New Records

Ray Parker Jr.

"Two Places At the Same Time", Raydio's third album, continues the hit formula developed by guitarist and group lead Ray Parker Jr. For more than half his life, Parker has been creating music, but he really caught the public's ear when he formed the group Raydio and put together their first gold album, "Raydio", featuring such smash tracks as the top ten single "Jack and Jill" and "Honey, I'm Rich". The second Raydio album, "Rock On", released in 1979, reached gold status, as did the single from the album, "You Can't Change That".

Four of the five members of Raydio grew up together musically in Detroit. Drummer Larry Tolbert was Ray's next door neighbor and taught him his basics, having toured with The Spinners and Aretha Franklin and recorded with Maxine Nightingale and Bill Withers, among others.

Keyboardist Arnell Carmichael played and Bill Withers, among others. Keyboardist Arnell Carmichael played in a back-up band with Ray when they were in their early teens. Keeping it in the family, Arnell's brother Darren Carmichael has also joined Raydio, and the group is rounded out by guitarist Charles Fearing, whom Ray met when he began playing Barry White sessions in Los Angeles.

Considering the impact he has made with the guitar, it's surprising that Ray's musical odyssey began on the clarinet. A solo on that instrument won him first prize in a talent show when he was only nine years old.

He made the All-City band, and had a trio with drummer Ollie E. Brown and trumpeter Nathan Watts in his town. But his future was clear when he saw the Lovin' Spoonful on television "plugging their amps into the wall. I said, 'It's electric! Electric music!'"

Breaking in the '80s with their customary musical inventiveness, Raydio brings us their third powerhouse album, "Two Places At the Same Time", the album's title track is a mid-tempo ramantic statement, featuring Parker's soft, sexy vocals.

Herbie Hancokc co-wrote and performs on the ballad "Tonight's The Night", and the selection of ballads is rounded out with the soulful "Can't Keep From Crying".

When it's time to dance, "It's Time to Party Now" and "For Those Who Like to Groove" fill the bill to perfection. Although, as in the first two Raydio albums, Ray Parker Jr. is the leading force and writes most of the material, the group is also joined by Ollie E. Brown, Jack Ashford, Sylvester Rivers, Ken Peterson and Horation Gordon.

Collins and Collins

From the sensual yearning of "Top of the Stairs", the opening cut on this debut album, through to its last track, the exuberant "Yo-Yo", the voices of Collins and Collins entwine in startling, lustious harmony, ample of that special quality achieved when talented siblings sing together.

The history of pop music is studded with their forerunners, Sister Sledge, the Everly Brothers to name only a few, all soared to the top on the magic of harmonies born in the womb.

With their gifts focused and directed by ace producer-arranger John Davis, Collins and Collins will undoubtedly follow in their predecessors' footsteps.

Lovely Tonee Collins began singing at a very early age and never stopped.

In high school, she appeared with the Philadelphia school system's all City Opera Company, and after graduating continued to hone her skills at Coombes College of Music, the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music and the acclaimed Philadelphia Musical Academy.

While acquiring the discipline and technique of a true professional from her studios, Tonee learned the essence of soul from her love of singers as diverse as Diana Ross and Sarah Vaughn.

Her brother Bill followed a completely different course. At 13, he taught himself to play guitar and not long after, began to sing. Within five years, he was an accomplished amateur performer and after high school and a switch to electric bass, found himself appearing professionally at hotels and supper clubs in the Philadelphia area.

The passage of a few more years found Bill and Tonee a team, touring the United States, a playing the most prestigious supper clubs, hotels and nightclubs on the circuit.

Collins and Collins is post-disco soul and a rich, fertile mix of all the R & B inspired musical forms that have animated black music for the last twenty years.

They have balanced rhythmic intensity with wide-ranging lyrics. Tonee, Bill and Davis have turned out an album that certainly doesn't fail to set your toe tapping but also moves your heart and caresses your ear.

Weekend TV Watching

By Vanessa Johnson

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Good Times: Thelma has a chane to win a scholarship to a posh boarding school. Starring BernNadette Stanis. 8:00-8:30 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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Baseball: The Orioles take on the Twins at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomingdale, Minn. 8:30-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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Uptown: Cab Calloway, Lou Rawls, Natalie Cole, Flip Wilson, Ben Vereen, and Jack Albertson headline a musical-comedy tribute to a New York City landmark, Harlem's famed Apollo Theatre.9:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 4.

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Tenspeed and Brown Shoe: Lionel receives a hot birthday present from E.L. who's being hounded by a parole officer determined to send him back to prison. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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Johnny Carson: Scheduled guests are Sarah Vaughan, and astronomer author Carl Sagan. 11:30-1:00 a.m.-Ch. 11.

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Midnight Special: Hosts The Temptations are joined by Robbie Dupree and others. Clips on Jackie Wilson. 1:00-2:30 a.m.-Ch. 11.

Saturday,

Fat Albert: Lacking musical instruments to begin a marching band, the gang learns how to improvise with what's available. Host Bill Cosby. 11:30-12:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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American Bandstand: Singer Barry White performs "Sheet Music", and "I Believe in Love". 12:30-1:30 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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Soul Train: Guests Ray, Goodman & Brown sing "Inside of You" and Ray Parker Jr. &

Ben Vereen and Jeff Goldblum star as "Tenspeed and Brown Shoe," popular ABC series which airs Friday evenings at 8 p.m.

Raydio do "Two Places at the Same Time". 12:30-1:30 p.m.-Ch. 11.

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Baseball: The Orioles take on the Twins at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomingdale, Minn. 2:15-5:30 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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Tony Brown's Journal: The use of I.Q. tests to measure the intelligence of blacks is discussed. 5:00-5:30 p.m.-Ch. 11.

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Lou Rawls Parade of Stars: Lou Rawls and Ed McMahon are the co-hosts of this fund-raiser for the United Negro College Fund taped at the Las Vegas Hilton. Guests include Muhammad Ali, Bill Cosby, Lola Falana, the Mills Brothers, Charley Pride and many others. 8:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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The Place: Guests include Peaches & Herb, Leslie Uggams and others. 8:30-9:30 p.m.-Ch. 7.

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Sanford: Fred persuades Sammy Davis Jr. to perform at Evelyn's charity benefit. Starring Redd Foxx and Marguerite Ray. 9:00-9:30 p.m. Ch. 11.

Sunday,

Kids Are People Too: Guests include Meadowlark Lemon, Jimmy McNichol and others. 10:00-11:30 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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Tony Brown's Journal: An examination of the impact of race and geography on non-verbal communication. 1:00-1:30 p.m.-Ch. 4.

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Greatest Sports Legends: A tribute to baseball's Frank Robinson, who in 1975 became the first balck manager in the major leagues. 1:30-2:00 p.m.-Ch. 7.

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Baseball: The Orioles take on the Twins at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomingdale, Minn. 2:15-5:30 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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Soul Train: A salute to the Temptations. 3:00-4:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

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Impact: "Hanging out or Hanging In", young-adult and teen-age unemployment is the topic of this profile of job markets in six cities. 7:00-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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The Jeffersons: Feeling uncomfortable around Helen's friends, Tom assumes the mannerisms of a hip street dude. Starring Sherman Hemsley. 9:30-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Bits & Pieces

By Vanessa Johnson

The Women's Day Committee of Macedonia Baptist Church is making preparations for its Annual Women's Day Program.

The Public is invited to attend the 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. services on Sunday, June 1.

The theme is "Women Working for Christ in the 1980's". Guest speaker will be Rev. Myrna Powell at 11 a.m. and Rev. Renee Burrell at 3 p.m.

Those attending the programs are guaranteed to be spiritually uplifted.

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Summer officially arrives in Baltimore this Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1. As the city's first ethnic festival is celebrated in Hopkins Plaza from noon to 7 p.m.

Estonian Festival '80 will showcase the Baltic nation with song, dance and cultural exhibits.

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Auditions for the Young Victorian Theatre's tenth season will be held Sunday, June 1, Monday, June 2 and Tuesday June 3 from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. in the Gilman School Auditorium, 5407 Roland Ave.

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Kromah Gallery Inc., presents "Elizabeth Williamson, Female Artist Crafts Exhibits", June 1 thru June 22.

The opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, 2 to 5 p.m., 1203 Druid Hill Ave.

Loyola Gallery is proud to assemble ten accomplished experimental artists who are recognized for the daring and uniqueness of their art. They are not content with yesterday but move our visions forward. It is a disquieting but exciting process.

They are: Doris Rief, Jonas Fendell, James W. Flood, Jr., Paulette Morelli, Ingrid C. Rehert, Gertrude Sachs, Gladys Sauber, Stephanie Scuris, Glenn Walker and Winni.

For futher information contact Curator, J.E. Dockery, 323-1010.

Coppin State College has scheduled several new courses in the Alcoholism and Drug Addictions Counseling and Services programs this summer, beginning June 2.

Multiple additions designed to prepare students to participate in federally funded research and Management of Addictions Treatment Programs and Personnel.

Tonight two acclaimed American musical figures Eubie Blake and Leonard Berstein and John Brademas, jajority whip of the U.S. House of Rep., will be the recipents of the George Peabody medal for outstanding contributions to music in America, at the 98th graduating exercises of the Peabody Conservatory of Music. The commencement ceremonies will take tonight, May 30, 8 p.m. in the Peabody Concert Hall, 1 E. Mount Vernon Pl.

The Port City Jazz Ensemble will give an outdoor performance of jazz music on Thurs., June 5 in War Memorial Plaza. The public is invited to this noontime concert free of charge.

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MINI-INTERVIEWS:

Mary Chandler "My senior prom" — Earl J. Siscoe Jr. "Donny and Roberta" — Roger Nissly "Black raspberry" — Janet Williams "Douglass reunion" — Judge Robert Bell "Funkadelic" — Eddie Murray "Banana nut"

AFRO asks Baltimoreans 4 easy questions and 1 'toughie'

The 'easies:' Favorite ice cream? Last album purchased? Last movie seen? Nicest thing that happened?

The 'toughie:' If you were president, what would you do first?

Mary Chandler, senior at Fairmount Hill High School: "Butter pecan...'Feel So Good' by Chuck Mangione...'All That Jazz'...I loved it...My senior prom, which was followed by a trip to Columbia...Make more jobs for the unemployed."

Earl J. Siscoe Jr., 25, cook: "Strawberry...Donny Hathaway and Roberta Flack, title unknown...Friday the 13th'...Getting married...Get rid of the depression off of blacks."

Roger Nissly, former AFRO staff writer, currently administrative assistant to City Council President Walter Orlinsky: "Black raspberry ...Rodney Frankin, 'You'll Never Know.' I think that's a neat title... 'Cruisin'' but I hate to admit that. I would like to see 'The Empire Striken Back' but only because everyone who has seen it has been talking about it...Seeing you two (AFRO staff writers Ann Sagi and Portia Badham). That's the first thing I could think of...Put price controls on gasoline and investigate windfall profits tax. Why are there windfall profits in the first place?"

Janet Williams, assistant principal, Fairmount Hill High School: "Chocolate mint from 31 Flavors...Donald Byrd's new album...Kramer vs. Kramer.' I enjoyed it very much...The Douglass High School reunion last week seeing a lot of good friends...Do something about the hostages in Iran."

Honorable Robert Bell, Supreme Bench Judge, 36: "Coffee...Funkadelic, title unknown...'Single Story'...I met a young man whom I had tried previously. The man expressed appreciation for what I did for him. He said he was still in school and hadn't gotten into any trouble... Tackle unemployment."

Eddie Murray, first baseman, Baltimore Orioles: "Banana nut . . . album by GQ . . . I kill time on road games at the movies and I think 'Deer Hunter' was the last one I saw. I saw it at the movies and on home box . . . Working with Dr. John Crew and visiting the schools . . . I wouldn't want to be president. He (Carter) can have it."

Also interviewed, but not shown

Cassandra Stewart, juvenile counselor III, East Baltimore Youth Services: "Vanilla. French vanilla if I feel fancy. Strawberry every now and then...Carmen McCrae's latest. I don't know the name...It's been so long since I've been to the movies. I'm thinking 'Midnight Express' although I know that's not it. Apocalypse Now'...Oh, my last birthday, that was pretty nice...I don't want to be president at this moment. I would resign. I think that if I were Carter I would focus a little more attention on Miami. I know that St. Helens is bad but Miami could be setting a trend four other cities for the summer."

Curt Anderson, news reporter and weekend co-anchor on WMAR-TV 2: "Chocolate...'Undercover Lover' by Baltimorean Debbie Jacobs...I can't remember but going to see 'The Empire Strikes Back'...Taking my ex-wife and two children and spending a day at the zoo...Get the hostages out of Iran at whatever the cost. I would send the biggest and strongest rescue team."

Joyce Parker, fashion coordinator for Bernard Hill Ltd.: "Pralines and cream from Baskin and Robbins...Stevie Wonder, his new one... 'All That Jazz.' It was a good one...too...I went to Paris! . . . What a question. I'd try to straighten out things at home first. This leaves me wide open."

Ernest Young, proprietor of Freedom Distributors: "Rocky Judge...'21 Top Gospel Songs'...'All That Jazz'...Sunday I received the Distributor of the Year Award from the Black Hair Olympic Team. The affair was held at the John F. Kennedy Center. It was the first time in history blacks have ever had a Black Hair Olympic Team...If I was the president of the United States I would first find jobs for the unemployed."

NAACP meets with Pomerleau

The NAACP's Regional Director, Rev. Emmitt Burns, met with the city's police heirarchy Tuesday and said he believes "justice will be done" in several, cases of alleged police brutality.

The Rev. Emmitt Burns also said he will continue to complain publicly about police brutality, but now will be able to talk to police officials about it as well.

Burns met for about three hours with police commissioner Donald Pomerleau and several deputy commissioners to discuss his allegations of police brutality earlier this month. He claimed the police acted with excessive force in the shooting of Ja - Wan McGee, an unarmed teen - ager, and in the case of a city jail prisoner who said he was beaten by officers.

McGee, 17, was shot by an off - duty detective who thought he was trying to rob a pizza parlor. Doctors say the youth will be paralyzed for life. The detective, Stephen McCown, has been suspended and faces departmental charges.

"As a result of the meeting, I feel justice will be done in the Ja - Wan McGee case," Burns said. "I feel justice will be done in the other cases we have cited. I am willing to give the police the opportunity to handle complaints. I have the gut feeling they will do it."

Pomerleau was not available for comment. A police spokesman said the meeting was "very amicable, very frank. We think we opened some lines of communication."

Burns, who said last week that "the same type conflagration that happened in Miami" could happen in Baltimore, said he discussed that possibility with police.

"In case of a riot here in Baltimore, and I hope it won't happen here, we won't have the wanton shooting down and killing of citizens that they did in Miami. The police's policy will be containment rather, killing people and cracking heads," he said.

UMES to hold science conference

The department of natural sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore will hold the university's first George Washington Carver Conference on Food Production and Nutrition next November 13 - 14.

By providing a forum for the exchange of ideas among scientists, investigators, students, and the public, the conference coordinators hope to focus attention on scientific endeavors in the areas of agriculture, human ecology, and the natural sciences.

The two - day conference will consist of a keynote address by a well-known scientist, presentations of scientific papers in related disciplines solicited from faculty members at universities and four - year colleges on the Eastern seaboard, and scientific and industrial exhibitions.

Funds for the conference were made available by the Minority Institutions Science Improvement Project (MISIP) of the National Science Foundation. Dr. Gian Gupta, assistant professor of natural sciences, is the MISIP director at UMES.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Thomas F. Hopkins, head, department of natural sciences, University of Maryland Eastern Shore; phone 651 - 2200, ext. 330.

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That make tomorrow bright.
It's the extra effort everytime
That makes it turn out right.
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Giving so much more.
Sharing life and a laugh or two,
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