

Much the same attitudes and actions are taking place today as threats and

intentions are voiced by evil leaders. North Korea and Iran are just two examples in our day. The world has not acted to prevent these rogue nations from obtaining the ultimate weapon with which to intimidate and threaten others. Indeed, our own leadership armed Islamic radicals in Egypt and Syria, much like was done in an earlier time when "Charlie Wilson's War" was conducted. It is likely that not only Israel will have to face our weapons, but we may have to also when the

actions cannot be anything but anti-Israel, indeed anti-semitic in the worst kind of way. Such attitudes in the face of anti-semitism and radical Islam is much like the reactions of world leaders to what was happening in Asia and Europe in the 1930s. Certainly, we should not cooperate with or fund such evil ventures.

Eugenics has once again risen as an important movement. Brown's book is about using genetic research to solve the overpopulation problem. The problem of water, air, food and other limited resources are brought together in this novel with the solution being administered in a viral "weapon" rendering twothirds of the world's population infertile, unable to reproduce, and only a random one third capable of reproduction. The idea of eugenics as a weapon is not new. but Brown has again raised the possibility of a new phase of warfare capabilities.

When Adolf Hitler discussed the use of such genetic engineering in Mein Kampf in the 1920s, nobody took him serious or thought about the actual implementation of such thinking. Now we know that he was serious because the Führer and his supporters actual did what he envisioned. Dan Brown's "transhumanism" must not be dismissed as just another "novel idea" proposed as a solution for the world's overpopulation. Brown's idea is intriguing, non-violent and "creative." but it isn't entirely without risk or immorality.

The shadow of eugenics still darkens our world — from China's forced One Child policy to the United States' abortion policy; birth control to immigration management; ethnic cleansing to individual assassination; hidden interrogation camps to Russian gulags; murder of Christians to the slaughter of innocents. All of these horrors are promoted as ways to better the world for select groups of people. My suggestion is that we must once again make it clear to radicals such as the Muslim Brotherhood, Iranians. neo-Nazis, radical Islamists, religious terrorists, unrepentant leftists and associated murderers that we will not tolerate such ideas and behaviors.

It is way past time that we challenge our national administration's (Republican or Democrat) funding, arming and promoting jihadists in the world. We must come out in defense of Christians who are being slaughtered because of their faith by radical Islamists, particularly in Africa, Pakistan and China. We certainly should cut all foreign aid to such regimes and put them on notice regarding their behavior.

The solution and the salvation we must seek include both individuals and communities. Consequently, I have and will continue to suggest that we make an effort toward "community conversation"

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# Saying it is not doing it

's there anything on the internet you can

In the last week, internet viewers have been treated to photos of Donald Trump sucking on a pacifier and another one of his wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, Hillary Clinton trick-or-treating as a greenfaced witch, and one of Chris Christy depicted as a beluga whale.

But this story on a major news site seems to have built-in truisms.

A recent news article in Politico started this way: "Donald Trump wants to 'revolutionize' higher education if elected president."

Donald Trump? The former president? The guy who started "Trump University," ran it for five years and was ordered to close it and reimburse students \$25,000,000 for being a "fraudulent enterprise"?



**SMITH** 

**COLUMNIST** 

Remember the class action lawsuit against Trump U? It was not a university and was also advertised as Trump Wealth Institute and Trump Entrepreneur Initiative, LLC.

In effect, it was supposed to be a real estate training program billed as a "university"; it did not count for college credit, grant degrees or give grades. What it did was rake in money from folks enamored with Trump's persona, self-constructed "see how rich I am" reputation and his self-aggrandizing book, "Art of the Deal."

That Donald Trump? The one who is running for president and could win if he avoids prison after being indicted in three different jurisdictions on 91 felony counts?

That Donald Trump?

Recently the twice-impeached president, in a campaign video, emphatically stated that if elected he would create a federally funded online university that awards "free" degrees.

Of course, there's catch: It would not allow "wokeness or jihadism" to be taught; it would be taxpayer funded.

Federally funded? Well, if passing dubious legislation counts, his new policy proposal would continue to tax large private university endowments and add plain-ol' tax dollars to pay for his "Ameri-

The school would grant credit to prospective students for past coursework and then use their credentials to apply for jobs with the U.S. government and federal contractors, according to news reports.

Stop. Breathe. Do what?

On the surface, Trump seems to be focusing on what he considers "wokeness" on college campuses due to certain responses to the deadly attack on Israel by Hamas. Trump said, "We spend more money on

higher education than any other country and yet, they're turning our students into communists and terrorists and sympathiz ers of many, many different dimensions. We can't let this happen."

Who will run American Academy has not been decided; good money is riding on it being a Trump loyalist who will do his bidding... and agree to sign an iron-clad non-disclosure agreement.

Trump officials did state in a release they would look to include "private sector resources" and might include including "oversight by an existing government agency, a presidentially appointed board or commission, or a publicly funded private entity,"

Did you catch that? "Publicly funded private entity" is in the mix, which translates to "rich friends of Trump and other politicians" getting richer off tax revenue.

Would it be a good move to create a new educational model that would compete with the thousands of existing institutions of higher learning?

From an historical perspective, the idea of a national, American university is not new. In George Washington's first address to Congress in 1780, he called on the new legislature to consider establishing a national university to promote science, literature and civic education. "Wokeness" was not mentioned.

Trump's idea for a national university is steeped in political ideology, not education. In his first year in office Trump pushed Congress to pass a 1.4 percent levy on endowment income; and 58 institutions paid a total of hundreds of millions on the income. The levy is on universities that have at least 500 tuition-paying students and net assets of at least \$500,000 per student.

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BY JESSICA HARKER

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Revolution in Jefferson is work and patriotic service. taking an early opportunity to celebrate.

anniversary.

Blair during the event.

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during his presentation.

Also during the meeting. the DAR chapter gave out its annual Good Citizen On July 4, 2026 the Unit- award, which went to local ed States of America will high school senior Michelle mark its 250th anniversa- Brady. Leah Cooper with ry, and the local Martha DAR said that Brady was McCraw chapter of the awarded the recognition Daughters of the American this year for her volunteer

Brady has plans to enlist in the military after This week the DAR chap- graduation, with hopes of ter held a special com- joining the army reserves memorative event at the before she officially grad-First Methodist Church of uates from school. She Jefferson, where they paid also is highly involved in homage to the upcoming Jefferson High School, organizing volunteers for the "We are so thankful that Haunted Trails fundraiser all of you have come out to- annually, along with parnight to enjoy this special ticipating in powerlifting, presentation with us all," playing the cello, Nationsaid DAR member Meriam al Honors Society, Future Farmers of America, Span-The event featured a spe- ish Club and much more.

mer Judge Josh Morriss III in attendance at the event of "A Standing Miracle," a also got the chance to hear one-person short play dis- from Judge Rodney Gilcussing the role that God strap, who spoke on the implayed in ensuring Presi- portance of the upcoming and the entire American er of the rights we have as

Gilstrap discussed specifically the right to trial Morriss performed the by jury, in both criminal play for those in attendance and civil cases, something that the event, pinpointing that is unique to the United

"I really think about that hand in American victory. precious right to trial by "Well you've heard it jury, and how many people that the liberties of Amer- had to work and sacrifice ican were thanks to divine and put their lives on the intervention," Morriss said line for us to achieve that,"



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at the event this Monday. Judge

Rodney Gilstrap speaks to those gathered at the First Methodist

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the first prize winner of the Collin **County Young Artists** Competition and the 2022 second prize winner of the Lynn Harrell Competition. He is from Plano, TX. He'll perform Tchaikovsky's virtuosic violin concerto.







#### **Doris Kumberger Fowler**

JERSEY CITY — Doris Kumberger Fowler, age 91 of Griffin GA, passed on Friday August 4, 2023 at 4:30 a.m.

Doris was born March 6, 1932, to Charles and Edna Kumberger in Jersey City, NJ. During her 91 years, Doris lived in Palisades Park, NJ, San Diego CA, San Marcus CA, Shreveport LA, Jefferson TX and Griffin GA.

Preceding her in death was her husband Calvin, her parents, and her Lorraine sister Carol Thompson.

There are many left to remember her; Daughters: Karyl Ann (Randall) Bordner, Mari Joyce (Joseph) Bradford; Grandchildren: Rachel Bordner, Amanda (Zach) Bordner Howard, Vanessa Peskishev, and Anthony Bradford; Great granddaughter, Julia Smith; **Thomas** Nephews: (Donna) Thompson and Chuck (Lisa) Thompson, Niece; Kimberly (Jarred) Smith; Great nieces; Lydia Thompson, Carol Rebecca Thompson, Thompson, Caroline Smith, Catherine Smith, and Ivy Gentry and a host of family and friends.

The Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Algoma Cemetery North Pavilion in Marshall TX.

#### **Horace Jones**

HUGHES SPRINGS -Services for Horace Jones will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 9, 2023 at Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Sardis Cemetery under the direction of Reeder-Davis Funeral Home in Hughes Springs. Visitation is from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Thursday. An online guest book may be signed at www. reeder-davis.com.

#### Millie Lafaye Alford

MARSHALL — Funeral services for Millie Lafaye Alford, 77, will be held Saturday, November 11, 2023. in the Lewis Funeral Home Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at the Powder Mill Cemetery. Viewing is Friday, November 10, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Lewis Funeral Home. Mrs. Alford was born June 30, 1046, in Driver, Arkansas and died October 28, 2023.

#### **Phillip Madison** Ferguson

LONGVIEW, TEXAS — Phillip M. Ferguson, 83, of Longview, passed on Nov. 4, 2023, in Longview. Born on July 6, 1940, in Gilmer, Eddith and William Ferguson. He is survived by his wife Phyllis Ferguson. condolences may be left on the Welch Funeral Home website at CammackFamily.com.

#### **Robert John Sattler**

MARSHALL — Robert John Sattler age 79, of Marshall, Texas passed away on November 5, 2023, at his home. He was born on May 16, 1944, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Theodore and Helen Jefferies Sattler. He is survived by his wife Deborah Lynn Rogers Sattler. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at CammackFamily.com.

#### Sammy Dale Smith

MARSHALL — Services for Sammy Dale Smith, 51, of Marshall, Texas were held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at County Line Cemetery in Diana, Texas. Mr. Smith passed away on November 3, 2023, in Longview, Texas.

Perhaps they are not the stars, But rather openings in heaven where The love of our lost ones pours through And shines down upon us to let us know 🕏 they are happy.

# Hallsville teams compete at White Oak UIL meet

Special to the News Messenger

The Hallsville Intermediate School Bobcat Math and Science Team traveled to White Oak on Saturday to compete in their first meet of the year.

They finished second place in the large school division, but they made tremendous strides in their goal to take first place from Pine Tree.

Their second meet of the year will be at Atlanta Middle School Saturday, Dec. 2. Some notable finishes at the White Oak meet were:

Number Sense: sixth grade: second place Conley Bice, fourth place Jack

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place first place Conley Bice, fifth place Harrison Daub rett Simmons, fifth place Haines, fourth place Nich- place Emma Davis

Lauren Courtney; eighth Science: sixth grade: grade: first place Gar-Natalie rett Simmons, third place place Chandler Emerine, grade: first place Emma Boughton; seventh grade: Jacob Whitehurst, fifth Calculator: sixth grade: fourth place Emma Davis, Davis, third place Gar-second place Pierson place Avery Orr, sixth

#### ICE REPORTS

From Staff Reports

#### Arrests made by Marshall police

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#### Incidents reported by Marshall police

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## **HOPKINS**

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that encourages, inspires and embraces, rather than destroying and devastating people personally or professionally. We must take sin seriously. We must realize that no sin is small and insignificant. It is for this very reason Paul warned the Romans, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Sin is a parasite that latches onto the good and feeds on it, ultimately destroying it. The only solution is repentance and rejection of sin. So we must think about these serious issues and talk about them in order to find solutions and hopefully salvation. The Wise Man in Ecclesiastes said, "One

sinner destroys much good" (Ecclesiastes 9:18).

Our community conversation continues. The dynamic of individual and corporate influence must come in our conversation that we might bring our ideas, insights and solutions together to heal, help and deliver those who are threatened by the rabid radicals in our world. Holocaust tragedies must end and we must be part of their termination. I look forward to hearing from you and engaging you in conversation as I learn of your concerns.

- You can send your thoughts to drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com, or by snail mail to Dr. Jerry Hopkins, P. O. Box 1363, Marshall, Texas 75671. Dr. Jerry Hopkins is a historian and retired professor.

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Various efforts that advocate the repeal of the tax have failed due to Republican party opposition. Trump also said he would also generate funding for the school by "fining and suing" wealthy universities, if needed.

Biden administration officials have pursued various debt relief efforts, including offering help to Americans who have debt from college but don't have a degree.

Trump's proposal calls for granting various types of credentials, including degrees, that are accepted by the federal government and its contractors. In his video. he said the American Academy would award credit for past coursework and give students the opportunity to complete their education for

A campaign official said. "We need to have affordable options for college without spending trillions and trillions of dollars."

This isn't the Trump campaign's first foray into the education policy wars.

Earlier this year, Trump called for new accreditation standards for colleges and universities and proposed removing diversity, equity and inclusion administrators and promoting the defense of "the American and Western civilization" in school curriculum. He also called for entrance and exit exams for college and university

students to make sure they got their "money's worth." See it? See the plan?

Create a nesting place for one-party conservatism and using tax dollars to do it. If you don't see it as a slap

in the faced of democracy... honestly, you are lost.

- George S. Smith is a former publisher of the Marshall News Messenger.

#### By Downs Funeral Home

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## **RUBIN**

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It's too early to see if the trend will last or if it is directly related to Biden's economic agenda. Productivity waxes and wanes, tied to surges and lulls in growth. However, if productivity gains and growth (which soared in the third quarter) continue over an extended period without a surge in inflation, Biden should claim some credit.

After all, Biden's plan was to increase growth and the share of wealth going to the middle and working classes. By investing in infrastructure, green energy and other ventures, he hoped to boost productivity and allow wage gains without inflation.

In its first year, the Inflation Reduction Act drove the private sector to invest more than \$110 billion in green energy. The federal government has also spurred American businesses in overall investment. A recent Treasury Department report found: "By June, real construction of manufacturing facilities had more than doubled since 2021, mainly reflecting new factories in the technology sector." It

should not be surprising, then, that the economic recovery in the United States has been stronger and quicker than in other countries.

National Economic Council Director Lael Brainard last month touted "the historic trifecta of the bipartisan infrastructure law, the Chips and Science Act and the clean-energy portions of the Inflation Reduction Act [that] are boosting the supply side of our economy by catalyzing private sector investments in infrastructure, clean energy and semiconductor manufacturing." By combining enhanced worker training with government and private-sector investment, she explained, the administration hopes to maintain the manufacturing boom and growth in other sectors. She added that we have had "particularly large employment gains during this recovery in sectors like professional and business services and transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing and construction have also seen employment gains."

The Federal Reserve chair has taken notice. Reuters reported, "A recent surge

Chair Jerome Powell's emerging narrative for how inflation may continue to decline even amid sustained job and economic growth." The report continued, "The best-of-both-worlds outcome would rely on the U.S. finding a new balance between the demand for and the supply of goods and services less by 'destroying' demand

increases typically play out — and more through improvements in the economy's capacity." "Bidenomics" bet on

- Jennifer Rubin writes reported

in U.S. productivity has underscored Federal Reserve - the way Fed interest rate

American workers' ability to increase productivity, given the proper training and aided by strategic investment. And, lo and behold, with a gusher of public and private investment, it seems that the dream scenario — higher output, higher wages and declining inflation — might just be attainable. If so, Bidenomics might finally get its due.

opinion for The Washington Post. She is the author of "Resistance: How Women Saved Democracy from Donald Trump" and is host of the podcast Jen Rubin's

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# BUSINESS



# TSTC Marshall campus hosts Discovery Day

BY NICHOLAS OSBORN

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The Texas State Technical College campus in Marshall hosted a Discovery Day event on Thursday, Nov. 2 for prospective students to tion has to offer.

ty, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn the things that we offer," said TSTC

at TSTC, meet the instructors, and Corley at during the event. provide an opportunity to ask any

learn more about what the institu- House in that we are just bringing college, facilities they will potentialin the community and high school The campus welcomed several students to give them the opporschool districts from the East Tex- tunity to tour all of our programs, as area, as well as the communi- view our services, and let them see

more about the programs offered Career Services Coordinator Jena

Instructors of TSTC hosted introquestions students have about po-ductions for their programs to stutentially attending after gradua- dents in 20 minute blocks to provide tours and engage with prospective "Discovery Day is similar to Open students about the courses at the ly be using, and how the college will help students to find a career after graduating.

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Nicholas Osborn/Marshall News Messenger

The Texas State Technical College campus in Marshall hosted a Discovery Day event on Thursday, Nov. 2 for prospective students to learn more about what the institution has to offer.



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Community members get into the holiday spirit at Brass Trunk for the businesses holiday market event.

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## **Two Marshallites** to represent at music awards

BY JESSICA HARKER

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Two Marshall residents will represent the city this weekend as nominees for the annual Texas Country Music Awards, the ceremony for which is Sunday at Billy Bob's Texas.

Country music star Dale Watson and Ashli Dansby with KMHT Radio are both nominated for awards for this year's competition, the

first nomination for these awards for both community members.

Dansby is nominated for the Broadcast Personality of the Year award, with Watson nominated for the Roots/Alternative Artist or Band of the Year Award.

"It is truly an honor to even be nominated for something like this," Watson said, "There is a lot that goes into an award ceremony like this, a lot of people put in a lot of work."

Along with the award nomination, Dansby said that she will also be working as the red carpet interviewer during this year' award ceremony.



'It is such a high honor to even be nominated, let alone be nominated and also be asked to do the red carpet interviews for all of these nominee during this event," she said.

Dansby said that this is her first nomination for the annual awards, though she has been familiar with them for a number of years as professional in the industry.

She has spent the last 20 years as a dedicated radio broadcast professional, after falling in love with the world of radio when visiting her father at work.

Dansby said that he father used to work as a sales representative in a radio station in Elk City, where she got her first chance to

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## Panola College School of Energy gets \$15,950 Gas assn. donation

Special to the News Messenger

The Gas Compressor Association (GCA) donated \$15,950 to Panola College's School of Energy on Oct. 26.

The donation was presented by Vice President of Human Resources Joni Rice, CEO Chad Roberts and Human Resources Manager Elisa Flores of Estis Compression and McClung Energy Services.

"The GCA has been a faithful donor to the energy program, and these funds will go toward expanding the hands-on equipment and scholarships used in the petroleum and compression fields of study at the college,' said Daniel Hall, Chair of the School of En-

Hall was joined by Vice President of Institutional Advancement Jessica Pace, School of Energy Instructor Michael Pace and Assistant to the President/Grants Coordinator Mary Chance to accept the donation, which took place inside the School of Energy lab on the Panola College campus in Carthage.

"The compression industry has one of the highest demands for skilled workers, and we are excited to have these partnerships that directly impact our students with training and job opportunities," added Hall.

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#### **AG REPORT**

# Texans are nuts about pecans

reg Grant writes: "In Texas, it seems Jlike everyone has a soft spot for pecans. It should be a law. After all, it's our state tree. Don't ask me why it's named after Illinois — I've often wondered that myself. It would have made more sense to name it after Texas, Louisiana or Mississippi, where these delectable nuts are most common in the wild and flourish in rich river bottom soils. Texas typically takes the lead in native pecan production, and cooks and candy makers will attest that the small, oil-rich native pecans offer the finest flavor.

"Pecan trees are generally planted in the fall or winter, and you can find them in both bare-root and containerized forms. When planting bare-root pecans, it's crucial to do so while they are in their dormant state during the winter. Containerized plants, on the other hand. can be planted year-round, provided there's sufficient moisture. Fall is the optimal time, followed by winter, spring and lastly, summer (not ideal). It's recommended to space pecans about 50 feet apart.

"To bear nuts, pecan trees require cross-pollination with an-



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other cultivar or seedling. Pecan cultivars fall into two categories: some produce male flowers (pollen) first, while others produce female flowers (future pecans) first. Each type naturally pollinates the other. It's essential to plant at least one cultivar from each category or have native pecans nearby. Pecans are pollinated by the wind and can cross-pollinate up to a quarter of a mile away.

"Pecan trees thrive when string trimmers. they receive at least eight hours of direct sunlight. preferably more. While they can grow in various soil types, they produce the best results in deep, fertile, well-drained soils. Generally, they need irrigation during the summer to yield a good crop of nuts.

"When planting, dig a hole twice as wide as the tree's root ball and as deep ground when they're

as the roots or pot it came in. Water the root ball in the hole, then backfill with the native soil. Be sure not to plant the tree too deep, as it can be fatal. Create a circular berm around the tree to collect water, and water the tree once a week until it's established. Maintain a 4-inch deep and 4-foot-wide ring of mulch (compost, bark, pine straw, East Texas, recommended etc.) around the tree's base pecan cultivars include until it exceeds 6 inches in diameter. This mulch helps conserve moisture and keeps the soil at a suitable temperature throughout the seasons, while also preventing weeds and grass from interfering with the tree's growth. It's worth noting that both tree and grass roots compete for the same oxygen-rich soil area. Additionally, the mulch ring shields the tree's delicate bark from harm by lawn mowers and

"Pecans can face a range of potential insect and disease issues, including aphids, phylloxera gall, pecan nut casebearer, scab and fall webworms. You can find prevention and control methods on the Aggie Horticulture website formation from the Texas under 'Fruit and Nut Resources.'

"Pecans mature in the fall and will fall to the

ready. Leave them to dry for a few more weeks in a well-ventilated area, and then store them in the refrigerator or freezer.

"Remember, pecans aren't self-fertile, so you'll need two compatible cultivars for cross-pollination. Check out the Aggie Horticulture website for a list of suitable cultivars. In Apalachee, Caddo, Desirable, Elliott, Forkert, Kanza, Lakota, Lipan, Mandan, Oconee, Pawnee and Prilop. Avoid western cultivars prone to scab disease in this region."

Greg Grant is the Smith County horticulturist for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. He is the author of Texas Fruit and Vegetable Gardening, Texas Home Landscaping, Heirloom Gardening in the South and The Rose Rustlers.

You can read his "Greg's Ramblings" blog at arborgate.com and read his "In Greg's Garden" in each issue of Texas Gardener magazine (texasgardener. com). More science-based lawn and gardening in-A&M AgriLife Extension Service can be found at aggieturf.tamu.edu and aggie-horticulture.tamu.

#### **Harrison County** 4-H News

If you want to know more about showing market rabbits or poultry, we will have an introduction to these projects at our monthly 4-H meeting on Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. here at the Extension Office.

We currently are collecting **News** canned items for Mission Marshall here at the Extension Office. The 4-H members will deliver those goods next week so please bring those items by soon.

#### Farm City Week News

All new exhibitors to Farm City Week MUST have a W-9 filled out with the exhibitor's information. All forms need to be filled out completely and legibly; if not the exhibitor could be disqualified. You can find the forms on the Farm City Week website.

All other animals (sheep, goats, and hogs) will be validated Dec. 9-10.

Saturday, Dec. 9:

- from 9 to 11 a.m.
- 1 to 3 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 10: ■ Waskom Ag Facility from 1 to 3 p.m.

FCW VOLUNTEER MEETING: if you would like to volunteer to help out with FCW in any way, please attend our meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Harrison County Extension office located at 2005 Warren Drive in Marshall.

#### **Harrison County** Master Gardener

Mark your calendars now for our Tree Giveaway that we have in partnership with the Texas Forest Service on Feb. 3 at the greenhouse location on Warren Drive.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener, we are compiling a list now for the class that starts in January. Call the office at (903) 935-8413.

#### East Texas Beef and Forage Conference

East Texas Beef and Forage Conference to be held Friday, Nov. 17 at the Rusk County Expo Center in Henderson. Registration starts at 8 a.m., and the ■ Hallsville Ag Farm registration fee is \$25. You will hear from five fantastic ■ Marshall Ag Facility at speakers and if you are a Marshall High School from TDA Pesticide Applicator you will receive 5 CEU's towards your license. Lunch will be served, so please RSVP to (903) 657 0376.

> - Matt Garrett is the county agent for agriculture and natural resources in Harrison County.

#### **HEALTHY HARRISON**

# Chili dogs, anyone?

ack by popular demand... a Chili Dog Luncheon will be sponsored again by the Harrison Extension Education Association on Thursday, Nov. 9. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you want to enjoy a delicious lunch of a chili dog, chips, cookies and tea or water, then make your way to the Harrison County Extension Office at our NEW location: 2005 Warren Drive, Marshall.

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Extension Office is located near Airport Park across

the street from Republic Elite Manufacturing. Tickets are now on sale for \$8 per person and may be purchased from any Harrison Extension Education Association member or at the Harrison County Extension Office. Dine in or take out lunches will be available.

This is a fundraising event for the Harrison **Extension Education Asso**ciation to support county educational activities such as youth activities, commulater, a scholarship was

al learning experiences for club members.

Did vou know that the Texas Extension Education two years as a District 5 Association (TEEA) was organized in August 1926 on the Texas A&M University campus? The primary purpose for organizing was to establish a scholarship for a deserving 4-H girl. Harrison County was proud to have the first recipient (Golden Evans) of this award in 1927. Years

nity service and education- established in Vondell Mc-Lendon's (former Harrison rican American District 5 County resident) honor. Mrs. McLendon served Texas Extension Education Association Director. These scholarships have grown through the years, seven 4-H members receive one each year across the district. TEEA also gives three career scholarships to TEEA members to help them further their educa-

Harrison County is also

Texas Extension Education Associate Director, Eulah McNeice, to serve on the State Board for a two year Circle your calendars

known to have the first Af-

for Nov. 9 and join us for some good eating! For more information, contact the Harrison County Extension Office at (903) 935-8414.

- Louraiseal McDonald is the county agent for family and community health in Harrison County.

## MUSIC

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try broadcast radio when the station representatives asked her to do an ad read one day.

"I did the ad read in one take and, really, it was in that moment that I knew I wanted to be in radio," she said.

Dansby started her career in Marshall before moving for a while to work in a larger network, before eventually finding her way back home to Marshall, where she now works as the program director of KMHT station.

"I was really honored and very surprised to be nominated," she said, "It really is such an honor to be considered among everyone else who was nominated this vear.

Watson is also familiar with the awards, though he said that the nomination came as a surprise.

Both being nominated for and winning awards is something that Watson is very familiar with however, having been selected as both for a number of international and nation wide country music awards throughout his career.

"If there has been anything I have done throughout my career, I hope that it is to bring the roots of country music from here in Texas to people all over the world," Watson said.

He added though, that award ceremonies tend to be "a young man's game" and that he found himself honored to be the one of the oldest artists considered for nomination this year.

"We have a lot of really good, young talent here, Watson said, "It's really an honor to be considered as impactful as many of these talents.'

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"This is an important event for this area because TSTC's whole mission is placing more Texans in great paying jobs, and our programs are specifically here to serve the needs of the local industries," said Corley.

The programs featured in the schedule for the Fall. 2023 semester included welding, diesel equipment technology, electrical lineworker, business management, computer programming, process operations, precision machining, industrial systems, automation and controls, drafting and design, computer networking and cybersecurity.

Some of the school districts that attended the TSTC Discovery Day in Marshall included Yantis ISD, Overton ISD, Henderson ISD, Laneville ISD, New Summerfield ISD, Kilgore ISD, Leverett's Chapel ISD, Martinsville ISD, Chapel Hill ISD, Waskom ISD, Longview ISD, West Rusk CCISD, Central ISD, Whitehouse ISD and Quitman ISD.

transportation via buses by the district to participate in the event. There was also an application lab available for interested students during the event to begin their application process to join TSTC following their graduation.

"We're bringing in these students who don't even know we are in their backyard, and we're showing them the opportunities they have," said Corley.

"If we have a student who may not be the right fit for a four year college, but a two year trade and they like to get their hands dirty, this is the perfect opportunity for them," continued Corley.



Nicholas Osborn/Marshall News Messenger Photos

Students were provided The Texas State Technical College campus in Marshall hosted a Discovery Day event on Thursday, Nov. 2 for prospective students to learn more about what the institution has to offer.





# SPORTS



**#BEASTTEXAS FABULOUS 15 POLL** 

# Jefferson ends at No. 14 in last poll

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school football regular season 5. wreaked havoc on the #bEAST-Texas Fabulous 15.

final week of the regular season. and Pine Tree.

poll of the season in 6A/5A/4A. see as much damage in the fi-

Kilgore moved up to No. 4, and dy all stayed in the top five. The final week of the high Gilmer jumped from No. 10 to No.

Rounding out the final 6A/5A/4A poll of 2023 are Tex-A total of 11 of the 30 ranked as High, Lindale, Chapel Hill, teams, including eight of 15 in Center, Whitehouse, Sulphur Class 6A/5A/4A, lost during the Springs, Tyler Legacy, Van, Tyler

Carthage is No. 1 in the final The 3A/2A/TAPPS poll didn't

mained in the Nos. 2 and 3 spots. Winnsboro, Beckville and Lovela-

Daingerfield, which was No. 6, Garrison (7) and Overton (10) all lost on the final week.

The rest of the final 3A/2A/ TAPPS poll are West Rusk, Hooks, Troup, Harmony, Garrison, Cooper, Daingerfield, Grace Community, Jefferson and Diboll.

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Michael Cavazos/ Longview News-Journal The Hallsville vs, Marshall game is pictured on Friday, Sept. 29 in Maverick Stadium.



Marshall High School Boys' Basketball Coach Dwight McCowan is shown at Monday's scrimmage at Southwood High School in Shreveport.

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Marshall alum Dwight McCowan returns to lead Mavs basketball

BY NICHOLAS OSBORN

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s the new head coach for the Marshall High School boys basketball team, Dwight McCowan is aiming to deliver both energy and effort in his return to the team.

As a Marshall native and graduate of MHS, McCowan was part of the 2001 Maverick basketball team that made it to the regional semifinals with a record of 25-6 overall and 9-1 in the district.

"I played Marshall basketball from the seventh grade all the way through," said McCowan. "This is my home. I've been gone for about 17 years now, and it's just been a blessing to come back with an opportunity to coach where I played

McCowan joined the Mavericks for the 2023-24 season, he served as the head basketball coach for Palestine, Pleasant Grove, Pittsburgh and Detroit High School.

McCowan discussed some of the strengths of the Marshall Maverick basketball team as well as what he is looking forward to most when competing this season, detailing the athletic abilities of the players on this year's roster and what the coaches need to bring to the table to find success this year.

"We have some athleticism, we can get up and down the floor," explained McCowan. "Obviously we've got some work to do and things we've got to fix. The biggest thing is just to try and build a positive attitude everyday, bringing good energy every day."

"These guys have to have the tools," continued McCowan. "Me and my coaches have jobs to get that out of them in a positive way, and I think once we get them going and thinking positive and playing hard together, it will be alright."

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As the new head coach for the Marshall ISD Maverick basketball team and graduate of Marshall High School in the Class of 2001, Dwight McCowan is aiming to deliver both energy and effort in his return to the team.

# **Abney** named server of the year

## Other District 15-5A awards announced, Hallsville ends season

From Staff Reports

Marshall has announced all-district

Claire Abney was named server of the year in District 15 5A Region II, while Alyssa Helton was named to the

first team. Ava Burke and Makayla Jones were named to the second team.

Honorable mention team members include Sarah Jane Palmer, Ahijia James, Terria Wilson and Danika Cantu.



Claire Abney

Academic All-District awards went to Sarah Jane Palmer, Presley Doyle, Alaila Allen, Claire Abney, Ava Burke, Makayla Jones, Alyssa Helton, Ahjia James, Molly Skinner, Jiya Mistry, Terria Wilson and Kinlee Smith.

#### Hallsville Volleyball

SULPHUR SPRINGS — The McKinney North Lady Bulldogs earned a 26 24, 18-25, 25-22, 25-22 win over the Hallsville Ladycats in a Class 5A area playoff

Hallsville ends its season with a 37-6 record.

Kaycin Farrell finished the day with nine kills, three blocks and 13 digs in the loss for Hallsville. Teagan Hill had 11 kills, three blocks and 14 digs. Savanah Sutton chipped in with two assists and four digs, Miller Goswick two blocks and two digs, Lauren Pyle seven kills, two blocks, 30 assists and 17 digs. Bella Anguiano two digs, Andi Davis 10 digs. Preslev Johnson seven kills and two digs, Leah Conley four kills and four digs and Macie Nelson two assists and 24 digs.

## Wiley women defeat Jarvis Christian on Homecoming

BY ANDREW GLOVER Wiley Sports Information

Wiley University women's basketball player Jamiya Eaddy scored 32 points to help the Lady Wildcats overcome a double-digit deficit in the fourth quarter of a 68-61 victory in their 2023 Homecoming game against Jarvis Christian University.

Eaddy shot 10-for-17, including 6-for-10 from 3-point range. She also contributed six rebounds and two steals. Kiersten Harris put up a career-high 11 points, eight rebounds and six assists. Diamond Hawthorne also reached double figures with 10 points, adding nine rebounds and three steals. Ashunti Cooper played a key role in the comeback with seven steals to go along with six points.

Wiley (2-1) held the lead most of the game. It only scored one point in the last 5:30 of the third quarter and missed nine shots with four turnovers. This allowed Jarvis Christian to finish the quarter on a 13-1 run and

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# Marshall High School hosts senior pep rally

Marshall High School hosted its senior pep rally last week before the game against Whitehouse.

The Marshall High School Mavericks got a down-to-the-wire 30-28 win over Whitehouse at Maverick Stadium. The Mays took it on the last play of the game.

Marshall ended the regular season second in district and will host Denison at Maverick Stadium on Friday, Nov. 10 for the bi-district playoff game. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

**Contributed Photos** 

Marshall High School hosted its senior pep rally last week before the game against Whitehouse.













Hallsville ISD students and staff showed their school spirit and support for Red Ribbon Week by dressing up on Oct. 29.







## **Harleton** ends regular season with loss

From Staff Reports

ORE CITY — Aydin Thomas returned two of his three interceptions for touchdowns, and the Ore City Rebels closed out the regular season with a 32-13 District 10-2A Division I win over the Harleton Wildcats.

Both teams are in the playoffs. Ore City (5-4, 4-2) will take on Honey Grove at 7 p.m. Thursday in Sulphur Springs, while Harleton (7-3, 4-2) will face Wolfe City at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in Grand

Thomas returned interceptions 29 and 82 vards for touchdowns for the Rebels. Gage Cavanaugh passed for 86 yards and threw TD passes to Kyler Rowe and Diego Velasquez, and Cavanaugh also scored on a 6-yard

Carson Wallace passed for 82 yards and a touchdown in the loss for Harleton. Draven Ring rushed for 103 yards on 19 carries, and Cameron Johnson had two catches for 29 yards and a TD. Peyton Jones scored on a 7-yard run for the Wildcats.

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Voters in the poll were Phil Hicks and Brandon Ogden of the Tyler Morning Telegraph, Jack Stallard and Thomas Bingham of the Longview News-Journal, Ryan Silapan of the Panola Watchman, Nathan Hague of the Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel, Josh Havard of the Lufkin Daily News, Mitch Lucas of ETBlitz.com, Jay Neal of the Jacksonville Progress, Bryce Brauneisen and Reagan Roy of CBS 19,

freelance writers Joe Hale and John Krueger, Harlen the Sports Guy of the Friday Night Scoreboard Show and Bret Swinney of the Northeast Texas Sports Network/NETSN.

#### #bEASTTexas Fabulous 15

6A/5A/4A Team Points Record LW 1. Carthage (12) 222 10-0 1

- 2. Longview (3) 213 9-1 2
- 3. Pleasant Grove 192 10-0 3
- 5. Gilmer 151 7-3 10
- 8. Chapel Hill 115 8-2 6
- 9. Center 76 7-3 13
- 10. Whitehouse 71 7-3 8 11. Sulphur Springs  $58\,8-2\,7$
- 13. Van 52 7-3 9
- 4. Kilgore 181 9-1 5
- 6. Texas High 125 9-1 4
- 7. Lindale 124 6-4 11

- 12. Tyler Legacy 57 3-7 15
- 14. Tyler 35 6-4 12
- 15. Pine Tree 32 6-4 NR
- Others receiving votes: Marshall 31; Caddo Mills 23; Lufkin 17; Bullard 11; Rusk 9; Athens 5.

Dropped out: No. 15 Lufkin. 3A/2A/TAPPS

- Team Points Record LW
- 1. Timpson (13) 223 10-0 1
- 2. Malakoff (2) 211 10-0 2
- 3. Winnsboro 196 10-0 3
- 4. Beckville 171 9-1 4
- 5. Lovelady 167 10-0 5 6. West Rusk 132 8-2 8
- 7. Hooks 124 9-1 9
- 8. Troup 99 9-1 11 9. Harmony 91 8-2 15
- 10. Garrison 85 9-1 7
- 11. Cooper 74 9-1 12
- 12. Daingerfield 58 7-3 6 13. Grace 55 9-1 13
- 14. Jefferson 46 7-2 14
- 15. Diboll 30 8-2 NR

Others receiving votes: Overton 16; Tenaha 10; New Diana 6; Brook Hill 4; Mount Vernon 2.

Dropped out: No. 10 Overton.

## WILEY

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hold a six-point edge entering the fourth quarter.

The Lady Wildcats trailed by as many as 12 with eight minutes left in the fourth. Eaddy hit a 3-pointer and then stole the ball. Cooper added two points on an offensive put back. Diamond Hawthorne got a steal to setup a layup by Cooper, who scored off a pass from Harris. A 3-pointer by Eaddy pulled Wiley University within two with 6:22 left.

With 1:56 left in the game, a 3-pointer by Eaddy tied the game at 61. Harris got a steal which setup Hawthorne for a scoring opportunity. She made one of two free throws to give Wiley a 62-61 lead with 1:18 left. She extended the lead with a minute left, hitting a lavup on a pass from Cooper, who stole the ball.

team-high 10 rebounds.



Contributed Photo

Jamiya Eaddy scored 32 points and shot 6-for-10 from 3-point territory.

The Lady Wildcats returned to On Thursday, Wiley fell 79-53 at Alumni Gymnasium on Tuesday Oklahoma City University. It was and host their other East Texas rioutshot 49 to 31.6 percent. Haw- val Texas College. The Lady Steers thorne led the team with 15 points  $\,$  opened  $\,$  the  $\,$  season  $\,$  with  $\,$  a  $\,$  77-72  $\,$ and six rebounds. Eaddy had a victory over Arkansas Baptist Uni-

## **HOME**

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When serving as the head basketball coach for Pleasant Grove, McCowan led the team to the regional semifinals in 2018, state playoffs in 2019-20, and a district championship in 2021. At his most recent position in Palestine, McCowan led the team to the bi-district playoffs. McCowan has also served in several other coaching positions in his career, including assistant football coach, head cross country coach and assistant track coach.

When discussing the opportunity to return home to Marshall and become the head basketball coach, McCowan reflected on his history at the school and more importantly, the legacy left by his own family in both the sports program and the greater community.

"It's in my veins," said Mc-Cowan when asked about how being a Marshall-native influenced his decision. "My mom

dad was a Marshall graduate as

"It's something that I never thought I'd get an opportunity to

do," said McCowan. McCowan emphasized the importance of the many memories he shared with his mom, former coach Sharon Smith, during her career and how his time spent in the Marshall community has helped to make his position as the head basketball coach even more valuable.

"It's a blessing," said McCowan. "I wish my dad was still here to see it. But my mom and my stepdad have done a good job, and I'm happy that they're proud of me for coming out.'

The Marshall Mavericks have experienced a playoff slump in recent years with the 2020-21 season's overall record of 5-19 and district record of 2-10; the 2021-22 season's overall record of 6-21 and district record of 2-10; and the 2022-23 season's overall record of 13-23 and district record coached here for 32 years and my of 3-11. The team's most recent

success came in the 2019-20 season where the team finished with an overall of 23-10 and a district record of 12-2, helping them to become district co-champions.

"The biggest goal is to end that playoff drought that's going on right now," said McCowan. "So we want to grow as a team every day, and get better every day."

'What we want to work on is energy and effort," explained McCowan. "So, it's just playing hard. The biggest thing is to play hard. That solves a lot of problems.'

As the team turns their attention to this year's season, McCowan is eager to emphasize the importance of playing every position with energy and effort as they seek to address the challenges facing the team in the hopes of finding their success on the court.

"Play hard, and don't give up on any play," said McCowan. "You can't get frustrated because something didn't go your way. You have to play through it."

# Texas House adjourns without passing Abbot's priority bills

The Texas Tribune

The third special legislative session ended with a whimper Tuesday morning without a deal on school vouch- $\operatorname{ers}$  — Gov. Greg Abbott's top priority — as well as several border security bills he had

The House adjourned sine die just after 10 a.m., preventing the passage of any legislation that still remains in the Senate. The upper chamber planned to convene at 4 p.m.

Over 30 days of largely unproductive lawmaking, plagued by bitter Republican infighting between Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dade Phelan, the Legislature passed just two of the five items on the governor's initial agenda from Oct. 5, and none of the five items he later added. Phelan said Abbott would call a fourth special session beginning Tuesday afternoon, though whether that can break the The Texas State Capitol in Austin on Jan. 7, 2021. stalemate is far from guaran-

With the nominally part-time Republicans. lawmakers away from their

employer COVID-19 vaccina- negotiating team. tion mandates. The bill, shepinated chambers with ease.

The biggest point of confor a vote. tention was Abbott's request



families and principal jobs signaling that a majority of ship. for more than half of 2023, the two-dozen Republican

dleton, R-Galveston and Rep. day of the session, the House on Nov. 2. Jeff Leach, R-Plano, passed never held a hearing on any

Never in the Legislature's dren to private and religious property taxes and later over border with Mexico, died in hearings featured Abbott's student. 176-year history have law- schools. An effort to do so the House impeachment of the House. makers met for more than in the regular session in the Attorney General Ken Paxthree special sessions in a spring was defeated by a coa- ton. Patrick accused Phelan ferent versions of a bill that overrun with criminals and Rep. Stan Kitzman, R-Patyear with a regular session. lition of Democrats and rural of caving to the Democrats would allow police officers squalor, prompting some Retison, said in a statement. and anti-voucher Republi- to arrest migrants who cross publican legislators to won- Kitzman, however, didn't There's been no public cans to preserve his speaker- the border illegally, but nev- der aloud if the governor was necessarily need to be won

the mood inside the Capitol holdouts have changed their the Texas House have just the Senate plan "pro-illegal million for additional law en- year when he voted against minds, despite Abbott's decla- wasted another special ses- immigration" while Patrick forcement in Colony Ridge, a budget amendment that The Legislature granted ration on Oct. 31 that he had sion with no action on the derided the House plan as a though it was attached to the would have banned them. Abbott's request for a ban on struck a deal with Phelan's legislative priorities of the governor, the Senate, and the lease bill." While the Senate passed majority of Texas voters," herded by Sen. Mayes Mid- its voucher bill on the sixth Patrick said on social media a bill related to Colony Ridge his top legislative priority 5 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

er agreed on a compromise wasting their time. "Speaker Dade Phelan and between them. Phelan called

Abbott's vague request for met a similar fate. The Liber- last year, a choice that survance legislation to the floor rity bills Abbott wanted that nation of right-wing media, school choice legislation, posal through to passage. Republicans agreed on in with accusations that it was during his first term, was The House inaction fur-principle. Senate Bill 6, which a colonia providing a base for rejected by the House. for a voucher bill that would ther soured the relationship would have appropriated \$1.5 organized crime and illegal After the 2023 regular as reporters pursued him allow parents to use taxpay- between Patrick and Phelan, billion for the state to continimigrants, prompting Absession ended with a lot of out of the chamber.

own appointees testifying The chambers passed dif- that Colony Ridge was not islators can get behind,"

"Texas-sized catch-and-re- border barrier bill that died in the House.

first two special sessions featured a singular focus: property tax cuts.

Abbott's agenda for the third special session, by including border security and Colony Ridge, created an opportunity for the governor to walk away with some victories in case the voucher effort failed again.

But because most of the bills on those topics failed to pass as well, Abbott now faces the prospect of a fourth special session where lawmakers spend valuable time on issues other than his top priority. By law, special sessions can last no longer than 30 days.

There may be a glimmer of hope, however. Last week Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Killeen, the chairman of the House public education bill, unveiled a new voucher bill with more concessions than ever to the Republican holdouts. Most significantly, it increases the amount of money each public er dollars to send their chil- who began in the spring over ue building a wall along its bott's ask. But two legislative school district receives per

"This is a bill rural legover. He signaled support The Senate approved \$40 for vouchers earlier this

Phelan said the House planned to get right to Abbott made vouchers work, beginning around

Buckley declined to tele-The spat had collateral ty County subdivision over prised some at the Capitol graph his plans for how through the Republican-dom-voucher bill, let alone ad-damage: several border secu- the summer became a fasci- because his 2017 push for he'll shepherd his new pro-

"We'll file the bill at the appropriate time," he said

## House's new priority education bill offers concessions to sway voucher skeptics

BY BRIAN LOPEZ AND MAIA **PANDEY** The Texas Tribune

A revised education bill hoping to introduce school vouchers in Texas would offer more money to schools and create academic accountability measures for students in the program, representing voucher supporters' latest attempt to offer concessions to sway skeptics.

Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Killeen, released Friday the reworked House Bill 1, which includes a plethora of increases to public school funding. Most notably, the basic allotment, which is the student it's educating, will increase from \$6.160 to \$6.700 flation starting in 2026-2027.

However, the bill doesn't allotment that has to be devoted to teacher pay, like its previous version did. It also doesn't include additional funds for school safety like a standalone public education funding bill proposed by the Texas Senate last month. School officials have said funds the Texas Legislature allocated during the regular lawmaking session for school safety upgrades aren't enough to pay for the new requirements.

With lawmakers unlikely to pass a voucher program before the end of the ongoing special legislative session, Buckley said he would file his new bill in an upcoming special session, which Gov. Greg Abbott is widely expected to announce soon.

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promptly passed its own me Puente, director of ecoschool voucher proposal in nomic opportunity for Every private school advocates have early October. The program Texan. "The only limitation vehemently opposed givdescribed in Senate Bill 1 for the voucher program un- ing any sort of assessment



Juan Figueroa/The Texas Tribune

State Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Killeen, released a revised version of base amount of money the his priority education bill Friday. The bill calls for more funding for state gives a district for each public schools and would create a school voucher program.

> students but give priority ac- propriation limit." hearing.

ceiving input from House col-receive \$1,000. leagues, the governor's office

also revolves around edu- gram should be held to the part time. The bill includes cation savings accounts, a same academic standards increased special education voucher-like instrument in as public schools. Under the funding and several grants the form of state-controlled new HB 1, children accepted accounts that would give into the program must take parents access to taxpay- a standardized test; if they er money to pay for private have failing grades for two profession as Texas grapschool and other educational years in a row, they would be ples with teacher shortages. expenses.

program that would be open with disabilities and low in- performance of both.

Meanwhile, the Senate sal from the jump," said Jai- test they want to," he said.

and students with disabilities posals, the program would tion opposing vouchers.' if there were more applica- initially have about \$500 milraise the portion of the basic tions than funds available. lion at its disposal. Each child The House has not moved on in the program would receive the basic allotment as inflathat bill and it has been stuck about \$10,500 a year, meaning tion has diluted their buywithout a House committee that more than 40,000 stu- ing power. Under state law, dents would be able to partic- districts must use a portion Buckley said his new leg- ipate. Homeschoolers accept- of the new basic allotment islation was crafted after re- ed into the program would funds for teacher and staff

The bill also includes acand education stakeholders. countability provisions to \$4,000 one-time bonus for full-Abbott's office did not imme- sway skeptical House mem- time teachers, counselors, diately respond to a request bers who have argued that nurses and librarians. That for comments on the new bill. private schools that receive figure goes down to \$2,000 if The new version of HB 1 state funds through the pro- those employees are working

kicked out of the program. The new bill proposes a But Monty Exter, director The Texas House and Ab- more expanded version of of governmental relations the program. Under Buck- for the Association of Texas what sort of public school ley's previous version of HB Professional Educators, said finance and vouchers bill 1, only 25,000 Texas students the accountability requirewould've been able to partic- ments in the new bill are a er version of HB 1 proposed ipate in the program during downgrade from its previmodest increases to the basic the 2024-25 school year. Now, ous version, which would've allotment and a school vouch- every Texas student would required voucher program er program that would've be eligible to apply and there participants to take the same been open to only certain would be no enrollment cap. tests as public school stugroups of students. Abbott The bill has a system that dents and allowed comparihas been adamant he wants a would prioritize students sons between the academic

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Both the Senate and some would be open to all Texas der the new version is the ap- to students who participate

ents, they argue.

room Teachers Association, year. said the accountability measee a basic allotment increase closer to \$1,000 to account for inflation spikes since 2019.

"We recognize that that's a big difference from the previous bill," she said of the basic allotment increase in HB 1. "But we are certainly not looking at any of the parts of the bill as changing our posi-

School districts have been asking lawmakers to increase compensation increases.

The bill also includes a related to it. It also calls for measures

to help keep teachers in the

in a voucher program, say- These include funding to help they meet certain perfornts, they argue. teaching them how to do the Rep. James Talarico, Paige Williams, legislative job before hiring them as full- D-Austin, a key member

sures are a "step in the right of teachers and increases alongside public school direction" that she hasn't to the Teacher Incentive funding. seen in other states' voucher Allotment, a program that programs. But, she said, edu- promises to pay teachers the same: no vouchers, no cation advocates would like to up to six-figure salaries if bribes, no deals," he said.

ing it takes away from pri- school districts pay for more mance requirements, are vate schools' autonomy and teacher residencies and pro- also included. About 13,000 amounts to state government grams that place would-be teachers, or about 4% of the interference. Accountability teachers in classrooms with state's educators, are curshould be left with the par- mentors for about a year, rently part of the program.

director for the Texas Class- time educators the following of the House Democratic Caucus, said a voucher Free pre-K for children program is not negotiable

"Our position remains

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#### TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

# To be repaired, symptomatic inguinal hernias require surgery

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** 

Are there any nonsurgical ways to repair an inguinal hernia, like exercise, diet or walking? I believe I caught mine early on. The mesh does not seem promising. – R.K.

**ANSWER:** An inguinal hernia is a defect in the abdominal wall. In men, the hernias usually start in the internal inguinal ring, where male structures descended during fetal development. In some people, the inguinal ring doesn't close all the way, and that potential opening stays asymptomatic for years,

sometimes many years.

These small defects sometimes stretch over time, allowing the abdominal contents, such as the intestines, to come through the defect and out of the abdomen. Usually, they will go back into the abdomen where they belong, but they can get stuck outside of the abdomen. Swelling of the area can make the loop of intestines unable to get back in at all, which is when hernia. Avoiding constia surgery becomes life-sav-



#### **KEITH ROACH**

**DOCTOR** 

Because the hernia is an anatomical structure, it absolutely cannot be cured without an anatomical solution — that is, surgery. Imagine you have a seam in a shirt that is partially ripped, leaving you with a hole. You can't fix it unless you sew it up. But not everyone with an inguinal hernia needs surgery.

Hernias should be repaired if they're symptomatic; otherwise, many can be watched. A healthy diet and exercise like regular walking is good for everyone, but it won't help the pation reduces abdominal

pressure and reduces risk of the intestines going through the hernia. Light weightlifting is usually OK, but heavy weightlifting isn't prudent.

Young and healthy people benefit most from early repair. With the exception of my patients who aren't good candidates for surgery due to serious medical problems, I usuallly refer my patients to a surgeon to discuss the risks and benefits.

Mesh material and repair techniques are better than they were, and I think mesh has an undeservedly bad reputation (sometimes based on expired or fraudulent mesh material). But I ultimately defer patients to my surgical colleagues regarding choice of surgery. There are certainly meshfree techniques for those who insist on them.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am curious about the bee venom gel used to treat arthritis. Can you comment? S.P.O.

ANSWER: As much as I would like this to be false,

there are no medication treatments that can reverse or stop the progression of osteoarthritis. This includes prescription and nonprescription treatments. I understand the appeal that something really dangerous, like bee venom, could be used to treat a serious condition. Unfortunately, the studies I found did not show any benefit in improving symptoms compared to a placebo. Furthermore, there does seem to be a unique form of arthritis in beekeepers, thought to be related to the venom.

Topical treatments that may help include topical diclofenac and capsaicin, but these tend to only work in joints where the cream or gel can permeate, like the hands or knees. The hip ioint is too deep for topical treatments to reach.

- Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@ med.cornell.edu or send mail to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803.

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#### TV GUIDE

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING **NOVEMBER 8, 2023** 7:00 7:30 8:00 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30 8:30 9:00 9:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live The 57th Annual CMA Awards (N) **ABC** Nightline Local **CBS** The Amazing Race (TVPG) (N) Survivor : "The Thorn In My" (N) Local (:35) Late Show (TV14) Comics NBC News Special: NBC News Republican Presidential Debate **NBC** Tonight Show (TV14) Late Night Local Snake Oil (TVPG) (N) Local Programs (TV14) **FOX** The Masked Singer (N) Local Programs (TV14) ION Blue Bloods (TV14) Blue Bloods (TV14) Blue Bloods (TV14) Blue Bloods (TV14) **Blue Bloods** (TV14) Court Cam A&E Vegas Vacation ('97, PG) ★★½ Chevy Chase. AMC National Lampoon's Vacation ('83, R) ★★★ Caddyshack ('80) ★★★ **ANIMAL** Deadliest Catch (TV14) Deadliest Catch (TV14) Deadliest Catch (TV14) **Deadliest Catch** (TV14) Deadliest Catch (TV14) Neighbor. Neighbor. Ms. Pat Ms. Pat Tyler Perry's Sistas Ms. Pat Ms. Pat BET Tyler Perry's Sistas (N) **BRAVO** Real Housewives (N) Housewives (TV14) BravoCon Real Housewives (N) BravoCon Housewives (TV14) Rick Morty **CARTOON** Burgers **Burgers Burgers** Dad Dad Dad Dad Rick Morty Robot CMT Mom Mom Mom Mom Mom Mom Mom Mom Reba Reba Anderson Cooper 360 Post Debate Analysis CNN The Source with Post Debate Analysis The Office The Office The Office The Office **Daily Show** South Park South Park South Park **COMEDY** The Office The Office **DISCOVERY Expedition Unknown Ghost Adventures** (N) **Adventures** (TV14) **Adventures** (TV14) **Expedition Unknown** Moon Girl Miraculous **DISNEY** Hailey's Miraculous BUNK'D BUNK'D Hailey's Miraculous Bluey Bluey **Central Intelligence** ('16, PG-13) ★★★ Kevin Hart. E! News House of Villains Sex & City **Hitch** ('05) E! **ESPN** (6:45) **NBA Basketball:** San Antonio vs New York NBA Basketball: Golden State vs Denver (Live) (:35) **SC** ESPN2 (6:30) College Football: Eastern Michigan vs Toledo (Live) SportsCenter (Live) SportsCenter (Live) Featured Guy's Grocery Games **FOOD** Guy's Grocery Games **Guy's Grocery Games** To Be Announced Guy's Grocery Games **FREEFORM** Santa ('94) The Santa Clause 2 ('02, G) ★★½ Tim Allen, Judge Reinhold. The 700 Club (TV G) Simpsons Simpsons Captain Marvel ('19, PG-13) Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson. Marvel's The Avengers ('12, PG-13) ★★★½ Robert Downey Jr. FX HGTV Help! I Wrecked (N) Help! I Wrecked (N) (:01) House Hunters (N) Hunters Hunters Help! I Wrecked (TV G) Pawn Stars Do America : "Bluegrass" (TVPG) (N) **HISTORY** (:03) Forged in Fire (N) Pawn Stars (TVPG) Pawn Stars Do (TVPG) LIFETIME | Married at First Sight: "Goodbye Single" (N) Castle: "Target" (TVPG) Castle: "Hunt" (TVPG) Married at First Sight Ridiculous Ridiculous MTV The Challenge : "A Matter of" (N) Ridiculous Ridiculous Ridiculous Ridiculous Ridiculous Dan Abrams Live **NEWSNAT** Dan Abrams Live Banfield Cuomo Friends NICK SpongeBob SpongeBob Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends The Dark Knight Rises (12, PG-13) ★★★★ Christian Bale, Gary Oldman. **PARMT** Movie **SYFY** (5:41) Transformers: The Last Knight ('17) 🛨 🖈 SurrealEstate (N) Jeepers Creepers 3 (17, NR) **TBS AEW: Dynamite** Wrestlers compete. **Power Slap** Young Young Young Young TCM The Landlord ('70, PG) ★★½ Beau Bridges. (:15) A Raisin in the Sun ('61, **Blue Dress** NR) ★★★ Sidney Poitier Dr. Pimple Popper Dr. Pimple Popper Dr. Pimple Popper Dr. Pimple Popper TLC Dr. Pimple Popper (6:30) NHL Hockey: Florida vs Washington (Live) TNT NHL Hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Vegas Golden Knights (Live) **TRAVEL** Paranormal (TVPG) Paranormal (TVPG) Paranormal (TVPG) Paranormal (TVPG) Paranormal (TVPG) Loves Ray. Loves Ray. **TV LAND** Loves Ray. Loves Ray. Loves Ray. Loves Ray. Queens Queens Queens Queens SVU: "Missing" (TV14) Barmageddon (TV14) USA SVU: "If I Knew Then" SVU: "Bend the Law" SVU: "Debatable" Madea Goes to Jail ('09, PG-13) ★½ Tyler Perry, Derek Luke. VH1 How Stella Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (11) ★1/2 **HBO** Shazam! Fury ('23) You Were My First Boyfriend ('23) (:40) **30 Coins** : "Hellish" The Nun II ('23, R) Taissa Farmiga. (:54) Unbreakable ('00) MAX The Edge ('97, R) ★★★ Anthony Hopkins. (:58) Wild ('14, R) ★★★ Reese Witherspoon.

(:05) The Counselor ('13, R) Michael Fassbender.

#### **CRYPTOQUIP**

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals S

#### **HOROSCOPE**

BY GEORGIA NICOLS Astrologist

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions after 11:30 p.m. EST today (8:30 p.m. PST). The Moon

is in Virgo. ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Interruptions to your job or something related to your health or your pet might occur today. Stay on your toes. Meanwhile, you have wonderful opportunities to negotiate shared property, inheritances, wills and estates, as well as insurance issues. Things will go your way because you'll be effective and persuasive!

Tonight: Avoid financial squabbles. TÁURUS (April 20-May 20)

This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. Meanwhile, social occasions are up for grabs today. Plans might be canceled or, alternatively, you might suddenly receive an invitation. (Go figure.) Likewise, guard against sports accidents. Meanwhile, discussions with partners and close friends will be powerful and productive. Tonight: Patience.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Something will interrupt your home routine. Unexpected company. Broken appliances. Fortunately, you are empowered with common sense and self-discipline today, so you can fix anything that goes awry. This is

socializing. Tonight: Delegate. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

also a lovely day for romance and

This is a mildly accident-prone day for you, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Meanwhile, it's a powerful day for artists and creative projects. It's also a great day to teach children. Exploring ways to refine new techniques in the arts or sports will be effective and worthwhile. Tonight: Relax.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

Financial matters might catch you by surprise today, so keep your eyes open. In fact, you might

find money; you might lose money. Meanwhile, family discussions will be powerful but effective, especially regarding home improvements and repairs. These discussions also might include recycling and garbage issues. Tonight: Downtime.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you crave emotional excitement, which is why you might seek out people who are different. You also might be attracted to

groups who want to advocate change

(:05) **Caine Mutiny** ('88)

or introduce new policies. You will be effective and persuasive when sharing your own ideas with others. Tonight: Learn something.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-0ct. 22)

You might feel restless today, because an undercurrent of excitement seems to permeate your day. This could relate to potential earnings or moneymaking ideas you have, especially if you want to convince someone else to agree with you or see your way of doing things. Tonight:

Check your money. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

A friend might surprise you today. Or perhaps you will meet someone who is a real character. Meanwhile. today Mercury is in your sign dancing with Pluto, which gives you X-ray vision and allows you to examine, scrutinize and probe everything that comes your way. (You'll spot a phony.) Tonight: Exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Something unusual might happen that suddenly puts you in the public eye today. This could be inadvertent or planned. Meanwhile, your ability to do research and find answers to questions and solutions to old problems is excellent. Tonight: Privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Travel plans might suddenly change today. It could be a big change or a minor hiccup. Double-check all schedules and itineraries. Meanwhile, you might have a powerful discussion with someone today, perhaps a member of a group. Or you might attract someone to you who is very persuasive. Tonight: Set

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Make friends with your bank account today to make sure you're on top of things, because something unusual could occur. Meanwhile, a boss, parent or someone in authority might require that you account for yourself. They might have answers for you or they might demand answers from you. Tonight: Ambition! PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Someone might throw you a curveball today. Perhaps they want more freedom or independence. Meanwhile, you might encounter someone who is very persuasive about politics, religion or any social issue that they embrace. Someone might jump on their soapbox to convince you about something. Think for yourself. Tonight: Travel plans. FOR ENTERTAINMENT ONLY

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#### King Classic Sudoku 8 6 4 5 3 9 2 6 6 5 9 5 9 6 Features 8 4 8 5 6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the King Classic Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

#### **Weekend's Answers**

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#### **HINTS FROM HELOISE**

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Dear Readers: If you're planning a holiday dinner with your family and friends, my Taco Casserole recipe is a delicious addition to your menu. It is made without measuring the ingredients so that you can basically use whatever you have on hand or any of the leftovers you might have in your refrigerator. Here it is:

Difficulty: ★★★

chips or corn chips broken serving. Enjoy! into small pieces

Salsa

Cooked taco ground beef or shredded boneless chicken

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**DISCOVERY** 

Green peppers Sour cream

Black olives

Chopped lettuce Heat oven to 350 F.

spray onto a casserole dish (the size depends on how much you want to make).

bottom, then add taco or corn chips. Layer with leftover taco meat, beans, cheese, peppers and more salsa.

THURSDAY EVENING

7:00

The Golden Bachelor

Big Brother (TV14) (N)

Law & Order (TV14)

Hell's Kitchen (N)

Chicago P.D. (TV14)

I Was Prey (TVPG)

Southern Charm

Burgers

The Office

Hailey's

Christmas (TV G)

No Demo Reno (TV G)

Castle (TVPG)

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**Mountain Men** (TVPG) (N)

SpongeBob SpongeBob

The Conjuring 2 (16)

**A Haunting** (TVPG)

Loves Ray. Loves Ray.

**The First 48** (TV14) (N)

Neighbor. Neighbor.

Anderson Cooper 360°

Burgers

The Office

BattleBots: Champions : "Sin City: Bolt" (N)

Hailey's

Women's College Basketball (Live)

Jersey Shore: Family Vacation (TV14) (N)

Bang

Hairspray ('88, PG) ★★★ Divine, Sonny Bono.

90 Day: The Last Resort : "More to Love" (N)

**John Wick** ('14, R) ★★★½ Keanu Reeves.

**Road Trip** ('00, R) ★★★ Breckin Meyer.

(:15) **Mafia Mamma** ('23, R) ★★ Toni Collette.

Talladega Nights: Ballad of Ricky Bobby ('06)

(6:30) **College Football:** Virginia vs Louisville (Live)

(:20) **Free Guy** ('21, PG-13) ★★★ Ryan Reynolds, Jodie Comer.

7:30

(6:00) **GoodFellas** ('90, R) ★★★★ Robert De Niro.

Grumpy Old Men ('93, PG-13) ★★★ Jack Lemmon.



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pamphlet has This Grease or spray nonstick many more original recipes, including Holiday Ham, Mother's Cornbread Dressing and others you Put a bit of salsa on the can serve with your holiday meals. — Heloise

#### **Naughty Nuts**

Bake until hot then cov- were bad for people be- Hampshire

8:00

Transplant : "Nadir" (N)

(:01) Lego Masters (N)

Interrogation Raw (N)

I Was Prey: "Feeding"

Burgers

The Office

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**Avengers: Endgame** ('19, PG-13) ★★★★ Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans.

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No Demo Reno (N)

Castle: "Still" (TVPG)

Dan Abrams Live

A Haunting (TVPG)

Loves Ray.

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The Batman ('22, PG-13) ★★★★ Robert Pattinson, Zoë Kravitz.

Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family ('11, PG-13) ★½

**Don't Worry Darling** ('22, R) ★★½ Florence Pugh.

Tyler Perry's The Oval

Southern Charm (TV14) (N)

Dad

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Chicago P.D. (TV14)

cause that's what my moth- Coffee Scum er always told me. Turns out, that isn't true. They're actually legumes, as are still has that oily top. per, which is good for your sota immune system and your

dozen more of my most benefits because they enfriendly bacteria in the gut and have protective compounds known as "flavo-

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- 1. Almonds
- 2. Brazil nuts 3. Cashews
- 4. Chestnuts
- 5. Hazelnuts 6. Macadamia nuts
- 7. Pecans

THURSDAY'S TV GUIDE

9:00

**SEAL Team** (TV14)

Dateline NBC (N)

Local Programs (TV14)

Accused: Guilty or (N)

I Was Prey: "Unseen'

Tyler Perry's Sistas

CNN NewsNight (N)

MythBusters (TVPG)

House of Villains (N)

**UFC Countdown** 

Christmas (TV G)

(:03) Castle (TVPG)

In Relationship (TV14)

Hunters

Banfield

Friends

Jokers

90 Day Fiance (N)

The Haunted Museum

The Gilded Age (TVMA)

**Fellow Travelers** 

(:34) Road Trip: Beer Pong ('09, R)

Loves Ray. Loves Ray.

**Red** ('10, PG-13) ★★★½ Bruce Willis, Mary-Louise Parker.

**Mountain Men**: "Land of Promise"

The Office

Miraculous

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**Cry-Baby** ('90, PG-13) Johnny Depp.

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Chicago P.D. (TV14)

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(:14) Bachelor in Paradise (TV14) (N)

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Chicago P.D. (TV14)

The First 48 (TV14)

I Was Prey (TVPG)

Laura Coates Live

**MythBusters** (TVPG)

Daily Show South Park

Martin

Villains

UFC Top 10

Hunters

Friends

Queens

The Italian Job ('03, PG-13) ★★★ Mark Wahlberg.

House of Villains

Rick Morty

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The Departed ('06, R) ★★★★ Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon.

(:45) Southern Charm (TV14)

Martin

Dad

Grumpier Old Men ('95, PG-13) ★★★

Villains

E! News

DC & RC

**Hunters** 

Cuomo

Friends

**Christmas** (TV G)

The 700 Club (TV G)

**Mountain Men** (TVPG)

In Relationship (TV14)

NFL Tailgate Takedown

The Haunted Museum

The Best Man Holiday ('13, R) ★★★ Morris Chestnut.

90 Day Fiance (N)

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**John Wick: Chapter 2** ('17, R) ★★★½ Keanu Reeves, Common.

Castle: "Watershed"

SportsCenter with Scott (Live)

Dear Heloise: I am writactually good for us. Nuts ing to see if you can help are a wonderful source of me. When I make coffee, I proteins, vitamins, min- get an oily film at the top, erals and those healthy and I don't know what fats. Cashews (which are causes it. It tastes OK, but peanuts) are rich in cop- Pam B., Rochester, Minne-

Pam, it's rather common, so don't be alarmed. Eating almonds with It's usually called "coffee their skins on may even scum," but despite its rathprovide greater health er ugly name, it's just the natural oils found in coffee beans, which contain antioxidants and unsaturated

A drip brewed coffee usually has less oil than 11-7 French press coffee or the temperature, the more water, which contains more oil. — Heloise

- Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, So, enjoy a handful of or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or

**NOVEMBER 9, 2023** 

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11:00

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11:30

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Barmageddo

The Incredible Hulk ★★★

No Demo Reno (TV G)

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(:01) Castle (TVPG)

Dan Abrams Live

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Ridiculous

Friends

Red 2 ('13, PG-13) ★★★ Bruce Willis.

Movie

(:45) **Polyester** ('81, R) ★★★ Divine.

Queens

(:45) **Justice League** (\*17, PG-13)

(:05) Kingsman: The Secret Service ('15, R) ★★★½

(:10) **Major League** ('89, R) ★★★ Tom Berenger.

**Eyes Wide Shut** ('00, R) ★★★ Tom Cruise.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE RATE AT WHICH A CHEF WOULD PŘEPAŘE VERY SHARP-FLAVORED DISHES: THE PIQUANCY FREQUENCY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals P

#### **CAR TALK**

## Each EV car maker gets to decide on their own annoying sound

Dear Car Talk: I bought a 2023 Honda CR-V hybrid sports touring car last month.

I immediately noticed the sound the car makes whenever it backs up. It sounded to me like something could be wrong with the engine, so I took the car back to the dealership and talked to the service department manager. He listened as I backed up and "assured" me the sound is to let pedestrians know I was backing up.

I've heard other cars and trucks make an audible beeping sound, and I would think that makes more sense. Did Honda goof with this model and they're claiming the noise is by design in order to avoid a recall? BTW, I find the sound really annoying.

P. S. My husband and I listen to your NPR podcast every week and never find that annoying. Thank you. - Kathy

Keep listening to the podcast, Kathy. It'll get more annoying. I promise.

Your dealer is correct. Electric vehicles (and hybrids like yours operating under electric power) can be so quiet at low speeds, that pedestrians don't hear them.

Now, you could argue that if they just looked up from their phones while crossing the street, that would solve the problem. But it's not just street crossing that's the issue. Cars mix with pedestrians in parking lots or to Hell" backup sound. when a vehicle is backing out of a driveway and crossing a sidewalk.

So, NHTSA (the National Highway Traffic Safety



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Administration) made a rule that any vehicle operating on electric power has to make an audible noise when it's traveling below about 19 mph — to make sure that pedestrians can hear it coming. Above that speed, tire noise announces a car's arrival.

And while they set certain parameters for the noise, like how loud it has to be, they left it up to each car maker to decide exactly what sound to use.

Most have settled for a vaguely "futuristic electric motor-like" sound. But I guess, in your opinion, Honda shopped in the Annoying Sound bin. Hey, it could be worse, Kathy. They could have played our podcast as a pedestrian warning.

It'd be nice if everyone could choose their own sound, like you choose the ringtone on your phone. But, somehow, I don't see government regulators approving my son's AC/DC "Highway

- Got a question about cars? Write to Ray in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www. cartalk.com.

# Grandparents' final gift for grandkids

**DEAR ABBY:** For years, we have given generous gifts to our six out-of-town grandchildren and received almost no thanks or acknowledgment. It hurts my feelings because I devote a lot of thought, in addition to money, to choosing something special for each of them.

Obviously, they don't care, but when we have just sent checks, not knowing what they read, wear or want, our checks are always cashed. It's the same with gift cards. This year, we will send gifts to their parents — our own children. PERIOD. The grandchildren will receive your Letters Booklet - including the section on writing thank-you notes. Please send me six before the end of November. — TICKED OFF **GRANNY IN OREGON** 

**DEAR TICKED OFF:** The issue you have raised is one I hear about often from other "ticked off" readers each vear. I'm sorrv vou didn't mention how old your grandchildren are, because the fault may lie with their parents, who should have taught



**DEAR ABBY** 

JEANNE PHILLIPS

their children this social skill from the time they were old enough to hold a writing implement. Some people procrastinate because they don't know how to express their feelings via the written word and fear they will say the wrong thing. They mistakenly think a thank-you note must be long and flowery when, in fact, short and to the point is more effective.

This is why the "How to Write Letters" booklet was written. It contains samples of thank-you letters for birthday gifts, shower gifts and wedding gifts, as well as those time. (It also includes letters of congratulations and ones regarding difficult subjects, such as the loss of a parent, a spouse or a child.)

This booklet can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address plus a check or money order for \$8, to: Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.o. Box 447, Mount Morris, Il 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

With the holiday season fast approaching, this is the perfect time to reply with a handwritten letter, note or well-written email. Although handwritten notes are the "gold standard," many folks these days opt to take a shortcut by using technology that didn't exist before the quill and inkwell.

While texts may seem cold or terse, they are better than no acknowledgment at all.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 63year-old heterosexual male who has recently joined an adult dating site to enhance my social and sexual life. A therapist suggested that it

would help me to break out of my isolation and heal from the trauma of childhood sexual abuse. Could you please recommend some dating etiquette? What support organizations can assist with my recovery efforts? - LOOK-ING IN THE WEST

**DEAR LOOKING:** Ask your therapist to suggest some sites you should visit. After you have looked them over, ask your therapist how to proceed. You are paying for emotional support from this person, and this is who should actually assist you with your recovery. If it works, stick with this therapist. If it does not, contact RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network) at rainn.org to see if you are on the right track.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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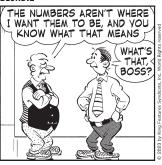


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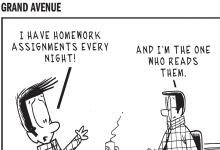


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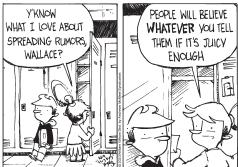








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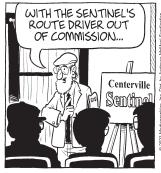






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of the estate. The residence of Guardian is in Gregg County, Texas and the mailing address is Guardian of the Estate of Bailey Grace Cun-ningham, c/o Kristen J. Ishihara, 3000 HG Mosley Pkwy, Longview, TX 75605.

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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c/o: Ronald Ned Dennis Attorney at Law 308 W. Houston PO. Box 299 Marshall, Texas 75671-0299

DATED the 6TH day of November,

Respectfully submitted, Ronald Ned Dennis Attorney at Law PO. Box 299 Marshall, Texas 75671-0299 903/938-3746 903/938-6012 (fax) State Bar No. 05753000 dennislawmtx@gmail.com

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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c/o: Ronald Ned Dennis Attorney at Law P.O. Box 299 Marshall, Texas 75671-0299

DATED the 6TH day of November

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Representative. Estate of John Mark Deteau, Deceased c/o Amy Miller, Attorney 1800 NW Loop 281, Suite 303

Longview, Texas 75604 All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to

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GOOLSBY, P.L.L.C. 1800 NW Loop 281, Suite 303 Longview, Texas 75604 Email: amy.miller@boonlaw.com Telephone: 903-759-2200 Fax: 903-212-3306

BY: AMY MILLER State Bar No. 24053133

ATTORNEY FOR STEPHANIE PARK

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of the estate. The residence of Guardian is in Gregg County, Texas and the mailing address is Guardian of the Estate of Kailey Rae Cun-ningham, c/o Kristen J. Ishihara, 3000 HG Mosley Pkwy, Longview, TX 75605.

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LARRY JAMES WHITE, Deceased, were issued on November 2, 2023, under Docket No. 2023-18929-CCL, pending in the County Court at Law of Harrison County, Texas, to SUSAN MARIE WHITE.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Representative, Estate of LARRY JAMES WHITE, Deceased

c/o Mark L. Boon, Attorney 1800 NW Loop 281, Suite 303 Longview, Texas 75604

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967 Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).



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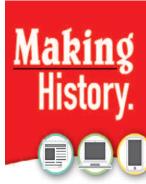
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