

# On African heritage

## Raison D'Étre

'Tis our right to trod in public place. Judge you not our presence mal intent. Who casts remarks disparaging and in vain? Grave implications rise 'mid heat and froth.

'Tis our will to raise the status quo. Fend you not against prevailing view. Who stands betwix predestiny and faith? Grave condemnation stems from patience end.

'Tis our pride to strain for parallels. Dare you not our quest for parity. Who strikes afoul belligerent and rash? Grave altercation serves to match resolve.

George Borden

## Candle in the dark

They killed the mind. So we restored the soul. They tried stealing the heart. But the spirit was too strong. They turned out the light, but our view was stronger. We saw through the darkness. Through the darkness of what some might call nothing comes the shadow of hope.

Rolanda Chavett Kane

The five characteristics of the poem Candle in the Dark  
 1. The body represents the nation of its people.  
 2. The flame represents our spirit of everlasting life.  
 3. Its color represents our balance as a race and as a nation of living beings.  
 4. Its light represents an aura of universal love and grace.  
 5. Together we form an Amnesty for all persons of colour.

Rolanda Chavett Kane

## Ancestral Legacy

Gifted bronze skinned runners challenging the pace and stride of the hunger-driven Cheetah in mortal pursuit of prey

Gifted bronze skinned jumpers challenging the spring and lift of the ever-timid Gazelle in startled escape from predators

Gifted bronze skinned athletes emulating the evolutionary endowment of their warrior-hunter ancestors in daily struggle for survival

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# AHM calendar

February 5th - February 11th, 1998

A selected calendar of events for the coming week of African Heritage Month  
 Check each week in the Gazette for the following week's activities

## Thursday, February 5

• 10:00 a.m.  
 Black Youth and Racism  
 @Cole Harbour Public Library

• 7:00 p.m.  
 Cecil's Classic Gold: Music of the Motown Era  
 @Halifax North Memorial Public Library

## Friday, February 6

• 1:30 p.m.  
 Black Firsts  
 @Dartmouth North Public Library

• 9:00 p.m.  
 Celebrate African Heritage Month with Afro-Musica  
 @The Church on North St.

## Saturday, February 7

• 3:00 p.m.  
 African Dance Workshop with Kwasi Dunyo  
 @1531 Grafton St.

## Sunday, February 8

• 3:00 p.m.  
 Parade of Choirs  
 @Cornwallis St. Baptist Church

## Monday, February 9

• 9:30 a.m.  
 African Drumming and Dancing Workshop with Kwasi Dunyo  
 @Community YMCA

## Tuesday, February 10

• 10:00 a.m.  
 Black Firsts  
 @Spring Garden Public Library

• 7:00 p.m.  
 Some specifics on Black History  
 @Halifax North Memorial Public Library

## Wednesday, February 11

• 10:00 a.m.  
 A Morning of Gospel Music  
 @Halifax North Memorial Public Library

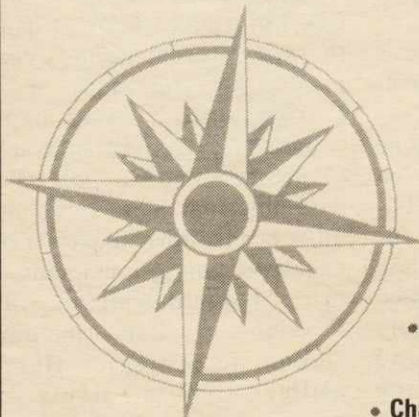
• African Drum Workshop with Kwasi Dunyo  
 6:30 beginner  
 8:00 intermediate

• 7:00 p.m.  
 Race and the Media  
 @Halifax North Memorial Public Library

• 7:00 p.m.  
 Gospel with Voices Theatre Ensemble  
 @Spring Garden Public Library

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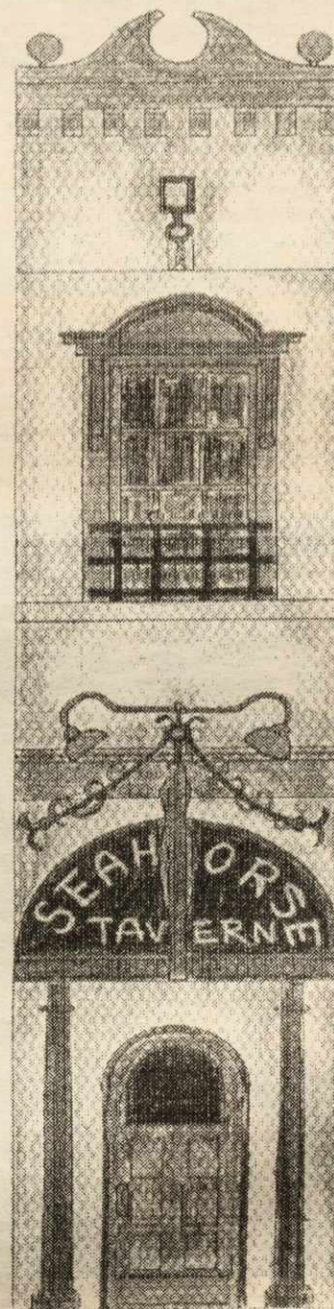
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