



THE CHECKMATES ARE AT THE SILVERBIRD LOUNGE



## WEEKLY PLAYLIST

April 28 thru May 4, 1980

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST
1	1	Workin' My Way Back To You	Spinners
2	4	Opps	Gap Band
3	5	Stump	Brother's Johnson
4	3	Off The Wall	Michael Jackson
5	2	This Is It	Kenny Loggins
6	7	Any Love	Rufus
7	6	Special Lady	Ray Goodman Brown
8	8	Here Comes The Sun	Fat Larry's Band
9	10	Wrapper's Reprise	Sugar Hill
10	9	Bad News	Tavares
11	14	Don't Push It, Don't Force It	Leon Haywood
12	11	On The Radio	Donna Summer
13	15	Don't Say Goodnight	Isley Brothers
14	16	If You Like Our Music	Lakeside
15	17	Forever	Chuck Cissie
16	18	More Of You	Alton McClain & Destiny
17	12	Sex Dancer	Prince
18	19	Rock, Skate, Roll Bounce	Vaugh Mason
19	20	Minute By Minute	Peabo Bryon
20	22	Sex Eyes	Dr. Hook
21	21	Two Places At The Same Time	Raydio
22	23	Sweet Sensation	Stephanie Mills
23	26	Desire	Masqueradors
24	24	Let The Music Take You	Patrice Russen
25	27	Coming Down From Love	Bobby Caidwell
26	25	Strut Your Stuff	Stone City Band
27	28	Let Me Be The Clock	Smokey Robinson
28	29	Sittin' In The Park	G. Q.
29	30	Lady	Wispers
30	NEW	Suspicious Mind	Thelma Houston
31	NEW	Music Trance	Ben. E. King
32	NEW	Power	Temptations
33	NEW	I Got The Feelin'	Two Tons of Fun
34	NEW	Got To Be Enough	Confunkshon
35	NEW	Let's Get Serious	Jermane Jackson

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## HOLLYWOOD

SEVERAL years ago, singer Marvin Gaye was among several famous entertainers who bankrolled the founding of ex-talent agent Wally Amos' Famous Amos Cookie empire. At the time, Wally Amos was a resident of Hollywood, but since then has set up new housekeeping in Honolulu. Amos says the balmy Pacific ocean breezes help him to keep his cool and to maintain a clear way of thinking.

Now he's being joined in his new Hawaii way of life by none other than his former bankroller Marvin Gaye, who has taken up residence in those mid-Pacific islands. Gaye says the new locale will help him to put together his next record album. His public eagerly awaits it, and so does Motown. Gaye has not come out with any music of significance since he recorded that "Here My Dear" enigma dedicated to his former wife, Anna Gordy. He sang segments of it, on his knees, at last year's Black Radio convention here, with Anna sitting down front center.

At the time, a lot of people wondered what was happening with Marvin and his current wife Jan, as rumors were being printed that she had enlisted in a mutual admiration society headed by singer Teddy Pendergrass. But when that phase wafted away like an ocean breeze, Jan and Marvin were ostensibly back together. The lady reportedly moved to Hawaii with him, but soon was catapulted, reputedly by boredom, back to the Mainland, alone, leaving Marvin way out there alone.

Quite a setting and circumstance for the mild-mannered and intrinsically spiritual Marvin Gaye, whose most memorable artistry has always come from being alone. Really alone.

Story goes that Gaye's lawyer Curtis Shaw is handling any and all legal matters, and those of finance, that might accrue to Gaye while he is away. Shaw also has had

to dispel those ugly rumors that Marvin had flipped, that he had been booted broke out of his Hollywood recording studios.

Whatever, we'll be willing to bet that Marvin Gaye will more than find his music, and himself, in Hawaii. Over there a guy doesn't have to go on a Pridikin diet; he can live on pineapples and Famous Amos Cookies while listening to Don Ho sing "Tiny Bubbles."

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NBC-TV is not saying when it will bring the controversial David Gerber production "Beulah Land" out of "postponement" mothballs and set it for showing on television. The filmed mini series about those "Good Ol' Slavery" days had attracted so much heat and criticism that the network decided it did not need the gaff, despite the fact that it had spent a load of money getting it filmed. The network was also oblivious to charges from producer David Gerber that NBC chickened out in the face of mounting criticism. The NBC postponement was not unique. CBS-TV also postponed the Vanessa Redgrave concentration camp film it had slated for showing, after a wave of pre-screening criticism erupted.

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DIANA ROSS opened her big new engagement at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, the town where Donna Summer kicked off a show series at the MGM Grand, but took sick. Miss Ross' opener attracted a host of celebs from entertainment and political circles. Back in California, in Santa Monica, singer Dionne Warwick is headlining a benefit concert at the Civic to raise funds to buy new uniforms for the marching band of North Hollywood High.

AND, also in Hollywood, the Temptations got ready to give (See Bill Lane, page 9)



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