Letters to the Editor

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PORTRAIT OF MARTIN

Cherry Hill, N.J. — I thought the painting of Martin Luther King, Jr. on the cover of the January issue of Dawn Magazine, was excellent.

However, there was no indication of who the artist was. Can you tell me who is responsible for that well-done painting?

LORRAIN ASTON

The painting was done by Thomas Stockett of Baltimore, who is staff artist for the Afro-American Newspapers, as well as a frequent contributor to Dawn Magazine.

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MOTHER AND CHILD

Philadelphia, PA — The picture of the Meru mother and child on the cover of the December edition of Dawn Magazine was exquisite. I would like to get a copy of that picture. Is it possible?

MS. SARAH GIBSON

The photo was one of a series done by photographers Howard Morehead. It is included in a "Visions of Africa" portfolio, which is available through Bronze Beauty Enterprises, Box 42977, Los Angeles, CA.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Baltimore, MD — I want to congratulate and thank Dawn Magazine for printing impartial information about Minister Louis Farrakhan's P.O.W.E.R.

Also, I think the Martin Luther King special edition and the upcoming Black History Month

specials are really noteworthy. Thank you very much.

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TRENITA WHITEHEAD

VACATION PROBLEMS

Sewickley, PA — I have just finished reading the true life story beautiful poem by Dan and Carol Root, who chronicled their "Surprise Vacation" and the many problems and exorbitant expense engendered.

Here is a solution to the problem: Friends of mine had six children and were able to have a family vacation annually by using a small trailer for sleeping.

It was the kind designed mainly for overnight ladging, so was not too large. They carried food in coolers and a small charcoal grill.

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They received information as to the location of various trailer camps and parks and would arrange their travel to arrive at such sites in the evenings.

The family's children are now all grown up, but they travelled from Maine to California over a number of years with their children and the vacations were enjoyed by all.

Good luck in your efforts to continue your family vacations. Station wagons can be used also if the family is not too large and you're not too tall.

CHARLOTTE M. BACON

Editor's Desk

On the cover this month is the tomb of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Atlanta, GA. It is located on the grounds of the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Change, and serves as a reminder that the exploits of Dr. King are a vital part of our black history.

Continuing our tradition, of bringing you material about. some of the lesser known facets of black history this issue contains a story about the first black astronaut, who happens to be a black Cuban.

Included also, is the story of one of the original charus girl dancers of the Cotton Club of New York, and her experiences as a black female entertainer through the years.

Included too, is the second installment of the Letters of Carl Murphy, compiled by his daughter, Frances L. Murphy, II. Dr. Carl, as he was known, was in the forefront of the civil rights struggle through the newspaper he headed, the Afro-American.

Next month, Dawn Magazine will spotlight travel, with a feature on Atlanta, GA, which is rapidly becoming a prime tourist spot in the country.

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Also, the answer to the perennial question posed by air travelers, "what is it like to travel first class?" We'll have a complète description of a first-class flight to Europe.

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