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note of thanks during Thanksgiving dinner. Filmmaker William Graves, Dr. of Music Billy Taylor and author Toni Morrison are among the judged selected ... A trio of your once ear session buddies were in session about town while you we bedside spouse watching. Clayton, whose Buck talented lips you once wrote effected the perfect marriage between jazz and the trumpet, led an all star group at the Bk'lyn Museum. The sounds were of his early arrangements for the Count Basie Band. As you would say, "The Cats," Mel Lewis, Joe Wilder, Randy Sanke and Eddie Durham did Buck's stuff, from his earliest to his latest for the great Mr. B, ear proud...On Thursday another of your favorites, jazz singing legend Maxine Sullivan had them stomping and clappin' at Cafe 43's Jazz at Noon ... I hate to end this on a sour note, but one of your close buddies, Ruby Dallas Young was headed for the pill factory and a date with the surgeon. There is no press time info as to why the former Cotton Club lovely requires an operation...Carl Hofer, gen. Detroit's historic mar. Pontchartrain Hotel, dropped a few coins to say you missed it not being there when the Champ, Thomas 'Hit Man'' Hearns was at the Ponce. They both are in rapture about the refurbished hotel with as much history behind it as the Motor City itself. It's the place to bed down, dine and wine when you're in Coleman's town...It's been the Hite of Nancy to offer a write hand for Billy Rowe syndicated columnist.

Sizwe Bansi is Dead Presented By Unity Theater

Theater, Unity in conjunction with Nucleus Associates, L.D.C., is producing a play, Sizwe Bansi Is Dead, written by Athol Fugard.

It will be presented one night only, Sunday, November 23. The play starts at 8:00 p.m. and will be held inside Heritage Hall, located in the Nucleus Shopping Plaza, 950 W. Owens Avenue.

Admission is \$4.00 for everyone.

Unity Theater and Nucleus Associates, L.D.C. are both no-profit organizations. For more information please call 646-0220 or 646-1926.

Billy Preston Debuts At Four Queens French Quarter

debuting in the French Quarter at the fabulous Four Queens Hotel & Casino, Nov. 25-30. This enormous talent has been a familiar name in popular music for more than two decades. Little Richard, Ray Charles, The Rolling Stones and The Beatles are just a few of the musicians that Preston has collaborated with. Preston is currently providing a constant musical presence with his role as musical director on David

"Nightlife" Brenner's television show. Preston's #1 hits include

Billy Preston will be the 1972 Grammy winner, "Wull It Go "Outer Space," "Nothing From Nothing," all of which want Round in Circles'' of which went gold. Preston also wrote what become Joe Cocker's biggest solo hit, 'You Are So Beautiful,'' and recently joined forces with Little Richard to write "Great Gosh A-mightly," the hit song from the movie "Down and Out in Beverly Hills.'

> Performance times are 9 p.m. and 11 p.m., daily, with additional special show at 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday



in Folies Bergere at the Tropicana Resort and Casino, is featured in several exciting production numbers of this exciting revue. In this scene from "In The Mood," her props are seven oversized jukeboxes, '40s style, as she and the rest of the cast lovingly spoof that era of our musical past.

Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra & **Red Skelton Entertain At St. Jude's** "Nite Of Stars" Benefit At Caesars.

The annual "Nite of held at Caesars Palace on Stars'' benefit for St. Jude's Friday, November 21st. Ranch for Children will be Show business greats

Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra and Red Skelton, among other stars, will provide the evening's entertainment. The event begins with no-host cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. and the show at 9:30 p.m. in the Caesars Palace Colosseum convention complex. Caesars Palace Senior Vice President Murray Gennis will serve as the honorary chairman

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the St. Jude's Ranch and Caesars Palace. The ranch is a nonprofit, nonsectarian home for children in need. Over the years, many abused, neglected unwanted children and have found the loving care they desperately needed from the dedicated family at St. Jude's Ranch in Boulder City, Nevada. The "Nite of Stars' benefit provides funds to care for these children.

Ticket prices are \$125 for gold seats, and \$75 for silver seats. Bronze seats, which include the show and two drinks (no dinner) are \$40 each. Telephone (702) 367-3360 for information and tickets.

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