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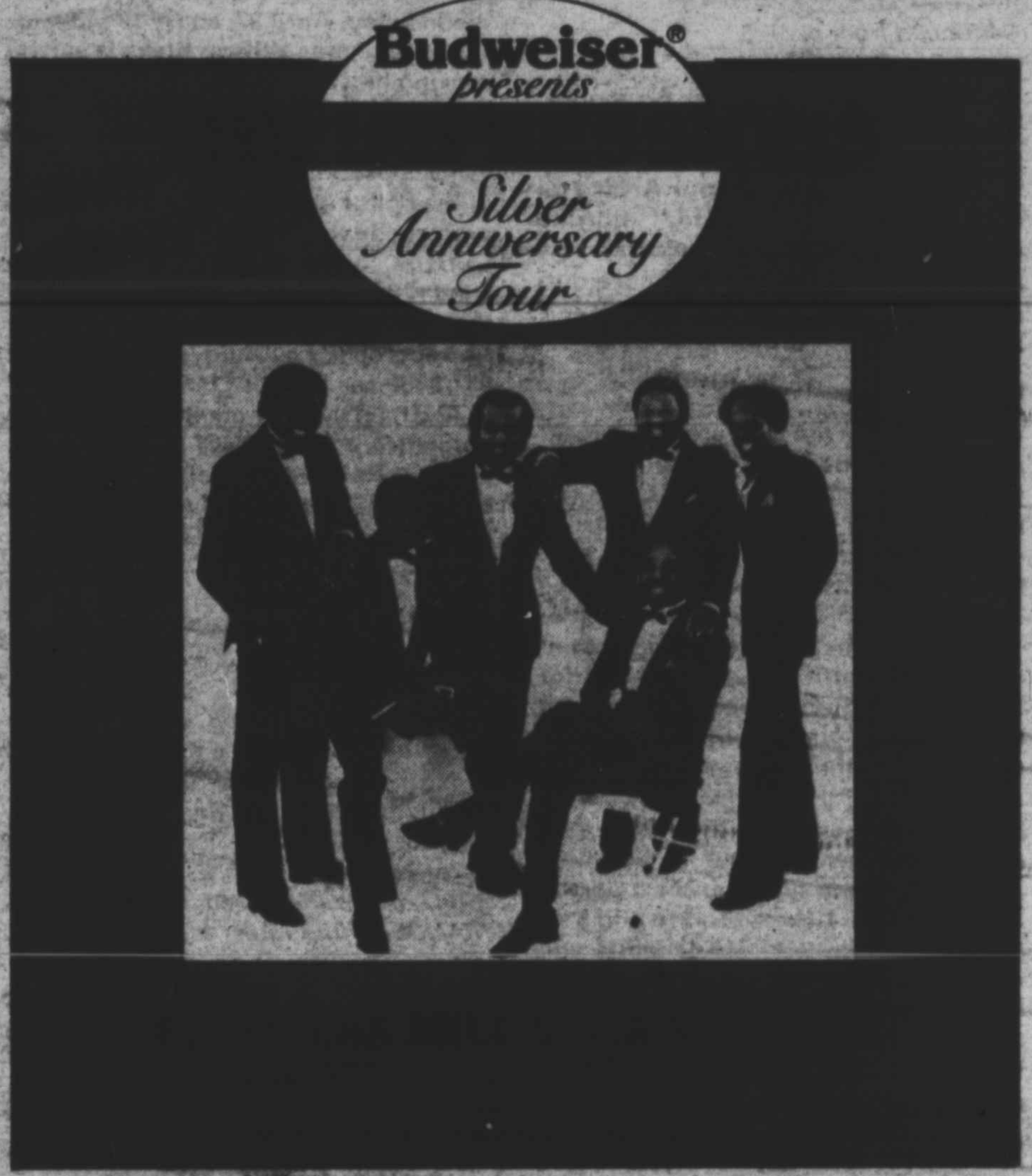

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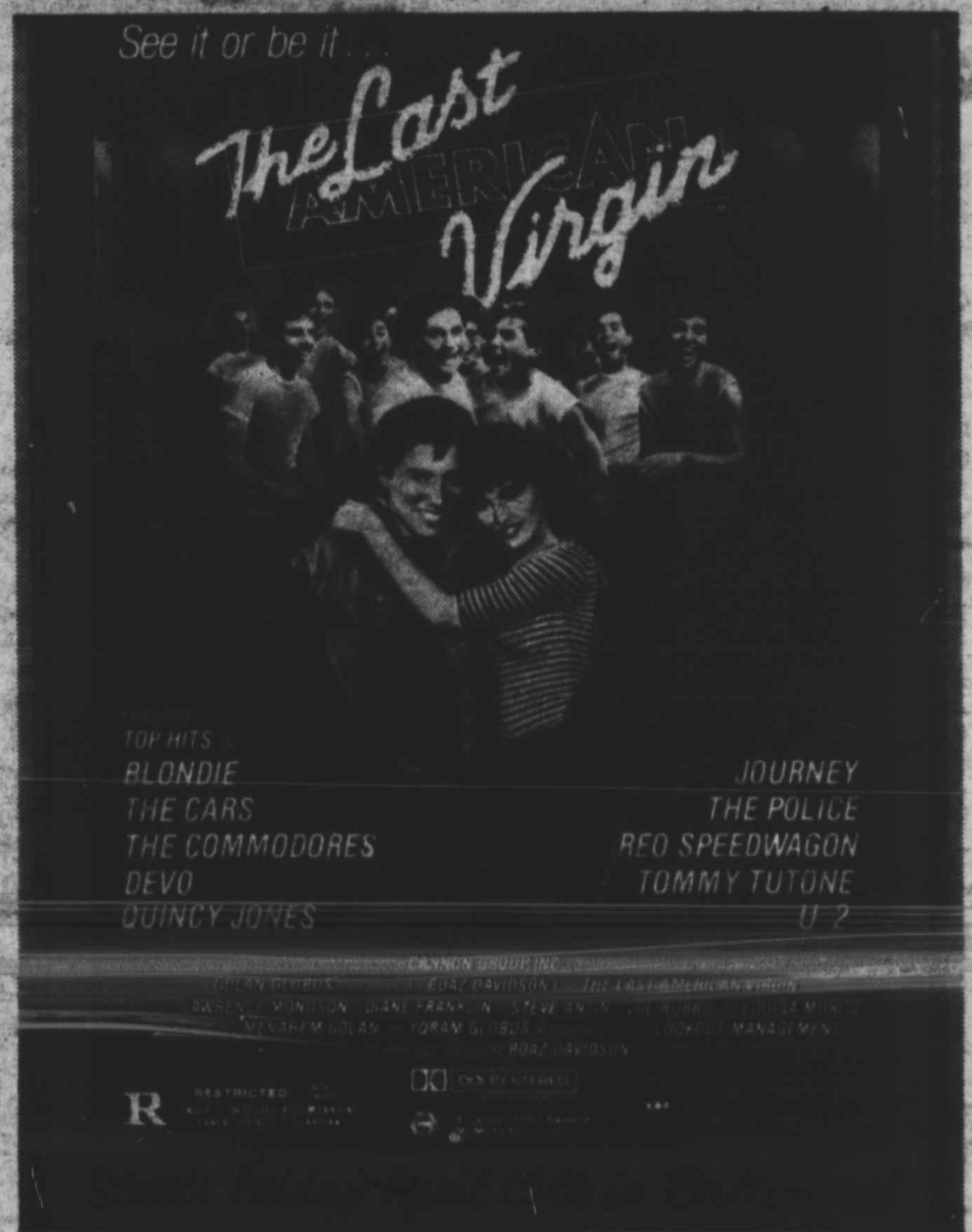

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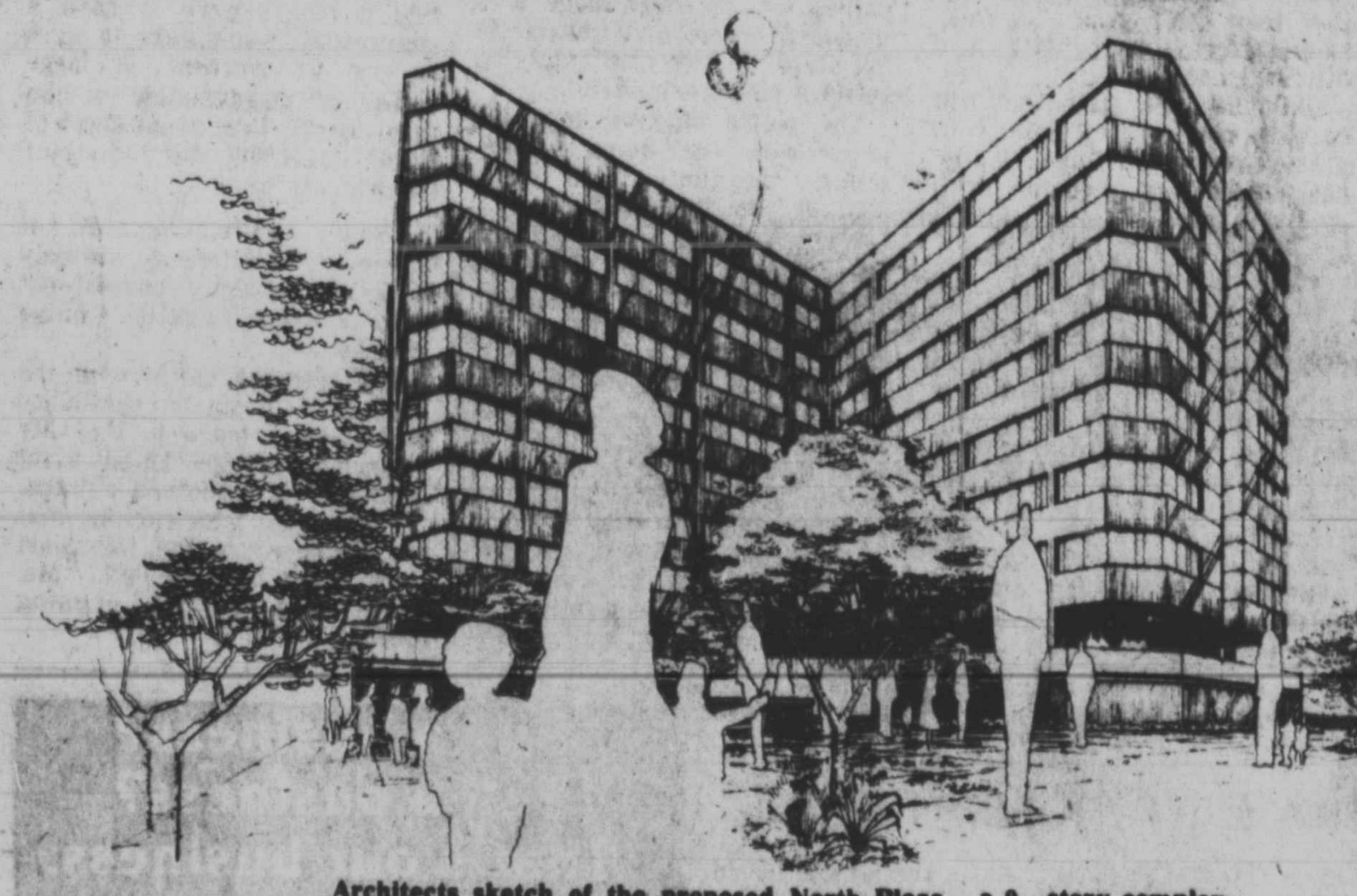

Architects sketch of the proposed North Plaza, a 9 - story complex.

Corner of Pennsylvania and North Aves. as it looks today.

Legislative Black Caucus looks at its accomplishments

This week the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus made public a report to constituents on its performance over the 1983 legislative session. "The Maryland Legislative Black Caucus' Report to Its Constituency" includes a long list of activities and accomplishments involving strengthening the caucus as an institution, legislative action and involvement in the budget process. The report also touched on areas where the caucus extended its influence beyond the legislative arena. It also outlines the organizations future plans.

The list of successes is long and impressive but the report contains more than the caucus patting itself on the back. There is a section of self criticism where the caucus recognizes that "We Didn't Do Everything Right."

One of the most important, accomplishments of the caucus had its beginnings in a caucus retreat last fall. During the retreat, the group assembled the essential elements of the "Maryland Legislative Black Caucus Blue Print -1983 and Beyond." The blue print' was released in February and lays out a legislative program and new operational and leadership structures.

In order to implement the Blue Print, the caucus sought and secured new leadership positions for its members within the structure of the General Assembly. These new positions include chairmanships of the House Committee on Enviromental Matters and Subcommittee on Health as well as the Senate Committee on Executive Nominations and

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Lottery officials and HRC disagree

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

The director of the Maryland State Lottery delayed signing an agreement with the Human Relations Comission last week. Speculation is the affirmative action agreement would force the agency to review all of its job qualifications and see if minorities baye been promoted consisteent with fairness.

Martin M. Puncke, lottery director, told tbe AFRO, "After reading the agreement, too many questions concerned me."

Puncke said he will be "getting back" with the Human Relations Commission within two weeks concerning the working document.

According to Puncke, the agreement stated he was supposed" to do certain things. "I can't make an agreement when I can't do certain things," said Puncke.

David L. Glenn, executive

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Tenants in paint case settle for $315,000

Two tenants have agreed to a $315,000 out-of-court settlement in their suit against a landlord when they claim was responsible for the lead paint poisoning of their daughters.

Lynn Nash and Madessa Tindull had filed suit in Baltimore Circuit Court against David O. Feldmann, owner of the Northwest Baltimore house that the two women rented. The trial had gone on for three days before the settlement was reached April 18.

Ms. Nash and Ms. Tindull claimed that their two young daughters required treatment for lead poisoning after eating flaking paint at tbe house. Doctors said the poisoning led one girl to become mildy mentally retarded.

Feldmann's attorneys claimed their client removed the old paint and replaced it in compliance with health department orders. But they said the lead paint apparently had seeped "down to the wood," resulting in continued positive lead readings by state inspectors.

3rd district group wants black to run

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

Rumblings are beginning to make themselves heard on the third councilmanic district's campaign trail. Although still quite faint, they are becoming increasingly audible.

Hoping to capitalize on political momentum, perceived redistricting gains, and increased voter concern, community leaders in Baltimore's Norhteast are trying to rally political support. Their goal: to bring black councilmanic representation to the third district for the first time in the city's history.

Among the efforts, one of the more promising is being staged by the 3rd District Councilmanic Coalition.

The group, made up of prominent third district civic activists, apparently favors a single-candidate strategy.

The Coalition has based its strategy on an examination of third district demographics.

With blacks making up slightly less than a third of the population in the city's Northwest, and with two white encumbents entrenched with extensive power bases, most Coalition members appear committed to selecting a single candidate capable of drawing widespread black support, plus

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Black developer gets the go sign

By the fall of 1984, you can expect to see a 9-story residential and commercial installation called North Plaza opened at the corner of W. North and Pennsylvania Aves.

The creation of North Plaza is a project of black developer James A. McDonald, who has been trying for over a year to get permission to develop the site for low and moderate income citizens, as well as providing an opportunity for small and minority-owned businesses to locate in a thriving area.

In making his proposal to the city, McDonald pointed out that the proposed plaza is a taxable real estate asset, which will generate revenues for the city. Besides increasing the tax base, food service and shopping facilities will provide added sales tax revenue to the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland.

This week, the proposal was accepted by the city fathers, and North Plaza is on its way to becoming a reality. The awarding of the contract for development was viewed by many as precipitated by pressure exerted by the potential candidacy of Judge William Murphy.

McDonald, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., now makes his home in Chevy Chase, Md., and since graduation from Arizona State, has created and managed the development process of over $100 million dollars of quality high-rise properties.

The residential tower of North Plaza will house 122 residential dwelling units one, two and three bedroom apartments. The units will be modern equipped with laundry facilities at every other floor.

According to McDonald, there will be approximately 260 construction jobs created, along with 11 opportunities for small and minority businesses.

There will be a slightly different approach to the acquisition of the rental apartments, in that the cooperative ownership approach will be adopted, rather than the more common approach of condominium sales.

Tenants in this complex will be cooperative owners of the entire residential area. This will be explained in detail as time approaches for sales and occupancy of the units.

Now that the first phase is completed, the next is the application for an Urban Development Action grant. Deadline for this is April 30. Once this is completed, formal and full negotiations will begin with the Community Development Administration of Maryland and investor partners arranged by the project's investment banker.

The developer was loud in his

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Three judgeships still not filled

Three judgeships that have strong, qualified black candidates available for appointment have yet to be filled.

Two vacancies on the city Circuit Court and a federal judgeship, made available by the resignation of former Judge Shirley Jones, comprise the latest judicial seats to which local black aspire.

Gov. Harry Hughes's office said this week that Judge Arrie W. Davis will be the final candidate interviewed for a city bench seat.

Along with Attorney Dwight Pettit, Judge Davis is one of four finalists being considered by Gov. Hughes.

The other finalists are District Court Judge Edward Angeletti and Charlotte Cooksie, master, Juvenile Cases for Circuit Court.

Regarding the federal judgeship, District Court Judge John Hargrove is the only black on a list of five. The final recommendation to President Reagan will come from a list sent to the Justice Department overseen by Maryland U. S. Senator Charles "Mac" Mathias.

John W. Eddinger, a press aide to the senator said Thursday, "The list for all nominees has been completed. This list has been sent to the Justice Department for clearance. Everyone is waiting as of now for the approval of the Justice Department. Once the list is approved, then the Senator will send the list to the President."

Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., who was a member of the Selection Committee screnning applicants for the judgeship, said, "Judge Hargrove definitely is a part of that list. We didn't look at him exactly as a black for the position, but more so as a highly qualified person equal to all of the other nominees who are themselves quite immpressive."

The AFRO has learned that about one month has passed since the list was submitted tp the Justice Department.

TV debate participants, Frank Rizzo (left) and W. Wilson Goode.

PHILADELPHIA MAYORAL ELECTION:

Goode and Rizzo hold TV debate

By Carmen Carter

"My record is one of ability, fairness and public trust . . . by contrast my opponent's is one of controversy, favoritism and power," said W. Wilson Goode, the black democratic mayoral candidate of Philadelphia in a televised debate, Tuesday, night April 19.

The hour long League of Women Voters sponsored debate for the two democratic primary candidates, Goode, and former mayor Frank Rizzo, was by all accounts a lackluster affair with both men hurling accusations of incompetence and arguing over which man has been worse for the city.

While the overall feeling is that the debate ended in a draw, clearly Goode was more controlled and has a better grasp of facts and figures than the visceral one-time police commissioner turned mayor, Frank Rizzo.

Goode, a Morgan State University graduate, became managing director under present Mayor William J. Green—in charge of 10 departments. The Green-Goode team is credited with improving Philadelphia's sinking bond ratings, smoothing out runaway deficits and mending rifts in America's fourth largest city's operation.

The politically colorful Rizzo was mayor for eight years when he was forced out of office by city law preventing any mayor from serving more than two consecutive terms. Rizzo who once declared he would clean up crime in Philadelphia to the point that he would "make Atilla the Hun look like a fag," is the acknowledged underdog in the democratic primary election set for May 17.

Despite the fact that the issues in this campaign are jobs, crime and the city deficit, the "real" issue is becoming the candidates themselves.

Indeed, when 15 minutes into the debate, a woman and then a man jumped before TV cameras calling the event a farce because minor democratic candidate Steven Douglas was not allowed to speak, Rizzo grabbed the man and pushed him out of the camera. Rizzo, a former police commissioner, known for his law-and-order stands as mayor, said, "I was gonna grab him by the neck and put him out, but I couldn't — I had the mike on." Rizzo supporters cheered, as Goode patiently waited out the disruption to continue the debate.

The black democratic front-runner insisted that Rizzo had "eight full years, 2,920 days" to earn the trust of the voters and cautioned voters to "separate the Rizzo record from the rhetoric."

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