TELEVISION

Indercover' unveils a

By Lydia Gibson USA TODAY

Memphis? What really happened April 4, 1968, in

victed in the assassination of Martin Lumay have been in on the killing. Bythewood spins his own tale of who else er, supervising producer Reggie Rock And tonight on Fox's New York Undercovther King Jr., will argue for a new trial Today in court, James Earl Ray, con-

ET/PT), which implicates the Federal Bu-Bythewood, who wrote tonight's episode (9 "(Ray) may have pulled the trigger, but I don't think he acted alone," says Investigation in a far-reaching

murder conspiracy.

The episode, "Promised Land," is a departure from the show's regular stories of drug raids and corruption in New York.

What begins as a typical shooting of a

New York cab driver turns out to be part of a larger crime that involves the FBI. The case leads the show's cops, J.C. Williams (Malik Yoba) and Eddie Torres (Michael DeLorenzo), to Washington, D.C. that shed new light on King's assassination.
"This show gives us a chance to explore There, they find a computer disk with files

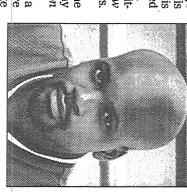
says. "By just raising a question, we are challenging people's perspective." other theories. We are not attempting to say who murdered Dr. King," Bythewood

> Ray, now 68, pleaded guilty to King's murder and is serving life in prison. His lawyers will argue today in a Memphis to kill King was not the murder weapon. court that the rifle Ray is said to have used

Bythewood, 31, got his TV start as a writ-

producer Dick Wolf. "He can also write point of view," says Undercover executive the Bus. well and fast — that's a select group." "He is a terrific writer because he has a

er and story editor on NBC's Cosby Show spinoff A Different World for two years. He joined Undercover in 1994.
His best notices, however, have come for his feature film debut: the screenplay for Spike Lee's critically acclaimed Get on



Bythewood: Points at FBI