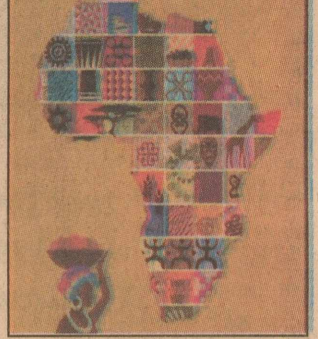
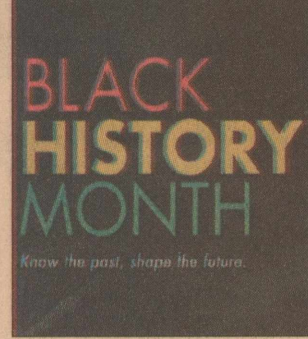
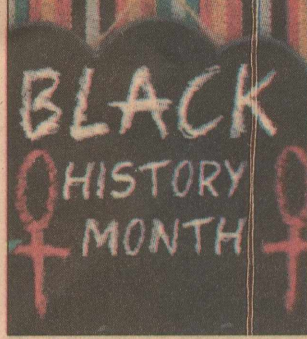
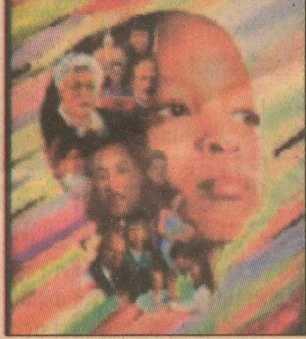
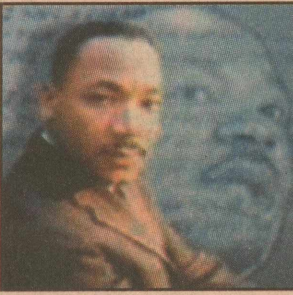




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Community Meetings

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave.. at 11: a.m.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center

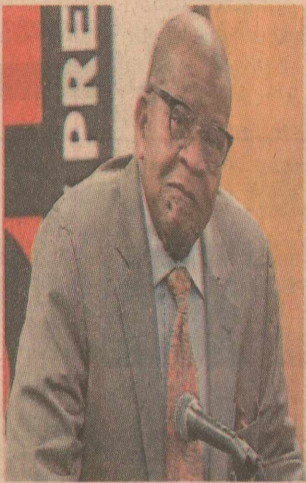
* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

* ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.

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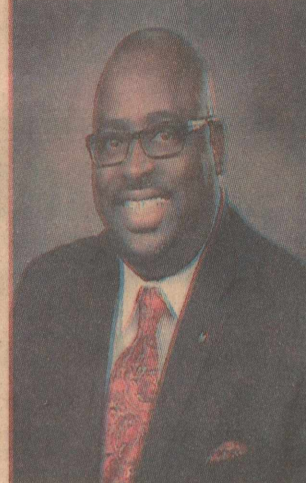
17th Annual Black History Month Celebration Held At Lubbock Women's Club



T. J. Patterson, Sr.



Shelia Patterson-Harris



Pastor Corey Powell

The Black Faculty and Staff Association of Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center presented their 17th Annual Black History Month Celebration on Saturday evening, February 3, 2018, at 6:00 p. m.

With the theme, "Family, Education, & Well Being", a well-packed house of Lubbock residents were in attendance to support and honor three of Lubbock's citizens. Those honored were Mrs. Shelia Patterson-Harris, T. J. Patterson, Sr., and Pastor Corey Powell. Also all Retired Black Administrators.

The special program was also in memory of the late Mr. Alfred Caviel and Mr. Eric Strong.

Featured keynote speaker honoree was Dr. Alicia Geddis, Superintendent of Danville School District 118, former Deputy Superintendent, Bolton School District 149, Chicago South Suburb. She was introduced by Mr. Brandon Roundtree, President of the Black Student Association.

A special welcome was given by Ms. Kathleen McPherson. There were welcoming given by Dr. Aretha Faye Marbley. Emcee for this program was Mr. Mark Sanders, a retired educator.

Greetings were given by Dr. Lawrence Schovanec, President, Texas Tech University.

The first honoree was T. J. Patterson, Sr., who is a longtime active member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a legend in Lubbock's fight against illegal drugs. Over the past, he has participated and organized 85 drug

marches throughout Lubbock and several other towns outside Lubbock. T. J. is an incredible role model for not only African Americans children, but for all youth. He and his wife, the late Bobbie Gean Patterson, a retired LISD educator, have three children: Avis Elise Patterson, T. J. Patterson, Jr., and Shelia R. Harris. A Lubbock Branch Library is named in honor of the Pattersons, and a scholarship is named in their honor. HR No. 781 in the Texas of Representatives named him an "outstanding Texan who has long distinguished his professional achievements and his many years of community leadership."

The Pattersons are pillars of the community and for the past 30 years found visiting inmates in the local county jail visiting on Christmas Day offering messages of encouragement. T. J. is a man of many fits. After serving his country in South Vietnam, T.J. became the first African American elected to the Lubbock City Council, and is the longest serving City Councilperson in the city's history. He was the first African American to be elected as President of the Texas Municipal League. He is a founding member of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members, and also the co-founder of the Southwest Digest.

Another 2018 Community Honoree is Mrs. Shelia Patterson-Harris who was elected the First Black Female City Council Member for the City of Lubbock on June 25, 2016. She was sworn in on July 7, 2016 and hit the ground running. She began her journey and immediately

began meeting with her constituents in ALL areas of her district, by having community meetings in the many community centers, churches, and schools located in the neighborhoods. Since that time, she has continued to meet with citizens in all areas of Lubbock, working to ensure that citizens of Lubbock are empowered and educated about the process of city government responsibility, as well as citizen responsibility.

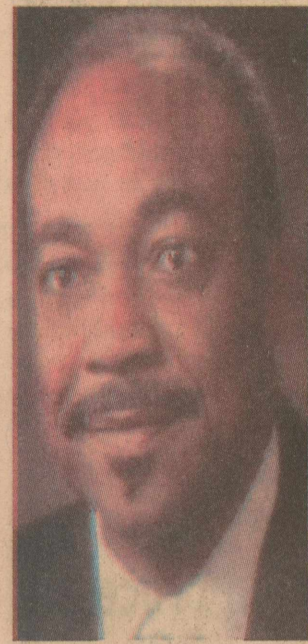
Shelia knows and understands the importance of family, community, education, home ownership, dedication and commitment. Her goal is to work with other leaders, community members and agencies to bring Lubbock together so that the effects of the city are felt and visible throughout every corner and across every District. The hope is to revitalize Lubbock and establish equitability throughout the city for all citizens, from this day and every day that comes.

Another 2018 Honoree is Pastor Cory Powell who co-founded The Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program, (Mentor Tech) in 2002. Since that time, the San Antonio native has diligently worked to ensure that the program continue to provide mentors and proteges with support, opportunities, and relevant resources. The program has grown from forty-six students in its pilot year to more than 1,000 participants in annually. In 2012, he co-authored a chapter on Mentor Tech in the

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Mr. Alfred Caviel
Caviel Pharmacy



Mr. Eric Strong
President ROOTS

2018 IN MEMORIAM

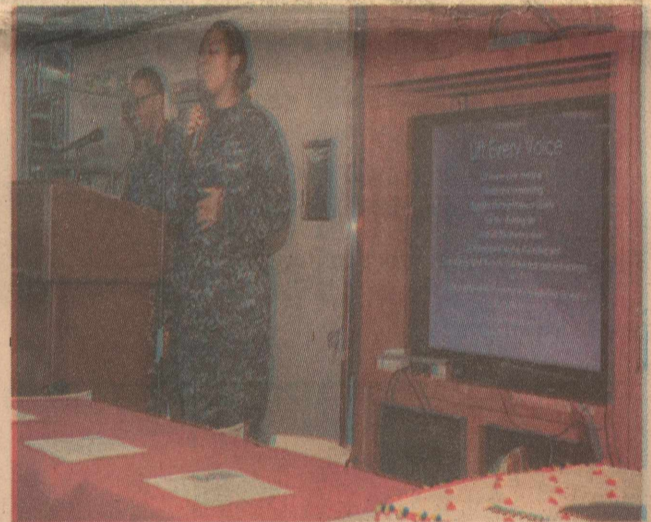
The Black Community is most appreciative of the contributions contributed by two historical citizens. They are the late Alfred Caviel and Eric Strong.

Mr. Caviel and his wife, Billie Caviel, donated the Caviel Pharmacy, 1719 Avenue A, as the location of the caviels Museum. The First Friday Arts Trail on Friday, February 2, 2018, which was sponsored by the Lubbock Roots Historical Council.

Mr. Strong had an idea of establishing Roots. Black people have so much history to be made known of to our children.

According to our sources, one hundred plus citizens from throughout Lubbock were in attendance. This is a positive evident of the need for these kind of programs.

Sailors Celebrate Black History Month In South China Sea



SOUTH CHINA SEA -- Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class Rhea Dias, from Mandeville, Jamaica, sings "Lift Every Voice" during an African American/Black History Month celebration on the mess decks of the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6). Bonhomme Richard is operating in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region as part of a regularly scheduled patrol and provides a rapid-response capability in the event of a regional contingency or natural disaster. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kyle Carlstrom/Released)

First Friday Arts Trail For Black History Month At The Caviel Museum, 1719 Avenue A



Some of the many who were in attendance at the First Friday event, February 4, 2018.

Below are a few pictures made available by Ms. Shirley Green, Chairperson of the Lubbock Roots Historical Council. This was a marvelous event, and there will be many more!



Mr. J. T. Braxton, A Part of Lubbock's Black History.

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to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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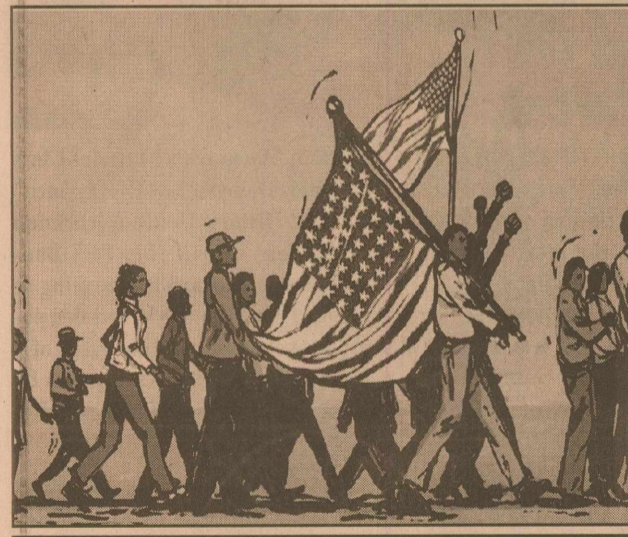
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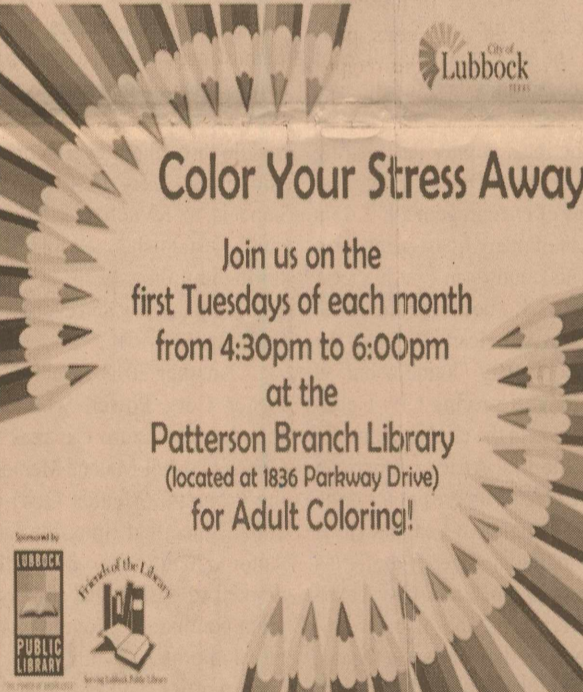
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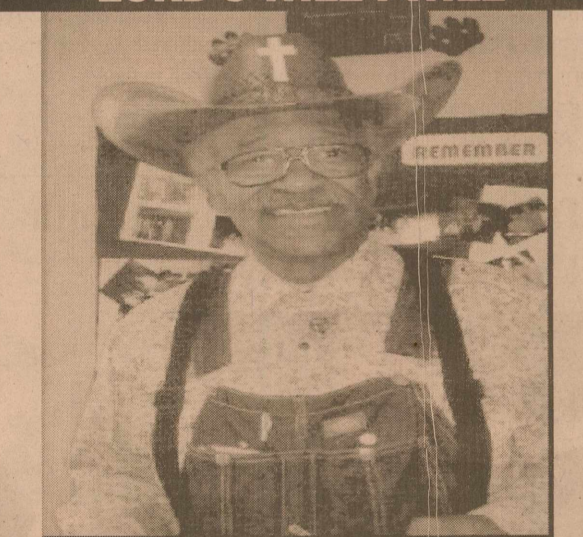
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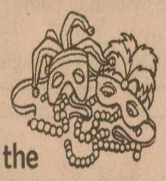


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Double Elimination Pool Tournament

Friday, February 23, 1:30 pm
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

THE STATE OF THE UNION

The State of the Union Address by the 45th President of the United States is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 9:00 P.M. In view of the fact that the investigation into the Russian hacking of the 2016 Presidential election is still ongoing, it has been projected that the President will speak as though it never occurred and paint a rosy picture of American being back and great again. He will attempt to get past the investigation.

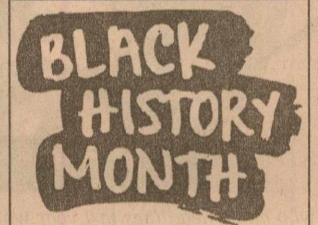
In conjunction with the investigation, the latest news aired in this country is the fact, or fake news that President Trump attempted to fire Robert Mueller last summer but his White House counsel threatened to quit if he did. Former special prosecutor Robert Starr stated that if Mr. Trump lied about an attempt to fire Mueller that it is an impeachable offense.

It is also rumored that Democratic Senators and Representatives plan to fill up the seats in the 115th Congress reserved for special American with Dreamers during the address. Those opposed feel that Mr. Trump should have members of ICE there if they do. We are talking about the STATE OF THE UNION. No matter what the President says, this is a reflection of the state of the union.

Just a few days ago, Dreamer status has been slightly relaxed when the President stated that 1.8 million would be allowed to remain in the United States and apply for citizenship which could take up to 12 years in exchange for a 25 billion dollar Trust Fund for a Southwest and Northern wall along with additional securities. Many who were opposed to allowing the Dreamers a path to citizenship

are upset because it permits a larger number to apply than it originally included. They feel that it is amnesty.

Amnesty is not a bad thing as the Dreamers who are allowed to pursue citizenship have an eligibility requirement to meet in order to remain in this country. The DACA, or Dreamer status, refers to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivers. In order to be considered a Dreamer, one has to have arrived in the United States illegally before the 16th birthday and must be under the age of 31 in June, 2012. There should be no record of crime or misdemeanors of any kind and must have lived continuously in the United States since June 15, 2007; must have completed high school or obtained a GED or been honorably discharged from armed services with no lawful status or path to citizenship and/or eligibility to receive welfare or aid. The cost to apply for DCAD status is \$495.00 which funds the program. In addition, three forms of proof are required to apply: proof of consideration, employment authorization and worksheets and documentation. Because the DACA is an Executive Order, Congress has been unable to overturn it and when a case was heard in the courts, there was a 4-4 decision which left no precedent. We must get 'in cinque' and rally for the good of America, Dreamers and all good people who wish to be a part of the American Dream.



Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford

Section 3 of the HUD Act

This is a program that is designed to provide job training and business development opportunities for people living in public housing or under the poverty level. It was first written in 1968 because of the first Watts Riot in Los Angeles. It was rewritten and strengthened in 1992 because of the Rodney King riots in Los Angeles.

We first became aware of the program in 1993 when James Alford of Jacksonville, Florida filed a Section 3 complaint against Jacksonville Public Housing. Mr. Alford (no relation) received a Voluntary Compliance Agreement. That meant that there was finding and merit in his complaint and that Jacksonville Public Housing Authority agreed to come to terms with compliance. James and his wife Maggie received a \$20,000 settlement and were assured that they would not be discriminated against any longer.

So here we are in the year of 2018 and James and Maggie are still waiting on the discrimination in the Jacksonville Public Housing Authority to end. It is a great law with a promise of economic development, business creation and wealth building but compliance eludes us. So just what is Section 3. It is guided by Code of Federal Regulation 24CFR Part 135: (a)Section 3. The purpose of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (section 3) is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State and local laws and regulations, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

THIS N' THAT by T. J. Patterson

THE 17TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION IS PROOF THAT THERE ARE MANY POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLACKS IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS!! THIS N THAT is very excited what the EXECUTIVE BOARD & BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMITTEE of Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center with the BLACK FACULTY and STAFF ASSOCIATION with their Black History Month Celebration on Friday evening, February 2, 2018..... This was a VERY POSITIVE 17TH ANNUAL PROGRAM..... This program was

well received and THIS N THAT is hoping our young Black boys and girls have heard of this event..... There is no doubt about itthese kinds of efforts are VERY POSITIVE and should become a catalyst on the future of upcoming programs for the Black Community in Lubbock.Not only this special effort but the utilization of the CAVIEL MUSEUM 1719 Avenue A where a more than ONE HUNDRED RESIDENTS FROM THROUGHOUT LUBBOCK, TEXAS attended a FIRST FRIDAY ARTS TRAIL AT THE CAVIEL MUSEUM was outstanding when so many residents were present. THIS

N THAT is excited on the future for many other programs to be held at the CAVIEL MUSEUM For many years WE AS BLACK PEOPLE have been complaining of what we don't have going for ourselves..... THIS N THAT would suggest that WE AS A BLACK PEOPLE sit down and come together and think of the MANY OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE GOING FOR US!!! So let's thank God for what we have going for us..... With some very HARD WORK TOGETHER we can devejopEAST LUBBOCK with many more owned businesses and opportunities .. WE CAN DO IT!

ents of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

(b)Part 135. The purpose of this part is to establish the standards and procedures to be followed to ensure that the objectives of section 3 are met.

Contractor means any entity which contracts to perform work generated by the expenditure of section 3 covered assistance, or for work in connection with a section 3 covered project.

Employment opportunities generated by section 3 covered assistance means all employment opportunities generated by the expenditure of section 3 covered public and Indian housing assistance (i.e., operating assistance, development assistance, and modernization assistance, as described in §135.3(a)(1)).

With respect to section 3 covered housing and community development assistance, this term means all employment opportunities arising in connection with section 3 covered projects (as described in §135.3(a)(2)), including management and administrative jobs connected with the section 3 covered project. Management and administrative jobs include architectural, engineering or related professional services required to prepare plans, drawings, specifications, or work write-ups; and jobs directly related to administrative support of these activities, e.g., construction manager, relocation specialist, payroll clerk, etc.

Section 3 firms which are contractors who hire Section 3 workers (living under the poverty level) are set aside 10% of all HUD funded contracts. They must hire Section 3 workers to comprise 30% of the entire workforce.

During the post Katrina rebuild we achieved 3.2 billion dollars in Black business contracts. We applied Section 3 whenever possible. However, there were unforeseen challenges. Many of the public housing residents did not want to work. They resisted these new job opportunities. Many preferred to hustle in the streets for money as opposed to doing a 9 - 5 gigs. Also, tenant associations were an obstacle. They considered us invading onto their turf of authority. They were "Poverty Pimps" not wanting outside interests in making job opportunities for the residents. It was a power struggle.

The two most successful programs we have seen were in Columbus, OH managed by Smoot Construction and San Francisco Bayview Projects under the Mayor Willie Brown management. Both were not long-term due to stiff resistance from white construction unions

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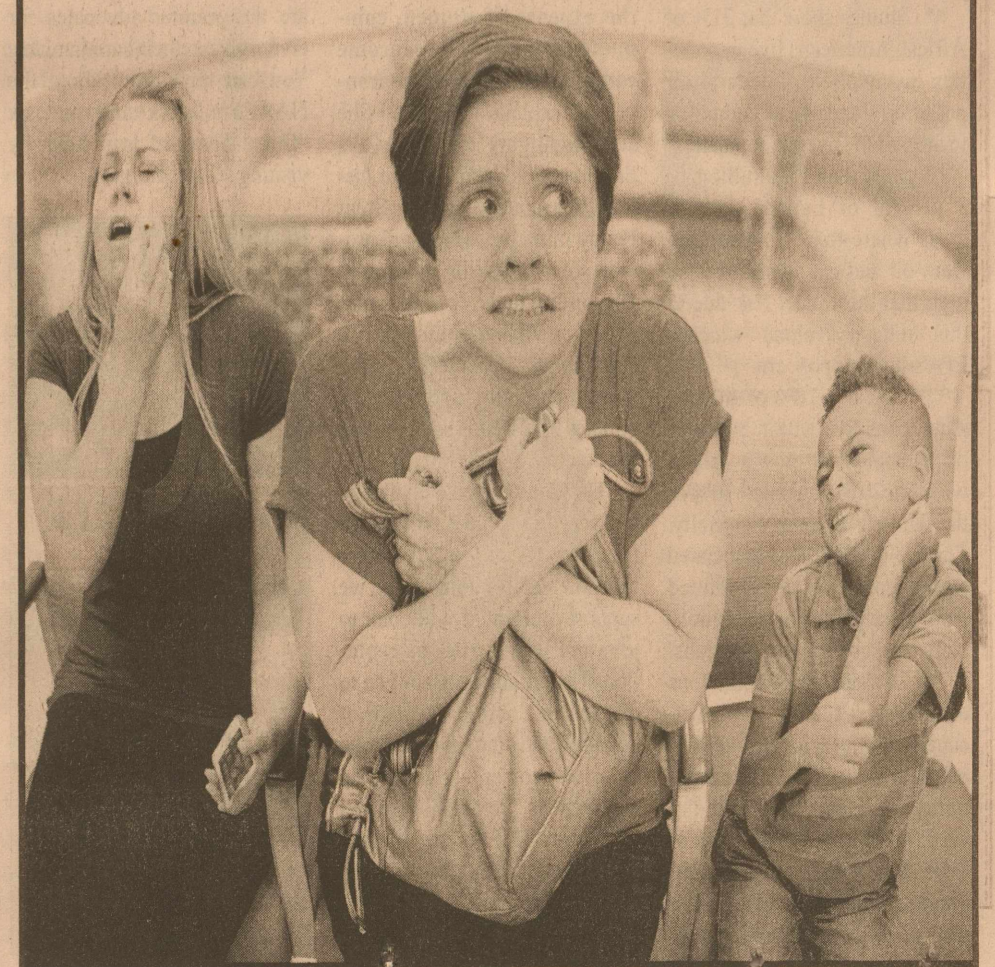
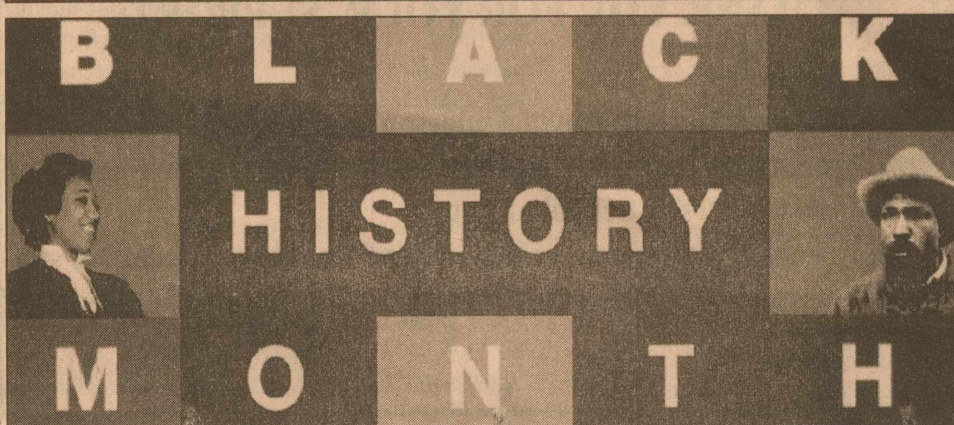
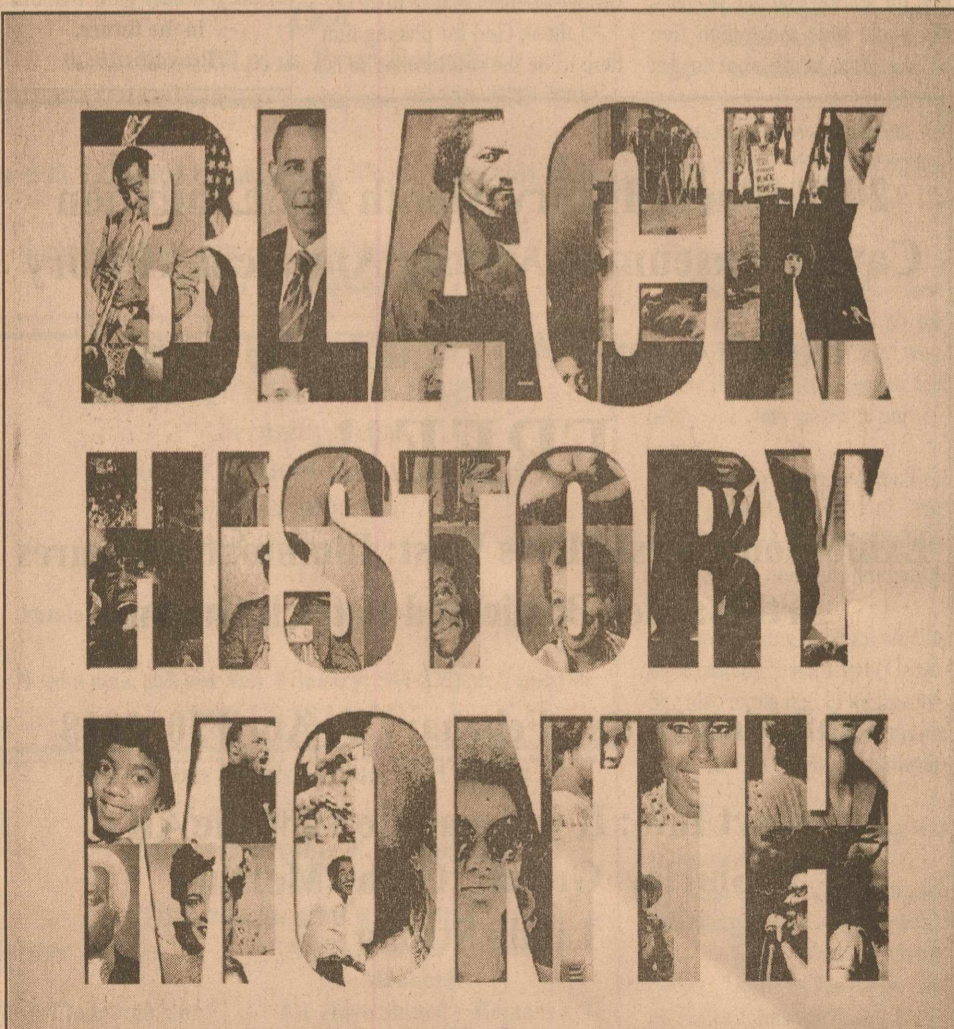


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published book, "Dimensions of Mentoring: A Continuum of Practice from Beginning Teachers to Teacher Leaders."

Active in numerous community organizations, in January, Cory became the first African-American to serve as Chairman of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce in its 105 year history. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Volunteer Center of Lubbock, United Way, and the American Diabetes Association, amongst others.

An advocate for students, Cory currently serves as the campus advisor for the Visions of Light Gospel Choir, the Mentor Tech Student Organization and the Texas Tech Student United Way. The recipient of a myriad of awards, the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated recognized him as their 2017 Mentor of the Year. In 2015, he received the Top Texan Award and was selected as

Beyond the Rhetoric

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who consider public housing their personal hustle.

So, here we are today in 2018 and we have a new HUD Secretary, Ben Carson, who has said on a few occasions that he wants to exercise Section 3. Well Secretary Carson, the National Black Chamber of Commerce replies, "Bring it on!". We know this and are ready, willing and capable to spread the application of this nearly 50 years old regulation throughout our nation for once and for all. We know the program, can implement it and make it a total success despite the racist construction unions. The time is now!

If we need to challenge his words, we will do so. Time is truly passing and there is no guarantee. We must move to take our brothers and sisters living under the poverty level to job training and career building. Our patience is running out. It is good to hear a Cabinet Secretary state the need for Section 3 and, damn it we are set to react in a very aggressive and positive fashion.

Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce®. Website: www.nationalbcc.org Email: halford@nationalbcc.org.

Washington Brown

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He was a farmer for the Darby's. Washington attended church in Lorenzo where he served as a Deacon, the Chairman of the Deacon Board, and a Trustee for 50 years.

Washington leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Manda Brown; three daughters, Seidah Muhyee (Shakir), Della Williams (Gregory), and Maryam Ross (Johnny); three sons, Johnny Ray Brown (Margie), Gilbert Brown, and Curtis Brown (Carolyn); one sister, Rose Marie Hankson (Rev. Charles); four brothers, Fred Lee Brown (Betty), Lester C. Brown, Frank Brown, and Joe Brown (Archie); sixteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren, two great, great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

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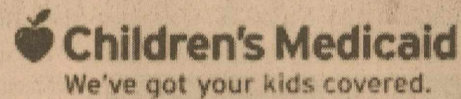
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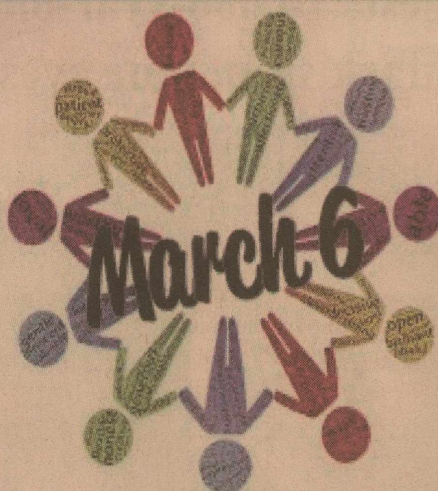
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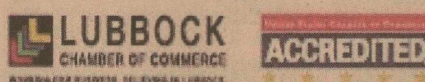
"Creating A Culture Of Intentional Inclusion"

TUESDAY, MARCH 6
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Overton Hotel & Conference Center

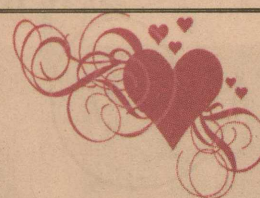
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Your thoughtfulness, kindness and prayers were so comforting to us and will forever be cherished in our hearts.

Thank you so much for everything. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. May God continue to bestow His blessings upon all of you!

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Chris Wallace, Texas Association of Business
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- Using Cultural Differences to Improve Your Workplace
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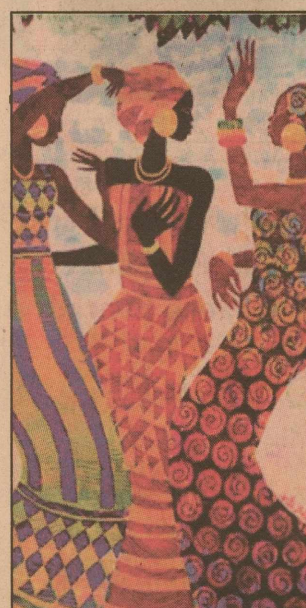
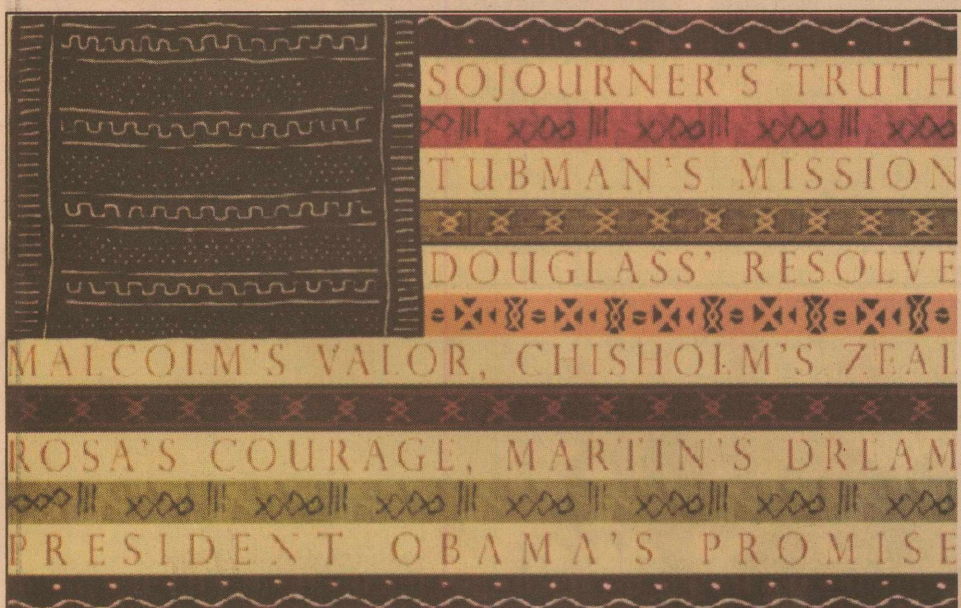
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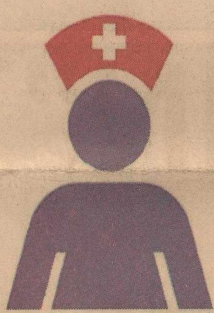
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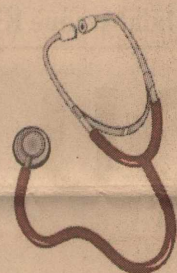
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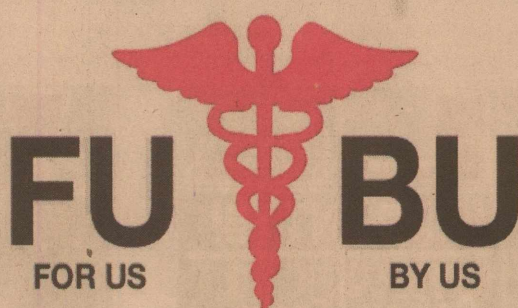
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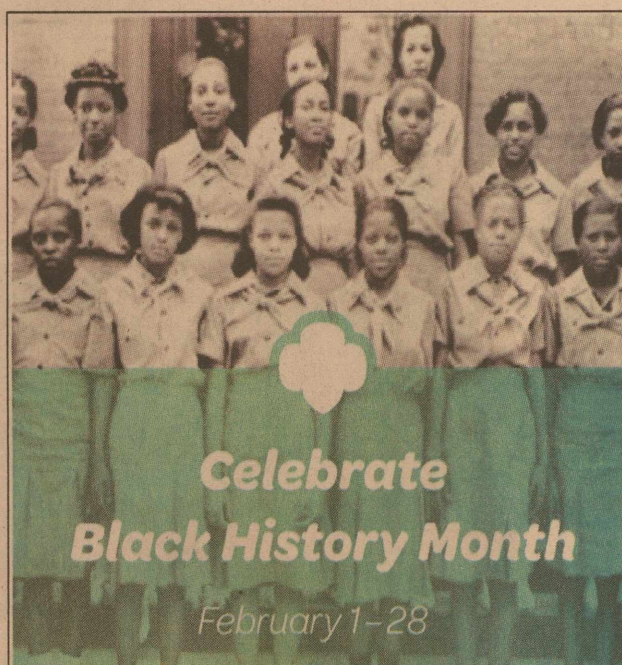
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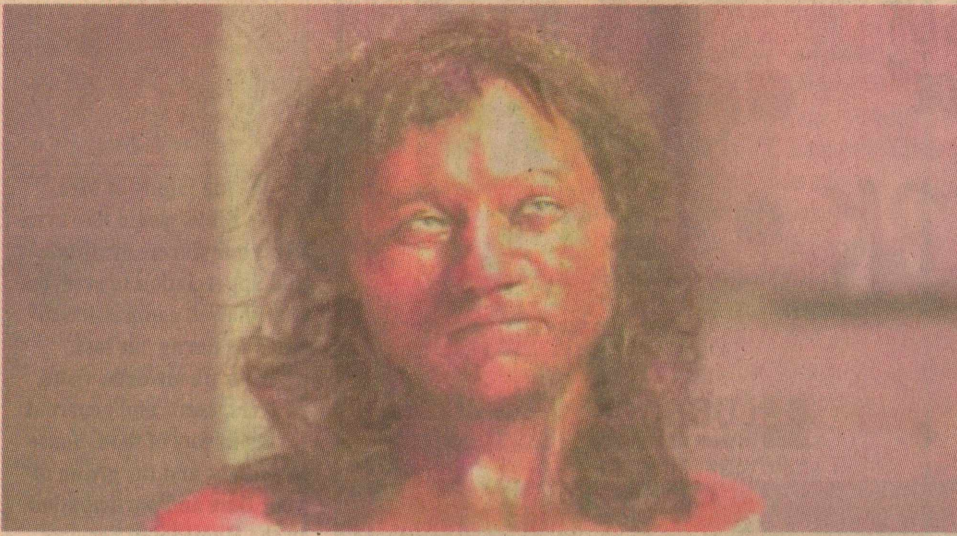


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DNA suggests 10,000-year-old Brit had dark skin, blue eyes



Full facial reconstruction model of a head based on the skull of Britain's oldest complete skeleton on display during a screening event of *The First Brit: Secrets Of The 10,000 Year Old Man* at The Natural History Museum, in London Wednesday Feb. 7, 2018. DNA from a 10,000-year-old skeleton found in an English cave suggests he had dark skin and blue eyes. Scientists from Britain's Natural History Museum and University College London have analyzed the genome of "Cheddar Man" who was found in Cheddar Gorge in southwest England in 1903. (Jonathan Brady/PA via AP)

LONDON (AP) — DNA from a 10,000-year-old skeleton found in an English cave suggests the oldest-known Briton had dark skin and blue eyes, researchers said Wednesday.

Scientists from Britain's Natural History Museum and University College London analyzed the genome of "Cheddar Man," who was found in Cheddar Gorge in southwest England in 1903.

Scientists led by museum DNA expert Ian Barnes drilled into the skull to extract DNA from bone powder. They say analysis indicates he had blue eyes, dark curly hair and "dark to black" skin pigmentation.

The researchers say the evidence suggests that Europeans' pale skin tones developed much later than originally thought.

"Cheddar Man subverts people's expectations of what kinds of genetic traits go together," said Tom Booth, a postdoctoral researcher at the museum who worked on the project.

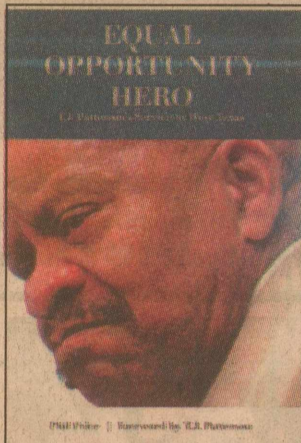
"It seems that pale eyes entered Europe long before pale

skin or blond hair, which didn't come along until after the arrival of farming."

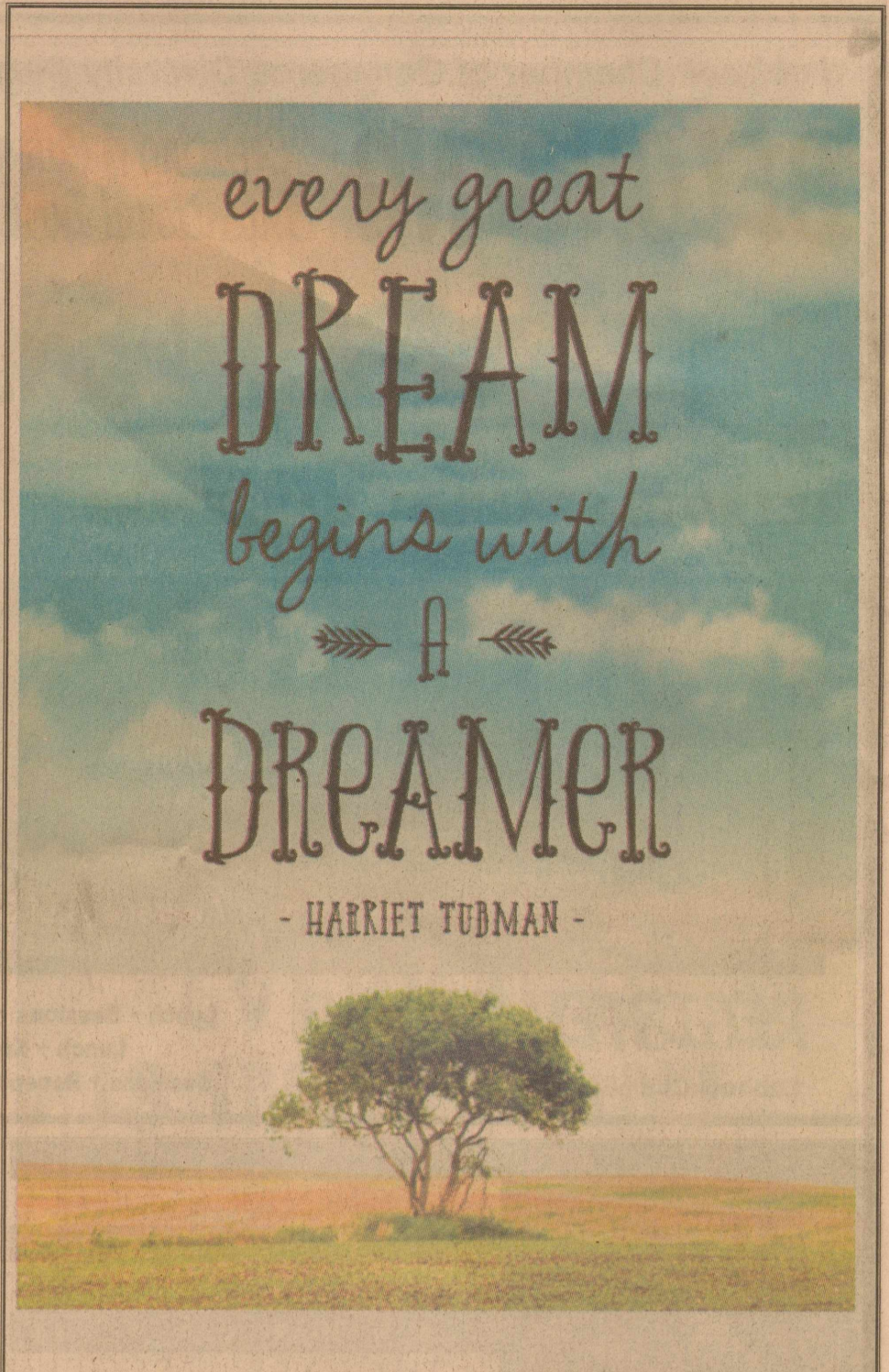
"He reminds us that you can't make assumptions about what people looked like in the past based on what people look like in the present, and that the pairings of features we are used to seeing today aren't something that's fixed," Booth said on the museum website.

It's thought ancient humans living in northern regions developed pale skin because it absorbs more sunlight, which is needed to produce vitamin D.

Cheddar Man shares a genetic profile with several other Mesolithic-era individuals found in Spain, Hungary and Luxembourg whose DNA has already been analyzed. The group, known as Western Hunter-Gatherers, migrated to Europe from the Middle East after the last Ice Age, about 12,000 years ago.



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