

# The Gap Band Fills Top Chart Slots

"The Gap Band is: filling the spaces between musical forms, filling the holes, the gaps," says Ronnie Wilson. The Gap Band also fills the top chart slots with songs like "Burn Rubber" (a No. 1 R&B single as well as a pop hit), and "Yearnin'" (Top 10 R&B and Top 40 pop) from **The Gap Band III**, now a platinum album filling the spaces on their already crowded walls. After all, **The Gap Band II** scored gold for this captivating musical unit, which has been filling a lot of gaps in the charts since scoring a No. 1

R&B single, "Shake", on their first Mercury/PolyGram album, **The Gap Band**. Hit songs like "Open Up Your Mind (Wide)," "Steppin'," "Oops (Upside Your Head)" and "Party Lights" have plugged the Gap Band into America's ears, and earned it's members admiration from the likes of Stevie Wonder, who asked them to contribute their talents to his **Hotter Than July** album.

**The Gap Band IV** (on Total Experience Records) finds this million selling act taking yet

another successive step upward and outward on the fourth chapter of what promises to be a long and enjoyable story. And there's no better opener for this slice of the Gap Band's musical magic than the single, "Early In The Morning," a scintillating ray of musical sunshine that should brighten the dance floors and radio waves of America. "We hit all the targets a little deeper," explains producer Lonnie Simmons, and in the year and a half since recording the

platinum **The Gap Band III** album, "we've been able to refine our abilities and bring out the best in all of us." Explosive cuts like "You Dropped the Bomb on Me" and "Talkin' Back," build on The Gap Band's irresistible uptempo style found on previous cuts like "Burn Rubber," "Humpin'" and "Oops (Upside Your Head)," while the Gap Band also continues to develop it's knack for beautifully wrought love songs on "Season's No Reason to Change" and "I Can't Get Over you." Fans of the hit, "Yearnin'," will revel in the Gap Band's immaculate mastery of ballads on such cuts as "Lonely Like Me" and "Stay With Me," or the heart-warming ode to women and romance, "Outstanding." Rife with vocal and instrumental thrills, **The Gap Band IV** promises to teach and touch everybody with a total musical experience.

Such versatility and winning musical style reflects The Gap Band's heritage and experience. The group's three Wilson Brothers (Ronnie, Charles and Robert) grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the sons of a minister. Their first musical exposure came as members of the church choir.

The group Ronnie later founded was named **The Gap Band** from an acronym for the three main arteries at the heart of Tulsa's black business community — Greenwood, Archer and Pine Streets, and from the beginning, due to their versatility, The Gap Band has been able to successfully mix R&B with firm pop appeal. Local Tulsa rock 'n' roll star and record producer Leon Russell was so impressed with the Gap Band that he had them perform with him in concerts across the country. The Gap Band's musical breadth even found them playing with the likes of rock giants The Rolling Stones and Kansas.

In '78, all three Wilson Brothers were now members of The Gap Band, and had come to the attention of record producer and night club owner, Lonnie Simmons. Signing the band to his Total Experience Productions, Simmons and the Gap Band entered into a creative collaboration that has brought the group to the forefront of the black music and pop scenes. With the recent formation of Total Experience Records, Simmons and the Gap Band promise to fill even more musical spaces than ever before.

## Sunday

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	WFMY CH. 2 Cable 11	WPTF CH. 28 Cable 3	WTVD CH. 11 Cable 6	WUNC CH. 4 Cable 9	WTTG CH. 5 Cable 10	WRAL CH. 5 Cable 12	WTBS CH. 17 Cable 13	WGHP CH. 8
7:00	Kenneth Copeland	Jerry Falwell	Mighty Mouse		Jimmy Swaggart	World Tomorrow	James Robison	Dr. D. James Kennedy
7:15	"	"	Heckle/Jockle		"	Spiritual Awakening	It Is Written	"
7:30	"	"	Blackstar		"	"	"	"
7:45	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
8:00	Rox Humbar	Kenneth Copeland	Gospel Jubilee		Frederick K. Price	Robert Schuller	Three Stooges & Friends	Gospel Expo
8:15	Oral Roberts	"	"		"	He Is Risen	Show My People	"
8:30	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
8:45	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
9:00	Sunday Morning	Jim Bakker	Sunday Morning		Dr. Jerry Falwell	Oral Roberts	Lost In Space	Jimmy Swaggart
9:15	"	"	"		"	Rox Humbar	"	"
9:30	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
9:45	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
10:00	"	Jerry Falwell	"		Flintstones	Day Of Discovery	Lighter Side Of News	Robert Schuller
10:15	Day Of Discovery	"	David Horowitz		Matinee: "Blonde"	Healthbeat	Theatre: "Life"	"
10:30	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
10:45	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
11:00	Champion Fishing	Jimmy Swaggart	"		Goss Latin	First Presbyterian Church	With Father	Princess
11:15	Face The Nation	"	Face The Nation		"	"	"	This Week With David
11:30	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
11:45	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
12:00	Putt Putt Champions	Herald Of Truth	30 Minutes		Theatre II: "Saps At Sea"	Pro & Con	"	Brinkley
12:15	Movie: "Francis"	Meet The Press	Here's Lucy		"	This Week With David	"	Pink Panther
12:30	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
12:45	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
1:00	"	Amazing World	Matinee: "Hawaii"	Firing Line	Theatre III: "Hawaii"	Brinkley	Rat Patrol	Battleship Galactica
1:15	"	"	"	"	"	Rat Patrol	This Week In Baseball	"
1:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2:00	Movie: "Wimbledon"	1982 Wimbledon	"	World Cup Soccer	"	American Sportsman	Atlanta Braves	Showcase: "The Molly Maguires"
2:15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3:00	"	"	"	America Celebrates Stravinsky	"	Sportsbeat	"	"
3:15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
4:00	Movie: "Sportsworld"	"	Sportsworld	"	Movie: "A Patch Of Blue"	Cinema 5: "That's My Boy"	"	"
4:15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
4:30	"	Sportsworld	CBS Sports Sunday	Victory Garden	"	"	"	Wide World Of Sports
4:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
5:00	"	"	"	World At War	"	"	"	"
5:15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
5:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	News Undersea World Of	"
5:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
6:00	"	Pink Panther Muppet Show	CBS News	N.C. People	Playhouse 5: "Obsession"	News 5	Jacques Cousteau	News
6:15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
6:30	CBS News	"	Reel Perspectives	T. Brown's Journal	"	ABC News	Nice People	ABC News
6:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
7:00	60 Minutes	Father Murphy	60 Minutes	Classic Country	"	ABC Movie: "Double McGuffin"	Wrestling	ABC Movie: "Double McGuffin"
7:15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
7:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
7:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
8:00	Archie Bunkers	Chips	Archie Bunkers	Nova	A Time For Love	"	"	"
8:15	One Day At A Time	"	One Day At A Time	"	"	"	"	"
8:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
8:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9:00	Alice	"	Alice	Masterpiece Theatre	Merv Griffin	ABC Movie: "Golden Rendezvous"	This Week In Review	ABC Movie: "Golden Rendezvous"
9:15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9:30	Jeffersons	"	Jeffersons	"	"	"	"	"
9:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
10:00	Trapper John	The 25th Man	Trapper John	Butterflies	News	"	TBS News	"
10:15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
10:30	"	"	"	No, Honesty!	Odd Couple	"	"	"
10:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11:00	News	Carol Burnett	News	Twilight Zone	Movie: "Zigzag"	News	Jerry Falwell	News
11:15	CBS News	Jim Bakker	CBS News	Twilight Zone	"	ABC News: Late Movie: "Who's"	"	ABC News
11:30	Baretta	"	Mary Tyler Moore	"	"	"	"	Look At Us
11:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
12:00	"	"	Rockford Files	"	"	Afraid Of Virginia Woolf	Open Up	Entertain This Week
12:15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
12:30	"	Insight	"	"	"	"	"	"
12:45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

## About the House

### Easy Grilling For Two

If you think of outdoor cooking only in terms of picnics, parties or family reunions — think again. With a little bit of planning and the right accessories, it's as convenient, easy and fun to barbecue for two as it is for a crowd.

First, choose the right size grill, such as a small brazier or hibachi. To keep clean-up time to a minimum, line the firebox with foil and spray the rack with a nonstick vegetable oil coating.

To start the fire quickly and easily, use an instant-lighting charcoal like Match light that needs no lighter fluid and is ready to cook on in about 20 minutes.

The convenience of this charcoal makes it a natural when you want to be sure the fire gets off to a good start with no hassle. Because this pre-treated charcoal is ready to cook on in about half the time of regular charcoal, it makes the pleasure of barbecuing possible even on busy work days.

Any charcoal has a tendency to absorb moisture if left in an open bag for several months. For best results, buy smaller amounts and store unused briquets in a lidded,

airtight container. If you must store in the bag, be sure to seal tightly and store in a dry location.

Just because you're barbecuing for two doesn't mean you can't shop economically. In fact, outdoor grilling can make food planning easier!

Take advantage of special buys on larger or less tender cuts of meat. At home, simply divide the pieces into meal-size portions, place in plastic bags, add different marinating sauces according to your taste and imagination, and freeze.

As dinner thaws, the marinade will tenderize and flavor the meat. You can get a wide range of tastes simply by varying your combination of marinade ingredients.

Help keep energy costs down by planning your entire menu around the grill. Vegetables, fruits, and bread can all be cooked in foil over the coals. To cut cooking times, parboil fresh vegetables first, and turn all packets occasionally to insure even cooking.

For more tips and recipes, write for the free pamphlet, "Charcoal Barbecue Ideas," P.O. Box 24305, Department ML, Oakland, CA 94623.