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## IN THE NEWS

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### Honda on a Green Roll

Honda Motor this week announced two next-generation systems for flex fuel and diesel-powered vehicles. The latest flexible fuel vehicle (FFV) system allows gasoline engine-base powertrains to operate on 100% ethanol or a range of ethanol/gasoline fuel mixtures and will be debuted in Brazil this year. Honda also has come up with a next-generation diesel engine that reduces exhaust gas emissions to the same level as emissions from a conventional gasoline engine. The new Honda flex fuel system adapts to different mixes of ethanol and gasoline and estimates the concentration of ethanol in the fuel tank by measuring exhaust gas concentration. Honda plans to introduce the system in the U.S. within 3 years.

### Mercedes Diesels in -08

The Mercedes-Benz unit of Daimler Chrysler will sell "Bluetec" diesel-powered versions of its M-, R- and GL-Class premium utilities, beginning in 2008. The German-U.S. automaker claims that these will be the first diesel-powered models to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Bin5 emissions standards in all 50 states. The company's Bluetec technology cuts NO2 emissions by as much as 80% with the addition of a urea-based solution into the exhaust stream. Citing a 2004 EPA study, Mercedes-Benz reports that if one-third of all light-duty trucks in the U.S. were powered by modern diesel engines, the country would save 1.4 million barrels of oil per day, equal to the amount of oil the U.S. currently imports from Saudi Arabia.

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## Advent Welcomes



Advent is delighted to welcome new members from Southern California, **Hornburg Jaguar/Land Rover Los Angeles** and **Hornburg/Jaguar/Land Rover Santa Monica**.

From the San Fernando Valley in Southern California, we welcome **Miller Mitsubishi Van Nuys** and **Miller Suzuki Van Nuys**.

From our great, good neighbor to the north, we are joined by new Canadian members **Hyatt Infiniti**, **Hyatt Mitsubishi** and **Hyatt Saturn Saab Isuzu**.

We look forward to a profitable partnership with all the new members of our client family.

## Power User of the Month

**Dino Salmone**

*Lake Eisinore Ford*


We are pleased to recognize a Power User



that has been a long-time friend of the Advent System. **Dino Salmone** is a very knowledgeable Advent user, always seeking to extend the use of the program.

Dino had been a stalwart Advent supporter in his auto group – becoming an expert user we were delighted to work with. When Lake Elsinore Ford recently changed ownership, he advocated for the continued use of our system.

Through the efforts of users like Dino, Advent continues to extend our knowledge base and our client family.


Thanks, Dino. We couldn't do it without partners like you. 

## The Compliment

*A Little Something for You, Honey*

A woman, standing nude, looks in the bedroom mirror and says to her husband,


"I feel horrible, I look fat and ugly. Pay me a compliment."

The husband replies, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect." 

## A Guy Walks Into a Bar

A little guy is sitting at the bar just staring at his drink for half an hour when this big trouble-making truck driver steps next to him, grabs his drink and gulps it down in one swig. The poor little guy starts crying.

"Come on man, I was just giving you a hard time." says the truck driver. "I'll buy you another drink. I just can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life." says the little guy between sobs. "I can't do anything right. I overslept and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car was stolen and I have no insurance. I grabbed a cab home but, after the cab left, I discovered my wallet was still in the cab. At home I found my wife in bed with the neighbor. So I came to this bar trying to work up the courage to put an end to my life. And then you show up and drink the poison." 

## Definitions

**CABBAGE**, *n.* A familiar kitchen-garden vegetable about as large and wise as a man's head.

**BIGOT**, *n.* One who is obstinately and zealously attached to an opinion that you do not entertain.

**CONGRATULATION**, *n.* The civility of envy.

— *AMBROSE BIERCE* 

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## Seeking Advice?

### *Or Illustrating a Need for Counseling & Medication?*

Dear Abby:

*What can I do about all the sex, nudity, foul language and violence on my VCR?*

Dear Abby:

*I have a man I can't trust. He cheats so much, I'm not even sure the baby I'm carrying is his.*

Dear Abby

*I am a twenty-three-year-old woman who has been on the pill for two years. It's getting expensive, and I think my boy friend should share half the cost, but I don't know him well enough to discuss money with him.*

Dear Abby:

*I've suspected that my husband has been fooling around and, when confronted with the evidence, he denied everything and said it would never happen again.*

Dear Abby:

*I joined the Navy to see the world. I've seen it. Now how do I get out?*

Dear Abby:

*I was married to Phil for three months, and I didn't know he drank, until one night he came home sober.*

Dear Abby:

*My mother is mean and short-tempered. I think she is going through mental pause.*

Dear Abby:

*You told some woman whose husband had lost all interest in sex to send him to a doctor. Well, my husband lost all interest in sex, and he is a doctor. Now what do I do?* 🌴

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## Characters & Destiny

Where do the characters go when I use my backspace or delete them on my PC?

ANSWER: The characters go to different places, depending on whom you ask:

**The Buddhist explanation:** If a character has lived rightly, and its karma is good, then after it has been deleted it will be reincarnated as a different, higher character. Those funny

characters above the numbers on your keyboard will become numbers, numbers will become letters, and lower-case letters will become upper-case.

The 20th-century bitter cynical nihilist explanation: Who cares? It doesn't really matter if they're on the page, deleted, undeleted, underlined, etc. It's all the same.

**The Mac user's explanation:** All the characters written on a PC and then deleted go to straight to PC hell. If you're using a PC, you can probably see the deleted characters, because you're in PC hell also.

**Stephen King's explanation:** Every time you hit the (Del) key you unleash a tiny monster inside the cursor, who tears the poor, unsuspecting characters to shreds, drinks their blood, then eats them, bones and all. Hah, hah, hah!

**IBM's explanation:** The characters are not real. They exist only on the screen when they are needed, as concepts, so to delete them is merely to de-conceptualize them. Get a life.

**PETA's (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) explanation:** You've been DELETING them??? Can't you hear them SCREAMING??? Why don't you go CLUB some BABY SEALS while wearing a MINK, you pig!!!! 🌴

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## The Ghost in the Machine

Cannot find REALITY.SYS.  
Universe halted.

2 + 2 = 5 for extremely large values of 2.

Computers make very fast, very accurate mistakes.

C:\WINDOWS C:\WINDOWS\GO  
C:\PC\CRAWL

C:\DOS C:\DOS\RUN  
RUN\DOS\RUN

Best file compression around:  
""DEL \*.\*"" = 100% compression.

The Definition of an Upgrade: Take old bugs out, put new ones in.

BREAKFAST.COM  
Halted...Cereal Port Not Responding.

Why doesn't DOS ever say "EXCELLENT command or filename!"

- As a computer, I find your faith in technology amusing.
- >... File not found. Should I fake it? (Y/N)
- An error? Impossible! My modem is error correcting.
- CONGRESS.SYS Corrupted: Reboot Washington D.C. (Y/N)?
- Does fuzzy logic tickle?
- A computer's attention span is as long as its power cord.
- Disinformation is not as good as datinformation.
- Windows: Just another pane in the glass.
- SENILE.COM found . . . Out Of Memory . . .
- Who's General Failure & why is he reading my disk?
- All computers wait at the same speed.
- Smash forehead on keyboard to continue.....
- Enter any 11-digit prime number to continue...
- ASCII stupid question, get a stupid ANSI
- Error: Keyboard not attached. Press F1 to continue.
- "640K ought to be enough for anybody." - Bill Gates, 1981
- DOS Tip #17: Add DEVICE=FNGRCROS.SYS to CONFIG.SYS
- Hidden DOS secret: add BUGS=OFF to your CONFIG.SYS
- Press any key to continue or any other key to quit. 🌴

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## Nice Threads...

### *But No Clue*

"Nice threads, man," commented Donald when his buddy showed up one day in a fancy new suit. "Where'd you pick 'em up?"

Richard beamed. "My wife got them for me. Pretty nice, huh?"

"I'll say. What was the occasion?"

"Got me," admitted Richard with a cheerful shrug. "I came home from work early the other day and there they were, hanging over the chair in the bedroom." 🌴

