

School board is reviewing Holocaust studies following recent letters of complaints

By **TIM WHITNELL**

Special to The Champion

A handful of letters protesting a Holocaust survivor's address to a grade 8 classroom has prompted the Halton Catholic District School Board to consider reviewing a study unit on the subject.

Frank Junger said he only tries to inform, not preach, about the dark time in world history, in hopes of convincing others that a repeat of the tragedy he lived through must be avoided.

That's why the 71-year-old Auschwitz survivor expressed sorrow and some anger when told that a speech he made to a group of grade 8 students in Burlington late last year was met with at least six letters decrying his words, denouncing the Halton Catholic District School Board and, most horrifying to Mr. Junger, denying the existence of the Holocaust.

"I have lived with this every single day of every moment. Any (suggestion) that it didn't happen is absolutely ludicrous."

Meanwhile, the school board that invited Mr. Junger to speak to stu-

"We object very strongly that in such an emotional way young kids, as in this case, are bombarded with the awful things the "Germans" have done. Without a doubt, such kids will go home and see all Germans as killers."

ERHARD MATTAES

dents will review its Holocaust study unit to ensure people of all nationalities are respected.

While the number of letters received may seem relatively small, their content and insinuations bother the school board's Education Director Lou Piovesan, who said he's obliged to respond to the letter writers.

"Our position was not to promote hatred or racism or bigotry — just

the opposite," he stressed. "It supplements the study of the Diary of Anne Frank" by grade 8s," he said.

"If it (war stories) was done on its own I might agree it's too mature (in subject matter), but it was done in context. I think the students had a better understanding of it."

Still, Mr. Piovesan said an administrative review of how that particular study unit is delivered to students is in order.

"We will be reviewing it to make sure we are promoting policies of respect for nationalities," he said.

A one-page letter addressed to Mr. Piovesan and signed by Erhard Matthaes, president of the Trans-Canada Alliance of German-Canadians of Ayr, Ont., didn't deny the Holocaust but questioned the method and rationale for the study unit. "We object very strongly that in such an emotional way young kids, as in this case, are bombarded with the awful things the "Germans" have done. You as a prime educator will know which imprint such blood-thirsty stories will do to the 12 and 13-year-old youngsters. Without a doubt, such kids will go home and see all Germans as killers.

• see METHODS on page 21

Wallace Pontiac Buick GMC PRIME OPTIMUM USED VEHICLES

6 mo. Powertrain Warranty with all Optimum Used Cars



'01 Ford Ranger XLT Reg
2WD, V6, 5speed, CD, air, tonneau cover fender side. Black. st#106757A
\$16,983.



'99 Grand AM SE
4dr, auto, air, 4cyl, only 71,000km. st#P1959A
\$12,976.

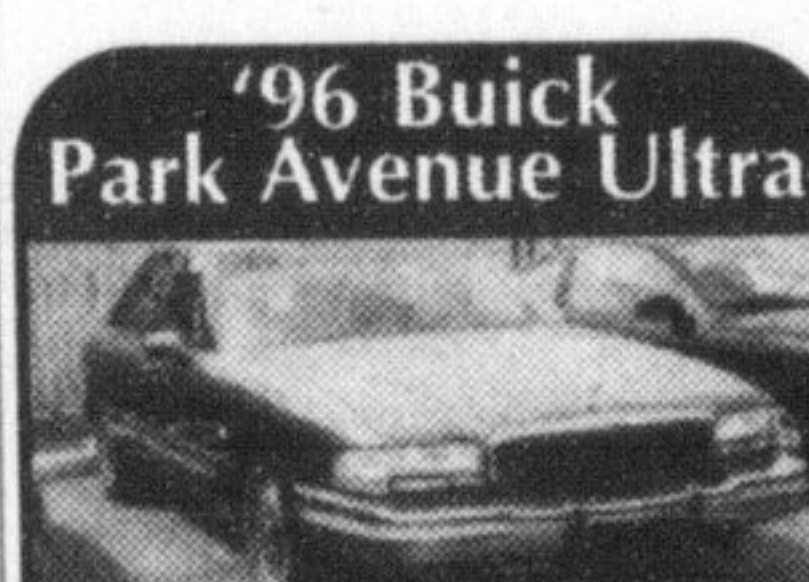


'99 Transport
3dr, auto, air, pw, pw, 47,000km. st#1954
\$16,923.

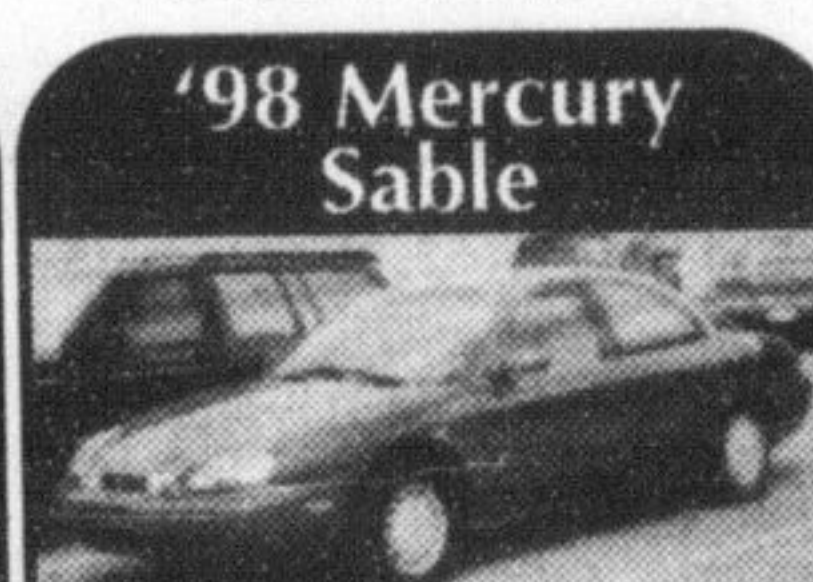


'97 Chev Lumina LS
3dr, V6, pw, pl, tilt, cruise, leather, loaded. st#P1868A
\$8,987.

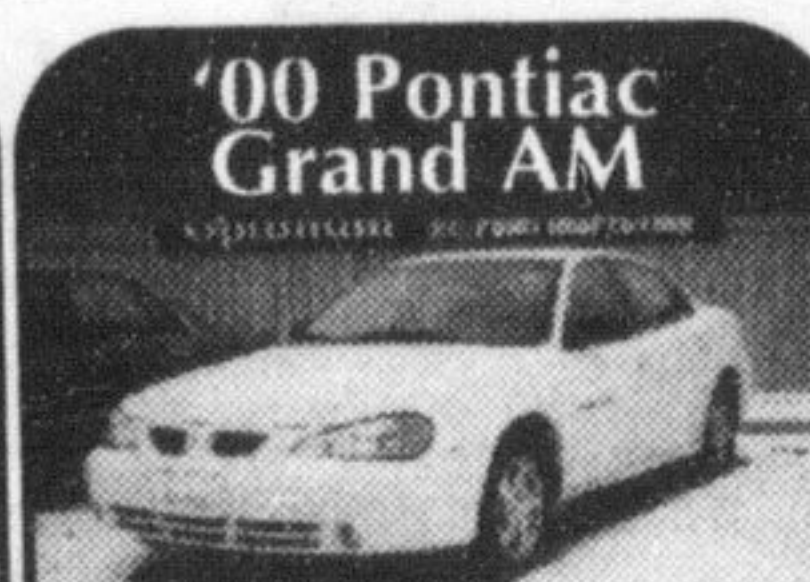
Optimum Used Vehicles sold w/ 3 months, 5,000 km warranty, 150 point inspection plus roadside assistance. 1OL = One Owner Vehicle



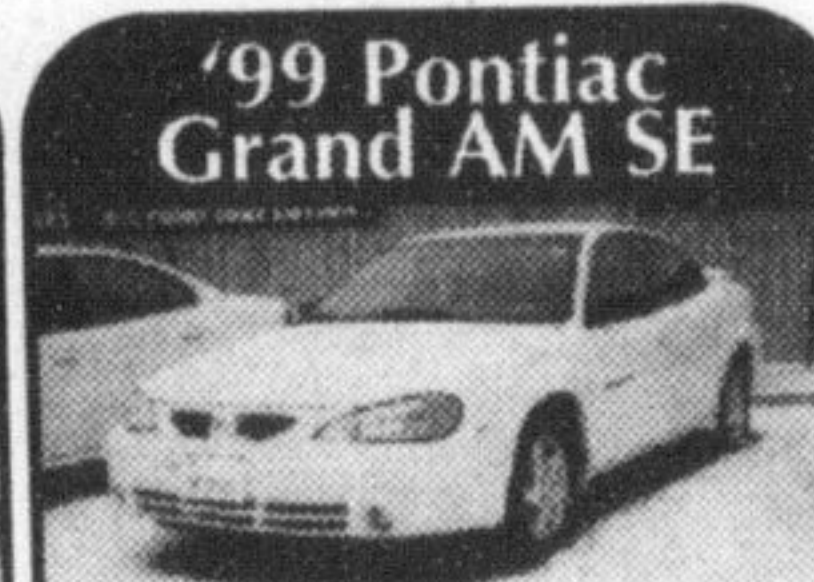
'96 Buick Park Avenue Ultra
4dr, V6, pw, pl, tilt, cruise, leather, loaded, one owner, only 39,000km st#226250A
\$18,922.



'98 Mercury Sable
4door, pw, pl, loaded, only 87,000kms. st#1585098
\$11,982.



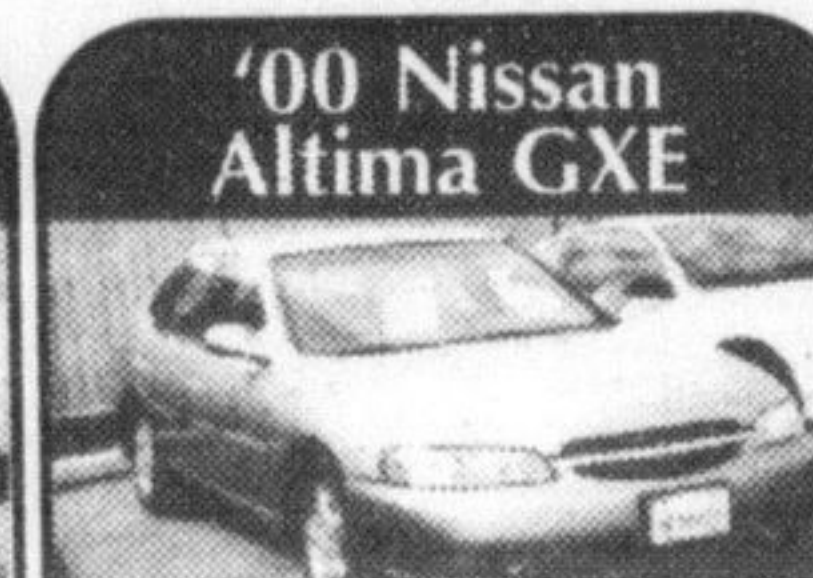
'00 Pontiac Grand AM
4dr, V6, pw, pl, tilt, cruise, loaded. st#113682A
\$13,994.



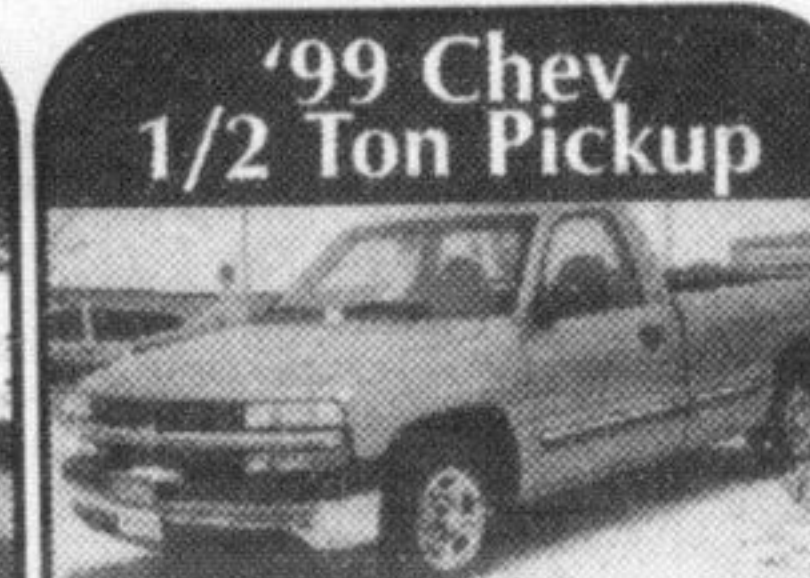
'99 Pontiac Grand AM SE
Loaded, V6, auto, pw, pl, tilt. st#P1952A
\$15,692.



'97 Buick LeSabre Ltd.
4door, V6, pw, pl, tilt, cruise, loaded, 1 owner, only 35,000km. st#221948A
\$18,972.



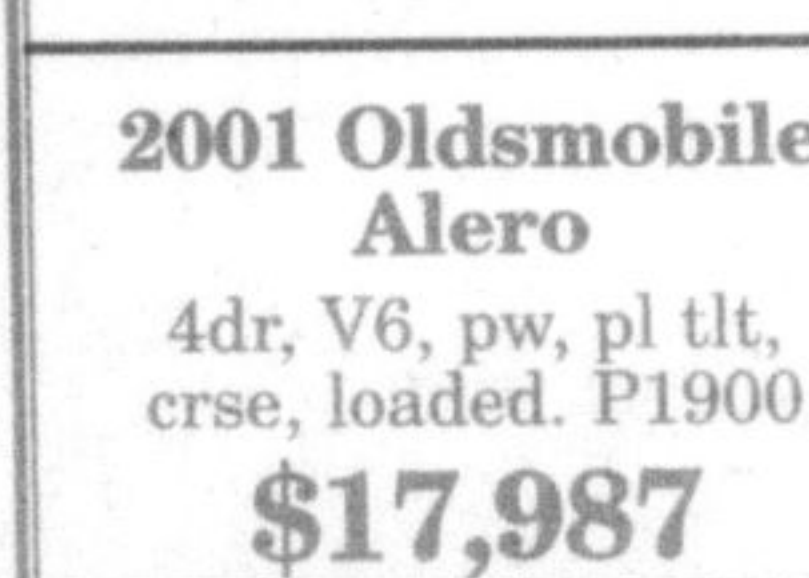
'00 Nissan Altima GXE
Auto, air, pw, pl, tilt, cruise, power seat, loaded. st#P1964
\$16,992.



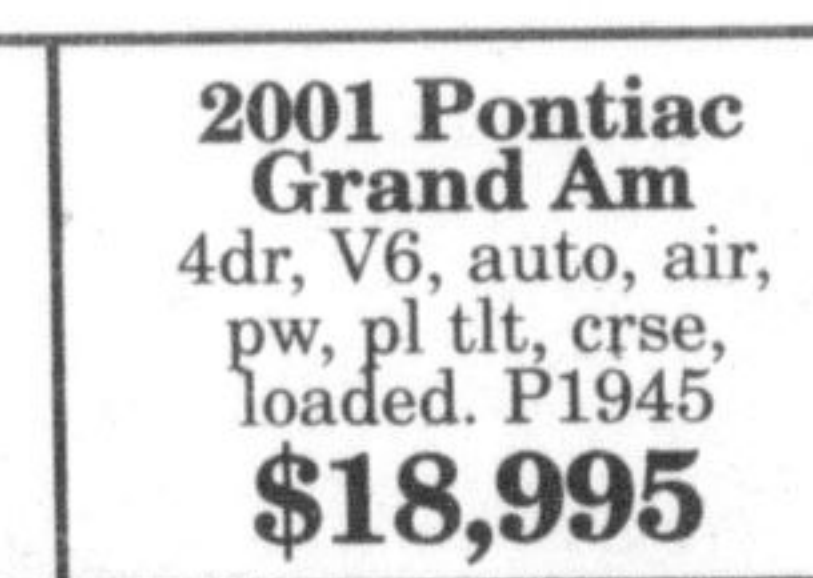
'99 Chev 1/2 Ton Pickup
Auto, air. st#P1965
\$18,792.



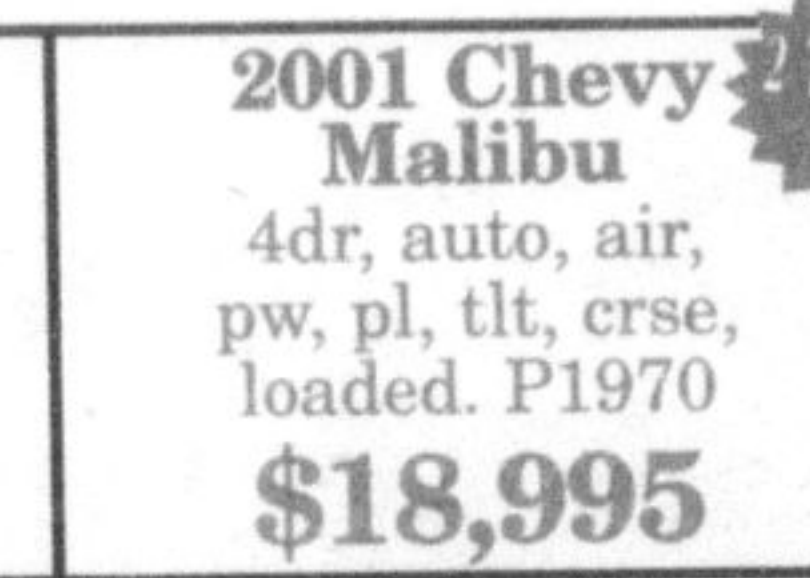
'99 Chev Venture Ext.
4dr, pw, pl, tilt, cruise, fully loaded, only 63,000km. st#P1955
\$18,923.



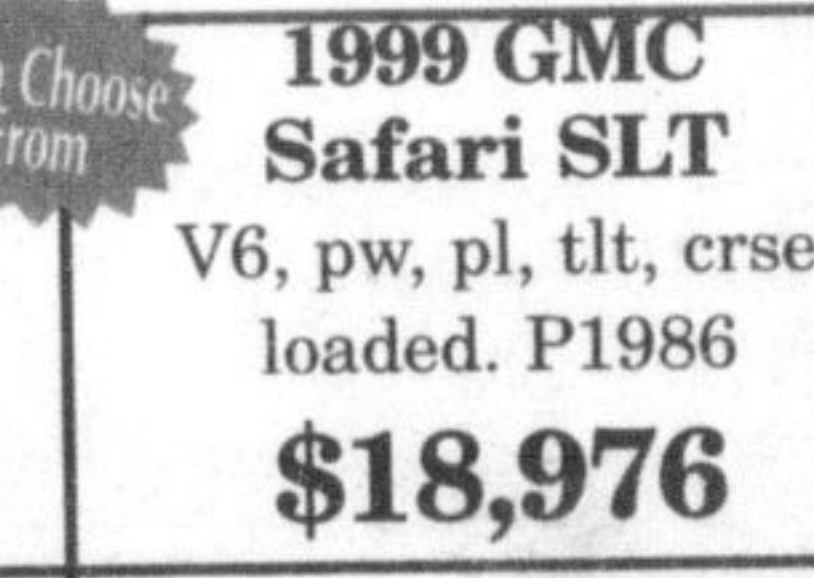
2001 Oldsmobile Alero
4dr, V6, pw, pl, tilt, crse, loaded. P1900
\$17,987



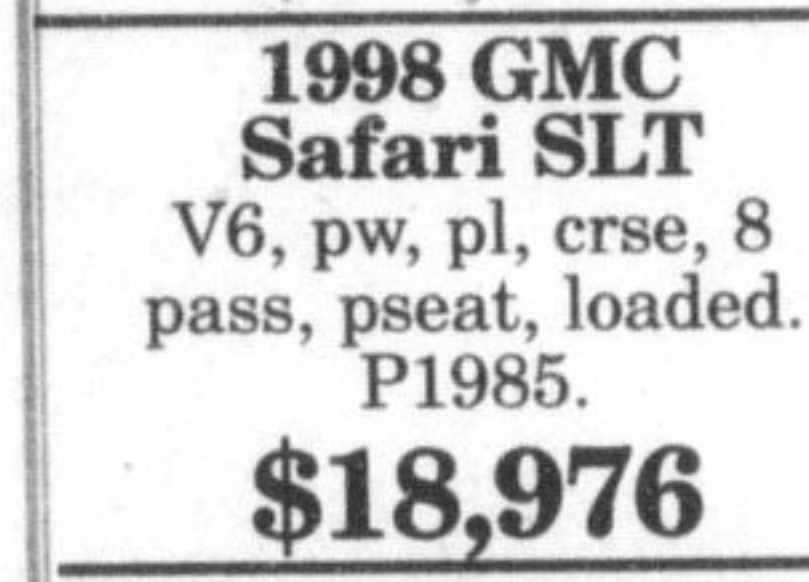
2001 Pontiac Grand Am
4dr, V6, auto, air, pw, pl, tilt, crse, loaded. P1945
\$18,995



2001 Chev Malibu
4dr, auto, air, pw, pl, tilt, crse, loaded. P1970
\$18,995



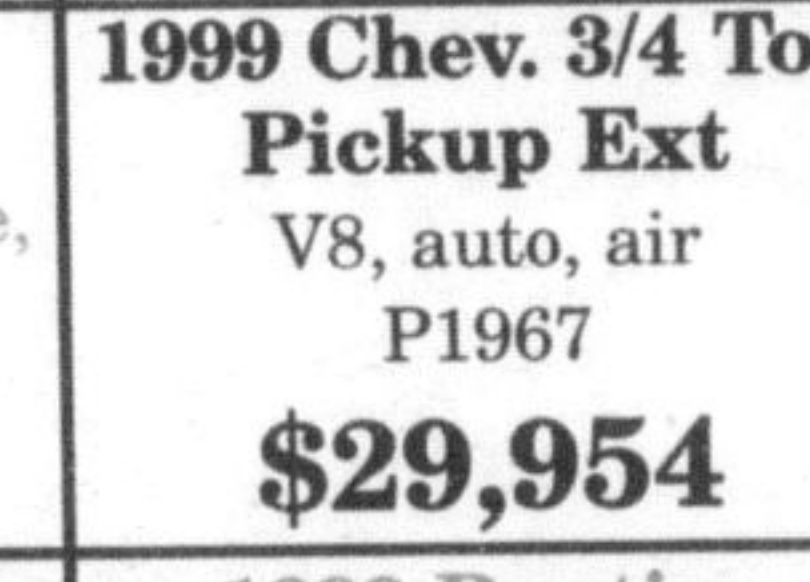
1999 GMC Safari SLT
V6, pw, pl, tilt, crse, loaded. P1986
\$18,976



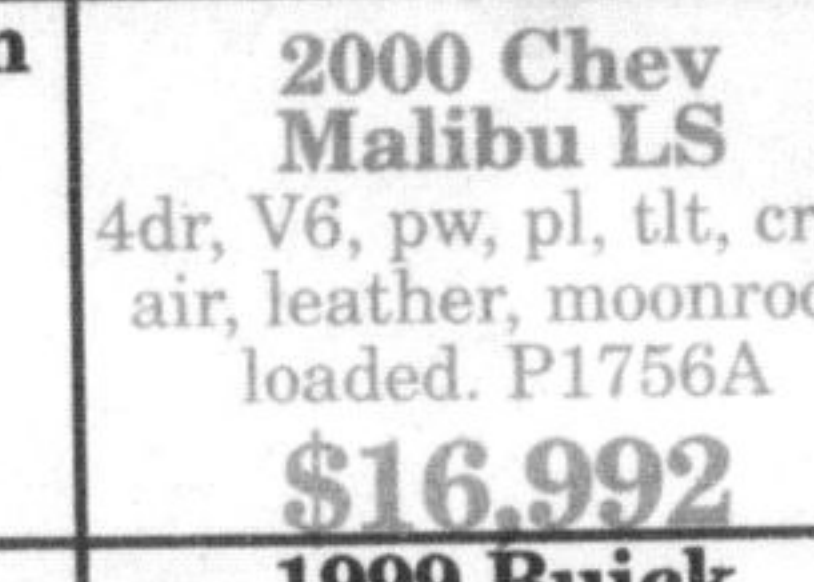
1998 GMC Safari SLT
V6, pw, pl, crse, 8 pass, pseat, loaded. P1985.
\$18,976



2000 LeSabre Custom
4dr, pw, pl, tilt, cruise, loaded, 65,000 klm. #P1993
\$23,995



1999 Chev 3/4 Ton Pickup
V8, auto, air P1967
\$29,954



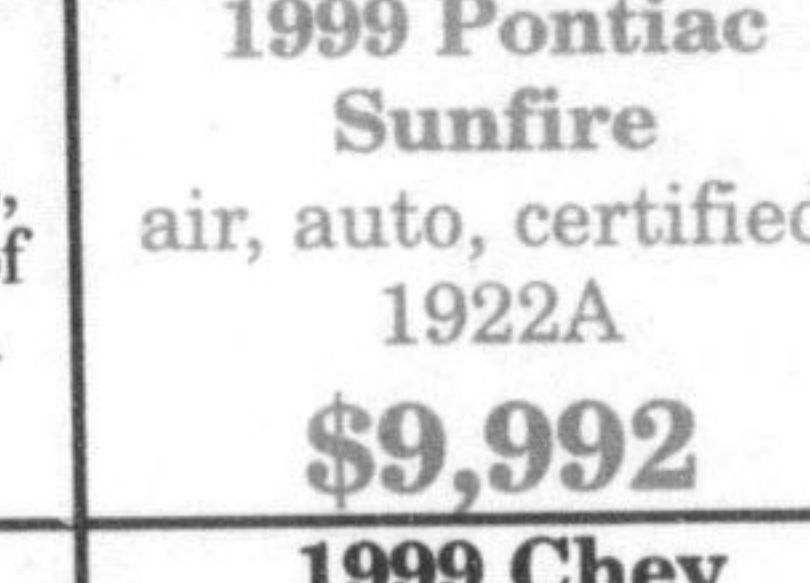
2000 Chev Malibu LS
4dr, V6, pw, pl, tilt, crse, air, leather, moonroof, loaded. P1756A
\$16,992



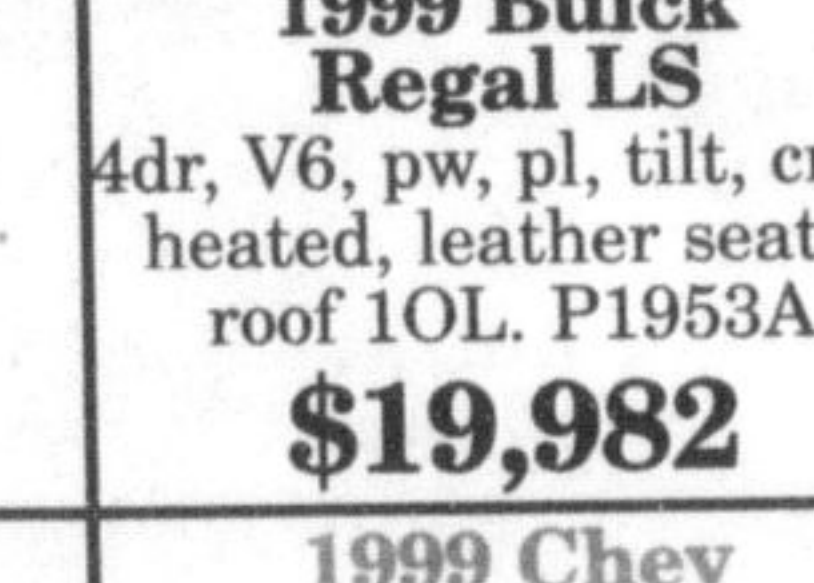
2000 Pontiac Grand Prix GT
4dr, V6, pw, pl, tilt, crse, loaded, cloth. 1OL 211925A
\$23,995



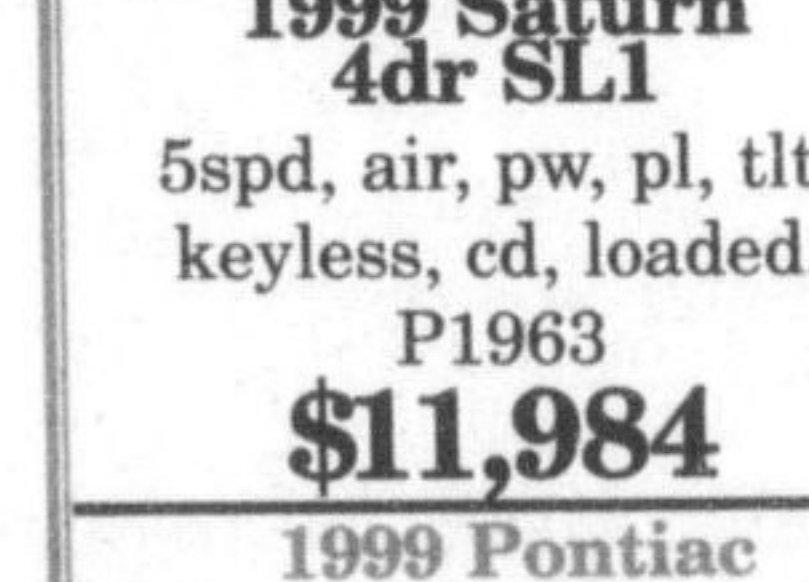
1999 Buick Regal LS
4dr, V6, air, pw, pl, tilt, htd, leather, moonroof loaded 1OL. P1938A
\$18,982



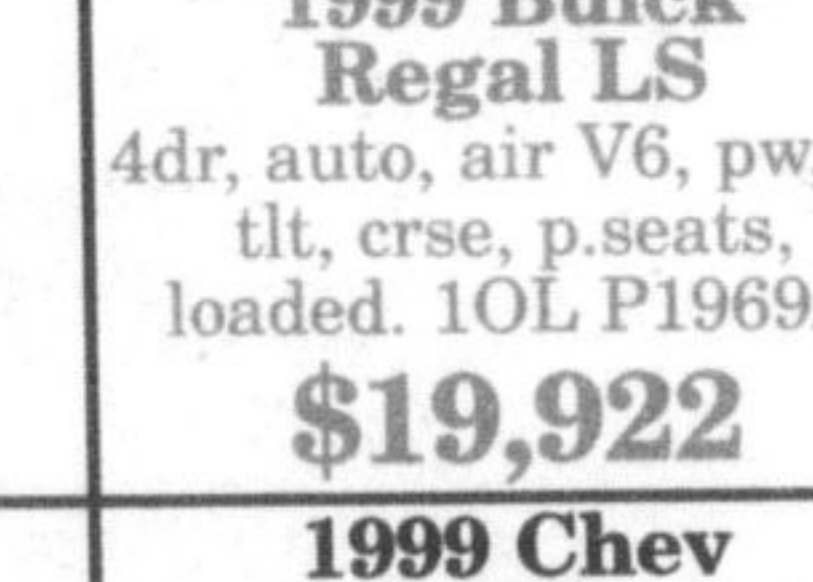
1999 Pontiac Sunfire
air, auto, certified. 1922A
\$9,992



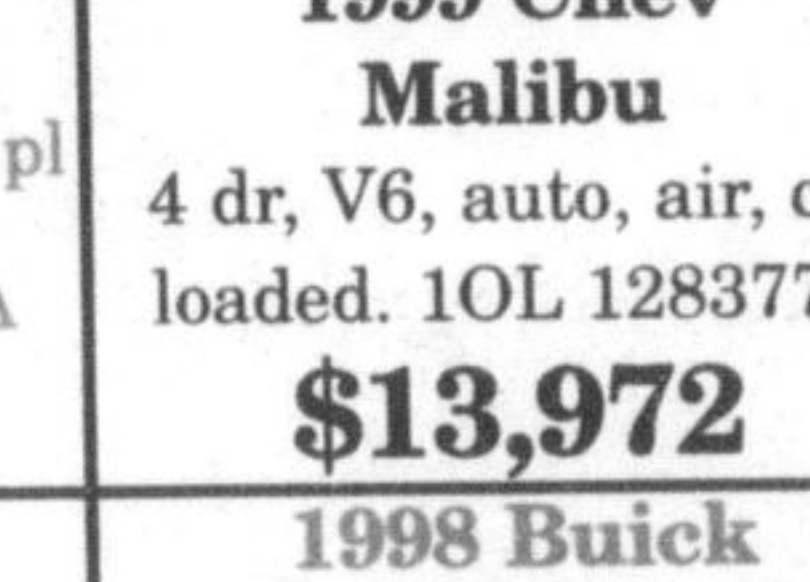
1999 Buick Regal LS
4dr, V6, pw, pl, tilt, crse, heated, leather seats, roof 1OL. P1953A
\$19,982



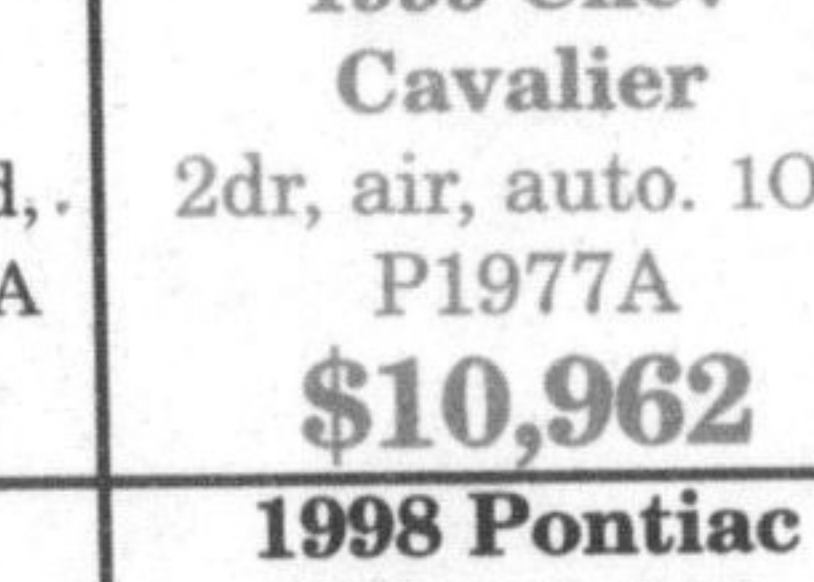
1999 Saturn 4dr SLI
5spd, air, pw, pl, tilt, keyless, cd, loaded. P1963
\$11,984



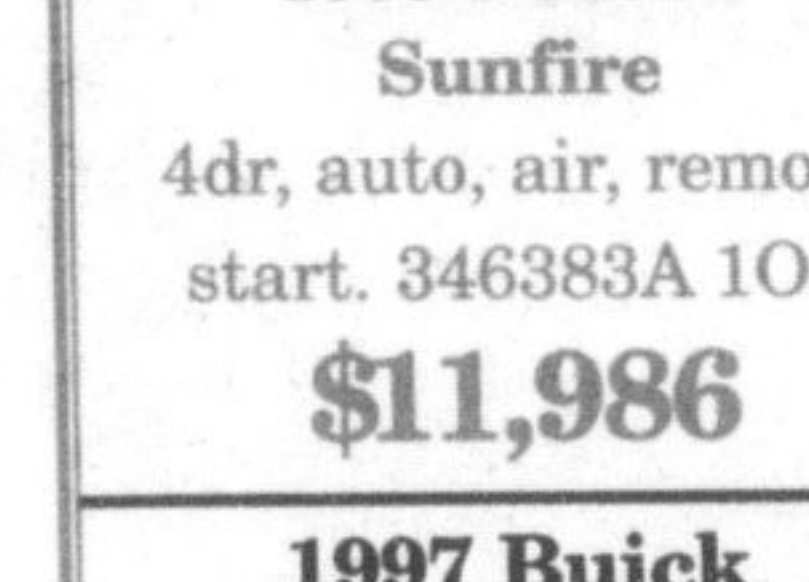
1999 Buick Regal LS
4dr, auto, air V6, pw, pl, tilt, crse, p.seats, loaded. 1OL P1969A
\$19,922



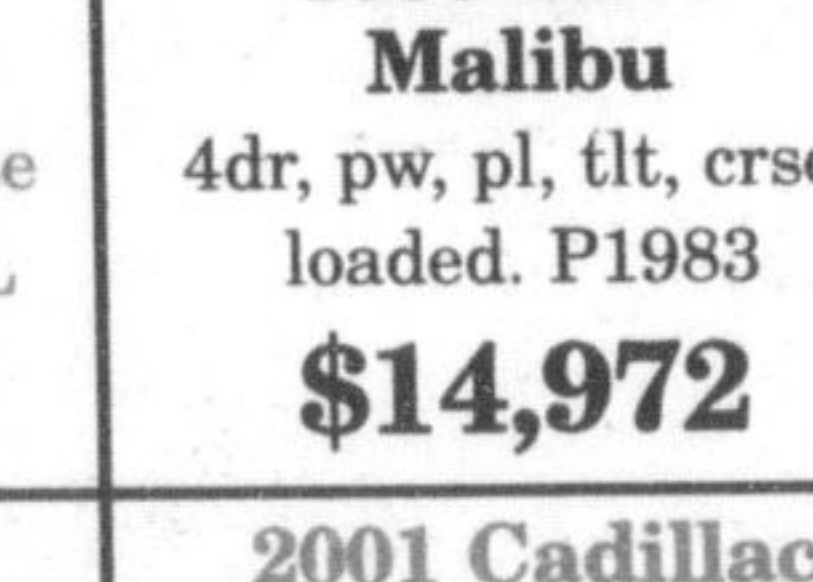
1999 Chev Malibu
4 dr, V6, auto, air, cd, loaded. 1OL 128377A
\$13,972



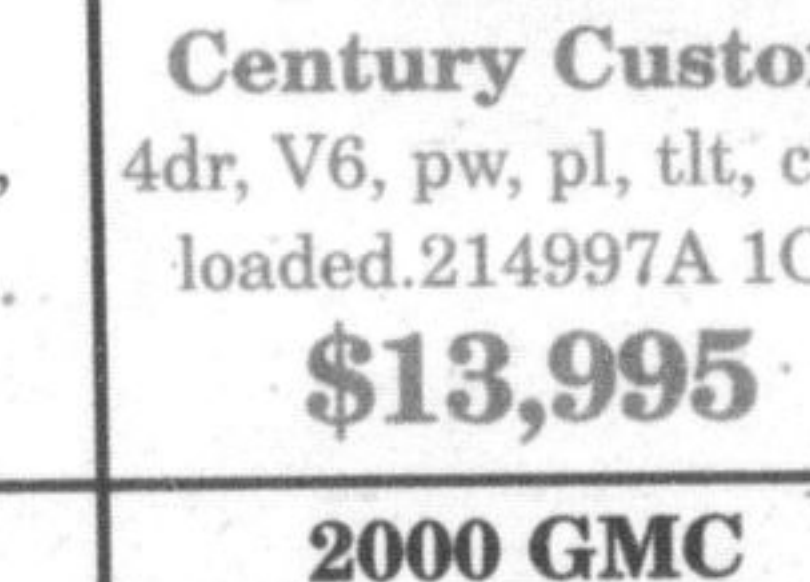
1999 Chev Cavalier
2dr, air, auto. 1OL P1977A
\$10,962



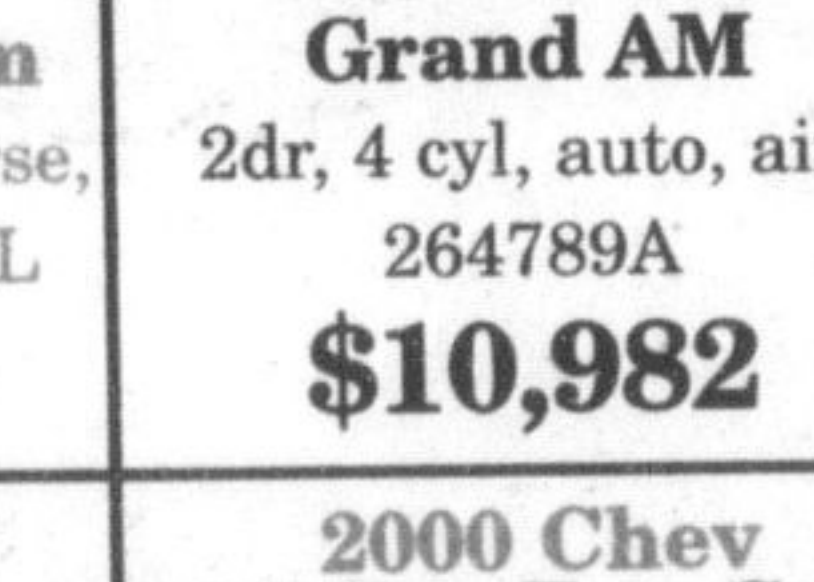
1999 Pontiac Sunfire
4dr, auto, air, remote start. 346383A 1OL
\$11,986



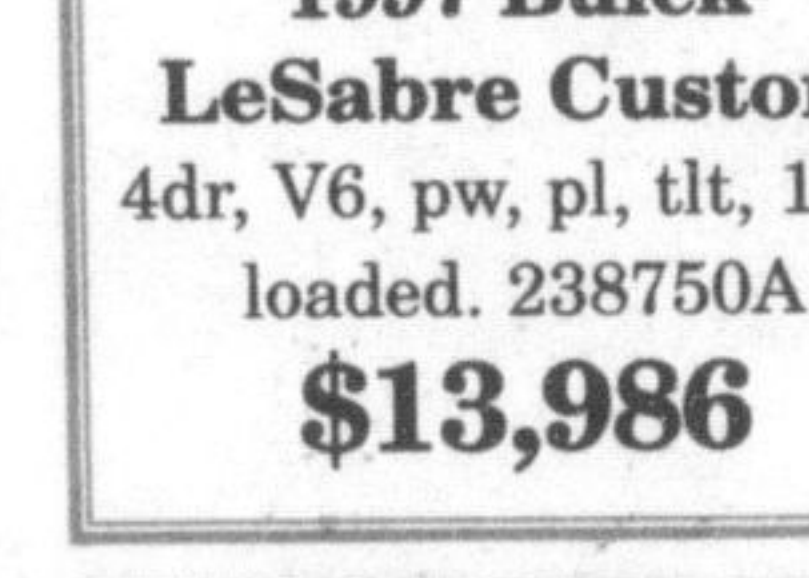
1999 Chev Malibu
4dr, pw, pl, tilt, crse, loaded. P1983
\$14,972



1998 Buick Century Custom
4dr, V6, pw, pl, tilt, crse, loaded. 214997A 1OL
\$13,995



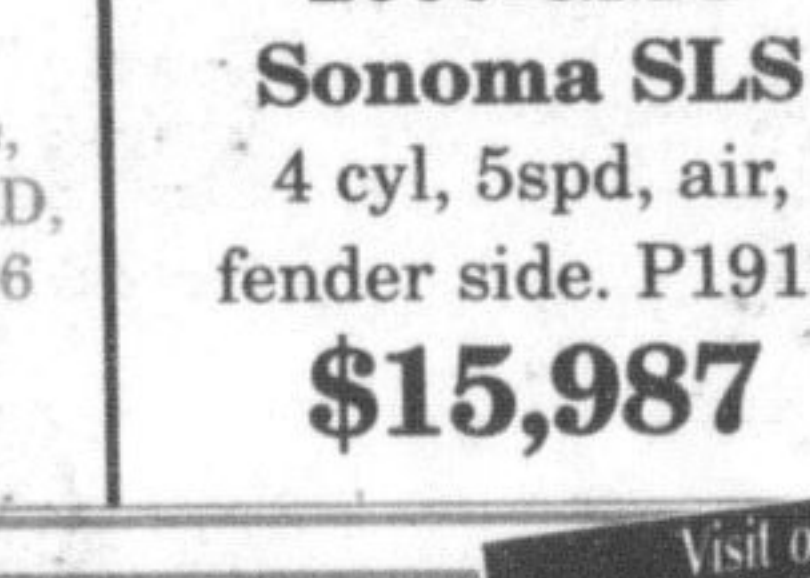
1998 Pontiac Grand AM
2dr, 4 cyl, auto, air. 264789A
\$10,982



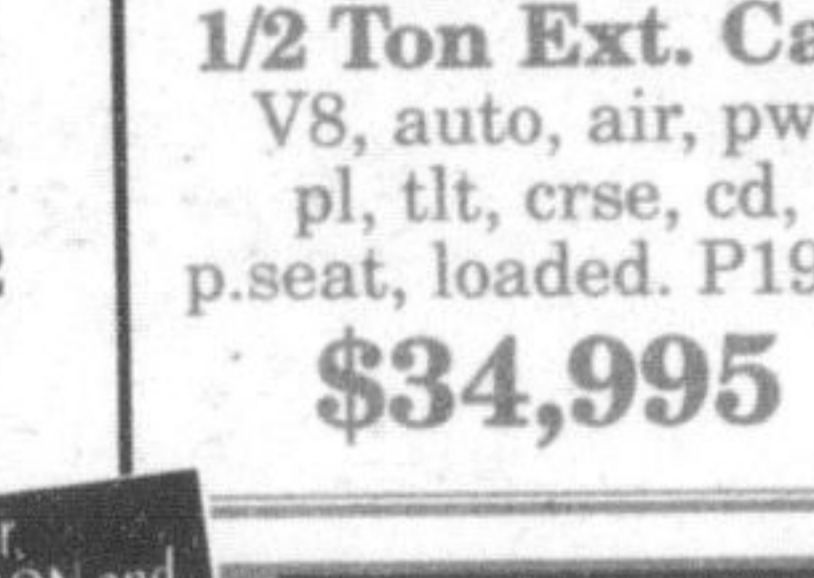
1997 Buick LeSabre Custom
4dr, V6, pw, pl, tilt, 1OL loaded. 238750A.
\$13,986



2001 Cadillac Deville
4dr, pw, pl, tilt, cruise, heated leather seats, CD, only 31,000 klm. #1996
\$44,998



2000 GMC Sonoma SLS
4 cyl, 5spd, air, fender side. P1912
\$15,987



2000 Chev 1/2 Ton Ext. Cab
V8, auto, air, pw, pl, tilt, crse, cd, p.seat, loaded. P1966
\$34,995

Visit our NEW LOCATION and SHOWROOM.

PONTIAC
BUICK
Cadillac
GMC
WALLACE PONTIAC
BUICK CADILLAC LTD.

Wallace
PONTIAC • BUICK • CADILLAC
(905) 878-2355
TOLL FREE 1-888-878-2354

801 MAIN ST. E. MILTON
MON. - THURS.
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
FRI. & SAT.
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

• PONTIAC • BUICK • CADILLAC • GMC • PONTIAC • BUICK •

LaRose Italian Bakery and Delicatessen

Bakery Specials

8" STRAWBERRY
RHUBARB PIE

\$3.99 each

WHOLE WHEAT BREAD

1.69¢ loaf

ALL OUR BAKED
GOODS BAKED
FRESH DAILY
ON PREMISES!

Produce Specials

BANANAS
FROM THE TROPICS

.39¢ /lb

HOT HOUSE
TOMATOES

.99¢ /LB

PRODUCT OF ONTARIO

Deli Specials

KOLBASSA
MEATLOAF

\$3.49 lb or .77/100g

SCHNEIDER'S JUMBO
SUMMER SAUSAGE

\$5.99 or 1.32/100g

Prices in effect April 16 to April 22

327 Bronte Street S. • White Oaks Plaza
905-875-0303

Store Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-7 pm
Friday 9:30 am-8 pm
Saturday 8:30 am-6 pm
Sunday 9:00 am-5 pm