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FROM THE EDITOR

Linda Harris

Growing up in the Mid-West in the fifties, it was assumed that you would change cars every eighteen months if you could afford it. After all, we had to keep the steel industry strong; especially important in my family since my grandfather worked in the steel mill for more than thirty years. In those days a new car rarely cost more than one thousand dollars. Times and finances may have changed, but for many of us our love affair with the automobile rages on. For those of you who share this passion with me, this issue is for you. Writers Don Collins and Mike Tucker take you on very different auto adventures.

In a better world it would be easy and fun to keep DAWN light enough to leave you with only a smile at the end of each issue. We hope to do more for you than that. To that end we want to let you know where you can get important facts about AIDS. For AIDS information call: The National AIDS Hotline, 1-800-342-AIDS, 24 hours a day. An important number when you consider that more than half of all the women and children in America who have AIDS are black and that almost one quarter of all the men with the fatal disease are black.

In addition to our usual articles in this sixteen-page issue we also have special features on poet Nikki Giovanni and an article on rape that may disturb you. I hope it will also help you understand a problem that plagues our lives.

The DAWN staff wishes you a happy Thanksgiving.

Enjoy,

Linda Harris

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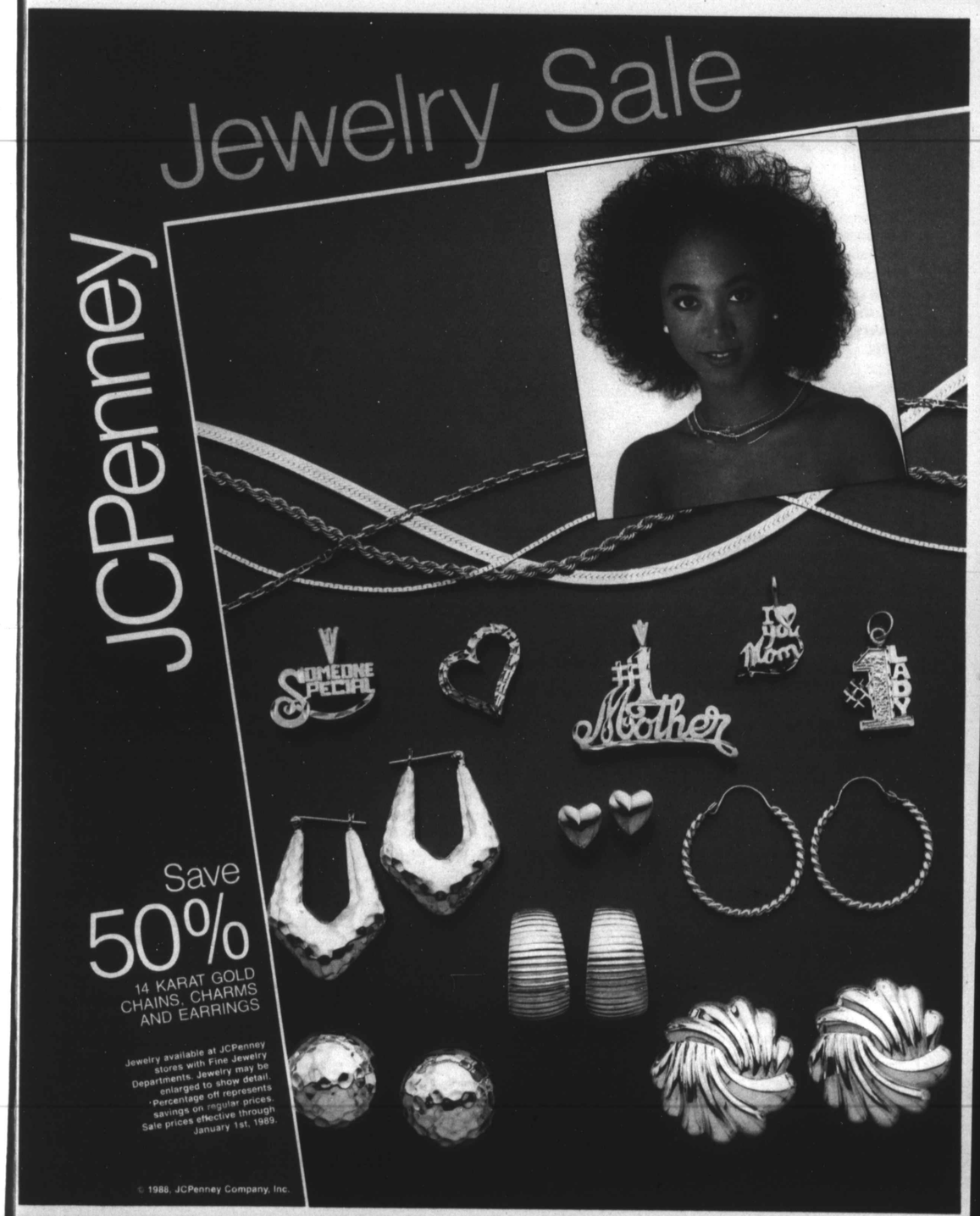
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