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Leslie Morgan is the owner and founder of Closet Connection, a women's upscale resale boutique.

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Abilene boutique empowers women

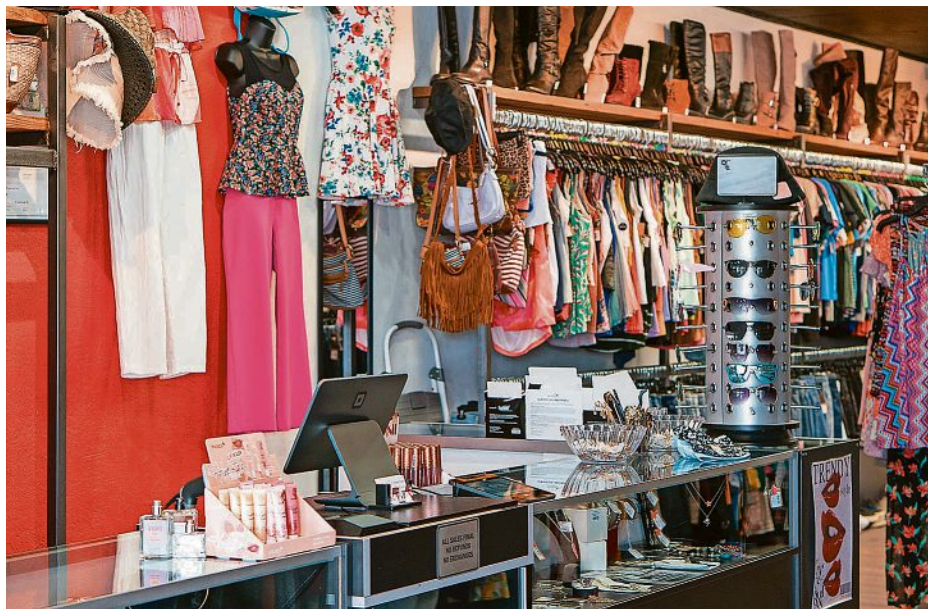
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Leslie Morgan has a mission to empower women, and she does it through sustainable fashion, operating Closet Connection, a women's upscale resale boutique located at 713 S. Leggett Drive in Abilene, Texas.

Opened in June, by Morgan, her husband, and daughter, Closet Connection serves as both a resource to help women through purchasing clothing items and as a place to purchase upscale, affordable fashion.

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Closet Connection offers women a sustainable option to sell used clothing items for cash, as well as an affordable, upscale boutique shopping experience.



Debris litters the Preston Royal shopping area on Oct. 21, 2019 in Dallas, after a tornado caused major damage to homes, businesses and schools but no deaths or serious injuries were reported. GETTY IMAGES

Sales tax holiday covers emergency supplies

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Texans will soon have the opportunity to stock up on emergency supplies without paying state taxes on them.

Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock said in a media release residents can purchase certain items tax free during the state's Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on April 25 and ends at midnight on April 27.

"From hailstorms to hurricanes, Texans know the importance of being prepared when bad weather hits," Hancock said in the release. "This sales tax holiday provides a great opportunity to stock up on supplies and save a little money while you're at it."

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates shoppers will save about \$2.4 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items Texans can purchase.

These include:

- Household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75

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Pundits questioning president's health

Even supporters raising concerns on mental state

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President Donald Trump's behavior and comments have long led political opponents to question his mental health, but now the accusation that he is unhinged is coming from more than the usual liberal suspects.

Prominent conservative pundits - including former Fox News hosts Megyn Kelly and Tucker Carlson to conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and podcaster Candace Owens - are suggesting the president is unwell.

"I really think that his mental capacity needs to be examined," former Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Georgia, said during an April 15 appearance on CNN International.

Jones, founder of Infowars and a long-time Trump supporter, said during a March



While updating reporters on the war in Iran, Trump stopped in the middle of his remarks to admire the White House curtains. SAUL LOEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

31 episode of his new program that GOP incumbents running for reelection need to "cut the bait" on the president before the 2026 midterm elections.

"And he does babble and, you know, sound like the brain's not doing too hot," he said.

Owens referred to Trump as a "genocidal lunatic" in an April 7 post on X, echoing Democrats when she called for using the 25th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to remove him from office.

"Our Congress and military need to intervene," she said. "We are beyond madness."

The comments have exposed another raw nerve in the ongoing Make America Great Again divide over Trump's widespread use of military strikes on foreign soil.

Some former White House officials from the first Trump administration are echoing

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