Q. - Ben Vereen entered a court fight for joint custody of his 15year-old son. He is accused of deserting him as a baby. Is it true?

A .- Mrs. Vereen and Ben Jr. have lived for two years at a posh Connecticut school at the star's expense, but she doesn't feel that Ben Jr. deserves equal custody as he deserted them to pursue his career. Divorced since 1974 she was 13 when she met Ben, who was 17, but after the birth he left. her to support herself and the baby on welfare for more than four years, so she says.

Q.—Are films the No. 1 attraction for pay television

A.—Yes, and the number of paid subscribers is increasing but the movie companies have not been happy with the money they have been receiving. Routinely movies reach the pay television market after they have been marketed on video cassettes and disks, but before they are marketed to cable television or commercial television networks. Movies are usually licensed for less than a year at a fee plus a few cents per household. The market is vast because only 30 million of the nation's 80 million households have access to cable television and less than 16 million now have pay cable programming. Look out for

Jeanne Parnell's:

sports and the news as another big attraction.

Q. - What has Diana Ross been doing lately?

Mike Wayne Brooklyn, N.Y.

A.-Peter Tufo, the lawyer about town and former escort to Lee Radziwell has been taking Ms. Ross out to dinner for some serious reason. Maybe she's a

Q. - Who is the black male idoi

Zane Shorter

Washington A .- Both Faye Dunaway and Natalie Wood are clamoring for Billy Dee Williams to star in their next films. He is really hot again after the release of "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Hawks" but of course there are those who call Billy the black Clark Gable ever since, "Lady Sings The Blues."

Q. - What do you know about Sha Cross the 12-year-old gospel singing sensation?

Candi Blyle

A.—She's from Russellville Ky. and will be featured this fall on "Big Blue Marble" when the Emmy and Peabody awardwinning children television series begins its seventh season. She has grown up singing with her Baptist church choir and now sings in a non-commercial group with her parents and her sisters, the Crosses are concerned with Living the Life we sing about," andthe segments will focus on two church services where they

Q.—There should be an agency for all the scattered smaller jazz organizations in and around the

Terrence Toole South Carlina A.—The consortium of jazz organizations and artists has sprung up in New York under the direction of Mari Johnson to try to bring the nation's myriad nonprofit jazz promoting groups together. The consortium is designed not to compete with existing organizations but to help

them in their efforts and to unify them as a national force. The consortiums first action was to compile a list of non-profit jazz organizations. It found 30 in the New York area and 80 in other states that have applied to their state area council for grants.

Q. - Why is the Broadway show, "My Arms Are Too Short to Box With God," returning?

> Edna Beech South Carolina

A .- The answer has to do with the show's impressive track record on the road, plus the producer's faith that they can do a better job of selling it the second time around. Much of the advertising will be directed toward the black community. "We intend to lean heavily on group sales through churches in black com-

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By AMALI: DAWN astrologer is one of the top -ranked in the country. Besides a regular radio series, she is currently astrologer for such entertainers as Stevie Wonder, Gil Scott -Heron and Brenda Sykes.

It's In The Stars

CANCER June 22-July 23

The happiest of birthday greetings go out to Cancerians born 7-12-7-23. Your year ahead will highlight home, your relationship with parents and property holdings. Moral weakness in secret affairs could cause public embarrassment.

For all Cancerians, the next four weeks could bring unexpected romantic encounters through social events. You may find need to re-establish your rights in your home. Old business may suddenly -command attention and conclusion now.

July 24-Aug. 23

Warm birthday wishes are in store for those born under the sign of royalty between 7-24-8-3. The next 12 months will mark money as your major focus.

You will acquire it and you (out of necessity) will be required to pay off old debts, to save, and to invest. A trusted friend-lover will

bust your bank account-trust no one with your money this year! For the rest of you of royal

provide opportunities for added income through new employment. Romantic interludes with a friend could prove misleading now. Communicating with old friends will be very beneficial.

Aug. 24-Sept. 23

During the next 4 weeks many Virgoans will, through the job, increase your resources—possibly additional insurance benefits or more shares of stock will be yours. Curb the desire to spend needlessly while travelling or for unworthy causes. Confusion and disappointment in love matters are indicated this month.

Sept. 24-Oct. 23

Romance is in the air and everywhere for you lucky Librans. New encounters, and-or a substantial improvement in an old one are almost certain. This could be a strong career and financial period for you, particularly after the

Good news from a distant relative may also add to your holdings. Nervous tension is the only health problem in the stars

VIRGO

Challenges are in store for Scorpions this month, particularly where romantic and legal matters are involved. Patience and wisdom will see you through. Good news from a far-away family member will boost your spirits. Social functions are not likely to be very much fun during this period.

SCORPIO

Oct. 24- Nov. 22

SAGITARIUS

Nov. 23-Dec.21

Sagittarians are blessed with a favorable month for socializing as well as for opportunities for new romances or for the strengthening of an old one. Now's the time to resolve unfinished issues with your mate.

The job scene will require extra efforts on your part—do your best. Don't let personal affairs cause needless tension—say what you mean and mean what you say. CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan 20 This month puts the accent on

it's a good time to make short and long-term investment plans. New activities and new people on the job are in the picture this month for many, some of you will be enjoying yourself on that longawaited vacation. Additional responsibilities with children's affairs are possible now.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Romance may find Aquarians see - sawing between 2 attractions this month. The end of the month features disagreements. especially if you let others in-

New beginnings are likely with your career now-take no chances with finances at the end of July. Maintain your cool indifference in the face of any personal pressures

PISCES

Feb. 19-March 20 Love is in the air for you fine fish this month, akhough the road

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