

“The theme for Black History Month in February 2025 is: "African Americans and Labor," focusing on the significant contributions of Black workers throughout history across various industries and their ongoing struggles for racial and economic justice.

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Who won Grammys for 2025? See the list of winners here

By **Jordan Freiman/CBS NEWS**



Photo Caption: Beyoncé is joined by her daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, as she accepts the album of the year Grammy on Sunday.

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Beyoncé finally won the coveted Album of the Year award at the 2025 Gram-

mys after being shut out the last four times she was nominated.

Beyoncé entered the night with the most nominations, 11, for her album "Cowboy Carter" — becoming the most-nominated artist in Grammy history with 99 throughout her career. In addition to

Album of the Year, she also won Best Country Album and Best Country Duo/Group Performance.

Billie Eilish, Kendrick Lamar, Post Malone and Charli XCX received seven nominations this year, while Taylor Swift, Sabrina Carpenter and Chappell Roan earned six nods.

Lamar swept all five categories he was nominated in, winning both Record and Song of the Year. Roan was also a big winner, taking home the award for Best New Artist.

Comedian and former host of "The Daily Show"

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025 We Proclaim It

NNPA NEWSWIRE — In the history of this country, in the ongoing fight against racial oppression, against a white supremacist narrative, and against the racial apartheid laws that were passed and upheld, there have always been gear-shifting moments when individual people have taken a stand.

By **Dr. Karsonya Wise Whitehead**

Former Georgia Representative Julian Bond and Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver once said that when Rosa Parks chose to stay seated on that bus in Montgomery, Alabama, somewhere in the universe, a gear in the machinery shifted, and everything changed.

A gear-shifting moment.

In the history of this country, in the ongoing fight against racial oppression, against a white supremacist narrative, and against the racial apartheid laws that were passed and upheld, there have always been gear-shifting moments when individual people have taken a stand. It happened in 1850, when Harriet Araminta Tubman, a year after her self-eman-

icipation, chose to go back to Baltimore, Maryland, to help lead her niece and her niece's two children to freedom. A gear shifted. It happened in 1770, when Crispus Attucks, a Black and Indigenous sailor and whaler, chose to get involved with the growing kerfuffle in Boston. In 1864, when the 22nd Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Colored Troops marched from Camp William Penn through the streets of Philadelphia on their way to fight, gear shifted.

When Mamie Till told them in 1955 to leave her son's casket open so that the world could see what those white men had done to her son, a gear in the

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The Black librarian who rewrote the rules of power, gender and passing as white

By **Deborah W. Parker**, Professor of Italian University of Virginia/The Conversation



A 1910 watercolor portrait of Belle da Costa Greene by Laura Coombs Hills. The Morgan Library & Museum, New York, gift of the Estate of Belle da Costa Greene.

“Just Because I am a Librarian doesn't mean I have to dress like one.”

With this breezy pronouncement, Belle da Costa Greene handily differentiated herself from

most librarians.

She stood out for other reasons, too.

In the early 20th century — a time when men held most positions of authority — Greene was a celebrated

book agent, a curator and the first director of the Morgan Library. She also earned US\$10,000 a year, about \$280,000 today, while other librarians were making roughly \$400.

She was also a Black woman who passed as white.

Born in 1879, Belle was the daughter of two light-skinned Black Americans, Genevieve Fleet and Richard T. Greener, the first Black man to graduate from Harvard. When the two separated in 1897, Fleet changed the family's last name to Greene and, along with her five children, crossed the color line. Belle Marion Greener became Belle da Costa Greene — the “da Costa” a subtle claim to her Portuguese ancestry.

One of the nine known portraits of Belle da Costa Greene that photographer Clarence H. White made in 1911. Biblioteca Berenson, I Tatti, the Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies When banking magnate J.P. Morgan sought a librarian in 1905, his nephew Junius

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How Young Children Learn by Going Outside

NNPA NEWSWIRE — When children have daily opportunities to care for plants, trees, animals, and insects, they practice nurturing behaviors that help them interact in kind and gentle ways with people as well.

By **Head Start**

Spending time outdoors every day is a rich and important part of Head Start's chosen research-based curriculum for infants and toddlers. From the very beginning, young children satisfy their curiosity by exploring with their senses. Being outside “presents a new world of sights, sounds, smells, and tactile experiences.” Regardless of whether children live in urban, suburban, or rural communities, the outdoor world provides opportuni-

ties to observe, discover, and learn that are not available indoors. The following are examples of Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework knowledge and skills that young children develop through the curriculum's outdoor experiences.

Social and Emotional Development

Infants and toddlers learn to play together when they take turns using pails and shovels, share a ride in a wagon, and chase each

other. Through direct, hands-on experiences, young children learn to be gentle with living things

and with each other. “Deep bonds can form between

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Children learning outside with Teacher
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EDITORIAL PAGE

My Day

A Jewel in Hamilton Park

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Dr. J. Ester Davis

Several years ago, Dallas County Commissioners recognized and commended the Hamilton Park Community for preserving their historic "living" legacy. Thomas Jefferson, President of the Hamilton Park Civic League, and a resident for 59 years, accepted the resolution in open court with other outstanding residents attending. Hamilton Park is the first African American development in the City of Dallas. It is still viable today due solely to community leadership, raw pride, the first homeowners and their will to preserve

their ownership heritage. A resolution was adopted, presented, and signed by the county judge and commissioners. Hamilton Park Community is back in the news again this year as a proposed recipient of a Texas Historic marker. WOW!!!

I think a little bit of Hamilton Park resides in all African Americans. The resolution captures the essential fortitude and says it best. The resolution appropriately addresses the name; "The Hamilton Park Community is named for Dr. Richard T. Hamilton, a physician and African American civic leader. The community was dedicated in October 1953 and formally opened in May 1954. By 1961, Hamilton Park was completed with 742 single-family dwellings, a shopping center, churches, a park with a playground, swimming pool, tennis court, and baseball diamond".

The initial purchase was a 233-acre site for an Afri-

can American middle-class community. At this time in our history, African Americans could not purchase land in certain parts of American cities. That was the case in North Dallas. The Dallas County Resolution highlights their courage and vision by stating: "These determined African American men and women, some of whom were returning to Dallas having bravely served their country during World War II, ventured to North Dallas to purchase land and nurture a family-oriented community of two-parent households, with shared values, morals, and traditions (a marriage certificate was required to purchase a home in Hamilton Park)". Most amazing, which is not in the resolution, is a reflection, filled with pride, from a devoted community member who grew up in a community where there were NO defaults on mortgages in this entire community.

Paragraph Five of the

resolution says, "Hamilton Park has been a jewel in North Dallas for nearly 60 years. Hamilton Park is known as a quiet, stable, and responsible area with dedicated professionals, educators, clergymen, business owners, entertainers, scholars, and blue-collar workers. It has enriched this historic community through partnerships and collaborations with several non-profits, private corporations, and with the support of the Dallas Police Department to provide a safe community".

And finally, the resolution concludes with the future; "In these changing times, the new generations, guided by the teachings of their parents and mentors, continue to serve in a variety of community and civic roles throughout Dallas County and the world".

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Black History Isn't A Month It's All The Time

By James B Ewers Jr. Ed.D



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D

There are some events that you can't relegate to a day, week or month. During these times, almost everything has a designation. Some simply last longer than others do.

Over my life cycle, I have had my share of reflections. Some celebrations have remained in our America over the years.

Black History Month has gone through a few changes as far as the name goes. It began as Negro History Week in 1926. Carter G. Woodson, a Black historian started it.

It was Negro History Week when I was a young boy going to elementary school in Winston-Salem NC. Local Black men and women of prominence would come to our school to encourage us to do our best each day.

Negro History Week became Black History Month in 1976. President Gerald Ford recognized it and urged citizens to

"seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected".

Whether it was a week or in its current state of a month, it is not enough. I believe that it is impossible to put in 28 days the contributions of African Americans.

Our successes span the spectrum of what this world is. We have achieved excellence in all fields of endeavor. The names of inventors, business people, lawyers, educators, doctors, musicians, those in the space industry and athletes are endless.

For example, when we are driving, we think of Garrett Morgan who developed the three-position traffic signal. Another example of greatness is Paul Robeson who was an activist, scholar and singer.

Mary McLeod Bethune was the founder of Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida. My mother-in-Law, Mrs. Gertrude Leufroy met her and took a picture with her. How about Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm who was the first African American to run for the office of president of the United States of America.

America can't keep us out of the spotlight of achievements and acco-

lades. We are an important part of the past, present and future of this country.

The bells of success must ring loudly for Thurgood Marshall, the first African American to become a United States Supreme Court Justice. We must hold high the names of Mary Jackson, a mathematics teacher who became NASA's first Black female engineer and Mae Jamison, the first black woman to become an astronaut.

Determination and duty to country were characteristics of Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. who was a fighter pilot in the US Air Force. In 1975, he became the first African American to reach the rank of four-star general in the United States Armed Forces. Colin L. Powell was an Army officer and diplomat. He became the first African American to become secretary of state.

Teachers of both races must expose all their students to the glorious past of Black people. If you don't, you deny students the opportunity to get to know each other better. If you teach about George Washington, then you must also teach about Crispus Attucks. If you teach about Abraham Lin-

coln, then you must also teach about Alexander Thomas Augusta.

Education is a powerful tool when used to eradicate ignorance and apathy. If you are in the twilight of your life like many of us, you are thankful to the people who told us about us. We were told about Madame C.J. Walker and her pioneering efforts in the haircare industry. They told us about Matthew Henson who was the first Black man to reach the North Pole.

If you live in a community with an African American newspaper, then make sure you support them by reading their content and taking out a subscription. If you don't, go online and order a subscription.

Freedom's Journal was the first African American owned and operated newspaper in America. It started in 1827 and was founded by John Brown Russwurm and Samuel E. Cornish. Now there are more than 200 African American owned community newspapers according to the NNPA (National Newspaper Publishers Association).

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RELIGIOUS/NEWS

Christ, The Perfect High Priest

Hebrews 5:1-10



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

Thus far, the writer, who is anonymous, has been arguing vehemently that Jesus Christ is better than anything that Judaism has to offer! In fact, in this book, the writer presents the Christian faith and life as superior (better than) to Judaism or any other religious system. Thus, the writer is urging his Jewish audience to remain steadfast to their Christian profession, and not to renounce Christ because of persecution and afflictions. Under the Mosaic economy, Judaism was noted for its ritualism and symbols. And by renouncing the person and work of Jesus Christ, they (his Jewish audience) would be exchanging reality for rituals; substance for symbols!

In his lofty argument, the writer had demonstrated that Jesus Christ is Superior to the Prophets (Hebrews 1:1-3) because the Prophets' revelation was partial and fragmentary; whereas, the finality of God's revelation found

its completion in Jesus Christ. In Hebrews 1:5-2:18, the author demonstrated that Christ was Superior to Angels because Angels were mere messengers of God, but Jesus Christ is the Son of God who will inherit the Messianic Kingdom! In Hebrews 3:1-6, the writer demonstrated that Jesus Christ is Superior to Moses, for Moses was a servant in the house; whereas, Christ is the Son over the house!

In an effort to urge his Jewish audience to remain focused on the "Superior Person of Christ," the author issues a warning passage as found in Hebrews 2:1-4, that says: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salva-

tion; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?"

The author presented another warning to his audience that consisted of the "peril of unbelief" (Hebrews 3:7-4:13). In the section of Hebrews 3:7-4:13, the writer recalled how Israel forfeited entrance into the rest of entrance into Canaan because of their unbelief. Because of their unbelief, the Israelites that were emancipated from Egyptian bondage, died tragically in the wilderness, those who were twenty years and upward! Caleb and Joshua, of that group, were the sole survivors.

Now, turning to the important theme of the priesthood, the writer will demonstrate that Christ's high priesthood is of a su-

perior order to Aaron's. In presenting the superior order of Christ's priesthood to Aaron's, let us observe the following:

I. The Function of a Priest – Hebrews 5:1-4

First and foremost, the Aaronic priesthood came from the tribe of Levi. The Aaronic priests had to be chosen from among men. The Aaronic priests were chosen to act on behalf of men in relation to God. Thus, a priest is man's representative before God. The priest served as an intermediary between man and God! His chief functions were to offer gifts and sacrifices. Gifts were any offerings that were presented to God. Sacrifices refer to those special offerings in which blood was shed as atonement for sins. Not only were Aaronic priests appointed to their task, but these priests in verse 2 had to be able to sympathize with and help those who were struggling with human frailties and weaknesses! In rep-

resenting the people, the Aaronic priests had to offer sacrifices for himself and his family (v. 3). The office of priest was not something that men chose as a vocation. They had to be chosen by God. God called only Aaron and his descendants as priests (v. 4). Having discussed the function of a priest, let us observe Christ's priesthood.

II. The Fitness of Christ as High Priest – Hebrews 5:5-10

As with the Aaronic priesthood, Jesus Christ did not assume the office of priesthood of Himself, but was uniquely chosen by God, and was superior to the Aaronic order because He was a priest after the order of Melchizedec (vv. 5-6). The Son did not exalt Himself to the position of High Priest, but was ordained by the Father, for Psalm 110:4 says: "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." In verses 7-8, the author related to the career life

of Christ where prayer and supplication were the habit of His life.

At every major crises, He was found praying. In Gethsemane, when the Lord became confronted with the horror of death for mankind, He pleaded to be rescued from the cruel death that awaited Him (Matthew 26:36-42). As our High Priest, Jesus Christ was not shielded from suffering, but was submissive to the Father's will by accepting the bitter cup! Even though He was the Son of God, He still had to learn obedience through suffering on this earth in subjection to His Father (v. 8). As a result of His perfect sacrifice as our Saviour, He has returned to heaven and is the Author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. And because His Priesthood is of the Melchizedek order, He is able to faithfully care for us in all the struggles we face in life! (vv. 9-10).

May God Bless!

~ IDIOMS ~

(Solution to January 30, Puzzle ~ see page 5)

ACROSS

1. Actor Driver
5. By way of
8. Bambino
11. Oscar De La ____
12. *Do this backwards to try hard to please
13. Range
15. Petri dish gel
16. Celestial bear
17. K-pop home
18. *Cold one is offensive
20. Sportscaster Andrews
21. Outer space path
22. Hold title to
23. *Take this to commit to marriage
26. Bullet factory
30. Even, poetically
31. Trim
34. Sitar music
35. Kon-Tiki and such
37. Be in a cast
38. Very, in music
39. Actress Barrymore
40. "Long Day's Journey into Night" playwright
42. Between Mar. and May
43. Annuling
45. Loads
47. Compass point between NE and E
48. Dugout river ride
50. Check-in via text
52. *Sign of nervousness (2 words)
55. One up
56. Lowest female voice
57. One quark plus one antiquark
59. Toothpaste brand
60. Riddle without solution
61. Cogito ____ sum
62. *Leg's partner, price-wise
63. Make a mistake
64. Robin's house

DOWN

1. "Eureka!"
2. *They cause no problems when they sleep
3. Nursemaid, in India
4. ____ 5, band
5. "Il Trovatore" composer
6. Garment insert
7. Month before Nisan
8. Torus, pl.
9. Word before sesame
10. *Cupful that's not for everyone
12. Adjective derived from bulb
13. Distorts
14. *Cutting these leads to poor results
19. Prods
22. Dot follower
23. Lost, in Provence
24. Live's partner
25. Hungry
26. Voting no
27. Like Fran Drescher's voice
28. Wide open
29. Bear digs
32. Group of buffaloes
33. *Breaking it relieves tension
36. *When these meet, one can afford what they want (2 words)
38. Remote in manner
40. Football's extra point
41. "The Call of the Wild" author
44. Gold bar
46. Dig further
48. One on artist's wheel
49. Communion table
50. Feline vibration
51. Unit on a list
52. *Easy piece
53. Ireland's other name
54. Duds
55. Edible tuber
58. 1990s negation

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NEWS

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Trevor Noah returned to host the ceremony for a fifth straight year. Eilish, Roan, Charli XCX and Carpenter all delivered stand-out performances, along with a surprise appearance from The Weeknd, who ended a yearslong boycott of the award show that he once called "corrupt." Swift was not a performer this year, but she did present the award for Best Country Album to Beyoncé.

In addition to celebrating the best in music, this year's show also focused on the devastating wildfires that burned through neighborhoods in the Los Angeles area last month, killing at least 29 people. Throughout the show, Noah reminded viewers and corporate sponsors alike to donate to relief efforts, and air time was given to local business owners who lost their establishments in the fires. A group of Los Angeles County firefighters was invited on stage to present the final award of the night and got a standing ovation from the crowd.

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Quinn Minute

Valentine's Day

By Rix Quinn

Millions celebrate February 14 by giving flowers, candy, and cards to express romantic love. And some buy presents for their spouses, too.

Yes, Valentine's Day offers ladies the opportunity to declare affectionate thoughts with a lovely card. Many men, however, know they should spend a lot of money, or else they might experience discomfort.

In ancient times, pre-historic man gave his girlfriend a practical gift – like a goat – to show admiration. His girlfriend

and her family could feed from it. This was called "milking a compliment."

It's speculated that Valentine's Day originated 2500 years ago as Lupercalia, a festival to honor the god Luperus with a lottery. Young ladies put their names in a giant container, and young men randomly drew a partner.

At the end of a year – if the man wasn't either married or dead – he could draw for a different partner. About this same time, the card-giving tradition started too. Postage was really cheap back

then, because air mail was delivered by pigeon.

Today, just about everybody celebrates Valentine's Day. Elementary school children exchange cards with classmates.

Middle schoolers write anonymous notes to their secret crushes. Older teens might bestow presents, kisses, or mononucleosis.

If you're a guy, here are three hints:

1. Buy your girlfriend a corsage.
2. Pick out a real mushy card for her. Look for romantic messages

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Mavericks reaction: Big shock a reminder that anything can happen

By Eddie Sefko

CLEVELAND – Mavericks fans went through an initial shock after the blockbuster trade of Luka Dončić, and they weren't the only ones.

Players said after they got shelled by the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday that the trade to acquire Anthony Davis and Max Christie for Dončić, Maxi Kleber and Markieff Morris caught them by surprise, as well.

"I was like everybody – did Shams get hacked?" said Dante Exum, referring to ESPN's Shams Charania, who broke the news of the trade. "It was a real big shock. I've been traded twice and you just learn that it's how this business works and it's something you have to adjust to. Everybody knew it was around that time and puts everybody on edge that anything can happen."

The ginormous news shook the NBA and Klay Thompson, who has seen his share of developments through the years that have shaped and reshaped the league, said he could think of only one good comparison.

"It's similar to LeBron going to Miami," he said, referencing when LeBron James left Cleveland and took his talents to South Beach. "Obviously, that was on his own accord. But Luka (is similar). He's a franchise player and I'm sure he'll enjoy the sun-

shine in Cali."

Other Mavericks could only shake their head and recall the shock of hearing the news just after midnight, Cleveland time, on Sunday morning.

"It's tough, but we all have a job to do," said Jaden Hardy. "Obviously a lot of people were caught off guard, same with the team. Like the rest of the world. He was special. A lot of guys felt for him. Still shocked right now."

Dončić sent a group text to his Maverick teammates after news broke of the trade.

"He texted the team, thanking everybody for everything," Hardy said. "That was nice from somebody that got traded, reaching out and letting everybody know (his thoughts)."

The Mavericks won't have a lot of time to come to grips with the directional change of the franchise. This road trip continues in Philadelphia Tuesday and Boston Thursday.

It will be up to Jason Kidd and his staff to calm the waters.

"It's going to take time," Kidd said. "He has been a big part of the franchise for six years-plus. So right now, he's been out for six weeks, so we have to lean in on that – that he hasn't been with the team."

"Health is first, then with the newcomers, getting those guys involved,



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it's going to take a little time. But we believe if we can get healthy and we have some time to get the newcomers familiar with the system, we can put some wins together."

The Mavericks had only one starter in their lineup for Sunday's debacle in Cleveland, where the Cavaliers jumped on the Mavericks early and pounded them 144-101.

How did Kidd handle that situation?

"It's a matter of focusing on doing your job," he said. "That's all you can do. That's what you can control. When you're on the floor, play hard, try to make the right play, be unselfish. We're judged on energy and effort and today

we just got off to a slow start."

Time, however, heals a lot of wounds and the Mavericks hope to get healthier as this trip goes along.

But the news of Sunday still left them in a stunned state.

"I think everybody was surprised, right?" Spencer Dinwiddie said. "The world was surprised. We were surprised, too. That's my dog, man (he said of Luka). You're going to miss him on the court and off the court. They're both my friends. You just want to defer to them. They're the ones going through it."

For somebody like Thompson, who ended up playing only 22 games with Luka, it was a shock. But

not something that he will allow to taint his situation.

"I live with no regrets," Thompson said. "I'm happy to be a Maverick, incredibly grateful to be a Maverick. Excited to be in Dallas and very excited for what's ahead."

"There will be an adjustment period, but AD is one of the greats, Kyrie as well. And it's on the rest of us to play off them and try to elevate this franchise to some great heights. It's the nature of the business."

Oh yeah, they played a game: In other news, the Mavericks had a job to do before the dust had even settled on Sunday.

Kidd sent out a skeleton crew against the Eastern Conference-leading Cleveland Cavaliers and the results were predictable.

The Mavericks gave up 50 points in the first quarter, fell behind by 51 early in the fourth quarter and eventually limped out of Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse with a 144-101 loss to the Cavaliers.

The list of missing players was lengthy for the Mavericks: Davis and Christie were not yet with the team after the trade. Also out were Dereck Lively II, Dwight Powell, Kyrie Irving, Daniel Gafford and P.J. Washington.

The only starter still standing was Klay Thompson, who played just under 18 minutes.

"It's tough," said Quen-

tin Grimes. "Especially when we're missing a bunch of other guys as well. So it's tough to go out there and play, especially against a team of that caliber."

The Mavericks got a double-double from starting center Kylor Kelley, who finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds. And Exum, in just his second game back after missing the first 48 games after wrist surgery, had 14 points.

"I thought he was great," Kidd said of Exum. "You can see he's getting his legs. He fell, got up. He was fine. He's trending in the right (way) and we need him to continue to trend as we get healthy because he's going to be a big part of this."

Kidd said he is hopeful that Washington, Gafford and Irving could return Tuesday at Philadelphia.

"Hopefully we can get healthy on this road trip," he said. "We had quite a few guys out today. Hopefully in Philly we'll have some guys back and we can build from there."

The Cavaliers had a marvelous shooting day, hitting a franchise-record 26 three-pointers (on 45 tries).

"They shot the three at a high clip," Kidd said. "That's what they've done all year. We just didn't do a good job of guarding the three."

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the machinery of the universe shifted, it happened again in 1966 with Kwame Ture and Mukasa Dada's declaration of Black Power after the "March Against Fear." In 2014, after police officers killed unarmed Eric Garner in New York and unarmed teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Black people came together under the banner and hashtag of Black Lives Matter to march, protest, and demand change. Gears shift when we choose to fight, when we choose to stand up, and when we refuse to back down. The moral arc of the universe does not bend on its own toward justice, it bends because we push it and because we are willing to continue to do it until change does happen.

In 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson—the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the son of formerly enslaved parents, a former sharecropper and miner, and the second Black person to receive a Ph.D. in History

from Harvard University—sent out a press release announcing the first Negro History Week, a gear shifted. He chose February because the Black community was already celebrating the historic achievements on the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (2/12) and Frederick Douglass (2/14). Dr. Woodson did not wait for the celebration of our history to be proclaimed, he proclaimed it. He did not wait for someone to permit him to celebrate what we had contributed to this country, he celebrated it. Dr. Woodson understood that Black parents had been teaching their children our history since we arrived in this country. Our stories and achievements had been carried by the wind and buried in the soil. It had been whispered as bedtime stories, spoken from the pulpits on Sunday mornings, and woven throughout our songs and poems of resistance and survival. America did not have to tell us who we were to this country; we told them.

America does not have to proclaim Black History

Month, we proclaim it. We live in the legacy of Dr. Woodson, and as we have done for 98 years, we will celebrate who we are and all that we have accomplished. We stand at the intersection of the past and the future; what we do at this moment will determine how the next gear shifts. The 2025 Black History Month theme is African Americans and Labor, which focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people and the transformational work that we have done throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. We are celebrating our visible labor—from the work we did back then to build the White House to the work we do right now to hold the White House accountable, from repairing the roads to teaching in our schools, from stocking shelves to packing and unloading trucks; from working in the

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH LOCAL FESTIVALS

Black History Month Concert



- Pleasant Grove Branch Library 7310 Lake June Rd.
 - February 15, 2025 2-3 p.m.
- Celebrate Black History month with this beautiful concert that will showcase Jess Garland of Swan Strings

Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House Tour



The Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House is one of only three house museums in the nation honoring major female figures in the modern civil rights movement. Craft, a leading civil rights and social justice reformer, lived in this 1920 Craftsman bungalow for 35 years. She organized 185 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) branches and dozens of youth councils across Texas, and helped lead efforts to desegregate the University of Texas School of Law, North Texas State University (now University of North Texas) and the State Fair of Texas.

Food Festival



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 children or children and adults when they share experiences with nature. When children have daily opportunities to care for plants, trees, animals, and insects, they practice nurturing behaviors that help them interact in kind and gentle ways with people as well.”
Gross Motor, Fine Motor, and Perceptual Development
 Because outdoor play spaces are often more varied and less structured than

indoor spaces, infants and toddlers have more freedom of movement to develop their gross motor skills in novel ways. This may include crawling or rolling on grassy hills, standing and balancing on bumpy or unlevel surfaces, and jumping over puddles and sidewalk cracks. Small motor muscles are developed as children use a pincer grasp to pick up and fill containers with natural objects and materials and dump them out or hold paintbrushes as they paint walls with water.

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 federal government to our ongoing labor in the state and local offices—and, our invisible labor—from raising and teaching our children to caring for our aging family members, from finding ways to practice revolutionary self-care to

finding ways to hope beyond hope in a country that frequently targets and terrorizes Black people. We bear witness to what it means to work hard every day and to get sick and tired of working so hard.
 As the president of ASALH, one of the many legacy keepers of Dr.

Black History Month Celebration



- Mountain Creek Branch Library (6102 Mountain Creek Pkwy.)
 - February 22, 2025 from 2-3:30 p.m.
- Celebrate the rhythm of history with an unforgettable family event! Groove to the smooth sounds of the Herbie Johnson Jazz Quartet while diving into hands-on crafts that honor Black history and culture. It's a soulful evening of creativity, learning, and live music that's perfect for all ages.

Danielle Ellis, ORACLE Exhibition



- Oak Cliff Cultural Center (223 W. Jefferson Blvd.)
- Exhibition happening now through February 22, 2025
- ORACLE encapsulates Ellis' Brassfly Oracle Deck, a body of work she began developing in 2020. Presented as a suite of digital collage prints, the oracle deck is a celebration and commentary on African diasporic history and spirituality. Exploring connections to the African diaspora, Ellis pairs historical images reflecting African traditions with those of lived experiences of African Americans

The Bandan Koro Experience Black History Month Celebration



February 15, 2025 from 1-3 p.m. at Grauwyler Park Branch Library (2146 Gilford St.)

Children develop perceptual skills as they move their bodies through space in different ways and at different speeds and as they observe the world from different perspectives (e.g., lying on their backs on a blanket, standing on top of a hill, or swinging back and forth in a swing).
Cognition
 Contact with the outdoors helps infants and toddlers learn concepts such as cause and effect and problem-solving. As they experience and practice dressing and undress-

Carter G. Woodson, I am excited to proclaim and uplift the start of Black History Month 2025. I believe that ASALH is a lighthouse that you do not notice until you need it. When boats are caught in a storm or fog, they look for the lighthouse to help guide them safely back to the

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Morgan recommended Greene, who had been one of his co-workers at the Princeton Library.
 Henceforth, Greene's life didn't just kick into a higher gear. It was supercharged. She became a lively fixture at social gatherings among America's wealthiest families. Her world encompassed Gilded Age mansions, country retreats, rare book enclaves, auction houses, museums and art galleries. Bold, vivacious and glamorous, the keenly intelligent Greene attracted attention wherever she went.
 I found myself drawn to the worlds Greene entered and the people she described in her lively letters to her lover, art scholar Bernard Berenson. In 2024, I published a book, "Becoming Belle Da Costa Greene," which explores her voice,

her self-invention, her love of art and literature, and her path-breaking work as a librarian.
 Yet I'm often asked whether Greene mentions her passing as white in her writings. She did not. Greene was one of hundreds of thousands of light-skinned Black Americans who passed as white in the Jim Crow era. While speculation about Greene's background circulated in her lifetime, nothing was confirmed until historian Jean Strouse revealed the identities of Greene's parents in her 1999 biography, "Morgan: American Financier." Until that point, only Greene's mother and siblings knew the story of their Black heritage.
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sticks) for different purposes, and predict whether and where they will see worms after it rains.
Language and Literacy
 Infants and toddlers can use their "outdoor" voices without disturbing others, as well as their "indoor" ones.⁷ As adults talk or sign with them about the outdoor environment, infants and toddlers learn new words; as they begin to talk, they use those words to identify interesting things they see and ask questions. They notice different sounds and learn to

identify and tell them apart. Noticing and discriminating sounds is a foundational skill for later literacy development. Books take on an extended role when adults help children begin to connect ideas in books with real-life experiences, such as comparing fictional animals with live animals outdoors.
 Access to the outdoors and time spent in outdoor play and exploration are important to the health, development, and well-being of infants and toddlers.

American history. We do not celebrate because we are given permission, we celebrate because we are the permission givers. We do not wait for Black History Month to be proclaimed, we proclaim it. We do not wait to be seen, we see ourselves. We do not have to be told the

story of America because we are writing it, we are telling it, we are owning it, and we are pointing the way to it. We invite you to join us as we once again celebrate and center the incredible contributions that Black people have made to this beautiful and imperfect nation.