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## IN THE NEWS

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### Toyota Prius Gets Deduction

Toyota's Prius hybrid gasoline/electric compact car is the first hybrid to qualify for a \$2,000 U.S. tax deduction under a program to encourage the sales of "green" vehicles, Bloomberg News reports. The Internal Revenue Service says buyers of new 2001, 2002 and 2003 models can claim the credit for the year when the car was first put in service. Year to date, Prius sales in the U.S. are up 36% to 11,460 units vs. 8,443 a year ago, according to the *J.D. Power and Associates Sales Report*.<sup>SM</sup>

### Ford Adds Plus-Size Expedition

Ford is planning to produce a larger version of the Expedition to replace the even bigger Excursion that it will stop building in 2004. The extended version of the Expedition will be about a foot longer than the current model, but will be smaller, lighter and more fuel-efficient than the Excursion. It will closely match the size of rival Chevrolet Suburban. The new model should reach dealer showrooms in 2005-2006, the *Detroit Free Press* reports.

### Suzuki Offers Zero, Zero & 7

American Suzuki began offering a "Zero, Zero & 7" program on August 1, which combines zero down, 0% financing for up to five years and a new 7-year/100,000-mile warranty. The extended warranty on all 2002 and 2003 models gives Suzuki owners more than 14,000 miles of coverage per year. There are no deductibles and the warranty is transferable from owner to owner, boosting resale and trade-in values, according to a company statement. Suzuki sales through the first seven months of 2002 edged down 1.5% from last year to 38,321 units, according to the *J.D. Power and Associates Sales Report*.<sup>SM</sup>

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## Advent Welcomes



Advent extends a warm welcome to new clients in the Golden State. Located in the historic Southern California city of Whittier, **Whittier Mitsubishi** joins our client family. Also in the beautiful San Gabriel Valley is **Bob Wondries Ford** and **Wondries Toyota**, part of the Wondries Group which is a very large privately owned dealership group with dealerships throughout California.

Moving north towards the Silicon Valley, we are pleased to welcome **Magnussen's Fremont Ford** in Newark, located on the east side of San Francisco Bay.

Advent looks forward to working closely with our new members as we enjoy a long and productive relationship. 🌴

also responsible for support of their Advent system, their network, PCs and phone system.

Nice going, Andy! We appreciate your patience and thoroughly professional attitude. 🌴

## Engineering in Hell

### Labor Dispute



An engineer dies and reports to the gates of heaven. St. Peter checks his dossier and says, "Ah, you're an engineer — you're in the wrong place."

So, the engineer reports to the gates of hell and is let in. Pretty soon, the engineer gets dissatisfied with the level of comfort in hell, and starts designing and building improvements. After awhile, they've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan up on the telephone and says with a sneer, "So, how's it going down there in hell?"

Satan replies, "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

God replies, "What!??? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake — he should never have gotten down there; send him up here."

Satan says, "No way. I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him."

God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers, "Yeah, right. And just where are YOU going to get a lawyer?" 🌴

## Power User of the Month

*Andy  
Lancashire  
Westside  
Automotive Group*



You may not be aware of another service that Advent Resources provides to the automotive trade — we are Key Register Technical Services, the technical support provider for Key Register Systems. So, for a change, our Power User this month is **Andy Lancashire, Systems Administrator** for Westside Automotive Group, a part of the March Hodge Organization. They are a Ford Premier Auto Group representing the Jaguar, Volvo and Land Rover lines in Cleveland, Ohio.


We are recognizing Andy for his outstanding work in support of his dealership's Key Register key control system. But that's not all Andy does. He is

## School Excuse Notes

### *The Case for Continuing Education*

We don't know which were written by parents and which were student essays into creative forgery. You decide.




- 1) My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.
- 2) Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.
- 3) Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 29, 20, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.
- 4) Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating.
- 5) Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.
- 6) Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.
- 7) I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wears.
- 8) Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.
- 9) Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.
- 10) Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.
- 11) Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.
- 12) My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.
- 13) Maryann was absent December 11-16, because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night. 

## When Nerds Laugh

### *Inside Jokes*

When it's man against machine, the nerds are pulling for the metal.

1. Cannot find REALITY.SYS. Universe halted.
2. COFFEE.EXE Missing — Insert Cup and Press Any Key
3. My software never has bugs. It just develops random features.
4. <—The information went data way—>
5. The Definition of an Upgrade: Take old bugs out, put new ones in.
6. BREAKFAST.COM Halted ... Cereal Port Not Responding.
7. The name is Baud ... James Baud.
8. As a computer, I find your faith in technology amusing.
9. Access denied — nah nah na nah nah!
10. Why doesn't DOS ever say "EXCELLENT command or filename!"
11. Southern DOS: Y'all reckon? (Yep/Nope)
12. Backups? We don't NEED no steenking backups.
13. File not found. Should I fake it? (Y/N)
14. A computer's attention span is as long as its power cord.
15. RAM disk is not an installation procedure.
16. ASCII stupid question, get a stupid ANSI!
17. Smash forehead on keyboard to continue ...
18. Enter any 11-digit prime number to continue ...
19. Press any key to continue or any other key to quit ...
20. Press any key ... no, No, NO!! Not THAT one! 

## Who Reads What & Why

### *Find Your Slot*

- The Wall Street Journal is read by the people who run the country.
- The New York Times is read by people who think they run the country.
- The Washington Post is read by people who think they should run the country.
- USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't really understand the Washington Post. They do, however, like their smog statistics shown in pie charts.
- The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could spare the time, and if they didn't have to leave L. A. to do it.
- The Boston Globe is read by people whose parents used to run the country and they did a far superior job of it, thank you very much.
- The New York Daily News is read by people who aren't too sure who's running the country, and don't really care as long as they can get a seat on the train.
- The New York Post is read by people who don't care who's running the country either, as long as they do something really scandalous, preferably while intoxicated.
- The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people who aren't sure there is a country, or that anyone is running it; but whoever it is, they oppose all that they stand for. There are occasional exceptions if the leaders are handicapped minority feminist atheist dwarfs, who also happen to be illegal aliens from ANY country or galaxy as long as they are democrats.
- The Miami Herald is read by people who are running another country but need the baseball scores.
- The National Enquirer is read by people trapped in line at the grocery store. 