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Community Calendar

Anderson Alumni meeting
The A. H. Anderson High School Alumni Association Inc. will hold its regular monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Carl Russell Recreation Center, 3111 Carver School Road. For additional information, visit ahandersonalumni.org.

American Legion Post 128 banquet
The Morris L. Slaughter Post 128 will celebrate the American Legion's 93rd birthday with a banquet on March 18, where Post 128's past commanders and past Ladies Auxiliary presidents will be honored. The event will start at 3 p.m. Post 128 is at 4817 Old Rural Hall Road. For more information, contact Robert Fowler at 336-816-3770.

Chat with Police Chief
Police Chief Scott Cunningham will hold his March "Chat with the Chief" from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 13, at King Plaza Shopping Center, 3025 Waughtown Street. At each Chat with the Chief, Winston-Salem residents can hold private, one-on-one conversations with Cunningham. The mobile police station, a converted bus, will be set up at the shopping center to provide a place for Cunningham to meet with citizens in private. Information about crime prevention and Police Department careers will also be available. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 773-7835.

Seminars for youths
The Learning Young Growing Strong Youth Empowerment Center will host a workshop/seminar for youth and teens on Saturday, March 10 at the Parkway Offices Suites at 1530 Martin St., Suite 101. The session for grades sixth-eighth will be from 8:30-10:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for grades ninth-12th; and 2:30-4:40 p.m. for grades fourth and fifth. To learn more, call LeShaun Southerland at 336-473-3795.

BBQ fundraiser
The Masonic Temple at 34 Miller St. will hold a Pork BBQ sale fundraiser on Friday, March 30 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Plates are \$9 and include BBQ by award-winning cooks and potatoes, slaw and hushpuppies. Delivery is available for orders of 10 plates or more. Delivery orders are due by March 23. Call 722-6441 for orders or more information. All proceeds will benefit the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and other Masonic charities.

Art & music fundraiser
Delta Fine Arts Center, 2611 New Walkertown Road, will host "An Afternoon of Reflection Through Art & Music" on Sunday, March 11 from 3-5 p.m. The event will include spiritual music by local artists and a presentation by the Sisters of Mercy, who will talk about their work to serve people who are economically poor. Art pieces by artists will be for sale. Email Sister Larretta Rivera-Williams for more information at lriviera-williams@mercysc.org.



From left: Pre-kindergarteners Dasheen Holbrook Jr., Makelti Jackson-Thompson, Robert "RJ" Ziglar Jr. and Tyanna Williams sport African garb for the program.



Principal Donna Cannon addresses the audience.

Closing Black History Month in Style

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

Young Sydney Rome brought famed singer Marian Anderson to life last week, before an exuberant crowd of students, teachers and parents at Diggs-Latham Elementary School.

Sydney, a fifth grader, was one of 10 students who appeared onstage as historical figures in a "wax museum" at the Hutton Street school's Black History Celebration. For Sydney, the fifth of six children, learning about African Americans who have made important contributions to society was inspiring.

"It makes me feel good because I know that it's a lot of black Americans that have done a lot of things for us," she said.

Anderson, the first African American to perform at New York City's Metropolitan Opera, was a figure Sydney was unfamiliar with prior to the celebration. She said she hoped her classmates would recognize the singer's sense of drive and determination and apply the same principles in their own lives.

"She was a famous singer but her family was very poor," Sydney related. "She said that that was what she wanted to be and that's what she's done."

The inspiration that Sydney drew from learning more about her culture was just what Principal Donna Cannon had hoped for in staging this year's black history observance.

"We wanted to show our pride in the community and to

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Jihad Muhammad portrays Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Thoma'z Johnson-Howard as Thurgood Marshall.



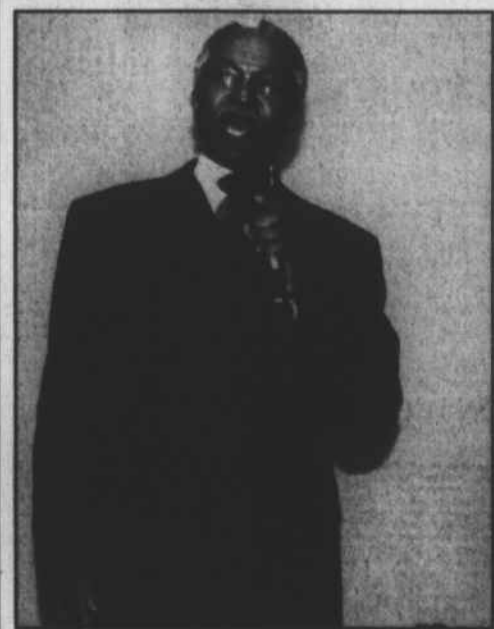
Fifth graders perform a Zumba demonstration set to Shakira's "Waka Waka"



Charity Osborne narrates the Wax Museum.



Sydney Rorie as Marian Anderson.



Stephen McCloud recites excerpts from "I Have a Dream."



Jeremy Jones as Garrett Morgan, inventor of the stoplight.



Thomas Barksdale motivates the students.

