Letters to the Editor

DAWN Magazine welcomes letters expressing all viewpoints. Letters must include signature and mailing address. Names may be withheld for adequate reason. The editor reserves the right to condense letters. Address all correspondence to DAWN Magazine, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21203.

HOROSCOPE

Brooklyn, N.Y. — I really do enjoy reading Amali's astrological predictions. Does she have any known publications on the market?

Also, a compliment to the DAWN Magazine staff, I really enjoy the publication.

Jocelyn Crosby

Amali, who currently resides in Washington, D.C., has no publications available yet, but is working on the matter. She will be leaving the East Coast for California in the near future, and expects to be working on a book on the zodiac and its implications.

And, thanx for those kind words.

FASHIONS

W. Palm Beach, Fla. — In respect to the request for opinions on whether or not fashions should be covered in DAWN Magazine, I found Paula Brooks' article, "Wonderful World of Fashion," delightfully refreshing and informative.

I especially liked her treatment of fashions from a historical perspective as well as how older fashions may be updated. This, to me, is a welcome addition to DAWN Magazine, and I look forward to her coverage of other aspects of fashion.

Helen R. Anthony

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ENLISTMENT

Fort Ord, Calif. — I am currently in service and was interested in the article about the new U.S. army which was in the March 1981 issue of DAWN Magazine.

According to the article, the army accepts enlistments for just two years. Currently, I am serving a four-year enlistment — could I have signed up for just two years?

What about the other branches, do they have the same thing?

Name Withheld

The two-year enlistment is available only in the U.S. Army, and if your recruiter didn't tell you about it, they should have.

No other branch of the military pledges to spend time and effort in training for just a possible two-year period. This is one of the reasons for the longer enlistment regulations.

Inside

•Spotlight on Africa is the name of the series, this month concentrating on Zambia, and its problems during and since the uprising in Zimbabwe. Page 5.

•Phyllis Hyman is almost 6 ft. tall, with a talent to match. Her story and an inside glance at the hit musical "Sophisticated Ladies." Page 7.

•Amali returns with "In The Stars," which will be found on page 10.

•National Roundup gives further insights into meaning of the budget cuts proposed by the new Administration. Page 12.

•Poetrie Gallerie, for its many devotees, is on Page 15.

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On the cover this month is singer Phyllis Hyman, standing in front of the marquee of the Lunt-Fontane Theatre where the smash hit musical "Sophisticated Ladies" is playing.

One of the numbers she does in the all -Duke Ellington music-show, is "In a Sentimental Mood" which is a show-stopper in itself.

For the fashion conscious, she is wearing a William Barry boot-stitched and silk-screened suede jacket, which is about $400. The photograph is by Ray Solowinski.

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Last month we bemoaned the fact that our intrepid astrological ace Amali was embroiled in moving, and would not have material prepared for insection in DAWN Magazine.

But, she is back this month. For the record, be advised that those "In The Stars" features are expressly prepared by Amali for DAWN readers, and are available no where else.

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That's the good news. The bad news is that Celebrity Lookout with Jason is missing this month — but it is only a temporary loss.

Naturally someone has to be blamed, and this time we place it on the doorstep of the U.S. Postal Service, who delivered the material designed for this issue 24 hour past the final deadline.

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In our continuing effort to bring you a well-rounded look at activities and events around the world, we include a think piece about the African country of Zambia.

It is easy for those in this country to be completely unaware of what goes on in the regions of the world, except for the blaring headlines when there is bloody fighting.

Here is a case in point of how a simple thing (to Americans) such as corn or maize can have pseudo-political overtones. Although the fighting is over in Zambia, unrest is still evident.

For Your Health

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — The fact that many over-the-counter medications can be bought at supermarkets as well as pharmacies puts a misleading "security blanket" over such drugs, asserts a pharmacy professor.

"Just because people can buy this or that medication at the corner grocery, they think they have nothing to worry about in taking it," notes Purdue University Prof. Nicholas Popovich.

On the subject of pain killers, Popovich believes many people expose themselves to needless risk by deciding on their own they need super-strength remedies. "They see comparisons of strengths in pain killers in TV commercials, with one having so many more milligrams of pain killer than the others, and they're left with the assumption that, of course, the one with the most milligrams is the most effective for everybody.

"This is just not true. Everyone is different . . . for one person, to lick a headache might take 325 milligrams, or five grains. For another, it might take 7.5 grains, or 500 milligrams."

He stresses that everyone should determine which product is effective with the least dosage. "If one tablet will work, why take two? While you might think two will give you more pain relief, it will also add to the risk of side effects."

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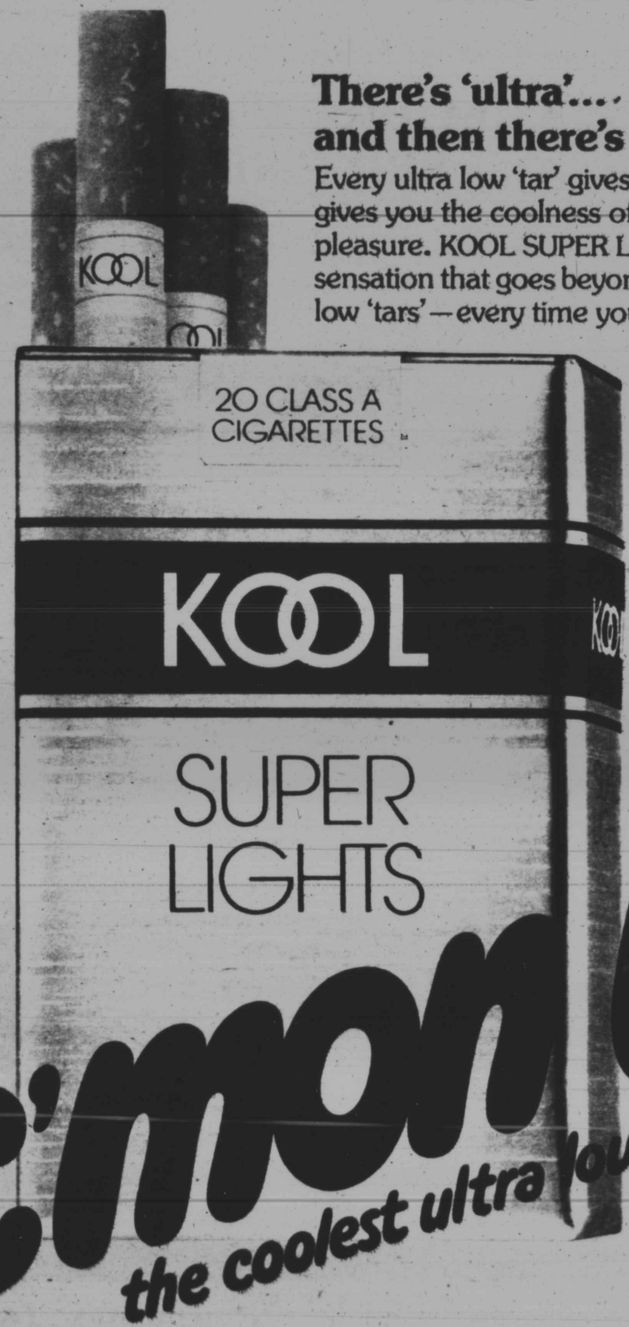

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