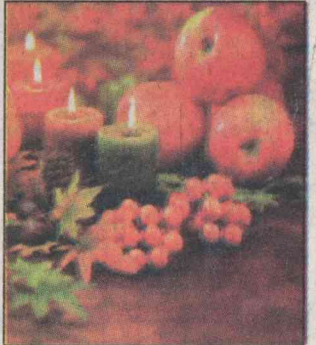
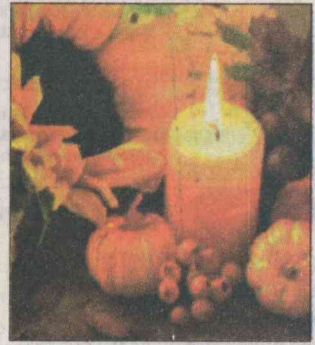
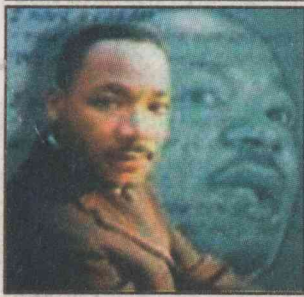




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Community Meetings

* 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.

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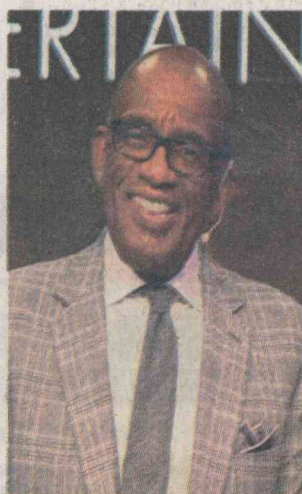
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Al Roker Calls Out NBC Colleague Megyn Kelly For Blackface Defense

The "Today" show host said his NBC colleague should apologize for defending blackface Halloween costumes. Later, Kelly did just that.



Al Roker

"Today" show host Al Roker on Wednesday called out NBC colleague Megyn Kelly for defending blackface Halloween costumes.

"The fact is while she apologized to the staff, she owes a bigger apology to folks of color around the country," Roker said on the show, a day after Kelly apologized in a memo to NBC colleagues for wondering why blackface in Halloween costumes was considered racist.

Soon after Roker's comments, Kelly did apologize on air, then convened a discussion about the history of blackface that included black panelists.

"I was wrong," she told viewers.

The controversy erupted a day earlier, during a segment featuring a discussion with a panel entirely of white people, when Kelly said, "When I was a kid, that was OK, so long as you were dressing up as a character."

In her memo to NBC staff, Kelly — who has a history of racist comments — affirmed that "such behavior is indeed wrong" and that "the history of blackface in our culture is abhorrent; the wounds too deep."

Roker on Wednesday noted that offensive pop culture portrayals of black people date back to 19th-century minstrel shows.

"I'm old enough to have lived through 'Amos 'n' Andy,'" Roker said, referring to the old sitcom originally voiced by white actors "just magnifying

the worst stereotypes about black people. And that's what the big problem is."

"Today" co-host Craig Melvin pilloried people claiming that criticisms of blackface are simply "political correctness run amok."

"That's silly, and it's disingenuous, and it's just as ignorant and racist as the statement itself," he said.

In her memo Tuesday, Kelly wrote that "I've never been a 'pc' kind of person — but I understand that we do need to be more sensitive in this day and age."

While the "Today" hosts agreed that the condemnation of Kelly's segment provided an opportunity to learn about blackface, "I think a lot of people knew about blackface before yesterday," Melvin said.

"You know. You know. You know," Roker said, agreeing with Melvin.

"No good comes from it," Roker continued, adding that there is also a long history of white actors in "yellowface" playing Asian characters.

"It's just not right."

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Below Are A Few Photos Taken Of The Honor Flight

The Seventh Texas South Plains Honor Flight - Lubbock had 189 Veterans and Guardians to visit Washington, DC on Saturday, October 13 through Monday, October 15, 2018. Among those who participated were from Lubbock and surrounding West Texas cities.

The following locations were visited by the Veterans are as follows:

The first stop on Saturday afternoon was World War II Veterans Memorial where former U.S. Senator Bob Dole of Kansas was present to shake the hands of the Veterans. The Washington Navy Yard Groundsm the Museum and also the Air Force Memorial were visited.

On Sunday morning, October 14th, they all visited the Arlington National Cemetery, Chang-

ing of the Guard at The Tomb of the Unknowns. Also visited were the Women in Military Service for America Memorial; Also, the Marine Corps (Iwo Jima) Memorial drive by.

The Steven F. Udar Center of the National Air and Space Museum. The Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and Reflecting Pool Picture, and the Vietnam Veterans Me-

morial.

On the last day, October 15th, the Veterans begun their opportunity visiting Quantico National Cemetery's Section 22 for a flag presentation through the Missing in America Project.

Also, the National Museum of the Marine Corps Visit.

A special feature at the United States Capitol with Congressman Jodey Arrington, 19th

Congressional District. The honor flight was greeted by congressional staff and walked into the Capitol Visitor Center for a tour. Congressman Arrington gave a very interesting speech to all who were in attendance.

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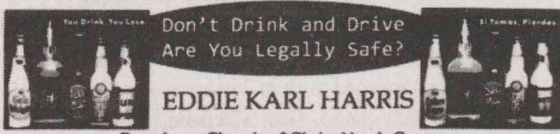
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By Renetta Howard

VOTE NOVEMBER 6, 2018!!

At this time, with the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh as a judge on the Supreme Court of the United States of America following damaging testimony of a female which he allegedly sexually assaulted, a hopped-up for show FBI limited investigation and a retired judge saying that he is not an appropriate fit for the Supreme Court, we must not fail to vote on November 6, 2018 which is the election day in most states.

One of the biggest mistakes that we make in America is not voting! People have fought and died for our right to vote and we still fail to exercise that right. Some of us, whom have violated some laws and lost the right to vote, need to do everything in our power to recover that right. This is one of the few things in this country that no long has a price tag on it. There was at one time a poll tax, a head tax, required to vote. It no longer exists, so there is no excuse for not voting. The average person who fails to vote generally has the most to complain about when the results come in of how the voting took place. Here lately, however, some of us have been victims of illegal vote counting, but we are hoping that everything will be on the up and up in future elections to prevent that. Regardless, we need to get out and vote for the candidates who reflect our beliefs in their campaigns and in past voting action of those who are up for re-election.

Too often, we go into the polls to vote and have no idea who the candidates for the various offices are. We need to educate ourselves about the candidates and choose the ones who hold the same beliefs for progress in our governments that we know and want. We need to know our candidates. We need

to stop grumbling about what our elected officials are doing and vote for CHANGE!

Some of us have been so certain that our government and economy are going to be what we want it to be, but there is no certainty unless we get out voting to make it happen. For instance, I have been complaining about the Social Security WEP (Windfall Elimination Penalty) and FEP (Federal Employee Penalty) for years and I have no plans to stop until it is ended. I do not vote for the congressmen and women who support the action which reduces one's social security benefits because they receive a pension from a job on which they did not pay into social security. Your money is taken by the government and put into the General Fund from which they spend it as they see fit.

Check the voting records of the people you vote for. **CHOOSE** wisely and help our country to be the place we are proud to say that we are constituents. Get 'in cinque' and help to make **AMERICA GREAT!**

Remember Your PRECIOUS VOTE Is Very IMPORTANT!!

Shall The SOUTHWEST DIGEST Count On Your Important Vote On TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH? HOPE SO!!!

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford

Why are Times getting Better – Thank God!

I attended an Economic Summit at the White House two weeks ago. It was an uncommonly joyous event. We were all there to celebrate the actual changes that were going on in our great country. It was summed up by saying, "Deregulation and Tax Reduction". Those are the reasons for our economy to start turning upwards. Like it or not, this nation is economically growing suddenly, or at least during the last two years. It is clear – the numbers don't lie.

We worked feverishly during the last ten years to bring a halt to a landslide of regulation and taxation. I chair the Government Oversight, Regulatory and Consumer Affairs Committee at the US Chamber of Commerce. It has been one of the most rewarding activities of my life. It recently cumulated into the passage of the Regulatory Accountability Act. This is essential to growth, it makes it easier to perform business without costly regulations and permitting to adhere to.

Equally important was Tax Reform. This will go down as one of the best pieces of legislation ever passed. Wages are increasing, investment is increasing, jobs are expanding by the thousands. We now have our lowest unemployment figures in more than forty years. It is most notably detected amongst Blacks and Hispanics. It is historical and undeniable. The stock markets support that charge with all-time high breaking records. We were told by the previous Administration that some jobs weren't coming back. Guess what? They are coming through the "door" like never.

Our steel industry has been on a decline for many decades. However, it is bouncing back with a vengeance. Remember

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

REMEMBER, YOUR VOTE WILL COUNT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

THIS N THAT encourages **YOU AS A REGISTERED VOTER** **TO GO TO THE POLLS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018!** Your vote is very valuable and important. Your **PRECIOUS VOTE** does count..

Too many fought for **ALL OF US TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE!** There have been those who have tried to keep you from voting, but with **GOD ON OUR SIDE**, all things are possible so don't be guilty of saying what **WE CAN'T DO BE-**

CAUSE EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE, THAT IS IF WE ONLY BELIEVE!!

THIS N THAT can't tell you what to do with **YOUR VALUABLE VOTE** but will encourage **YOU TO USE IT!!** There should be no excuse which will keep you home on election day. As our ancestors would say **"EXCUSES ARE NOTHING BUT EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS FOR MAKING MOUNTAINS OF NOTHING!"**

THIS N THAT often hear residents of **EAST LUBBOCK** say what we don't have or why we don't have it. Well we must remember that when God's people come

together many things will happen. There's no other part of Lubbock which has the natural barriers like East Lubbock..... There is no flooding in **EAST LUBBOCK** after a strong rain..... **THIS N THAT** has been advised years ago that the **HIGHEST POINT IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS** was the location of the **OLD CHATMAN HOSPITAL** which is located across the street from **MOUNT VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!!!**

THIS N THAT ask you to **VOTE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2018** quit complaining about what we don't have and use what we already have!

when they used to call Gary, Indiana "Steel City"? That moniker may be returning. US Steel just announced that it is putting an investment of over \$750 million to refurbish previously "mothballed" facilities. In fact, steel plants all over the nation are being refurbished and that is a sure sign of increased manufacturing for our nation equating to exponential increase in high paying jobs.

Our past rigid high taxation caused investors to put trillions of dollars off shore. Those trillions of dollars are starting to come back in terms of investment and job creation. Good times are sure to come in the following years. As the old saying goes, "Cotton is high, the fish are biting, and the bosses are paying!"

A next determinant has been a sudden change in our international trade balances. America has been on the losing end in

trade. In fact, we have been bullied by China and the nations of the European Union. That has all changed now. The fact is the strongest economy in the world is the United States. However, we have been acting as a weakling. No more! We are dealing eye to eye and settling for nothing less than "fair ball" when acting with our trading partners. The international rip-offs are over.

China has more than 2 billion persons to feed. That is a permanent problem for them as we have a little more than 300 million and have proven to manage that challenge quite well with a Gross Domestic Product that is the greatest in the world. Russia has a decreasing population, a depressed population and a Gross Domestic Product that doesn't rival that of the state of Florida. All other nations, even the united groups of nations called the European Union, are

miniscule to our economic might. Thus, we are finally acting like it and resisting any attempt to bully us on international trade.

Times are great! Look at your IRA's, or stock investments and you cannot deny that growth is here like never. You must go back decades since good times from an economical point of view were being blessed on the United States.

If you reflect on the past decades, the liberal point of view has not been beneficial to our nation. The conservative approach is yielding dividends like never. This is reason for our progress. Let them cry as we march on with economic growth. Let them protest, resist, obstruct like going south with a bullet. America is being blessed for standing by its capitalistic principles and following our

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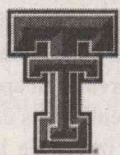
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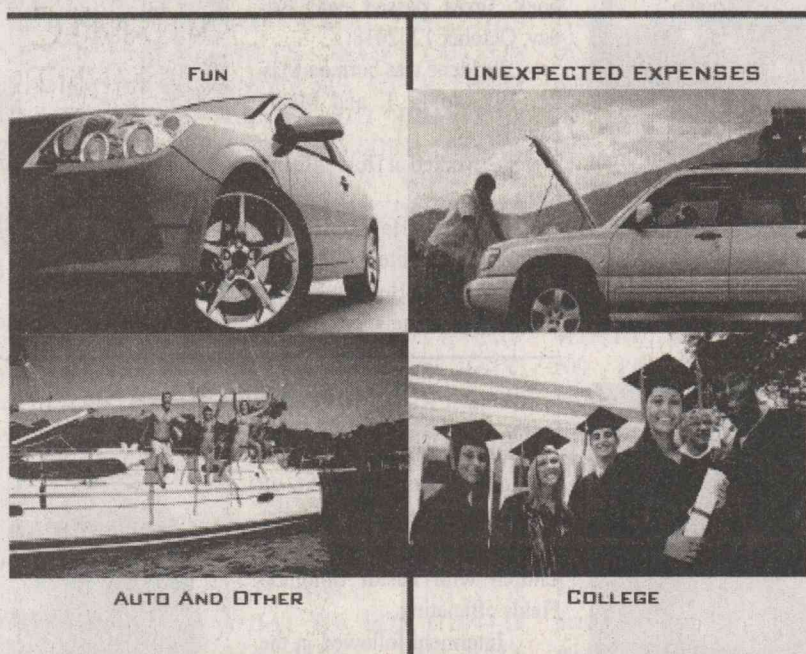
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Beyond the Rhetoric

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Our resurgence is historical. Oddly, there is a certain segment of our population that is incensed about that. They need to take a "chill pill" and look around. Things are looking good and getting better.

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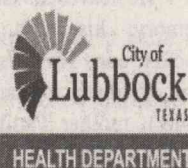
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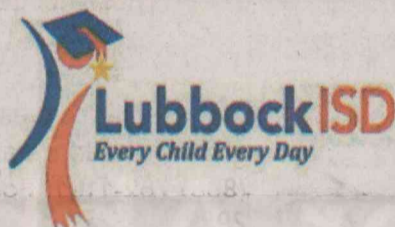
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Security Measures:
\$40 million

Upgrades to existing facilities to address safety and security including: secure vestibule entries to schools, front door intercom/buzz-in systems, remote access public address systems, door hardware, and additional cameras, lighting and fencing.

Replacement of Portable Buildings:
\$10 million
Avoid/replace portable buildings to bring students and staff into the more secure main school building.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

Monterey High School Auditorium Renovation:
\$4.5 million

Upgrading the auditorium to meet accessibility compliance and addressing other needed facility improvements.

Talkington School for Young Women Leaders Additions:
\$12 million

The addition of an auditorium and classroom space at the Talkington School for Young Women Leaders to provide equitable facilities for high school students.

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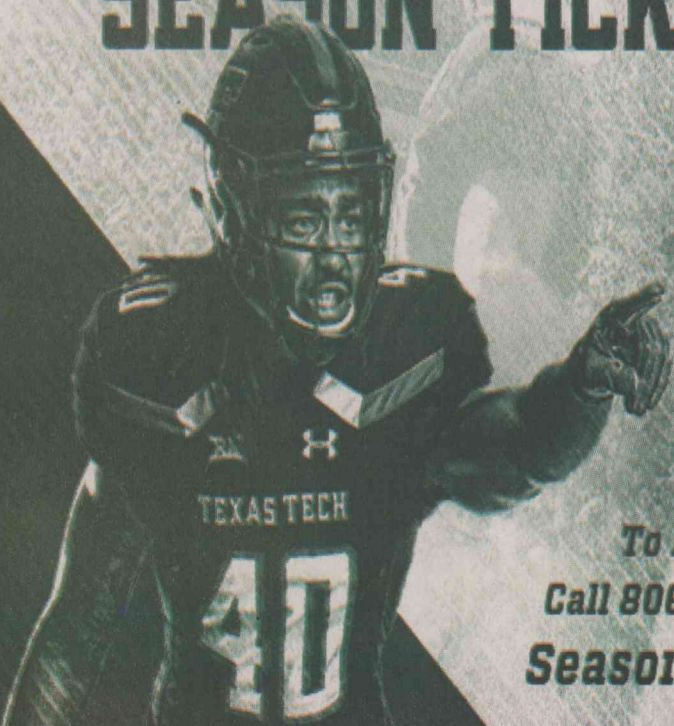
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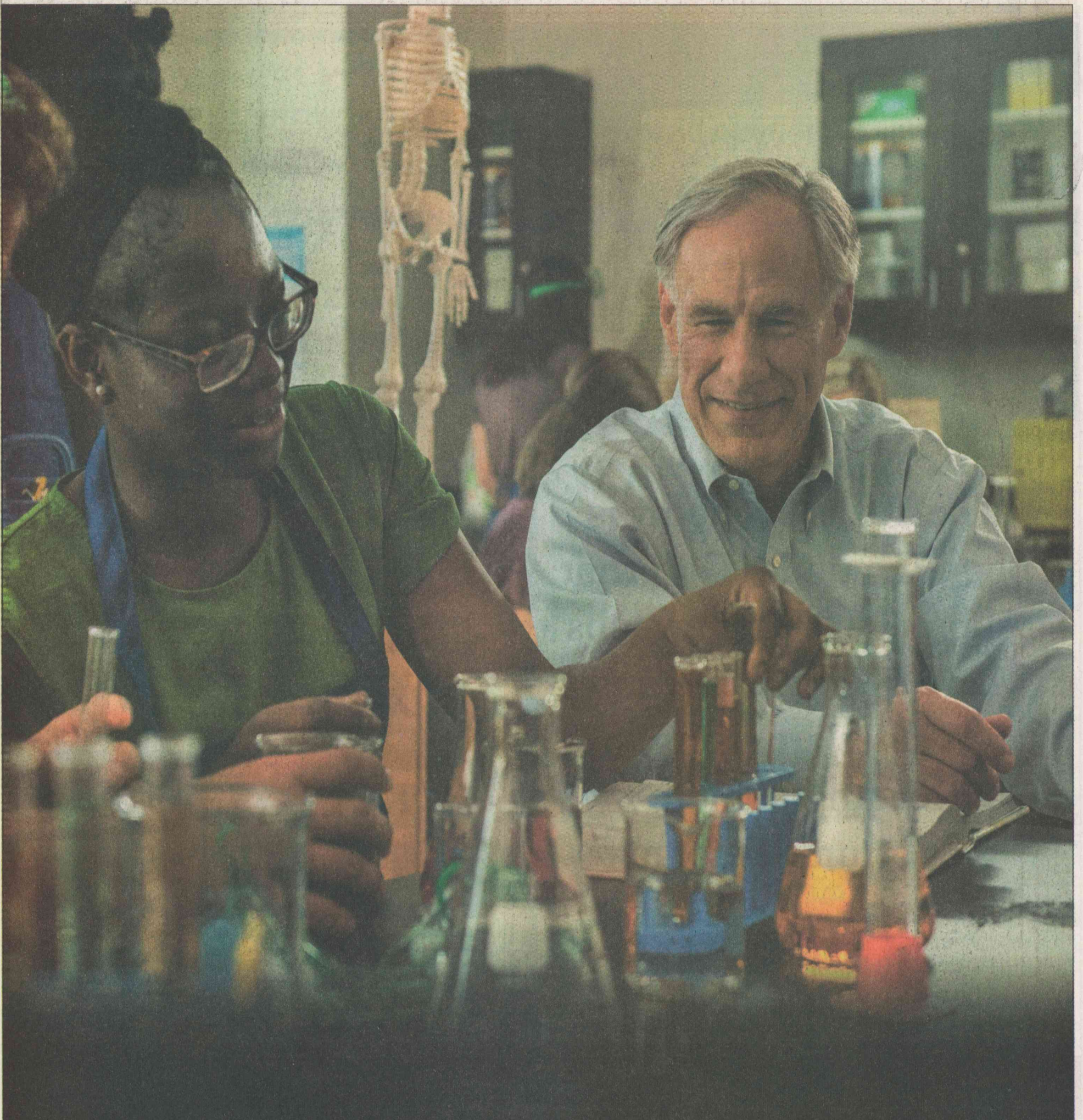
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