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LOCAL

Hayes Green Beach gets accreditation

CHARLOTTE - Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital, including its laboratory and home care department, recently received full accreditation from The Joint Commission, an organization that rates hospitals against quality standards. The survey considered staffing effectiveness, patient safety, equipment usage, patient assessment and care and other facets of the hospital's operation.

Canada Dry Bottling adds Nestle lines

Canada Dry Bottling Co. of Lansing has will distribute Nesquick, Juicy Juice and Coffee-mate products in mid-Michigan. The brands are manufactured by Nestle USA, a subsidiary of Nestle SA of Switzerland. Products to be distributed to area stores under the agreement include Nesquick Ready-to-Drink milk in four flavors, Juicy Juice apple and berry flavors in resealable bottles, and 16-ounce bottles of Coffee-mate.

NATION

SEC widens probe of Bank of America

WASHINGTON - The Securities and Exchange Commission has expanded its probe of Bank of America Corp., a top agency official told a House committee Friday. The SEC has been pursuing civil charges against Charlotte, N.C.-based Bank of America over the failed disclosure to shareholders of bonuses to Merrill Lynch & Co. employees after the bank bought it last year. The SEC has been "and (is) looking at all aspects" related to Bank of America's disclosures to shareholders before the merger was approved in December 2008, SEC Enforcement Director Robert Khuzami said.

Retail sales surge during November

WASHINGTON - Retail sales rose more than expected in November. The Commerce Department's report Friday came as a surprise because the nation's retailers have been reporting generally lackluster results for the start of the holiday shopping season. But retail sales - which include those at stores, gas stations, restaurants, online and other merchants - rose 1.3 percent last month after a 1.1 percent October gain.
