Letters to the Editor

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BLACK OFFICIALS

Detroit, Mich. — In the September edition of DAWN Magazine, it stated in the National Roundup column that Washington, D.C. alone of the major cities has a black mayor, black police chief and black fire chief.

This is simply to correct that statement. The city of Detroit has for several years enjoyed the leadership of black men in all three positions: Mayor Coleman A. Young, police chief William Hart and Fire Commissioner Melvin Jefferson.

It is also noteworthy that here in Detroit the president of our city council is a black woman, Erma Henderson, and the superintendent of schools, Arthur Jefferson, is also black.

While we are pleased to learn of advances in the roles of blacks in other communities, Detroit continues to hold a pre-eminent position in black political and educational accomplishment.

JOYCE F. GARRETT

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OLD RECORDS

Philadelphia, Pa. — I am seeking information. Could you tell me where I could get some of the old recordings of Billy Eckstine?

I am especially interested in the album which includes "Sophisticated Lady."

ROLAND WILKIE

Our sources indicate that Billy Eckstine recordings are not especially rare, and many have been reissued. Most reputable record stores can either supply the records, or information on how to get them.

In fact, they will probably order them for you. Eckstine, of course, is still on the music scene, performing in concert with his daughter.

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INTERVIEW WANTED

Chester, Pa. — In response to the query about what DAWN Magazine should contain, I would like to see articles relating to spiritual enlightening.

I feel that the 1980s will be the decade for self re-evaluation and direction. Since the youth of today are steadily seeking ways to find themselves, as well as us adults, articles of this sort should prove valuable and interesting.

How about interviewing some of us old folk — see what we can say to enlighten our young folk.

MRS. ROTHLIA WALLER

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AIRLINE PILOT

Palas Verdes, Calif. — In reading the article on black pilots in the July 1980 DAWN Magazine, the statistics of the total number of airline pilots in the U.S. in comparison to the ratio of black airline pilots, shock me very much.

I have been an airline pilot since 1969, and flew for a major airline in East Africa. For eight years of commercial flying, I accumulated over 6,500 hours out of which 75% was on heavy transport.

Since 1978, I have applied for 13 major airlines and 22 commuter airlines in the country. I have not received one reply, and I have all the credentials necessary and up-to-date.

At present, I am driving a cab in Los Angeles, and still attempting to obtain my profession in any airline before age becomes a negative factor.

SAMUEL YOHANNES

The DAWN Magazine article recognized the tremendous struggle for recognition black pilots experience, and the response to the article has been overwhelming.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Organization of Black Airline Pilots, and hopefully they can move on your problem.

The Editor's Desk

This is the traditional new cars issue of DAWN, and on the cover this month are some of the Chrysler Corp. "K" cars, which are expected to put the corporate finances in the black.

Top left, the 4-door Dodge Aries, top right, Dodge Aries station wagon. Bottom left, Plymouth Reliant custom and bottom right, the Dodge Aries 4-door.

A lot of the improvements in the 1981 model cars are of a mechanical/technical nature. Making American autos more fuel efficient seems to be the thrust, and you'll find details on the accomplishments in this edition of DAWN Magazine.

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Perhaps the most mysterious of the jazz giants is trumpeter Miles Davis, who has not issued a recording or played a concert in five years. It was reported recently that he was about to embark on a 10-city tour, and issue a new record.

DAWN Magazine has been seeking insights into this silent musical genius. You'll find the story in this edition.

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Because of this special issue, some of the regular features of DAWN Magazine are missing this month.

The Black History Crossword Puzzle, and the Horoscope analyses of Amali fell victim to the vagaries of the fates. They will return in the December issue of DAWN.

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For the many contributors to The Poetrie Gallerie, we can only say, please have patience. The backlog of returned items is rapidly being reduced, so if you haven't heard from us yet — you will.

Inside

- Celebenit is in its accustomed place, Page 4.
- Perhaps the most influential jazz trumpet player in history is Miles Davis. The world has been waiting for word from this giant about his plans. DAWN has an up-to-the minute story, beginning on page 7.
- Recipes begin on page 12, with a look at no-fat dessert.
- The K-cars of the Chrysler Corp. are that company's hope for the future. What are these cars? The answer can be found starting on page 18.
- Fans of R and B can discover how it feels to attend a Rick James concert. Page 26.
- An exclusive interview with the Grandmaster of Maryland Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, begins on page 28.
- Poet lovers will find the Poetrie Gallerie on page 30.
- Some tips on what to look for in purchasing a new car is on page 32.
- Not to forget the National Roundup, which this week is on page 6.

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