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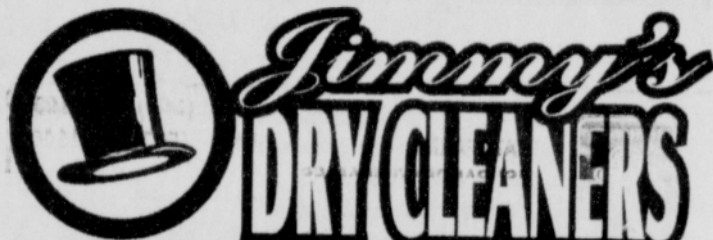
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## 2004 KIA Amanti

Tested Vehicle Information: Price: \$28,260; Engine: 3.5L 24 Valve DOHC V6; Transmission: 5-Speed Automatic

The 2004 Kia Amanti makes a luxury vehicle that is affordable starting at \$24,995. South Korea is taking a piece of the US Market that is becoming increasingly more competitive for the manufacturers to stay on top. Kia has improved their products and offer excellent warranty coverage to grow more competitive in today's market.

When you look at the front of the Amanti it will have you asking is a Mercedes or Jaguar? It has a remarkable luxury style from the outside to the inside. Wood trim graces the inside interior. It's roomy, comfortable and loaded at an affordable price. Kia has out done itself with this vehicle. It has some catching up to do with engine technology.

Kia expectations of the Amanti does everything they expected and very well. It's a vehicle that rather on short or long trips will provide comfort to its passengers. It maneuvers well but lacks on the suspension on rough roads. It has a great sound system with good reception and quality sound. The Amanti is comparable to other mid-size vehicles in it class.



# SPORTS

## Blazers to Open Season on Road

The Portland Trail Blazers will open the 2004-05 season on the road, traveling to Oakland to face the Golden State Warriors on Wednesday, Nov. 3. The Blazers play their home opener two nights later when they host the L.A. Clippers in the Rose Garden.

As in years past, Portland will play a two-game series (1 home and 1 road) against all 15 Eastern Conference teams. But due to the addition of the expansion-Charlotte Bobcats in the East and the resulting relocation of the New Orleans Hornets to the Western Conference, Portland's intra-conference match-ups will be split. The Blazers will face the other four Northwest Division teams four times (2 home and 2 road). Portland will play four-game series (2 home and 2 road) against three teams in both the Southwest and Pacific Divisions and will play three-game series (either 2 home and 1 road or 1 home and 2 road) against the other two clubs in both divisions. These intra-conference match-ups will rotate each season.

The Blazers will face the Western Conference Champion-L.A. Lakers three times (2 home and 1 road) and will meet the defending NBA Champion-Detroit Pistons twice (1 home and 1 road).

## Drug Use Suspends Sprinter

(AP) — Calvin Harrison has been suspended for two years for a second doping violation, knocking the sprinter off the U.S. team for the Athens Olympics and likely forcing the United States to forfeit a relay gold medal from last year's world championships.

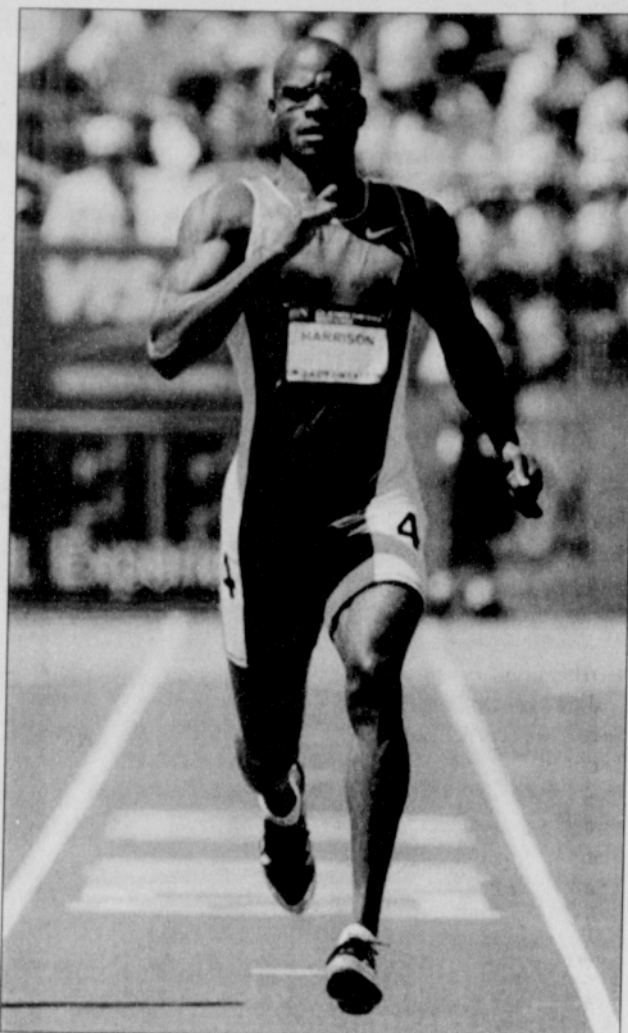
The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Monday that Harrison was found guilty of using the stimulant modafinil at the U.S. track and field championships in June 2003.

His case was heard last week by a three-member arbitration panel, which rejected Harrison's appeal of the test results. Harrison did not attend the 8-hour arbitration hearing.

Harrison also tested positive for the stimulant pseudoephedrine at the 1993 U.S. junior indoor championships and served a three-month suspension. As a repeat offender, he got the 2-year ban.

Harrison's twin brother, Alvin, faces a lifetime ban after being charged by USADA with steroid use. His case is awaiting arbitration.

Calvin Harrison in action during the men's 400 meter qualifying dash at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials July 11 in Sacramento, Calif. Harrison was suspended Monday for two years for a second doping violation, making him ineligible for the Athens Olympics. (AP photo)



## Kobe, Shaq to Face Off Dec. 25

(AP) — The NBA is giving Kobe, Shaq and the fans quite a present. The former Los Angeles

Lakers teammates will face each other for the first time as opponents Dec. 25, when O'Neal's Miami Heat face Bryant's Lakers at Staples Center.

The matchup between Bryant and O'Neal will be televised by ABC and is the highlight of the league's schedule, which was released Monday. They teamed to win three NBA championships for the Lakers but parted on contentious terms when O'Neal was dealt

to the Heat in a blockbuster trade following a loss to Detroit in the NBA Finals.

O'Neal's first game with the Heat will be Nov. 3 at New Jersey on ESPN, with his home debut against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers the next night on TNT.

The season tips off with the new-look Houston Rockets, who added Tracy McGrady to Yao Ming, facing the champion Pistons on Nov. 2 on TNT.

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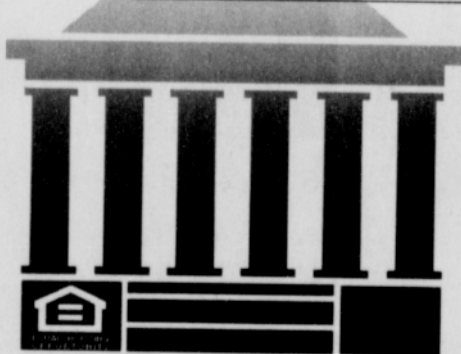
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## Jacobsen Wins Senior Open



Portland golfer Peter Jacobsen hits out of the deep rough on the 17th fairway in the third round at the U.S. Senior Open, Sunday at the Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis. (AP photo)

(AP) — Portland golfer Peter Jacobsen played 36 holes with a sore hip on Sunday and still rallied to win the U.S. Senior Open in St. Louis after Tom Kite double-bogeyed the final hole.

Jacobsen shot a 3-under 68 over the final 18 and was 12 under for the tournament, one stroke ahead of Hale Irwin. Kite played 4 over for

the last four holes and finished third at 10 under, tied with Jay Haas.

Jacobsen had to walk 36 holes on Sunday after rain washed out play Friday. He was under par for all four rounds, but was at his best Sunday despite the strain on his hip. He followed a 2-under 69 in the morning with a 3-under 68 in the afternoon.

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## Riverside Girls Second at State

The girl's major team from Riverside Little League in northeast Portland is celebrating a successful season after finishing in second place at the state championship at Alpenrose Dairy in southwest Portland.

Riverside finished the state playoff series with a 7-5 loss to Pendleton after first earning a district championship title.

In other Little League play-offs from the local area, the Peninsula boys junior all-star team begins a drive for a world series berth at a multi-state regional baseball tournament held this week in Forest Grove. The winner will advance to national competition in Detroit.

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