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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

HOM TV/Okemos: Meridian Magazine: Adoption Day (11/26/12 show, 12:15-13:00 minute mark)

Tuesday November 20 is Michigan Adoption Day: Adoption Day event at the Michigan Hall of Justice.

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Clinton County kids get 'forever families

"Adoption Day is always special. Creating forever families for children happens long before the special ceremony, but Adoption Day makes it official. The smiles and the tears are proof of just how important being 'official' is. This year, nine kids got their 'forever families' Nov. 20 during the Clinton County Adoption Day event."

[Full story](#)

**** The article is available by subscription only.**

The Detroit News: Specialized court helps out troubled veterans

"... The specialized 36th District Court program aims to rehabilitate vets accused of nonviolent crimes, especially those with alcohol and drug problems. Instead of jailing them, the court works at getting them help. The Detroit court is one of four in southeastern Michigan set up to handle nonviolent vets."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Ex-Bob Bashara lawyer ordered to pay \$8,000

"David Griem -- the former attorney for Bob Bashara, who has been called a suspect in his wife's January murder -- was ordered Monday to pay \$8,000 in attorney and court fees after being found in civil contempt of court. Last month, Griem pleaded responsibility to civil contempt in order to avoid being held in criminal contempt."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Daily Tribune: Former Bashara lawyer fined in contempt case

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily.

MLive.com: Former Bashara attorney David Griem sentenced for contempt of court

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The Oakland Press: Attorney in Bob Bashara and Stephen Grant cases, David Griem, ordered to pay \$8K in contempt case

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The Daily Tribune: Accused molester's brother exchanges words with alleged victims' families

"... The case went to trial in September but was stayed by the state Court of Appeals, which earlier this month listened to Macomb County Prosecutors' appeal of [Judge Matthew] Switalski's prior ruling.... The COA initially rejected the appeal but the state Supreme Court ordered the appeals court to hear arguments.... Switalski said he expects the COA to rule soon, and the trial could resume in January."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily.

Grand Rapids Press: Lifetime sex-offender registry for 14-year-old who sexually assaulted, robbed GVSU student

"A 14-year-old Grand Rapids boy who joined another teen in a September sexual assault and robbery of a college student near John Ball Park is expected to be on the sex-offender registry for life. Marco Vasquez, who turns 15 in January, pleaded guilty Tuesday, Nov. 27 to first-degree criminal sexual conduct and being an accessory after the fact in the Sept. 10 assault."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Wayne County judge shifts residency, owes city

"Before Dana Hathaway takes the bench on the Wayne County Circuit Court, she might want to get her house in order. Two homes, actually. Hathaway owes Birmingham Schools approximately \$6,500 in additional taxes, plus penalties and interest to Oakland County and the city of Birmingham after she rescinded a house at 174 Catalpa as her principal residence for the past three years."

[Full story](#)

HOM TV/Okemos: InnerView: Domestic Violence (25:10 minute video)

"Domestic Violence is an issue that many considered taboo at one time, but it affects over 50,000 residents here in Michigan.... On this edition of InnerView, HOMTV's Savana Ciavatta sits down with Erica Schmittziel, MSU Safe Place/CARE Advocacy Coordinator and Jillian Pastoor, Community Relations Coordinator at End Violent Encounters (EVE).... [Ms. Ciavatta also interviewed Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Amy Ronayne Krause about the new domestic violence exhibit at the Supreme Court Learning Center (see 00:30-2:15 minute mark).]"

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Cuts to welfare: What's the cost to children?

"... [T]he Snyder administration says the state cannot afford [cash assistance benefits] exemptions for hardship cases. It's defending its policy in the Michigan Supreme Court.... Advocates who filed the suit want the cash assistance benefits reinstated."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Jagger & Co. surpass SCOTUS justices' ages — what about Michigan's high court?

"... This week, The Associated Press announced something even more astounding: the average age for the four remaining members of the Rolling Stones is nearly two years older than the nine justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.... So how does that stack up to the Michigan Supreme Court? Pretty close, actually."

[Full story](#)

The Michigan View: Jeffrey Hadden: Hathaway hostage exchange?

"The Michigan Supreme Court is in for some uneasy times. Now that the U.S. attorney's office has filed a civil forfeiture suit seeking to seize the Florida home of Supreme Court Justice Diane M. Hathaway on the grounds that it is the proceeds of bank fraud, the justice - through her attorney - has vowed to fight the suit."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: New lawyers take oath

"The Oakland County New Lawyers Admission Ceremony was conducted on Friday, Nov. 9, at the Oakland County Commissioner's Auditorium in Pontiac. [Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Phyllis McMillen was one of several judges that attended the ceremony.]"

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press Blog: Sibling Visitation – Does it Exist?

"...The short answer is that sibling visitation is not recognized as a legal right in Michigan. The Child Custody Act does not provide for visitation rights between siblings. Add adoption into the mix and the result remains the same – but for a more specific reason. Earlier this month, the Michigan Court of Appeals grappled with, and attempted to decide this very issue in *Wilson v King*; a published thus binding opinion of the intermediate appellate court."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: No retrial for Farmington Hills teacher Nancy Seaman, convicted of murdering husband in 2004

"A federal appeals court has overturned a decision that would have granted a Farmington Hills elementary school teacher who was found guilty of killing her husband with a hatchet a new trial."

[Full story](#)

Spinal Column Newsweekly/Waterford: Dismissal of suit against Peters' ad upheld by COA

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld a ruling by an Oakland County Circuit Court judge to dismiss a defamation lawsuit filed by former GOP Congressional candidate Andrew 'Rocky' Raczkowski against U.S. Rep. Gary Peters (D-Orchard Lake, Waterford, West Bloomfield) over a TV ad that aired during the pair's heated 2010 battle for the 9th U.S. House of Representatives District seat."

[Full story](#)

Sturgis Journal: County eyes advocate dog; The St. Joseph County prosecutor's department may soon have an advocate dog to help comfort victims who come to court

"The St. Joseph County prosecutor's department may soon have an advocate dog to help comfort victims who come to court. The idea of having a dog at the prosecutor's office first came to light Nov. 16 at a county commission executive session."

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