On October 26th Windows 8, the newest version of Microsoft’s operating system for personal computers, is due to be released. It looks very different from past editions; it is designed for touchscreens on both PCs and tablets; and it can run on processors designed by ARM, a British company whose allies dominate mobile devices, as well as chips made by Intel, Microsoft’s long-term partner. Also on sale will be the Surface, a tablet-cum-PC bearing Microsoft’s own brand. A version of Windows 8 for smartphones is due on October 29th.

Whether the new era will be a successful one is an open question. Read more here.

Carmakers are starting to take autonomous vehicles seriously. Other businesses should too

The act creates moral hazard, no matter where the bailout funds originate, and this provides the largest banks or other large financial firms with competitive advantages. Read more here.

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Events this week:

- **Gabor Bojar Talk** on founding one of the first software companies behind the iron curtain, Graphisoft, and how globalization has affected entrepreneurship and technological development world-wide, Mon., October 29, 7pm, WLH 207.

- **Lecture:** “Third-Party Financing of Corporate Litigation,” with Mike Chepiga ’79 and Sean Coffey, Managing Directors, BlackRobe Capital Partners, LLC, Tues., October 30, 12:10-1:30pm, Faculty Lounge.

- **Panel:** “SEC Decision-making and Rulemaking: An Agency under Pressure,” with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP partners David M. Becker and Alan L. Beller, Wed., October 31, 10:05am, Room 121

- “What does it take to launch a startup at Yale? A conversation with RedOx & goBlue,” Organized and hosted by the CEID, Wed., October 31, 5pm, 15 Prospect St.

- **YLS Entrepreneurs Series:** Will Gaybrick ’12, General Partner at Thrive Capital, Thurs., November 1, 12:00-1:00pm, Room 122.

- **Microsoft’s Head of Research and Strategy on “Tomorrow’s Technologies,”** Thurs., November 1, 2:30-4pm, Kroon Hall, Burke Auditorium 195 Prospect St.

- **Sullivan & Cromwell Conference on Challenges in Global Financial Services,** Fri., November 2, 9:30am-4:10pm, Room 127.

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