

New Book Tells How Blacks Played Greater Role In Major Historical Events



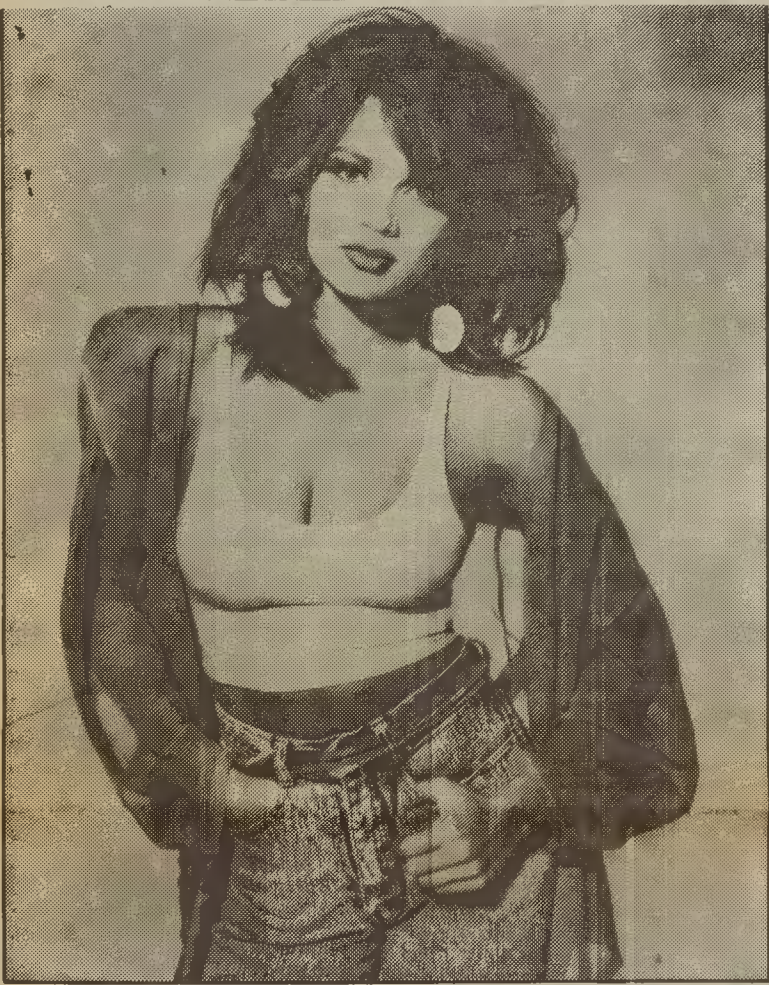
The Jacksons are now down to four members. From left to right they are Jermaine, Tito, Jackie and Randy. Jermaine became a member of the group again with this project.

Jacksons Need Michael, one sound

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Still, a Jacksons album without Michael doing most of the lead singing is the like the LA Lakers playing without Magic

Johnson: a good effort, but no championship ring. In this case, a good album, but nothing to brag about.



Vanessa Williams in a pose from album cover "The Right Stuff"

Marriage, Gold LP Help Singer Find "Right Stuff"

NEW YORK (AP) --- Vanessa Williams says the nude photos that ended her reign as the first black Miss America were both an unfortunate mistake and an impetus for change.

"I don't know how I got through it, but you have to get on with your life," Williams, 26, says in the September issue of Ladies' Home Journal. "It's what you do with a tragedy that makes life worth living."

What she did was hire publicist-manager Ramon Hervey in 1984 after the old photos suddenly surfaced in a magazine and she was forced to give up her crown. Williams and Hervey were married in 1987 and have two children: 2-year-old Melanie and 1-year-old Jillian.

Williams also landed small roles on TV and Off-Broadway, refusing to even consider roles requiring nudity. Her first record album, "The Right Stuff," went gold last March and spawned four hit singles. She received two Grammy nominations and co-starred in a TV movie earlier this year.

"I always knew that one of these days I'd get a chance to show them. The best revenge is to be a success, to have a normal life and to have not committed suicide," she said, adding that she never considered the latter.

"I feel really comfortable. Now that I finally have a career and a family, there is a catharsis," she said. "But I don't feel that this is as far as I'm going to get, because this is just the beginning."

PHILADELPHIA - Refreshing stories of black people from the past come to life in Mark Hyman's new book. It answers a score of unheard of questions: Could Caesar's black son by Cleopatra have ruled the world? Were black generals in the history of the Bible the greatest of all times? Were black people the first Egyptians? Where is proof that blacks sailed to America before Columbus?

This unusual book carries two titles, something new in the industry. The titles are *Black Shogun of Japan* and *Sophonisba: Wife of Two Warring Kings*. The two characters lived 1,200 years apart. *Black Shogun* tells of an African living in Japan in the

9th century. This was 700 years before American was discovered. His family of military leaders had lived in Japan for centuries. The Shogun's name was Sakanouye Tammamara Maro. He rose in military rank to compete with the highest in the nation. Later, after saving the Japanese from the fierce Ainu, he was made Shogun.

Sophonisba, a princess of Black Carthage during the Second Punic War (216 B.C. to 201) was the niece of the great black general, Hannibal. When the tide turned against Carthage, Sophonisba was given to black King Syphax who was fighting Carthage for Rome. She had already been given to Massinissa,

a Numidian, who later became an enemy of Carthage. She poisoned herself to escape capture by Rome.

The new history reader by Mark Hyman tells of blacks carrying on world trade, studying the stars before Europeans were civilized, being outstanding early Christian writers. They were

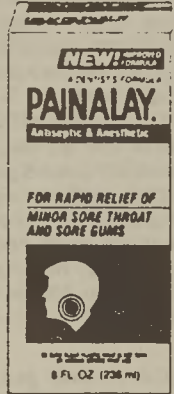
important figures in the Holy bible.

Information on black *Shogun of Japan* and *Sophonisba: Wife of Two Warring Kings* can be made available by writing to Violet B. Johnson, Mark Hyman Associates, Inc. 5070 Parkside Avenue, Box 36, Philadelphia, PA 19131. 215-473-0050.

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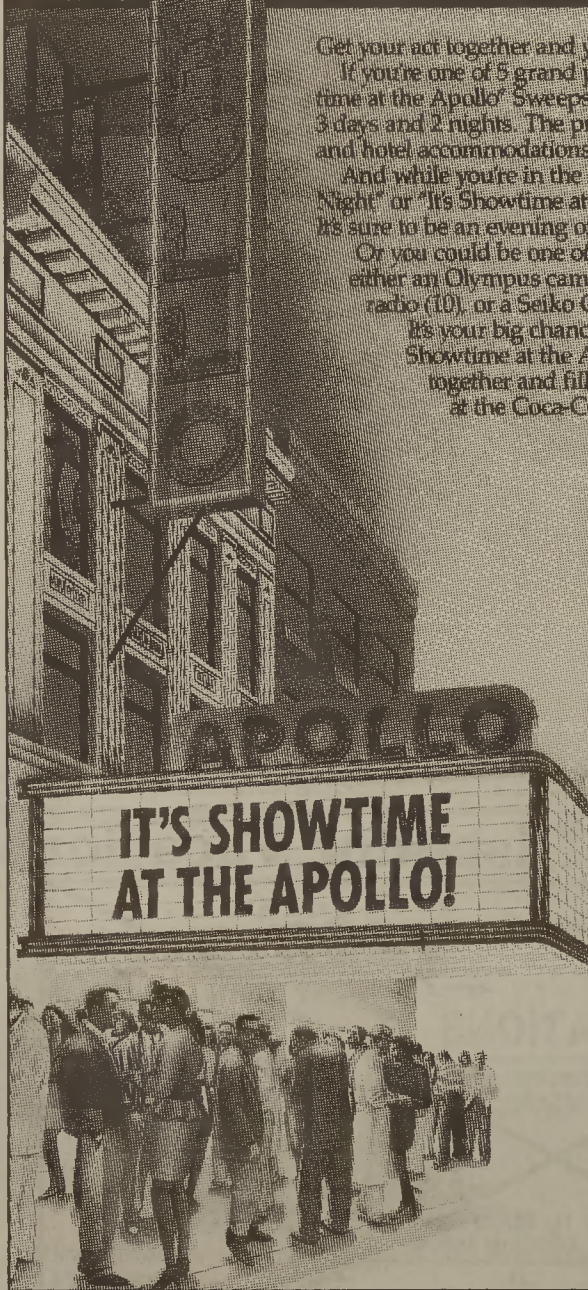
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