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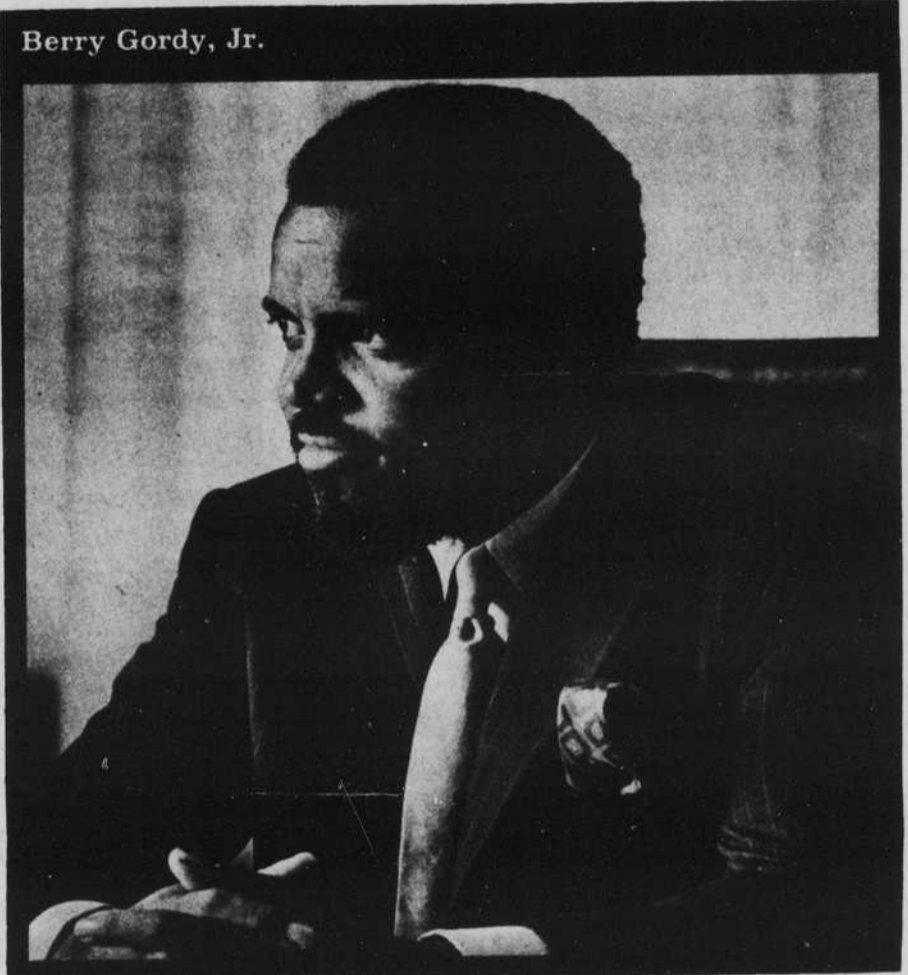
MUSIC

AWARDS

Gladys Knight and the Pips



Berry Gordy, Jr.



"The American Music Awards" honoring artists and music, best in the fields of pop, soul and country, was held Tuesday, February 18, in Hollywood, California.

Co-hosted by Roy Clark, Helen Reddy and Sly Stone, it featured performances by leading artists in the entertainment world, who also made the presentations to the winners.

Five awards were made in each of the three fields -- best male vocalist, best female vocalist, best group, duo or chorus; best album, and best single. A distinguished merit award was also presented to the person in the music world in recognition of his contribution to music.

Pictured are some of the winners in select categories.

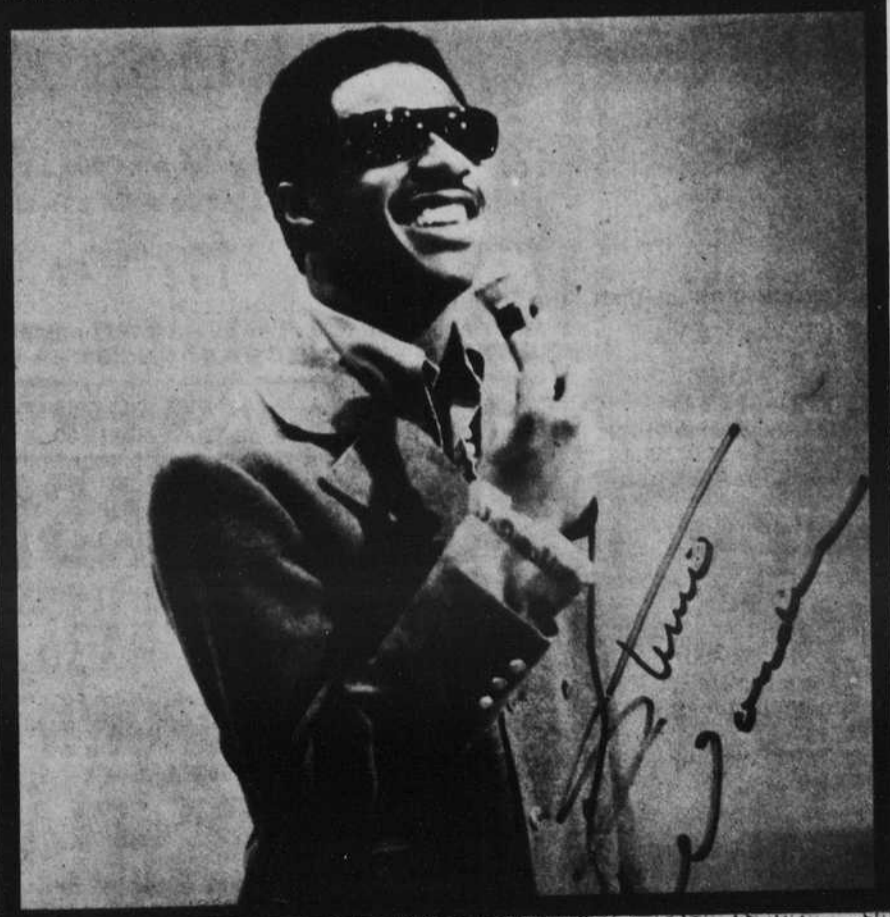
Soul: Best female vocalist was Diana Ross, accepting for Diana, who is on location in Rome, was Michael Jackson.

Best male vocalist was won by Stevie Wonder, accepting for himself.

Best Soul group was Gladys Knight and The Pips, accepting for them was none other than the Mayor of Los Angeles, Thomas Bradley, since the group is fulfilling an engagement in Lake Tahoe.

Berry Gordy Jr., was presented the distinguished merit award in recognition of his great contribution to the world of music.

Stevie Wonder



Diana Ross

