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Moody on The Market

Pat **Moody** 

2025 Michigan Black Summit speakers list unveiled

The list of guest speakers slated to appear at the 2025 Michigan Black Summit in Benton Harbor is growing with big name additions announced on Tuesday.

Event organizer Trenton Bowens, who is the president of the group Neighbors Organizing Against Racism, tells us the people set to speak on Friday, February 7 are Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, who announced this week that she's running for the Democratic nomination for governor, and Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist.

Bowens said he is thrilled to welcome Benson back to the summit to talk about the Black vote.

"She spoke at a previous (event) and we were so excited. And with our theme, 'The Black Dollar, Black Leadership, and the Black Vote', we (extended) an invitation to the secretary of state."

Bowens said Lt. Governor Gilchrist is expected to discuss Black leadership in Michigan.

"It just shows the commitment to small organizations, such as Neighbors Organizing Against Racism. The work that we're doing and what we want to continue doing," Bowens said. "It shows how vital the Black Summit is becoming in this area."

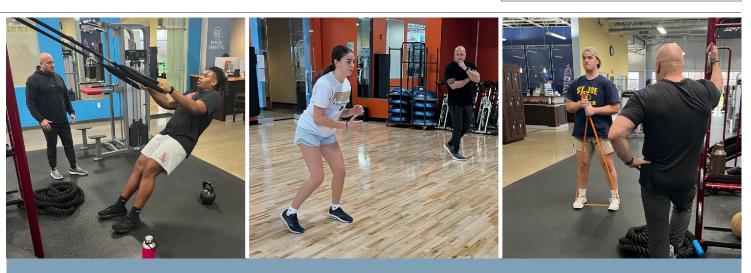
Bowens said Michigan Economic Development Corporation CEO Quinten Messner will speak on Saturday, February 8. He'll talk about the Black dollar, i.e. the spending power of the Black population.

The Michigan Black Summit will take place on the 8th and 9th at the Mendel Center's Grand Upton Hall. Bowens said new this year will be a youth summit featuring workshops with the Workforce Development Institute at the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center.

Huizenga and Army Corps looking at increasing depth of St. Joseph Harbor

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#### Marcy Simpson

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#### Fun and interesting things to do in Southwest Michigan

The Box Factory for the Arts has kicked off its 2025 Gallery Exhibition Series with the first exhibit of the year. The Series One exhibit has something for everyone, including miniature works of art to take home. The multifaceted exhibition fills four galleries on all three floors of the historic Box Factory. The artwork can be viewed until February 23, 2025 Join Fernwood Botanical Gardens for an herbal make-and-take class all about using herbs as medicine for cold care on Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m. You'll learn how to skillfully choose herbs that can support various symptoms of these maladies, as well as how to transform them into effective reme-*Continued on page 2* 

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#### **Simpson** Continued from cover

dies using three extraction methods. You'll leave with three sample-sizes and recipes of each remedy made. About the instructor: Carly is a holistic nutritionist, herbalist, and community educator. She is a committed life-long learner. She holds a master's degree in holistic nutrition from a naturopathic university and has continued education in traditional western herbalism, functional medicine, and other traditional medical systems.

Warm up on Friday, January 31 as downtown St. Joe hosts the Chili Tour. Participating locations or "Chili Stops" will play host as you have the opportunity to try their best recipes. Chili Tour maps will be available for purchase at the St. Joe Today Welcome Center from 12:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Friday, January 31. Maps will also be available for purchase at The Market from 5:00 to 7:45 p.m. It costs \$5 per participant which includes a Chili Tour map that doubles as a voting ballot. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen.

Join Watermark Brewing for the annual Southwest Michigan Polar Plunge taking place Saturday, February 1 at 12:00 p.m. Registration/Check-In opens in the Patio Area of Watermark at 10:00 a.m. The After Splash Bash in Watermark's Solarium takes place at 1:30 p.m.

Every other Saturday, the Round Barn Estate comes alive with the sounds of local, solo artists during the Unplugged Live Music Series. Spend the afternoon soaking in acoustic performances while enjoying the cozy ambiance and your favorite Round Barn beverages. On Saturday, February 1 at 1:00 p.m. Kyle Hurd will take the stage. Hurd is a skilled singer-songwriter and guitarist from Michigan, known for his versatile style and dynamic live performances. With a repertoire that spans heartfelt originals and creative covers, he blends elements of rock, folk, and pop to create a sound that resonates with diverse audiences. Whether on stage or in the studio, Kyle Hurd delivers music that leaves a lasting impression.

One of the Midwest's most prolific and passionate songwriters, May Erlewine continues to share her gift for writing songs of substance that feel both new and soulfully familiar. Her lyrics, which are really stories crafted through May's unique experiences, are rooted in wisdom, joy, sorrow, simplicity, and love. Musically, she carries the songwriter's torch through many genres and sonic landscapes. The delicate arrangements seem to land somewhere between the go-to labels, making it difficult to describe and easier to enjoy. The Acorn welcomes her Friday, February 7 at 8:00 p.m.

St. Joseph celebrates winter and their annual Ice Fest. It's a weekend that brings frosty fun to downtown St. Joe. Enjoy professional ice carving, a scavenger hunt, ice interactives, and more. Be sure to visit all your favorite downtown shops and restaurants while wandering through the beautiful ice sculptures. Mark your calendars for Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 9.

If you would like more information on these and other events and activities in the area, please visit our website at swmichigan.org.



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#### Did you know?

Brides-to-be make many important decisions when planning their weddings, and one of the more notable ones is the choice of wedding gown. According to The Knot Real Weddings Study, the average wedding dress cost \$2,000 in 2023. Despite that hefty price tag, gowns remain a pivotal component of a wedding, as 98 percent of women who responded to The Knot survey indicated they wore a dress for their nuptials. If the sizable price tag is a cause for concern to some aspiring brides, The Knot notes that customization can drive

up the final price tag by a significant amount,

which undoubtedly affects the median price of gowns. Brides who opt for no or minimal customization can likely find a dress that costs significantly less than the \$2,000 average price.

#### What to know before a wedding gown shopping trip

#### Keep an open mind

Try on a few different styles even if you have a particular dress in mind. You never know if something might be a better fit for your body type or the scope and style of your wedding unless you give it a go.

#### Start the process early

Unlike off-the-rack clothing, most wedding shops will have to order your dress and have it shipped. Then comes a few weeks for alterations. KWH Bridal notes eight to 12 months before a wedding is a good time to choose and order a dress. Brides magazine says most made-to-order wedding gowns take about six to nine months to create. There also are three separate fittings to ensure the gown will fit like a glove.

#### Invite a handful of confidantes

It's best not to arrive at the shopping appointment with an entire entourage. Pick, at the most, four people whose opinions you trust; otherwise, it could be a case of too many cooks in the kitchen. As a bride-to-be you'll already be anxious, and you'll want soothing, supportive people with you.

#### Plan your budget

Know well in advance what you can afford to spend. According to data from The Knot, wedding attire accounts for 7 percent of the average couple's budget. Most wedding gowns are in the range of \$2,000. Don't forget about additional costs, such as veil, shoes, alterations, undergarments, and any add-ons.

In addition to these tips, arrive to an appointment well-rested, fed and comfortable.

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because the staff wants to devote complete attention to a client, and having people simply walk in from the street can draw their attention away and/or lead to long wait times. Identify the stores you want to visit, and then call to secure your time slot.

Weddings mark a turning point from one stage in life

to another. The significance of that transition is perhaps one

wedding ceremony and reception. Formal garb is a wedding

tradition, and guests anxiously await seeing which type of

gown a bride will wear. In western cultures, white wedding

and are believed to symbolize purity and grace. In eastern

gowns have been the standard since the nineteenth century

cultures, wedding gowns often have been elaborate, colorful

creations that have their own symbolic meanings unique to

garments, there also is the pressure of knowing all eyes will

Shopping for a wedding gown can spark mixed

emotions. While it is exciting to try on some remarkable

be on you while wearing this couture creation. Narrowing

down wedding gown prospects can take vision, time and

patience. The following pointers can help when it comes

Make an appointment

Many bridal shops operate by appointment only. That's

reason why couples and their guests dress so nicely for a

#### Narrow down styles

Think about what your personal style might be and how you want to look on your wedding day. If you're not sure about the vocabulary surrounding dress silhouettes, visit Pinterest or Instagram and save images of dresses that you love. Then you can show the sales staff what you are thinking instead of going in empty-handed.

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#### 2025 Bridal Guide

#### How to allocate funds when planning a wedding

Whether it's a lavish, black-tie affair or a laid back gathering in the backyard, a couple's wedding day is a momentous, and often costly, occasion. According to the online wedding planning resource Zola, the average cost of a wedding in 2023 was \$33,000. That's a significant sum for couples to spend, and it's understandable if couples aren't sure how to allocate funds for their big day.

It's important that couples recognize what's most important to them when planning their weddings. Recognition of those priorities can help couples determine how to allocate their funds. Equally helpful can be how past couples have spent on their weddings. Utilizing data from its The Knot 2023 Real Weddings Study, the wedding experts at The Knot (theknot.com) have calculated general percentages of a wedding budget couples can devote to various components.

- Venue: 37 percent
- Catering: 28 percent
- Band: 12 percent
- Wedding rings: 9 percent
- Photography: 8 percent
- Flowers: 8 percent
- Alcohol: 8 percent
- Rehearsal dinner: 8 percent
- Videography: 7 percent
- Couples' attire: 7 percent
- Rentals: 6 percent DJ: 5 percent
- Wedding party attire: 4 percent
- Guest entertainment: 3 percent
- Transportation: 3 percent
- Ceremony music: 3 percent
- Cake and desserts: 2 percent
- Stationery: 2 percent
- Officiant: 1 percent
- Favors and gifts: 1 percent
- Additional jewelry: 1 percent

Couples with a keen eye might notice these percentages add up to significantly more than 100 percent. That's because the budgetary breakdown reflects personal preferences, individual couples' budgets and what couples can expect to spend on certain components. For example, The Knot data indicates a couple that prefers a band for their reception instead of a DJ may need to allocate roughly twice



as much of their budget to accommodate that preference. In addition, couples who do not intend to pay for wedding party members' attire can find other ways to allocate those funds, which The Knot data indicates typically accounts for roughly 4 percent of a wedding budget.

Another variable to consider is family. According to The Knot data, couples allocated an average of 8 percent of their budgets to their rehearsal dinner. However, couples' parents may offer to pay for that meal, which can leave more room in the budget for other expenses. In addition, The Knot reported that the percentage of couples asking a friend or family member to serve as their wedding officiant rose from 37 percent in 2015 to 51 percent in 2020. Wedding officiants do not often eat up a significant portion of a couple's wedding budget (1 percent), but this is another expense that modern couples may not need to account for.

Weddings can cost tens of thousands of dollars. Couples who determine how best to allocate their wedding budgets may find it far simpler to plan their big day. Local help

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Dave Ramsey Financial

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#### **Dave Says Emergency Fund for Teens?**

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Dominic Dear Dominic,

This is a great question! I'm glad to know you're working with your son and teaching him wise financial habits.

I always recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses for adults, and I think that's a fair expectation for teens, as well. He won't need as big an emergency fund as a married couple with kids if his expenses consist only of those connected to his car and social life. So, I'd suggest him saving up three months' worth of what it takes to operate the car-gas, insurance and maintenance.

I think those are fair financial responsibilities for a responsible teen in his situation. Dave

What Comes First?

Dear Dave,

I'm a non-traditional student in my last semester of college. In May, I'll graduate with a degree in elementary education and have

a job waiting for me. It will bring our household income up to a little over \$100,000. We're already living on a budget, but the problem is we'll have \$15,000 in student loan debt to repay, plus \$5,000 in credit card debt. What should we address first? Marta

Dear Marta,

It sounds like all your hard work is about to pay off in a big way. And I've got some more good news for you. If you two keep living the way you have been, and put the rest toward debt, you can have that student loan and credit card debt knocked out in just a year or so.

But I want you to pay close attention to what I'm about to say next. Just because you're making more money doesn't mean you should start buying a bunch of toys or pick up a car payment. Sit down together now-don't waitand practice making a written monthly budget based on your new income. Give every dollar a name before you spend it, and don't forget to work the debt snowball, too. List your debts from smallest to largest, make minimum payments on the largest, and then attack that credit card debt with a vengeance.

Chances are you can get the credit card debt taken care of in two or three months. Then, roll the money from that payment over, and apply it and any other cash you can scrape up toward the student loan debt.

With just a little more work, you folks are going to find yourselves in a really great place soon! – Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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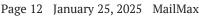
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Huizenga tells us former President Joe Biden signed the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024 before leaving office. The legislation serves as the authorization for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve federally regulated water infrastructure across the nation, and included in this latest version are provisions affecting the harbors both in St. Joseph and Holland, Huizenga said the Corps is being asked to study whether those harbors could be more thoroughly dredged.

"That dredging happens not necessarily annually, but darn close to it, kind of depending on water levels and all those things," Huizenga said. "Really, the idea is to see, okay, would investing a little more time and effort and money into deepening a harbor on the front end, would that help us to not have to come back and do maintenance dredging or doing another full dredge job for a longer period back and do maintenance dredging or doing another full dredge job for a longer period

The current project depth for the St. Joseph outer harbor is 21 feet and the inner harbor and turning basin is 18 feet. Huizenga said a study into the potential navigational and economic benefits of deepening the outer and inner harbor could help provide for greater vessel capacity and avoid recurring emergency dredging due to shoaling in the harbor.

Huizenga said there's no timetable for the Army Corps to do the study.

#### LMC announces Spirit of MLK award winners

Lake Michigan College honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this week with its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration schedule.

www.MailMaxOnline.com Events started Monday with the MLK Community Celebration featuring a guest speaker from the NAACP, a presentation on the new Unified Civic Monuments in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, and the announcement of this year's Spirit of MLK Award winners.

LMC Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Cam Herth told us about the three award winners. The award for an organization went to the nonprofit, Present Pillars.

"(Present Pillars) is a local organization situated in Benton Harbor, Michigan that works with fathers in regards to raising children, supporting their families," Herth said. "lt's a focus group for fathers in the area."

Present Pillars Director James Gunter accepted the award. Herth said the award for an individual went to Bertha King of Benton Harbor.

"(Ms.) King is on several boards with Corewell Health. She's also a multi-cultural relations facilitator. She works with DEI also and is engaged in a variety of community initiatives in Benton Harbor and the surrounding area."

The youth award went to Angelica Mazumder, a student at Niles High School who leads several student organizations and is headed off to Notre Dame after graduating high school.

#### State Reps see hope for increased investment in region's roads

Governor Gretchen Whitmer this week called for more bipartisanship during her Road Ahead address in Detroit, noting Republicans control the Michigan House while Democrats control the Senate. But can there actually be bipartisan cooperation in Lansing?

State Representative Brad Paquette, a Republican, has an open mind after the governor extended an olive branch.

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"I'm very interested in what's going to come about from this," Paquette said. "The governor's team reached out to me for the first time in two years, since I was a minority last term. I hadn't heard anything from their team, but now we have a meeting that's going to be scheduled to talk about some bipartisan initiatives."

One issue Paquette thinks Republicans and Democrats will need to work together on is roads. He said a large increase in revenue for the state, by itself, isn't a solution.

Meanwhile, state Representative Joey Andrews, a Democrat, tells us there is indeed a \$4 billion shortfall in the roads budget coming. Can the two sides come up with a plan without the talks falling apart?

"It's going to take a lot of negotiating," Andrews said. "I think we have divided government now, obviously, which complicates it in some different ways. But from our perspective, we want to see some sort of revenue generation tied to it so that we're creating a funding source so that the road funding is a little more permanent in nature."

Andrews said Republicans are unlikely to agree to a solution that only relies on increasing revenues, while Democrats likely won't agree to massive spending cuts elsewhere. He believes this could force the two sides to reach some compromise.

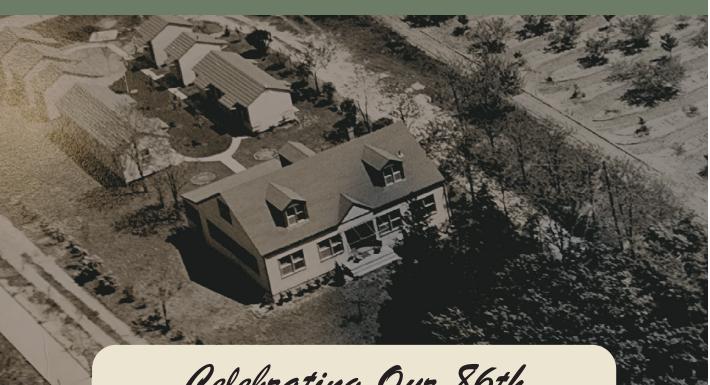
As for other bipartisan efforts, Paquette is working on ethics and government transparency reforms, while Andrews said he and Representative Pauline Wendzel are talking about reviving their small modular reactors legislation from the last session.

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#### Three Cheers for the Nominees!

As I mentioned last week, this week we are continuing with details and information on our Business Recognition Breakfast Awards Ceremony & Annual Meeting, presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Corewell Health, and Honor Credit Union on Friday, February 21st

This week is extra special, likely only second in announcing our winners by announcing our award nominees. Each of these businesses, organizations and individuals had a compelling and inspiring nomination that was submitted on their behalf. While we are very well connected to our members, sometimes, the details in these nominations are even a surprise to us. Getting to recognize each of them is truly an honor! The Award Nominees are:

#### **Business Focused:**

Best New Business

- The Garage on Ferry Street
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There you have it! All our outstanding nominees for seven out of the eight awards we will be giving away that day. Our final award will be presented to one of our outstanding Ambassadors as the 2024 Ambassador of the Year.

Disclaimer, at the time of this article's deadline, we were still waiting on a few to confirm their nomination. I chose to include ALL that had a nomination submitted on this article but for the full up-to-date list, please visit our website.

If you'd like to join us, tickets for the 2025 Business Recognition Breakfast Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center's Grand Upton Hall are now on-sale online at bit.ly/BRBAwards2025. Early Bird pricing of \$60 each or \$500 for a table of 10 runs through January 31<sup>st</sup>. After that regular pricing of \$65 each or a table of 10 for \$550 will run through February 9th

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#### Warning: This'll Make You Feel Hungary

Honestly, I'm almost done reminiscing about my cruise through Eastern Europe, because I've heard rumors of reader grumbling, along the lines of "Wish he'd finish those Dang-ube stories."

But in my defense, much of today's column evolved from amusing anecdotes our tour guide told us in our final port, Budapest. And it's wrong to waste fodder when feeling Hungary, right?

Our ship docked adjacent to the Academy of Applied Arts and Design, which once employed a professor named Ernö Rubik. Yep, the inventor of the Rubik's Cube!

Not so coincidentally, on a motor coach tour we passed a shop entirely devoted to selling Rubik's Cubes. Then we passed another. And another. And. . . you get it – they're still Hungary for Rubik's Cube in Budapest! (That's the last play on "hungry," I promise. Maybe.)

Ernö believes the key to his invention's popularity is that "the Rubik's Cube has many secrets." They're pretty darn-well-hidden secrets if you ask me! I've never figured one out!

Tour guide joke: A European defines heaven as a place where the police are British, the chefs Hungarian, the mechanics German, the lovers French, and it's all organized by the Swiss. On the other hand, European hell is where the police are German, the chefs British, the mechanics French, the lovers Swiss, organized by Hungarians.

Speaking of lovers: There's a Hilton hotel in Budapest, built during the 1970s when "Western"

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I'm not sure which marriage this was for Zsa Zsa; she had 43 quintillion of them. Hoho, not really! She was "only" married nine times. Just edging out her sisters Magda, with six marriages, and Eva. wed five times. (British actor George Sanders married Zsa Zsa. And later Magda. It's like a Rubik's Cube of relationships!)

Tour guide joke: Zsa Zsa was known as "The Housekeeper," because when she divorced, she kept the houses.

I forget how it came up, but at one point our guide mentioned a car that lots of Hungarians used to own, called the Trabant. They were made in East Germany, and millions were produced. The Trabant body was made from cotton waste from the USSR, with other resins and "fibrous reinforcements." This material was called Duroplast. Trabant owners called it "rennpappe" - which means "racing cardboard."

For some reason, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, sizable numbers of these cars were abandoned by East Germans who headed west, and Trabants were commonly spotted in farm fields. Where sizable numbers of them were - this is true eaten! Duroplast was edible and digestible by pigs and goats!

While contemplating what the, um, excretions of those animals looked like, our guide informed us that Wombat scat is cuboid. Really. The Australian marsupials leave block-shaped droppings, unique in the entire animal kingdom. Researchers believe wombats "disperse their poop tactically in order to communicate with one another." All I can say is, there's a career today's youth can aspire to: Wombat Poop Researcher.

Researchers are now developing a wombats diet of various richly colored foods. In hopes they'll excrete the world's first "organic and all-natural" Rubik's Cubes.





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#### Harsh or Hippie?

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16

There seems to be an interesting flipflop of expectations for Jesus between the Jewish people of his day and us today. The Jewish people of that time wanted a fiery figure like John the Baptist, one with power who would bring heat on the elite. Jesus seemed too ordinary, humble, and uninterested in being a powerful leader.

But now it's flipped. It seems that more and more people today would prefer to have a hippie Jesus who's cool with whatever we feel like doing or whoever we feel like being. A Jesus who always throws up peace signs and "hang loose" signs. Many want a Jesus who doesn't confront sin and doesn't come to separate the chaff from the wheat and bring judgment like John was talking about because that sounds too harsh and unloving.

While it's true that Jesus is the greatest expression of God's love, he also wasn't just some pushover hippie. Jesus brought fire to those who thought they were secure in their own righteousness. He came because there was a serious problem to address—our sin. And Jesus didn't back down from talking about it and calling it out.

So, is Jesus harsh or a hippie? He's neither. He is just and powerful yet also humble and merciful. Jesus didn't come to say, "You're all good just the way you are." Instead, he came to prove, "I've made you good by my perfect life, innocent death, and powerful resurrection." Jesus was harsh in his answer against sin, death, and the devil. He showed his full power in defeating our enemies. And he has shown his overwhelming grace in loving us who didn't deserve God's mercy because of our sin.

We thank our God that he's given us a mighty Savior who is mighty in power and even mightier in love. Prayer: Dear mighty Savior, I am not worthy to approach you, but you approached me in love. I praise you for your acts of mighty love on my behalf. Amen.

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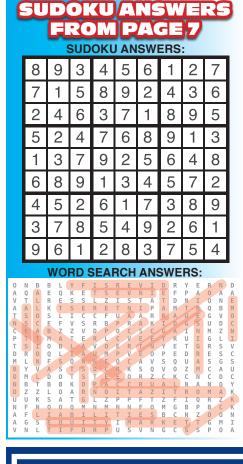
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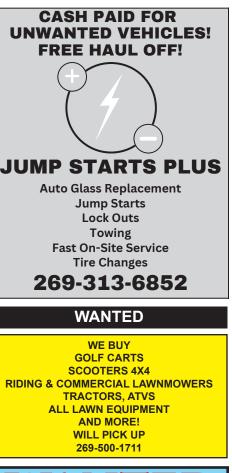


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