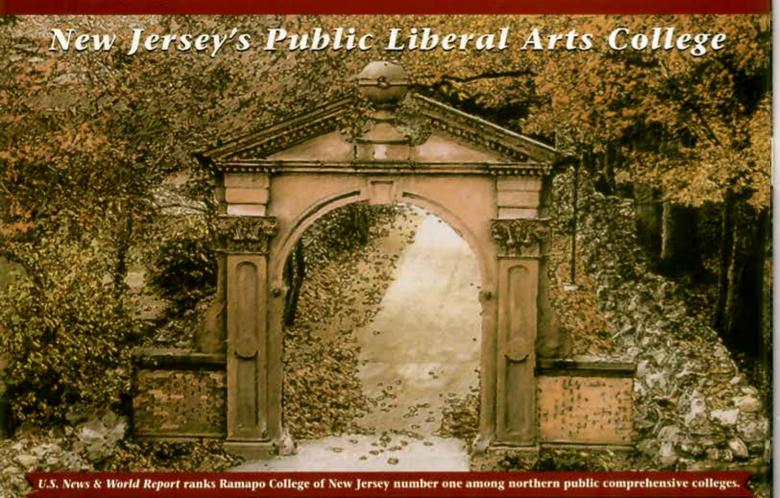


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July 30, 2005

Directors, Delegates & Supporters of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International® Scholarship Program

Dear Friends of Talented Teens International,

To our audience...we would like to welcome those who are with us for the first time. We hope to see you again next year. We welcome back those who have been with us over the years. This year we present the 35th Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teen International Scholarship Program (HJTTI). We have had a host of young ladies reach stardom over the years. Some of whom have become professional leaders. The majority of our Talented Teens alumni have attended prestigious colleges and universities and are now very productive members of our society. This is what HJTTI and the Youth Development Foundation, Inc. is about, awarding scholarships to assist young ladies with their educational pursuits and hopefully molding the lives of all participants.

Each talented young lady is like a flower – ready to develop, grow and blossom. These ladies require our care and motivation. They want to be given a chance to live their dreams. We would like to provide that chance for them to go for it. We see these young women as individuals who are willing to work hard, struggle to make it in this world, and then succeed.

Each of our delegates looks her best, gives her best, and strives to be the best. We want the audience to know that their dream is a shared one. Each of these talented teens has the same goal — to further their education. We want to inspire them to think great, be great and become great. Competition can be a very hard thing to endure, but we believe each young lady can be graceful, supportive, and positive as well as an individual. This is what HJTTI is all about.

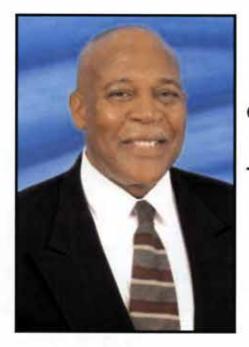
To my HJTTI Directors...my hat is off to you again. Each year you manage to top the previous year by bringing us the most talented young lady in your location. Your diversity, energy and loyalty are our reward. It is said that you are as good as your partner. Well, the outside world does not know our secret. We have an entire family assisting us – the Talented Teens International Family. Thank you for all your support, love and creative energies in making the Hal Jackson Talented Teens International® Scholarship Program a success. We have done it together.

To my talented young ladies...we have grown together this week. Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Live! Come alive for yourself on that stage tonight. You are blessed with a God given gift. We thank you for sharing it with us and the many others who are here to support you. The Hal Jackson Talented Teens International® Scholarship Program is my gift to you. Please use it to develop. Use it to learn. Use it to shine. Remember, you all are winners!

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Dear Friends:

I am honoured to have the privilege of welcoming to Anguilla, St. Maarten and this subregion all those attending the 35th Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Competition.

Anguilla is proud to be the host for a day, to the organizers of and participants in this event that promotes the development of both the artistic creativity of young women as well as provide an opportunity for their academic pursuits.

An event of this kind empowers our young women as they dare to dream and seek to realize these dreams. The efforts of the Youth Development Foundation are applauded as this International Scholarship Competition also fosters intercultural exchange and an avenue for cultural appreciation. Over the last thirty-five years Hal and Debi Jackson have been able to create forty young female winners from around the world through this event. I salute them on this outstanding achievement.

I am confident that those visiting Anguilla for the day will all have a truly memorable Anguilla Experience as they visit with us. I hope that the experiences gained by the participants in this competition will be of great value to them for many years to come. I wish the grand winner a very exciting and enriching reign as Miss Talented Teen International, 2005.

Sincerely,

Hon. Victor F. Banks

Minister of Finance and Tourism





It is indeed a pleasure to welcome the Hal Jackson Talented Teens to our Island. Each of you has demonstrated through your various talents the inner beauty you possess.

I know this can be a most anxious time for each and every one of you but rest assure, you are all winners in your own rights.

We hope you will take the time to savor the natural beauty of St Martin/St Maarten, appreciate the beautiful beaches, our eclectic cuisine, our duty free shopping, the myriad of activities from water sports to horseback riding, our museum and other cultural points of interest and most of all experience the friendliness of the people which makes this Island so special. We hope you will convince your parents to return with the rest of the family for a longer visit.

Bonne Chance et Bienvenue!

Romeo Fleming President



Dear Visitor,

On behalf of the Island Government and friendly people of St. Maarten, it's with great pleasure, we welcome all visitors to the most unique island in the Caribbean. We are also proud to host the 35th Annual Hal Jackson's Talent Teen Show from July 23-31, 2005. St. Maarten, as you will discover, is the only place in the world where you can enjoy two destinations for the price of one, in a total Caribbean Setting.

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Sincerely, Theo Heyliger Commissioner of Tourism



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Program Overview

Hal Jackson's

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Youth Development Foundation, Inc. (YDF) is a non-

culture and education through the performing arts. Founded in 1971 by Hal Jackson, legendary radio personality and 2001 Broadcasting and Cable Hall

of Fame inductee. YDF provides a sup-

port system for girls which offers exposure;
encourages cross-culture exchange and nurtures
emerging talent from around the world while providing
training, educational scholarships and travel opportunities
for young women.

YDF showcases the intelligence and talents of girls 13 to 17 years of age from the United States and abroad. The program is open to all ethnic groups with an emphasis on diversity and intercultural awareness. Program participants typically are average or above students who have performing talents and want to use their gifts as a platform for attaining their secondary educational goals.

State and country programs are held from January through June in approximately 30 states and 10 countries. Area programs provide activities dedicated to youth, education and community involvement. Additionally as a part of each program, girls participate in a series of training sessions and local competitions where they are judged in

categories demonstrating academic abilities, talent

and stage presence. State and country winners

move on to the international event Hal

Jackson's Talented Teens International
(HJTTI) to compete to become Miss
Talented Teen International.

The young ladies are brought together during International Week. They tour the competition city visit radio and/or television stations to learn about operations behind the scenes in the media industry - visit restaurants to taste foods of different cultures attend Broadway shows and ultimately rehearse for their appearance on stage. Winners have received over \$1,000,000 in scholar-ships, prizes and inter-cultural trips abroad.

The Youth Development Foundation, Inc. via Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International assists in preventing drug abuse and pregnancy among youth by developing self-esteem and confidence, which is essential for the positive development of young ladies and success in all aspects of their lives.

HJTTI/YDF winners and/or contestants who have become success stories, include, but not limited to, Jada Pinkett Smith, Ce Ce Peniston, the late Michelle Thomas, Vanessa Williams, and Sheryl Lee Ralph.



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Arts & Leisure

Hal Jackson. Celebrates 65 Years in Broadcasting By Margo Jordan

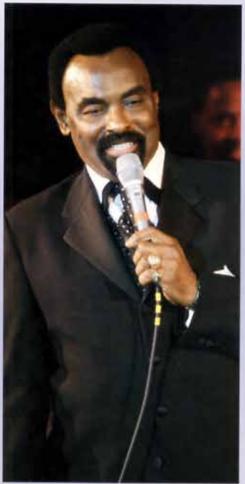
The stars came out for beloved radio pioneer Hal Jackson November 3rd for a gala benefit and birthday party at Rockefeller Center's Cipriani Rainbow Room. Surrounded by his lovely wife Debi B and radio side kick Clay Berry, top notch entertainers Patti LaBelle, Nick Ashford & Valerie Simpson, the legendary Manhattans featuring Gerald Alston, R&B original Chuck Jackson and America's latest singing idol - Fantasia blew the roof off the 65" floor of the Rainbow Room in a show of love. Celebrating 65 years in broadcast entertainment, Hal Jackson witnessed a very special birthday in addition to this landmark accomplishment. Beauty queens from Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Program were present. Jackson founded the program to promote self esteem and scholarship assistance. Hal's 65" Anniversary party was a benefit for the non-profit Youth Development Foundation, Inc., an organization which promotes culture and education through the performing arts and awards scholarships.

Back to the celebration! There was a beautiful video story presentation of Jackson as featured on a Fox Television news magazine. Hal's contributions back to his community are innumerable, from civic leadership to inspiring thousands of young African Americans to succeed in radio, television and film. Thousands of young ladies, notably Sheryl Lee Ralph, Jada Pinkett Smith and Vanessa Williams have been contestants or winners in the Talented Teens International Program.

Today, Jackson, Debi B and Clay Berry hold court on 107.5 WBLS for 8 straight hours on the Sunday Classics. Jackson also

serves as the executive producer of the landmark program. Jackson is also the Group Chairman of Inner City Broadcasting. Jackson's record in the United States entertainment industry speaks for itself; He was the first Black radio announcer on network radio, the first Black inducted in the Radio Hall of Fame and the first Black to do play-by-play sports announcing on radio. He was also the first Black to host an interracial network show on NBC television. As a youngster, the man who teaches us that "It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice," started life back in Charleston, South Carolina in 1915. He eventually moved to Washington, DC where he attended Howard University and found a love for broadcasting. Black pioneers from Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune to Lena Horne, Joe Louis, Dr. Charles Drew, Duke Ellington and baseball's Josh Gibson were interviewed by Hal Jackson during his radio days back in the 1940's. Hal also became owner of the Washington Bears, the first Black team to win the World's Basketball Championship. At WOOK in Silver Springs, Maryland Jackson came up with the phrase "The House That Jack Builf" to create personality driven radio programming. It worked. Hal sold advertising, hosted live remotes and read the news. By the late 1940's "The House That

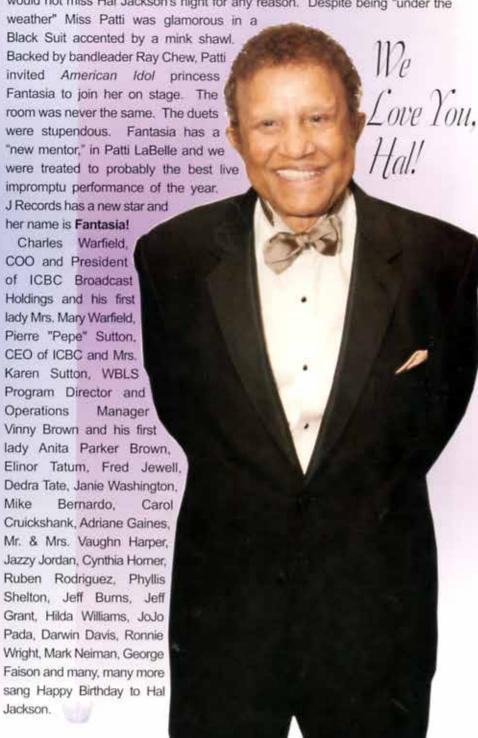






Jackson Built" debuted on WLIB in New York. Jackson went on to excel and grow, hosting live shows, television, and becoming one of the first Black owners of a radio station. You can find out more about Hal Jackson and the historical life he leads in "Hal Jackson, The House That Jack Built," with James Haskins (Amistad press).

W BLS personality Dr. Bob Lee and WCBS FM radio legend Bobby Jay hosted this history making night. Kudos to Chuck Jackson for "Any Day Now," The Manhattans for "Shining Star," lead singer Gerald Alston for a rousing performance of "A Change if Gonna Come," and Nick Ashford & Valerie Simpson for rocking the entire room with their hits, notably "Solid." Patti LaBelle would not miss Hal Jackson's night for any reason. Despite being "under the



ALL HAIL

By Natasha Grant -Special to the Amsterdam News









■al Jackson celebrated his 65th year in broadcasting last Wednesday, November 3, at the Rainbow Room. Highlights of the celebration included performances by Ashford & Simpson, Chuck Jackson, The Manhattans, Patti LaBelle and 2004 "American Idol" winner Fantasia Barrino. Incidentally, LaBelle and Barrino were not scheduled to perform together, but they did so, and as the saying goes, "they tore the house down.

Jackson, who grew up in Washington, DC, began his broadcasting career as a sports announcer WOOK/Washington. In 1939, he hosted "The Bronze Review" on WINX/Washington and soon after began hosting "The House That Jack Built," a jazz and blues program. After moving to the New York City area in the mid-1950's, Jackson made radio history, becoming the first disc jockey to broadcast three shows on three different New York radio stations.

Jackson, who was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 1995, celebrated his 65th year in broadcasting with his wife, Debi B (who also co-hosts "Sunday Classics" with him on WBLS), Governor's Office representative James Harding, members of the WBLS family, and hundreds of others who turned out to celebrate Jackson's remarkable contribution to







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Alicia Keys with Hal & Debi. 2. Hal, Fantasia,
 Patti LaBelle. 3. George Duke with Hal. 4. Hal's eldest daughter Jane Jackson Harley. 5. Kim Coles with Hal.
 Vanessa Williams. 7. Kweisi Mfume. 8. Debi B, Charles Warfield, Hal and Mrs. Warfield. 9. Hal with Percy Sutton.
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Come to tolago... by Nicola Dalrymple

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What part ah de globe yuh could get an original crab and dumpling dish?...In Tobago., Dat is

whey de action is and is the Capital of Paradise.

obago is 116 square kilometers of lush green.

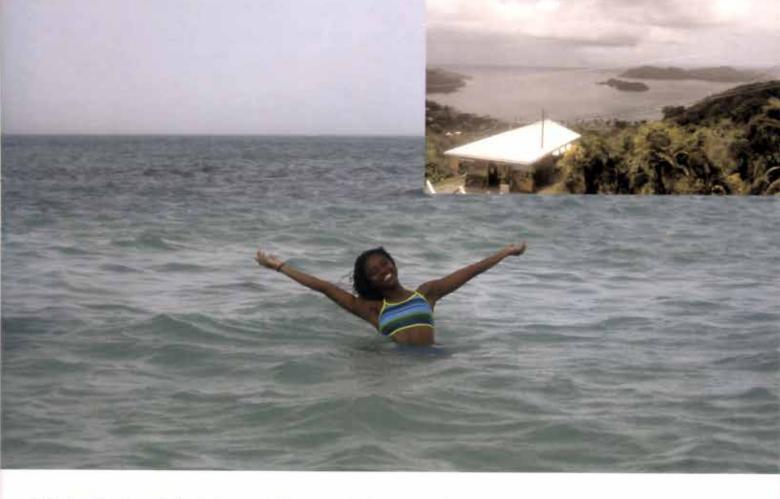
The sister isle of Trinidad and is 11° north Latitude and 60° west Longitude. I know it's just a dot, but it just roves that good things comes in small packages. Come with me, let's tour the island and I'll tell you all about it.

Two minutes walk from the airport is Store Bay, the heart of Crown Point tourist area, and one of Tobago's most popular beaches. Bars offering refreshments and crafts stalls showcasing a variety of traditional and indigenous craft of the local artists as souvenirs. From this point, one can go on boat tours to the largest reef in Tobago, the Buccoo Reef. It's the home of scores of brain coral and myriad reefs. On this tour, you are taken to a shallow of water, the Nylon Pool. It is said to possess "age reducing qualities. In addition, Story Bay is the avenue for many of Tobago's hottest beach parties such as Great Race and Emancifest. However, the most important attribute of this area, is the hospitable, smiling, Tobagonians, who help and serve you a real Caribbean dish— Curry Crab and

Dumpling, Oil-down, and Coconut Bake. You name it, they have it.

Going up the Lee Ward end, just after Pigeon Point, you will find Buccoo Bay. This is another entrance to go to the Buccoo Reef. Buccoo is one of the host villages for the annual Easter Festival celebrations along with Mt. Pleasant. The festival is known for goat and crab races in addition to the other sporting and recreational activities. Following is Turtle Beach also referred to as Great Couland Bay, which is the prime nesting site for leather back turtles. At Plymouth, you'll find Couronian Monument, Fort James and the Mystery Tombstone, which has the inscription, "She was a mother without knowing and a wife without letting her husband know it, except her kind indulgences with him!" The true meaning of it is a debatable topic all over the island.

A small distance further is the Arnos Vale Waterwheel Park which was used to generate energy. Passing by Les Coteaux, we go to Moriah, famous for its annual Heritage Festival depiction of an old time Tobago wedding. The Heritage Festival is one that takes place in almost every vil-



lage in Tobago. Heritage is one of the events that entertains you and at the same time educates you of the changing culture of the people, from slavery to present day. It is expressed through drama, speech and, drums and various genres of songs as well as dances. It is usually held mid July to the 1st of August.

Further up, is the wonderful Cuffie River Nature Retreat, great for bird watching, nature tours and get aways. Somewhere in the village of Runneemede, is Mount Dillion, which was used as a avenue for trade. It is said on a good day, Trinidad is clearly visible from this point. Ten minutes beyond Castara, is Englishman's Bay then into the fishing village of Parlatuvier. Much further up the isle is the main fishing village of Charlottville. The Fisherman Festival is held here in June. Perched at the top of its hill is Cambleton Battery. The site offers a beautiful view of Pirates Bay, Charlotville and Man-War Bay, which happens to be Tobago's finest natural harbour. It is famous for its peaceful scenery and its fantastic diving.

Coming down the other side of the island is the village of Speyside. There in lies another Waterwheel. This was used for squeezing the juice from sugarcane. Presently the site serves as an entrance to the breathtaking Blue Waters Inn, which boosts echo-friendly leisure activities on land and sea. In addition, there is the Speyside Reef. It consists of Manta City, Japanese gardens and Black Jack Hole and Kelliston Drain, noted for the world's largest brain coral (16 feet wide and 12 feet high). Little Tobago, also known as the Bird of Paradise Island, is located just off the shores of Speyside. It is the most important sea bird sanctuary in the Caribbean. The island is home to red-billed tropic birds, the brown boobies, bridled tern and frigate birds.

Tobago won the prize for the best Echo-Destination in 2003 and 2004. One of the main attributes to this prize is the Main Ridge Forest reserve which runs along the island's central ridge from Castara to Speyside. Crown Reserve, the oldest in the western hemisphere, is home to 123 butterfly species, 210 bird species, 16 species of lizards and 17 bats, plus armadillo and other mammals.

The windward cost begins at Tobago's capital, Scarborough. It is a lively, noisy and unpretentious town, especially around Carnival time which begins with the J'Ouverte at 4:00 AM carnival Monday and continues at 1:00 PM on Carnival Monday and Tuesday, where masquerades parade the streets of Scarborough, dressed in various, colorful costumes. There is the judging of King and Oueens of the bands as well as the bands themselves, based on how well they portray their cos-

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feast for the eyes. Its location provides a panoramic view across Scarborough, over Bacolet, part of the Windward coast and south over Lowlands. Up at the fort there is the Tobago museum situated in what was once the barrack

are found on this end.

The tour has now ended. Don't worry it is not all of Tobago, but if I tell you everything what will there be for you to explore on your own? Besides, I'm sure what you've just read is more than a hand-



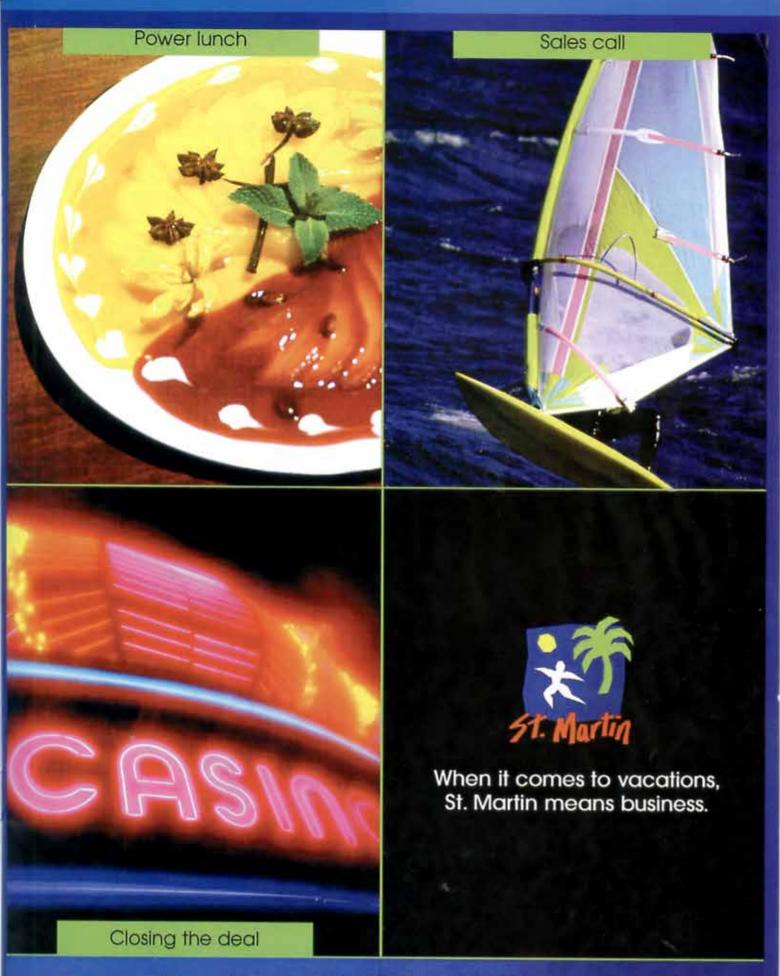
tumes. The country's interisland ferry dock is in Scarborough as well as the bus terminal, the main market, food outlets, the main mall and the Botanical gardens, where you can find many exotic plants and shrubs.

Just a short drive above Scarborough lies our largest of many forts, Fort King George. It is an impressive monument to Tobago's Heritage and a guardhouse. It contains military relics, colonial documents, stamps.

and pre-Columbian artifacts. Hopping down is the Canoe Bay beach or the Friendship Cover Lowlands. It's a perfect spot for picnicing, sun bathing or simply relaxing. Also in the lowlands is the Hilton Hotel where the annual golf tournament is held in February. A short distance down and we are back to Crown Point area, which by the way is one of the most developed villages as many hotels and businesses

ful. Just for the sake of information, many of the place names and the present structure of the island is a result of the early settlers and colonial powers. They are a result of countries such as Spain, Britain, Holland and France fighting for ownership of this country.

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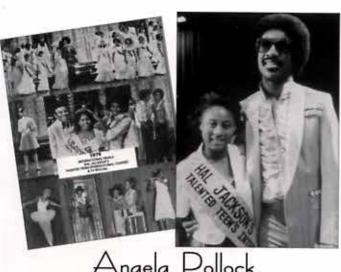


Melody Smith



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Delise Jones 1983









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Michelle Thomas 1984

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Oween Davis 1986



Tammy Townsend 1987



Kiya Dawn Winston 1988



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Amanda Stanley 1994

Years Of Talented Teens History Continued on page 32....

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Anguilla Jemila M. Morson, 14 Vocalist/Pianist



Antigua Daina Barnes, 17 Vocalist



Bermuda Lené T Hypolite, 17 Actress



British Virgin Isl. Dawn Lynch-Griffith, 17



DC Alesha Davis, 15 Dancer



Georgia Tillary Smalle, 17 Actrese



Illinois Miranda Johnson, 15 Vocalist



Indiana Seleena Charles, 16 Vocalist



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Dertiny Centano, 14
Dancer



Minnesota Anrina Payne, 16 Actress



Missouri Rane Mehta, 16



Nevada Azaria Morrie, 15 Dancer

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California Hannah Sidibe, 15 Vocalist



Canada DeCarla Clarke, 14 Actress



Connecticut Dana McKinney, 15 Dancer



Delaware Airelle Cooper, 16 Actress



Jamaica Samanatha Strachan, 13 Vocalist



Kentucky Crystal Shepard, 16 Vocalist



ouisiana Domonique Williams, 17 Vocalist



Michigan Jessica Summercett, 15 Piano/Jazz Dancer



New Jersey Daviea Garrett, 14 Vocalist



New York Jasmyne Johnson, 15 Dancer



North Carolina Brittni Bennett, 15 Dancer

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Pennsylvania Ashley Taylor, 14 Dancer



St. Lucia Laura Oscar, 17 Actress



St. Maarten Keila Gumbs, 16 Vocalist



South Carolina Amberlee Scott, 17



Tennessee Stephanie Head, 17 Instrumentalist



Trinidad & Tobago Whitney Fullerton, 17 Dancer



USVI Esonica Veira, 15



Vinginia Tynelcha Franklin, 17 Vocalist

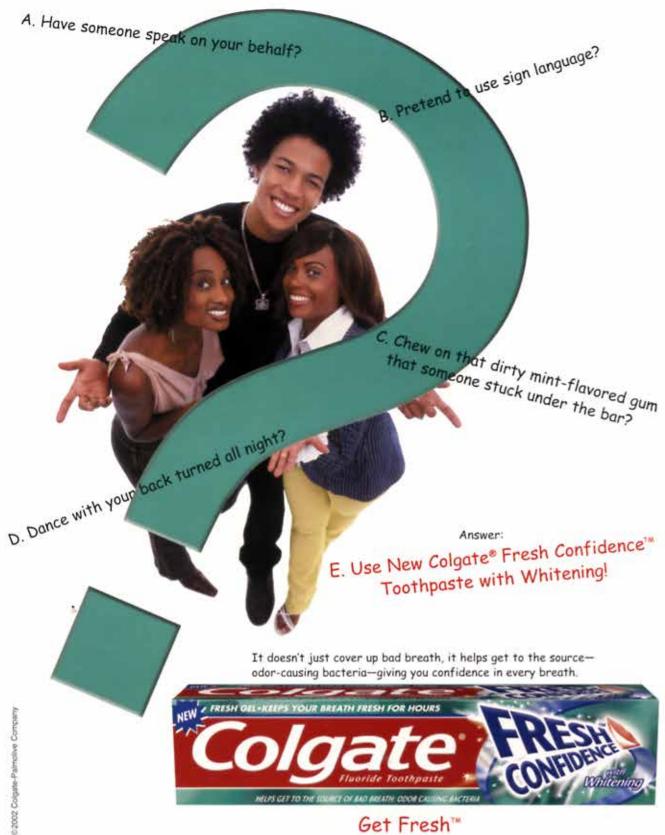


Washington Renita Hunter, 16 Instrumentalist



Wisconsin Shannon Griffin, 13 Vocalist

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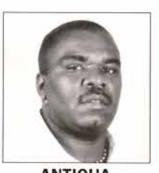
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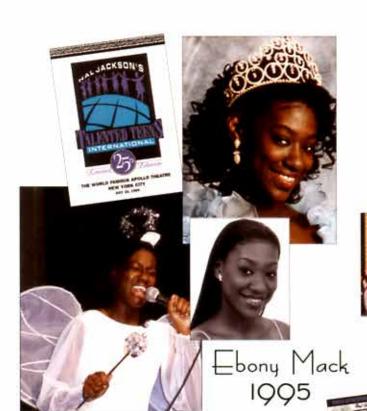
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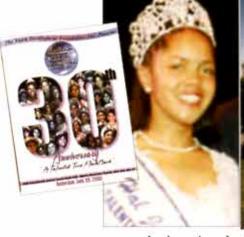




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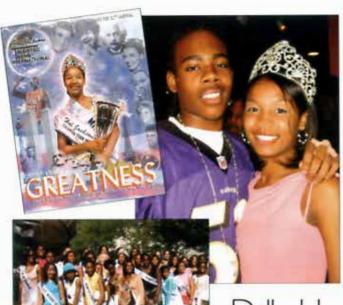
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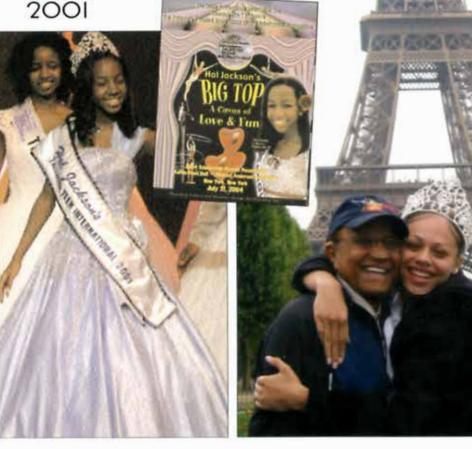
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History of Talented Teens



1971

The first contest was hold under the title "Miss Black Teenage America", on July 28 in Atlanta, Georgia and was taped for television syndication. The winner was Miss Texas, June Kelly



1977

TTI offers an educational experience and a unique opportunity for thousands of teenagers 13 to 16 years who have a performing latent. **Molody Smith** from New Jersey was the winner at the Longhorn Theatre in Hollywood,



1972

The site changed to New York City and the location of the contest was Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum. Miss Texas won again, this time her name was Cynthia Lowis.



1978

Each year thousands of young ladies walk through the doors of TTI sponsors around the world. The winner's door opened for Miss Connecticut, **Shoryl Piland** and she was crowned by Michael Jackson at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles.



1973

The title changed to "Miss U.S. Talented Teen Pageant & Revue" and Miss Edna Hill from Maryland was the winner. Dr. Hill is currently the 1st Black plastic surgeon in the state of Maryland.



1979

119 helps to raise the academic achievements of young ladies by providing scholarships to assist in education This year's scholarship recipient was Angela Pollack Angela resided in New Jersey and was crowned at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles.



1974

Talent, intellect, determination and the ability to perform under pressure, all qualities that characterige Miss Missouri, **Denise DuMaine** who won the crown at Town Hall in New York City.



1980

11 assists young women by helping them express themselves with imagination and intelligence. Annette Jones expressed horself well and is currently a member of "101 North" signed with Capital Records. Miss California won in L. A.



1975

Miss Georgia won the crown in New York City at Town Hall. Rome Crutcher towrs and sings with Harry Belafonte.



1981

Returning from California to share in the 50th Anniversary of the Walderf Astoria, TTI enters its second decade from the worlds' premier city, New York. Miss Kimberly Brooks from Baltimore, Maryland won the crown.



1976

Due to requests to extend its benefits to teens in other countries, the title was changed to "Hal Jackson's 119. The 1st international finals took place in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, the winner was Miss N.Y., Karen McClellan.



TTI gives ladies the opportunity of displaying their talents before a large audience, on a prestigious stage such as the John 4. Kennedy Center For the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. where Kristel Hunderson, Miss U.S. Virgin Islands took the title.



1983

179 arrists in building self-esteem, self-confidence, self-discipline and positive values. Miss New York, Delise Jones possesses all of these qualities and is currently teaching in the New York school system. Miss Jones displayed her talents in California.



1990

For 20 years Mr. Jackson has taken on the tremendows task of providing a launching pad for hundreds of thousands of young ladies into the entertainment field. The Wiltern Theatre in Los Angeles was the stage, the winner ReNisha Rayford from Detroit.



1984

The contest was hold in Montego Bay, Jamaica on an extraordinary summer evening under the stars.

The winner resided in New Jersey...her name

Michelle Thomas.



1991

The third decade of TII was started with a triumphant return to the Apollo Theatre. Boyz II Men were on hand to help crown Myisha Richmond, 15 from Laundale, Ca.



1985

Contests are conducted by civic minded organizations and individuals. This year's winner is a ballet dancer who is currently dancing with the Dance Theatre of Harlem. Tai Jimeney "wowed" the judges at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles.



1992

Zahiya Munnerlyn, a 15 year old singer from Hillside, N. J. won the judges approval at the world famous Apollo Theatre in New York City.



1986

Priges for the winners include scholarships, exposure to the music and film industries, and travel abroad which enhances cultural awareness. Owner Davis, an accomplished violinist took the crown on stage at the Apollo in New York City.



1993

Rosa Sancheg, a 16 year old gymnast from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands won the crown in St. Thomas, U.S. V.I. at the Reichhold Center for Performing Arts.



1987

Cool breezes blew through the hair of the 111 contestants when they visited St. Croix, St. John and performed live in St. Thomas. The winning contestant was Tammy Townsend who hails from Carson, California.



1994

Amanda Stanley, a 17 year old lap dancer from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands won the Judges hearts and the crown in Washington, D.C. at the historic Lincoln Theater.



1988

The age of entering contestants was raised to 17. The 179 contest was held at the Arie Crown Theatre and Kiya Dawn Winston a gymnast from New Jersey stole the judges' hearts.



1995

Ebony Mack, a 13 year old gospel singer from Troington, NJ won the judges approval at the world famous Apollo Theatre in New York City.



1989

11) was designed as an outlet for unlapped talent as well as training in charcography, poise, grace, and diction. Tamica Ellis, a young lady from Wisconsin had it all and won on the Apollo stage in Harlem, U.S.A.



1996

A 16 year old Modern Dancer from New York City won the International crown on the renowned Apollo stage in NYC. Her name is Tiffany Walker.

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History of

Talented Teens



1997

Quianic Withou leaped her way to the top of the judges score cards when the won the crown in the Bahamas after a wonder week of run, rand and rurf. Quianie is a 16 year old gymnastic dancer.



1998

A Shakespearean actress from New Jersey won the International Crown at the world Jamous Apollo Theatre. She is 16 year old Nihiya Mathis from Elizabeth, New Jersey.



1999

A 15 year old opera singer from Trinidad G Tobago won the International crown in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Her name is Remon Solomon.





The 30th Anniversary of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International was celebrated in New York City at Aaron Davis Hall. 15

Nicole Nicholas, the granddaughter of Fayard Nicholas of the Nicholas Brothers fame and the grandniece of Dorothy Dandridge, topped her way into the hearts of our judges and walked away with the International Crown



2001

Brian McKnight was the chairperson for our 31st annual competition held in New York City where Dolla Hamby, a 16 year old gymnastic dancer won the judges' approval and walked away with the International Crown.



2002

Mario enchanted the young ladies at a luncheon for the 32nd annual contest. Teena Lugo, a 17 year old actress from New Brunswick, NJ wan the International crown at the Hudson Theatre on Broadway in New York City.



2003

Tationa McConnico rang her way into the hearts of our judges which included Cirry Houston in St. Thomas, USVI and won the International crown. Tationa is 14 years old and from Douglasville, Georgia



2004

Sheryl Lee Ralph was an hand as a judge when Nicola Dalrymple won the International Crown in New York City. Nicola is a 15 year old dancer/singer/actress from Trinidad & Tobaga.

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Hal Jackson, what can I say other than I am honored to stand in the line of many who congratulate you in celebration of 35 years of the Hal Jackson Talented Teens International Program.

Hal; you are many things to me, but now I realize you are also many things to many others too. You are a significant player in the many lives of talented young ladies across the country and around the world. As you continue to dedicate, to visualize, to inspire and create that vehicle of passage that will elevate each contestant to their next level of enjoyment, fulfillment and of course growth. You make us all feel, see and live your dreams.

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Rolando Tobias — TV Host, Moderator for

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Charles M. Warfield, Jr. — President & COO - ICBC

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Sheryl Piland — Actress - Miss HJTTI 1978

Shooting Star Awards Recipients 2005

Tai Jimenez

Tai Jimenez is a Principal Dancer of the Dance Theatre of Harlem. She began her dance training under the direction of Joan Millen Mesh. Before joining the Dance Theatre of Harlem School Ensemble, Ms. Jimenez studied at the School of American Ballet, Alvin Ailey American Dance Center and with Madame Gabriella Darvash.

Ms. Jimenez has performed the title roles of "Giselle" and "Firebird. She has an extensive Balanchine repertory and has also danced the works of choreographers Glen Tetley, Sir Kenneth MacMillian, Sir Frederick Ashton, Bronislava Nijinska, Alvin Ailey, Alonso King, Dwight Rhoden, Doug Varone, Billy Wilson, Robert Garland, John Alleyne and others. She has appeared as a guest artist with the New York City Ballet, Virginia Ballet Theater, Hawaii Ballet, Maryland Ballet Theater, Complexions, Earl Mosley Dance, Francesca Harper Project, Lula Washington Dance Theater and Dance As Ever.



Her television appearances include a featured performance on the Academy Awards. Ms. Jimenez has also danced in Prince's "Rave Unto the Year 2000." Ms. Jimenez has taught at the Dance Theatre of Harlem School, Alvin Ailey American Dance Center, The Harbor Conservatory for the Performing Arts, Milliken Performing Arts School, Lula Washington Dance Theater and Universal Dance Designs in Los Angeles. Ms. Jimenez's choreography has been shown at the International Blacks in Dance Conference, City Center Studio performances, Dance Theatre of Harlem Open House series and Baton Rouge Ballet. Her writing has been published in Dance Magazine and Pointe Magazine. Tai is Miss HJTTI from 1985.

Charles M. Warfield, Jr.



Charles M. Warfield, Jr. is President and Chief Operating Officer of ICBC Broadcast Holdings, Inc. ICBC Broadcast Holdings, Inc. which owns nineteen radio stations in the United States.

Warfield has been Vice President and General Manager of Philadelphia's heritage stations, WDAS-AM and FM. Additionally, he was Sr. VP of Urban Regional Operations for Chancellor Media Corporation which included the oversight of urban radio stations in Los Angeles (KKBT-FM), Detroit (WJLB-FM/WMXD-FM), Chicago (WGCI-AM/ FM, WVAZ-FM), Philadelphia (WUSL-FM, WDAS-AM/FM) and Miami (WEDR-FM) and a 30-station cluster of stations in Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Miami and Puerto Rico. Warfield's broadcasting career spans over 24 years. He has managed

some of New York's most successful radio stations, including 12 years at Inner City Broadcasting Corporation and 5 and one half years with Summit Broadcasting Corporation (WRKS-FM). Throughout his tenure at WRKS-FM, the station was a consistent first place finisher and "the most listened to radio station in America.

After graduating with honors from Hampton University in Hampton, VA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, Warfield began his career at the public accounting firm of S.D. Leidesdorf and Company (presently Ernst and Young) as Senior Auditor. In 1974, Warfield caught the "broadcasting bug" when he joined RCA Broadcasting Corporation as Supervising Senior Auditor. He directed audits on some of America's largest corporations including NBC and the Hertz Corporation.

Warfield is past chairman of the New York Market Radio Broadcasters Association (NYMRAD). He served on the Board of Directors of the Police Athletic League and the American Red Cross. His outstanding involvement in the community include his work with The Salvation Army, The United Negro College Fund, The Black United Fund, The New York Urban League, The Partnership For A Drug Free Greater New York, The Harlem YMCA and various other community organizations.

Warfield hails from the Anacostia section of Washington, DC, the eldest of five sons, is married and has three children.

Elinor R. Tatum

Elinor is Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the New York Amsterdam News, New York's largest and one of the nation's oldest Black newspapers. The daughter of Wilbert A. Tatum, Publisher Emeritus and Chief Executive Officer, and Susan Kohn, a Jewish Holocaust survivor, Elinor grew up in New York City – the melting pot of the world. Upholding the contemporary values of her family, she became devoted to community involvement and an ever-loving quest for knowledge. At 34 years of age, Elinor has had the opportunity to participate in local and international community works. She has traveled extensively and in 1990 Elinor was one of 14 students to serve in Student Transport



Aid. This effort, led by slain journalist Dan Eldon, traveled overland in Africa from Kenya to Malawi, helping refugees fleeing Mozambique into Malawi. Personally inspired by the effort of Eldon, before his untimely death in 1993 while on assignment in Somalia, Elinor developed a greater appreciation for the power of media. From the moment she stepped onto the campus of St. Lawrence University in 1989 Elinor began to take an active role in the school's newspaper. After her experience with Eldon, however, she became even more involved in the newspaper, working her way up the ladder.

After completing her undergraduate studies, Elinor attended Stockholm University in Sweden, but was soon drawn back to New York, accepting a position as Assistant to the Publisher of the Amsterdam News, where she also worked as a reporter, filing stories on topics ranging from the Million Man March to boxing to the City University of New York student strike.

In 1996, Elinor was promoted to Associate Publisher and Chief Operating Officer of the paper. That fall she entered New York University's graduate school working toward her Master's Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication, while continuing to work full time at the newspaper. In December 1997, Elinor completed the course work for her Master's Degree and was promoted to Publisher and Editor-in-Chief. A biographical profile of Elinor has been selected for inclusion in Who's Who of American Women, Millennium Edition.

Elinor is the recipient of many awards including Women's History Month Award; Advocates Award; Women Who Make A Difference; Outstanding Business Empowerment Award; Standing On their Shoulders Award and the good Scout Award.

2004 Shooting Stars Awards Ceremony: Tavern On The Green, New York City















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Farewell From Nicola

ost people believe that dreams never come true, but I must say that they are wrong, because my dream has become a reality. Because of the Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Competition, I have met 35 girls of different countries and of different backgrounds, all talented, intelligent and beautiful. I have visited the Steps of City Halls, been to Broadway Musicals and Amateur Night at the Apollo and my dream is still taking shape.

On the night of July 31st 2004, all 36 girls grace the stage with their presence. I distinctly remember Dr. Bob Lee doing my introduction and now we have Nicola Dalrymple, Miss Trinidad and Tobago, she is what we refer to as a triple threat, singer actress and dancer and indeed I was. The evenings proceedings went by really fast, so fast it moved from 36 contestants to 10 to 5 without pause. Then the cheese stood alone, shocked and at the same time elated.

It has been a whirlwind of sort. The reception at home was exceptionally warm. Friends, schoolmates, contemporaries and elders alike, echoed the sentiments of pride. They were so proud of me. Members of my dance company dressed in belair dresses made a procession establishing a walkway for me, their "Queen" My choir performed Isn't She Lovely, while others made their speeches congratulating me. One of whom was my dance tutor, Elvis Radgman, who was so happy he almost could not speak at all. I visited the office of the Chief Secretary and had the honor of signing my name in his guest book.

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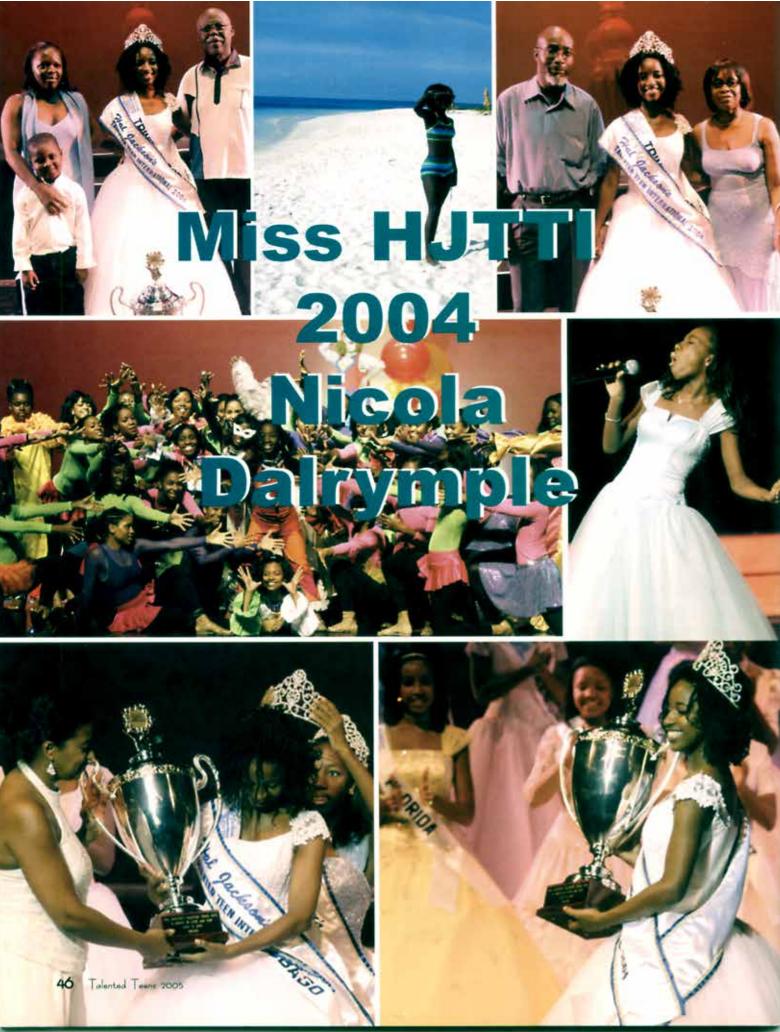
Hal and Debi Jackson, thank you for a dream come true. The support you gave to my family and I, will never be forgotten. Anthony and Ann-Marie James, your words of encouragement carried me a long way. To the Tobago House of Assembly, I thank you sincerely. Special thanks to Mrs. Gloria Moore Carrington, Mrs. Annette Alfred and Mr. Elvis Radgman, you ensured that everything was perfect and did not have to. Thank you. To the love of my life, Mommy, your undying love sustained me in times of need. To my brother Shakiel, your high spirits kept a smile on my face. Daddy, although I could not see you I know you were then. To my beloved cousin Glennis, you believed in me when I failed to believe in myself.

To my successor, keep the banner of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International flying high. Do your best to do your duty to God and to your fellow man. Always pursue your goals and do not give up in times of adversity, they only build character.

To the contestants, you are all winners in your own way. Remember, success is not measured by the position you attain in life or by the achievements made. but by the obstacles you overcome to get there.







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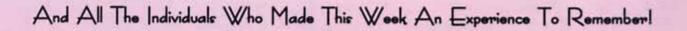
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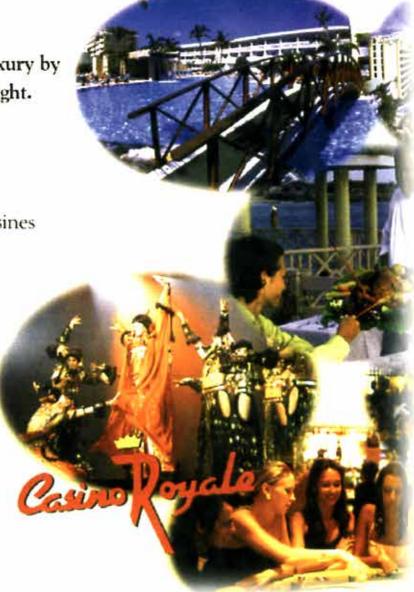
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