

ARTISTIC ENDEAVOR

Michelson Museum of Art, Keep Marshall Beautiful event engages spring-breakers' creativity



Students of all ages were invited to Marshall's Michelson Museum of Art on Tuesday and Wednesday to use recycled materials such as sticks, silverware, beads, bottle caps and more to create wind chimes. (Lia Portillo/Marshall News Messenger)

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An event at Marshall's Michelson Museum of Art helped fill students' spring break with creativity.

On Tuesday and Thursday, students of all ages were invited to the museum to use recycled materials such as sticks, silverware, beads, bottle caps and more to create wind chimes. The program was in partnership with Keep Marshall Beautiful.

"We know that a lot of students are out of school, so I wanted to give them something to do," said Alfy Ryan, the museum's education director. "It's in honor of spring break, being spring and nature, kind of like helping the Earth, recycling,

showing people that there's a lot you can do with recycled materials and old stuff besides just throwing it away."

Keep Marshall Beautiful and the museum previously teamed for similar student events.

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Texas Senate primary takes a D.C. turn

Filibuster becomes focus in Cornyn, Paxton race

BY SAVANNAH BEHRMANN

CO-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — Texas is more than a thousand miles away from Capitol Hill, but the race between Sen. John Cornyn and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton for the state's Senate seat centered recently on a D.C.-centric topic: the filibuster.

The fight is the latest chapter in both men's quest to earn an ever-coveted endorsement from President Donald Trump, who has yet to put his thumb on the scale for the May 26 runoff between the two Republicans.

Republicans in the Senate have struggled over whether to unite behind a talking filibuster to pass the party's voter identification legislation, the SAVE America Act, with Senate Republican leadership saying there aren't enough votes to support one. But

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New Marshall nonprofit uses music, more to serve community

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The Greater Marshall Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated a ribbon-cutting for Pathways for Good, a new nonprofit dedicated to building community through music and service.

The organization is spearheaded by founder Anne Leslie Tijerina, who will bring her sing-along character Anna Banana under the umbrella of the new organization.

"Many of you know Anne Leslie Tijerina as 'Anna Banana.' We affectionately have called her that for many years," said Stacia Rannels, the chamber's executive director. "Now she is taking her talents that go way back — between being an occupational therapist and her working with people in the community, loving the healing properties of that, taking her faith, her education and her love of music — and all things therapeutic and really bringing that to community members in need."

Rannels added: "This is something she has worked on for a very long time and hopes to be a real blessing to those in Harrison County."

Through Pathways for Good, Tijerina combines her family's love for music, literacy and gardening to plant "seeds of faith" and education throughout the community. The organization awards music scholarships and gardening kits, among other initiatives.

The organization was inspired by Tijerina's journey with her husband,

George, who joined her for the ribbon-cutting along with their niece, Bianca.

"Forty years ago, I met this guy that loved Jesus like I did, and we started on a pathway together," Tijerina said. "Proverbs 3:5-6 has always been our verse: 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and He will lead you in the paths. ... Wherever you're going, He is your Guide.'"

They met in the summer of 1981 in Houston as missionaries.

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Anne Leslie Tijerina, second from right, is the founder for Pathways for Good, a new Marshall nonprofit organization dedicated to building community through music and service. (Robin Y. Richardson/Marshall News Messenger Photo)

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