## Surgery for Sammy Davis, Jr.

## By Ida Peters

Q. In your January DAWN Magazine you mentioned that Ashford and Simpson were expecting another child. What did they have?

E. H. HOWARD

Baltimore, MD

A. Ashford and Simpson had a little girl on Dec. 11, 1987. They named her Asia, and she weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

Q. A soft cover paperback biography on Whitney Houston was published in 1986 is now out of print. I need to know the exact title, authoer and publisher. I understand her mother, Cissy, sings a duet with her daughter Whitney on the "Whitney" album.

EUGENE A. BROWN Washington, D.C.

A. The paperback biography "Whitney" is available at Enoch Pratt libraries in the Baltimore, Md. area. The author is Mark Bego; publisher, Paperjacks, 210 First Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010. Cissy has sung background for many famous people including Burt Bacharach and Aretha Franklin.

Q. Did Sammy Davis, Jr. have a hip operation and how will this affect his tour with Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra?

> E. J. PRICE Kansas City, Mo.

A. According to news reports, Sammy Davis, Jr. underwent surgery about December 10, 1987 for a total left hip replacement. His people report the surgery was successful and all his vital signs are normal. His tour is already being advertised and the kickoff is March 13 in Oakland, Calif.

Q. Taimak is my idol. When will we be able to see him in the movies again? Where can write to him?

J. O. GOINS

A. You will see Taimak on the silver screen early in 1988 in a new Tony Brown film, "The White Girl". He will

star as Bob with Troy Beyer as Kim.

Others in the cast are Teresa Farley,



Michael Jackson

Aretha Franklin



Whitney Houston

**Oprah Winfrey** 

DiAnne Shaw, O. L. Duken and Donald Craig. Write him Tony Brown Productions, 1501 Broadway, Suite 2014, New York, N.Y. 10036.

Q. I am a native of Memphis, Tenn. and I am trying to contact Aretha Franklin. I think she is the greatest. Her father was the pastor of my neighborhood church when I was a teenager. My husband is also a preacher.

LOUISE GREENWOOD

Kansas City, Mo.

A. You may write Aretha Franklin in care of Rev. Cecil Franklin, 16919 Stansbury, Detroit, Michigan 48235.

Q. Please settle a bet. My friend says that Demond Wilson who played Redd Foxx's

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son on "Sanford and Son" is a minister. Is this true? Is he married?

LEROY CHRISTOPHER

A. Demond Wilson is quoted in local media here (Baltimore) as saying he saw a vision of Christ in 1979 but did not accept that he needed Him until 1981. He began evangelism preaching in 1983. Wilson has been married 16 years and is the father of five children.

Q. Has Marlon Jackson left his brothers?

JAIME SCOTT

A. Marlon Jackson has officially left the group at the grand old age of 30. He signed with Capitol Records and spent a year producing his first solo album, "Baby Tonight".

Q. I am a great fan of Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson and Kim Fields. Does Michael have a new movie? I am a steady reader of DAWN Magazine. Will you give me their addresses?

F. K. J. Pittsburgh, Pa.

A. Michael Jackson's new film according to Billboard is called "Moonwalker" and is being sold overseas by Lorimar Motion Pictures. Costars include Sean Lennon, John Lennon's youngest son and Joe Pesci ("Raging Bull").

Write Michael Jackson at P.O. Box 1804, Encino, Calif. 91426. Write Janet Jackson c/o Joe Jackson Productions, 6255 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Calif. 90028. Write Kim Fields c/o NBC "Facts of Life", 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10112.

Q. I never miss Oprah Winfrey's TV show. Are there any books about her that I can use during Black History Month

JANICE SMITH Baltimore, Md.

A. Yes, there are two. "Oprah" by Robert Waldron, St. Martin's Press and "Everybody Loves Oprah" by Norman King. Check your local library or bookstore.

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chase — and that takes money!" Money that, despite a modest federal budget for acquistion, must come from public and private support, including those individuals who may have a rare treasure at home or the extra money to help the Museum buy that special piece. It will be those treasures that will make the nearly empty pavilion as rich and interesting as the rest of the Museum.

For any museum, the business end is as important as its creative public face. For the NMAfA it means an annual budget of \$3 million to maintain its educational and research programs, to run the lectures, tours, symposia and workshops and to care for the thousands of photographs, films, slides, and maps that help document African history.

The National Museum of African Art shows us the evidence of a rich, complex, diverse history through its art and in the visual display of that history is a vital part of America's black history.

The Smithsonian Institution's new complex that includes the NMAfA adds to the luster of the nation's premier museum system, but the new permanent home for the world's best African art is a beacon drawing black America to a history too long ignored and too often misunderstood.