

Arvin selling division

Columbus mayor, board director: 950 workers will keep jobs

The (Columbus) Republic staff report

ArvinMeritor will sell its Emissions Technologies group, which includes two Columbus operations that employ 950 people, to focus on other businesses.

Columbus Mayor Fred Armstrong and Corey Carr, executive director of Columbus Economic Development Board, said their understanding of the deal is that it would not affect the 950 employees at those plants.

The pending sale of the local Gladstone plant and Walesboro Tech Center also essentially marks the end of the former Columbus-based Fortune 500 company called Arvin.

After the sale, only one ArvinMeritor facility will be left in Columbus: The North American Data Center, which was built after the merger of Arvin Inc. and Meritor Automotive Inc.

The center was not involved in the sale.

One Equity Partners' \$310 million purchase of the Emissions Technologies group was announced Friday morning. OEP is a New York-based equity investment firm.

The Emission Technologies group includes operations in 19 countries and 7,500 employees, or roughly 27 percent of all of ArvinMeritor's employees.

The group generated sales of \$808 million in the quarter that ended Dec. 31.

When the sale is complete, the new Emissions Technologies company is expected to have headquarters in Columbus and Michigan. Exhaust systems are manufactured at the Gladstone plant, and the Walesboro Tech Center is used for research and development.

Armstrong indicated that the Gladstone plant was already preparing to serve a new customer of One Equity Partners.

He and Carr learned of the sale in the morning when they received phone calls from Chip McClure, ArvinMeritor's chairman, CEO and president.

McClure said during a teleconference that the company wanted to reduce its size and focus on investing in light and commercial vehicle businesses. The capital from the sale would aid those investments.

He told Carr that One Equity has other businesses in the automotive sector, so buying the Emissions Technologies group fits into One Equity's plans.

McClure said ArvinMeritor doesn't have the resources to serve all people and therefore needed to narrow its focus to areas that best support the customers and shareholders.

"This is a win-win situation for everyone involved," McClure said.

Lin Cummins, senior vice president of communications for ArvinMeritor, said One Equity was one of several companies with which ArvinMeritor negotiated over months.

She said One Equity was deemed the right buyer because it wants to invest in research and development and grow.

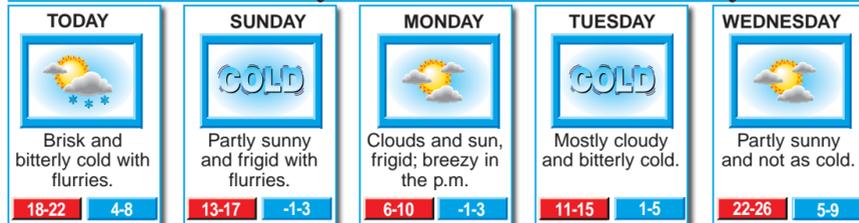
ArvinMeritor launched the Emissions Technologies business group in August to develop products for light- and heavy-duty vehicles.

H.H. "Buddy" Wacaser, president of Emissions Technologies, and his management team will continue to lead the new company.

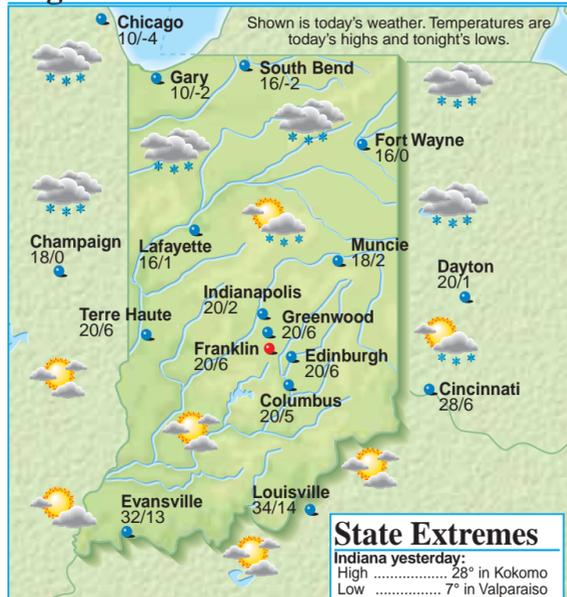
Armstrong said Wacaser would arrive in Columbus next week to meet with him and other community leaders.

WEATHER

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Regional weather



State Extremes

Indiana yesterday:

High	28° in Kokomo
Low	7° in Valparaiso

Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Clouds and sun today with flurries; brisk and bitterly cold. Bitterly cold tonight. Colder tomorrow with flurries. Monday: Very cold.
Edinburgh/Franklin: Times of clouds and sun today with flurries; brisk and bitterly cold. Frigid tonight. A couple of flurries tomorrow. Monday: Frigid.

Today in weather history™

Snag, Yukon, had the coldest Canadian temperature ever, with -81 degrees on Feb. 3, 1947. That same day, temperatures in the interior of Alaska dropped as low as -75 degrees.

Regional cities

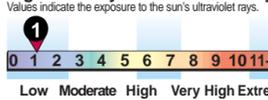
City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	25/18/sn	13/-3/sf	Indianapolis	25/17/sf	11/-2/sf
Bloomington	27/20/sf	18/-1/sf	Kokomo	28/18/c	11/-4/sf
Chicago	15/6/sf	6/-8/c	Lafayette	26/14/sf	10/-4/sf
Cincinnati	30/25/sn	21/4/sf	Louisville	32/26/sn	26/7/pc
Evansville	27/24/sf	26/9/pc	Muncie	24/16/sn	8/-4/sf
Fort Wayne	23/12/sn	4/-4/sf	South Bend	22/9/sn	3/-4/sf
Gary	17/8/sn	7/-2/c	Terre Haute	26/16/pc	16/0/sf

Sun and moon

Sunrise today 7:50 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 6:06 p.m.
 Moonrise today 7:44 p.m.
 Moonset today 8:43 a.m.



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Wind Chill Today

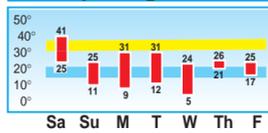


Heating Degree Days

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day with negative values counting as zero.

Yesterday 44
 Month to date 85
 Normal month to date 76

Weekly temperatures



River stages

Fid: flood stage. Stage: in feet at 7 a.m. Friday. Chg: change in previous 24 hours.

Station	Fid	Stage	Chg
White River			
Mooresville	9	8.16	-0.07
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	4.79	-0.02

Almanac

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 Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Temperature
 High 25°
 Low 17°
 Normal high 36°
 Normal low 19°
 Record high 59° in 1911
 Record low -19° in 1951

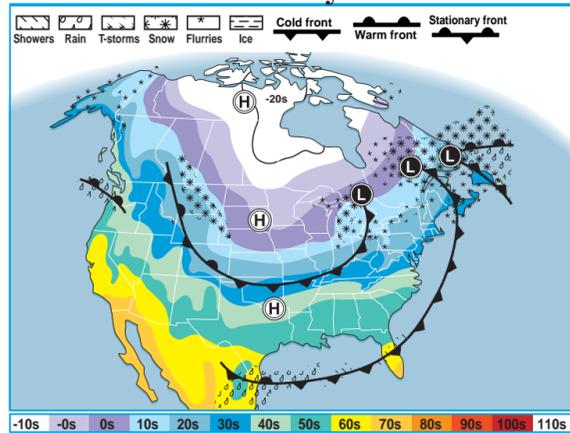
Precipitation
 24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. trace
 Month to date 0.01"
 Normal month to date 0.16"
 Year to date 4.42"
 Normal year to date 2.64"

Wind
 Average dir./speed W at 16.7 mph
 Highest speed 26

Humidity
 Yesterday's average 67%
 Today's average 68%

Air quality
Indianapolis Source: IAPC
 Yesterday 53
 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy

National weather today



National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	38/24/sn	11/3/pc	Houston	53/41/pc	63/47/s
Atlanta	48/37/sh	52/30/s	Jacksonville	78/60/pc	52/33/c
Baltimore	41/31/sn	25/10/pc	Kansas City	22/4/s	22/4/pc
Boston	39/28/c	22/13/pc	Las Vegas	52/36/s	68/43/s
Buffalo	29/24/sn	8/2/sf	Los Angeles	67/48/s	82/52/s
Burlington, VT	33/15/sn	7/-2/c	Louisville	32/26/sn	26/7/pc
Champaign	22/11/sf	13/-4/sf	Memphis	39/28/pc	44/24/pc
Charlotte, SC	60/43/c	58/33/pc	Miami	87/72/pc	73/63/sh
Cheyenne	19/-11/pc	45/23/pc	Milwaukee	13/3/pc	4/-9/c
Chicago	15/6/sf	6/-8/c	Minneapolis	9/-8/sn	-6/-16/c
Cleveland	28/21/sn	8/1/sf	Nashville	36/28/sn	39/19/pc
Columbia, SC	55/37/pc	53/29/pc	New Orleans	51/43/c	56/39/pc
Columbus, GA	51/42/sh	57/34/pc	New York	41/34/sn	20/15/pc
Dallas	35/30/c	54/36/pc	Philadelphia	41/30/sh	22/8/pc
Denver	25/-18/pc	47/26/pc	Phoenix	61/43/s	74/47/s
Des Moines	13/-2/sh	4/-13/pc	St. Louis	25/16/sf	25/5/pc
Detroit	25/14/sn	5/0/sf	Salt Lake City	33/15/pc	38/22/pc
El Paso	51/35/pc	63/36/s	San Francisco	53/49/pc	67/44/s
Fairbanks	23/2/pc	17/-4/s	Seattle	46/28/pc	52/42/r
Honolulu	76/66/sh	76/61/s	Tampa	73/67/t	60/47/c
			Washington, DC	37/32/sh	30/17/pc

Weather (w): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Texas governor orders anti-cancer vaccine for girls

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

Bypassing the legislature altogether, Republican Gov. Rick Perry issued an order Friday making Texas the first state to require that schoolgirls get vaccinated against the sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer.

By employing an executive order, Perry sidestepped opposition in the legislature from conservatives and parents' rights groups who fear such a requirement would condone premarital sex and interfere with the way Texans raise their children.

Beginning in September 2008, girls entering the sixth grade — meaning, generally, girls ages 11 and 12 — will have to receive Gardasil, Merck & Co.'s new vaccine against strains of

the human papillomavirus, or HPV.

Perry also directed state health authorities to make the vaccine available free to girls 9 to 18 who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover vaccines. In addition, he ordered that Medicaid offer Gardasil to women ages 19 to 21.

Perry, a conservative Christian who opposes abortion and stem cell research using embryonic cells, counts on the religious right for his political base. But he has said the cervical cancer vaccine is no different from the one that protects children against polio.

"The HPV vaccine provides us with an incredible opportunity to effectively target and prevent cervical cancer," Perry said.

Merck is bankrolling efforts to

pass state laws across the country mandating Gardasil for girls as young as 11 or 12. It doubled its lobbying budget in Texas and has funneled money through Women in Government, an advocacy group made up of female state legislators around the country.

Perry has ties to Merck and Women in Government. One of the drug company's three lobbyists in Texas is Mike Toomey, Perry's former chief of staff. His current chief of staff's mother-in-law, Texas Republican state Rep. Dianne White Delisi, is a state director for Women in Government.

The governor also received \$6,000 from Merck's political action committee during his re-election campaign.



Nicole Giacopelli, 17, gets a shot of a new cervical cancer vaccine from Dr. Jill Stoller, in Woodcliff Lake, N.J., on Jan. 25.

Police

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specifically on or near Aberdeen Drive, could be extremely important to this investigation, (for example) someone who had recently arrived in the Franklin area who is now gone," the police department said in a news release.

"Even if you think that your information is unimportant, or that someone else may have already reported what you know, please contact the investigation's hotline. Your call may be the one that provides us with the information needed to solve this case."

The day Chynna and Blake Dickus were killed, a resident reported that his home at 2555 Woodfield Blvd. was broken into and ransacked. Police began investigating whether the crimes were linked.

Until now, they had not released

details of what was taken from the home on Woodfield Boulevard.

Besides the pitcher, other distinctive items taken include a gold class ring from the 1968 class of Maine Township High School East in Park Ridge, Ill., bicentennial coins and an Eisenhower dollar coin. Police aren't releasing what else was stolen from the home.

Borges said he would not disclose whether DNA or fingerprint evidence has connected the crime scenes because it is part of the ongoing investigation.

"A person may not have associated these things up to this point," Borges said.

Police also want the public to come forward if they have noted behavioral changes in a family member, friend or acquaintance since the time of the murders.

Examples include unexpectedly leaving the area, missing work or other engagements, an unnatural interest in the investigation or a change in appearance.

"We are trying to raise awareness

about the behavioral pattern in the person who may have committed the crime," Borges said.

Because six months have passed since the murders, community members can now look back and think about changes in those familiar to them, he said.

Police want people to come forward if someone they know had unexplained cuts or bruises, particularly on the hands or arms, around the time of the killings.

Blake Dickus, 10, died from a blow to his head, but stab wounds and asphyxia also contributed to his death. Chynna Dickus, 26, died of stab wounds.

Borges said the police department is still vigorously investigating the deaths.

Laboratory tests are being performed on evidence, and investigators are communicating with the Indiana State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

People who have information regarding this case are asked to call police at 736-5111.

Spending

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Indianapolis in 1984. They've missed only one home game in the two-plus decades the team has played at the RCA Dome.

The Hites weren't about to miss the Super Bowl, no matter the cost.

"It's just being there. Other people can't understand that," Betty said. "It's just different."

That's why Franklin resident John Auld is making the trip with 12 of his friends. All are sea-

son-ticket holders, and all want to watch from the stands, not from the couch.

Following a lengthy layover Friday afternoon in Pittsburgh, where it was snowing, Auld and his group expected to land in Fort Lauderdale about 9 p.m. Friday.

They are staying in Fort Lauderdale and already have an agenda for this morning.

"Our plan," Auld said, "is to get up early and get to South Beach."

Their plan Sunday afternoon is to beat the crowd at Dolphin Stadium, which will be at its 76,000-seat capacity.

"We're ready to go," Auld said. Friday's traffic in the Miami

area signaled that Sunday evening's kickoff is rapidly approaching.

Fans began pouring into local hotels en masse on Friday morning, adding to the chaos of downtown streets already congested by the construction of several high-rise buildings across city.

The Hites got an unwelcome taste of it as soon as they left the airport.

"It's like a zoo, isn't it?" asked Betty, whose husband was busy navigating traffic while she spoke on a cell phone. "It's going to get worse."

But for everyone making the trip from the southside, fighting

the traffic is a small price to pay — especially for Columbus resident Carol Cummins and her family, who will have one of the best seats in the house on Sunday.

Cummins, whose brother is Lucas Oil owner Forrest Lucas, will watch from Colts' owner Jim Irsay's family suite.

She will be joined by her son, Andrew Cummins, who lives in Franklin.

The Cummins family arrived in Fort Lauderdale on Thursday and have been enjoying the sights and sounds ever since.

"Oh, yes. It's been one big fun party down here," said Carol, whose husband Larry made the

trip but won't attend the game because he gave his game ticket to Andrew.

"We're very fortunate," Carol said. "It just couldn't be better. We're so lucky to be a part of this. We're having a wonderful time."

The Hites expect to do the same. And not surprisingly, they predict a Colts victory.

If it happens, the 70-year-old couple won't act their age. Even with an 8 a.m. flight back to Indy on Monday morning, they'll celebrate the night away.

"We probably won't even get to bed," Betty said. "What's the point? We'll just stay up all night."

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Hoosier Lottery:

Daily Three Midday: 0-8-9
 Daily Three Evening: 8-0-2
 Daily Four Midday: 0-9-4-2
 Daily Four Evening: 5-3-1-6
 Lucky Five Midday: 3-18-22-25-29
 Lucky Five Evening: 5-11-22-25-31
 Mix and Match: 1-12-26-30-48.

Here are the winning numbers selected Thursday in the Hoosier Lottery:
 Daily Three Evening: 2-8-0
 Daily Four Evening: 8-3-4-9
 Lucky Five Evening: 2-4-11-26-29
 Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$15 million.
 Powerball jackpot: \$20 million.

CORRECTION

The city of Greenwood hosted a tailgate party Friday. No event is scheduled for Sunday. This information was incorrect in Friday's Daily Journal.