

# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR BLACK HISTORY?



Name the 12 influential African-Americans pictured on the left and their contributions to history, and send it, along with your name, address and phone number to the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice, 1201 So. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104, and become eligible for a drawing to win a Dinner for 2 at Gates Bar-B-Que.\*

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\* Dinner not to exceed \$40.00.  
Drawing to be held Friday, February 26, 1993

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS AT LOCAL LIBRARIES

Celebrate Black History Month and get acquainted with songs and stories from African musical traditions at Las Vegas-Clark County Libraries.

Jewel Hoskins, a teacher for the Clark County School District, highlights African Americans contributions to society at the West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Tuesday, February 18,

at 4 p.m. Pre-registration required, call 647-2118.

Hear library district storyteller Marsha Cutler tell the well known African tale "A Story, A Story" at local libraries beginning at the Sahara West Library, 9002 W. Sahara., Wednesday, February 17 at 4 p.m.; West Charleston Library, 6301 W. Charleston Blvd., Friday, February 18, 4 p.m.; Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N.,

Monday, February 22, 4 p.m.; Spring Valley Library, 4280 S. Jones Blvd., Tuesday, February 23, 4 p.m. The story program is free and open to ages 5-10 years.

Listen and participate in reading Verna Aaderma's Bringing Back the Rain to Kapiti Plain and other African folktales at the Green Valley Library, 2797 Green Valley Pkwy, Thursday, February 18, at 4 p.m.

Let the fairy dust fall at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd., N., Saturday, February 20, 2 p.m., during the young people's library's puppet show Flying Free. The puppet show is based on a recurring theme in black folktales.

Enjoy the Black History Month Film Festival at the Rainbow Library, 6010 W. Cheyenne Plaza, Wednesday, February 24 at 4 p.m. See the films Village of Round and Square Houses and Rugmaker. Open to all ages.

All library programs are free and open to the public.

## ASSIGNMENT DISCOVERY SERIES CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Discovery Channel's *Assignment Discovery* series commemorates Black History Month in February with three intriguing documentaries that explore the art, culture and history of African-American culture. Designed specifically for middle and high school teachers to tape and use in the classroom to enhance their existing curricula in Science, History, Social Studies and English, *Assignment Discovery* airs weekday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM (ET).

"Television can be an important contributor in the process of teaching students to appreciate cultural diversity, and *Assignment Discovery* is contributing to Black History Month with a focus on education, history and today's black culture," said Nancy Stover, Vice President of Educational Relations and Special Projects, Discovery Communications, Inc., which owns and operates both The Learning Channel and The Discovery Channel.

*Assignment Discovery's* Black History Month program-

### February Line-Up Commemorates African-American History And Explores Events Around The World Shaping Black Culture

ming begins on February 11, with *Voices and Visions: Langston Hughes - The Dream Keeper*, a profile of the acclaimed writer who depicted the beauty, dignity and heritage of African American culture. *Dancing Through West Africa*, filmed in the villages of Senegal and Gambia, airs February 25. This episode celebrates traditional African dance.

*Two Dollars and a Dream*, which also airs on February 25, features the biography of Madame C.J. Walker, a child of slaves freed by the Civil War who became one of the first self-made African American millionaires.

*Assignment Discovery's* commercial-free, 20-to 25-minute documentaries air weekday mornings on The Discovery Channel from 9:00 to 10:00 AM (ET). The documentaries are available for teachers to tape

and use in the classroom at no charge. In addition to a Video Bulletin Board for educators to share timely news and information, each *Assignment Discovery* episode is accompanied by on-air questions and answers, vocabulary words and suggested readings from the American Association of School Librarians.

*Assignment Discovery* focuses on one curriculum subject each day of the week: Science & Technology on Mondays; Social Studies on Tuesdays; Natural Science on Wednesdays; Arts & Humanities on Thursdays; and Contemporary Issues on Fridays.

The program was recently awarded the New York Film Festival's highest honor, The Grand Award, for Best Children's Program and a Gold Medal in the category of Educational/Instructional Series.

By calling 1-800-321-1832, educators can receive the *Discovery Networks Educator Guide*, a quarterly publication that highlights educational programming appearing on both The Discovery Channel and The Learning Channel. Available at no charge to educators, the guide features a special pull-out section detailing upcoming episodes of *Assignment Discovery*, as well as information on Discovery Communications' other educational projects such as its interactive videodisc library, magazines and video cassettes.

Discovery Networks is a unit of Discovery Communications, Inc., a diversified cable television programming company with ancillary businesses in home video, interactive video and international distribution and syndication. Along with The Discovery Channel, the nation's fifth largest cable television network serving 59 million households, Discovery Communications operates The Learning Channel, cable's premiere educational network.

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

February 1993 is African-American History Month, the 68th year that our nation has officially marked the achievements and accomplishments of African Americans. Observed annually in February, this special period honoring African-Americans was launched in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a noted American educator and historian.

Regarded by many historians as the "father of Black History," Dr. Woodson believed an annual period honoring the contributions of African Americans would remind all Americans of their ethnic roots, and he chose a week in February — the month containing both Abraham Lincoln's birthday (Feb. 12) and Fredrick Douglass' presumed birthday (Feb. 14) — as the time for the annual celebration.

Although the observed period began as a week in 1926, it was expanded in 1976 to encompass the entire month.

Each year, African-American History Month has a designated theme, and in 1993, the celebration will focus on "African-American Scholars: Leaders, Activists and Writers." Individuals that will be honored will include William E.B. DuBois, Alex Haley, Thurgood Marshall, Booker T. Washington, Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman.