

Letters

Teachers deserve gratitude for the fine job they do

Dear Editor,
Three cheers for Terry Cariglia-Bull of Stouffville. It's about time the teacher bashing ends and that we stop and recognize

the dedication and long hours teachers give to their profession. It's about time the media stops its biased reporting that reveals only the negatives of teaching.

Teachers spend more time with our children and give them more attention than we the parents do.

Because of the large portion of the day our children

spend with their teachers, they often become the basic care-givers to our young elementary children and provide the necessary discipline for those whose par-

ents don't have the time or the energy at the end of the day.

Teachers team up with us, the parents, for the good of our children. They reinforce the morals we teach at home, guide our children through many personal and interpersonal conflicts and teach appropriate behaviors for the many situations that arise through the day.

Teachers are there to support our children through rough times, such as family break-ups and to encourage our children to always do their best, be it academically, physically, mentally, or socially.

We have not yet touched upon all the effort and time teachers put into updating their skills, planning an increasingly demanding curriculum and let's not forget the countless meetings all professionals must attend.

All of this, the list of activities mentioned by Terry Cariglia-Bull, and much more (such as the preparations for school trips or special events, week-ends given up to write report cards, the preparation of concerts such as the Christmas concerts that we will all soon be attending) - are all part of a teacher's hidden agenda.

We, the parents don't think of any of this when we refer to the easy 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. life of teaching.

We should all be grateful to our educators for providing us with one of the best education systems in the world. Let's stop the "teacher bashing."

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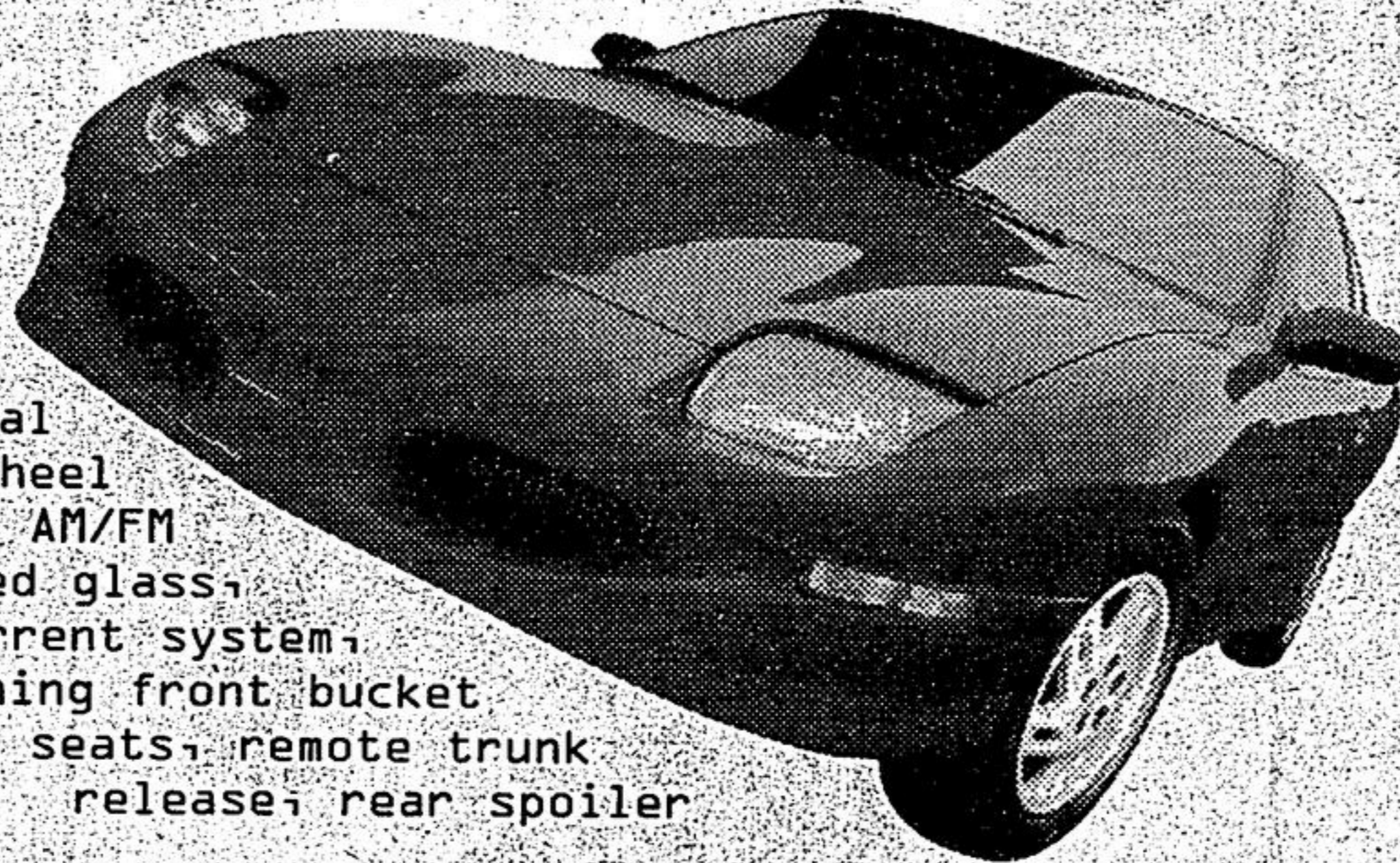
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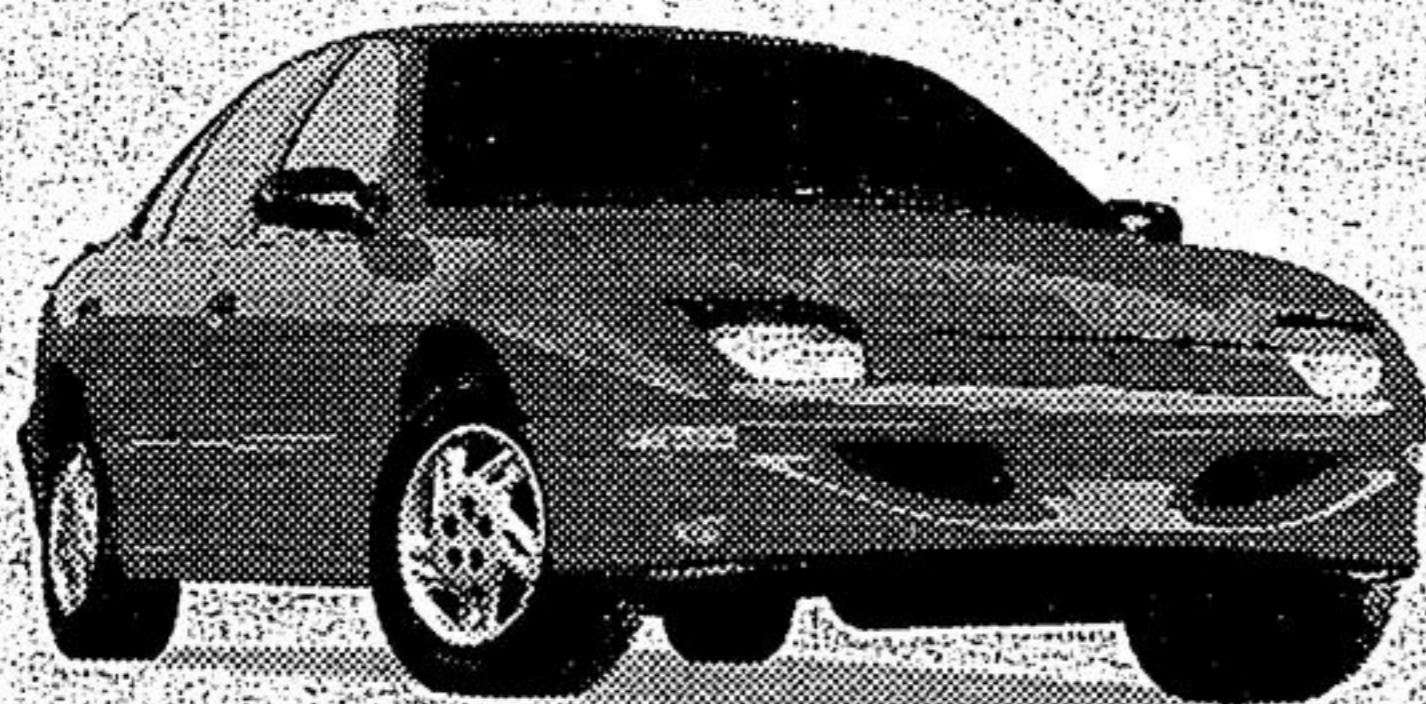
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