

ENTERTAINMENT

Ebony Etchings, etc.

"JIM BEE, GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN..."

It was just a couple of weeks ago that we informed readers of our syndicated weekly column that record executive Jimmy Bee was to be honored as a industry living legend at The Living Legends Foundation Tribute and Dinner that took place at Bally's Park Place Casino Hotel and Tower in Atlantic City, New Jersey on Thursday April 22nd. He was to have received this prestigious honor in the company of their industry living legends like Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, Doug "Jocko" Henderson, King James, Al Jefferson, Nernadine C. Washington, Bruce Webb, Louise Williams-Bishop and Georgie Woods.

The idea of being selected to receive this award which was also the very first industry award he had ever received over his more than twenty years in the business, helping and making things happen for various artists, acts, industry executives, producers, song writers and the likes. This coveted prestigious honor being awarded to him had put him on a high that was reflective to all who knew him. He had touched the lives of so many in many ways. Now, he was finally being recognized and honored. He had also paid plenty of dues to arrive at the successful plateau he occupied in the industry. The good times, the bad times, the trying times, the turmoils, the misunderstandings, the strain and the pressures of constantly giving and helping others had also taken a toll on his health over the years.

In spite of it all he made his mark, and was to finally receive recognition from his fellow in-

dustry members. However, God in his infinite wisdom decided a heavenly reward was better than any earthly award he could never receive, and called him home on the morning he was to leave and fly to Atlantic City, New Jersey and be honored that evening. Jimmy Bee died of a heart attack Thursday morning April 22nd, behind the wheel of his automobile in his garage waiting for his wife Betty to join him for the trip to the airport and on to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to be honored by his industry peers.

Writing these final remarks about Jimmy Bee brings back loads of memories from a friendship that covered close to thirty years. We didn't always agree on everything, and we had our ins and outs over the years. I especially take pride in knowing that I was the one who introduced him to the record industry and taught him the ropes.

His growth and development was phenomenal, and although he was only five feet eight inches tall, he stood like a giant. Throughout his career he certainly gave more than he received, but that was his trademark.

Even though I was on the sidelines most of the time watching him grow in the business, I felt good knowing that he had taken all I had to give from my book of record industry experiences, improved on it, and emerged as a leading industry mover n' shaker. Jimmy Bee, like the late Hosea Wilson, was a protege of mine who became a monster in the industry. I'll miss him now that he's no longer with us, just like I've missed having

'the Zay' around. However there is joy in knowing that during his lifetime I was helpful in launching his exhilarating industry career that lead to him becoming the industry legend that he was.

We fully realize that Jimmy Bee is no longer with us saying things like, "I'm watching you," "it bee's like that," and various other catch phrases one could readily identify as a Jimmy Bee coined statement.

In closing, I know that I speak for a lot of people in the industry when I say, "Jimmy Bee is gone, but he'll never be forgotten."

Tinseltown Topics...

Nancy Wilson, Danny Glover, Bill Duke, Dionne Warwick, Glynn Turman, Joseph Marcell, Jackee, Issac Hayes, Bill Cobbs, Marsha Warfield, Linda Hopkins and Miki Howard in association with MTB Entertainment have invited Tinseltown residents to join them Friday evening, May 7th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Century Plaza Hotel for a formal evening of Elegance, Excitement, Entertainment and Goodwill to benefit the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. The event will feature High Rollers Reception and VIP Celebrity Dinner and Concert plus a Silent Auction.

Looks like Valerie Shaw's book "Himpressions: The Blackwoman's Guide to Pampering The Blackman" has struck a nerve in the literacy world, and a super big news story is about to break.

Former Chicago Bears record holding running back Walter Payton who'll be inducted into the Football Hall of Fame, in July, is flying actors Roger E. Mosely and Art Evans to the beautiful Nordic Hills Resort in Itasca, Illinois to play in his annual Golf Classic benefiting the Halas/Payton Foundation for inner-city youth, June 4th - 6th. Roger and Art will also participate in the events Celebrity Roast taking place in the Wyndham Hamilton Hotel that Saturday evening..... and that's Hollywood this time!! Until next time, Lanier.

DAVID ALAN GRIER & JAMIE FOXX PERFORMING TOGETHER AT ALADDIN'S THEATER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



DAVID ALAN GRIER

It will be an evening of "In Living Comedy" as David Alan Grier and Jamie Foxx from the hit series "IN LIVING COLOR" perform for one evening only at the Aladdin's Theater For The Performing Arts Saturday, May 8, 1993 at 10:00 p.m.. Doors open at 9:00 p.m.

Don't miss this spectacular show as two of television's favorites hit the Aladdin's stage for a night of the hottest comedy entertainment ever!

David Alan Grier, who is best known for his work on the acclaimed Fox TV series "IN LIVING COLOR", has recently appeared starring opposite Eddie Murphy in Paramount Pictures' comedy "Boomerang".

Grier has also gained recognition for his numerous roles in such films as "A Soldier's Story", "Off Limits", "From The Hip", "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka", and "Streamers" for which he won a Golden Lion Award for Best Actor at the Venice Film Festival.

David Alan Grier's television credits include regular roles on "All My Children", "Baby Boom", "All is Forgiven", "The Dictator", as well as guest spots on "A Different World" and "Duet".

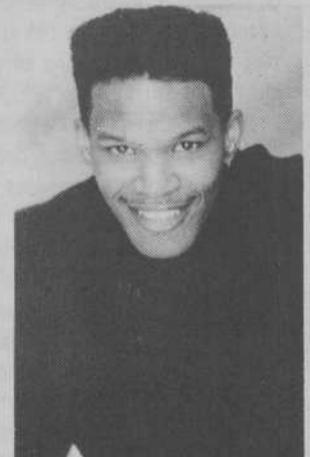
Grier's talents have involved creating some of "In Living

Color's" most memorable characters, Antoine Merriwether of "Men on...", the blues singer, Old Calhoun Tubbs, boxing great Muhammed Ali and fast talking Clavell of "Funky Finger Productions".

Jamie Foxx, the handsome 24 year old male whose characters on the show include "Wanda Wayne" with her favorite saying "I'll rock your world", and the hilarious imitations of Prince and Bill Cosby, will have audiences in hysterics with his unforgettable humor.

Foxx is currently working on a record project as well as developing a movie based on "Wanda" called "Hey, Word Up". He recently completed a 15 city comedy tour with Yvette Wilson, Chris Thomas and Mark Curry, performing to sell-out crowds in New York, Chicago, Ohio, Florida, Texas, Philadelphia and Maryland.

You soon will be seeing Jaime Foxx as his upcoming characters Franklin Football, in which he dresses as a football, and an elderly man patterned after an old man from his hometown. Jamie hopes the new characters will become as successful as his



JAMIE FOXX

previous characters.

Don't miss this comic event of the season as David Alan Grier and Jamie Foxx take the Aladdin's stage. Tickets for the show are on sale at the Aladdin Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations.

Ticket prices are as follows: \$20.00 for balcony, \$22.00 for Main Floor, \$25.00 for Orchestra and \$50.00 for pit seats.

For more information on David Alan Grier and Jamie Foxx, or questions concerning tickets, call the Aladdin at (702) 736-0111.

SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) IT WAS A GOOD DAY - Ice Cube
- 2.) FREAK ME - Silk
- 3.) I'M SO INTO YOU - SWV
- 4.) COMFORTER - Shai
- 5.) DEDICATED - R. Kelly
- 6.) THAT'S THE WAY LOVE GOES - Janet Jackson
- 7.) DON'T WALK AWAY - Jade
- 8.) I HAVE NOTHING - Whitney Houston
- 9.) LOVE IS - Vanessa Williams and Brian McKnight
- 10.) SO ALONE - Men At Large



ICE CUBE

2ND WEEK AT #1: It Was A Good Day

PICK HIT OF THE WEEK: That's The Way Love Goes

FURTHERMORE: It Was A Good Day remains on top of the charts, with Silk and SWV on Ice Cube's heels; Janet moves up to #6 and remains the Pick Hit of the Week with her new jam Thats The Way Love Goes;

TOP JAZZ CATS FROM THE CAT HIMSELF: 1. Walter Beasley - Intimacy 2. Fattburger - On A Roll 3. Kenny G. - Breathless 4. Richard Elliot - Soul Embrace 5. Norman Brown - Just Between Us 6. Mr. Fingers - Introduction 7. Incognito - Tribes, Vibes & Scribes 8. Everette Harp - Everette Harp 9. Ramsey Lewis - Ivory Pyramid 10. Marilyn Scott - Smile

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