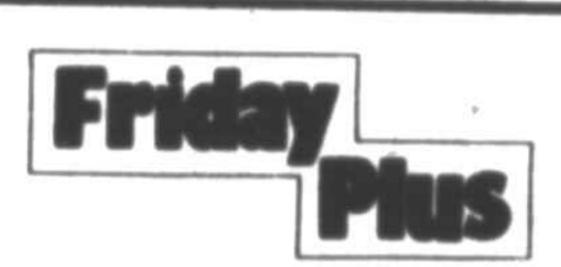
### On our cover

Martin Luther King Jr., born 54 years ago on January 15, 1929 the son of a minister and a grandson of a minister in Atlanta, Georgia becomes the first black American hero to be honored with a national holiday. Characterized as a child of God and servant of mankind, Dr. spiritual, King's charismatic and wise leadership guided the freedom movement of the 60's.

Although assassinated on April 4, 1968 at the age of 39, his message of peace, nonviolence, faith and religion live on in the hearts of mankind everywhere. The vision and fhe dream was given to King to announce to the world. It was left to the generations who follow in his footsteps to bring it to a reality.



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Martin Luther King Birthday weekend

birthday of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated annually as a national holiday on the third

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Monday of January beginning in 1986. Eleven states already celebrate King's birthday as a holiday not including countless of urban areas across the United States.

There are many events taking place this weekend to commenorate King's birthday in our area. Here are just a

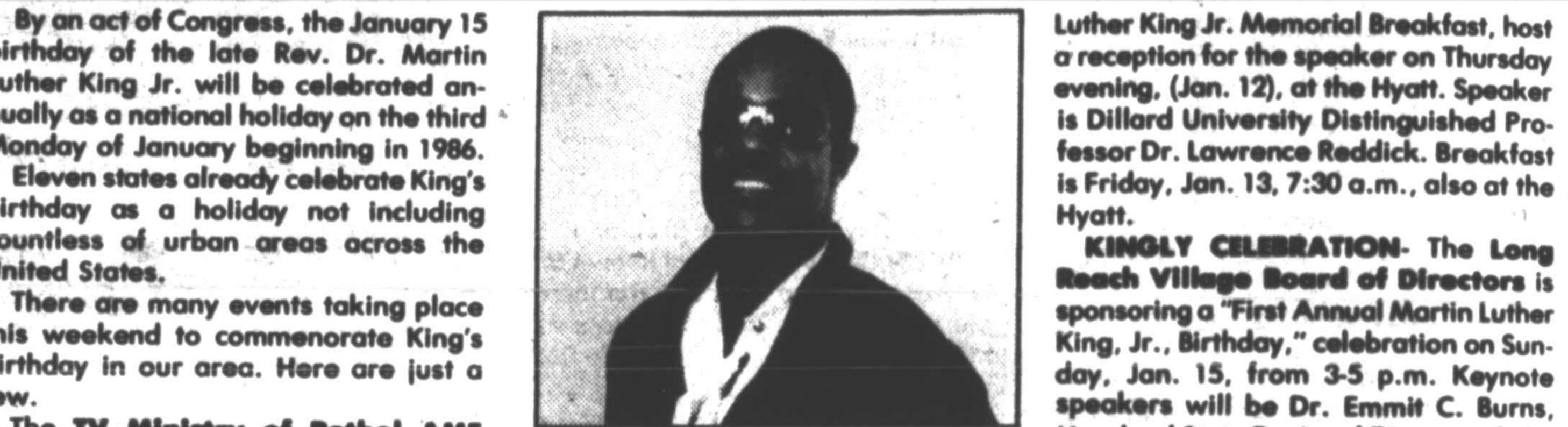
The TV Ministry of Bethel AME Church is presenting "God's Trombones" by Dr. James Weldon Johnson, on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel AME Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave.

"God's Trombones" is presented in the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and will feature the pastor, Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant, members of the ministerial staff, lay members of the congregation plus music by Harion Scott, The Imani Messengers, Hands to Glory and the Glory to God Dancers.

This is expected to be an exciting fusion of music dance poetry and prose on Saturday, Jan. 14.

An afternoon symposium on civil rights and the black family will be presented at the Pratt Central Library from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15 in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther

"Has the Black Family Survived the Civil Rights Movement?" will be the focus of a panel discussion among four leaders from Baltimore's black community: John Ferron, director of the Baltimore City Community Relations Commission; the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, author and educator; the Honorable Iris Reeves, Baltimore City Councilwoman (5th District); and the Rev. P.M. Smith of the Citizens Coalition for Urban Survival. Irving Hamer, headmaster of the



Stevie Wonder performs concer celebrations of Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday on Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Capital Center.

Park Heights Street Academy, will serve

The program, to be held in the Wheeler Auditorium, will be open to the public free of charge, with seating available on a first-come, first served

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY- The Board of Trustees and Directors of the Enoch Pratt Free Library cordially invite you to attend a Symposium. Topic: Has the Black Family Survived The Civil Rights Movement?. Panelist: Mr. John Ferran, Director, Baltimore City Community Relations Commission; Reverend Dr. Pauli Murray, Author and Educator; Honorable Iris Reeves, Baltimore City Council (5th D.); Reverend Mr. P. M. Smith, Citizen's Coalition for Urban Survival. Moderator: Dr. Irving Hamer, Headmaster Park Heights Street Academy, Sunday, Jan. 15, 1984, at 2:30 p.m. in the Wheeler Auditorium of the 253. Central Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland. An informal reception will follow the program. FRIDAY JAN 13- Members of the King's Landing Women's Service Club, co-

a reception for the speaker on Thursday evening, (Jan. 12), at the Hyatt. Speaker is Dillard University Distinguished Professor Dr. Lawrence Reddick. Breakfast is Friday, Jan. 13, 7:30 a.m., also at the KINGLY CELEBRATION- The Long

Reach Village Board of Directors is sponsoring a "First Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday," celebration on Sunday, Jan. 15, from 3-5 p.m. Keynote speakers will be Dr. Emmit C. Burns, Maryland State Regional Director of The NAACP and State Senator Thomas Yeager. The event is also the kickoff for raising funds for a local monument to honor Dr. King. Requested taxdeductible donations to attend the celebration are \$3 for adults and 50 cents for children.

REMEMBERING KING- The Columbia Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha will hold its memorial breakfast in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 15 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. For ticket information, contact members of the fraternity.

KING MEMORIAL- On Jan. 16 the children's services department of the Howard County Library will present a program by Lucille Clifton in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Clifton, a nated children's author, will recall experiences of her childhood and relate how these influenced the books she has written. The program will be in the Meeting Room of the Howard County Central Library from 1:30-2:15 p.m. Admission is free but registration is required. Registration for six-eleven year olds begins Jan. 3. Call 997-8000 ext.

SUNDAY, JAN. 15-4th ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING WORSHIP SER-VICE. Preacher: Reverend William Jones, Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, at Fifth Baptist Church, Harvie and Cary Streets. Host: Rev. Earl M. Brown.

# sponsors with the YMCA of the Martin -New King book -

"Words of Martin Luther King Jr."

An entirely new book of quotations, "The Words of Martin Luther King Jr." selected and with an introduction by Coretta Scott King has just been published in time for King's birthday celebration this weekend.

The handsome 112 page illustrated hardcover book features a lengthy introduction by Mrs. King, president of the tion, "Martin always pleaded for with her throughout the summer, so that Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-positive, constructive action. I hope this the book could be ready for publication violent Social Change, contains over 130 collection will remind readers what he con Dr. King's birthday. quotations excerpted from her hus- lived and stood for and how much reband's sermons, speeches and published writing plus 16 photographs of Dr. King and various historical scenes reflecting America's involvement in the movement he led, as well as detailed

chronology of his life.

Community of Man, Racism, Civil Rights, the release of the film Gandhi. Justice and Freedom, Faith and Religion, Nonviolence and Peace.

Also included are long excerpts from Dr. King's two most dramatic speeches, supporters of the film when it was "I've Been To The Mountain Top", delivered April 3, 1968, and "I Have A Dream", delivered August 28, 1963.

As Mrs. King writes in her introduc- writings, and assigned editors to work mains for all of us to do today."

The idea for the book originated earlier this year with Newmarket's people, a photo taken during the 1963 publisher, Esther Margolis, as a result of the popular response to THE WORDS repeated itself 20 years later when the OF GANDHI, selected by Richard Attenborough, which Newmarket published August 28, 1983.

organized in seven thematic areas: The in November 1982 in conjunction with

Martin Luther King's work was closely associated with Gandhi's, and Mrs. King and her associates were strong

Miss Margolis approached Mrs. King with the idea for this new collection of

The book features a color photograph of the Washington Monument and the Reflecting Pool surrounded by masses of March on Washington, but one that March was held in Washington this past

## Celebration of Life A tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.

Plans are finalized for a two hour greatest civil rights leader in American history, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The salute will cover the life and career of the late Dr. King, providing the most comprehensive and compelling chronology ever put forth in a single

Friday Plus, Jahuary 13, 1984

The special, "Celebration of Life: A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." is being taped for national syndication. It will air nationally on Jan. 14 and 15 1984, dates which commemorate Dr. King's birthdate.

Format for the show is based on a new concept — "Docutainment" which hs been created by Televancers. It is a marriage of all art forms with documentary style cutaways.

The show will be divided into eight segments, each covering one aspect of Dr. King's growth and development. These segments are cohesive pieces which show the full panormaic sweep and historical impact of Dr. King's life from his birth on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia to his tragic de ath at age 39 on April 4, 1968 in Memphis

Each segment is hosted by a celebrity. Patrick Duffy and Cicely Tyson are among the show's co-hosts. Performances by actors, singers, tencers and comedians will be integrated into each respected and honored talents in segment as well. Patti LaBelle will lead American theatre and film, Tyson holds a rousing gospel number with the a record five NAACP Image Awards, Howard University Choir. Billy Dee several Emmys and an Oscar nomina-Williams will perform a dramatic tion. She has given awesome perforreading. Joan Baez and Phyllis Hyman will sing. Oscar winning Ben Kingsley, of Ghandi fame, will do a dramatic

Actors and entertainers who will host television special devoted to the and perform on WBAL-TV and WDVM-TV in commemoration of Dr. King's bir-

Billy Dee Williams. Credited as having "the greatest magnetism of any actor on the screen," Mr. Williams has had an astonishing wide range of roles from Lando Calrission in "Empire Strikes Back" to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the hit play, "I Have A Dream." Bill Bixby. Bixby is best known to TV

viewers as David Banner, "The Incredible Hulk." He assumed this role after many years as the star of "The Courtship of Eddie's Father." Currently, he is starring with Mariette Hartley in "Goodnight

Ray Charles. A trendsetter, Charles has been a professional musician for 38 years, with 10 Grammy Awards to his

Phyllis Hyman. A tall, stunning songstress, Hyman has achieved outstanding success on Broadway in recording ("Somewhere in Thy Lifetime") and commercials for Burger King.

Ben Kingsley. British born Kingsley took America by storm as "Ghandi," an Academy Award winning effort to top off his longstanding career as an Associate Artist of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Cicely Tyson. As one of the most mances in "Roots," "Sounder," "The Marva Collins Story," and as Coretta King in "King."

Patrick Duffy. Emerging as one r



Ray Charles



Billie Dee Williams



**Phyllis Hyman** 



**Cicely Tyson** 

America's premiere leading men, Duffy started as the star of "Man From Atlantis" and now has a starring role in the hit CBS series "Dallas."

Numerous other entertainers are also scheduled including Irene Cara caster Willie Stargell.

("Fame); Pattie LaBelle 'Your Arm's Too Short To Box With God"); community activist Dick Gregory; folk singer Joan Baez; gospel artist Tramaine Hawkins; and professional ball player and broad-

## Count Basie and orchestra at Pavilion

legendary Count Basie and His Or- gave him piano lessons for 25 cents per chestra at the Pavilion at the old Post session. Office Building, on King Holiday Eve. January 14, 1984. It will be Count Basie's Chairman of the National Endowment first appearance in this, his 49th year of for the Arts, the newly renovated bandleading.

January 15th marks the 55th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Avenue in the U.S. Capital City. birthdate. Dr. King's Birthday was declared a U.S. Holiday by Congress and early twenties. "Piano" was the instru-President Ronald Reagan in 1983, to be ment of the day;" James P. Johnson, observed officially beginning 1985.

day, Dinah Washington, Jimmy Rushing, peared in movies with Dorothy ple, superbly refined manner. Dandridge, Ethel Waters, Lauren Bacall,

It will be a concert to remember. The German lady named Hollaway" who

Dedicated to Nancy Hanks, former Pavilion at the Old Post Office is a landmark - reborn on historic Pennsylvania

Basie played the Harlem clubs in the Lucky Roberts, Willie 'The Lion' Smith The "Count" has recorded with Duke But the most important influence or Ellington, Paul Robeson, Ella Fitzgerald, Bill's playing was Thomas "Fats" Waller. Tony Bennet, Frank Sinatra, Billie Holi- A bright and infallible touch. Faultless time. Strong harmonic sense. It's all in-Billy Eckstine, Lester Young. He has ap- herent in the Basie style—in most sim-

Basie then toured the famous Fats Domino, Lena Horne and with Mel T.O.B.A. circuit; the major vaudeville Brooks in "Blazing Saddles." He's "wheel" for black entertainers. When he William Basie, an only child, born was stranded in Kansas City he soon August 21, 1904 in Red Bank, New joined the Walter Page Blue Devils, a Jersey. His first musical training came group Basie calls "the happiest band I've from his mother and from a "wonderful" ever been in." Several of the members

joined Bennie Moten. Soon after Bennie died in 1935, Basie became the leader, John Hammond heard them on radio, got Willard Alexander interested, influenced Basie to add to his 9-piece band, and brought them to New York in

In his day of rock and small groups and electric sounds, the age of the Basie Band has remained in the fore. In truth, it has never waned; big bands are in to stay. Count Basie and His Orchestra are a continuing force. Concerts, dances, is raised, as if the word and its meanspecial events, T.V. Specials, annual ing are strangers to his life. jaunts to other faraway places all outlets, Pyramid Book Store, Common prove and sustain the band's popularity. And Bill Basie, himself... "The Toast and Strawberries, the Pavilion, at fingers still strike the keys with a style the studios of WPFW (700 H Street, NW, that excites an audience to cheer, and third floor) and will be available at the the mind and voice of this giant of jazz door, Saturday, Jan. 14, 1984. Tickets

repeat with disdain when the question per ticket.



Count Basie

tours of Europe and Japan and frequent Tickets are on sale now at Ticketron Concerns Book Store, the Sun Gallery. are as sprite as any of his younger cost \$15.00, although 80 dinnerperformance tickets in the balconies of "Retire?" Basie, an octagenarian, will Cafe Maxime will be available for \$75