Cosby donates \$700,000 to Florida College

Federal Savings Bank's popular either Bush or his legal counsel. Branton, who later served as President, Richard T. Greene, on Meanwhile, looming as a Dean of the Howard University polling the highest number of power broker in the new Bush Law School. winning votes in his election as administration will be his the first black industry director longtime friend Stan S. Scott, on the Federal Home Loan Bank who recently acquired a Miller Board of New York . . .

As part of its Black History Postal Service will issue a new region . . . 25-cent stamp in honor of the late labor and civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph, on Feb. 3 . . .

On President-elect George

Speaking of Cosby, on the Bush's short list for key positions former Mayor Maynard Jackson heels of his record-shattering are former Assistant Secretary of next fall, while out in Chicago \$20-million gift to Spelman Col- Labor Arthur Fletcher; Julius W. State's Attorney Richard Daley lege, he has recently donated Becton, Jr., retired three-star launching a major campaign fo \$700,000 to Bethune-Cookman general who heads the Federal Black votes against incumbent College in Daytona Beach, Fla. Emergency Management Agen- Mayor Eugene Sawyer... and another \$800,000 to Meharry cy; and Morehouse School of New Yorkers joined this week Medicine President Louis to mourn the passing of Little Congratulations to Carver Sullivan. All met last week with Rock Nine attorney Wiley A.

> Beer franchise in New Orleans and was named to the Federal the site of the old Knickerbocker Reserve Board in the southern

County Commissioner Alan Rights to the Harlem Third World Lomax planning a New Year's International Trade Center. . . Day announcement to oppose Rep. Charles B. Rangel in the

SUPERB writing and

simply put, it's great."

ARTFUL direction...

AROUND TOWN Attorney John Edmonds beginning to move the first tenants into the Arthur Logan Houses, on Hospital . . . Jim Capell has shifted his work activities from Down Atlanta way, Fulton the State Division of Human

the publication of the book, "The of one-time Harlem Councilman and the first Black Tammany Hall Leader J. Raymond Jones, who now lives in his native St. Thomas, Virgin Islands . . . Mrs. Jean Griffith, mother of Howard Beach murder victim Michael Griffith, to be among

State NAACP teams with Luther King, Jr. Breakfast at the Waldorf-Astoria on Thursday, 120-seat restaurant

nightclub, slated to re-open

Park's Harlem's new, plush

Manhattan Ave. . . .

SHOW BIZ

Freddie Jackson returned to his roots this week to help distribute toys at the Abyssinian Baptist Church on Monday and later at Hale House as a build-up for his three-day fest at the Apollo Theatre Dec. 29-31.

I their New Year's Eve parties with Jack McDuff and his group at Showman's, D.J. Doc to hold down the fort at the always crowded and festive Casablanca, and D.J. Daryl helping Mrs. Pidie Lucas entertain at the all-night party at 22 West . . .

Eyebrows raised over the sudden dropping of the money man's name behind the Broadway production of "Checkmates," when it was revealed that Michael Harris, co-producer and financier, is

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early February at 123rd and

gala mid-winter bash, linking It will be a brotherhood kind of veteran New York politicos with reception for black and Korean the younger generation, around business and civic leaders when Publisher Kenneth Drew hosts holiday party at the La D'etente Restaurant in Queens this week. with top city and state officials in

That was promoter Don King helping heavyweight champ honorees when the New York Mike Tyson and causing traffic to stop last Saturday when they dined on soul food at the La Famille Restaurant and later shopped at the A. J. Lester clothing store.

Uptown nightspots planning

ficial voting of President-elect George Bush this week in Albany, included Manhattan Borough President David N. Dinkins, State NAACP prexy Mrs. Hazel N. Dukes, labor leader Stanley Hill, Assemblywoman Cynthia Jenkins, Bronx's Agnes Jones, Assemblywoman Helen Marshall, Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell and Mrs. Esther Smith, among the state's 35 members of the Electoral College.

the Baltimore-Washington area. Published by the AFRO-AMERICAN

With the recent Image Awards nomination for "Best New Artist" by the NAACP, Capitol Records TRACIE SPENCER continues an ex-

in April of this year.

ENTERTAINMENT ROUND-UD

By Chester A. Higgins, Sr.

NNPA News Editor

Washington, D.C.—The film,

Mississippi Burning, is a

white male murderers of black

pokey for relatively short terms.

good graces of their community.

America—a system that

guaranteeing unsocial behavior

then quickly crams its prisons

with black men who are left no

the breeze.

blockbuster based on the heinous TRACIE's achievements in the The episode, entitled "Three 1965 murders of three young civil video, chart, and live perfor- Strangers on a Train," features rights workers by the Ku Klux mance areas in both the national Tony Award-winner Zakes and international music scene Mokae (Best Dramatic Actor for For all the phony elements reflect the building of a sucemployed for "dramatic" effect, cessful long-term career.

the film, overall, is a moving ex- The album has sold more than Gene Hackman and Willem Black Single in Billboard, a Top Chicago. Dafoe, evokes other emotions— 40 Pop hit in Billboard, and a Top 40 CHR hit Radio & Records. it is a bitter reminder of the many

men who, protected from justice success in the Black area before the sensitivities of impresby their insular communities, are crossing over to pop six months still roaming the country free as later. The company's commit- gan (series star Danny Ponce). ment to the single and to the ar-Of course, a number of the tist, plus a low burn-out factor killers of the Mickey Schwerner, and good phones at radio, allow-Andrew Goodman and James ed it to remain alive and become Chaney were rounded up and a hit. The following single, "Hide packed off to prison—these in- & Seek," released in July, was an cluded Deputy Sheriff Cecil R&B Top 40 hit at Billboard and Price—but they went to the Top 20 at Radio & Records.

Symptoms Of True Love" also They have long since been gave the 13-year-old the honor of back on the bricks, or in this in- being the youngest black female stance, on Mississippi mud ever to have a Billboard Top 40 and—if still living—enjoying the Pop hit.

terrible system of injustice in HOGAN FAMILY TACKLES APARTHEID

series "The Hogan Family," ac- Fifth Dimension, is exiting the claimed for its sensitive portrayal group to embark on a solo of such socially critical issues as career. teenage sexual responsibility. Luther King, Jr.'s birthday with an Fifth Dimension's most driving



Michael Procter

Monday, January 16 on the

his role in the 1982 production of "Master Harold . . . and the Boys") as Thomas Mambukwe, a perience conjuring up for those a quarter of a million copies in- former college professor of Sanof us who covered the real ternationally. The first single, dy Hogan's (series star Sandy thing(s) in those turbulent, "Symptoms Of True Love," which Duncan) who is in town to deliver bloody years in the 1960s, ex- was released in April, an anti-Apartheid speech during cruciatingly painful memories. culminated in an Urban Radio Top a candlelight vigil at the South The Alan Parker film, starring 10 in Radio & Records, a Top 10 African consulate in nearby

> While dining at the Hogan home, Mambukwe relates the The single first achieved chart tragedy of the injustice and stirs sionable, 16-year-old Willie Ho-

> > Searching for a way to act his father and sneaks out of the house with his brother Mark (series star Jeremy Licht) to risk the dangers of riding the El train into the city for the midnigh.

PROCTER AUNCHES SOLO CAREER

After eight years of personal premier concerts with the most Train," "Dancing On Air," the R&B material on the album. prestigious symphonies, and Awards, as well as their song The award-winning television ter, the male lead vocalist to the Eagle II" soundtrack, this group their mother and father.

> Procter was often heralded by music reviewers as one of the forces. With an incredible vocal range, his voice running the gamut of first tenor to baritone, Procter's performances literally electrified the stage.

"Touring as one of the Fifth Dimension has been quite an ex-

around the world, we were the first musical group to ever star in the national tour of "Ain't Misbehavin,'" a Broadway musical. We also performed at the White House for President Reagan on two separate occasions;" recalls Procter. "It's been a tremendous launching pad."



WILLEM DAFOE, center, stars as a young FBI agent investigating the murder of three civil rights workers in 1964 in Mississippi Burning. Gene Hackman co-stars.

SWEET Obsession LEADS TO SUCCESS

Sweet Obsession has come a has managed to keep their heads long way from competing in local firmly on the ground. talent shows in Detroit to become one of this year's hottest new We're just very grateful to Epic,

music groups. This sisterly trio's debut single Productions, our management "I'm Gonna Get Over You" for their support," said Klmmala became a top ten record on Green. "The biggest change is Billboard's Black singles chart that we're not at home as often and their self-titled album is still and we miss our family while rising up the album charts.

"We really haven't changed.

our record company and to Hush we're on the road."

The main reason for their level Although in just one year heads is because the success of they've appeared on national their debut album is a family aftelevision shows that included fair. Their parents as well as the "Showtime At The Apollo," Soul sisters wrote most of the

The second release, the emobookings on a wide variety of "Take These Changes" garnering tional heart wrenching "Being In television specials, Michael Proc- a spot in the Tri-Star movie "Iron Love Ain't Easy," was written by



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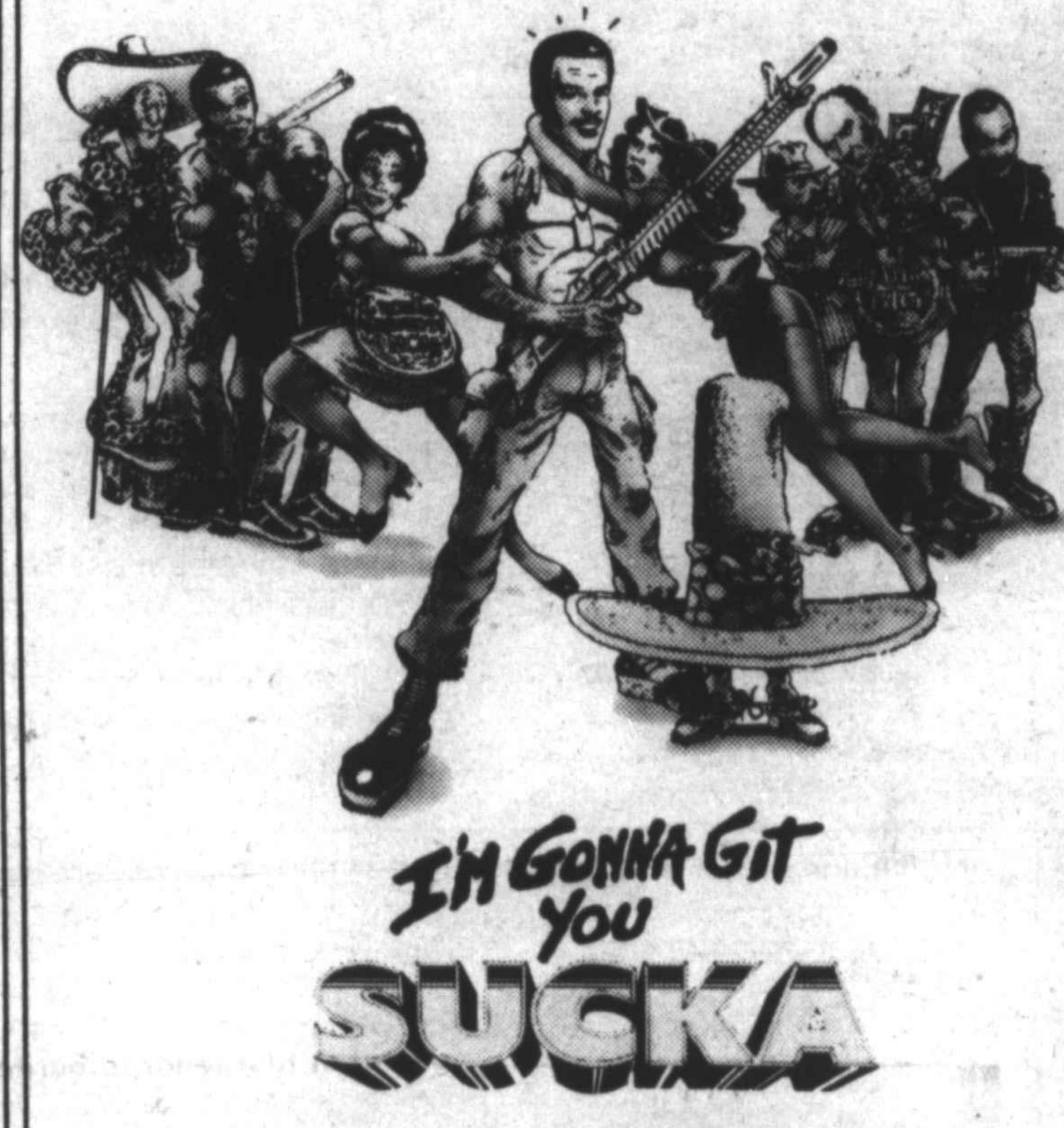
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