

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Ebony Etchings, etc.

### "TOP OF THE ETCHINGS ..."

Our street reporters have informed us that Tinseltowners are busy counting the days before Christmas, behind the invitations being circulated around town inviting them to attend a "Nostalgic Christmas Party" featuring the performances and music of Bobby Bland, Hank Crawford and Bro. Jack McDuff in the Grand Ballroom of the International Airport Hyatt Hotel.

This spectacular affair that gets underway Christmas afternoon at 5:30 p.m. and runs until 12:00 midnight, brings the creme de la creme of blues and jazz together for a jamin' party that could be considered "A Blues and Jazz Party with Elegance" in that the dress code calls for

black tie optional, or dressy after five evening wear.

Aside from the uniqueness of the event, the pairing of Bobby Bland, Hank Crawford and Bro. Jack McDuff, will mark the first time ever that these world renowned stalwarts of blues and jazz have been teamed to play together anywhere in the world!

It has also been suggested that those planning on attending this Nostalgic Christmas Party featuring Bobby Bland, Hank Crawford and Bro. Jack McDuff, purchase their tickets early. Even though there will be two shows, according to the promoters, early indications indicate that both shows will be sold out prior to Christmas Day.

Back in Chicago, Millie Jackson's hilarious stage play "Young Man, Older Woman" brought Chi-towners out in droves to the Regal Theater, making it necessary for the promoters to add additional shows to her weekend schedule.

Not only was the play considered one of the hottest plays to ever hit in Chi-town. It's now got several of the leading promoter romancing Millie "J" to see if they can get exclusive rights to handle a world tour of "Young Man, Older Woman."

Speaking of Chicago, legendary vocalist and recording artist Jerry "Ice-man" Butler is busy campaigning for a third term as a Cook County Commissioner, and would appreciate financial support from his friends. For more information or to mail a donation, it's c/o Warren Gipson & Associates, 9406 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60620.

#### "TINSELTOWN TOPICS..."

The 12th Annual CAL-PAC South, Scholarship Celebrity Golf Classic is the next biggie on the calendar for Tinseltown golfers. This resource development gold classic takes place on Monday November 8th, at Braemar Country Club, and it's being hosted this year by Clem Daniels, a former Oakland Raider and current State President of CAL-PAC. The organi-

zation with southern and northern branches, is comprised of African-American owners of restaurants, nite clubs, grocery stores, liquor stores, also community leaders throughout the state of California, and this annual CAL-PAC South Scholarship fund raising golf classic is dedicated to assisting inner-city minority students of average academic ability who wish to attain a higher education. For additional information and/or registration contact CAL-PAC South office at (310) 671-1081.

Based on the latest news coming from good ole' Nu Yawk, it appears Tinseltown author Valerie Shaw is about to hit big times with her 'hot' self published book "Himpressions: The Blackwoman's Guide To Pampering The Blackman." One of the leading publishing distribution houses in the 'Big Apple' has made her a very attractive offer to get her to sign with them as a co-publisher, and Walden Book Stores is on the verge of placing their initial order to stock their chain of stores with her book.

Michael Jackson and sister Janet, will take time out from their current tours and join other members of the Jackson clan to take part in an NBC-Television two hour "Family Special," that'll



EAZY-E

shoot December 11th in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This family project will also include fifteen of the Jackson grandchildren; and there's no word on whether or not LaToya Jackson is to be included in this family project!!

Instead of rapper Eazy-E getting permission from the Mayor and the Council members of the City of Compton, to overturn the Chief of Police's refusal to issue a permit that would allow him to shoot his new video in Compton, he got a 90-minute dressing down from the Mayor and Council members,

who said he has spread negative images of the city. Eazy-E who was raised in Compton, and whose real name is Eric Wright, was one of the original members of N.W.A. the rap group whose 1988 album release "Straight Outta' Compton" popularized the term 'gangsta rap.' In the course of dressing down the rapper, the Mayor angrily addressed the issue of the rapper not having the courtesy to hire any black people to direct or orchestrate his videos...and that's Hollywood this time!!

Until the next time, Lanier.

## "IN LIVING COLOR'S" JAMIE FOXX TO RECORD MUSIC ALBUM

JAMIE FOXX, the star of Fox-TV's popular series "In Living Color," has recently signed a



JAMIE FOXX

record deal with Fox Records and is slated to release a music album project in 1994. An incredible vocalist and talented musician, the young comedic talent already has the entertainment community buzzing in anticipation of the album's release.

Foxx, who begins his third season on "In Living Color" this fall, has emerged as one of the show's most popular cast members. He is most widely recognized for his interpretation of "Wanda, The Ugly Girl," a character he has cultivated to cult status. The busy young comic is also enjoying a recurring role as Crazy George on Fox-TV's "Roc," and has completed taping his own HBO comedy special slated to air Saturday, November 6.

Audiences are steadily recognizing Foxx for his inexhaust-

ible talents. On a recent national comedy tour, the comedian incorporated a singing performance in his routines, and performed a brief vocal teaser on "The Arsenio Hall Show." Master crooner Luther Vandross raved about Foxx's vocal ability on a later episode of the show.

Foxx, who originally migrated west from Texas to study music, will write, perform, and produce the entire album. Foxx has been singing and playing the piano since the age of six and holds music as his first love. Cites Fox Records' Joan Rim, who brought the artist to the Director of A&R Wendell Greene's attention, "Jamie is incredibly talented - not only as a comedian/actor, but also as a musician/vocalist. People are in for a personal surprise! Greene adds, "Jamie Foxx is going to blow people away. This is an exciting project for Fox Records, a new label, and it will definitely position us as a label to be contended with."

Comedian, actor, songwriter, musician, vocalist and producer, Foxx sums it up best when he says, "Comedy was the key to the door. But now the door is open wide and I'm letting everybody know that Jamie Foxx in tha' house!"

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