

## 'It was a blustery day...' Yeah, right

I'm sure most people have enjoyed the writings of A. A. Milne, and his adventures of *Winnie the Pooh*.

One of my daughters is a die-hard Winnie the Pooh fan even though she's into her 20s. So I've probably heard every story A. A. Milne or Disney ever wrote.

My all-time favourite starts with 'It was a blustery day...'

Well, it used to be my all time favorite—until Thursday morning.

For those who can't remember back that far, yesterday morning was the windiest in recent memory. The town was covered with downed hydro lines, trees, and a few flattened cars.

To top it off, I had just spent the entire evening without power at home, since a tree had taken down a hydro line nearby.

For those who don't know, us country folk have an added annoyance when we have a blackout. Unlike our urban counterparts, we don't have any running water in the house, since the water pump runs on, you guessed it, electricity.

So, putting everything into perspective, I was in a tiny bit of a snit when I got into work Thursday morning—no shower, no coffee and a really bad hair day.

"It was a blustery day..." Yeah, right.

Okay, the original 1968 blustery day story is kinda cute, with Piglet and Pooh enjoying the wind and the rain on the windows, as they sit in their warm little house sipping tea and honey, recuperating after being swept away in a storm.

But this was a Thursday in Halton Hills, not "Windsday" in the Hundred Acre Wood.

And you can bet Winnie the Pooh's furry little..., er you know, that their hydro wasn't off or they wouldn't have been so damned cozy and contented. Not to mention cute.

Once in the office, I received a message that there was a tree down in Glen Williams, flattening the roof of a car and a tent trailer.

Off I headed in pursuit of a picture.

Outside, still 'it was a blustery day,' with the occasional snowflake whipping by to add yet

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another degree of misery to an already rotten day.

And there it sat, the topping on my cake.

On the windiest day of the year, some total inconsiderate idiot had left a shopping cart in the middle of the parking lot, and driven away. Naturally, with the 'blustery day' we were experiencing, the aforementioned shopping cart had gone in search of it's own little adventure.

In this case, it had come to rest against the driver's side door of a car—my car.

And it had slammed against the door of my car with enough impact to leave a nice dent in the door, not to mention a scratch in the paint as well.

It was enough to make even the likes of Pooh Bear cuss like a trooper.

So I said it. "Oh, bother..."

After inquiring, I discovered yet another annoying thing. It seems no one is responsible for that shopping cart. Not the store, not the mall, and certainly not the lazy dork who left it unattended in the middle of the parking lot.

Only me. Seems I'm responsible. Cuz it will be me who has to fork out the 100 bucks to repair my car door.

And the fact that I make an effort to drag a couple shopping carts to the safety of the door when I arrive at work every morning makes it even more ironic.

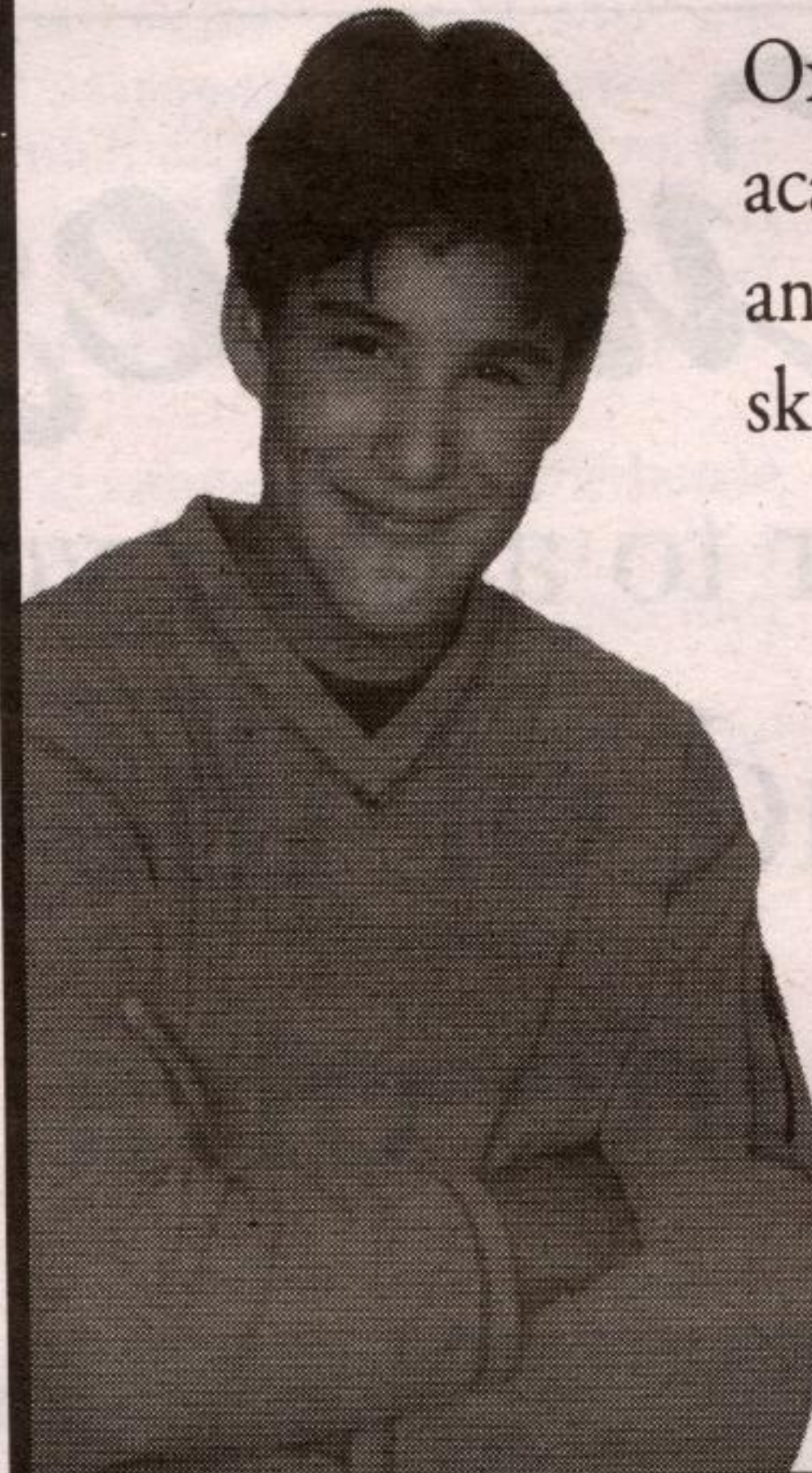
But one thing's certain. You can bet Winnie the Pooh's furry little... well, you know, that I just returned my last shopping cart.

Cuz if no one else is responsible for returning them to the door, then why should I?

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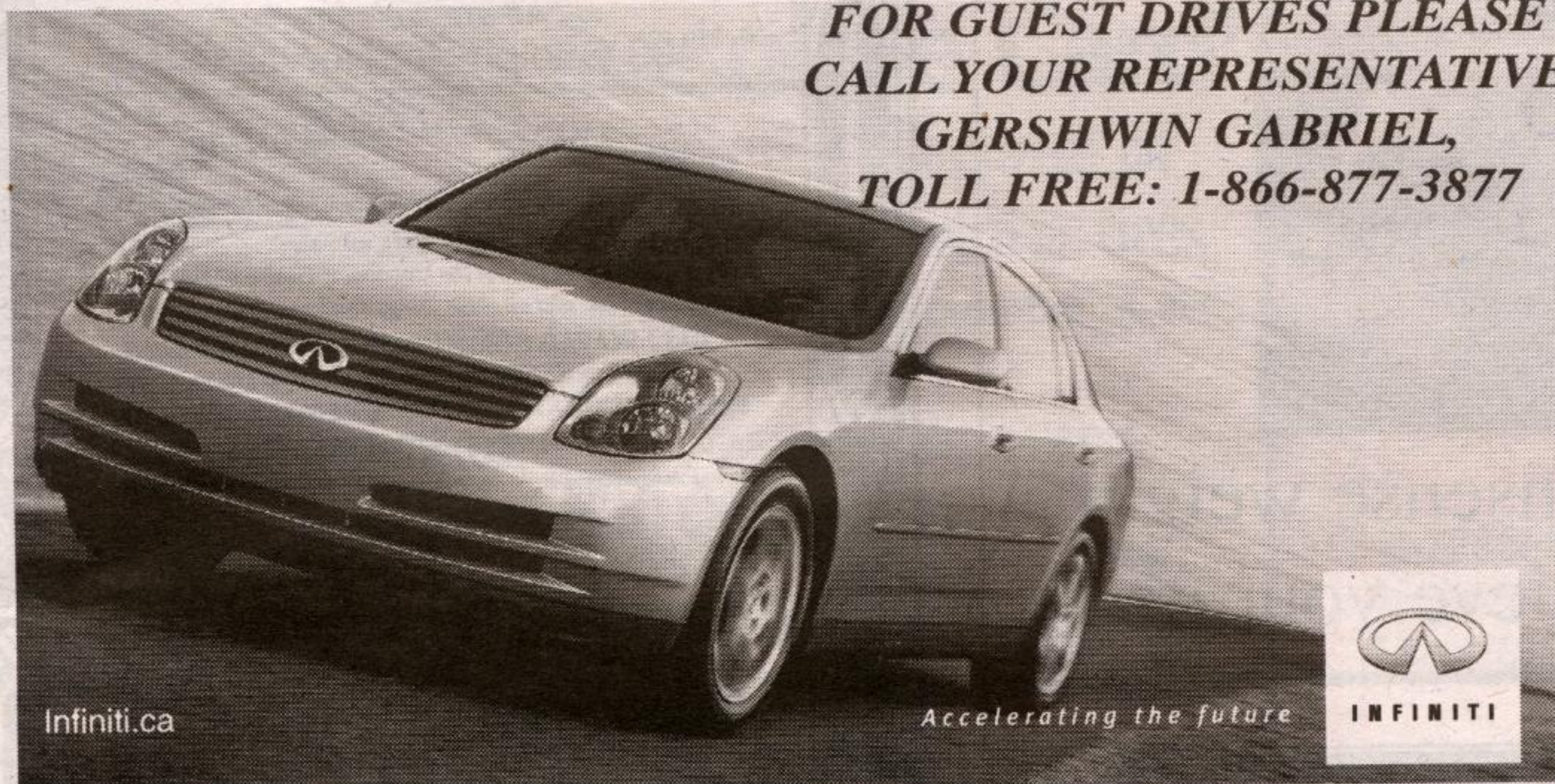
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