

Candidates make lots of promises

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"Tuition fees are currently at 35 per cent of the cost of post-secondary education. We've increased (loan) availability and there is an 8 per cent increase in university students over last year," Mr. Chudleigh said.

Mr. Jackson, on the topic of tuition, feels it "should be free, but one of the first steps is to announce a 10 per cent reduction right away."

Mr. Anand expressed concern that many students leave university about \$30,000 in debt. He promised to cut tuition by 10 per cent and allow students to earn \$1,800 during the school year without student aid being reduced.

Mr. Chudleigh defended the Tory stance on public education, stating that his government has adjusted the funding formula to allow 100 per cent funding for a school even if it's only 80 per cent full.

Also, he said, 5,500 new textbooks have been placed in the high schools.

Mr. Anand promised that the Liberals would repeal Bill 160, while Mr. Jackson promised to invest \$360 million immediately to keep schools open and aid early childhood education.

Mr. Jackson said the NDP would repeal Bill 160.

"Bill 160 allows the government to set the education portion of property tax behind closed doors," he said.

"The NDP would stop that."

Grace Anglican Church

On road to reclaiming former glory

By KAREN SMITH

The Champion

The historic Grace Anglican Church is close to finishing the restoration project 'Glorifying Grace' that has been ongoing for 10 years.

A new slate roof is currently being put on the Main Street East church that was established by founding families of the community. Completion is set for the end of June.

Then interior renovations, including extensive electrical work, will temporarily move the congregation to the original church building, which was relocated to the back of the property in 1895.

"It's coming along very well," said Rev. Dr. Mark McDermott, who has overseen the project since joining the church in 1990. "We're quite pleased."

The stone building constructed in the late 1890s has held up well, Rev. Dr. McDermott said. The new roof should last another century.

The church, featuring English Gothic style with a Norman tower and a natural Pennsylvania slate roof, cost \$6,000 to build, and it took the congregation 17 years to pay off the mortgage.

Today, the renovations, which preserve the church's historical and aesthetic value, carry a total bill of about \$600,000 being funded through donations and fundraisers.

'Glorifying Grace' began in 1991 with the installation of a new heating system. The outer walls were refurbished in 1993.

Congregation members will gather to celebrate their new roof at the Shingle Shuffle slated for Saturday, June 12 in the church parking lot from 5 to 8 p.m.

Some of the old slate has been saved and recycled into country scenes or paintings of the church itself. Sale of the artwork goes toward renovations.

The decade-long project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2000.

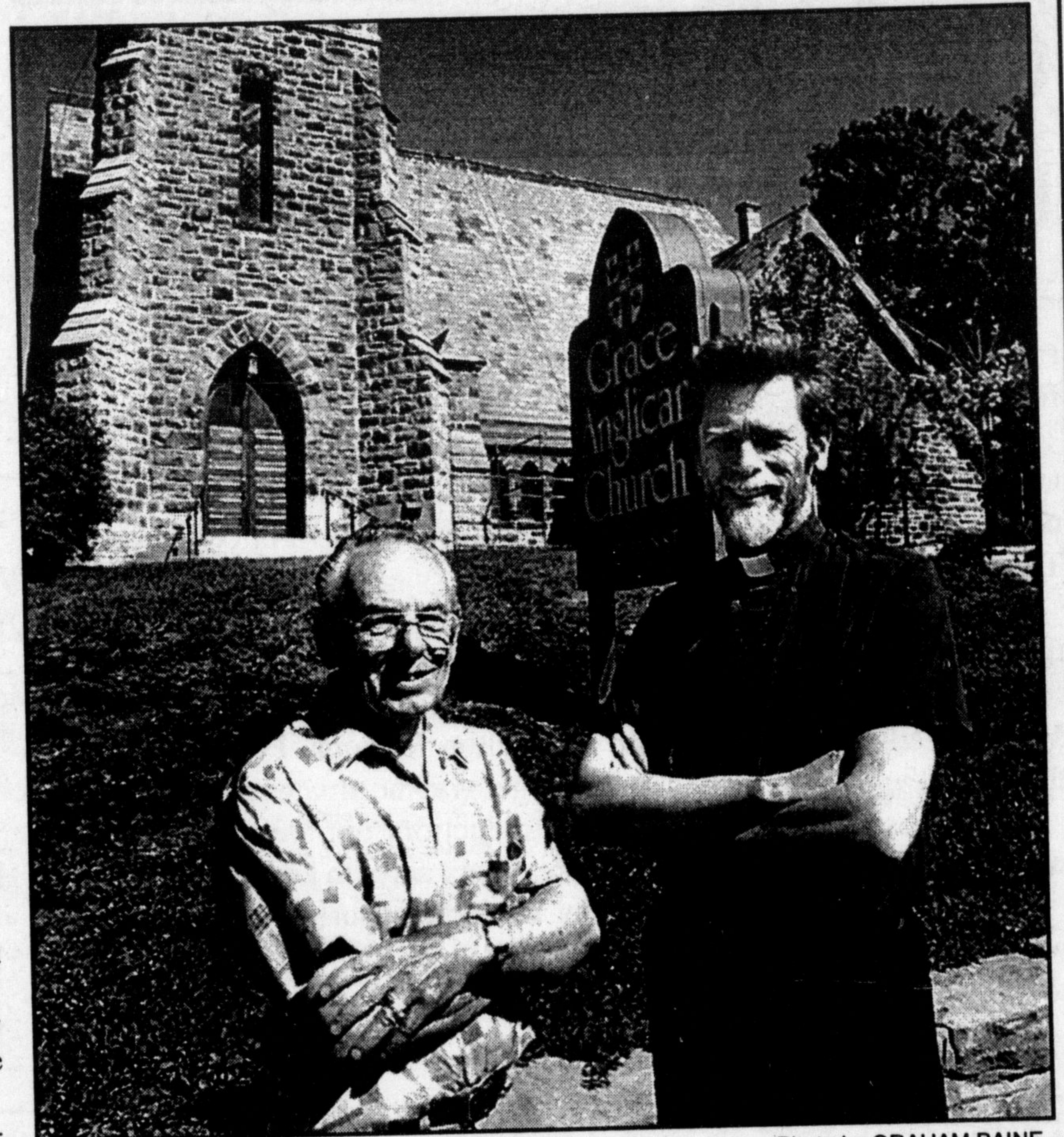
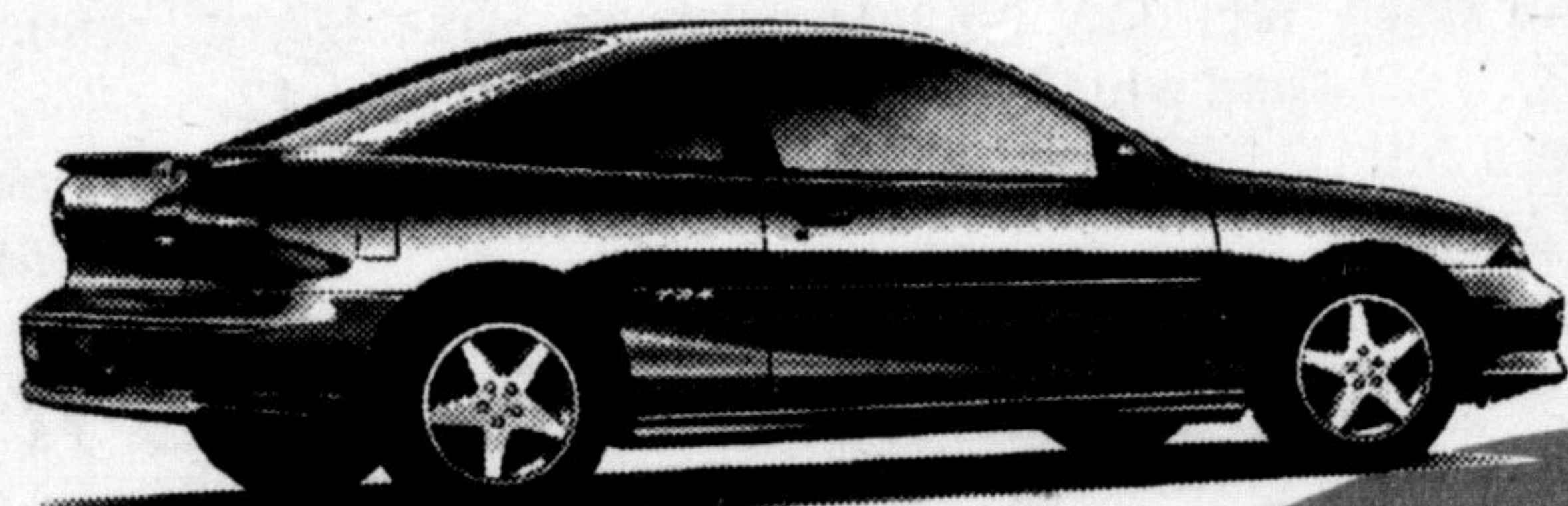


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Restoration committee member Bob Argall (left) and Rev. Dr. Mark McDermott stand before Grace Anglican Church, which is in the last phase of a 10-year renovation project.

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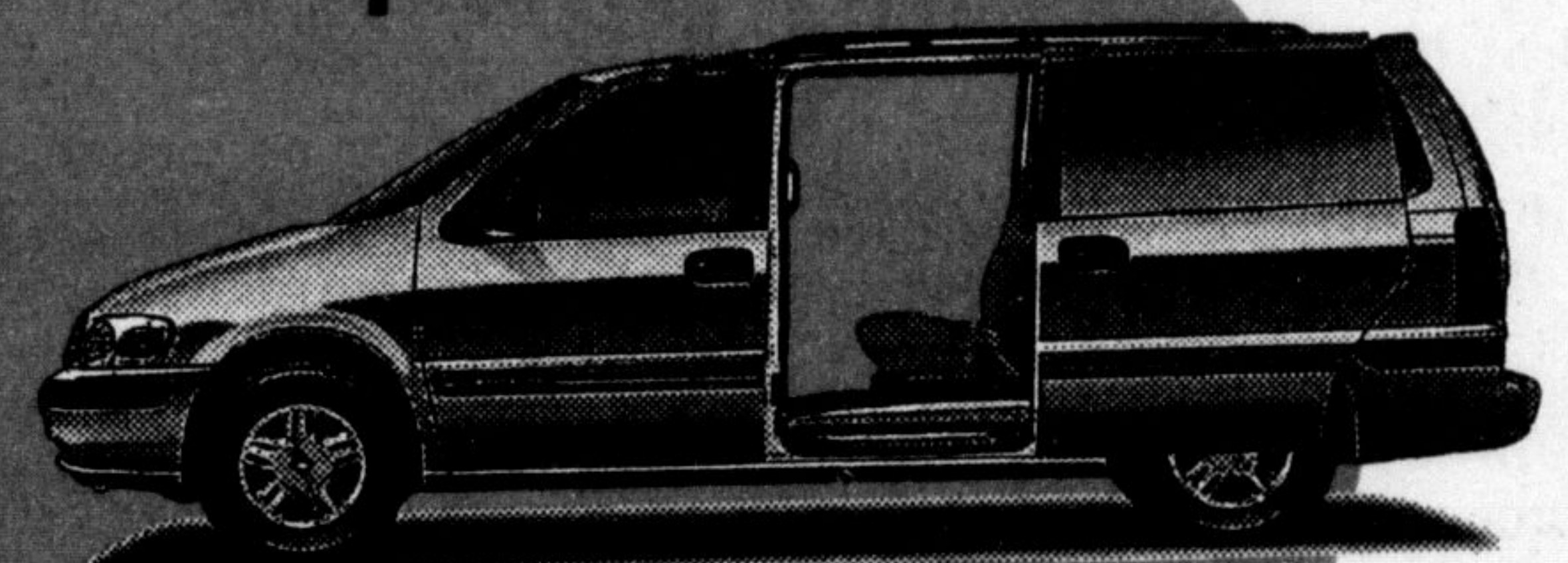
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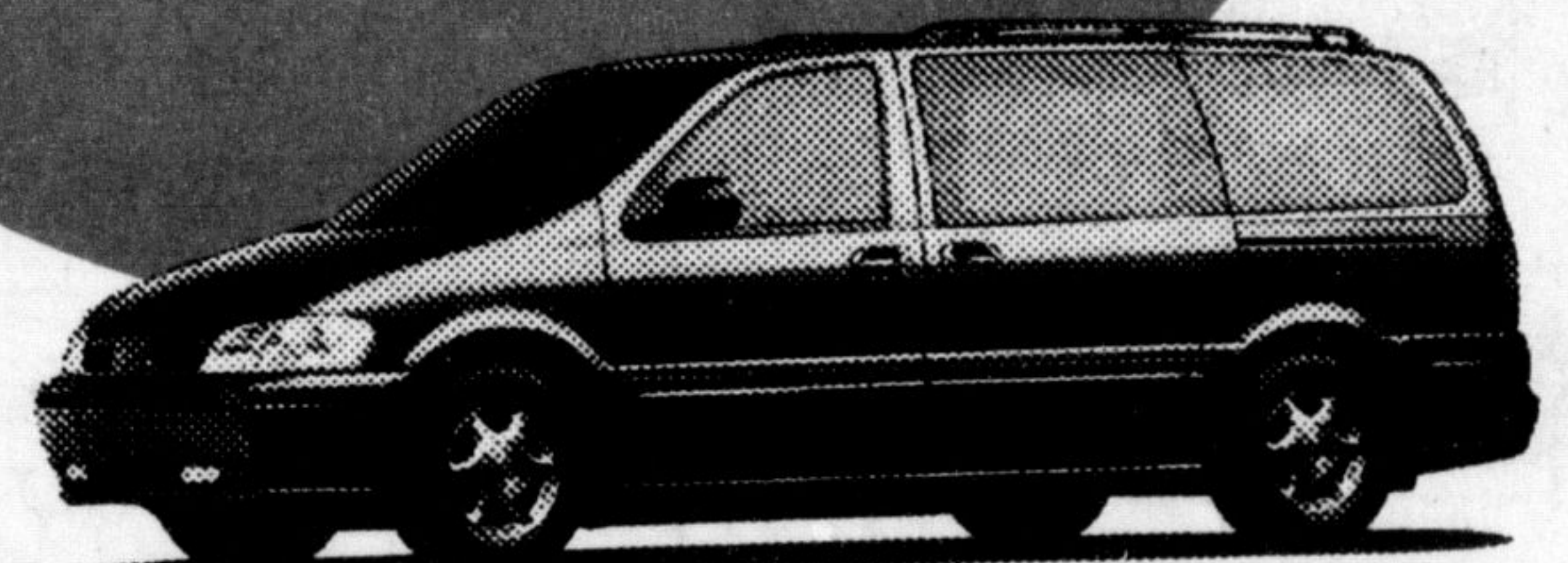


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