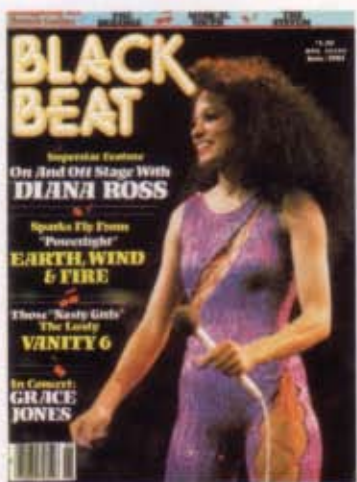


1. The March 1983 issue was the last *Soul Teen*.

2. The April 1983 issue was the first *Black Beat*.



As you may have noticed by now, *Black Beat*'s undergone some major changes this month. Through the years this magazine has had hundreds of different artists grace its cover – a tradition that began way back in April, 1983.

What started as a magazine named *Soul Teen* (circa 1979), *Black Beat* has withstood the test of time becoming a leading resource for urban teens seeking the hottest music for over two decades. Over the years the magazine has seen its number of editors come and go, from Karen L. Glover (who was in charge when *Soul Teen* became *Black Beat*) and Yvette Knowles Schure, all the way up to Rudi Meyer and current editor Danica Daniel. However, the one thing that hasn't changed through the years is this magazine's dedication to providing our readers with the latest and hottest in urban trends.

Another thing that seemingly hasn't changed is the media's constant coverage of the King Of Pop, Michael Jackson. We've provided you with this look back at past *Soul Teen* and *Black Beat* covers to prove to you that sometimes, things don't ever change. BB