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Small SUVs to Star

Sales of smaller SUVs may surpass their truck-based counterparts by late 2006, according to George Pipas, Ford sales analysis manager. "This category is easily the fastest growing segment," and will continue to grow for years, he told Agence France Presse. Smaller, entry SUV sales in the U.S. were up 9% year to date to 310,261 units from last year, accounting for an 8% share of the market, according to the J.D. Power and Associates Sales Report.SM

In 2004, Ford saw a 52% gain in sales of crossover SUVs, built on a car platform. Ford has introduced the Freestyle crossover wagon and has cut production of larger vehicles in anticipation of the demand shift, Pipas said.

Honda Offers Green Deal

For the first time, Honda will market a natural gas-powered Honda Civic GX sedan with its own home refueling machine to consumers through 17 dealerships in California, according to the Associated Press. In the past, the Civic GX was only offered to fleets. Honda expects to sell 300 of these green cars as commuter or secondary vehicles. The Civic GX has a 1.7-liter, 4-cylinder engine and a base price of \$21,670. Buyers can take advantage of a \$2,000 federal tax deduction for alternative fuel vehicles. The Civic GX has a 220-mile range before it needs refueling and the natural gas costs about 3.75 cents per mile to fuel.

The refueling machine, which connects to a home's existing gas lines, is made by FuelMaker Corp. in Toronto, Ontario.

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Advent Welcomes



Advent is pleased to welcome Bob Baker Chevrolet/Subaru, located in sunny El Cajon, California, just north of San Diego. This beautiful area of Southern California has experienced a phenomenal commercial and residential boom and Bob Baker Chevrolet/Subaru is an important part of this vibrant economy.

We anticipate a mutually profitable future as partners in the continuing growth of the area. 🌴

Power User of the Month

Tony Ziemann

*F&I Director
House of Imports
Buena Park, California*



Tony Ziemann is a great Advent user, very knowledgeable and easy to work with. He's the "go to" guy at House of Imports, Mercedes Benz dealer in Buena Park. We need partners like Tony to take full advantage of Advent's high performance software.

Thanks, Tony, for working with us to form a great partnership. 🌴

Beautiful Put Down

Not Just A Pretty Face

The producers of a Slovenian TV program were embarrassed when their plan to mock fashion model Iris Mulej backfired. They filmed her as she took a series of intelligence tests, expecting her to make a miserable showing. The tests showed her IQ was 156 – higher than the nuclear physicist who took the same tests. 🌴

Thank You Sir

May I Have Another

Russian scientists found that caning people on their naked buttocks served as an excellent treatment for depression, alcoholism, and other problems.

"At first they didn't like it," one of the doctors said of his test subjects, "but when they started to feel the benefits, they kept asking for more." 🌴

Art

We Know What We Like

Spectators rioted at a Berlin performance-art show featuring 100 naked women greased with baby oil. Police were called after people waiting in line started jumping over barriers to get a closer look. 🌴

Criminal

But Not a Mastermind

Albania's most wanted criminal – who had fought off the police for years in legendary gunfights – blew himself up while fishing for trout with dynamite. 🌴

Expert Witnesses

Only in California


Apparently important to actor Robert Blake's acquittal on a murder charge in March was the lack of credibility of the prosecution's witnesses, including an alleged methamphetamine abuser who once thought his house was surrounded by large, horned animals and "people dressed like sagebrush or Joshua trees." To testify that drug users are unreliable witnesses, the defense presented a UCLA psychopharmacologist who revealed that in the course of his own drug use 25 years ago, he had once crawled into a cage of monkeys that were smoking crack cocaine. 🌴

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Government Workers The Same the World Over


The French government had to destroy 162,000 bound copies of the E.U. constitution because someone had inserted a footnote describing the document as an "incoherent text." There was no comment from the proofreaders. 

Creative Management Employee Incentives


In December, Bill DiPasquale unexpectedly came out of a two-week coma at Massachusetts General Hospital, five minutes after a friend whispered to him a message from their boss, who had said, "You tell him to wake up, get out of bed, and get his ass back to work." 

More Great Art She Knows What She Likes


At New York City's "LMAK-projects" gallery in February, artist Emily Katrencik gnawed sections of the drywall separating the gallery's exhibition space from the director's office, for 30 minutes a day,

five days a week. Katrencik said she concentrates on thinking of "the things in the wall that are good for me, like calcium and iron." But, she said, "I prefer cast concrete because it has a more metallic flavor." 

Who Elected This Guy? Tennessee Voters


Tennessee State Senator John Ford testified in a juvenile court hearing in January that his child support payments should be reduced, in accordance with a state law that he had introduced on behalf of fathers with many children. Ford owns two homes, lives part-time in one with his ex-wife and their three children (with another on the way), and lives part-time in the other with an ex-girlfriend and their two children. Hence, he said, he should have lesser payments to a third woman, who is the mother of his 10-year-old daughter. 

From the Vaults 1995 Darwin Award Nominee

Six people drowned while trying to rescue a chicken that had fallen into a well in southern Egypt. An 18 year old farmer was the first to descend into the 60-foot well. He drowned, apparently after an undercurrent in the water pulled him down. Police said his sister and two brothers, none of whom could swim well, went in one by one to help him, but also drowned. Two elderly farmers then came to help. But they apparently were pulled by the same undercurrent. The bodies of the six were later pulled out of the well in the village of Nazlat Imara, 240 miles south of Cairo. The chicken was also pulled out. It survived. 

Making Repairs 1995 Was a Good Darwin Year

James Burns, 34, of Alamo, Michigan, was killed in March as he was trying to repair what police described as a "farm-type truck." Burns got a friend to drive the truck on a highway while Burns hung underneath so that he could ascertain the source of a troubling noise. Burns' clothes caught

on something, however, and the other man found Burns "wrapped in the drive shaft." 

Fish-Impersonation Death

1995 was a VERY Good Darwin Year

The badly decomposed remains of Neil of Melbourne were discovered in a paddock near Toolondo Reservoir.

Neil's death was shrouded in mystery, tragedy, and a fish suit.

Local law enforcement officials said the 49-year-old man was wearing a "heavy, green plastic bodysuit," which he apparently constructed from old waterbed material. The suit, from which one could only be extricated painstakingly after unfastening a full-length zipper along the spine, constricted his legs into one mermaid-like tail. The only openings in the suit, aside from the zipper, were two eyeholes.

Neil's garb, enclosing his entire body like a maritime mummy costume, restricted his breathing as well as his movement. He was discovered in this attire, which the Melbourne Fish Costume Bureau stresses was "not approved," less than a kilometer from Toolondo Lake. He apparently had attempted to swim back to his home.

A second, yellow-colored suit was found in his garage.

The psychological motivation for Neil's fatal excursion remains unclear. Police have learned that he was taking medications for epilepsy and diabetes at the time, and speculate that his behavior may have had a chemical basis, but locals have their own theories about the aquatic aberration.

"He wanted to be a fish," disclosed one unnamed resident, recalling incidents in which Wilson would swing from a rope while wearing the suit at the lake. Other comments from the Australian community included "bollocks" and "criminy."

Wilson's death brings the Melbourne fish impersonation fatality toll to one, up infinity percent from zero in the previous year. 