CELEBRITY LOOKOUT

Jason

All letters should be adaressed to Jason, DAWN Magazine, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. All questions are welcome, but while Jason cannot provide individual answers, questions of general interest will be used in this column.

Q. We have a bet going that Billy Dee Williams' first national TV exposure was in "Brian's Song", Can you tell me who starred and if it will be shown again?

SALLY PATTERSON
Richmond, Va.

A. Yes, "Brian's Song" was Billy Dee Williams first big hit on national TV. James Caan played Brian Piccolo and Billy played Gale Sayers in the ABC-TV film first aired Nov. 11, 1971. Film has been aired in syndication most years since then.

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Q. Singer-composer Stevie Wonder performed a deeply moving tribute at Marvin Gaye's funeral. Has it been published in an album yet?

ADA SMITH
Baltimore, Md.

A. We understand that Stevie's tribute to Marvin Gaye was performed at a concert in Detroit and will be shown this month on Cable TV. You'll also find the tribute on Stevie's new album coming up.

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Q. I just adore Janet and LaToya Jackson but who is Rebbie, the other Jackson sister? I read somewhere Janet was going into the clothes designing business. Is she?

CRYSTAL GARRETT
Memphis, Tenn.

A. Rebbie Jackson (pronounced Reebee) is the third Jackson sister formerly known as Maureen, the oldest of all the Jacksons. She has a new single, "Centipede" written and produced by her brother, Michael. Other tunes for her album have been written by Randy and Tito.

It's LaToya not Janet into fashion design. LaToya and her mother, Katherine were in Baltimore to promote her new record "Heart Don't Lie" and then flew to New York to appear on "Good Morning, America." While there she signed a contract with David Laurenz to produce her own line of leather and suede fashions to be marketed thru Merry Go Round Stores.

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Q. Why is the national press making such a great fuss over the Rev. Jesse Jackson's wife? In trying to discredit him they seem to be shocked that he has such a beautiful black family. How did they meet?

MARTIN KENNY
Washington, D.C.

A. Jacqueline Lavinia Jackson met the activist-minister when they were students at North Carolina A & T College in Greensboro. They have five children ranging in age from 8 to 20 years. The white press has ignored black people for so long that the Rev. Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign has really shook them up. They have been shocked to find that his wife is an eloquent speaker on women's issues and has been at his side for 21 years in Operation Push traveling widely in Central America and in the Middle East. Rarely did the press cover her activities.

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Q. I recently attended a concert of B.B. King and Bobby Blue Bland. Z.Z. Hill who usually appears with him was not there. Somebody told me he died. Is this true?

A.B. GLASS
Baltimore, Md.

A. Z.Z. Hill, 44, who toured with B.B. King most of the 1983-84 season died suddenly in Dallas, Texas on April 27, 1984. He was scheduled to open the next day for Millie Jackson. He was found passed out in his driveway. He had been in an auto accident and his leg was in a cast. It was speculate that a blood clot stemming from his accident was the cause of death. Burial was in Naples, Texas.

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Q. I thought that Debbie Allen just got married. Did she and her new hubby have their baby yet?

C. SULLIVAN
Durham, N.C.

A. "Fame" star Debbie Allen married Norm Nixon the San Diego Clippers guard a couple months ago with little Hollywood fanfare. By the time we heard she was married our Hollywood columnist informed us the happy couple had welcomed a new heiress, Vivian Nicole. At the same time we heard that Janet Jackson is into the "Fame" show and Debbie is now partner-producer of the show.

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Q. What happened to the combo of Richard Otto, violinist and Sarah McLawler, organist?

DR. E. JULIAN INGRAM
Chicago, Ill.

A. We don't know but if any of you readers know, please write.

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Q. What is O'Bryan's first name and where is he from? How old are Stacy Lattisaw and Patrice Rushen? Where may I write to them?

HELEN CATES
Lorton, Va.

A. O'Bryan Burnette II is his real name

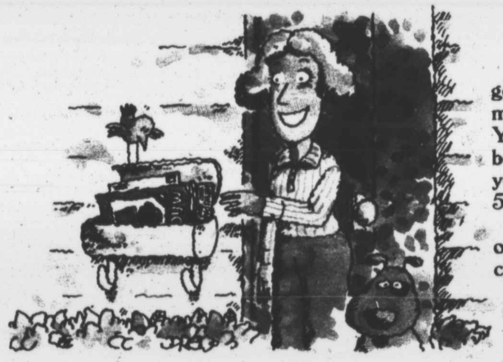
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