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'Clunkers' a jolt, not fix



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Sales manager Mark Hranicky holds up a bunch of keys to some of the 90 cars that were traded in under the federal government's Cash for Clunkers program, on a lot at Lee Toyota in Topsham, Maine, on Monday. As the Cash for Clunkers program expires, the industry goes back to confronting the worst sales slump in 25 years.



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Wade Ford Sales Manager Chris Greeson, left, stands by a clunker, a 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee, brought in by Edward Thomas of Smyrna, right, next to his new 2009 Ford Ranger on Monday evening, the last day of the federal Cash for Clunkers rebate program. Thomas received a \$4,000 rebate with the Jeep.

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Dealers worry about how to pick up sales next year

By Stephen Manning and Ken Thomas Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — Now comes the hard part for the auto industry — luring customers without big Cash for Clunkers discounts.

The popular government rebates gave auto sales a jolt, but it was only temporary. Now car makers and dealerships are forced once again to confront the worst market in a quarter-century.

While Cash for Clunkers may have proved there are still car buyers out there, it is unlikely the heavy demand will last. In fact, the big rush to car lots this month may have had the unintended effect of stealing sales from this fall and next year.

"I am really worried about this winter," said J.P. Bishop, president of a dealership chain in central Maryland. "If you didn't buy now, the only reason you are going to buy over the next three or four months is because your car died."

Cash for Clunkers, which offered drivers as much as \$4,500 off the price of a new, more fuel-efficient car, expires on Monday.

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City council tackles parks bond — again

Leaders work on list to decide how \$25 million will be spent

By Jon Gillooly jgillooly@mdjonline.com

MARIETTA — The divided Marietta City Council will once again try to reach consensus on how to divide up a proposed \$25 million for city parks and facilities at a special meeting Wednesday.

The council voted 4-3, Aug. 12 with Philip Goldstein, Annette Lewis and the Rev. Anthony Coleman opposed, to put a \$25 million parks bond on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Since the ballot will just have a general question about whether voters want to approve the bond, the council is now working on a list of how the \$25 million would be

spent — a list the city can present to the public in brochure form prior to the election.

The latest proposal from Councilwoman Holly Walquist, who spearheaded the parks bond, is to break that \$25 million into: \$5 million for land acquisition; \$11 million for improvements to existing parks and facilities; \$5 million for the development of new and existing parks, facilities and trails; and \$4 million for planning and design costs.

Walquist said the original bond was set at \$30 million, but after feedback from the community, council reduced it by \$5 million.

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PARKS BOND EARMARKS

Councilwoman Holly Walquist's proposed earmarks:

- AVIATION SPORTS COMPLEX: \$100,000
- BIRNEY STREET PARK: \$100,000
- BROWN PARK: \$750,000
- BURRUSS NATURE PARK: \$250,000
- CUSTER PARK: \$500,000
- ELIZABETH PORTER RECREATION CENTER: \$3,750,000
- FLOURNOY PARK: \$30,000
- GLOVER PARK: \$175,000
- GRAMLING STREET PARK: \$40,000

- HICKORY HILLS PARK: \$1,750,000
- HILL PARK: \$5,000
- LAKE PARK: \$40,000
- LAUREL PARK: 1,200,000
- LAWRENCE STREET COMMUNITY CENTER: \$1,100,000
- LEWIS PARK: \$225,000
- MERRITT PARK: \$250,000
- VICTORY PARK: \$200,000
- WEST DIXIE PARK: \$60,000
- WHITAKER PARK: \$170,000
- WILDWOOD PARK: \$300,000
- WOODS PARK: \$5,000
- SUB-TOTAL: \$11,000,000

Heart group says Americans must lower sugar intake

By Jamie Stengle Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — A spoonful of sugar? Americans are swallowing 22 teaspoons of sugar each day, and it's time to cut way back, the American Heart Association says.

Most of that added sugar comes from soft drinks and candy — a whopping 355 calories and the equivalent of guzzling two cans of soda and eating a chocolate bar.

By comparison, most women should be getting no more than 6 teaspoons a day, or 100 calories, of added sugar — the sweeteners and syrups that are added to foods during processing, preparation or at the table. For most men, the recommended limit is 9 teaspoons, or 150 calories, the heart group says.

The guidelines do not apply to naturally occurring sugars like those found in fruit, vegetables or dairy products.

Rachel K. Johnson, lead author of the statement published online Monday in the American Heart Association journal Circulation, said it was time to give specific advice on how much added sugar Americans should be getting, not just advising moderation.

"Take a good hard look at your diet,"



Johnson, professor of nutrition at the University of Vermont in Burlington. "Figure out where the sources of added sugars are and think about how to cut back on that."

She said about 8 ounces of fruit-flavored yogurt has about 6 teaspoons of added sugar; 8 ounces of low-fat chocolate milk has about 4 teaspoons; a cup of frosted whole grain cereal has about 3 teaspoons.

The biggest culprits for the glut of sugar? Soft drinks by far, followed by candy, cakes, cookies and pies.

'Inhumane' CIA tactics prompt criminal probe

By Devlin Barrett and Pamela Hess Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — "We're going to kill your children."

With those words, a CIA interrogator tried to squeeze intelligence information from accused terror mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

On Monday, the threat was revealed in a newly declassified report on alleged detainee abuse as President Barack Obama's Justice Department launched a criminal probe of "unauthorized ... inhumane" tactics during George W. Bush's war on terrorism.

The five-year-old report by the CIA's inspector general, released under a federal court's orders, described harsh tactics used by interrogators on terror suspects after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Seeking information about possible further attacks, interrogators threatened one detainee with a gun and a power drill, told another he would have to watch

his mother sexually assaulted and tried to frighten a third with a mock execution of still another prisoner.

Despite the announcement of the criminal investigation, several Obama spokesmen declared anew — as the president has repeatedly — that on the subject of detainee interrogation he "wants to look forward, not back" at Bush tactics. They took pains to say decisions on any prosecutions would be up to Attorney General Eric Holder, not the White House.

The administration also ordered changes in future questioning of detainees, bringing in other agencies besides the CIA under direction of the FBI and supervised by Obama's own national security adviser. The administration pledged questioning would be controlled by the Army Field Manual, with strict rules on tactics, and said the White House would keep its hands off the professional investigators doing the work.

Holder said he had chosen a veter-



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John Durham speaks to reporters on the steps of U.S. District Court in New Haven, Conn. On Monday, Attorney General Eric Holder assigned prosecutor Durham to investigate CIA mistreatment of terror suspects.

an prosecutor to determine whether any CIA officers or contractors should face criminal charges for crossing the line on rough but permissible tactics.

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