

Jack

by R. DeLuna



Beernuts by Rob Appling



the Wuss Cookie by Adrian



New study finds U.S. cars lacking in resale value

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — U.S. carmakers fared poorly Tuesday in a first-ever ranking of auto resale values, with European and Japanese brands expected to keep more of their worth as used cars.

An incentives war being waged by the U.S. car dealers may be contributing to the problem, although the study by the Automotive Lease Guide also took other important factors such as quality and past performance into account.

It was the first time the Automotive Lease Guide, which is the industry's main authority on resale values, made public a ranking of brands' expected future worth. Most U.S. brands came in below average; the exceptions were Jeep, produced by the Chrysler Group of DaimlerChrysler AG and GMC, by General Motors Corp.

Volkswagen of America Inc. was found to be the brand that would best hold what's known

as residual value over the next three years. The study predicts Volkswagens will retain 52.2 percent of their worth after three years.

The Volkswagen Passat was ranked best in the midsize car category.

Automotive Lease Guide president Raj Sundaram said laying on incentives erodes residual values because they make the cars worth less when they're purchased new. When a new vehicle costs less, its value erodes at a quicker rate.

"Residuals have been coming down for awhile, but now there are more problems as the automakers play games on the new car side," Sundaram said.

U.S. automakers have been offering some type of incentive for many years, but the latest battle began in September with GM's "Keep America Rolling" no-interest financing promotion. Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler followed, leading to a

torrid sales pace at the year that boosted the second-best sales history.

The automakers knew incentives narrowed profits, but feared a retreat would drive away customers who become accustomed to come-ons.

The Automotive Lease Guide awarded Toyota Motor U.S.A. top rankings in three categories: the Tacoma compact truck, the Sequoia for the full-size segment, and the Tundra full-size truck segment. Three are repeat segment winners from last year.

Among non-luxury cars, falling below the average 41.8 percent residual were: Buick, Chrysler, Daewoo, Ford, Hyundai, Isuzu, Mazda, Mercury, Mitsubishi, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, and Suzuki.

Enrollment

Continued from page 1

in electrical engineering may decide to specialize in power systems and power electronics because of the recent downturn in the telecommunications industry.

Kezunovic said the recent freeze in the computer industry may also be a contributing factor.

The electrical engineering field has eight different focus areas and students must look at several different factors when choosing a specialization.

Kezunovic and Singh were both cautious in speculation about the future popularity of power

systems and power electronics.

"There is always a time delay in the reaction of students to current events," Kezunovic said. "The effect of the market's recent fluctuations, the out of corporate scandals, and events surrounding Sept. 11 remain to be seen. At this point, enrolling enrollment numbers to such events would be pure speculation."

Singh said he was excited about the upcoming numbers.

"EPPEI had a very strong reputation," he said. "The program is well respected by the industries and by professors in the field across the country."

Hawking

Continued from page 1

Fry said.

"This will also stimulate both the graduate and undergraduate studies for A&M and the physics department."

Dr. Lewis Ford, associate head of the Department of Physics, said the institute will bring top scholars in the area of physics together.

"We have a very strong

research group in theoretical high energy physics," Ford said. "The idea is to have a workshop from very renowned physicists and have them work together on some particular problem in physics."

"Hawking is second only to Albert Einstein in physics and is probably the most famous physicist who is living. He will bring great recognition to Texas A&M."

In addition, nine or 10 other top scholars will also be invited

to participate in the institute.

Ford said the physics department has been actively pushing this institute since January.

"It's good to have people of that kind of caliber here," he said. "It will bring great attention to the department and attract undergraduate and graduate students to the department."

"This institute will also bring the public excited and interested. It's the biggest thing the department has experienced in recent years."

Declaration

Continued from page 1

artifacts, including muskets and colonial uniforms.

The Declaration of Independence was drafted by Thomas Jefferson and was approved on July 4,

1776. It was signed by delegates from the 13 original colonies.

The Declaration of Independence will be on display until Sept. 4. However, the Freedom Journey exhibit will remain on display until 2003.

Admission is free for all A&M and Blinn students and faculty.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New York municipal workers accused of stealing millions from bank after Sept. 11

NEW YORK (AP) — In one of the largest fraud cases resulting from the terrorist attacks, thousands of people are accused of using ATMs to steal \$15 million from a municipal employees' credit union whose computer security system was damaged on Sept. 11.

Sixty-six people have been arrested and 35 more were being sought in the scheme, authorities said Monday.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said the suspects found a way to repeatedly withdraw up to \$500 a day from ATMs — even if their accounts at the Municipal Credit Union couldn't cover it.

Prosecutors will seek death penalty in slaying of 5-year-old California girl

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Saying the crime "shocked and outraged our community," prosecutors announced plans to seek the death penalty against the man accused of kidnapping 5-year-old Samantha Runion from in front of her home and killing her.

Alejandro Avila, 27, is accused of dragging the girl away from a playmate after he asked her for help in finding his puppy. He is charged with murder, kidnapping and two counts of forcible lewd acts on a child.

"There is no question in my mind that the person who kidnapped, molested and murdered 5-year-old Samantha should face the death penalty," Orange County District Attorney Anthony Rackauskas said on Monday. He said he would not consider a plea bargain under any circumstances.

Hundreds honor Marilyn Monroe on 40th anniversary of her death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Athena DeLima placed a bouquet of roses amid an array of other floral arrangements, then leaned over and kissed the bronze name plate on Marilyn Monroe's crypt.

The 20-year-old, not even born when Monroe died of a drug overdose on Aug. 5, 1962, was one of hundreds of fans keeping the Hollywood sex symbol's legend alive on Monday, the 40th anniversary of the actress' death.

"To me, I'd rather celebrate her life instead of her death," said DeLima, who drove two hours from her home in Oceanside to pay tribute to Monroe. "She's still alive to me."

OPEN WEDNESDAY THRU SATURDAY

AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PARTIES. BOOK YOURS TODAY

WWW.TONIXDANCECLUB.COM

<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>NOW OPEN!</p> <p>NO COVER FOR LADIES 21 AND OVER</p> <p>\$1.00</p> <p>CALL IT ALL NIGHT</p>	<p>THURSDAY / FRIDAY</p> <p>BACK TO BACK LADIES NIGHTS</p> <p>\$1.00 BAR DRINKS UNTIL 11PM</p> <p>\$1.50 LONGNECKS ALL NIGHT</p> <p>NO COVER FOR LADIES 21 AND OVER</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>\$1.50 BAR DRINKS Til 11pm</p> <p>NO COVER FOR LADIES 21 AND OVER TIL 11PM</p>	<p>COMING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7TH</p>
---	---	---	---

701 UNIVERSITY DR IN THE RIVER RANCH COMPLEX

CALL 979-691-8599 FOR MORE INFO

GIG THIS! *\$99 Total Move-In

Pepper Tree Apartments

2701 Longmire -- College Station -- 693-5731

Student Activities -- Great Pool -- Close to Major Shopping and Entertainment

Now accepting Five Month Leases

*Special does not include 5 month leases

Other restrictions may apply

THE BATTALION

Douglas Fuentes, Editor in Chief

<p>Guy Rogers, Managing/Photo Editor</p> <p>True Brown, Executive/Sports Editor</p> <p>Christina Hoffman, News Editor</p> <p>Melissa Sullivan, Asst. News Editor</p> <p>Lycia Shrum, Aggiefife Editor</p>	<p>Richard Bray, Opinion Editor</p> <p>Jennifer Lozano, Asst. Opinion Editor</p> <p>Lindsey Fielder, Design Director</p> <p>Ruben DeLuna, Graphics Editor</p> <p>Sayed Ismail, Radio Producer</p> <p>Rees Winstead, Webmaster</p>
---	---

STAFF MEMBERS

AGGIEFIFE — Bethany Brown, Miesha Grau, Gabe Patterson, Thomas Phillips, Tori Reed, Kelcey Reiger, Lyndsey Sage, Denise Schoppe, Melissa Stephenson, Elizabeth Webb

DESIGN/COPY DESK — Tammie Adams, Trisha Derr, Emily Hendrickson, Ryan Hewlett, Ashley Sanders, Elizabeth Webb, Rhonda Weinberg

GRAPHICS — Rob Appling, Adrian Calcano, Luke Carnevale, Frank Chance, Sarah Fowler, Jeff Smith, Mandy Rouquette, Travis Swenson

NEWS — Lauren Baum, Mariano Castillo, Rishi Ithde, Courtney McDonald, Melissa McKee, Sarah Welch, Jessi Watkins, Kellin Zimmerman

OPINION — Andi Baca, Cayla Carr, Jamie Duff, Lindsay Forson, Matthew Maddox, Christy Ruff, Courtney Walsh, Michael Whitlow, Jennifer Wilson

PHOTO — Randall Ford, Joshua Hobson, Brian Ruff

RADIO — Elizabeth Martin, Diane Weaver

SPORTS — Kevin Espenlaub, Dallas Shipp

ADVERTISING — Donna Berry, Melissa Bauer, Jessi Vandinter

THE BATTALION (ISSN #1055-4726) is published daily, Monday through Friday during the fall and spring sessions and Monday through Thursday during the summer session (except University holidays and exam periods) at Texas A&M University, Periodicals Postage Paid at College Station, TX 77840. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Battalion, Texas A&M University, 1111 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-1111.

News: The Battalion news department is managed by students at Texas A&M University in the Division of Student Media, a unit of the Department of Journalism. News offices are in 014 Reed McDonald Building, Newsroom phone: 845-3313; Fax: 845-2647; E-mail: newsroom@thebatt.com; Web site: http://www.thebatt.com

Advertising: Publication of advertising does not imply sponsorship or endorsement by The Battalion. For campus, local, and national display advertising, call 845-2696. For classified advertising, call 845-0569. Advertising offices are in 015 Reed McDonald, and office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fax: 845-2678.

Subscriptions: A part of the Student Services Fee entitles each Texas A&M student to pick up a single copy of the Battalion. First copy free, additional copies 25¢. Mail subscriptions are \$60 per school year, \$30 for the fall or spring semester and \$17.50 for the summer. To charge by credit card, call 845-2611.

T

"Rea get a

T here is Aggie Aggie Bonfire President Bob what's the de Reggie "TI Deal" McNea Beginning mer, before M even taken a s Lufkin High S began. Will R season draws mind is "Whe McNeal re start by the fit tioned this sta thing no quart of Bucky Rich Should Mc ing publicly? going to try o that current st shown the pas McNeal ha hasn't been se When No. 16 i win, his team fans know he v In the state against Austin with a spraine most quarterba from an 18-po While McN tions, senior q badly. In the year, Farris we combined agai solid defenses and time again This year's with Virginia T Oklahoma all c The 2003 sc teams, only th road at four of lege football. Every youn, beginning. Wh support of 87.C McNeal kn prove it on the some of the mc the quarterback next week to b everyone exact

SPORTS

Football open to

A&M head Slocum anno ball two-a-da to the public before the Ag Practices at practice field practices will 8:40 a.m. and

Gillom ac to hoops

Rhianna Re the A&M won team, head Gillom annou Reed was a players for f Austin's St. Mi

GRA

• 1 pc Sushi 9

• 1 California

113 College