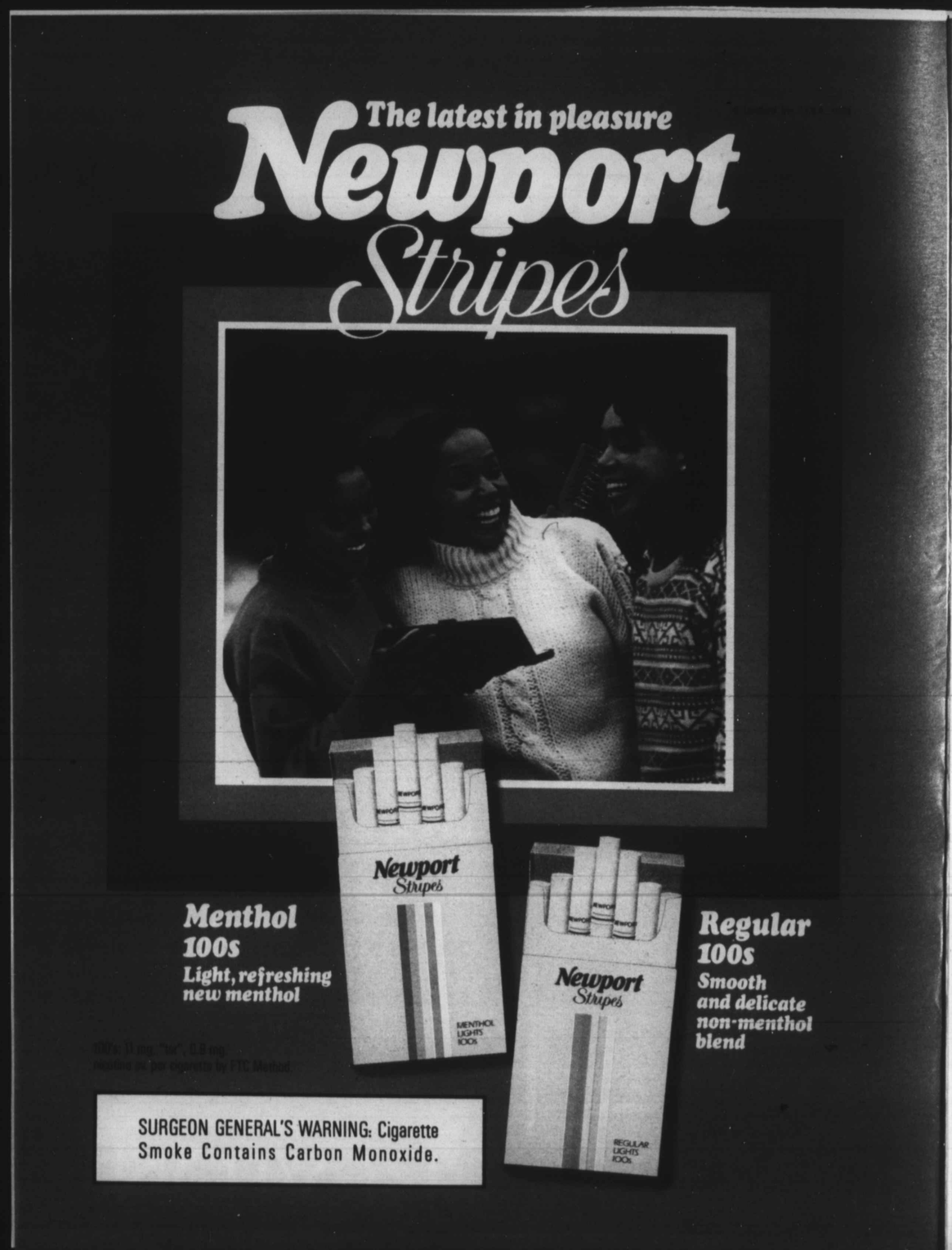

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EDITOR's Message

I would like to introduce myself to Dawn's readers as your new editor. My association with Dawn dates back to 1981, when my first article was accepted for publication by then Dawn editor Robert Matthews.

By way of background, I am a Los Angeles native who has been a reporter and editor at daily and community newspapers for the past 11 years in such diverse cities as Dallas and El Paso, Texas, Baltimore, MD, Washington, D.C. and New York City.

I am pleased to be your editor and I welcome the opportunity to serve you. As editor, I hope to continue the excellent direction Dawn has taken during the past year under the direction of Ms. Linda Harris, whom I regard as a true proessional. I hope to be able to provide Dawn readers with timely, interesting and thought provoking articles about the issues, and more importantly, the people who affect our lives as African-Americans.

One contributor, Ms. Cynthia Franklin, a lovely young woman who always is faultlessly groomed, has provided some very good advice about taming that unruly closet. Another feature deals with venturing forth from home to take stock in America's northeast - Massachusetts. It is a state rich in history of meaning to African-Americans.

Read on to learn about the latest developments in the world of stereo equipment. And by way of being fashionably beautiful and health conscious, take note of those delicious, low-calorie recipes in our food section.

This month marks the debut of Dawn's new astrologer, Ariel. His forecasts are designed to inspire and motivate you.

Finally, I urge Dawn readers to share their thoughts, views and impressions about what they encounter on these pages. This two way communication is vital and as space permits, your letters will appear. Best regards,

Patricia Tatum

On the Cover: Commercial photographer P.A. Greene captures the versatile look of African-American hair. Pictured are Judy Robinson, who wears her hair short; Debbi Green is in braids; Catherine likes her hair long and flowing and Candace Armstrong favors the curly look. Models courtesy of Central Casting, Baltimore, Maryland. Make up by Debbi Green.

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