

Channel 42 To Present Martin L. King Birthday Special

Past and present memories will be relived Friday, January 15, in a special Martin Luther King Birthday presentation on Channel 42 at 10 p.m. Filmed in Atlanta and Washington, the events commemorating King's birth will be covered

With Loretta Manago

CHARLOTTE AREA HAPPENINGS



Loretta

I REMEMBER HARLEM
Part Two of "I Remember Harlem" covers "The Depression Years 1930-1940." What was Harlem like during the years of struggle and despair? You can find it all out on "I Remember Harlem," Saturday, January 16, at 8 p.m. on Channel 42.

COUNTRY TOP 20
Did your favorite country tune make the top 20 list? When this musical special airs Saturday, January 16, at 12:30 a.m. on Channel 3, you can find out where your song ranked.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
The combined choirs of Clermont AME Zion Memorial Church of Charlotte will be special guest on "Opportunity Knocks," Sunday, January 17, at 6 p.m. on Channel 42.

WERE YOU THERE
You probably didn't realize there was a black film producer-director in 1930. Oscar Michaux was his name. His life and career are remembered by two of his stars Bee Freeman and Lorenzo Tucker when "Were You There" airs Tuesday, January 19, at 10 p.m. on Channel 42.

CRIME PROGRAM
On Monday, January 25, channels 3, 9, 18 and 36 will air a half-hour program on new crime prevention efforts for Charlotte at 7:30 p.m.

STUART MCGUIRE FASHION FOOTWEAR
Don't forget that there will be a Stuart McGuire Fashion Footwear Fashion Show January 24 at McDonald's Cafeteria at 8485 Beatties Ford Road. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$3.50 at the door. Contact George Erwin at 394-3672 for further information.

UNCC
The Venture program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the Carolina Orienteering Club are hosting a "Ski-Orienteering" meet January 23 at Moses Cone Estate on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Blowing Rock. The registration fee is \$1 for members and \$3 for non-members.

THE AMASON TWINS
Performing at the Gathering Place Friday, January 15, will be the Amason Twins. Jim Bell, general manager of WAME Radio will host the event. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS

International Women's Day Set

The Committee for International Women's Day will hold auditions for their play, "Peace Is A Women's Issue," written, compiled and directed by Ruth Sloan-Dew, on Friday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 23, at 11 a.m. at 1534 West Boulevard (in the Westover Shopping Center at Remount Road).

Are you planning a trip for Columbia February 17 or 18? If you are, then you might want to catch the musical, "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas" while you're there. Call the Kitani Foundation at 799-8428 for more information. Other plays presented by the Kitani Foundation are "One Mo' Time," March 3-4 and "They're Playing Our Song," April 14.

ROCK CONCERT
Enjoy a performance with the Kinks when they perform in the Charlotte Coliseum, Friday, January 15, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance.

AHMAD JAMAL
Jazz performer, Ahmad Jamal will bring his classy act to Spirit Square, Saturday, January 16. Tickets are \$9.

JAZZ CONCERT
The jazzy sounds of Chuck Mangione's trumpet will fill Owen's Auditorium, January 20, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$9.50 and \$8.50.

BENJAMIN JONES
It was recently announced that Benjamin E. Jones is the new executive director of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc.

JULIA BANKS
Congratulations go out to Ms.

Julia Banks who was named assistant branch manager of the Rock Quarry Road Branch of Mechanics and Farmers Bank in Raleigh. Before assuming her new position, Ms. Banks was New Accounts Clerk and Head Teller.

ALBUM REVIEW
Prince "Controversy"

Prince's latest album, "Controversy," is appropriately named. Once I finished listening to the LP I found myself caught up in the total concept of "Controversy." I'm not saying that I approved of everything I heard but Prince does demand that you listen.

Let's look at Side 1. Beginning with "Controversy" Prince mixes serious musical instrumentation with a mass-like chant of the Lord's Prayer. He creates a slow, sensual ballad with "Do Me" one of the best cuts on the LP. "Sex-

uality" with a style all its own leans more toward punk rock.

On Side 2 there's "Private Joy," another example of punk-rock. "Ronnie, Talk To Russia" (Ronald Reagan that is) is reminiscent of the nursery rhyme, "Mary Had a Little Lamb." "Let's Work" gives off a funky beat that is designed for partying. "Annie Christian" (alias Anti-Christ) contains one of the heaviest messages on the album. This is all topped off by another controversial tune, "Jack U Off." As far as I'm concerned the jury is still out on that number.

Produced, arranged, composed and performed by Prince, "Controversy" can be considered a masterpiece, but I'll leave that decision up to you.

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