CELEBRITY LOOKOUT By Jason

All letters should be addressed to Jason, DAWN Magazine, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. All questions are welcome, but while Jason cannot provide individual answers, questions of general interest will be used in this column.

Q. — Are there any high - ranking black officials in the FBI?

Jeanette Childs,
Greensboro, N.C.

A. — John Glover, 43, was recently appointed assistant director in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Inspection Division, the highest ranking black in the Bureau's history. Last year as head of the FBI's Atlanta field office, Glover supervised the investigation of Wayne Williams, convicted last February of killing two youngster's in the Atlanta slayings case. The Inspection Division is the bureau's self - policing branch which safeguards against violation by agents and other personnel.

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Q. — Whatever happened to the handsome Calvin Lockhart? Haven't seen him in any movies lately. Does he plan to make a comeback?

Geary Vaughan,
Detriot, MI.

A. — Calvin Lockhart, (Bert McClossly Cooper), a 48 year - old actor, best known for his Deacon O'Malley in "Cotton Comes to Harlem" and Silky Slim in "Uptown Saturday Night" roles recently married british - born business woman Lynn Sloan, on the waterfront the Balmoral beach hotel in the Bahamas. Lockbart, a native Bahamian, has had two previous marriages. You can find him in most magazine advertising Canadian Mist and Imported Whiskey. As for him making a comeback in films, he says they are just memories.

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Q. — What is Gregory Hines doing since he left Broadway and moved to the West Coast?

Stacey Hawkins,
E. Orange, NJ

A. — Gregory Hines, dancer - actor, one of the original stars of "Sophisticated Ladies," a hit musical featuring the music of Duke Ellington, is currently in the L.A. production of "Ladies." Hines has been given a leading role in a film about the legendary Harlem night spot "The Cotton Club." He will choreograph 30 of the musical number co - starring Richard Gere, who played opposite Lou Gossett, Jr. in "An Officer And A Gentlemen."

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Q. — Who is the actress who plays the nurse on "Trapper John, M.D.? Why haven't I seen her in any other (productive) roles?

George Wicks,
Balto., MD

Gregory Hines

Madge Sinclair

Calvin Lockhart

Jerry Butler

A. — You're speaking of Madge Sinclair, the tall talented black woman with the deep voice who plays the role of Nurse Ernestine Shoop on the popular television series. A native of Jamaica, the outspoken Ms Sinclair feels that tokenism is back and black faces are disappearing from the tube "anyone seeing a black face is surprised if its not a maid. The climate is not right for blacks to have substantial roles in TV series." For example she mentions the failure of two TV series in the last 2 seasons who starred black actors; "Paris" starring James Earl Jones, and "The Lazarus Syndrome" starring Louis Gossett Jr. As Ron Glass, the only black regular on Barney Miller puts it, "It's true that blacks are not on - television as much as it seems to me that it's either a child or a situation. I think it's reflective of what's comfortable for white America. It's how whites view blacks." In other words, blacks can be funny and not threatening — or they can be children and not threatening.

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Q. — I am an avid sports fan and noticed that there are very few faces officiating in pro sports. Just how many are there?

Frederick Williams,
Richmond, VA

A. — At the present time only 17 blacks have made their way to the top in the 'National Football League,' 'National Basketball Association' and Major League Baseball. The NBA has only five black referees, pro football has 11 and Eric Gregg is the only black umpire in baseball.

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Q. — Is it true that Richard Pryor is going to portray the late Malcolm X in an upcoming film?

Schariff Morgan.
Jacksonville, FL.

A. — Yes, your 're absolutely right. Marvin Worth is allegedly making preparations to make a film about the life and time of Brother Malcolm starring Mr. Pryor.

But the black anti - defamation coalition of LA., Calif. has questioned the choice of Mr. Pryor as the star of the proposed production. The coalitions question is, does Richard Pryor's image qualify him to portray a real life hero the stature of Malcolm X? Personally, I don't see why Pryor shouldn't play the role. He is a talented actor who is good enough to portray any character he is chosen to portray.

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What people gave before there was Chivas Regal.

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