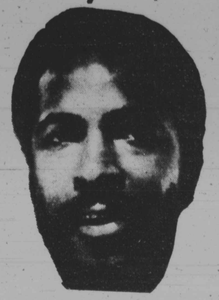
# Is Marvin Gaye alone again?

## Bill Cane in Hollywood



MARVIN GAYE

Several years ago singer Marvin Gaye was among several famous entertainers who bankrolled the founding of ex-talent agent Wally Amos's Famous 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 downfront 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".

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 Ole 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.

Diana Ross opened her big new engagement at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, the town where Donna Summer was to kick off a show series at the MGM Grand, but took side 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 get ready to give their public a brand new batch of groovy music. It's the first album of the Tempts since they rejoined Motown after uneventful forays out into the hinterlands. Dennis Edwards, Otis Williams, Melvin Franklin and the other Tempts have come up with a powerhouse recording titled "Power". And it is a big one, you better believe.

Another Motowner, Jermaine Jackson, already has a winner on his hands. His recently issued album, "Let's Get Serious", is showing all the earmarks of solid hit, the album selections getting all kinds of airplay and sales all over the East Coast and in the Midwest.

Jon Hendricks back from New York, set to open pronto his newest production, "Reminiscing In Tempo", with a showcaser called "Jon Hendricks & Friends" at the Westwood Playhouse. The vehicle features, besides Hendricks, dancer Foster Johnson and Ka-Ron Brown.

Jack The Rapper tells of a recent board meeting of the Black Music Association at which a lawyer told BMA board members Stevie Wonder that he, the lawyer, proudly has hanging on his office wall a picture of Stevie. The lawyer exclaimed, "Out of everybody who's seen that picture only one person didn't recognize who it was," Before the lawyer could go further Stevie cut in: "Musta been Ray Charles."

# Deltas' Champagne money to bond fund

By B. M. Moss

Baltimore — Delegates to the Eastern Regional Conference of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority wore no new hats at sessions or luncheon and had no refreshments at their spring ball April 11, 1964.

Money they would have spent for spring bonnets and for champagne and cocktail delicacies was presented to the sorority's revolving fund to post bond for members who have been and may be jailed in demonstrations.

Announcement of the action came at the opening civil rights luncheon at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Soror Jean Cole, president of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, presented $500 which would have gone for hats and cocktails to Soror Geraldine P. Woods, Los Angeles, national president.

IN ATTENDANCE at the luncheon were men and women who are active in Baltimore community affairs.

They joined the sorors and guests who interrupted their luncheon to write letters to their congressmen urging support of civil rights legislation.

At the morning session, Pan-Hellenic (Baltimore) had presented $200 to the Grand Chapter to aid in its Civil Rights activities.

LUNCHEON keynote speaker was famed Mrs. Daisy Bates, described as the heroine of "Little Rock." Mrs. Bates, a Delta, is on the National NAACP Board and holds a post with the Democratic National Committee.

She told her fellow sorors: "It is imperative that we have a strong vital and active organization of women this election year to work for the success of liberals to high offices, national, state and local."

She predicted that unless Congress passes the pending civil rights legislation, and colored people in America are free to vote they can enjoy all the privileges and rights guaranteed by the Constitution, there will not be "enough dogs to turn loose on us, or enough jails to hold us because we're tired...."

## 1964 Regional

## 16 years ago!

TO THOSE WHO would slow down or eliminate rights demonstrations, Mrs. Bates served notice, "we have appealed to the courts, we have pleaded to the conscience of America, we have prayed to the Almighty powers to protect us as we walked in the picket lines.

"Now, in this year 1964, we are going to speak loud and clear, with our vote and our dollar. We are going to speak until the walls of segregation come tumbling down and lay in the dust at the feet of Abraham Lincoln...

"...then and only then, can we say the John F. Kennedy, Medgar Evers, William Moore and the four little girls, bomb victims in Birmingham, did not die in vain..."

THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON luncheon also featured an original skit, "Tribute to Deltas in Civil Rights". Participants were Sorors Celonia Walden and Marian Hammonds.

Soror Inez Richardson, co-chairman, social action committee, presided.

Soror Christine Moore read an original prayer "For My People", Soror Gwendolyn Lee, chairman of the regional conference committee, introduced the speaker.

Music was by Mrs. Warrenie Hall, with Soror Frances Berry Hill, accompanist. — —

THE OPENING business meeting Friday morning featured roll call and seating of delegates numbering from many states and D.C.

Keynote address was by Soror Nellie Roulhac, chairman, national personnel committee.

SATURDAY sessions featured workshops and committee reports. Participants were Soror Hilda Davis, chairman, national projects committee; Soror Mae Allen Peck, past national president; Soror Marie Barksdale, who gave the national projects presentation.

Also, Sorors Hilda Davis, Thelma Daley, Lurine Jackson and Barbara Stockton, panelists.

Other participants: Soror Dorothy Height, former national president; and Soror Wilma H. Ray, who gave a report on the golden anniversary year.

Also Soror Claudette Franklin, second national vice-president; soror Vivian Washington, past national treasurer, on the panel, discussing strengthening our foundation, undergraduate concerns.

Panelists were Sorors Claudette Franklin, Sara Alyce Wright and Wilma H. Ray.

HIGHLIGHT of the closing banquet Saturday evening was an address by the national president, Soror Woods.

She told the gathering that Deltas' 35,000 members in 276 chapters in 38 states, Alaska, Haiti and Africa, have a duty not only to work for a better community in their own areas, but for a great world...by supporting and participating in the current civil rights struggles.

# TV Watching

By Vanessa Johnson

## Friday

Merv Griffin: Guests are Jack Jones, Kaye Ballard, Nipsey Russell and others. 9:00-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 5.

## Saturday

Fat Albert: A TV addict's devotion to the tube interferes with his school work. Host Bill Cosby. 11:30-12:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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Soul Train: Guests today are The Spinners and Con Funk Shun. 4:00-5:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

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Greater Baltimore Baffle: Panelists include Baltimore Colts Hall of Famer Jim Parker; Mary Clayburn director of public affairs for WWIN Radio Station. 7:00-7:30 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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Celebrity Challenge of the Sexes: Victoria Principal and Robert Conrad coach teams as personalities get a chance to showcase athletic abilities. Scheduled guests include Jayne Kennedy versus Andy Gibb in the obstacle course. 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Love Boat: A model uses Isaac to make her husband jealous. Starring Ted Lange, BernNadette Stanis and Clifton Davis. 9:00-10:00 p.m. Ch. 13.

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Don Kirshner's Rock Concert: Guest performers include Kool & the Gang, Lou Rawls and others. 2:00-3:30 a.m.-Ch. 4.

## Sunday

Movie: "Attack on Terror: The FBI Versus the Ku Klux Klan", a movie recount of a true story of three young civil-rights workers who were murdered in Mississippi in 1964. 10:30-2:39 p.m.-Ch. 11.

NBA Playoff: An Eastern Conference game is scheduled. 1:00-2:30 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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Sunday Live!: Scheduled guest is singer Jerry Butler. 1:00-2:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Movie: "The Sting", Johnny Hooker, a small-time swindler out for revenge on the big-time racketeer who had Hooker's mentor bumped off. Hooker calls on Henry Gondorff, considered the best scam artist around. Soon the two cook up a scheme so elaborate that a small army of fellow con men will be needed to pull it off. 8:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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The Jeffersons: George bigmouths himself into a challenge fight with an obviously better boxer. Starring Sherman Hemsley and Isabel Sanford. 10:30-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

## Monday

Baseball: The Orioles meet the Yankees at Yankee Stadium in New York. 8:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.


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# Diet Workshop members, minus 2,600 pounds, model

STEPPIN' PROUDLY — Model Emma Davenport of Baltimore walks down the runaway wearing a big smile as she shows off her new 60 - pounds - smaller figure in the Diet Workshop Luncheon and Fashion Show.

WERE THESE MINE? — Toni Davis of Arbutus who lost 100 pounds carries the pair of pants she used to wear as she models in the Diet Workshop's fashion show at Martin's West April 11.

AFRO photos by Roman Hankewycz

SLIMMING DOWN — After shedding 42 pounds, Gladys Garder of Towson is one of 36 models in the ninth annual Luncheon and Fashion Show given by the Diet Workshop which will benefit the Maryland chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

More than 1,000 people attended the ninth annual Spring Celebration and Fashion Show given by the Diet Worshop to benefit the Maryland Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

The highlight of the affair, held at Martin's West April 11, was a fashion show featuring 35 selected members of the Diet Workshop as models who lost a total of 2,600 pounds.

A Lose-a-thon was held in all 125 Diet Workshop classes throughout Baltimore for six weeks. Participants received money pledges for each pound lost and proceeds will be given to the Maryland Leukemia Chapter to be used for day to day patient care.

The Model of the Year Award was presented to Mary Dutterer of Ellicott City who lost 225 lbs pounds and has maintained her weight loss for over one year.

The Diet Workshop stresses exercise, diet, behavior modification and nutrition in its basic program. Other classes include "Take It Off Quick" which is an eight-week reducing program and "Always Thin" which will begin in May and is designed for anyone who has lost weight, no matter where or how and wants to maintain that size.

# R and R optical is 1st black-owned eyewear firm in U. S.

By Vanessa Johnson

Saturday, April 12 marked the grand opening of the nation's first Black owned and operated optical manufacturing plant, R & R Optical Co. Inc. owned by Roland Smith.

Smith, 41, worked 10 years as plant manager of the Zyl-Craft Optical Co. in Baltimore until the firm moved to the Barbados. As plant manager, he set up the Zyl-Craft Barbados operation but decided after six months in the West Indies to return to Baltimore to set up the first minority owned optical manufacturing plant in the United States.

The Rev Vernon Dobson, minister of Union Baptist Church presided over the affair giving the invocation for the occasion.

Remarks were given by Mayor William Donald Schaefer, who presented Smith with a Citizen's Citation for his significant commercial life to the city and a proclamation, proclaiming Saturday April 12 as R & R Optical Day in Baltimore City.

Keynote speaker Rep. Parren J. Mitchell assisted Smith in obtaining a Small Business Administration working capital loan of $150,000 and certification in the SBA 8 (A) Program which utilizes the SBA's authority to enter into contracts with other federal agencies and then subcontract the work to firms owned and operated by minority and disadvantaged persons.

Mitchell stated that he is extremely pleased to see R & R of Baltimore benefit from his efforts of pushing minority business development legislation through the U.S. Congress.

A. Vernon Weaver, administrator of Small Business Administration presented Smith with two plaques; the first patented bio-focal lens made by Benjamin Franklin and the first patented steam compressor invented by Elijah McCormick. Richard Barber, regional director of the SBA presented Smith with a $600,000 contract.

Roland Smith, the firm's president and founder stated that R & R success is owed to the assistance he has received from Mitchell, the Small Business Administration and three Baltimore City agencies; the Baltimore Economic Development Corp. (BEDCO), the Dept. of Housing and Community Development, and the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources.

R & R will begin production immediately of eyeglass frames and safety goggles to fill a $1 million 18 month contract with the U.S. Department of Defense.

In addition to producing eyeglass frames and safety goggles, R & R will distribute high fashion sunglasses imported from the Barbados. The firm will be the only minority distributor and importer of optical frames and accessories in the country.

R & R Optical's SBA loan commitment and ability to accept the $1 million dollar Department of Denfense contract were contingent upon the firm's ability to secure equipment and machinery financing.

The Baltimore Economic Department Corp. assisted Smith with $200,000 interim financing to purchase the machinery and equipment through the BEDCO Development Corp. Smith has invested $20,000 of his own money.

John C. Weiss III BEDCO's director of Financial Services explained that the funds were part of a $500,000 Federal Community Development Block Grant designated for economic development.

The 40 new jobs R & R will initially provide will increase to 100 within the next 18 months. Smith is committed to providing jobs and training in his plant for the unemployed and socially disadvantaged.

A graduate of Carver Vocational Technical High School, Smith is married to Carolyn Wise Smith, a first grade teacher at Edgecombe Elementary School No. 62. They have two sons, Ryan and Ron.

He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. (Edna) Smith Sr., a retired supervisor in the Milling Dept. of McCormick Spice Co. and Mrs. Smith a retired seamstress.

The opening was attended by E. Joe Smith, O.J. Phillips of SBA; Chuck White, Veterans Administration, Washington D.C.; Jay Newman, consultant, Barbados W.I.; Shirley Barnes, BFR International; Sylivan Goldstein, Charles R. Owens, BEDCO; Councilman Clarence "Du" Burns, 2nd District; Jerry Lymas, assistant to Rep. Mitchell; Mr. & Mrs. Herman Giles, uncle; Mr. and Mrs. Carthon W. Giles, Amelia, Va., uncle; Ms Maxine Smith, New York, sister; Donald R. Smith, brother; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Smith Jr., brother and sister-in-law; a host of relatives, friends and several city and federal government agencies wishing Smith much success.

The affair was catered by Mrs. Ethel Owens, cousin, served crab balls, barbecued meatballs, an assortment of cheeses, roast beef, ham, corned beef, crab salad, finger rolls, fruit punch, flowing champagne and several beautifully decorated cakes.

Roland Smith's family of two brothers and two sisters were on hand for the dedication.


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