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BURNED BY BATTERIES

After GM, Tesla EVs caught fire, only one issued recalls

But some customers say both have been slow to respond to problem

BY BREANA NOBLE AND KALEA HALL
 The Detroit News

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On Thursday: Battery fires threaten to hamper acceptance of EVs

Electric vehicles made by Tesla Inc. and General Motors Co. that caught fire gave their owners similarly terrifying experiences. But only one of the automakers has recalled its responsible high-voltage batteries.

GM recalled every Chevrolet Bolt it has produced for fire risk. The different responses to battery fires expose the cultural difference separating GM, long ac-

customed to federal regulations, from the try-it-and-see approach of tech disruptors like Tesla. Both are betting their futures on electrification even as regulators lack the resources to investigate, often leaving the government struggling to keep pace with changing

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Firefighters in Frisco, Texas, put out the blaze in Usmaan Ahmad's Tesla Model S in November 2020. "They were not interested in finding out the truth," he said of the automaker.

Subia Ahmad

Ford pulled into fight over town takeover

Majority Black city up in arms as state moves in near Tenn. project

BY JORDYN GRZELEWSKI
 The Detroit News

Ford Motor Co.'s \$5.6 billion investment in west Tennessee is being cited in a controversial move by the state's Comptroller of the Treasury to take financial control of a small, predominantly Black town just miles from Blue Oval City, the future site of the automaker's electric vehicle and battery manufacturing complex.

The Comptroller's actions, following years of financial challenges in the 2-square-mile town of Mason, has prompted outcry from local residents, elected officials and the NAACP over what some see as a power grab against a Black community — even

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Oakland County Sheriff's Office

Evidence video shows work with a propane torch on the patio of the Oakland Hills club before the big fire.

Video suggests Oakland Hills fire likely accidental

BY MIKE MARTINDALE
 The Detroit News

Pontiac — A Feb. 17 fire that destroyed the clubhouse at the historic Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township initially appears accidental and possibly started by contract workers using a propane torch on an outdoor patio, authorities said Thursday.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, township Fire Chief John LeRoy and Fire Marshal Peter Vlahos met with reporters Thursday and

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Mich.-made baby formula alarms parents amid possible link to deaths

Federal program doled out products by firm in recall to tens of thousands in state

BY KAREN BOUFFARD
 The Detroit News

Parents in Metro Detroit and nationwide have been alarmed by the recall of a popular baby formula manufactured in Michigan after federal investigators determined it might be linked to some infants' illnesses and deaths.

The recall includes Similac, Similac PM, Alimentum and EleCare formulas manufactured by Abbott Laboratories at a plant in the southwest Michigan town of Sturgis.

Tens of thousands of Michigan babies have been receiving Similac formulas through WIC, the federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

Michigan has 198,465 people enrolled in the WIC program, including about

38,000 infants who are partially or exclusively fed with formula, said Michigan Department of

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Dar'Naja Cotton-Rich of Detroit has been getting coupons for free Similac formula through WIC. She said her 7-month-old, Jerome Moses II, suffered for months with digestive issues, rashes and nasal congestion.



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