

# Big bash planned at Rotary Park to celebrate Canada's birthday

Miltonians looking to celebrate the nation's birthday don't have to travel out of town.

As usual, a big Canada Day bash will be held at Rotary Park.

"We're having a brief ceremony at Victoria Park at 11:30 (a.m.) July 1 with the mayor and various dignitaries," said Paul Scherer, one of the many volunteer organizers of the event.

"A local pipe band will then lead a

parade to Rotary Park for noon for the official opening ceremonies."

After singing the national anthem, strawberry birthday cake will be handed out to visitors.

During the day and evening, activities will include a variety of games, face painting, pony rides and a dunk tank.

Beer tents will be set up for the older crowd, while the youngsters can check out different birds during the raptor display.

"We're going to have live entertainment from 5 to 11 (p.m.)," said Mr. Scherer, adding local band 3MDM is scheduled to play at 9 p.m. "The fireworks will be the highlight of the evening around 10 or as soon as it gets totally dark. The fireworks will last 10 to 15 minutes and it's a pretty a darn good display. The activities should wind down around 11."

He said past Canada Day celebrations have drawn close to 7,000 people.

# Main Street upgrades to be celebrated

In celebration of the completion of the downtown core roadwork and beautification, Miltonians will be invited to attend Main Street re-opening festivities July 6.

The day-long event will feature free music and entertainment for the young and young at heart.

Visitors will be able to purchase a food passport for \$25 for a sampling of two spe-

cially prepared foods from each of the seven participating restaurants — Millside, La Toscana, Sweet Water Grill, The Dickens, Ivy Arms, Espresso Yourself Caffé and Benny's.

Performers will include the Sharp-5 jazz band, Motown Memories, the Milton Choristers and Fred Crossley's reggae and Caribbean band.

Children will be entertained by the Doug Barr Children's Show, Barney the Magician and Daddy Longlegs along with the strolling stiltwalker, Crayola Van and Thomas the Tank Engine.

Demonstrations by Milton Jui-Jitsu and a visit from the Milton Fire Department and Sparky will also take place.

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Some great plants to try in hot, dry locations are Lavender, Thrift, Sedums, Spirea, and Rose of Sharon. Planting and gardening all season is possible, just be water wise!

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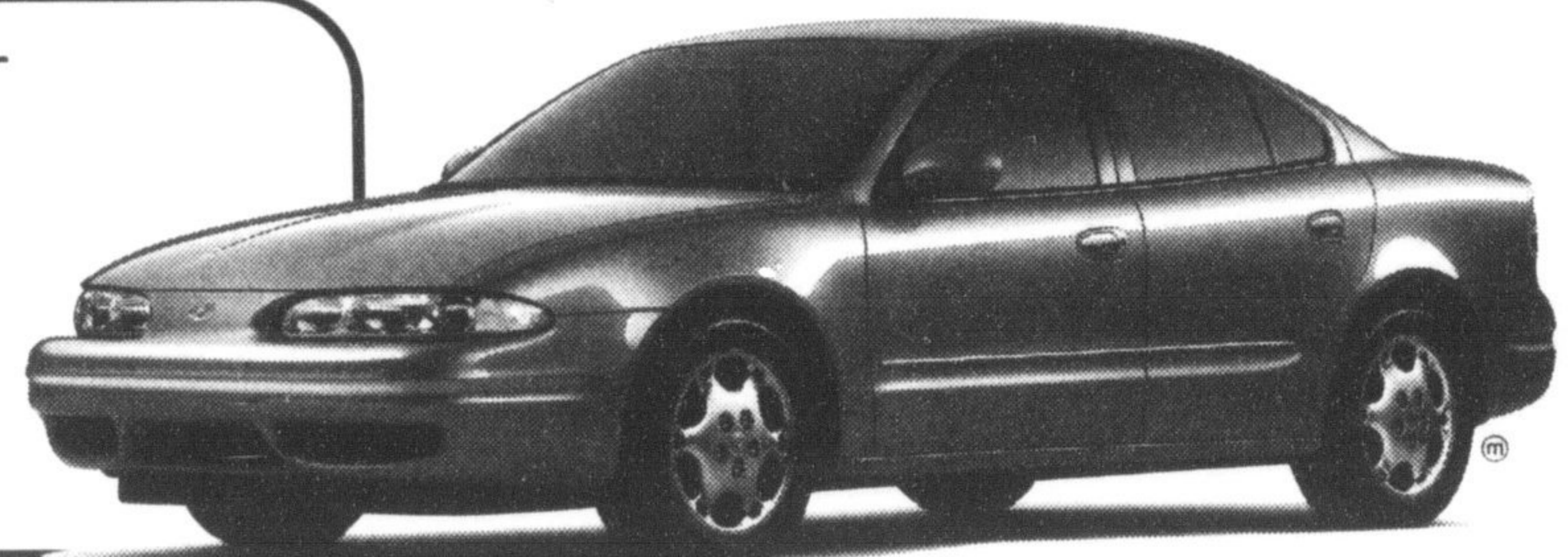
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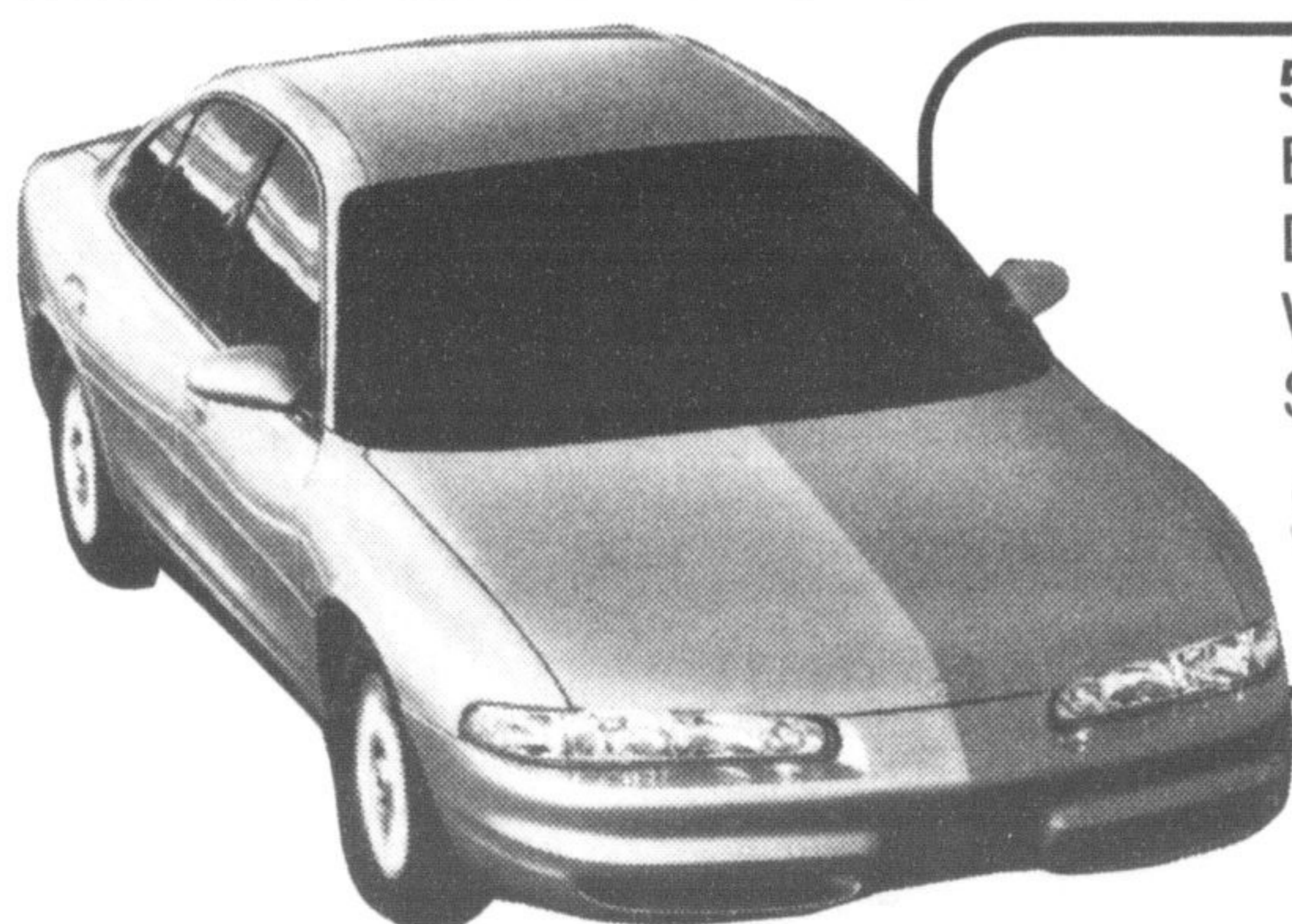
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