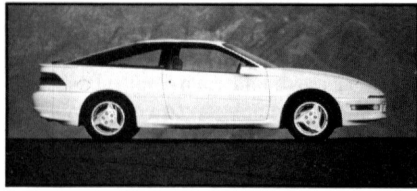


WORLD NEWS

THIS WEEK



Some '90 Probes have trans cooler leak

► inspection and repair of parking brakes, which may slip. Dealers will install new parking brake adjusters. GM also is recalling 112,000 **Blazer**, **Jimmy** and **Olds Bravada** models to repair a fuel sensor which may leak in the event of an accident. Dealers will replace leaking sensors.

Ford is recalling 6425 '91 **Grand Marquis**, **Crown Victoria**, **Cougar**, **Thunderbird** and **Mustang** models. Their transmissions may be difficult to get into and out of park. Dealers will install new parking rod assemblies. Ford also is recalling some 5400 '90 **Probe** GTs with automatic transmissions because the transmission oil cooler may leak coolant and contaminate the transmission fluid. Dealers will reposition a clamp on the oil cooler line.

TRANSITIONS. Named: **Louis E. Lataif**, as dean of Boston University's Management School. Lataif formerly was Ford of Europe president and most recently vice president of quality and marketing at Ford in Dearborn.

Named: **Duane F. Miller**, to senior vice president, vehicle engineering at Nissan Research and Development Inc. He formerly was vice president of design engineering.

CORRECTION. In "Out Takes" (AW, July 29), the lead photo showed a Fiat badge, which bore no relation to the caption or text. The photo was supposed to have been

Testarossa's view the rear view of the during drag race GMC Syclone. ■



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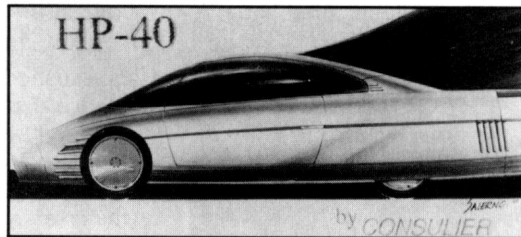
Distractions are in the ear of the distractee.

Never mind that AAA study that said cellular phones were dangerous distractions to drivers (AW, April 22), a survey by a completely disinterested third party shows that cellular phones actually make travel "less stressful." The completely disinterested third party?

Motorola, the self-proclaimed "worldwide leader for cellular telephones." ■

Und zey vil not tolerate smog! A newly formed regional air quality group wasn't too pleased when it discovered the acronym formed by its legally ordained name brought back memories of a dark period in history that the world would just as soon forget. Henceforth, the Northeast Ozone Transport Commission, or NOTC, which sounds like "Nazi" when pronounced, will be known as the OTC. "They can get away with that," one northeastern air quality official noted, "because they're the only one in the country." ■

Less ugly, more room. If the Consulier GTP seemed like the perfect car for two, the upcoming HP-40 must be the perfect car for four; Consulier Industries thinks so. It claims its planned "family car" will be "the size of a Cadillac Brougham, yet weigh only 2200 pounds, achieve over 40 miles per gallon and perform like an Eagle Talon." ■



Here's Consulier's concept of perfect 'family' car

Brazil roller-skated down pit lane to a scheduled photo session with FISA president Jean-Marie Balestre, no fine was levied. ■

IRITE. Does your personalized plate describe your job better than DR DIRT the soil scientist, PD2ARGU the attorney or JUSRELAX the Ob/Gyn? If it does, you could win big bucks. Snd ur pl8 2: P.O. Box 5973, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 91403 by Aug 15. ■

All from 4.6 liters. A syndicated mass-media auto columnist has this to say about the truly awesome stump-pulling capability of the 1992 Ford Crown Victoria: "... the standard 190-hp unit delivers 2600 foot-pounds of torque and the optional 210-hp ... 2700 foot-pounds ..." ■

But then he's from Akron. An eavesdropper in the Alfa Romeo enclosure at the Cleveland CART race overheard Goodyear epicure and wit Davis Jones reply to a visitor who was insisting on getting out of town early to beat the holiday traffic home: "When you're in Cleveland, you are out of town." ■

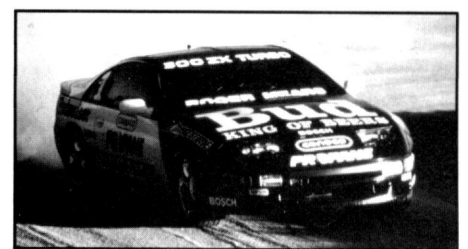
It would have been so easy. Since he was the only entry in the SS 2wd category, Roger Mears seemed sure of a victory at Pikes Peak in a propane-powered Nissan 300ZX; at least he did until race morning, when the car wouldn't start. ■



AAA distresses phone maker

CHARLES KRASNER PHOTO

It's not what you know ... Pit lane at the French Grand Prix was crowded. With more than 600 VIP pit passes distributed by race organizers, things occasionally got hairy. Thus, when two race officials took a moped down pit lane—during qualifying—the organizers were fined \$5,000. Yet when Miss



Propane-powered Nissan—at least in practice