

# Winfield, Robinson Receive Awards For Achievements

More than 250 black business, political, academic and community leaders were in attendance when NBC "Today Show" host, Bryant Gumbel, New York Yankee, Dave Winfield and business woman, Rachel Robinson received the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States' awards for black achievement.

The annual black achievement recognition dinner, now in its 12th year, was initiated to recognize individuals who have become role models for black youth and have helped to strengthen the black community. Essence Communications, Inc., publishers of "Essence" Magazine and producers of "Essence, The Television Show," received the Equitable Corporate Achievement Award."

### JAZZ FESTIVAL

Take a look at this list: Noel Pointer, jazz violinist; Tom Browne, trumpeter; Jean Carne, Lonnie Liston Smith, Roy Ayers, Robert Newton and Lotus Fete. Whether you can believe it or not they are all going to be on one show, Sunday, February 17. And the best part about this jazz package is that tickets are only \$14 and \$15. And to top that there are going to be two shows, at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

### BETTY CARTER

No this is not a misprint! That's right. Betty Carter will be in concert at Spirit Square, Saturday, February 16 at 8:15 p.m. She is sure to put on one of the most dazzling performances ever been seen by a jazz vocalist. From the old school of jazz, Ms. Carter ranks with likes of Ella Fitzgerald. Tickets are \$10. Call Spirit Square at 376-6883 for more information.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Several branches of the public library are getting into full swing, celebrating black history month. On Tuesday, February 19, 21, 26 and 28 the Tryon Mall Branch Library will tell tales of black folk for preschoolers. A Smithsonian Exhibit profiling "Black Women: Achievement Against The Odds" will be on display, at the Main Branch from February 18 - March 31. Also at the main branch library, the biographical portrayal of Fannie Lou Hamer will be depicted by Margaret Freeman, February 20 at 7 p.m.

At the local YWCA on Trade Street a children's arts program focusing on Black History Month will be held on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The

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program is sponsored by the Afro-American Cultural Center.

### OSCAR NOMINATIONS

Three Cheers for the two nominations the movie, "Soldier's Story" received, one for best picture and one for best supporting actor, Adolph Caesar. What a coincidence that two years ago Lou Gossett received a Oscar award for his role as sargeant in "The Officer And The Gentleman." Caesar also played the role of an army sargeant. I'm sure that anyone who saw the movie will agree that Caesar's performance deserves nothing less than an oscar. He was indeed superb.

### THE GRAMMYS

Yes, I know the "Grammy Awards" are a little more than a week away. But before the big event arrives, Mike McKay will conduct his own musical survey one week before the program airs and announce the winners on "Your Vote For The Grammys With Mike McKay," Tuesday, February 19 at 8:30 p.m. Beginning on Monday, February 18, WBTV viewers will be invited to call a 900 number and vote for the Best Female and Male Pop Vocalist, the Album of the Year and the Record of the Year.

### PAGEANT

Applications are now being accepted for partici-

pants in the "All American Calender Girl Pageant" to be held at the Ramada Inn,

downtown on March 10. There will be four categories for ladies of all ages

(one-30) and young men (three-12) to compete in. Entry is in one or all four of the following events: beauty, model, talent, or photogenic. For additional information contact, All American Calendar Girl, 1010 Joppa Road, Joppa, Maryland 20195 or phone (301) 679-4617 or 377-5511.

### OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

After recently written about John Kee, musical director of several gospel aggregations, now you have a chance to see him in action. John Kee and the

Kee Singers will be on "Opportunity Knocks," on channel 42 Sunday, February 17, at 5:30 p.m. singing some of the finest contemporary music you've ever heard.

### GREAT

### PERFORMANCES

Andre Watts, in a solo piano recital at Avery Fisher Hall performs works of Scarlatti, Beethoven and Chopin on "Great Performances," Wednesday, February 20 on channel 42 and 58 beginning at 8:30 p.m.



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