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"Mommy she's back." Yes, I am back giving you all of the entertainment news that makes you feel good!

This past week was celebrated by all because it was MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s birthday. In Atlanta, Georgia this profound event was celebrated in a grand way, with a MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. parade and banquet. All of the serious brothers and sisters were in attendance. Celebrities such as HARRY BELAFONTE and DICK GREGORY were just a few of the celebrities on the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. scene. Leading the renowned MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. march was THE KING FAMILY, ANDREW YOUNG and MAYNARD JACKSON. MR. ANDREW YOUNG was the keynote speaker at the King Banquet.

On the east coast, KAREN THOMAS, one time super executive for Essence Magazine, is currently operating her own promotions and marketing com-



HARRY BELAFONTE

pany, Thomas Enterprises. MS. THOMAS is on the move and planning a serious jazz festival in Can Cun, Mexico. Those jazz favorites that will be headlining in the May, 1991, Can Cun, Mexico jazz festival will be: NANCY WILSON, NAJEE, JOE SAMPLE and WINTON MARSALIS just to name a few.

At the Soul Train Awards press conference, those perspective award winners were

given. M.C. HAMMER and ENVOGUE rocked the house with the most nominations, both receiving five in their honor. Oh Boy! The jazz album Soul Train contenders are ANITA BAKER for "Compositions"; BRADFORD MARSALIS for "No Better Blues"; NAJEE for "Tokyo"; and TAKE 6 for "To Much To Say". For *Best R & B Urban Contemporary Album by a group or duo* are Soul Train's best: TONY, TONI, TONE for "Revival"; BELL, BIV, DEVOE for "Poison"; ENVOGUE for "Born To Sing"; and THE WHISPERS for "More of the Night". Also, for the Soul Train Award for *Best R & B Urban Contemporary Music Video* the nominees are: ENVOGUE for "Hold On"; JANET JACKSON for "Alright"; M.C. HAMMER for "You Can't Touch This"; and PUBLIC ENEMY for "911 Is A Joke". The Soul Train Awards will be taped live in Los Angeles March 12, 1991. "I will take you there!" One of the coordinators, RAMONE HERVEY, VANESSA WILLIAM's husband, of the Soul Train Awards also holds a Wednesday night party called "R & B Live" in Hollywood.

Until next time, remember, "Let Me Entertain You!"

CONTROVERSIAL SATIRE ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS PUBLIC TELEVISION'S "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" ON KLVX-CHANNEL 10

Public television's Black History Month begins with a powerfully funny and controversial comedy on Great Performances. Other presentations include a look at the power and meaning of song, the formation of the first black Civil War regiment, and the true story of the visionary lawyer who laid the groundwork for the *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision. An encore of the landmark documentary series "Eyes On The Prize" and other specials highlighting the contributions of black Americans in the arts round out the month's offering.

The American Experience "Adam Clayton Powell" tells of the rise and fall of the charismatic black preacher from Harlem who at the height of his career was one of the most powerful and controversial politicians in America. A U.S. representative from 1945 to 1970, Powell pushed through congress the critical "Bedrock Legislation" of President Johnson's "War On Poverty" program. But the man who coined the famous slogan "Keep the Faith, Baby" also had jet-set appetites. His relish for money and fast living eventually led to his political ruin. Monday, February 18, 9 p.m.

Another moving story from our nation's history is highlighted in **The Road to Brown**, tracing the brilliant 20-year legal cam-

paign against segregation that led to the Supreme Court's landmark decision *Brown vs Board of Education*. The documentary is also the story of the chief architect of the campaign, Charles Hamilton Houston, dean of Howard University Law School and chief counsel for the NAACP. Tragically, Houston died four years before the constitutional sanction of racial segregation was overturned in 1954. Wednesday, February, 13, 10 p.m.

A new special, **Black Men: Uncertain Futures**, examines the current condition of the young urban black male. The program takes a tough look at a generation of young men whose odds of landing in jail for outweigh their chances of attending college. Hosted by NBC's Urban Correspondent Noah Nelson, the special profiles individuals and community organizations working to provide much-needed role models and positive images for these men. Tuesday, February 19, 10 p.m.

A tribute to Charlie "Bird" Parker highlights **The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater: Steps Ahead** in **Great Performances: Dance in America**. "For Bird—With Love" is a full company work choreographed by the late, great Alvin Ailey himself. The second offering, "Episodes," is a dance of

explosive energy performed to an electronic score. The special is hosted by Judith Jamison. Friday, February 8, 9 p.m.

Eyes on the Prize documents the early years of the Civil Rights Movement, spanning 1954 to 1965 in an encore presentation of the widely acclaimed six-part series. Detailing the spirit, stories, and incidents of the struggle, each program focuses on an event or series of events critical to the understanding of the overall progress of the movement. Sunday-Tuesday, February 3-5 and 10-12, 10 p.m.

Art Blakey: The Jazz Messenger captures the professional and personal style of the late drummer Art Blakey through conversations with some of his most important collaborators, including Horace Silver, Dizzy Gillespie, and Wayne Shorter. Monday, February 18, 10 p.m.

Another jazz great, Charlie "Bird" Parker, is profiled on **American Masters "Celebrating Bird: The Triumph of Charlie Parker."** The special takes a revealing look at the enigmatic, endlessly appealing virtuoso saxophonist and features film clips of Parker and Billy Eckstine, Count Basie, Louis Armstrong, Thelonius Monk, and others in the New York jazz scene of the 1950s. Friday, February 8, 10 p.m.

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