Cloisters Children's Museum

The Cloisters Children's Museum's Black History Month celebration continues with two terrific programs on Feb. 18th and 19th.

Travel to the past with Frances Cockey as she explores the past and its memories in a presentation of "My Grandmother's Trunk," on Saturday, Feb. 18th at 2 p.m. This performance will involve children and their parents alike as Ms. Cockey weaves the stories and history of her



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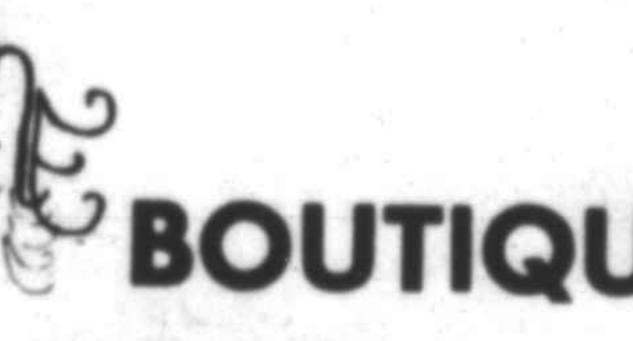
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family around the pieces of memorabilia found in her Grandmother's old trunk. This very special presentation is free with Museum admission, however seating is

On Sunday, Feb. 19th at 2 p.m., enjoy a production of "Steal Away" presented by the Arena Players Youtheatre. Using realistic dialogue and selection o Negro spirituals, this powerful musical tells the story of two young slaves who find their way to freedom via the underground railroad, and the many people they en-counter along the way.

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Black History impetus for the future

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For many years, students in schools were not taught the history of Africans and African-Americans. Carter G.

important for children to learn about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other European Americans they also needed to know about Harriet Tub-*10.04 man, George Washington did to help make this nation

proposed celebration began as a weeklong tribute during the month February. Today, we celebrate throughout the entire month. Yet that still is not

We must be sure to look for the contributions of Afroencounter regardless of the have an understanding of the past — it gives new generafuture! Visit the library and religious efforts of a great

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Chaplain claims more blacks in jail than college

By Hazel Trice Edney **AFRO Staff Writer**

In spite of repeated claim life expectancy of blacks. licit sex, and improper eating habits in our own com figures that reveal quite the

According to research date first obtained by Richmond Bureau of Police Chaplain, Dr. Robert L. Taylor, and followed up by the AFRO, there are more than twice as many blacks enrolled in public colleges and univer-sities (undergraduate and graduate), than there are confined in Virginia's state and local penal institutions.

Taylor also recently warn-Community College audience that "explosive violence at the slightest provocation" will likely become more prevalent in poor neighborhoods America doesn't hurriedly growing underclass.

State Corrections Depart ment Management Analyst Helen Henshaw, confirmed that as of mid January, there were 8,531 blacks in state prisons. That includes percentage of the total 9,600 inmates confined in local

On the other hand, there were 34,544 blacks enrolled in public colleges at the last count ending fall semester 1987, according to Dr. James McClean, Coordinator for Affirmative Action and Student Research in the State Department of Higher Education. (That doesn't include enrollment in private institutions like Virginia Union, St. Hampton

The number of black males in public colleges (again exwas low at the last count ending fall 1987 with 12,969. In comparison, there were 8,179 black males in state penal institutions as of mid January

Although far too many undereducated, the figures are a "long cry" from showing" more of us in jail than in college," said Dr. Taylor. He

Too often, we are intent on progress.

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dropped from 69.7 years described ways to improve

A column by Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. recently said

the life expectancy for blacks 1984 to 69.5 in 1985, to 69.4 in the life expectancy of whites

"We must campaign against increased from 75.3 to 75.4. smoking, alcohol, drugs, il- Another "new frontier" the growing poor disadvan-taged and underclass, he said.

We have got to become more committed to education, coping skills, and doing something about the growing "humanitarian considera-

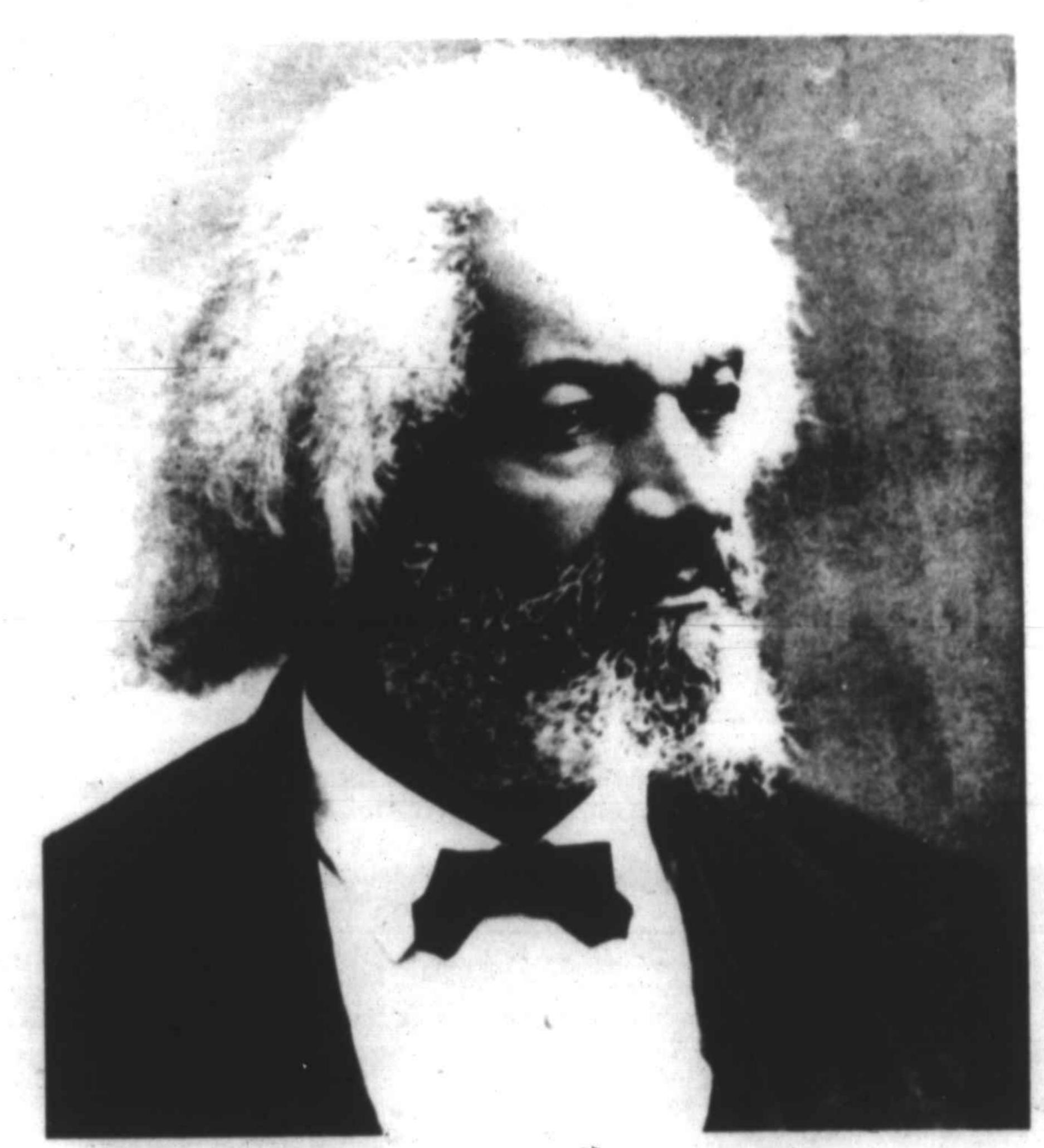
risk of explosive violence at

pening in Miami, FL." Taylor

A police shooting of a black unarmed robbery suspect recently spurred explosive violence, looting, and proper-ty distruction in Miami.

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freedom and published an abolitionist newspaper. During the Civil War he helped recruit black troops for the Union Army.

years of his life in Anacostia, continuing his tireless efforts for

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