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IN THE NEWS

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Volvo Unveils SUV

Ford's Volvo Cars unit will debut its AWD XC90 sport wagon in January at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, MI. The new vehicle aims to be one of the safest and most exciting in the market, according to Hans Wilkman, project director, and will be the flagship in Volvo's new car-based XC model line, *Automotive News* reports. The XC90 seats seven and will be available with a five- or six-cylinder gasoline engine or a new five-cylinder gasoline engine or a new five-cylinder diesel. Production starts 2002.

Domestics Dominate

Domestic midsize SUVs – including volume sellers Ford Explorer, Chevrolet Blazer and Jeep Grand Cherokee – have made up more than 70% of the segment's market for over a decade, according to the *J.D. Power and Associates Power Information Network (PIN) Midsize SUV Market Assessment Study*. Unlike other vehicle segments where imports have been gaining share, domestic models accounted for nearly 73% of segment sales in the first 10 months of 2001. "The midsize SUV segment is one where U.S. automakers really have a stronghold, and the recent introduction of the all-new 2002 Explorer and TrailBlazer have only strengthened the domestic grip on the segment," said Tom Libby analyst and PIN director of consulting operations.

2001 Second Best Year

U.S. auto sales are on course this year to challenge records. If November's seasonally adjusted annual selling rate (SAAR) comes in at 18 million units, it could break the 1999 second-best year sales record, according to Dr. Van Bussmann, senior vice president of global forecasting at *J.D. Power and Associates*.

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Our Heroes

Power Users



Without these outstanding people, our Advent High Performance Sales System would not be the power player it is. Thanks for doing the heavy lifting folks – you not only make us look good all year, you continue to make working with our clients a real pleasure.

- ★ **Matt Csupak**, System Administrator at Toyota of San Bernardino in San Bernardino, California.
- ★ **Gary Morris**, IT Manager at Sunrise Ford/Fontana in Fontana, California.
- ★ **Sarah Green**, Assistant to Fleet Manager, Walter's Mercedes Benz, Riverside, California.
- ★ **Cherie Kenny**, Business Manager for Walnut Creek Ford, in Walnut Creek, California.
- ★ **Tracy Ruddy**, Office Manager at Santa Ana Chrysler Jeep and Santa Ana Isuzu Hyundai in Santa Ana, California.
- ★ **Michelle Spencer**, Used Cars Accounting Clerk for Pflueger Honda in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- ★ **Carlos Sotomayer**, Business Development Coordinator at Shelly BMW.

★ **Staff of Superior Nissan** in City of Industry, California.

★ **Chuck Macleod**, Parts Director for Weatherford BMW in Berkeley, California.

Return Your Notice!

California Leasing Forms Change January 1st

A change in California law effective January 1, 2002, brings about **leasing agreement contract changes** that affect all banks. If you are an Advent customer with stores in California, **you will be billed for these changes.**

All of these updates **will be** in your system and set to take effect on any deals dated with the year 2002 but **ONLY if you promptly return** the "Notice to the Dealers & Finance Managers" which you have received by fax and US mail from us.

If you have not received yours or have other questions, please contact us at once: **310-241-1500.**

When we receive your request back, along with a purchase order, and we install the revised forms, **no further intervention on your part or ours** is necessary in order for you to start using them.


Sex

Commentary of the Absurd

Everybody has something funny to say about sex – which seems reasonable to us. Such a sublimely ridiculous function deserves all the attention it gets.



- ♥ “Programming is like sex. One mistake and you have to support it for the rest of your life.” – Michael Sinz
- ♥ “I believe that sex is one of the most beautiful, natural, wholesome things that money can buy.” – Steve Martin
- ♥ “You know that look women get when they want sex? Me neither.” – Drew Carey
- ♥ “Sex without love is a meaningless experience, but as meaningless experiences go, it’s pretty damned good.” – Woody Allen
- ♥ “Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don’t have a good partner, you’d better have a good hand.” – Unknown
- ♥ “My cousin is an agoraphobic homosexual, which makes it kind of hard for him to come out of the closet.” – Bill Kelly
- ♥ “Bisexuality immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night.” – Woody Allen
- ♥ “Homosexuality is God’s way of insuring that the truly gifted aren’t burdened with children.” – Sam Austin
- ♥ “I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty.” – George Burns
- ♥ “It isn’t premarital sex if you have no intention of getting married.” – Matt Barry
- ♥ “Leaving sex to the feminists it like letting your dog vacation at the taxidermist.” – Camille Paglia
- ♥ “Life is a sexually transmitted disease.” – Unknown
- ♥ “My kid had sex with your honor student.” – Bumper Sticker
- ♥ “Remember, if you smoke after sex, you’re doing it too fast.” – Woody Allen

- ♥ “My sexual preference is not you.” – On A T-shirt
- ♥ “Sex at age 90 is like trying to shoot pool with a rope.” – George Burns
- ♥ “Sex is one of the nine reasons for reincarnation. The other eight are unimportant.” – Henry Miller
- ♥ “There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz 380 SL convertible.” – Unknown 

Seasonal Madness

No Vaccine Available

The combination of winter weather and holiday cheer result in more than eccentric behavior. What fools we mortals be.



- A December Associated Press dispatch from Australia reports that members of Parliament traditionally address each

other much more aggressively than members of Congress do in the U.S. Among the names recently overheard on the floor of the Parliament: perfumed gigolos, brain-damaged, harlot, sleazebag, scumbag, mental patient and dog’s vomit.

- Responding to employee complaints, Kansas Bureau of Investigation supervisors in December forced agent Scott Teeselink, the KBI media spokesperson, to end his grooming practice of wearing women’s underpants in his coat’s breast pocket in place of the usual handkerchief. Teeselink said he engaged in the practice only because the lingerie was a better color match for his ties than handkerchiefs.
- Holiday Art Show Disaster: Ryegate, Montana artist Theodore Waddell, known for making art pieces from roadkill animals, put a coyote carcass on display this winter at the Cheney Cowles Museum in Spokane, Washington. Soon after, fly larvae hatched in the carcass and forced the museum to close until exterminators cleaned up. 



Holiday Cheer!

The Best Fruit Cake Ever

Ingredients:

1 cup butter	1 cup dried fruit
1 cup white sugar	1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup brown sugar	1 teaspoon baking powder
4 large eggs	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 or 2 quarts of aged whiskey	

Method:

Before you start, sample the whiskey to check for quality. Good, isn't it?

Now go ahead. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the whiskey again as it must be just right. To be sure the whiskey is of the highest quality, pour 1 level cup into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat.

With an eclectic mixer, beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 teaspoon of sugar and beat the hell out of it again.

Meanwhile, at this parsnicular point in time, wake sure that the whixey hasn't gone bad while you weren't lookin'. Open second quart if nestessary. Add 2 large legs, 2 cups fried druit an beat til high. If druit gets shtuck in peaters, just pry the monsters loosh with a drowscriver. Example the whikstey again, shecking confistency, then shitf 2 cups of Salt or destergent or whatever, like anyone gives a schit. Chample the whitchey shum more. Shiftf in shum lemon zhoosh. Fold in chopped sputter and shrained nuts. Add 100 babblespoons of brown booger or whushever's closhest and mix well. Greash ubben and turn the cakey pan to 350 decrees. Now pour the whole Mesh into the washin' machine and set on sinsh shycle. Check dat whixney Wunsh more and pash out.

Happy Holidays from Advent