



SMOKEY ROBINSON: Legendary smger and prohf1c songwnter Smokey Robinson discusses h1s contributions to mus1c during an interview with journalist Gwen Ifill at The H1storyMakers fundraiser *An Evenmg With Smokey Robinson* in Chicago at Northwest-ern University Law School's Thorne Audlto-nium. Robmson, whose real f1rst name is W1lham, reveals how he got the nickname "Smokey," and discusses h1s 1mpact on R&B-pop mus1c, h1s former drug problem and what inspired some of the hits that he wrote for himself and other Motown artists, includ1ng The Temptations' *My Gtrl*.

... NEW MICHAEL JACKSON

FILM, MUSIC: The world's fascination with the late superstar Michael Jackson continues with the release of the highly anticipated musical documentary *This Is It* for a limited two-week run, featuring rehearsal footage for his planned London concerts. It was filmed shortly before the entertainer's death on June 25. Jackson is also on the airwaves with the new single *This Is It*, featured on the documentary soundtrack.

Th1s IS 1t." Jackson sings backed by his brothers. "Here I stand. The light of the world. I feel grand." His 1988 autobiography, *Moonwalk*, has just been reissued with a new foreword by Motown founder Berry Gordy, who describes Jackson as "simply the greatest entertainer that ever lived." Photographer Todd Gray releases a new photo book (Nov. 6). *Michael Jackson: Before He Was King*, a collection of 100 images, most never-before seen shots of Jackson from 1974 through 1983.

