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The "Freedom Caravan" begins outside Springfield's City Hall in preparation for a march to Eugene and the opening of a week of events to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

# King celebration begins with renewal

#### By Catherine Hawley **Emerald Reporter**

Residents of Eugene and Springfield gathered Sunday night to renew their commitment to Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial equality.

A "Celebration Dedication Ceremony." featuring music and speeches at Temple Beth Israel, 42 W. 25th Ave., opened a week of events planned in honor of the civil rights leader assassinated in Memphis. Tenn., March 1968

Featured speaker Edwin Coleman, director of the University's ethnic studies program, expressed his concern for the increasing prominence of hate groups and of violent, racially-motivated crimes such as last month's package bombings in the South.

'The backlash of the Reagan administration has exposed a new, virulent and violent form of hate." Coleman said. "Racism is becoming terrorism."

Coleman compared the recent mail bombings to the bombing of an Alabama church in the early 1960s

Coleman urged the audience to demand racial and social justice from local government officials and institutions and to fight against prejudice and hatred wherever they find it.

The anniversary of King's birthday should be celebrated by families mending broken relationships, by communities breaking down barriers that divide them and by nations seeking non-violent solutions to their problems, Coleman said.

"Peace is no dream; it is a possibility, even if only for one day." he said.

Children from the Honoring Our New Ethnic Youth Choir joined members of the Peace Choir in singing "We Shall Overcome" and other songs.

Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller was scheduled to speak at the ceremony but was unable to attend.

The dedication ceremony was preceded by a "Freedom Caravan" which assembled in front of Springfield City Hall for music and speeches before moving to Temple Beth Israel.

Eugene's celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Week is the Turn to Renewal, Page 17

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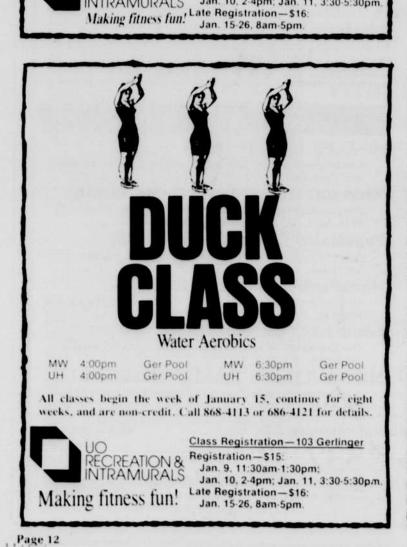
## Complete list of King events

All events during Martin Luther King Jr. Week are free and open to the public. Jan. 10

The Gospel Ensemble. composed of members of the St. Marks Choir and the Gospel Memorial Choir, will perform in the Lane County Community College cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Awards for winners in the 4-J School District's poster contest will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at 200 N. Monroe St. Winning posters from elementary and middle school students on the theme 'Keep the Dream Alive'' will be displayed in the Hult Center lobby Jan. 15. All entries will be exhibited beginning Jan. 16 at the Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 13th St.

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