

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

N'ROCHELLE, N.Y. — The new fall (Sept. 26th) series of ABC-TV network's "Dynasty," could very well change the complexion of the major roles of prime and day time soaps in the television neighborhoods. With lovely and talented Diahann Carroll having



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already made her impact and an eye-world earily awaiting the debut of handsome actor Billy Dee Williams to join



Billy Dee Williams

her, the teevision soap whirl is expecting a clean Nielson sweep.

Thanks to Joseph E.

Seagrams & Sons' transatlantic telephone hookup, this scribe eared up with ageless superstar, his Lordship of TV "Dynasty," John Forsythe, in Monaco and got his opinion about the new cast members of ABC's hit sudser. In the small and beautiful Principality as host and defending champion of the annual Princess Grace Tennis Tournament to benefit the foundation in her name, he welcomed the opportunity to voice his personal opinion about the new cast members. In a voice which moved my number one girl's heart into her ears, he said, "Diahann Carroll is a most beautiful, talented and vibrant actress. She cannot help but add to the lure of "Dynasty." Billy Dee Williams is an outstanding actor; I welcome the addition, as does everybody connected with the show. Most of them are highly sensitive to the problems of Blacks and women, and like me, are firm believers in equal

opportunity." By now we were on a first-name basis, and John talked on to say he was proud of his association with Black actors. One which goes back to the late great Canada Lee whom he said, "was a magnificent actor."

NEWS BEAT: Kids on my block are now thinking that Vanessa Williams' theme, before her selection as "Miss America," was success at any cost. However, in failing to cover her flanks, or whatever, she got caught with her credibility down... The word is about that Sigmund Jackson, Michael's oldest bro., will counter sue his spouse for a divorce and also ask custody of the kids. So don't you start believing that mind boggling scuttlebutt making certain rounds about her reasons for leaving his bed-and-board... After all those divorced yrs., lovely grandma, Barbara Jacquet, and super sax tooting Illinois Jacquet rekindled their friendship in the South of France this summer.

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BENSON PERFORMS UNDER THE STARS AT CAESARS PALACE OCT. 6

LAS VEGAS, NV. — Multi-million selling recording artist, George Benson, will headline an Oct. 6 Concert Under the Stars at Caesars Palace.

Benson, who performed for a sellout crowd at Caesars last year, is basking in the success of his seventh album for Warner Bros., *In Your Eyes*. Showcasing his distinct combination of voice and guitar, *In Your Eyes* is a recent example of his singular musical ability and the consistent popular appeal he has enjoyed since 1976.

Breezin', Benson's first Warner Bros. album, proved an auspicious debut. "This Masquerade," the only vocal cut on an other-



George Benson

wise instrumental album, became the first song in music history to hold the number one spots on jazz, pop and soul charts. *Breezin'* went on to win three Grammy's, and it remains the best selling jazz album of all time.

Recording blockbusters followed. Platinum *Weekend in L.A.* with its hit single "On Broadway" and *Give Me the Night* with its two top ten hits, the title cut and "Love X Love" are just a few examples.

Benson will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. Fans are encouraged to come early and enjoy a poolside party before the concert. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with music, special prizes and plenty of beverages on sale throughout the beautiful gardens and pools near the stadium; admission is free. Concert tickets are on sale in the Caesars Palace Special Events Ticket Office at \$15 and \$17.50. Phone (702) 731-7865

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