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BENSON STAR'S HELLISH EYE SORE!

WHEELCHAIR-bound Benson star Robert Guillaume sparked fears after he was recently spotted sporting a nasty black mark under his right eye.

The frail 87-year-old Emmy winner suffered a devastating stroke in 1999, and now fans worry he's facing another serious health crisis.

'Disfigurement'

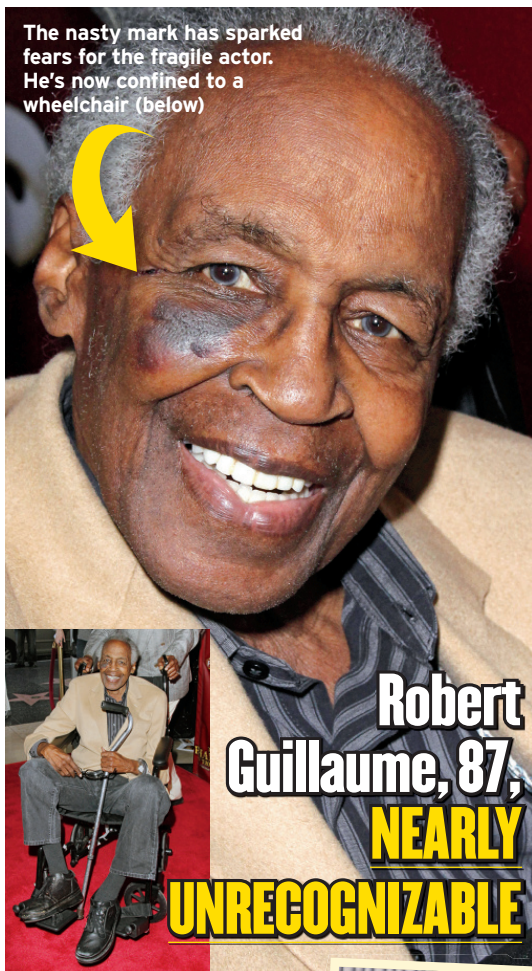
One expert suspects it's just a benign growth on his cheek.

"Sometimes as we age, we can develop lumps and bumps that are harmless, but to remove them would cause more disfigurement," notes plastic surgeon Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel.

Others believe it may be a horrific bruise caused by blood-thinning drugs prescribed after the stroke, which left him partially paralyzed.

"He might have sus-

The nasty mark has sparked fears for the fragile actor. He's now confined to a wheelchair (below)



tained a recent fall or similar trauma to this area," cosmetic surgeon Dr. Lyle M. Back tells GLOBE. "He may also be on special anticoagulant medication that can lead to such bruising, even with relatively minor bumps on the skin."

Guillaume, who became a household name as hot-tempered butler Benson DuBois in Soap and later on Benson, suffered the debilitating stroke while starring in the TV comedy Sports Night.

After the stroke, he soldiered on and was able to bounce back. He even returned to his role in Sports Night with his illness written into the show. And he appeared in numerous roles for TV, film and video games in the following years.

Some wonder whether the medical crisis has come back to haunt the beloved actor. Plastic surgeon Dr. Anthony Youn, who, like the other experts in this article, has not treated Guillaume, says it "looks like terrible bruising" but "should go away in a couple of weeks."



Guillaume starred on Soap, Benson and Sports Night (left to right), during which he had a stroke



MSNBC STAFFERS HATE LIAR WILLIAMS

ONE of Brian Williams' reports on his short-lived Rock Center show is coming back to bite him in the butt - and now he's hated by co-workers!

On a two-part 2012 broadcast, Williams blasted "corrosive" honchos at CNN, FOX News and MSNBC. But now the disgraced newsmen has been shifted to MSNBC after being canned from his anchor chair at NBC Nightly News for lying about his war exploits.

"The rank and file at MSNBC were furious at Brian," says a source.

They hated it so much, continues the source, months later at a Christmas party some staffers chanted "F*** Brian Williams!"

As GLOBE reported, Williams, 56, is already angling to snatch his old job back from his replacement, Lester Holt.

"Brian will be gunning for his rival," says an insider. "But Lester won't back down." And Williams better watch his back at the cable network.