Ungrateful guest should hit the road

ave you ever had a house guest from hell? A guest that expects to be waited on hand and foot, never cleans up after themselves and considers your home the next best thing to a Holiday Inn?

Well, I've got one this week and believe me, if I had any common sense I'd show her the door.

First of all, it's nearly impossible to have any kind of conversation with her because she is so horribly cross-eyed I lose my train of thought. She has one eye looking towards Vancouver and the other towards Halifax and somehow she expects me to take her seriously.

She also is the most ungrateful creature I have ever met. This week has been one of take, take and take and when wifey and I aren't running around to meet her every need she voices her disapproval— loudly.

She also can't stand our pets, which is a major black mark against her in my books. Gypsy and Mickey, our two cats, and Lucy and Travis, our two dogs, have been on their best behavior this past week and tried to make our guest as welcome as possible.

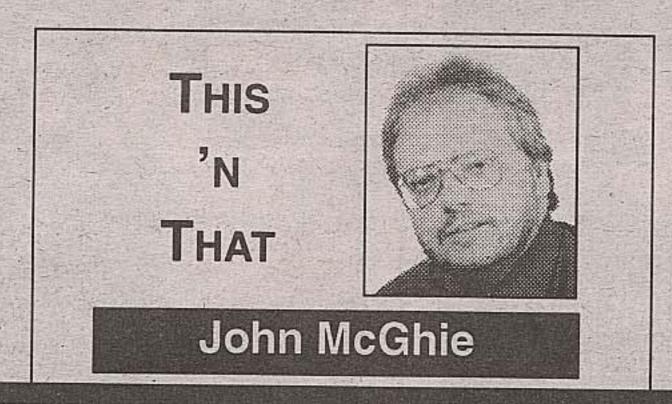
Unlike with other visitors who have an aversion to pets, our four animals have given this guest a wide berth. Usually, when someone visits who isn't keen on animals Gypsy makes a point of using the person's lap as her personal bed while Travis tries to endear himself to them by sneezing on their shin.

But, neither animal has tried to cozy up to our current guest, rightly determining this stranger is about as anti-social as they come.

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I've tried to make nice with her several times over the past three days and all I've got to show for my efforts is a set of teeth marks in my left hand.

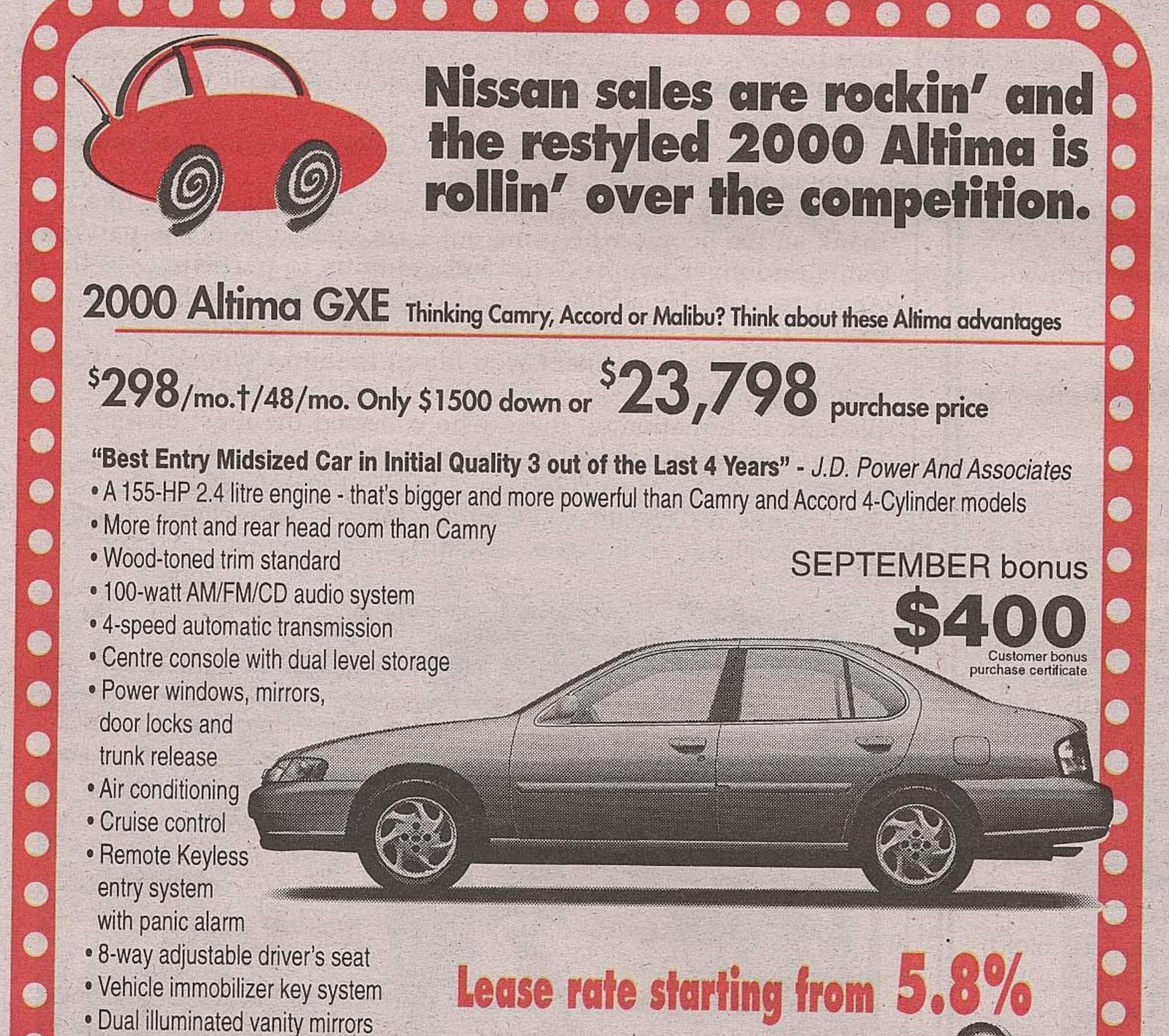
I'm counting the hours my in-laws return from holiday and take their temperamental Siamese cat home.

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There's no question the Tories should take steps towards ridding Toronto of its squeegee kids problem, but Attorney-General Jim Flaherty is out to lunch when he says it's the government's top priority... No matter how he combs his hair or trys to make himself look more prime ministerial, I still have a hard time seeing Preston Manning as anything other than a cartoon character... Word leaked out recently that hockey loudmouth and Canadian icon Don Cherry recently remarried. Good for him. The public probably doesn't realize just how deeply devoted he was to his beloved wife Rose or how he stood by her during her battle with cancer... Good line by comedian Dennis Miller: The difference between an environmentalist and a non-environmentalist (read: developer) is that one lives in a house in the woods while the other wants to have a house in the woods.

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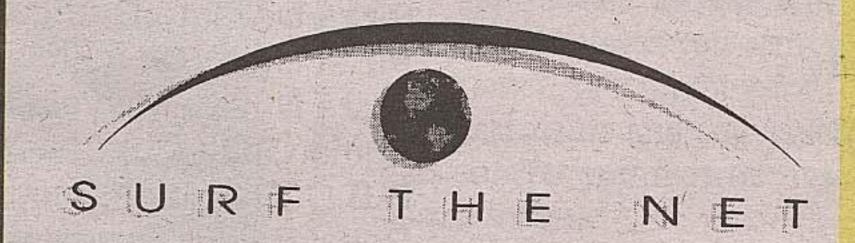
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