

R&B INGREDIENTS

The presence of Detroit was felt at the Roxy last week when Smokey Robinson performed there. The Motown family turned out in full force: On hand to catch Smokey at his best were Stevie Wonder, Supremes, Temptations, Miracles, Willie Hutch, Jermaine Jackson, Thelma Houston, G.C. Cameron. All the Motown brass were there plus Jim Brown, Minnie Riperton, Bobby Womack, Jayne Kennedy, Johnny Bristol and many others too numerous to mention. Opening for Smokey was Rose Banks, Sly's sister. The club really rocked out for this super show. Motown is really smokin' these days as David Ruffin, Supremes, Eddie Kendricks, Diana Ross, Rose Banks, Temptations, Miracles and Smokey all have hot singles and LPs out . . . Learned that the Commodores new LP should be out and available in the next couple of weeks.



TAVARES IN JAPAN — Shown above are the Tavares brothers while they were touring Japan a few weeks ago. The brothers are currently very hot on the charts with their new single "Heaven Must Be Missing An Angel," and LP "Sky High," for Capitol. From left to right are: Butch, Ralph, Tiny, Chubby and Pooch.

The Spinners new single is out. It's entitled "Wake-Up Susan," and is a killer. The fellows are back in the #1 groove with this exciting single. Their new LP should be out in about a month . . . Also found out that they will be hosting the **Midnight Special** June 28 . . . New **Blackbyrds** single is "Rock Creek Park," off their gold "City Life," LP . . . **Diana Ross** was presented with the **Israel Friendship Award** by Israel's Ambassador to the United States, **Simcha Diniz**, last week at the **Washington Hilton Hotel**. Diana was the sole entertainer that performed at the event which celebrated Israel's 28th anniversary as a state . . . **Nancy Wilson's** new single is "What Can I Say," off her "This Mother's Daughter" LP on Capitol. It's a killer . . . **Linda Grey** is now doing public relations for the **Staple Singers**. The group is currently in the studios in Chicago working on their new LP with **Curtis Mayfield**, who, by the way, has a smash new LP out himself for **Curton** . . . The group **Smoke** has changed their names to **Blacksmoke**. **O.J. Simpson** may soon be recording for **U.A.** If the product is as good as he runs for the **Buffalo Bills** — Watch out . . . **Mae Hampton James** is now vice president of national promotion for **Desert Moon Records**. She's still working in New York. **Desert Moon** is distributed by **Buddah** . . . **Paul Shefrin** is now working for **Gemini Artists** in New York. Paul is no stranger to the **Big Apple** as he grew up in New York. Paul likes being in New York because now he can personally give **Dave Kingman** batting instructions . . . **Gemini** is currently booking **Melba Moore** and is responsible for putting **Diana Ross** in the **Palace Theatre** in New York . . . **Harold Melvin** fans will be happy to know that a greatest hits LP on them has been released . . . **Artie Mogull**, president of **UA**, has announced that **Chi-Town Records** has become part of the **UA** family. **Carl Davis** runs that label and will be headquartered in Chicago. The **Chi-Town** roster includes **Walter Jackson**, **Major Lance**, **Ebony Rhythm Funk Campaign**, **Margie Alexander**, **Windy City** and the **Peddlers** . . . **Gloria Lynne** put on a sensational show at the **Etc. Club** in L.A. last week. She currently has a new LP out for **ABC/Impulse** entitled "I Don't Know How To Love Him."

Gary Gotham called in from New York to say that "Always There" by **Side Affect** is the hottest thing happening in the **Big Apple** this week . . . **Bumps Doogan** was on vacation the last couple of weeks but the dancing machine of L.A. is now back on the scene. **Bumps** favorite record of the week is a new one entitled "Party Hardy (What I Like To Do)" by **Patrick Gammon** . . . **Louis Brown** at **KXTC-FM** in Phoenix, Arizona, is the only black air personality in the state. **Louis** does an R&B show every evening. He called in saying that he would appreciate any help he can get to receive new product, as he is the only one playing R&B in the state . . . **Kellee Patterson** has been set by **AIP** to have the female lead in a new film they are doing, tentatively titled "Jet Set." Shooting will begin in Chicago next month. **Kellee** also has a new LP out on **Shadybrook Records** entitled "Kellee."

Hugh Masekela's new single on **Casablanca** is "A Person Is A Sometimes Thing." The **Meters** are currently touring Europe on the **Rolling Stones** show. Their new upcoming LP, "Trick Bag," is in the final stages of preparation and will be released by **Warners** sometime this summer.

Marilyn McCoo and **Billy Davis** are having a busy summer. Besides having a smash record "Hope We Can Get To Love In Time," the popular duo are currently on the club circuit. They are also set to appear on the **Mike Douglas Show** June 23 . . . **ATV Records** is currently preparing to re-release **Nicki Giovanni** on **Shakit Records** . . . One of the hottest records in the **Pacific Northwest** is a tune entitled "Fallin' In Love," by the **9th Creation** . . . **H.B. Barnum** has been set to be musical conductor for the **Diahann Carroll/Jackson Family Summer Show**. Taping will begin in the next couple of weeks. "Keisa Brown Live" on **H.B.'s** label, **Little Star Records**, is one of the hottest LPs in the south and southeast regions . . . **Robin Kenyatta's** new LP on **Wolf Records** "Encourage The People," is out. He has been set to join **Melba Moore's** show at the **Schaefer Music Festival** in New York July 5 . . . **Lewis Grey**, president of **Lewis Grey Productions**, has hired **Warren Lanier Enterprises** to exclusively handle their publicity and p.r.

Rose Banks dropped by the **Cash Box** offices last week while she was in town appearing with **Smokey Robinson**. **Rose** decided to go it alone. She used to perform with her brother **Sly** because she wanted to be more active in the music business. She currently has a new exciting LP entitled "Rose," and a single high on the charts entitled "Whole Thing New." **Rose** musical roots come from the church but she en-

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TOP 50 R&B ALBUMS

		WEEKS ON CHART		WEEKS ON CHART	
1	BREEZIN' GEORGE BENSON (WB BS 2919)	1 11	26	FREE AND IN LOVE MILLIE JACKSON (Spring/Polydor SP1-6709)	27 6
2	I WANT YOU MARVIN GAYE (Motown T634251)	2 12	27	LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING KOOL & THE GANG (DeLite DEP 2018)	22 7
3	HARVEST FOR THE WORLD ISLEY BROTHERS (Epic PZ 33809)	8 4	28	WINGS OF LOVE TEMPTATIONS (Gordy/Motown G69751)	20 13
4	MOTHERSHIP CONNECTION PARLIAMENT (Casablanca NBLP 7022)	3 21	29	A LOVE TRILOGY DONNA SUMMER (Oasis/Casablanca 5004)	26 13
5	MANHATTANS (Columbia PC 33820)	7 8	30	THE REAL McCOY VAN McCOY (H&L 69012)	30 6
6	LOOK OUT FOR #1 BROTHERS JOHNSON (A&M SP 4567)	4 15	31	SMOKEY'S FAMILY ROBINSON SMOKEY ROBINSON (Tamla/Motown T6-341S1)	28 17
7	DIANA ROSS (Motown M6-861S1)	5 17	32	AMIGOS SANTANA (Columbia PC 33576)	32 17
8	EARGASM JOHNNIE TAYLOR (Columbia PC 33951)	6 15	33	EVERYTHING'S COMING UP LOVE DAVID RUFFIN (Motown M6 86651)	43 2
9	BRASS CONSTRUCTION (United Artists UA LA 545G)	9 22	34	BILL COSBY IS NOT HIMSELF THESE DAYS (Capitol ST 11530)	38 4
10	ENERGY TO BURN B.T. EXPRESS (Columbia PC 34178)	13 4	35	FABULOUS STYLISTICS (H&L HL69013)	40 3
11	NATALIE NATALIE COLE (Capitol ST 11517)	17 4	36	FEVER RONNIE LAWS (Blue Note/UA BNLA 628G)	39 3
12	STRETCHING OUT IN BOOTSY'S RUBBER BAND BOOTSY'S RUBBER BAND (WB BS 2920)	11 14	37	SPARKLE ARETHA FRANKLIN (Atlantic SD 18176)	— 1
13	WHERE THE HAPPY PEOPLE GO THE TRAMMPS (Atlantic SD 18172)	15 6	38	HIGH ENERGY THE SUPREMES (Motown M6-863S1)	42 4
14	MISTY BLUE DOROTHY MOORE (Malaco/TK 6351)	21 4	39	SKY HIGH TAVARES (Capitol ST 11533)	— 1
15	RASTAMAN VIBRATION BOB MARLEY (Island ILPS 9383)	18 7	40	COME AS YOU ARE ASHFORD & SIMPSON (WB BS 2858)	41 8
16	SALONGO RAMSEY LEWIS (Columbia PC 34173)	19 6	41	LET YOUR MIND BE FREE BROTHER TO BROTHER (All Platinum 7015)	45 4
17	LEE OSKAR (United Artists UA LA 594G)	10 12	42	RUFUS FEATURING CHAKA KHAN (ABC ABCD 909)	33 30
18	THOSE SOUTHERN NIGHTS CRUSADERS (Blue Thumb/ABC BTS5 6024)	23 4	43	EVERYBODY COME OUT STANLEY TURRENTINE (Fantasy F9508)	— 1
19	CONTRADICTION OHIO PLAYERS (Mercury SRM-1-1088)	35 2	44	HARD WORK JOHN HANDY (ABC/Impulse ASD 9314)	50 2
20	CITY LIFE THE BLACKBYRDS (Fantasy F9490)	12 31	45	BORN TO GET DOWN MUSCLE SHOALS HORNS (Bang BLP-403)	47 2
21	SILVER CONVENTION (Midland Int'l./RCA BKL 1-1369)	16 12	46	MORE, MORE, MORE ANDREA TRUE CONNECTION (Buddah BDS 5670)	— 1
22	MYSTIC VOYAGE ROY AYERS UBIQUITY (Polydor PD 6057)	14 22	47	ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES PLEASURE (Fantasy F9506)	— 1
23	YOU ARE MY STARSHIP NORMAN CONNERS (Buddah BDS 5655)	25 7	48	THIS IS IT MELBA MOORE (Buddah BDS 5657)	34 7
24	THIS MOTHER'S DAUGHTER NANCY WILSON (Capitol ST 11518)	24 5	49	SILK DEGREES BOZ SCAGGS (Columbia PC 33920)	— 1
25	ALL THINGS IN TIME LOU RAWLS (Phila. Int'l./Epic PZ 33957)	31 3	50	DANCE YOUR ASS OFF HAMILTON BOHANNON (Dakar 76919)	46 7

soul waves

Reactions To KDAY's Programming Change

KDAY's new programming format brought many interesting reactions from around the country. When **Cash Box** questioned various program directors and music directors their first reactions ranged from outta sight!, wow!, what?, cold-blooded, etc. Overall, the reactions to the move only to play singles that are included on LPs with some exceptions was overall very favorable. Here are just a few of the comments from around the country. **Bob Moore**, program director at **KDKO** in Denver, felt it was a move in the right direction. "Most of the good music coming out these days is from LPs, however, there is occasionally a good single without an LP."

Robert L. Scott, program director at **KYAC** in Seattle said KDAY basically did this type of programming before, however, they are re-labeling what they are calling it. "It's not such a huge change in programming, they're just redefining it."

Bruce Ley, program director at **XEAZ** in San Diego thinks the programming move is outta sight. "From our store reports, people are purchasing more LPs than singles and our listeners prefer LP cuts over singles."

Keith Adams, program director at **KDIA** in Oakland likes the move. "We ourselves will be doing more of this. I took a recent scan of sales locally and found that, for instance,

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