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## Touching a sunspot

Four-year-old Benjamin McLaughlin, with mom Soraya Farha, doesn't know quite what to make of this giant sunflower, one of hundreds that have blossomed this summer at Andrews Scenic Acres.

## Overwhelming strike mandate

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board," said provincial negotiator Bill Martin about year budget. the Halton vote. "They are definitely behind their negotiating committee."

The union leader said earlier there has been agreement on most non-monetary items, but no agreement was reached in areas of staffing, preparation time, benefits and salary. The board is also trying to reduce teachers' preparation time by 40 minutes per week.

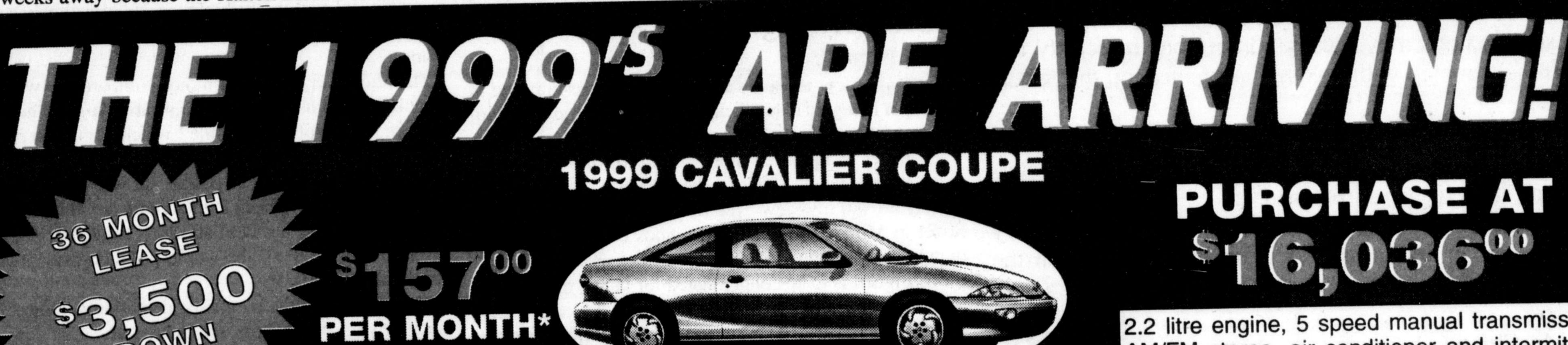
The next negotiation date for elementary teachers is a few weeks away because the Halton District School

Board is awaiting final numbers for its 1998 short-

As of Friday afternoon, no rotating walkout had been called for Halton's public secondary teachers.

Further negotiations between secondary teacher representatives and the Halton board are slated for Tuesday. Public secondary teachers, including those in Halton, are threatening rotating strikes at boards where teachers' workloads have been increased. The strikes are being held on a board-wide basis, but are being scheduled by the provincial union leaders.





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