

## Culture: Events for Asian-American Heritage month continue Saturday

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"Americans, through the media, often perceive Asians as one group — everyone looks alike so they must act alike too," she said. "The focuses media place on Asian-Americans usually are on the successful ones."

These kinds of focuses help perpetuate the view of Asian-Americans as the country's "model minority." This perception is inaccurate because it ignores the fact that the Asian-American population is composed of people from more than 30 different countries with differing reli-

gious, cultural and linguistic backgrounds, Wong said.

Asian-Americans are also financially diverse, Wong said. Among refugee communities of Asian-Americans, where people often have little job training and English skill, the poverty rate is very high, she said. Education and social-service assistance are important to offset this poverty rate.

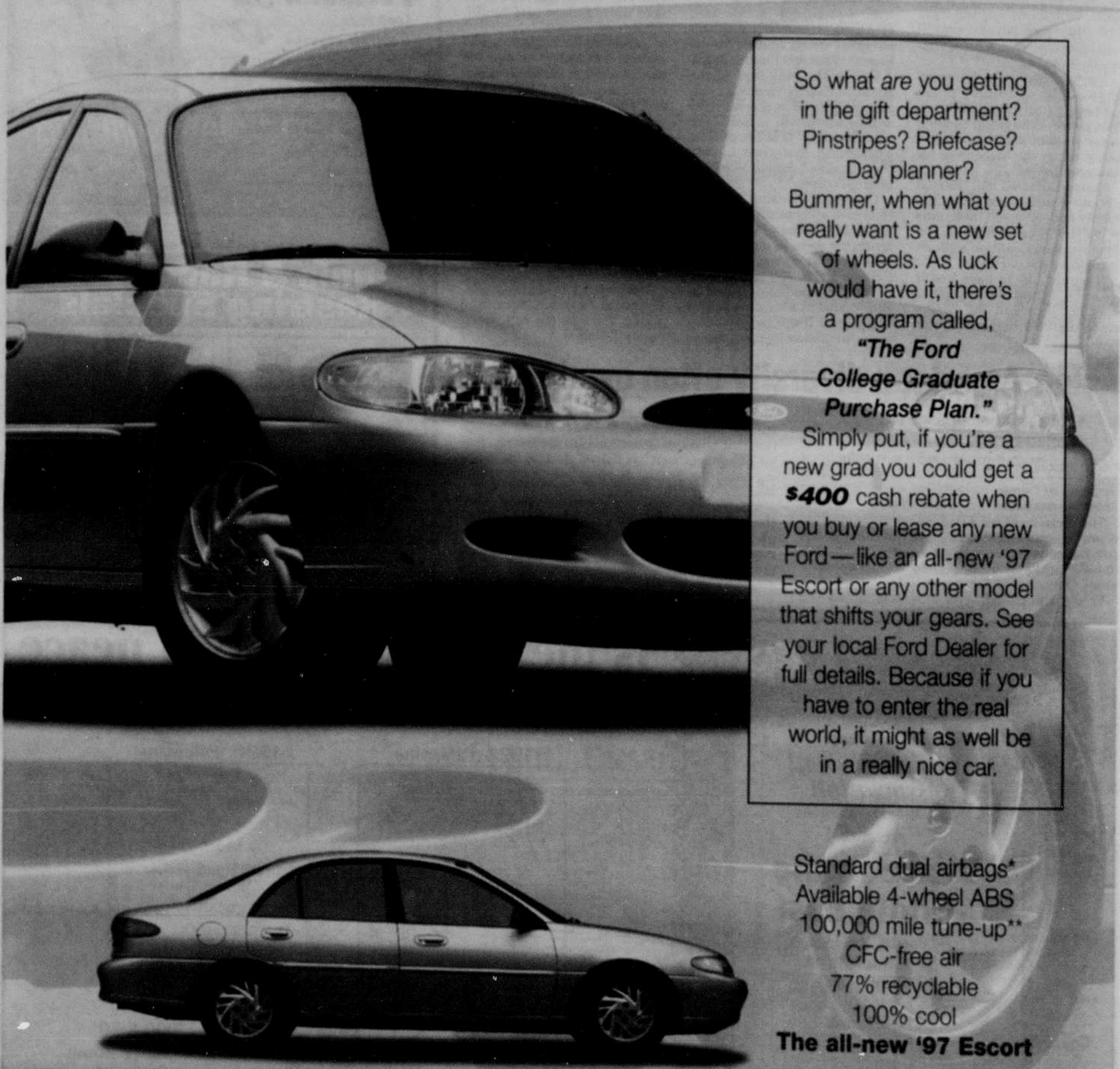
Wong's discussion of Asian-American diversity was sponsored as a part of "GenerAsians," the Asian/Pacific American Student Union's month-long celebration of

Asian-American Heritage Month.

Events for Asian-American Heritage month continue on Saturday with "VariAsians," a concert featuring traditional cultural and modern music by Asian-Americans. Bands ranging from punk to alternative will perform in the EMU Fountaincourt from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$5 a person, and tickets are available at the EMU ticket office.

APASU is also sponsoring a discussion of Asian-Americans in the arts next Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Multi-cultural Center.

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