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A teenager receiving Mopar driver training.

## Mopar Driving Class Slated for Center Line

the Mopar and Dodge brands will partner up to help teach teens critical skills and strategies for staying safe and smart behind the wheel.

The new "Mopar Road Ready Powered by Dodge" teen safe-driving program schedule was announced today at the Mopar Mile-High NHRA Nationals drag race at Bandimere Speedway, which will host a Denver-area program stop later this fall, said Mopar spokesman Darren Jacobs. Over the first two years of the "Mopar Road Ready Powered by Dodge" program, nearly 2,700

ticipated in the complimentary classes, learning safe and defensive-driving techniques.

"At Mopar, we love being fast at the track, but it's even more important to stay safe on the streets," said Pietro Gorlier, head of Parts and Service (Mopar), FCA - Global. "We're proud to work with the Dodge brand, as well as the NHRA and the B.R.A.K.E.S. organization, in extending our mission to educate and empower teens with tools and skills that will help keep them safe on the road."

The 2016/2017 "Mopar Road

For the third consecutive year, teens and their parents have par- Ready Powered by Dodge" schedule will return the program to the Metro Detroit area in Center Line on Oct. 8-9.

"The Dodge brand wants all drivers to experience that visceral feeling that makes them fall in love with driving, and that includes making sure they feel comfortable in all driving situations," said Tim Kuniskis, head of Passenger Car Brands - Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and Fiat, FCA -North America. "The 'Mopar Road Ready Powered by Dodge' program gives new teen drivers

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## **Chevy Bolt Now Fits Drivers' Preferences**

The 2017 Chevrolet Bolt EV will offer drivers a customizable one-pedal driving experience that allows for maximum total vehicle range.

One-pedal driving combines the highest available level of regenerative braking, which captures otherwise lost energy from deceleration and sends it back to the Bolt EV battery pack for the greatest total vehicle range, said GM spokesman Fred Ligouri. Along with additional software controls, regen braking allows the driver to stop the vehicle without using the brake pedal in certain driving conditions.

"Bolt EV customers who want an engaging driving experience will love the thrill of one-pedal driving," said Bolt EV Chief Engineer Josh Tavel. "They will be able to tailor the vehicle to their preferred driving style and maximize their range.'

Progressively stronger levels of regen braking, Tavel said, are employed in all Bolt EV driving through a series of four driver-selectable modes:

- Operating in Drive and easing off the accelerator.
- Operating in Drive and using the Regen on Demand paddle on the back of the steering wheel.

- Operating in Low and easing off the accelerator.
- Operating in Low and using the Regen on Demand paddle in

Number 1 provides the lowest level of regen braking and requires the use of the brake pedal to bring the vehicle to a complete stop, Tavel said. Numbers 2-4 are progressively stronger one-pedal driving modes that in certain driving situations allow a driver to stop the vehicle without using the brake pedal. (Onepedal modes do not eliminate the

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A screen in the instrument cluster of the 2017 Chevrolet Bolt EV.

## **Cadillac Offering Performance Training**

What's better for a car enthusi- tomotive brand offering a twoast than owning a high-performance automobile? How about having the training that allows the driver to get as much out of the vehicle as possible.

Cadillac unveiled the Cadillac V-Performance Academy driving experience at Spring Mountain Motor Resort and Country Club near Las Vegas on Sept. 6.

The two-day driver training program will be included in the purchase of any of Cadillac's high-performance V-Series models: 2017 Cadillac ATS-V Sedan, 2017 ATS-V Coupe and 2017 Cadillac CTS-V sedan, said Cadillac spokesman Steve Martin.

Cadillac is the only luxury au-

day driver training with the purchase of a high-performance vehicle. Martin said. Customers will register online for the experience after taking delivery of a 2017 V-Series model. The V-Performance Academy program may also be purchased as a stand-alone experience

"Cadillac is a brand for passionate people, by passionate people," said Nathan Tan, associate director of Brand Partnerships and Experiences for Cadillac. "V-Series customers are in many ways nearest the core of the Cadillac brand, and we are proud to offer this valuable training with our thrilling products.'

The V-Performance Academy includes:

- Ground transportation to and from Las Vegas McCarren International Airport - customers are responsible for airfare.
- Two days of intensive driver training in the model of purchase for 2017 V-Series owners and the model of choice for stand-alone customers.
- Two nights' lodging in the Spring Mountain luxury condominiums.
- · Breakfast and lunch on both training days.
- General admission access for one designated guest - add a

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University of Michigan-Dearborn students at work on a race car.

## **Ford Motor Company Helps Train Engineering Students**

Thanks to Ford, college engineering students with an interest in motorsports had the chance to breathe, eat and live race car aerodynamics - tuning, testing and tweaking their cars to ensure their team has the lightest, fastest machine on the track.

Since 2004, hundreds of students on Ford-sponsored teams in Formula SAE, Solar Car, SAE Super mileage and other series work to make their cars as aerodynamically efficient as possible, said Ford spokeswoman Deeptie

They aim for perfection – striving to be the fastest and the best, said Erik Stancato, a Ford vehicle architecture-vehicle integration engineer. Stancato formerly captained his Formula SAE team at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Along their journey, Ford engineers help them refine their craft in one of the company's world-class wind tunnels.

Ford has been inspiring and mentoring the next generation of dedicated student racers for more than a decade, offering the time and expertise of its engineers and allowing the teams to put their cars to the test in its tunnel facilities in Allen Park, Deeptie said.

An automotive wind tunnel generates a controlled stream of fast-moving air, simulating realworld conditions to allow aerodynamic development in vehicles.

Ford's wind tunnel, Deeptie said, is particularly sophisticated, providing both aerodynamic and aeroacoustic testing in a wide variety of environmental conditions for the company's diverse lineup of both current and future vehicles. Ultimately, the facility allows Ford to bring higher-quality products to its customers.

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The Cadillac V-Performance Academy driving experience at Spring Mountain Motor Resort and Country Club.

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### Magazine Labels FCA 12th-Best Latina Friendly Company in U.S.

LATINA Style magazine has recognized Fiat Chrysler as No. 12 on the magazine's annual list of the 50 best companies in the U.S. for Hispanic women to work.

Editors evaluated more than 800 corporations for this year's report, which analyzes company efforts for promoting diversity and career advancement opportunities for Hispanic women, said Fiat Chrysler spokeswoman Val Oehmke. Fiat Chrysler has earned a top position on the LATINA Style 50 report 13 times since 1998.

"We are excited to be recognized once again by LATINA Style magazine," said Marlin Page, FCA US's Diversity and Inclusion head. "Throughout the years, we have been committed to hiring diverse talent, as it is essential for innovation, growth and success. Latinas work in many different organizations and positions throughout FCA, from HR and engineering to marketing and communication. Their passion and hard work is a vital contributor to our ability to produce class-leading products that resonate with our diverse cus-

LATINA Style magazine was the first national magazine to address the concerns of the working Hispanic woman, said Page. As the LATINA Style slogan, "empowering Latinas, one woman at a time," suggests, the magazine aims to "highlight, promote and bring recognition to the professional Latinas in corporate America and provide a valuable reference tool for Latinas entering the workforce or changing careers.

The magazine also focuses on companies that have programs to recruit veterans and military personnel, Oehmke said. The report is distributed to Hispanic professional and civic organizations, national women's organizations, more than 2,000 college and universities and major Hispanic recruitment conferences.

### **Chevy Bolt Offers Regen Braking Capabilities**

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need to use the brake pedal altogether, especially in emergency situations.)

Using a vehicle simulation model, engineers compared regen performance on a testing cycle that simulated heavy stopand-go traffic in Drive and another using one-pedal driving while in Low and also the Regen on Demand paddle, Tavel said. The engineers found that the one-pedal driving can add up to 5 percent of range to the Bolt EV.

During interviews Chevrolet, Ligouri said EV enthusiasts expressed their desire for having one-pedal driving capa-

## **GM Volunteers to Help Many Local Charities this Week**

More than 4,000 General Motors employees will donate their time and talent to more than 200 community service projects across the U.S. during the company's 5th annual teamGM Cares Week Sept. 12-16.

Projects range from packing boxes at food banks to relocating high school scholars to safer housing and cleaning underserved neighborhoods.

"One thing I love about our employees is how they generously volunteer their time and talent to their communities all year long," said Mark Reuss, executive vice president, Global Product Development, Purchasing and Supply Chain. "TeamGM Cares Week is unique. By devoting an entire week to giving back, we make an enormous impact across the

GM employees will donate time to service projects across the country, including Detroit, the company's global headquar-

"Thanks to teamGM Cares Week, Boys Hope Girls Hope will finally be able to physically relocate our female residential program to a more secure site in the city of Detroit," said Suneil Singh, executive director of Boys Hope Girls Hope. "We're forever in the debt to those at GM who are willing to take time from their busy day jobs to selflessly volunteer for the betterment of our region." GM employees will help residents move into their new living

Other impactful projects during teamGM Cares Week include:

- Austin, Texas Sept 14. 100 employees will landscape, cleanup, and improve the trails at Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park.
- Metro Detroit Sept 12-16. Nearly 850 employees will pack food and participate in other projects at Gleaners Community



GM TRACK employees packed food boxes at Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint earlier this year.

Food Bank and Forgotten Harvest in metro Detroit.

Sept 12-16. 239 employees will participate in 44 projects at Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac-where volunteers will rebuild homes, clean lots, garden

Sept 12-16. 440 employees from Flint and Grand Blanc will participate in a variety of projects.

Sept 12-16. Employees will also participate in projects at Belle Isle, Greening of Detroit, The Parade Company and Focus Hope.

- New York City Sept 8. More than 40 employees will provide food to underserved families.
- Phoenix Sept 15. More than 40 employees will hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children at Feed My Starving Children in Arizona.

• San Francisco – Sept 17. Employees from Maven will weed, seed and landscape Golden State

• Washington, D.C - Sept 9. More than 35 employees will sort food and pack bags for programs such as Kids Weekend, Senior Brown Bag, Mobile Food Programs, and market style food pantries.

Throughout the year, thousands of teamGM Cares volunteers across the globe participate in impactful projects mentoring youth, conducting food drives, assisting with the disaster relief efforts and much more.

In August, 2,500 GM employees participated in the "Grow Cody Rouge" week project, where they restored the high school auditorium, boarded up 378 vacant homes, cleaned empty lots, spruced up 37 streets and tackled other neighborhood and school improvements.

To learn more about teamGM Cares Week 2016 or to get more information on upcoming projects, visit teamGMCares.com.



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### Guardian Warns of Trouble

On Aug. 1, 2016, Guardian Industries Corp. announced that the Venezuelan government had seized control of Guardian Venezuela.

On Aug. 19, the Venezuelan government published a resolution granting a government-sponsored Special Administrative Board full authority to control and operate Guardian Venezuela, thereby reaffirming the government's expropriation of Guardian Venezuela and its assets, said Guardian spokeswoman Amy Hennes. These actions by the Venezuelan government have been taken without the consent or involvement of Guardian in violation of investment treaties.

The Venezuelan government seized control of Guardian Venezuela when the company attempted to implement an orderly and safe cool-down of its glass community, while otherwise con-Hennes said. Float glass plants said.

operate at extremely high temperatures, continuously, hours a day, 365 days a year, throughout their operational life. All float glass plants must be temporarily shut down at the end of their operational life in order to undergo major repairs requiring specialized and technical expertise. Contrary to what has been asserted by the Venezuelan government, Guardian Venezuela never abandoned or closed its operations.

Guardian has warned the Venezuelan government of the safety risks to workers and the local community should it continue to operate the plant without completing major repairs.

Should the Venezuelan government produce and sell glass from the plant, Guardian cannot be held responsible for product quality and will consider any use melting furnace to protect the of Guardian's name, Guardian safety of its employees and the product names, or Guardian trademarks to be unauthorized tinuing commercial operations, and a misappropriation, Hennes



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## **Chrysler is Proud to Promote Diversity Within Company**

Why is diversity integral to businesses today, and why do companies talk about it so much?

That was the question that Fiat Chrysler spokesman Eliot Dolgin (Yes Hal Eliot with on I) discussed in a recent FCA360 blog article

He wrote that diversity is a crucial consideration for most companies in modern corporate America. It serves as a fundamental ingredient to ensuring a company culture that fosters inclusiveness, warmth and varying perspectives. Not only that, but embracing diversity magnetizes talent from every culture, color and creed. In essence, diversity is indisputably a necessary element to a successful organization.

"Fiat Chrysler Automobiles CEO Sergio Marchionne is certainly no stranger to emphasizing the value of recognizing diversity," Dolgin wrote. "As the executive sponsor of the FCA US Diversity Council, Marchionne has reaffirmed the commitment of the leadership team to vigilantly and responsibly create an inclusive atmosphere."

Diversity within North America is also represented by the longstanding Employee Resource Groups (ERGs), Dolgin said.

Fiat Chrysler US ERGs – African American Network, Latins in Connection Network, Asian Network, First Nations Network, Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA), Women's Forum and the FCA Veterans' Group – provide multicultural learning opportunities, mentoring and networking for employees, and support for



Fiat 500X was the main vehicle at this year's Motor City Pride.

community outreach initiatives and charitable events. Participation in ERG-sponsored activities is encouraged and open to all salaried employees from all facilities. Learn more about the ERGs here.

"Culture is the fabric that holds organizations together. It is not just an ingredient for success; it is the essence of success itself," Marchionne said.

In keeping with its theme of inclusion, Fiat Chrysler has been a proud longtime supporter of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transexual (LGBT) employees and subsequent issues.

In 2000, Chrysler was among the first U.S. employers to provide domestic partner benefits to its LGBT employees. Following this trend, Fiat Chrysler was among a small group of employers to achieve a perfect score on Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) Corporate Equality Index (CEI) for several years in a row – and until recently, the only major automaker to achieve a perfect rating.

Voicing the concerns of LGBT and minority employees is a start, but real progress is born from action – and that action begins with resources. Luckily, Fiat Chrysler provides a multitude of means for employees to feel engaged, heard and accepted. GALA works diligently to ensure unconditional inclusion among everyone.

"To me diversity is a relevant topic," Dolgin said. "It is an emerging issue and even though we've made great strides, it's important to bring events like Motor City Pride to light and create awareness around this topic."

For example, partnerships with organizations such as Motor City Pride aid in elevating visibil-

ity of diversity at Fiat Chrysler.
Just ask Greg Hawkins, Mopar
marketing manager and chairman of GALA at Fiat Chrysler.

Hawkins said he's not from Michigan, but came to Detroit because he wanted to work in the auto industry.

Working for a company like Fiat Chrysler, which was the first automaker to sponsor the event is a source of pride.

"When Fiat Chrysler first became a sponsor, there wasn't a lot of Motor City in Motor City Pride," Hawkins said. "And the event was literally held in the shadow of GM at Hart Plaza. Now Ford and GM are also involved. This started out as a small event and has become something big."

Hawkins said the event is normally held sometime in June, and he said that Fiat in past years provided a vehicle to be featured at the event.

"This year it was the Fiat 500X," Hawkins said. "I was happy to see the 500X with a rainbow skin."

Hawkins also said that Fiat Chrysler partners with an organization every year. In 2016 it was Affirmation, a local LGLBT youth center in Ferndale.

"Motor City Pride is empowered by the support of FCA US," said Dave Wait, Chairperson – Motor City Pride. "We are so thankful for this collaborative partnership, sharing the drive to achieve full equality and respect for all people in the state of Michigan."

### VW Engineer Admits Role in Diesel Fraud

DETROIT (AP) – A Volkswagen engineer has pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy in the company's emissions cheating scandal and has agreed to cooperate in the widening criminal investigation.

James Robert Liang, 62, of Newberry Park, Calif., entered the plea Sept. 9 in U.S. District Court in Detroit to one count of conspiracy to defraud the government through wire fraud.

Volkswagen has admitted to installing software on about 500,000 2-liter diesel engines in VW and Audi models in the U.S. that turned pollution controls on during government tests and shut them off while on the road.

Liang was indicted in June on one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and another count of violating the Clean Air Act. He allegedly helped design the computer software that cheated on diesel emissions tests.

Liang pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge the morning of Sept. 9 before Judge Sean Cox. He will be sentenced on Jan. 11. The judge said that sentencing guidelines call for Liang to serve five years in prison.

The cooperation of Liang, who began work in Wolfsburg, Germany, and also worked in the U.S., is a major breakthrough in the Justice Department's investigation into the automaker's cheating scandal.

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the opportunity to learn important driving skills, gain valuable experience behind the wheel and fall in love with driving in the process."

"Mopar Road Ready Powered by Dodge" is aided, Jacobs said, by a collaboration with the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Motorsports Museum and B.R.A.K.E.S. (Be Responsible And Keep Everyone Safe), two nationally recognized non-profit 501(c) organizations that share similar missions of promoting the importance of safe and responsible driving.

The advanced driving program, designed to teach safe and defensive driving techniques, is available to teens between the ages of 15-19 with a learner's permit or driver's license and at least 30 hours of driving experience

Participants, Jacobs said, will benefit from a proven curriculum and skilled high-caliber instructors provided by the B.R.A.K.E.S. organization. It incorporates both classroom education and hands-on training with a 3:1 student-to-instructor ratio, allowing for quality time with each teen.



Each teen driver's participation in the training program will include a companion experience for a parent or adult guardian who also will actively take part. There will also be a brief classroom portion to the class.

Advanced behind-the-wheel training will then be provided to teens with on-track course sessions, including accident avoidance (slalom), distraction, panic stop, wheel drop and wet skid

"Mopar Road Ready Powered ister.

by Dodge" classes are free of charge to registered teens and their parents or guardians. A \$99 refundable registration deposit is required to secure a spot and is returned after the session or can be donated to the B.R.A.K.E.S. organization to help support the continuation and growth of the program.

To register your teen for a 2016/2017 "Mopar Road Ready Powered by Dodge" event, visit www.mopar.com/road-ready/register.

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## TACOM Women's Group Earns Awards, Grants Scholarship

A college freshman earned a \$500 scholarship as a result of an award-winning fundraising program put on by a women's group.

The Detroit Arsenal's chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) earned two second-place awards at the national group's annual program in Dallas recent-

FEW is designed to improve the working status of women employed by the federal government.

The local chapter, comprising about 45 members affiliated with the arsenal, won the national group's Chapter Fundraising Award and Chapter Special Project Award.

This year's Chapter Fundraising Award, Higgins said, recognizes the Great Lakes Chapter's "ingenuity in aligning its fundraising efforts" with a national nonprofit organization devoted to helping civilian federal and postal employees.

Several other chapters in the Great Lakes Region are now using this approach to raise money for local scholarship awards.

Everyone who donated funds to us helped us earn this award," said Leslie Wilson-Smith, former chapter president. "From my viewpoint, it was an enterprise tion to Wilson-Smith), one of the

approach where we had support from everybody."

The Special Project Award honors the chapter's support to HAVEN, Oakland County's only comprehensive program for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It provides shelter, counseling, advocacy and educational programming to nearly 20.000 people each year.

The program is often in need of food, clothing, bath, toiletry and household items, items for babies and children, and gift cards for gas, groceries and major re-

"HAVEN allows us to collect things that women who are fleeing for their lives need," said Wilson-Smith. "We collect funds to buy gift cards that they might use for a place to eat or a place to shop. We collect items for babies and toddlers and for personal hygiene. We have donated boxes of items that have been donated across the enterprise.

I liked the special chapter project this year because it allows us to continue helping the community.

The scholarship, resulting from the fundraising program, went to Danielle Smith (no relavolunteers for the HAVEN project, Higgins said.

Danielle, the daughter of Rene Koop, the Great Lakes Chapter's vice president, is a recent high school graduate and incoming pre-med freshman at Michigan State University.

Wilson-Smith explained how Danielle became involved with

"She came to me and said, 'Would you mentor me and can I partner with FEW and support the shelter?' Just think, at the time when she did her first initiative, she was in 10th grade going into the 11th. We thought, how important is it for someone of that young age to want to give back?"

Danielle has volunteered with HAVEN for three years.

"We remember where we came from because we have had challenges in our lives," said Koop. "We have had to stay with others and there are things we did not have. So I always told my daughter that if we ever got to a place where we could give back, we would share our resources.'

Koop said Smith's personal goal was to provide 10 baskets of donated goods a year. She collects items from such places as local doctor and dentist offices, classmates, and used her own

money to put together baskets for babies. She supports FEW's coat drive for a soup kitchen.

"I think it's good for her to be exposed to FEW and these other organizations to see that one person can make a difference," said

"Danielle is such a go-getter," said Wilson-Smith. "Her working with FEW allows us to mentor her and she partners with us. Some of the things she has done for us put us in a position to get this special chapter award."



## Ford Motor Company Helps **Train Engineering Students**

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A wide variety of student teams are putting their prototype vehicles to the test at Ford's wind tunnel facility Some of these include the University of Michigan-Dearborn; University of Michigan-Ann Arbor; Missouri University of Science and Technology; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Michigan State University; and The Ohio State University.

"For Ford, this is great community involvement," said Stancato. "We have the testing facilities, we can answer the technical questions, and we can offer occasional manufacturing support.'

Steve Wegryn, Ford supervisor of wind tunnel operations, said the facility lets the students come full-circle on their designs.

"By simulating race speeds, they can validate their projections and estimations on downforce and drag with hard data enabling them to tweak their design for optimal performance," Wegryn said.

That's very true, said Justin Rujan, lead aerodynamics engineer for the Formula SAE team at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

He recently spent a day in Ford's wind tunnel.

"In a book, you can learn the basics and lay the groundwork to make design choices," Rujan said. "But until vou can actually apply that, and know you're doing it the right way, it's hard to make those choices.

In May 2015, the U-M Dearborn team placed 8th out of 120 college teams at the Michigan International Speedway, competing against teams from around the world, Deeptie

However, the results can be seen long before the race begins. Tristan MacKethan, a junior and co-aerodynamic lead for Formula SAE's MRacing at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, said his team was able to optimize downforce by 24 percent as a result of an eight-hour session in the tunnel.

Downforce improves traction and cornering abilities, both important factors in racing. Ultimately, this should lead to faster lap times on the track.

MacKethan, interning at Ford this summer in the autonomous vehicle platform group, is part of a growing community of recruits from the program, Deeptie said

Competing on a student team offers benefits even after college, said Joe Hendrickson, who joined Ford as a systems engineer soon after graduating from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 2015.

He served as captain of his Formula SAE team his senior

"With this program, you're using your degree before you even get out of school," he says. You're used to changing things around, collaborating, trying new things. That's helped me immensely in my position at

## GM, Army to Debut Hydrogen-Powered Auto

will reveal a Chevrolet Colorado hydrogen-based fuel cell electric vehicle in October at the fall meeting of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) in Washington, D.C.

The vehicle is being developed under an agreement between TARDEC (the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center) and GM that was signed in 2015, said General Motors spokesman Alan Adler.

collaboration enables TARDEC to access consumer-driven automotive technology for use in military applications while providing General Motors with feedback on non-standard fuel cell technology and its applica-

Consistent with the Department of Defense's desire to leverage commercial innovation in its next-generation technologies, TARDEC spokesman Doug Halleaux said the Army will use the vehicle to demonstrate the capabilities fuel cell electric propulsion and power generation systems can bring to the military.

applications include These quieter mobility, exportable power generation, low-end torque and water generation, Halleaux

The Army intends to conduct user assessments and demonstrations in 2017, said Halleaux.

"Hydrogen fuel cells as a power source have the potential to bring to the force incredibly valuable capabilities," said TARDEC Director Paul Rogers.

We expect the vehicle to be quiet in operation and ready to provide electricity generation for needs away from the vehi-

"With fuel cell technology advancing, it's an ideal time investigate its viability in extreme military-use condi-

"Fuel cell propulsion has lowend torque capability that is useful in an off-road environment,' Rogers said.

"It also offers additional characteristics attractive to both commercial and military off-road use.

Neither General Motors nor TARDEC released vehicle specifics to the public, but Rogers said the Army is focusing on the technology and its capabilities, regardless of the plat-

General Motors and TARDEC form that it might be used to operate.

"This project is another example of how fuel cell propulsion can play a role in non-traditional applications," Charlie said Freese, executive director of Gen-

eral Motor's Global Fuel Cell Activities.

We need to continue pursuing these opportunities along with our plans for production of a commercial fuel cell system in the 2020 time frame."



TARDEC and GM will unveil a fuel-cell electric vehicle in October.

## Federal Government Considering New Truck Speed Limits

by TOM KRISHER AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) - The U.S. is seeking to forcibly limit how fast trucks, buses and other large vehicles can travel on the nation's

highways. A new proposal Aug. 26 would impose a nationwide limit by electronically capping speeds with a device on newly made U.S. vehicles that weigh more than 26,000 pounds. Regulators are considering a cap of 60, 65 or 68 mph, though that could change.

Whatever the speed limit, drivers would be physically prevented from exceeding it. The proposal, which comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, does not force older heavy vehicles to add the speed-limiting technology, but the regulators are still considering it.

The government said capping speeds for new large vehicles will reduce the 1,115 fatal crashes involving heavy trucks that occur each year and save \$1 billion in fuel costs.

While the news is being welcomed by some safety advocates and non-professional drivers, many truckers said that such changes could lead to dangerous scenarios where they are traveling at much lower speeds than everyone else.

The rule has been ensnared in a regulatory maze in the decade since the nonprofit group Roadsafe America issued its first petition in 2006. The group was founded by Atlanta financial adviser Steve Owings and his wife Susan, whose son Cullum was killed by a speeding tractor-trailer during a trip back to school in Virginia after Thanksgiving in

The nonprofit was later joined by the American Trucking Associations, the nation's largest trucking industry group.

Owings said he will continue to push NHTSA to force older heavy vehicles to limit their speeds.

"We are dismayed and outraged to learn the proposed rule will be for newly manufactured trucks and will not apply to the millions of trucks with which we continue to share the roads today," he said.

NHTSA said retrofitting vehicles made after 1990 with the speed-limiting technology could be too costly, and it is still seeking comments and additional information, NHTSA said it could cost anywhere from \$100 to \$2,000 per vehicle, depending on when the vehicle was made. Changes to some engines could also be required, increasing the

costs, NHTSA said. Heavy vehicles made before 1990 don't have the capacity to add the technology.

The government agencies involved will take public comment for 60 days, then determine the final limit and decide if the regulation should be put in place.

To James Chapman, a big rig driver from Spartanburg, S.C., 68 mph would be the best option and he'd accept 65. But 60 would be too big of a difference from cars that go 75 or more.

'To me it would be a safety hazard unless it slowed everybody else down," he said while refueling his truck Aug. 26 along interstate 75 near Findlay, Ohio.

The agencies said that limiting the speed of heavy vehicles to 60 mph could save as many as 498 lives annually. Limiting it to 65 mph could save as many as 214 lives, and limiting it to 68 mph could save as many as 96 lives. There are 3.6 million big rigs on U.S. roads.

The agencies said the proposal is based on available safety data and the additional benefit of better fuel economy.

But Norita Taylor, spokeswoman for the 157,000-member Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association, said her group has opposed the speed limiters because they create dangerous interactions between

vehicles as faster cars slow down for trucks. "Differentials in speed increase interactions between vehicles, which increases the likelihood of crashes," Taylor said.

Yet there is another compelling reason to limit truck speeds. An investigation last year by The Associated Press found that 14 states have speed limits for big trucks that are equal to or higher than their tires were designed to handle. Most truck tires aren't designed to go faster than 75 mph, and tire manufacturers say traveling faster than that can cause tires to fail and blow out, creating safety issues.

Most of the states with the higher speed limits are west of the Mississippi River. Of the 14, five have speed limits of 80 mph or more and allow trucks to exceed the capability of their tires.

NHTSA has said that the speed limiters should be able to take care of the discrepancy between state speed limits and truck tire capabilities.

Most of the states with speed limits of 80 or above either didn't know about the truck tire speed ratings or didn't consider

States set their own speed limits, having been given sole authority to do so by Congress in the mid-1990s.

### Olympic Heroes **Heading to Auburn Hills**

The 36-city Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions kicks off Thursday, Sept. 15, in Spokane, Wash. The show will be at the Palace in Auburn Hills on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Bigger and better than ever, the show's format pairs elite gymnastics skill with modern performance art that pushes the boundaries of athleticism and is sure to keep fans cheering for more. Tickets for the Auburn Hills show are on sale now at KelloggsTour.com.

The 2016 U.S. Olympians participating in the Tour are: The Final Five - Simone Biles, Gabby Douglas, Laurie Hernandez, Madison Kocian and Aly Raisman; men's gymnastics - Chris Brooks, Jake Dalton, Danell Leyva, Sam Mikulak and Alex Naddour; rhythmic - Kiana Eide, Rokhman, Monica Jennifer Rokhman, Kristen Shaldybin and Laura Zeng; and trampoline -Nicole Ahsinger and Logan Dooley. 2008 Olympic all-around champion Nastia Liukin, 2008 Olympic balance beam champion Shawn Johnson and 2012 Olympic team champion Jordyn Wieber are also on the cast. Due to athletes' schedules and personal commitments, the cast will vary from stop to stop.

"This year's Kellogg's Tour is a welcome home party and celebration for the USA's success in Rio," said Steve Penny, president of USA Gymnastics. "Our athletes won the hearts of fans around the globe last month. and this is a chance for America to see them up close and personal. This year's Kellogg's Tour includes the biggest names in the sport, including three Olympic champions all-around and medalists from three Olympic Teams. The Kellogg's Tour has something for everyone, from the very young to the young at

### Cooper Standard Acquires AMI *Industries*

Cooper Standard has entered into an agreement to acquire the automotive fuel and brake business of AMI Industries and related companies.

The North American business was acquired in this transaction effective Aug. 15. The acquisition of the China portion of the business is subject to regulatory approval. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed, said Cooper Standard spokeswoman Sharon S. Wenzl .

"The integration of AMI Industries' fuel and brake business directly aligns with Cooper Standard's profitable growth strategy and globally strengthens the Company's position to further service our customers," said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard.

AMI Industries was established in 2000 to provide tube products to the agriculture, construction, automotive, heavy truck and marine industries, Wenzl said.

As a natural extension of the tube product line, the company expanded into the fuel and brake business in 2008. Headquartered in Michigan, AMI operates manufacturing plants in Michigan, Indiana and China.

Cooper Standard is headquartered in Novi, Wenzl said, and is a global supplier of systems and components for the automotive industry. Products include rubber and plastic sealing, fuel and brake lines, fluid transfer hoses and anti-vibration systems. It employs approximately 30,000 people globally and operates in 20 countries around the world.



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## Chevy Systems Aimed at Curbing Distracted Driving Issues

In the month of August this year more than 360,000 teens will become eligible for a restricted driver's license in most states – and with that, a lot of parents will experience new levels of stress.

According to a Harris Poll survey commissioned by Chevrolet, said GM spokeswoman Darri'n Hardy, more parents with teens worry about their child driving (55 percent) more than any other area of parental stress, including drugs and alcohol (52 percent), sexual activity (49 percent) and academic performance (53 percent).

Chevrolet recognizes this top concern for parents and, as a result, in addition to its suite of available active and passive safety features, offers Teen Driver Technology on 10 of its 2017 cars, trucks and SUVs, Hardy said. Chevrolet's Teen Driver includes an industry-first in-vehicle report card that shows how the teen drove and provides a way for parents to talk best practices.

'I, like many of our employees, am a parent of teenagers, so we personally understand the anxiety of having a teen driver in the house," said Steve Majoros, director of marketing, Chevrolet Cars and Crossovers. "And while we can't control a teen's behavior when they are in a car without a parent, Chevrolet's Teen Driver Technology can remind them to buckle up and avoid speeding, while our other available active safety features can help to alert them in certain situations when they're making lessthan-perfect driving decisions."

Teen Driver, Majoros said, supports certain safe driving practices by muting the radio or the audio of any paired device when front seat occupants aren't wearing their safety belts. It also gives audible and visual warnings when the vehicle is traveling

faster than preset speeds, and allows parents to limit the maximum volume of the radio.

Additionally, available active safety features are automatically enabled and incapable of being manually disabled when Teen Driver is in use. These features may include Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keep Assist, Front and Rear Park Assist, Side Blind Zone Alert, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Forward Collision Alert, Forward Automatic Braking, Rear Automatic Braking, Front Pedestrian Braking, Stability Control, Traction Control, Daytime Run-Lamps/Automatic Light Control.

"As a mother of two, it's extremely important to find solutions that can help young drivers on the road," said MaryAnn Beebe, Chevrolet safety engineer. "Chevrolet developed this system as a tool that can give teens some additional coaching as they're gaining experience. Driving on your own is a big milestone for teens, and Teen Driver helps to remind them to practice safe driving. And for parents, it's easier to give guidance to your teen when you have some information on what they're doing behind the wheel.'

The Teen Driver in-vehicle report card may keep track of the following, depending on the vehicle. They are distance driven, maximum speed reached, overspeed warnings issued, stability control events, antilock braking events, Traction control activations, wide-open throttle events, forward Collision Alerts, if equipped, forward Collision Braking events, if equipped, T Tailgating Alerts, if equipped.

Teen Driver is a non-subscription-based service that remains with the vehicle permanently and is available on the 2017 Chevrolet Bolt EV, Camaro, Col-



Chevy has solutions for the problem of teen distracted driving.

orado, Cruze, Malibu, Silverado, Silverado HD, Suburban, Tahoe and Volt, Hardy said. To use the safety technology, a parent must register their teen's key fob in the vehicle's system settings.

New for most 2017 models with Teen Driver:

- Maximum speed limiter;
- Configurable audio volume limit.

Additional report card information:

- Traction control activations;Wide-open throttle events;
- Tailgating alerts, if equipped. Each of the 10 vehicles also features available Apple CarPlay

or Android Auto compatibility, to help encourage teens to refrain from using their handheld phones while driving.

trol and Prevention confirmed that August was the most popular birth month in the U.S. in the year 2000, with 360,080 births. Knowing there could be a record number of 16-year-olds hitting the road in August 2016, Chevrolet commissioned a survey of

parents with teenagers from ages

13 to 17 years to find out how se-

The Centers for Disease Con-

riously parents take the issue of their teens driving. This survey was conducted online within the U.S. by Harris Poll on behalf of Chevrolet from June 16-23, 2016. parents/legal 638 guardians of a child between 13 to 17 years old. This online survey is not based on a probability sample and therefore no estimate of theoretical sampling error can be calculated. For complete survey methodology, including weighting variables, please contact Darri'n Hardy at darrin.hardy@chevrolet.com.

### U.S. Steel Fights Over Emissions

ECORSE, Mich. (AP) – U.S. Steel is suing the state of Michigan over an effort to curb Detroit-area air pollution.

The Detroit News reports Pittsburgh-based U.S. Steel sued last month, saying the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality illegally enacted a rule in June that calls for it to submit a plan for meeting sulfur dioxide compliance standards.

The DEQ plans to defend the rule in the Michigan Court of Claims. A 2010 federal review found sulfur dioxide levels to be above federal standards and spurred state action to scale back area emissions. The DEQ says four other companies in addition to U.S. Steel voluntarily agreed to cut emissions...

U.S. Steel has said that the DEQ rejected its offers to reduce emissions and the rule would increase pollution.

# Navistar Receives Funding from Volkswagen NEW YORK (AP) - Volkswagen

NEW YORK (AP) – Volkswagen Truck & Bus, an arm of the German automaker Volkswagen, is buying a minority stake in Navistar for \$256 million.

The two companies also said Sept. 6 that they will enter a procurement joint venture that will help source parts for both businesses. There will also be technology sharing, with an anticipated emphasis on powertrain technology.

Volkswagen Truck & Bus will acquire 16.2 million Navistar shares at \$15.76 per share and will be allowed to name two directors to Navistar's board. Navistar will remain an independent truck, bus and engine company.

Navistar International Corp. expects savings of at least \$500 million over the first five years. By the fifth year, the Lisle, Ill.-based company anticipates the alliance will generate annual savings of at least \$200 million for its business.

The announcement of the deal comes as Volkswagen AG is trying to move forward in the U.S. following an emissions cheating scandal.

Last month it was disclosed that about 210,000 owners of Volkswagens with 2-liter diesel engines that cheat on emissions tests have registered to settle with the company under the terms of a June court agreement. U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer has given the \$15 billion settlement preliminary approval, with a final decision expected Oct. 18. Terms call for the German carmaker to spend up to \$10 billion buying back or repairing Volkswagen and Audi 2-liter vehicles and paying owners another \$5,100 to \$10,000 each.

Navistar has also had its own emissions issues. In March the company announced that it would pay \$7.5 million to settle Securities and Exchange Commission complaints about its claim to investors that it had developed an engine that could be certified to meet U.S. emission standards. Navistar didn't admit wrongdoing as part of the settlement.

Navistar's stock surged more than 30 percent in premarket trading.

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## Altair Offering Education

Troy-based Altair, along with RUAG and Morf3D are introducing a practical additive manufacturing course which will cover the entire end to end process from design to certification. The course covers a range of topics including basic design considerations, details of design, design validation, topology optimization, build constraints, post-processing, destructive and non-destructive testing, virtual and physical validation.

The course is taught at two levels by Dr. Melissa Orme, Morf3D, Dr. Robert Yancey, Altair and Mr. Michael Gschweiti, RUAG Space; experts who have successfully designed, built, and certified Aerospace parts made by AM. The course will take place in late October and be taught in El Segundo, Calif., said Altair spokesman Biba Bedi.

Combined, this team has over 50 years of experience in Aerospace applications, with additive manufacturing and 3D printing, Bedi said. The Intermediate and Advanced Courses are four-and-a-half days and cover a lecture and hands on exercises from Design to Build using Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS) process. The Intermediate Course is intended for people with a basic design and analysis background and the Advanced Course is for experienced engineers interest-

ed in design and analysis.

"We have seen a great interest from companies to learn how to best utilize additive manufacturing," says Dr. Yancey. "This course will provide participants a very practical view of 3D printing technology and how it can best be utilized."

"At Morf3D our mission is to provide a sustainable eco-system that enables client proficiency in fully exploiting the benefits of additive manufacturing, and delivers innovative solutions that solve complex design and manufacturing challenges," said Ivan Madera, CEO of Morf3D. "Our facility is set up to produce parts but also to educate people and this course will help us accomplish that goal."

Morf3D is a fully-integrated provider of additive manufacturing services, focused on delivering solutions that solve additive design and manufacturing challenges, Bedi said.

Privately held with a team of interdisciplinary experts from Academia, Industry and Engineering, Morf3D's Innovation Center is headquartered in El Segundo, Calif. RUAG, Bedi said, is a supplier of products for the space industry in Europe. To learn more about the course and how to sign up, go to altair.com/newsdetail.aspx?news\_i d=11293&news\_country=en-US.

## **State Ponders Car Tech Regs**

by DAVID EGGERT **Associated Press** 

LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Michigan would no longer require that someone be inside a self-driving car while testing it on public roads under legislation passed unanimously Sept. 7 by the state Senate, where backers touted the measures as necessary to keep the U.S. auto industry's home state ahead of the curve on rapidly advancing technology.

The measures, which are on track for final legislative approval by year's end and is supported by Republican Gov. Rick Snyder, would end a requirement that a researcher be present inside an autonomous test vehicle. The researcher would have to "promptly" take control of its movements if necessary, or the vehicle would have to be able to stop or slow on its own.

Supporters said the human operator requirement is seen as an impediment that could put Michigan at risk of losing research and development to other

Other provisions would let "platoons" of commercial trucks travel closely together at electronically coordinated speeds and help create a facility to test

autonomous and wirelessly connected cars at highway speeds at the site of a defunct General Motors plant that once churned out World War II bombers. Also, auto manufacturers would be authorized to run networks of on-demand self-driving vehicles.

It is a nod to the carmakers' increasing efforts to reinvent themselves as "mobility" companies. GM has invested in ride-hailing company Lyft; Toyota in Uber. Google, which is opening a selfdriving tech development in Michigan, is partnering with Fiat Chrysler.

The lead sponsor of the legislation, Republican Sen. Mike Kowall of White Lake in suburban Detroit, said driverless car technology could be as big for Michigan as Henry Ford's creation of the assembly line.

"We're moving into the next century," he said told senators. "With your assistance, we're going to secure Michigan's place ... as the center of the universe for autonomous vehicle studies, research, development and manufacturing."

Michigan is among seven states with laws related to autonomous cars, while Arizona's governor has issued an execu-



Ram's new ad campaign is aimed at the Hispanic market.

## Ram Begins Ad Campaign Aimed at Hispanic Market

The Ram truck brand launched ing segments among U.S. Latinos a new Spanish-language multicultural and multinational campaign last week, "celebrating hardworking people who are their own bosses and get the job done day after day," said Fiat Chrysler spokeswoman Eileen Wunder-

The "Boss" television and digital campaign focuses on many of the class-leading and class-exclusive innovations of the Ram 1500 Limited, while emphasizing values such as hard work and determination shared by the brand and Latin culture, Wunderlich said. The ads also promote Ram brand's "America's Longest-lasting Pickups" title.

A 60-second anthem "Boss" spot and two 30-second "Boss" product feature commercials, one focusing on strength and capability and the other on power and efficiency, were launched last week when the spots debuted during Telemundo and UniMás network telecasts of top team soccer qualifying matches. The campaign will run in the United States and Mexico. In addition, Fiat Chrysler markets in South America plan to run their own customized versions of the campaign.

Ram, Wunderlich said, teamed up with independent Venezuelan rock band La Vida Bohème for the campaign soundtrack with their song "La Bestia" (The Beast). The two-time Latin Grammy Award winners, from Nacional Records, were also named Latino Breakthrough Artist of the Year by iTunes.

"Trucks are one of the top-sell-

and the Ram 1500 and Ram 2500 are among the most popular models," said Olivier Francois, chief marketing officer, FCA -Global. "It is important that we reach Hispanic auto-buying consumers with relevant marketing strategies that not only accurately depict the brand, but also authentically capture the lives of such an influential consumer. The 'Boss' campaign does this in a way that makes an emotional connection and seamlessly integrates the Ram 1500 into the sto-

"In key truck markets like Houston, Los Angeles and New York City, the multicultural population is in fact the majority population" according to the 2010 U.S. Census, said Juan Torres, head of Multicultural Advertising, FCA US LLC.

"A quarter of Ram truck sales last year were driven by multicultural growth and Hispanics accounted for the highest rate of growth for the brand among all demographic groups," according to Polk.

Marketers must understand the lens through which multicultural consumers see brands, Torres said. Hispanics are more likely to be self-employed, to be "their own bosses," which is why Ram is telling a story in this campaign that integrates cultural values and insight to connect with these consumers.'

The 60-second "Boss" anthem spot tells the full story and sets the stage for the individual 30second product feature spots that follow, Wunderlich said.





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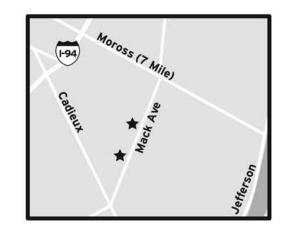
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### Canadian Union Pick GM as its Strike Target

DETROIT (AP) - The Canadian auto workers' union has picked General Motors Co. as a potential strike target in contract talks with the Detroit Three automak-

General Motors will now be the focus of bargaining as the two sides hash out a new contract agreement. The union's contracts with GM, Ford Motor Co. and Fiat Chrysler expire at 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 19. If an agreement isn't reached by the deadline, the union could call a

Any deal reached with GM also would be used as a pattern for the other two companies. The union, Unifor, represents 23,000 GM, Ford and Fiat Chrysler workers in Canada.

"These negotiations are about the future of local communities, good jobs and the industry. Our demand is clear, invest today to build a future for tomorrow,' Unifor President Jerry Dias said at a news conference Sept. 6 in Toronto.

"Policy makers and the public need to understand what is at stake here.'

Talks so far have been contentious, especially with General Motors. The company wants a contract that's more cost-competitive with the United Auto Workers union in the U.S. Unifor wants guarantees that new products will go into a GM factory in Oshawa, Ontario.

The Oshawa plant employs approximately 2,400 hourly workers and builds the Chevrolet Impala, Cadillac XTS and Buick Regal.

All three cars have been slow sellers as the North American market shifts away from cars to trucks and Sports Utility Vehi-

General Motors has said about 75 percent of the workers at the Oshawa plant are eligible for full retirement benefits, leading some workers to believe that the company wants to close the fac-

GM also employs 1,400 Unifor members at an engine factory in St. Catherines, Ontario, and 60 people at a parts center in Woodstock, Ontario.

General Motors employs more than 6,000 Unifor members in Canada, but 2,600 who work at the CAMI plant in Ingersoll, Ontario, aren't covered by the contract.

That plant, which makes the hot selling Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain SUVs, operates under a separate contract that expires next September.

### Michigan Warns Drivers about Gas Pump Scam

LANSING, Mich. (AP) - About 70 credit card skimmers have been found at Michigan gas stations since the first device was discovered more than a year

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, which inspects pumps, said Sept. 1 that the skimmers can be installed in seconds and cannot be seen from outside the pump.

Criminals open pumps with keys and use the device to copy motorists' credit card information and buy things fraudulently.

Gas station owners can change locks, install security cameras and use tamper-proof security tape to thwart the installation of skimmers.

Jamie Clover Adams, who leads the agricultural agency, encourages station owners to also increase their regular dispenser inspections.

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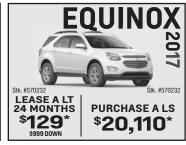
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## **Federal-Mogul Board Says** Yes to Icahn Takeover

Federal-Mogul Holdings Corporation and Icahn Enterprises L.P. on Sept. 6 entered into an "Agreement and Plan of Merger" with a subsidiary of Icahn Enterprises, Federal-Mogul's majority shareholder. Under the agreement Icahn Enterprises will offer to purchase all of the outstanding shares of Federal-Mogul common stock not owned by Icahn Enterprises or its affiliates, in an allcash transaction for \$9.25 per share," said Federal-Mogul spokesman Jim Zabriskie.

The all-cash offer represents a premium of 86 percent above Federal-Mogul's closing share price of \$4.98 on Feb. 26, 2016, the business day prior to Icahn Enterprises' original proposal of \$7 per share, Zabriskie said.

The Merger Agreement has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both companies, the Audit Committee of Icahn Enterprises and the Special Committee of independent directors previously established by Federal-Mogul's Board of Directors to review and evaluate Icahn Enterprises' proposal. The transaction is structured as a tender offer followed by a merger. Zabriskie said.

Federal-Mogul's Board of Directors, upon the unanimous recommendation of the Special Committee of independent directors, has unanimously recommended that Federal-Mogul stockholders (other than Icahn Enterprises and its affiliates) accept the offer and tender their shares.

When all legal requirements for the merger are completed, Federal-Mogul will be an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Icahn Enterprises, Zabriskie said, and Federal-Mogul would become a privately held company and its common shares will no longer be listed on the NASDAQ or any public market.

Consummation of the transaction is subject to a "majority of the minority" minimum condition and other customary conditions, Zabriskie said.

Federal-Mogul, headquartered in Southfield, and has been a global supplier of products and services to the world's manufacturers and servicers of vehicles and equipment since 1899 Zabriskie said. The company serves customers in the automotive, light, medium and heavy-duty commercial, marine, rail, aerospace, power generation and industrial markets. Federal-Mogul operates two independent business divisions, each with a chief executive officer reporting to Federal-Mogul's Board of Direc-

### Mazda Orders Worldwide Car Recall

DETROIT (AP) - Mazda is recalling 2.2 million cars and SUVs worldwide because the rear hatches can fall on people and injure them.

The recall covers certain 2010 through 2013 Mazda 3 compact cars, as well as 2012 through 2015 Mazda 5 vans. Also included are certain 2013 to 2016 CX-5 and 2016 CX-3 SUVs.

Mazda says the corrosion protection coating applied to the hatch lift supports at the factory wasn't sufficient. Over time, water containing road salt can get into the supports, causing them to corrode and break.









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### **GM Settles Federal Lawsuits**

by DEE-ANN DURBIN AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) - General Motors Co. has settled two federal court cases related to its defective ignition switches, but its legal troubles stemming from the switches are far from over.

GM settled the cases for an undisclosed amount, plaintiffs' attorney Bob Hilliard said Sept. 5. In both cases, the plaintiffs said they sustained serious injuries when the air bags in their vehicles didn't deploy. GM has has said that ignition switches in older cars could fall out of position without warning and shut off the engine and air bags.

The cases are among several so-called "bellwether" trials that are testing the legal boundaries of hundreds of claims against GM. So far this year, one federal bellwether case was dropped before trial, GM won two, and three have been settled. Three more federal cases are scheduled to be heard next year, and one is scheduled for January 2018, GM spokesman Jim Cain said.

GM also has been trying some bellwether cases at the state level. In one of those cases, a Texas jury decided last month that a GM ignition switch wasn't to blame for a 2011 fatal crash.

GM knew about problems with the switches for more than a decade before it finally recalled 2.6 million small cars worldwide in 2014 to replace the defective switches. The switches are responsible for at least 124 deaths and 275 injuries, according to a victims' fund set up by GM and administered by attorney Kenneth Feinberg.

GM has paid nearly \$875 million to settle death and injury claims, including \$600 million from Feinberg's fund and \$275 million to settle 1,385 separate

claims. It also has paid \$300 million to settle shareholder lawsuits. But many others are pursuing their claims in court.

Carl Tobias, a law professor at the University of Richmond, said that so far GM seems to be willing to try the weaker plaintiffs' cases but settle the ones that are stronger. But the company has a long way to go before it resolves all of the cases, he said.

In addition to the cases already scheduled, GM could be facing lawsuits from victims whose alleged injuries occurred before GM's 2009 bankruptcy. In July, a U.S. appeals court ruled that GM's bankruptcy can't shield the company from those lawsuits. GM is appealing that ruling. Hilliard said at least 133 pre-bankruptcy cases could be brought against the automaker.

Hilliard said the settlements announced Sept. 5 create "momentum" as the company and plaintiffs continue to try to resolve the cases before them. For its part, GM said it shares plaintiffs' goal of "a fair and timely resolution of lawsuits."

The cases settled Sept 5 both involved women who were driving at low speeds. In the first case, Stephanie Cockram was driving her 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt home from a friend's house in Virginia on June 28, 2011, when she lost control of her car and hit a stone wall. Her air bags didn't deploy. Cockram suffered a closed head injury, broken jaw and broken hip.

In the second case, Amy Norville lost control of her 2003 Saturn Ion in Kentucky on Nov. 21, 2013, when she swerved to avoid hitting a deer. Norville couldn't regain control of her vehicle and crashed into a tree, but the air bags didn't deploy. Norville broke her sternum and suffered multiple neck fractures.



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There are now two opportunities for enthusiasts to drive new V-Series models on a racetrack, Martin said. The two-day V-Performance Academy driver training will be held exclusively at Spring Mountain and the singleday V-Performance Lab, which travels to different racetracks around the country. In 2016, the V-Performance Labs will be held at Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, Connecticut, and Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

The development of the V-Performance Academy curriculum was overseen by V-Series engineers, Martin said. The tailored driver training enables attendees to extract maximum performance from the V-Series vehicles.

"The V-Series are the mosttrack capable Cadillac models ever, using exclusive technologies tuned by a select group of dedicated engineers," said Brandon Vivian, Cadillac executive chief engineer. "These technologies, such as Magnetic Ride Control, Performance Traction Management software and the Performance Data Recorder, set the Cadillac ATS-V and Cadillac CTS-V apart from all other luxury cars and are the tools drivers will experience at the V-Performance Academy."

Located 55 miles west of Las Vegas, Spring Mountain Motor Resort and Country Club is the longest road course in North America, Martin said.

With more than six miles of racetrack and 50 unique configurations, Spring Mountain Motor Resort and Country Club enables V-Performance Academy drivers to extract maximum performance from V-Series vehicles. Lodging is provided on the Spring Mountain premises, with loft-style suites complete with kitchenettes for comfort and ease.

An 8,000-square foot clubhouse, pool, racquetball court, fitness facility and four-acre freshwater lake ensure time spent on and off the track is equally enjoyable. For more information on Spring Mountain Motor Resort and Country Club, visit springmountainmotorsports.com.

For more information about the Cadillac V-Performance Academy, visit http://www.cadillac.com/v-series/v-performancedriver-training.html.

### Johnson Controls Shutting Down Tennessee Plant

LEXINGTON, Tenn. (AP) - Automotive supplier Johnson Controls plans to phase out 290 jobs over the next two years as the company ends production at its Lexington plant in Tennessee.

Spokeswoman Mary Kay Dodero tells The Jackson Sun that the company plans to transition the facility from manufacturing to a service center or warehouse.

Lexington Mayor David Jowers said that products made at the Lexington plant had to be shipped to be painted before being returned to the facility, while another Johnson Controls plant in Alabama is able to do the manufacturing and painting in-house.

The decision to end manufacturing in Lexington comes as Johnson Controls prepares to spin off its automotive business into an independent company called Adient on Oct. 31.