

## SEE



Jeff Bridges hasn't had a good part for a while, but he's a fine actor when he chooses a good script and director. He plays the coach of a girl's gymnastic team, alongside Montreal-born TV star Missy Peregrym, in *Stick It* and he's the best thing in it. It's the role that deserves an Oscar nomination, but it's unlikely he'll get it. Too many Academy members will have forgotten the film by the time nominations come around in January next year. But how pleasant to be nearly 60 in a film aimed at young women, and to get not just good reviews for your acting, but their admiration as a still desirable man. As one reviewer in the US remarked, "If there were any justice in the world, this performance would earn him the awards he always gets nominated for—but never gets."



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## DRIVE



GENERAL MOTORS IS STILL THE BIGGEST CAR COMPANY IN THE WORLD BUT THE MARGIN IS GETTING AMPFULLY SLIM. IT'S NOT FORD THAT'S SNIPPING AT ITS HEELS, IT'S TOYOTA. DETROIT-BASED TRADE PUBLICATION AUTOMOTIVE NEWS RANKS THE CAR COMPANIES BY SALES EACH YEAR AND HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THE 2006 RESULT. GM, WHOSE FLAGSHIP MODEL IN THE UNITED STATES IS THE CHEVROLET Z06 CORVETTE, IS IN FIRST PLACE WITH 8,346,800 SALES WORLDWIDE, JUST 261,000, OR 3 PER CENT, UP ON TOYOTA WITH 8,120,000. FORD IS IN THIRD SPOT WITH 6,208,700, FOLLOWED BY RENAULT NISSAN WITH 6,133,176, CONSISTING OF 3.6 MILLION NISSAN AND 2.5 MILLION RENAULTS. THEN COMES VOLKSWAGEN, DAIMLERCHRYSLER, HYUNDAI, PEUGEOTCITROEN (WHICH COMBINES PEUGEOT, DAI, DAIMLERCHRYSLER AND HONDA. HYUNDAI POSTED THE BIGGEST GAIN, RECORDING AN IMPROVEMENT OF 11.6 PER CENT ON 2004 SALES.

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