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From the City of River Oaks

Crud Mobile Scheduled at River Oaks City Hall April 6

The Crud Mobile will be at the River Oaks City Hall Parking Lot located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. on Saturday, April 6 from 9 to 11 a.m.

River Oaks residents will have the opportunity to get rid of household hazardous wastes. This is free event is limited to citizens of River Oaks and a copy of your water bill is required to participate.

Items that will be accepted include: automotive fluids, batteries,

household chemicals, cooking oil, lawn and pool chemicals, light bulbs and paint and painting supplies.

Items that will not be accepted are: ammunition and explosives, appliances and electronics, building materials, bulk trash and yard waste, butane/propane cylinders, medical waste and asbestos/PCBs/radio-active materials.

Attendees are requested to leave products in original, marked containers (no trash bags). For unlabeled items, it is requested that residents label containers.

Also, for safety concerns, it is suggested that you do not transport chemicals in the passenger compartment of your vehicle. Hazardous waste and chemicals should be placed in the trunk of a car or in the truck bed.

For questions, contact River Oaks City Hall at 817-626-5421.

From Castleberry ISD

Spring Break!

Castleberry ISD students and teachers will not attend classes Monday, March 11 through Friday, March 15 for the spring break holiday.

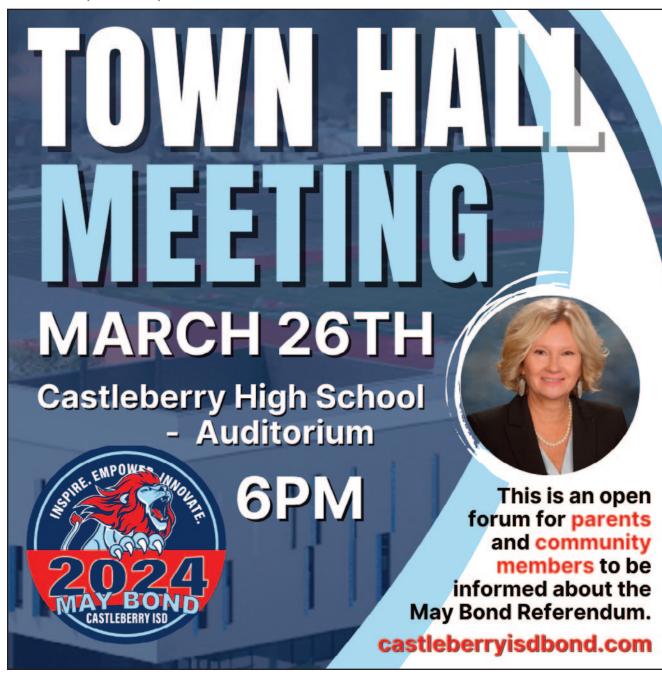
From Texas Comptroller's Office

Check for Unclaimed Property

Unclaimed property can be any financial asset or safe deposit box contents that has been abandoned by the property owner for one or more years. Examples of unclaimed property are: abandoned bank accounts, uncashed checks, overpayments, payroll and vendor checks, unredeemed gift cards, insurance proceeds, dividends and mineral interests.

How do I search for unclaimed property?

Business and individuals can search for their unclaimed property using the online tool located at ClaimItTexas.gov.



BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report

Better Business Bureau is a proud partner rose 63.8% from 2022 to 2023. of the Federal Trade Commission's National rights and avoid frauds and scams. To com- ment systems. Reports of bank account debit memorate NCPW, the Better Business Bureau released its 2023 Scam Tracker Risk Report.

scams, including those involving cryptocurrency, are now the riskiest scam type. More people between the ages of 18 and 44 named *nesses*. than 80 percent of people targeted by this anxiety/stress as the number one emotion scam type reported losing money to BBB Scam Tracker. It also had the second-highest contrast, people 45+ cited anger as the median dollar loss at \$3,800.

Investment scams take many forms, including pressure to purchase, trade, or store About BBB digital assets (cryptocurrency) with fraudulent exchanges.

second riskiest scam type in 2023. Reports increased 54.2% from the year before. Employment scams had a median dollar loss of \$1,995, significantly higher than the overall median dollar loss of \$100 reported for all scam types.

Online purchase (shopping) scams dropped from the riskiest scam type for the first time since 2019, landing at number three on the list.

This year, 41.9% of scams submitted to BBB Scam Tracker were online purchase scams, and 82.6% reported losing money. The median dollar lost for this scam dropped from \$100 in 2022 to \$71 in 2023.

Key findings of the report include:

- Scams perpetrated online continued to grow, making up 68.4% of all reports. More concerning, online scams were more likely to result in a reported monetary loss than in person or via phone.
- Overall reported susceptibility (the percentage of reports with a monetary loss) rose 27.8% from 2022 to 2023. Overall, the reported median dollar loss fell by 41.5%.
- For the second year in a row, people ages 18-24 reported the highest median dollar loss of all age groups (\$155).
- The percentage of people who reported engaging with a scammer via social media

- to help people understand their consumer lowed by bank account debit and online pay- 135,000 businesses. with a monetary loss increased 66.4%.

 - they felt after being targeted by a scam. In number one emotion.

This Better Business Bureau office was established in 1920, as the first BBB in Texas Employment scam reports remained the and provides its services free to the public.



We now have offices located in Dallas, Lub-• Credit cards remained the most reported bock and Wichita Falls which serve a com-Consumer Protection Week (NCPW), a time payment method with a monetary loss, fol-bined 47 counties, 6 million consumers, and

We are committed to supporting our military, assisting our seniors, empowering our • Employment scams were the No. 1 risk- youth, and holding businesses to higher staniest for ages 18-44. Investment/cryptocur- dards in all of the communities we serve. According to the report, investment rency scams were No. 1 riskiest for ages 45+. Your continued support gives us the ability • According to our survey research, to connect consumers with trusted busi-





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White Settlement Historical Society to Meet Saturday

The White Settlement Historical Society will meet for their 49th spring quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 9 at noon in the White Settlement Senior Services Center, located at 8211 White Settlement Road.

Members, family, friends and the general public are invited to attend the meeting. Please bring a plate of food/dessert for the refreshments table. Please note: the new start time at noon with the doors open about 11:30 a.m.

Annual Society memberships are available for \$10 Single or \$15 Family/Group. Funds help to sponsor a \$500 Annual College Scholarship for a graduating Brewer High School senior, as well as to care for, document and maintain local pioneer cemeteries like Thompson Public and other historically related activities.

For more information please call 817-246-9717 or visit http://www.wsmuseum.com/WSHS.







From Suburban
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- · Disaster Resources

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Eligible Texas Taxpayers Can Now Use Free IRS Direct File

The IRS announced today that eligible Texas taxpayers can now choice to electronically file their federal tax return directly with the IRS for free.

Direct File is a mobile-friendly, interview-based service that will with confidence: work as well on a mobile phone as it does on a laptop, tablet or desktop computer.

the 2024 Direct File pilot and will be limited to taxpayers with certain include an official, currently valid photo identification, your admistypes of income, credits and deductions – taxpayers with relatively simple returns. This new service is available until the tax filing deadline of April 15, 2024.

federal tax return," said IRS spokesperson Clay Sanford. "One of the first steps interested taxpayers should do is to check their eligibility, and there is an easy tool on IRS.gov to do that."

Customer Service

Taxpayers participating in the pilot can get help from IRS employscope of Direct File. Questions related to issues other than Direct File will be routed to other IRS customer support, as appropriate.

Taxpayer Eligibility

Eligibility to participate in the Direct File pilot is limited to reporting only certain types of income and claiming limited credits and adjustments. It includes:

Income reporting

- W-2 wage income
- Social Security and railroad retirement income
- Unemployment compensation
- Interest of \$1,500 or less

Creditsa

- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Credit for Other Dependents

Deductions

- Standard deduction
- Student loan interest
- Educator expenses

A New Electronic Filing Option

Direct File does not replace existing filing options like tax professionals, IRS Free File, free return preparation sites, commercial software or authorized e-file providers.

Taxpayers will continue to have choices, whether they want to use a tax professional, a software product, Free File, free tax preparation services like Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) as well as a paper tax return or Direct File.

From StatePoint

How to Prep the Night Before the SAT or ACT Exam

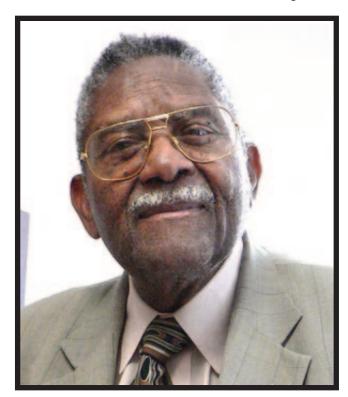
Taking the SAT or ACT exam is the culmination of months of testuse IRS Direct File, a new service that provides taxpayers with the specific preparation, and in truth, years of schooling. While knowing that can feel like a lot of pressure, there are steps you can take the night before the exam to calm your nerves and enter the testing site

- 1. Pack your essentials: Going to bed knowing you've packed everything you need to succeed during the test will help you sleep People in 12 states, including Texas, are eligible to participate in soundly and make the morning less frenzied. Your packing list should sion ticket to the test, No. 2 pencils (be sure they have erasers), a snack and water bottle (staying fueled is essential), a sweater (testing sites are often chilly and being uncomfortable can throw you off your "Direct File is an additional option for Texans to use to file their game), and of course, a calculator. The best exam day calculator is one that's easy to use and has an intuitive icon menu, such as the fx-9750GIII graphing calculator. While you won't need all of its 2,900 functions during your test, or its programming capabilities, this Casio calculator is a great companion for high school juniors and seniors as it can support high-level STEM learning in the classroom, as well as ees staffing the Direct File customer support function with live chat go into exam mode for use during the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and other access. IRS customer service representatives can provide technical major standardized exams, like AP and SAT subject tests. To familsupport and provide basic clarification of tax law related to the tax iarize yourself with the calculator and its interface, be sure to use the same calculator for test prep as well.
 - 2. Eat right: Proper nutrition and cognition go hand-in-hand. The night before your exam, fuel yourself with brain foods containing a mix of antioxidants, protein and Omega-3s. Fresh fruits and vegetables, fish, nuts, beans, whole grains, tofu and lean meats are all great choices. Try to avoid food unfamiliar to you, as you don't know how it will settle and it could cause a stomachache. You should also forgo overly sugary or processed treats, which can lead to an energy crash. Being thirsty during your test is not only distracting, dehydration can actually impair cognition and brain health. Be sure to drink plenty of water the night before your test to keep the mental juices flowing.
 - 3. Sleep tight: It can be difficult to settle in for a night of sound sleep before an important event. Reduce the chances of tossing and turning by putting down your devices at least an hour before bed, as blue light can suppress melatonin secretion and impact sleep. Instead, read, journal or do another quiet, enjoyable activity. On that note, avoid a last-minute study session or practice exam. The night before the test is not the time to cram. It's a time to relax so your mind is fresh when it counts. If you do have trouble falling asleep, don't panic. Resting quietly with your eyes closed can be beneficial too, and may help you doze off eventually.

By checking a few pre-test tasks off your to-do list the night before, you can be fueled, rested and geared up for your college entrance exams.

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Ameican Attorney, L. Clifford Davis



The law was long used against L. Clifford Davis and his family. But Davis used the law to change the country and become one of the most respected legal minds in the country.

Davis was born in the small community of Wilton the southwest corner of Arkansas in 1925. He was the youngest of seven children born to Augustus and Dora Duckett Davis. As he grew up, the Jim Crow system in place blocked his attempt at an education. At the time, Little River County had no high schools for African-Americans, and segregation prevented him from attending with whites.

He and his older brothers moved to Little Rock where he attended Dunbar High School. After graduation, he attended Little Rock's Philander Smith College, graduating in 1945 at age 20. Seeing the success of prominent local Little Rock attorneys, Davis decided to pursue a career in law. He applied for the University of Arkansas Law School, but he was prevented from attending because of segregation.

In 1946, he was accepted into law school at Howard University in Washington, DC.

In 1947, officials at the University of Arkansas Law School contacted him with a possibility of transferring to Fayetteville though under a segregated arrangement. Segregation, however, prevented him from having access to the same classes, materials, He instead continued at Howard University. mutual aid and support and, with Davis, The law school quietly desegregated the formed the Fort Worth Black Bar Associa-Davis graduated from Howard in 1949.

Davis then returned to Arkansas. He Davis Legal Association. specialized in civil rights law, and was one time. Though a respected attorney in Pine Bluff, Davis moved to Waco, Texas, in 1952 moved to Dallas in 1990).

Anxious to be back in the courtroom, Davis passed the Texas bar exam in 1953 of only two African-American lawyers in quickly found himself in high demand.

vs. Board of Education brought a legal end to segregation, there were still many local the races. In 1956, he filed a federal lawsuit to desegregate schools in Mansfield, then a small farming community southeast of Fort Worth. In the case Jackson vs. Rawdon, Mansfield High School was ordered desegregated, but local residents refused to heed the ruling. Mobs gathered at the local school to prevent the three African-American chil-Allan Shivers ordered the Texas Rangers in self. to maintain order and prevent violence. The intimidation of the crowds prevented the From the Fort Worth Decorative Painters students from being able to exercise their constitutional rights, and the schools remained technically segregated for some time to come.

In 1959, he again took on a desegregation challenge. He sued the Fort Worth Independent School District, one of the largest in Texas, over its racial practices. He won the case Flax vs. Potts, forcing Fort Worth schools to integrate.

He was active in community affairs, working with a variety of organizations on different causes. He was also one of the first African-American lawyers to join the

and professors as the other students, and Tarrant County Bar Association. Black lawtherefore, an inferior law school experience. yers found it necessary to come together for next year with the admission of Silas Hunt. tion. In honor of his years of work, the organization renamed itself as the L. Clifford

In May 1983, he was appointed as a disof only nine black lawyers in the state at the trict judge for Criminal District Court No. 2 in Tarrant County. He was known for his fairness and discernment in pursuit of justo teach at Paul Quinn College (the college tice knowing that lives depended on his work, necessary qualities in any judge worth the title. In spite of this, he was defeated for re-election in 1988. Because of and moved to Fort Worth in 1954 to open his respect in the legal community, he conhis own law firm. At the time, he was one tinued to serve as a visiting judge for many more years, asked to serve as a judge in speone of the biggest cities in the state. He cial cases. He continued to periodically serve as a visiting judge, presiding over spe-Though the verdict in the 1954 Brown cial cases on a one-by-one basis, until he stepped down in 2004 at the age of 79.

His years of dedication to the law and districts that fought to schools separate for persistence in pursuit of freedom and personal honor had won him praise from allies and adversaries alike. A scholarship was named for him for graduating Fort Worth students, and the Fort Worth ISD named an elementary school for him.

In May 2017, the University of Arkansas Law School awarded him an honorary degree at age 92 in appreciation for his years dren from attending that fall. Texas Gov. of work. Sometimes, success speaks for it-

FWDP to Meet March 19

The Fort Worth Decorative Painters will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m., at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, located at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth.

Linda McDonald will instruct a painted snowman project.

For more information contact Suzane at 817.269.2821 or visit our website at www.fwdecorativepainters.com.

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Weekend Forecast



Friday, March 8:

<u>AM</u> - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before noon; high near 73. SW wind 5 to 15 mph becoming W/NW in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. N/NW wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.



Saturday, March 9:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 58. N/NW wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 37. N/NWwind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Sunday, March 10:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 63. North wind around 5 mph becoming S/SE in the afternoon. <u>PM</u> - Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. South wind around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast Click Here