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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.

Lansing State Journal: Letter: Adoption Day renewed faith in the holiday spirit

Jodi Latuszek writes "... The notion of kindness, generosity, and family seemed to fade behind the appeal of mass consumerism. But then, I attended an Adoption Day celebration at the Hall of Justice in Lansing. Families from Saginaw and Marquette opened their hearts. They shared a usually private ceremony to bring awareness to the growing need for forever families."

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

Also see:

The Mining Journal/Marquette: True meaning cited

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The Detroit News: Inmate wants court to overturn Granholm decision

"The Michigan appeals court is hearing arguments in a case involving the release of a prison inmate in the final days of the Granholm administration. In December 2010, Gov. Jennifer Granholm agreed to commute the life sentence of Matthew Makowski. Granholm changed her mind less than 48 hours later, after the victim's family protested."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal and the Oakland Press.

The Detroit News: Convicted Detroit dad slams judge, disrupts court

"D'Andre Lane insisted Monday that he didn't murder or abuse his missing toddler daughter and called a judge a 'liar' for ordering him to prison for life.... Lane, 33, of Detroit, was convicted in October of felony murder and child abuse in the Dec. 2, 2011, death of Bianca Jones."

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Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Dad sentenced to life in prison in Bianca Jones' death

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Life in prison for Detroit dad in daughter's death

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal, the Times Herald/Port Huron, the Morning Sun, the Macomb Daily and the Oakland Press.

Daily Press & Argus: Attorney: Homeowners won't follow judge's order

"Even though applications for building permits have been made for two vacant houses at the center of a long-running legal battle in Brighton, the owners' attorney said his clients have no plans on fixing up the houses to commercial standards as ordered by [Livingston County Circuit Judge Michael P. Hatty]. Dennis Dubuc, who is representing homeowners Leon and Marilyn Bonner, said they would repair any conditions that are dangerous, but only to residential standards."

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The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Michigan Supreme Court rejects four appeals

"The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled against appeal applications from a man convicted in an Adrian shooting and robbery case and three others convicted in unrelated child sex, drug and theft cases, announced Lenawee County Prosecutor Burke Castleberry."

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The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Adrian man loses appeal

"Former Adrian resident Ainsley 'Lee' Partridge III, 30, lost an appeal of his conviction in Hillsdale.... The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday [November 27] that was enough for a jury to convict Partridge of on two counts of second-degree home invasion and two counts of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny."

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Detroit Legal News: Honored to serve: District judge to retire after more than 25 years on the bench

"The senior sitting female judge in Oakland County is set to enjoy retirement after nearly three decades on the bench. Judge Susan Moiseev's first courtroom experience as a lawyer was at the 46th District Court while it was still housed in the City Hall in Southfield, and for the past 26-1/2 years it's where she has adjudicated myriad cases."

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Note: The article also ran in the Macomb County Legal News.

The Holland Sentinel: Douglas transfers \$200,000 to pay legal settlement

"The Douglas City Council recently OK'd transferring more than \$200,000 from its fund balance to pay for the legal settlement in a 5-year-old takings case. In October, the city council said it would not appeal a state Court of Appeals decision that the city did temporarily 'take' property belonging to developer Chandler Kalkman."

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The Macomb Daily: Michigan appeals court ruling could mean Macomb charges dismissed

"A state appeals court ruling could eliminate a criminal case against a woman and part of the case against her husband on allegations he molested children at their day care home. The state Court of Appeals upheld Judge Matthew Switalski's ruling that prevents the prior court testimony of a young girl to be included in the trial of Stanley Duncan, 66, and Vita Duncan, 62, of Fraser."

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MLive.com: Michigan Court of Appeals upholds Craig Julian's conviction for aiding, abetting murder of his brother's girlfriend Lynn Spicer

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of Craig A. Julian, spending life in prison for aiding and abetting his brother in murdering his brother's girlfriend. Julian, now 21, claimed in his appeal that admissions that his brother, Jeffrey A. Julian, made to a friend in a recording conversation were improperly admitted during his trial."

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Oakland County Legal News: Oakland jurist celebrated

"Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick was celebrated at a retirement dinner held in his honor on Thursday, Nov. 15, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Numerous members of the legal community turned out to honor Sosnick at the sold out event."

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Oakland County Legal News: Scholarly look: Judge pens a sequel to book on forensics

"Admittedly, Donald Shelton says his latest book was not written with The New York Times best-seller list in mind. Chief judge of the Washtenaw County Trial Court, Shelton had a different audience in view when he set out to write, 'Forensic Science Evidence: Can the Law Keep Up with Science?' "

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WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Judge Sylvia James could lose law license

"She's been removed from the bench. Now, long-time Inkster Judge Sylvia James could lose her license to practice law.... Monday morning, the long process got underway in downtown Detroit that could result in more punishment for the embattled former judge and lawyer."

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