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State's H1N1 death toll rises to 38

Six more Michigani-ans have died from H1N1 since last week, and state health officials warned Monday that people with asthma, particularly African-Americans, are more susceptible to the virus and sufferers are strongly urged to get both versions of the vaccine.

METRO, 3A

Longtime Chrysler ad agency to close

BBDO Detroit, which has been producing Chrysler ads since 1944, is shutting its doors in January after it and the auto company failed to negotiate new contracts. It means 400 workers in Troy and 85 in Windsor and other offices will be forced out of work unless they line up new jobs with the company's corporate owner.

The office produced some memorable ads for the Auburn Hills automaker, including the Dodge commercial with the tag line: "That thing got a Hemi?"

BUSINESS, 5B

Leaders stress need for 2010 census

State officials unveiled a new slogan and Web site Monday for the 2010 census and re-emphasized the need to get an accurate count for Michigan and Detroit. Local census offices have hired more Arabic- and Spanish-speaking staff but far less money is available this time, which could lead to the loss of a congressional seat.

METRO, 3A

ROAD REPAIRS IN JEOPARDY



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Michigan's falling gas tax revenue means road repairs may not occur. A study finds Wayne and Oakland have most roads in poor shape.

STORY, 3A

Cadillac gets electric car

BOOT CAMP BOOSTS FEMALE POLITICOS



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Saunteel Jenkins campaigns for City Council in August, a few months after she went to a political boot camp. She was elected this month.

NONPROFIT HELPS WOMEN GAIN POWER

Saunteel Jenkins was a political long shot — an insider's pick who had never been a TV star or Motown singer — when she announced her intention to run for Detroit City Council.

But in May, she took her three-minute stump speech to a one-day boot camp for women interested in politics and, at the end of the day, she walked out with a new speech and a sense of confidence that wore well on the long campaign trail.

Next week, she and actress Geena Davis will meet at the Motown Mansion, at a fundraiser for a nonprofit group that sponsored the camp that helped polish Jenkins' political skills.

Davis is no politician, but she played the president on a short-lived TV series. That was just one of several roles in which the actress has embodied a striving or



Anne Doyle, a former Ford vice president and a sports broadcaster, speaks in 2007. She won a seat on the Auburn Hills City Council on Nov. 3. She says she benefited from the "extra nudge" of training.

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powerful woman, a woman reaching beyond what others believe she can grasp.

Playing those roles — becoming an icon of strength and prowess on the screen — rubbed off on the actress, though. Art doesn't only imitate life: It can change it.

"We're beyond being ready for a woman president," she said, during a tele-

phone interview Monday. "That's so 20th century."

But her roles impinge on real life, even in Michigan. On Nov. 18, Davis is headed to Detroit, as a board member of the White House Project, a nonprofit that's directly helping women reach for political

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GM commits to the production of Volt-based Converj

BY ROBERT SNELL
The Detroit News

General Motors Co. will expand its electric vehicle lineup by building the Cadillac Converj, a luxury car some feared would never move beyond the concept stage because of GM's financial troubles.

The Converj, an extended-range electric car that uses the same technology as the Chevrolet Volt, was included in a production plan Cadillac officials presented to GM's board of directors last week, according to sources familiar with the plan.

The concept won accolades at the 2009 North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January. The car is a couple of years away from reaching showrooms and a production date has not been set. The decision to build the Converj means GM can add to its electric vehicle lineup amid growing consumer demand, spread the technology's cost over more models and command a premium price.

"You can charge more for a Caddy than a Chevrolet," said auto analyst Jim Hall of 2953 Analytics in Birmingham. "It's one of God's immutable laws."

Earlier this year, GM said there were no plans to build the Converj, but that was before the automaker emerged from bankruptcy in July with about \$50 billion in federal loans and a slimmer brand portfolio.

The decision to green-light the Converj marks the second major product reversal for GM in recent months. In August, the company killed plans for a new Buick compact crossover after it was panned by consumers, dealers and other groups.

The Converj will join GM's growing fleet of electrified vehicles, which, along with the Volt hitting the market in late 2010, includes the Opel Ampera, scheduled for production in 2011.

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The Cadillac Converj concept won praise at the '09 Detroit auto show.

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Stupak's abortion stance heats up health bill fight

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Washington — Abortion has become one of the fiercest fights in the health care reform battle, largely due to the doggedness of a congressman little known outside Michigan — Bart Stupak.

Stupak, D-Menominee, forced Democratic leaders to hold a vote late Saturday on his amendment to prohibit coverage of abortions in the proposed government-run health care plan, except in instances of rape,

incest or where the life of a pregnant woman is threatened.

It would also ban health plans receiving federal subsidies in a new insurance marketplace from offering abortion coverage. The insurers could sell separate coverage for abortion, which women would have to buy with their own money.

The House passed the overall

health care bill, which included Stupak's amendment. Stupak's success is expected to embolden abortion opponents in the Senate, where the action has moved.

"We are sticking to our principles," said Stupak, a 57-year-old Catholic first elected in 1992 who chairs the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on oversight and investigations.

"We are in contact with senators to make sure our language holds. The other side is playing with fire," added Stupak.

The Stupak amendment passed the House, 240-194, with

the help of 64 Democrats.

Without the Stupak amendment, the bill would let women use federal subsidies to buy any health care plan, but then require them to pay for an abortion out of their own pocket.

President Barack Obama weighed in Monday in an interview with ABC News.

"There needs to be some more work before we get to the point where we're not changing the status quo" on abortion, Obama said in the interview. "And that's the goal."

He added: "I want to make

sure that the provision that emerges meets that test — that we are not in some way sneaking in funding for abortions but, on the other hand, that we're not restricting women's insurance choices."

Abortion-rights supporters in the House are furious. Forty representatives signed a letter Monday that is headed to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi stressing "we will not vote" for a final health care bill containing the Stupak language.

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