Letters to the Editor

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GENERAL OFFICERS

CHICAGO, Ill.—I read the July 1981 edition of DAWN Magazine with joy and enlightenment about general officers in the U.S. Air Force. You also mentioned that any one wondering about general officers in the USN or USCG should be patient.

I am afraid that after the USN report, more than patience will be needed for the USCG report. Did you know that the USCG is the only military organization without at least one black flag officer?

As I am a reserve officer, I can't afford to sign everything said without approval. Please understand.

ANONYMOUS

RECORD REVIEWS

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—I have been reading with interest the record review ratings carried in Dawn Magazine, and am curious about the credentials of the reviewer.

No name is given on the page, and I wonder who to talk to in the event there is a disagreement on the rating given.

JOSEPH ENDICOTT

You will note in this issue that the name of the coordinator of the record review column is given—Pamela Littlejohn.

Rather than having a single reviewer whose tastes might be tinged with personal biases, Dawn Magazine has elected to put together a panel, representing varying age groups who together vote for the ratings given.

WOMAN PILOTS

The story in the August edition of Dawn Magazine, about the first black pilot, Bessie Coleman, mentioned an aviation awareness club.

The address for the organization was not given. Can you supply any more details about it. There is a group of us here in Kansas City who are intensely interested.

MRS. ESTER MCCREADY

Author of that particular article is aviation enthusiast Rufus A. Hunt, who is secretaryhistorian of the Chicago chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. His address is 619 Indian Trail Rd., Aurora, Ill. 60506.

Since he is an aviation enthusiast, he can undoubtedly answer all of your questions.

COLLEGE TRANSITION

DETROIT, Mich.—It was a pleasure to read in Dawn Magazine about black colleges and their successes and contributions in higher education.

However, I wonder when Dawn will do a story on white colleges that are in transition and becoming predominantly black. Could you share you ideas on this?

SHIRLEY A. ELDER

Sounds like an interesting project to us, and a reporter has already been assigned and is busily doing research on the affected colleges.

The Editor's Desk

On the cover this week is high fashion model Gingi Niccle, who is an American, but widely used by Italian fashion designers to display their creations.

She is wearing a combined evening gown and cape in pink, green and purple silk jersey, designed by Emilio Pucci, and included in his Fall and Winter 1981-2 collection.

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As promised, this issue of Dawn Magazine contains a run down of the five men who have achieved admiral status in the U.S. Navy.

This story is a personal joy to ye olde editor, since he was an enlisted man when the powers that be leaned on the navy enough to force them to accept blacks in the seaman branch, and to organize a class of men who qualified to become ensigns.

One of that number is still around, Vice Admiral Samuel Gravely, who is the highest ranking black in the naval forces.

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Usually, all of the recipes used in Dawn Magazine are pre-tested by staffers, but this week is an exception, and hopefully some of our readers can let us know exactly how they are.

The emphasis is on Afro-Caribbean foods, and despite the lack of a pre-test, it looks absolutely delicious to us.

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Putting together the piece on former U.N. Ambassador Donald McHenry required a bit of detective work, for this man really made it difficult to find out any details of his personal life.

Of course we don't blame him, it is good to keep the professional life separated from the personal one, but we know Dawn Magazine readers are used to gleaning intimate details about the various personalities written about—so we persevered. In answer to the query, "What is he doing now?" we can say that he is on the staff of Georgetown University—for other details, you'll just have to read the story.

There are a couple of entertainment features included in this issue, LaBelle and Peter Tosh get the Dawn treatment.

Stories on these two entertainers were published over two years ago, and these are updates on the latest developments in their careers.

Inside

0 Admirals in the U.S. Navy, there are five of them. Story is on page six.

0 This month's Black History Crossword Puzzle will be located on page seven.

0 National Roundup has all the pertinent information about the Washington, D.C. scene. Page 11.

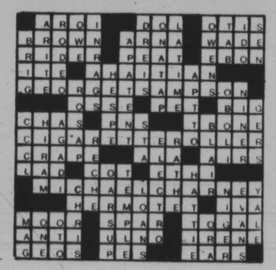
0 Former Ambassador to the U.N. Donald McHenry's story is told on page 14.

0 For record review fans, the ratings for this month are on page 16.

o Poetrie Gallerie is with us and located on page 18.

0 The story of the lady who is reaching for superstardom, Pattie LaBelle is told on page 19.

0 Reggae-mylitis is the name of the ailment, and Peter Tosh is one of its practitioners. A complete story on page 21.



Last month's puzzle answer.

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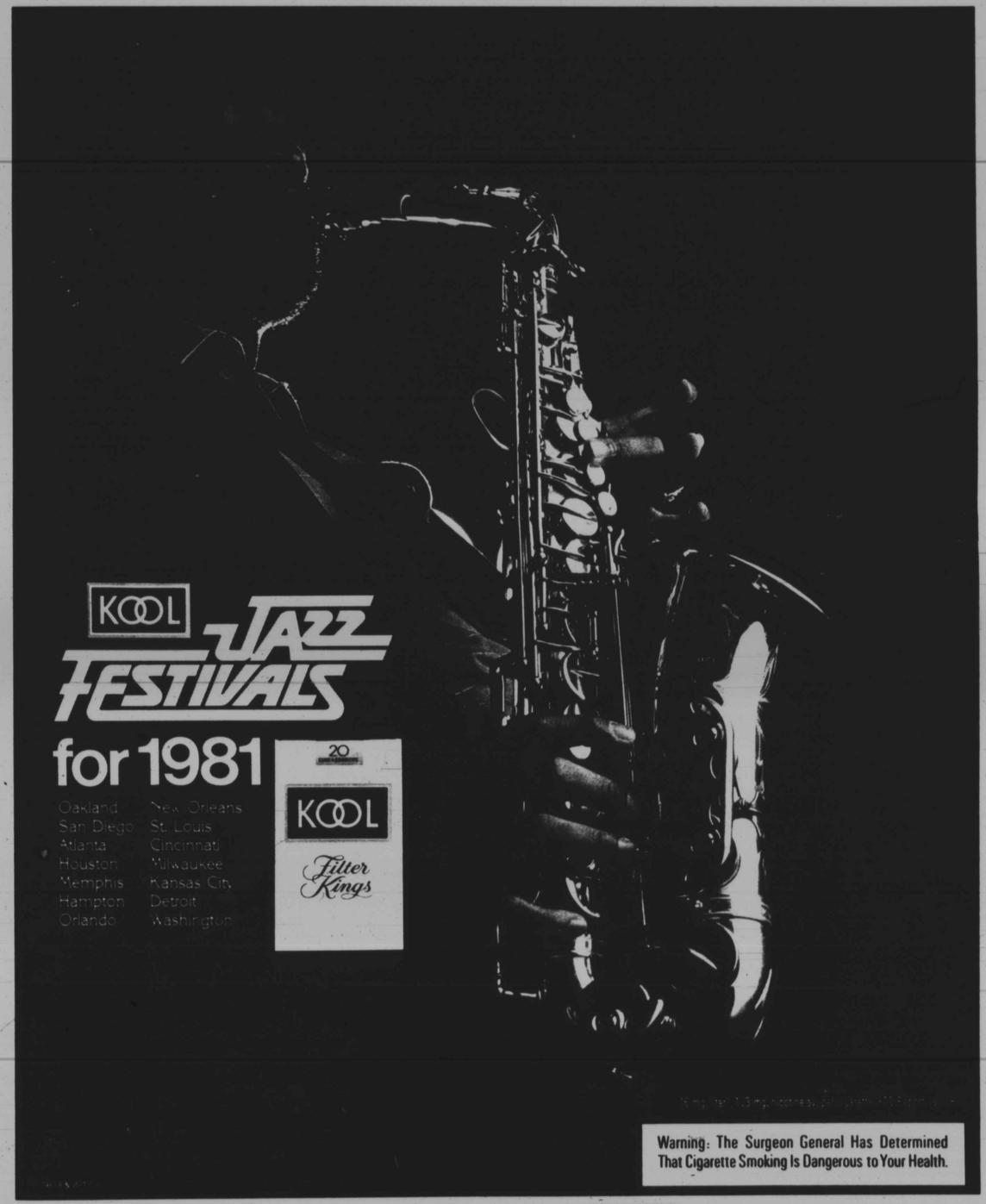
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