Sometimes deliveries to shoppe late: trial

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The Champion

The owner of an Owen Sound furniture manufacturing business told Burlington court Friday his company didn't always deliver orders within the usual six-week time frame to the Village Pine Shoppe in Campbellville.

Larry Vokes, co-owner of Frontier business. Furniture, testified in the ongoing fraud trial of Charles Currie that his store could have taken up to three months before delivering orders to the shop.

During cross-examination, defense lawyer Anthony Bryant went through, page by page, orders made by the Village Pine Shoppe to Frontier Furniture during 1997 and 1998.

He pointed out several pieces of furniture ordered by the store failed to be delivered.

"The paper work was generated the day before shipment," Mr. Vokes told the court.

"Maybe we realized in the morning it wasn't ready but we wouldn't hold up the truck."

Mr. Vokes, who testified he dealt with

Mr. Currie regarding manufacturing furniture for the Village Pine Shoppe, said his store delivered numerous pieces of furniture to the store between 1996 and 1999.

"Things would get dry for a while and then we would get more orders from him (Mr. Currie)," he said, adding the store made up 15 per cent of Frontier Furniture's

Mr. Vokes testified in November his business began receiving bad cheques from the Village Pine Shoppe in mid-1998 but continued to deliver furniture to the

He claimed his store is out in excess of \$25,000 after numerous cheques from the store failed to clear.

Mr. Currie, 43, of Campbellville faces 25 counts of fraud under \$5,000 and one count of fraud over \$5,000.

He was charged with allegations that some customers of the store didn't receive the furniture they ordered or their money

Mr. Currie remains in custody.

The trial will continue March 26 in Burlington.

No trial date in hit-and-run

A Brampton man charged in last year's hit-and-run death of an Etobicoke cyclist on Tremaine Road will return to court March 7 after making a brief appearance Thursday.

Paul Carroll, charged with dangerous driving causing death and failing to remain at the scene of an accident, appeared in Ontario court (provincial division) in Milton to set a trial date.

After being arrested in September, Mr. Carroll was released from custody for \$75,000 bail.

Jacek Wierzbicki died in the hit-and-run.



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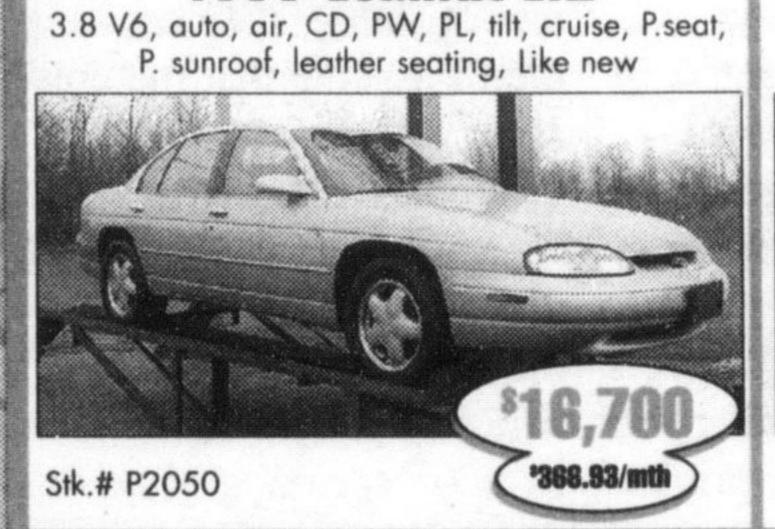
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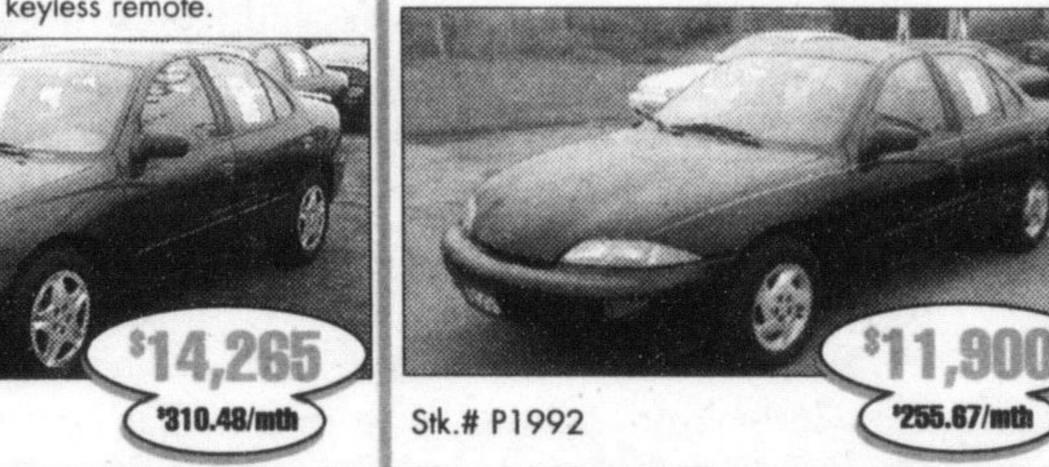
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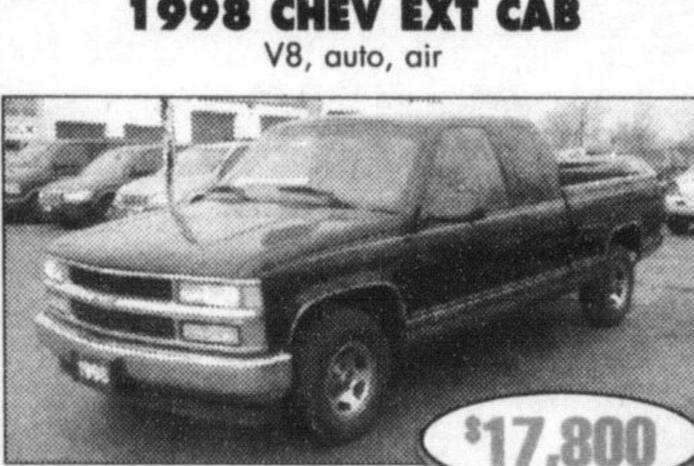
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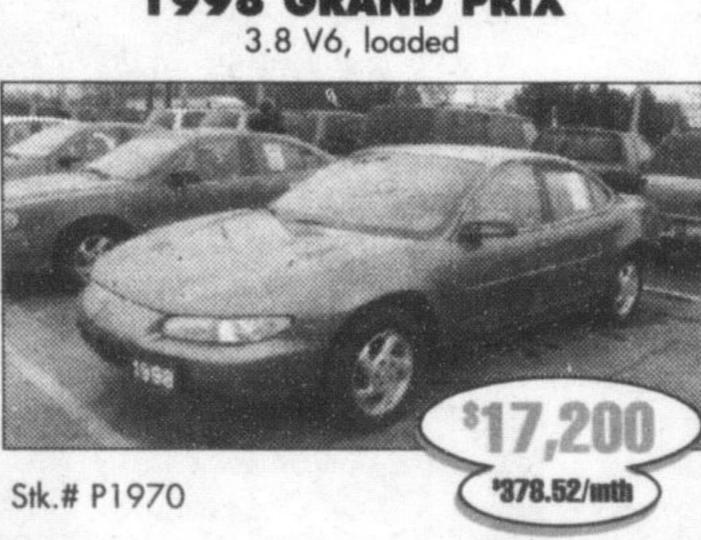
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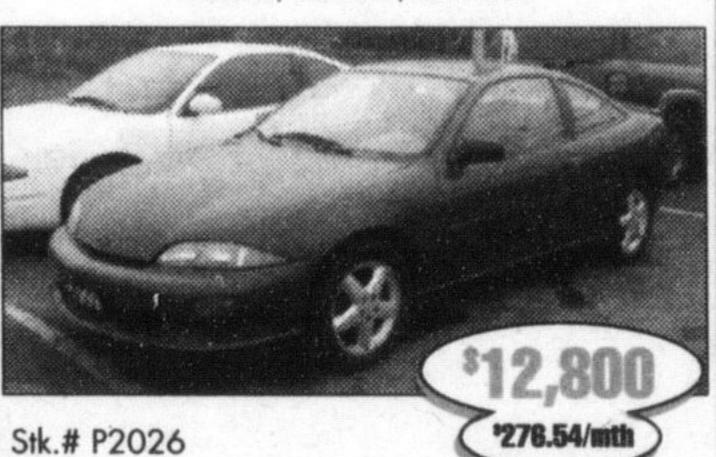


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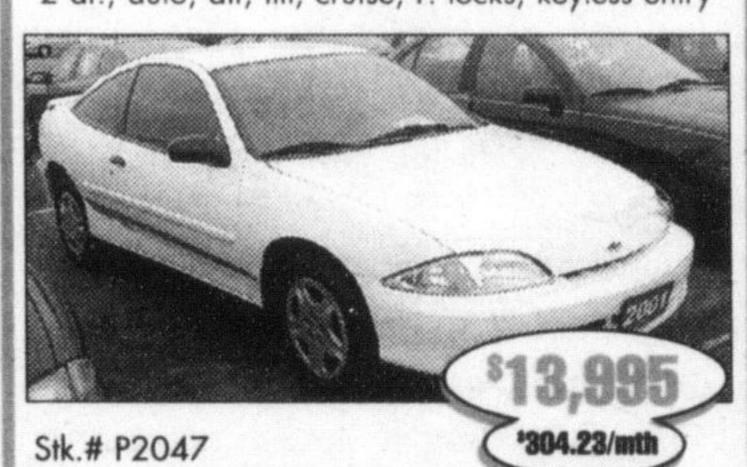
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