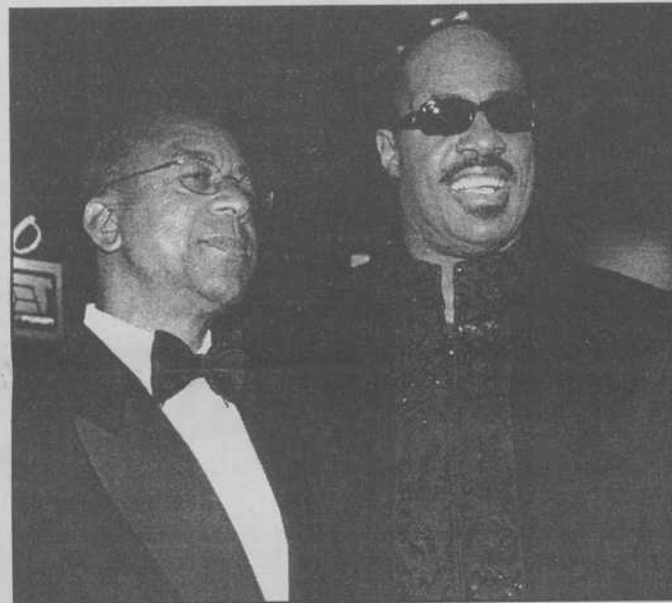
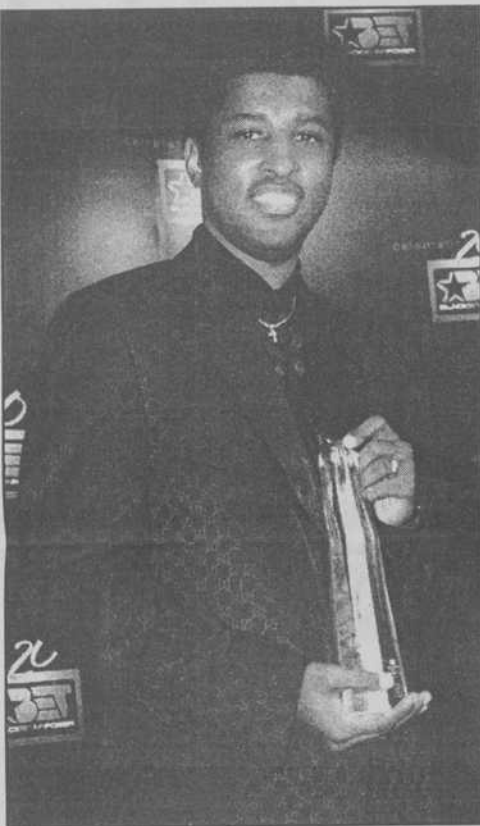


ENTERTAINMENT



(Top) Denzel Washington exudes cool. (Below) Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds holds his award.



BET Founder and CEO Robert Johnson and legendary singer Stevie Wonder share a laugh.



(Above) People shown in masse to star gaze. (Adjacent) "Live from LA" host Rachel was the recipient of many of those looks.

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(Continued from Page 1) had a tremendous impact on my career. BET has always supported me."

Former Video Soul host Donny Simpson recounted BET's early days, when there were only 20 videos for the show. He said BET's growth and success were "extraordinary."

Comeback kid Toni Braxton seduced the audience with her deep-throated vocals, a "barely-there" dress and the bevy of beauties.

Rapper Lil' Kim introduced a retrospective on now-big name performers promoted by BET in their early days. The piece featured Brandi, TLC and Puff Daddy, among several others.

New school met old school when heartthrob Ginuwine was joined on stage by the "Godfather of Soul" James Brown in a duet for Brown's hit "It's a Man's World"

Boyz II Men, impeccably dressed and incredibly talented, proved that their absence from the recording scene has in no way diminished their sense of style and their sound.

Gospel singer Yolanda Adams inspired with a praise song. Adams noted "BET recognizes black folks and God can't be separated. Quality gospel music is out there and BET has shown it."

Soulful crooners Brian McKnight and Luther Vandross gave passionate performances. McKnight thanked BET by saying, "who would know Brian McKnight if it wasn't for BET."

Pioneering rappers Chuck D and Flavor Flav of the Public Enemy brought back that ol' New York rap. Flavor Flav commented, "BET was an important stepping stone."

Then, with trademark Flav

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