

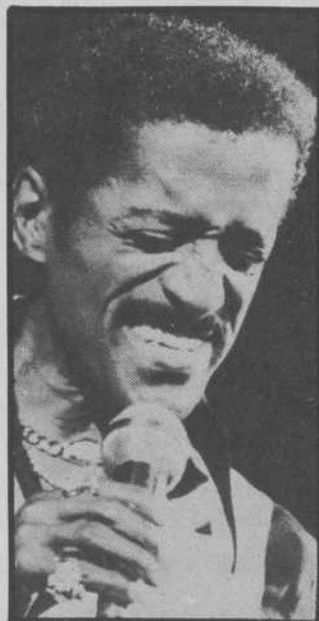
# Entertainment



## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

### SLEAZY TABLOID SMEARS SAMMY DAVIS' MOM

NY City: Elvera Sanchez Davis, mother of world class super star performer Sammy Davis, Jr. is thinking legal action against the super market distributed Star magazine/tabloid for false and misleading reporting. In its April 10th edition, under a banner headline, "Wife and mom in family feud over cancer-stricken Sammy Davis, Jr.," it printed allegations that were light miles from the truth. "Baby," as she is affectionately referred to by her cadre of friends and former vaudeville co-workers, vehemently refuted the story and all its allegations including the statement that a Star reporter interviewed her in her eastside Manhattan apartment. Or the fact that



Sammy Davis, Jr.

she acknowledged that her daughter-in-law, Altovise, made it clear that she wanted her, Mom-in-law, to stay in New York while Sammy Davis struggles against the deadly disease in California...This same sheet also took a swipe at TeeVee's series giant William "Bill" Cosby and it's nothing to laugh about unless one is enroute to the bank to deposit some major cash gathered as a result of a favorable verdict for the plaintiff. Cosby, who nationwide is TeeVee's most consistent eye magnet. He was the target of the front page of the same issue of this 'gabloid.' Its accompanying banner line screamed, "Cosby's mystery Vegas blond." They met when she was sweet sixteen. "We are just good friends, Cos insists of this blond blackjack dealer, whom the sleaze sheet identified as Karen Hoover. Before these 20/20, the story comes across as more fiction than facts. However, the "Great one" could not be rechecked for comment.

**FORE!** - Wondah what is the Professional Golfer's explanation for the dearth of ethnic professional golfers on the regular tour, the Seniors and the many satellite too to green parades, that's to say nothing about the LPGA, which is stone lily white. You had better watch out - the activists are casing the tee-off mounds and sponsors.

**ATTENTION** - A grand gesture of this new decade would be the coming together of the representatives of the major league baseball teams to aid 'Baseball's Hall of Fame

legend, James "Cool Papa" Bell,' who scored big with the defunct old Negro League. He was swindled out of his life savings of \$252,000 worth of baseball memorabilia. The Hall of Famer is almost blind and is reportedly being treated for a heart condition. What a tax deductible spot for some of those mega millions Dan Mattingly will receive from the Steinbrønner Yankees. The once switch hitting center fielder is 86 and could well use a monied hand...Cab Calloway, the ageless "King of Hi-De-Hi-De-Ho" made the evening for the Flyers' track team during its send-off pasta party at the posh Palace entertainment complex. Napoleon Holmes supplied the carbohydrates for the 400-plus miles run to DeeCee to hi'lite the terrible effects of drugs on mind and body. Fresh from the premiere of Janet Jackson's "All Right" video, the golden legend was mobbed by the youngsters. He eared this scribe the info that being on the set with youthful and exuberant Janet was like being in a similar spotlight with Lena Horne. He also denied that he, Cab, has voiced any objections having Gregory Hines portraying him in a film version of "Minnie the Moocher and Me." However, he has not been contacted about same. Working almost as much now as he did before advanced age added the golden tinge, the monarch of his trade is preparing for 4-concert dates with the London Philharmonic as part of his annual European tour...Evelyn Harding Holt, Dana and Dorothy Divins and Marie Godsey

used the excuse of Sonny and Miriam Holder's eldest son's wedding to jet to Atlanta...The "Black American Male" current edition is worth your eye time. This issue contains 3-pages of historic male African inventors of major world class importance and universal use.

Inventors of things like bottle caps to the design for the air conditioning unit-to golf tees and the railway switch. It's published by William Pruitt Enterprises...The deal is cut and dried. Dr. Huxtable, comic master, philanthropist William "Bill" Cosby has retained his lease to maintain his family quarters on the



NBC turf. His deal is the biggest ever made by the network. The doctor's house call fee will be \$500-600,000 per week. The estimated cost per show is \$1.5 million per episode...STAY LOOSE. Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

## "In Living Color" Debuts

"In Living Color," a hip, irreverent half hour sketch comedy series starring the multi-talented Keenan Ivory Wayans, who also serves as the show's executive producer and writer, premiered on the Fox Broadcasting Company network Sunday, April 15, and will begin airing in its regular Saturday, 9:00 p.m. (ET) time period on April 21.

Wayans, who broke new ground in feature films as writer, director and star of the acclaimed "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka" and co-writer and star of "Hollywood Shuffle," brings that same high energy comedic and satiric sensibility to the small screen with "In Living Color."

Featuring a multi-ethnic ensemble cast of talented actors and comedians, including James Carrey, Kelly

Coffield, Kim Coles, Tommy Davidson, David Alan Grier, T'Keyah "Crystal" Keymah, Damon Wayans and Kim Wayans, "In Living Color" takes a fresh, progressive, street smart approach to the sketch comedy genre, bringing it firmly into the 90s. Fred Asparagus and Phil Nee will be featured as recurring guest stars. Live dance segments set to the latest house-mixed dance music will also be a regular feature in the series.

The highly experienced production team includes Producer Tamara Rawitt, who co-produced "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka," Co-Producer Michael Petok, who was supervising producer for the Emmys for the past three years, Executive in Charge of Production Eric Gold, who served as executive producer on "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka," and Director Paul Miller, who directed "Saturday Night Live" for three years and the recent "Dave Thomas Comedy Show." Writing staff includes ex-"Late Night With David Letterman"/"Saturday Night Live" writers Sandy Frank, Joe Toplyn and Matt Wickline; stand-up comedians Damon Wayans, Franklyn Ajaye, and Barry "Berry" Douglas; plus performer/writers Jeanette Collins and Sandy Frank, and Mimi Friedman.

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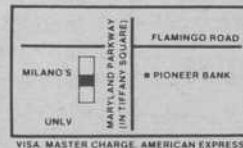
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