HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH Celebration hosted by Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias and honoring Essie Calhoun, John Clark and Christopher Gardner, Tuesday, February 20, 12:00 noon, Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Call Gladys Piper, 312-814-1700

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRY Carter Temple CME Church presents “X-Rated: What’s Love Got to Do with It,” Free HIV/AIDS workshop for youth and young adults, featuring Dr. Paula Cavens, Ob/Gyn, Saturday, February 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., 7841 S. Wabash Ave.

ADVOCATE HEALTH CARE invites the United Church of Christ’s clergy and members to a town hall meeting to review topics impacting Advocate and their activities, Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Advocate Health Care office, 2025 Windsor Drive, Oak Brook, If attending, contact Lynn Rolseth, 630-990-5391 or lynn.rolseth@advocatehealth.com

BLACK SPEAKERS SERIES featuring Cicely Tyson, February 23, 7:30 p.m., Maya Angelou, March 16, 7:30 p.m., and Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, May 6, 10:00 a.m., St. Sabina Catholic Church, 1210 W. 78th Place

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS Juried Art Exhibition through February 28, Museum of Science and Industry, 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Call Octavia Hooks, 773-947-3729

BLAXPLOITATION 2: YOU KNOW HOW WE DEUX Performances through Sunday, March 18, Victory Gardens Greenhouse, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., For performance times and tickets, call 773-871-3000

BLOOD DIAMONDS AND WAR IN CONGO Maurice Carney, co-founder and executive director of Friends of the Congo, Washington, D.C., speaking on the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, driven by U.S. interest in Congo’s vast minerals, Thursday, March 8, 7:00 p.m., DePaul University, Schmitt Academic Center, Room 254, 2320 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago, Contact Ngalula Kela, 773-653-4561 or ngalula1@yahoo.com, or visit www.friendsofthecongo.org

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY African American History Month events include: Janis Kearney, author of From Hope to Harlem, will speak on Black perspectives of the American presidency and her latest work, Today, Sunday, February 18, 1:30 p.m.; A Gospel Extravaganza with the Fellowship Baptist Church Choir, Thursday, February 22, 6:00 p.m.; Patricia Liddell Researchers, Saturday, February 24, 9:00 a.m.; Congress of Racial Equality hosts panel discussion on Civil Rights Movement, Sunday, February 25, 1:30 p.m., Carter G. Woodson Regional Library, 9525 S. Halsted Street