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GM looks to new vehicles

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MILFORD, Mich. (AP) — General Motors CEO Mary Barra told investors Wednesday that GM plans a raft of new models and a big push to sell more cars in China to drive profits in coming years, as the biggest U.S. automaker tries to shift the spotlight from a mishandled recall of older small cars.

Barra needed to reassure investors that GM has a strong plan going forward. The stock has dropped about 18 percent this year. It rose 1.7 percent in after-noon trading.

GM recalled 2.6 million small cars worldwide earlier this year to fix faulty ignition switches that are now blamed for at least 23 deaths nationwide. Barra said suppliers have built all the replacement switches, but only about 1.2 million small cars have had the repairs so far.

GM has admitted knowing about the problem for a decade, but only recalled the cars this year. The switches can cause the engine to stall, deactivating the air bags.

Barra said GM still expects to pay out \$400 million to \$600 million to compensate ignition switch crash victims. The company has hired compensation expert Kenneth Feinberg to pay victims. He made his first offers last week.

The plan Barra outlined Wednesday emphasizes growth in China. GM plans to invest \$14 billion through 2018, including five new assembly plants to support estimated sales of about 5 million per year. Last year the company sold nearly 3.2 million vehicles in China, compared with 2.8 million in the U.S.

GM hopes Chinese car buyers embrace Cadillac, the luxury brand that has struggled in the U.S. despite earning numerous awards. GM expects China to become the world's largest luxury car market later this decade, and plans to introduce nine new Cadillacs there over the next five years.

New models also figure prominently in GM's strategy. The company said it expects 27 percent of its global sales to come from new or refreshed models next year. That figure rises to 47 percent by 2019 as it accelerates new model rollouts.

The new vehicles, coupled with cost savings and other measures, should get GM to a 10 percent pretax profit margin in North America by 2016 and 9 to 10 percent for the whole company by early next decade. Profit margin is the percentage of each dollar in revenue a company actually keeps. In North America, GM is now at 7 percent.

GM's new vehicles start with midsize pickup trucks now arriving at dealerships,

Man sentenced for role in home invasion

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — A Massachusetts man has been sentenced to serve six months in jail for his role in a home invasion in Maine in April.

Prosecutors say 29-year-old Robert DeJesus Jr. of Southbridge, Massachusetts, was one of three men who entered an Augusta apartment looking for \$20,000 in proceeds from illegal drug sales they believed was there.

The Kennebec Journal reports that his lawyer says DeJesus entered his plea under the Alford doctrine because he disagreed with some of the facts alleged by police but believed a jury would likely find him guilty.

DeJesus pleaded guilty to burglary, aggravated criminal mischief, criminal threatening, assault and impersonating a public servant.

Prosecutors say the three defendants wore masks and claimed to be police when they entered the home, and tied up two residents.

The Village School's Children's Book of the Month



Feathers, Not Just For Flying, written by Melissa Stewart and illustrated by Sarah S. Brannen

If you love science topics and you love watercolor painting, you will enjoy *Feathers, Not Just For Flying*, by Melissa Stewart and illustrated by Sarah S. Brannen. I recommend reading this book aloud to 5- and 6-year-olds.

For the young naturalist, this book is engaging with simple illustrations that explore sixteen birds and their feathers. This book mimics a nature journal. The illustrator has cleverly made her illustrations look like they were taped to the pages of the book with casual handwritten notes underneath, something you might see a field naturalist do.

At the end of each kindergarten and first grade science class, I bring out a favorite book, which reviews and reinforces the day's science topic. When we were studying birds, *Feathers, Not Just For Flying* was used to conclude the class, and the children were fascinated. The book demonstrates all of the many functions that feathers fill for birds, from blankets to umbrellas. The

book uses a variety of birds around the world to illustrate the many different uses a feather plays in the natural world, including a love bird who uses his feathers to provide bedding for his nest.

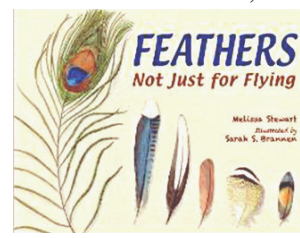
Who knows, it might inspire you and your children to look at feathers a little differently.

Both Melissa Stewart and Sarah Brannen will sign books at the first Central Mass Book Festival at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner on Saturday November 15th. Go to centrallmasschildrensbookfestival.org for more information about this free event for families, where you can meet some of the authors featured in this column.

You can also find *Feathers, Not Just For Flying* at Bruce's Browser in uptown Athol.



Book reviewed by Katrina Walton, K-1 Science Teacher



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75 Apartments for Rent

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ORANGE — 2nd floor, 2 bedroom. Oil heat. No pets. You pay all utilities. \$700 monthly. First, last, deposit. (978)544-2556.

2 STUDIOS — Orange small 1 room, \$480, first and last. Athol Large 1 room, separate kitchen. \$500, hot water included. First and last. (413)339-8329.

75 Apartments for Rent

ATHOL — School Street. 2 bedroom. Second floor. \$650 plus utilities. First and security. No smoking. No pets. Call Lynn at Godin R.E. (508)335-3861.

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Gov't website for docs not up to snuff

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and JACK GILLUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although it's called "Open Payments," the government's new website doesn't make it easy to find out whether your doctor is getting freebies, travel or other financial benefits from drug companies and medical device manufacturers.

This should be a clue: The website lacks a "Find Your Doctor" button.

The Obama administration says consumers will start seeing some improvements later this month, particularly when it comes to navigation.

However, an Associated Press analysis found significant problems, including large chunks of missing information and disputed data. And those are not likely to be cleared up soon. Disclosure of financial relationships between clinicians and industry has long been a priority for consumer advocates, who worry about unseen incentives that may influence prescribing decisions, the use of high-tech tests and even surgical procedures.

The Open Payments program was required by President Barack Obama's health care law, but for now it's not easy to pry loose the data.

It is still possible to launch a search on particular doctor's name, after a number of steps. But after that a consumer has to combine several data categories to

get a complete picture, including gifts, research grants and ownership stakes.

Basic instructions: On the home page (<http://www.cms.gov/openpayments>), hover over "Explore the Data." Click on "Data Explorer." Click on "Access the Data Explorer Tool." Look for the file called "General Payment Data," and click on that. When the file opens, look for a filter screen to appear and enter the doctor's name and other identifying information. Another six steps are needed to get the total value of industry benefits for that doctor.

Free birth control cuts teen pregnancy, abortions

Giving teens free birth control encourages them to use long-acting methods and greatly cuts the chances they will become pregnant or have an abortion, a new study finds.

The average annual pregnancy rate was 34 per 1,000 girls in the study — far below the national average of 158.5 for sexually active teens.

Doctors say the results show that when money is not a factor, teens will choose IUDs and hormone implants over less reliable methods such as birth control pills or condoms. Nearly three-fourths of teens in the study picked long-acting methods; only 5 percent of U.S. teens use those now.

"When costs are removed, young people and

Even tech nerds who downloaded the underlying trove of detailed records have run into challenges.

Many industry payments to physicians are hidden from public view, according to AP's analysis of the data, which includes more than 4 million transactions from August through December 2013.

The same is true for payments to teaching hospitals, also captured by the database.

Consumer groups and lawmakers who support the program are urging patience.

families will use these effective methods," said Dr. Mary Ott of Indiana University. She had no role in the study but led an American Academy of Pediatrics' policy statement earlier this week urging long-acting contraception, a stance other doctor groups endorse.

She said the study shows that more can be done to curb teen pregnancy. "It's good for the teens and it's cost-effective for society" to offer free, effective birth control, Ott said.

One study participant, Marlice House, 25, of St. Louis, said she got an IUD in 2008 as a teen in the project after having tried two less reliable methods.

"I wanted to go to college and I didn't want to have a child at an early age," she said.

Dozens of items left behind at Big E

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — With 1.5 million visitors, a few people are bound to lose something at the Eastern States Exposition.

But of the 586 items still at the Big E's lost and found, perhaps the most curious is a medal of St. Anthony, the patron saint of lost and stolen articles.

Big E officials tell The Republican newspaper of Springfield that they have 200 pairs of glasses, dozens of cellphones, keys, backpacks and even a medical alert button.

They have a bag full of jewelry, and a wardrobe's worth of clothes, including hats and several children's shoes.

The Big E in West Springfield also has 80 lost driver's licenses, which are easy enough to return.

Anyone who thinks they lost something at the 17-day fair last month should contact staff.

Settlement reached in paper lawsuit

BOSTON (AP) — A settlement has been reached in a defamation lawsuit over a New York Post cover that ran a photo of two Massachusetts residents with the headline "Bag Men" three days after the deadly Boston Marathon bombing.

Neither side would disclose terms of the settlement. The Post's front page on April 18, 2013 had a photo of Salahuddin Barhoum and Yassine Zaimi standing near the finish line with the headline "Bag Men." The sub-headline was "Feds seek these two pictured at Boston Marathon." The two men were never linked to the investigation.

Barhoum and Zaimi said the story damaged their reputations and caused emotional distress. The Post emphasized that it did not name the men and never called them suspects.

Barhoum's lawyer and the Post's lawyer called it an "amicable resolution."

New marker at Kerouac's gravesite

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) — The Lowell gravesite of native son and Beat generation writer Jack Kerouac is now easier to find.

Workers on Tuesday erected a 3,000-pound granite marker in Edson Cemetery near the nondescript grave marker at the final resting place of the "On the Road" author and his wife, Stella. Kerouac died in 1969 at age 47.

The memorial is engraved with the Lowell native's signature as well as the words "The road is life."

John Sampa, Kerouac's brother-in-law and the executor of Kerouac's estate, was behind the effort to put up the 3-foot-tall memorial.

"I thought it was a great monument to Jack, and I know that Jack would love it," he said. "I know that he wanted to be recognized in his hometown, and this is another way of doing it."

Kerouac is "the most popular resident we have," Lowell Parks and Recreation Commissioner Tom Bellegarde said.

Barking dog may have saved woman

SAUGUS, Mass. (AP) — Police say her barking dog may have saved a Saugus woman who was assaulted while out jogging from more serious harm.

Police say the woman was jogging with her dog on Tuesday night when a man armed with a knife approached her from behind, grabbed her by the hair, and pushed her into a tree.

The woman said the suspect groped her and slapped her face.

The woman's dog started barking, causing other dogs in the area to bark and possibly spooking the suspect, who ran away.

The suspect was described as tall and thin and wearing a long-sleeved red shirt, dark pants, which were possibly jeans, and clean white sneakers.