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R HISTORYMAKERS HONORS **SMOKEY ROBINSON:**Legendary smaer and prohf1c songwnter Smokev Robinson discusses h1s contributions to mus1c during an interview with journalist Gwen Ifill at The H1storyMakers fundraiser An Evenma With Smokey Robinson in Chicago at Northwestern University Law School's Thorne Audltonum Robmson, whose real f1rst name is W1lham.reveals how he got the nickname "Smokey," and discusses h1s1mpact on R&B-pop mus1c.h1s former drugproblem and what inspired some of the hits that he wrote, for himself and other, Motown artists. including The Temptations' My Gtrl. Suzanne de Passe.a filmmaker and former Motown execut1ve.hosts the program that also features performances of Robinson's h1ts by Teena Mane, Howard Hewett and Mus1g Soulchild. The interview will air on PBS stations in February. The H1 storyMakers. a nonprofit organization. IS the nation's largest Black video oralhistory archives of achievers 1n every field. "These are stories of determination.success against all the odds and the true voices of inspiration." says founder and execut1ve d1rector Juheanna Richardson.

... 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 hmited two-week run.featunngrehearsal footage for his planned London concerts. It was filmed shortly before the entertamer's death on June 25. Jackson is also on the almaeves with the new single Thits Is It, featured on the documentary soundtrack.

"Th1s IS 1t." Jackson sings backedby his brothers. "Here Istand. The light of the world. Ifeel 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). *Mtchael Jackson: Before He Was Kmg.* a collect1on of 100 1mages.most neverbefore seen shots of Jackson from 1974 through 1983.

