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Helping Haven's home



Mandy Williams volunteers at Haven Sanctuary for Women by trimming a tree.

FOCUS

For the past three years, the number one goal of volunteers for the nonprofit Haven Sanctuary for Women was to raise the funds to build or buy a home where single and homeless mothers could live as the organization assists them with a specific two-year program that equips them to be out on their own. This year, Greenwood Wesleyan Church has partnered with Haven by donating its unused parsonage that sits on the church's property as temporary housing for Haven's



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Rick Myers

Cathy VanBree volunteers by putting a fresh coat of paint on a wall.



From left, Brooke Worland and Paula Meyers sort through boxes and bags.

women. Southsiders came to tour the facility on Dec. 16 for its Christmas Open House. For the last two months, Haven's team has worked to renovate and transform the inside of this empty house into a functional three-suite facility. The next opportunity to help out is with the Food Pantry Jan. 8 from 1-5 p.m. at the house, 198 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. For more information, visit havenwomensministry.org.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

HUMOR

by Torry Stiles

- 10. Santa went vegan AND gluten-free. We're craving some White Castles up here.
- 9. Quite frankly this year's Christmas movies stink all the way to the North Pole... except for 'Frozen.' That was cool.
- 8. The other elves are jealous over that 'Elf on a Shelf' craze. They want their share of the royalties.



some fat.

7. Obamacare cost us our old

Top ten elf complaints 2013

- insurance and we can't find coverage for pointy-ear care.
- 6. We lost a whole day's production of teddy bears because somebody's been spiking the break room egg nog.
- 5. WalMart and the Chinese are playing hardball and we've had to cut some corners and trim
- 4. Vixen and Blitzen took off last week to get in line for Luke Bryan tickets and haven't been heard from since.
- 3. We lost three reindeer to drone accidents.
- 2. Mrs. Claus got into that twerking thing. There are some things no one should have to see
- 1. The NSA guys won't leave us alone. They want to know how we put together the Naughty/ Nice list.

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Abraham Lincoln Elementary sponsors Santa breakfast

Abraham Lincoln Elementary PTA sponsors a Santa Breakfast each year. The Dad's Club with past ALE parents, Boy Scouts (former ALE students) and Santa stopped by. The Secret Santa Shop also did a booming business as a culmination to the week-long shopping

Douglas MacArthur students celebrate their first Breakfast with Santa

Douglas MacArthur Elementary held their First Annual Breakfast with Santa with more than 400 people in attendance. In addition to breakfast, there were crafts, face painting, karaoke, led by the Spotlight Singers, a Santa Secret Shop and, of course, Santa himself. Mrs. Kathy Turner and Mrs. Dana Fuhrmann organized this event.

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PAWS for THOUGHT

Christmas tree tips for furry friends

Dr. Bruce McLaughlir **Veterinarian**

eeping your furry family members safe during the holidays can be a difficult task. There are the ornaments, plants, presents, lights-oh, and who could forget the Christmas tree? Let's take a look at some simple steps that

will allow your pets to join in the holiday fun this year, while avoiding any trips to the animal emergency room.

Christmas tree tips;

• Place your Christmas tree in a corner, blocked off from your pet's wanting eyes. If this doesn't keep your dog or cat from attempting to jump into the tree, you can place aluminum foil, a plastic drink bottle filled with

knick knacks, or anything else that creates noise on the tree's bottom limbs to warn you of an impending tree disaster.

- Tinsel can add a nice sparkling touch to the tree, but make sure you hang it up out of your pet's reach. Ingesting the tinsel can potentially block their intestines, which is generally only remedied through surgical means.
- Do not put lights on the tree's lower branches. Not only can your pet get tangled up in the lights, they are a burning hazard. Additionally, your dog for cat may inadvertently get shocked by biting through the wire.
- Ornaments need to be kept out of reach too. In addition to be \ing a choking and intestinal blockage hazard, Shards from broken ornaments may injure paws, mouths, or other parts of your pet's body.
- For those buying a live Christmas

tree this year, keep the area free and clear of pine needles. While they may not seem dangerous, the needles can puncture your pet's intestines if ingested.

• Did you know holly, mistletoe, and

poinsettia plants are poisonous to dogs or cats? If you normally use these plants to decorate your home, they should be kept in an area your pet cannot reach.

• Edible tree decorations, whether they be ornaments, or cranberry or popcorn strings- are like time bombs waiting to happen. These goodies are just too enticing and your pet will surely tug at

them, knocking your wonderfully decorated spruce.

- Burning candles should be placed on high shelves or mantels, out of your pet's way- there's no telling where a wagging tail may end up. Homes with fireplaces should use screens to avoid accidental burns.
- To prevent any accidental electrocutions, any exposed indoor or outdoor wires should be tapes to the wall or the sides of the house.
- When gift wrapping, be sure to keep your pet away. Wrapping paper, string, plastic or cloth could cause intestinal blockages. Scissors are another hazard, and they should be kept off of floors or low tables.

Dr. Bruce McLauahlin is the owner at South 31 Veterinary Clinic and can be reached at (317) 788-0893.

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Dreamin' of a white light Christmas?

Greenwood's David Zimmer highlights his hometown through holiday landscaping

Photo by Nicole Davis

COVER STORY

By Nicole Davis

David Zimmer spent nearly a month and a half decorating the eight shops he owns and rents out on Madison Avenue in Greenwood – with everything from wreaths, holiday figures and more than 10,000 white lights. It's about more than just making the area look pretty during the holidays; Zimmer said he feels that his efforts to keep Madison Avenue looking nice has

contributed to increasing peoples' interest to travel to Greenwood, and hopefully inspired others to decorate their own property.

"We believe it's really important to keep

the area nice, to build up the image of Greenwood," Zimmer said. "It's easier to keep things updated than let them go. In this area, we are just determined to keep it updated; by looking nice over the years it keeps getting better. You could take the attitude it's too much work, don't decorate anything but when you have people come into the area, have lunch or get their hair done, you

have the opportunity to show off the area in a unique way. In the long run, I think you'll see it pay off. I think it has over the last couple of years. We've had great businesses move in."

Zimmer has done landscaping work along Madison Avenue since the 80s, maintaining the properties his parents purchased – which now include Sassafras Tea Room, PC Paramedix Computer, The Flower Market, La Trattoria Italian Restaurant, Teal Canary Art & Studio, Locks Salon Studio, Rumors Hair Salon and more. In the springtime, he plants 1,800 begonias that last until October. The winter Christmas decorations will remain up until after New Year's so people can enjoy them

throughout the holidays and he said each year, he tries to add something different. The white Christmas lights he said are his favorite, adding a calming tone.

"When you do highlight an area, sometimes it does catch on and spreads," Zimmer said. "You think someone might get in the mood to decorate after they see it."

While Zimmer said the success of his efforts to highlight the area is unknown, it's a step in the right direction.

"It didn't just happen overnight," Zimmer said. "If you only knew the work my parents did... I feel very fortunate of what we have here and hopefully it will expand."



David Zimmer

Find the elf

Saints Francis and Clare students get ready for Christmas with their classroom elves

FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

The first thing many students at Saints Francis and Clare Catholic School do every

morning in December is search their classroom. An elf is hiding in there somewhere, surely having done something interesting. With the popularity of the book The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition, the school has incorporated an elf into its kindergarten, first

> and second grade classrooms to get students energized for Christmas, while using it as a tool for English instruction.

"We have to be here early so we can see what he did because we have those little notebooks and we write what he did," says second grader, Elizabeth Secrest.

The illustratbook, The Elf on the Shelf, was written in explaining how Santa Claus knows who is naughty and Typically, nice. the elves will go around during the season, doing something differthroughout the night.



 $\textit{Krissy Weber's first grade class points to the elf, hanging from the ceiling on Dec.\,4.}$

"He took a marble out of Ms. Weber's desk," how Santa says first grader, Gabriella Spink. "He took out all of the stuffed animals. He threw toilet panaughty and per everywhere."

The students must find the elf when they

The students must find the elf when they come into their classroom, and spend some time writing about what he did that day. They can draw on each page and date it, putting them all together at the end of the month so that they have a book about what the elf did. Toward the end of the season, first grade

teacher Krissy Weber says they are able to incorporate the elves into their Catholic identity.

"On the last day, we're assuming he's gone," says second grader, Jane Levine. "But it turns out that Friday when we went to Mass, they were sitting on the piano."

Photos by Nicole Davis



Second graders Jane Levine and Elizabeth Secrest sit next to their classroom's elf, who decided to have a sack race on Dec. 4.



Ray's Holiday **Recycling Tips:**



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Swirling egg'n'grog

Nutritionist

NUTRITION

₹andi and I attended our neighborhood Christmas party last week, joyfully

spending time with our cherished community. We were greeted warmly and offered a taste of holiday history; Egg Nog. Not just any egg nog, it was George Washington's recipe. After a lip-searing nip, everyone concluded Washington was a chunky alcoholic. I adore tradition, but it can be a double edged sword, considering ole George's recipe involved 1 pint each of brandy, rye whiskey, Jamaican rum, one-quarter pint of sherry, 12 eggs, 12 tablespoons

of sugar, milk and 1 quart of heavy cream. Holy mistletoe, Santa!

As we know, Americans rip-off things from other cultures saying, "Look what we invented." Jolly Americans assume eggnog is a milk drink invented by and for Americans. Astronomically caloric and fattening, delicious Eggnog came from Europe to America. Our forefathers created their own version of eggnog, where wine in the original recipe was replaced with rum. Rum was often called grog, so the drink was called "egg and grog," then "egg'n'grog" and finally "eggnog.'

Call me crazy, most people do, but I question everything these days; no longer living in the vulnerable state of blissful ignorance, but a world of mindfulness. Granted, ignorant bliss works, but not to anyone's advantage except Big Business who profits from our celebration. I've always thought it was ironic that during the sacred holidays we eat foods that defile the temple given us by the Savior we passionately celebrate. Alas, Christ's sacred birthday truly stimulates the economy. Wonder what Jesus would say to commercialism and coveting on His Birthday.

How about giving yourself the gift of paying attention to your temple's spiritual as well as nutritional needs? Returning to your original wholeness as a loving God intended. Your temple desperately needs the appropriate heavenly fuel in order to be the cable antennae to the divine. Instead we've been taught our temple can handle anything we throw into it, so we mis-feed it with gusto over the senti-

> mental holiday. (I'm no angel either) Yes for a while all will be Holly Jolly, but over time, repetitive exposure to agribusiness-chemicals, GMO foods, grease, sugar, trans-fats, and various unholy environmental snark build up, diminishing your temple's health and connection to our higher source. And some will shake a trembling fist to the sky, "Why me?"

God's ultimate gift to us was His Son and a temple home for Him to

visit each of us. Let's 'Gift' back genuine respect and gratitude for our existance. Ponder what's on the end of your holiday fork and what's swirling in your crystal punch cup of Egg Nog. Sure, Celebrating Christmas without sabotaging your temple's health or dancing on the coffee table may be difficult, but it is doable. Merry 'moderate' Christmas to all!

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OUR VIEW

Finding the true meaning of the holiday season

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"Do I have time to buy just one more pres-

"Should I get that new serving bowl to out-do Aunt Virginia's from last year?"

"Do I have the best sheets out for the inlaws?"

"Do my holiday decorations outshine the neighbors drab looking ones?"

Do these questions sound ridiculous? They should. So many of us have a misconception – a distorted view – of the holiday season. Each holiday season for many of us is about incessantly being bigger and better and outdoing.

The "stuff" (lights, presents, cutlery, etc.) doesn't matter. The memories of time spent with loved ones do matter. The focus of the holiday season must be brought back to families and family time. Family isn't necessarily blood relation. Family is that close knit group of people who love you and accept you for being, well, you! If you truly have to worry about thread count on sheets for your holiday get together, then there is a problem. What shifting your line of thought?

What are you teaching your children? Your grandchildren? Nieces, nephews and cousins? When the focus on the holiday season just becomes about inanimate objects that hold no emotional value, then priorities are out of whack.

This world has enough money and priceless heirlooms. What it doesn't have is memories of love and understanding and acceptance. What gifts can you give to those around that cannot be purchased? Are you more concerned with getting than giving? Maybe you need a shift in your thoughts.





HUMOR

'Browsing' around during the Christmas season

The wife and I joined a group of international students last Saturday at the ice rink uptown. They wanted to go ice skating and maybe wander around Georgia Street a bit. The event went well despite the fact that the rented bus for the 30 or so students didn't show up. We were compelled to hire a small fleet of taxis at the last minute.

About the time we got there, one of our students announced that his

gloves were insufficient to the current weather and asked that we walk over to the mall so he could get a sturdier set. Now, this is uptown Indianapolis on Saturday night during the Christmas season. Imagine, if you will, a gathering of the entire known population of the Southside within the confines of the downtown mall and you would have an accurate picture of the crowd therein. Now, I am not given to being in malls, ever, much less in the company of two students who have limited exposure to such environments. As luck would have it, we managed to get in, find the required gloves, and get back out with our faculties intact. More or less.



Columnist

We got back to the ice rink to find that we had an hour to wait before any of our students could get on the ice. The two students in my charge announced that they did not want to skate at all and could they please go back to the mall? One of them wound up going off with other students but, well, the other wanted to go shop.

So...back to the mall our student and I (now with the wife in tow)

went. He announced he wanted to go off on his own and he would see us in an hour or so. In the ensuing hour, my wife of almost 35 years went "browsing." I do what I always do when she goes browsing. I told the sales clerk that my wife could have anything she wanted. I am pleased to report she has a very nice set of new slacks.

The student? He got back in the allotted time and announced that he wants to go shopping at the mall on the Southside. Great. I get to go "browsing" again.

Scott Emmett lives in Greenwood with his wife, Karen, and an ornery old cat named Toby. Write to Scott at Scott@scottemmett.com.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love... every time we give... it's Christmas."

~ Dale Evans

BACK SHOP

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We've learned of an opportunity for you to give back in a special way this holiday season - a way that will give someone the opportunity to spend another holiday with their family and friends: donating blood through the American Red Cross.

Traditionally, this time of year is one of the most difficult blood collection periods for the Red Cross as people who routinely donate get caught up in the hustle and bustle of holiday activities and travel.

The Red Cross is partnering with Valle Vista Country Club, 755 E. Main St., Greenwood, to create a special event that will get everyone into the spirit of the season on these two days: Dec. 23, 1-7 p.m. and Dec. 24, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

If doing this just because it is the good thing to do wasn't enough, here's an added incentive: Valle Vista is providing free food and horse-drawn carriage rides for donors and their families. If you donate you will receive a \$5 gift card from stores including Sam's Club/Wal-Mart, and a 2-oz brick of Dunkin' Donuts coffee along with a coupon for a free pound of coffee. If that isn't enough, you will also be eligible to win a variety of raffle prizes including a \$250 gift card, a golf package for four at Valle Vista and much, much more!

We're told that all blood types are needed. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health are eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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CALENDAR

FAITH

Visit & Photos with Santa • Santa's lap is the only place on earth where hopes, dreams, wishes and of course, a healthy to list are shared. It's a magical experience for every child visiting Santa, and for parents, a photo memory to last a lifetime. | When: Now – Dec. 24, Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Sat. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sun. 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.) | Where: Greenwood Park Mall – Von Maur Court | Cost: Photos starting at \$16.99.

Pictures with Santa • Children of all ages and families are invited to have their pictures taken with Santa and meet some of Santa's friends during this event sponsored by the Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce. | When: Dec. 21, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch of Indianapolis Public Library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit imcpl.org.

Players presents Pat Cook's The Little Town of Christmas directed by Clance Laturner. Everybody in the little town of Christmas is friendly and funny, including Skeezix and Sylvester, an elf comedy team that is short in stature and long in laughter; Mrs. Claus, the real boss of the outfit; and a street corner Santa, tested and almost bested by one tough little kid with a sticky sucker. | When: Dec. 20 and 21, 8 pm. and Dec. 22, 2:30 p.m. | Where: 11150 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. | Cost: \$16 for adults, \$14 students and senior citizens 62 and older. | Info: Visit buckcreekplayers.com.

The Little Town of Christmas • Buck Creek

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Donorama • The American Red Cross and Valle Vista bring the opportunity to Give Something That Means Something to Johnson County this holiday season for the First Annual Johnson County Christmas Donorama. There will be Santa, carriage rides and a raffle. | When: Dec. 23, 1-7 p.m. and Dec. 24, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Where: Valle Vista Golf Resort, 755 E. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: Call (812) 470-1924.

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Annual Open House • The sounds of beautiful music will fill the museum, when "The Voices of Franklin" choral group performs holiday favorites at Johnson County Museum's annual Open House. Enjoy complimentary apple cider and cookies, and be sure to take a moment to vote for your favorite Dec-A-Tree entry. Visitors can also enjoy the Neil Dixon art exhibit in the museum gallery. | When: Dec. 21, 1 – 3 p.m. | Where: Johnson County Museum, 135 N. Main St., Franklin. | Info: Visit JohnsonCounty-Museum.org or call 317-346-4500.

Acoustic Open Stage • O'Gara's Irish Pub and Rippy's Acoustics present an Acoustic Open Stage. | When: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. | Where: 522 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Call (317) 784-7474.

LIBRARY

Random Film Festival: Hook • This week watch the continued adventures of Peter Pan

and his return to Neverland. | When: Dec. 20, 3:15 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: Visit greenwoodlibrary.us.

Holiday Origami Workshop • Children ages 9 and up can get folding during this program presented by Art with a Heart. They'll learn basic folds and create their own masterpieces. | When: Dec. 21, 1 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Branch, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4490.

⊞ART

Art Exhibition • The Garfield Park Arts Center (GPAC) will host an exhibition featuring its very own. Come see the talent that is nurtured right here at home. Ceramics, Painting, Mixed Media, Photography and more will adorn the gallery walls. | When: Now – Jan. 11, open regular GPAC hours. | Where: 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 327-7135 or visit gpacarts.org.

AROUND TOWN



Beech Grove Masonic Lodge installs 2014 officers

On Dec. 14, Beech Grove Masonic Lodge #694 installed officers for the year 2014. Pictured from left front, Jonathan A. Freeman as Junior Deacon, Doug Sausville P.M. as Junior Warden, John R. Freeland as Worshipful Master, Glenn Schmidt as Senior Warden, Tim Olson as Senior Deacon. From left back, Stephen Noelcheck P.M. as Treasurer, Harry Morris P.M. as Secretary, and John Crook P.M. as Tyler. Beech Grove Lodge was chartered in 1913 and had the distinct privilege of being visited by President Harry S Truman in 1948.



From left, Allison Taylor, Mallory Burnett, Grace LaVier, Elise McQueen, Katie Tyson and Caitlyn Louie.

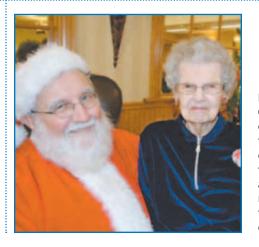
Indy Air Bears to participate in 2014 Rose parade

Indy Air Bears jump rope team will perform in the Tournament of Roses parade that steps off on Jan. 1. The theme of the 2014 Rose parade is 'Dreams Come True" and that is certainly the case for 6 Franklin Central and Center Grove high school students. They will fly to Pasadena on December 30th to finalize the parade routine they have practiced since October. This is the first year the parade has accepted 'unique acts'. Jessica Fong, coach of the Palpitating Panthers jump rope team in Los Angeles, decided to have her team submit to a tryout and jump rope was chosen to be one of the new acts. Jessica then invited many experienced teams across the country, Air Bears included. The routine was created by the Los Angeles team and sent via email to all who qualified to participate and hotel and practice facility arrangements were made. There are 40 jumpers in the group ages 13-32 from several teams from California, Arizona, Texas. Alaska, North Carolina, Indiana, and Idaho. The jump rope group is one of three 'interesting acts' for this year along with XPOGO extreme pogo jumpers and also the Harlem Globetrotters.



Ave Maria Guild presents check to St. Paul Hermitage

Pat Ruth (right), President of the Ave Maria Guild, presented Sister Rebecca Fitterer, OSB, Administrator of St. Paul Hermitage, with a check for \$6,000 at the Dec. 10 Christmas luncheon and meeting. Sister Becky and other Sisters of St. Benedict, who work at St. Paul's, joined the Guild members in their Christmas celebration luncheon. The first meeting in 2014 will be March 11, 12:30 p.m.



Rosegate holds annual Festival of Trees to benefit Alzheimer's Association

Rosegate held its annual Festival of Trees Christmas tree silent auction Dec. 12 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. In addition to the auction, the event included horse and carriage rides, bingo, delicious food and entertainment. The community, which is operated by American Senior Communities, raised more than \$2,500 for the association. Pictured, Santa and resident Betty Sugars, age 92, chat during the festivities.

American Hustle... Cooper and Adams shine in average film

Adam Staten

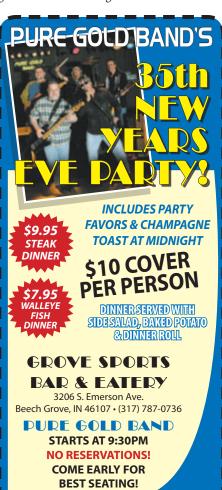
Movie Review

MOVIE REVIEW

e are quickly approaching that time of year when foes become friends, when all troubles and past grudges ostensibly melt away, at least for the time being. I'm talking of course, about Hollywood's self-congratulatory award season; when one multimillionaire gives an award to another multimillionaire for doing their job. One such film that will be in that discussion is *American Hustle* featuring Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Jennifer Lawrence, and Bradley Cooper.

American Hustle is the "some of these events actually happened" tale of con man, Irving Rosenfeld (Bale), his girlfriend and partner in crime, Sydney (Adams) as they are forced to team up with FBI agent Richie Dimaso (Coo-

per) to catch other con men to avoid jail time. The deal is simple; Rosenfeld helps Dimaso entrap four con men in the act and he walks away free. However, as the story unfolds, their first operation becomes bigger than either Irving or Richie could have



imagined. Soon enough they find themselves in a scheme that involves taking down a New Jersey mayor, the mob and members of Congress. Add to the mix, Irving's volatile, unpre-

dictable, and much younger wife, Rosalyn (Lawrence), and things do not go according to plan, to say the least.

American Hustle is a crime drama infused with some bitingly witty comedic lines set in the late 1970s. As far as the story goes, there really isn't any new ground broken; one con man trying to stay one step ahead of the other guy. The conclusion is also very anti-climatic and

rather dull ending. As mundane as the overall story is, the dialogue is exceptional. Characters deliver beautifully written, pitch perfect lines of dialogue so telling of a particular character's desires and motivations rarely seen today. There is not one wasted line of dialogue in the entire film.

The performances in *American Hustle* are the film's big draw. Once again, as she is in anything she's in, Amy Adams is outstanding. She shines the brightest amongst a starstudded cast. Cooper is also terrific, basically playing the same character as in *Silver Linings Playbook*. He constantly has a crazed, psychotic look and its just a matter of when, not if, he explodes into a fit of rage.

American Hustle is a decent film with an overdone story and terribly weak ending. The only two aspects, which set it apart from any other film with a similar story, are its superbly written dialogue and the performances from Adams and Cooper.

Adam Staten lives in Perry Township and is a movie buff. Staten graduated from University of Southern Indiana with a degree in Communication Studies.

WHERE WE DINE

Sister Mary Luke Jones, director of donor development at the Lady of Grace Monastery

Where do you like to dine? I like to go to Napoli Villa.



there? I love anything Italian and it seems like I always order the same thing there and that is spaghetti. That is my favorite.

What do you like about this place? The food is delicious and the service is always great. The most important thing to me is it is local. We know the owner. It is a local restaurant in Beech Grove and I like to support Beech Grove.

Napoli Villa is located at 758 Main St. in Beech Grove. The phone number (317) 783-4122.

BEHIND BARS

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Bartender: Lisa Rucker-Smith of Drifty's Sports Pub

Ingredients and directions: Combine 1 oz. of vanilla vodka, 2 oz. of pineapple juice and a splash of grenadine. Serve chilled in a rocks glass.



Photos by Brian Ruckle

IN OUR SCHOOLS

South Grove is a buzz for cookies and Christmas service

South Grove Buzz Club decided to do a service project this year for the last week of Buzz Club before Christmas. They baked and decorated more than 500 cookies to be delivered to the Beech Grove Fire Deptartment, Beech Grove

Police Department, and a Beech Grove nursing home. The students also made cards for each place. "It was a lot of work but it was enjoyed by all," said Jescee Sellas, Buzz Club director. "The nursing home was overjoyed with the cookies and cards for their residents. The



ed as well. The fireman gave a little tour while we were there and showed pictures on the refrigerator from other students. He said, "I love this time of year! We always get something from the kids! ... I overheard a couple of

fire department was elat-

students saying they had never made cookies before. Always put things in to perspective when I hear things like that. The things I took for granted growing up. I am happy that they got to experience the joy of baking cookies."

AN OPTION



Acropolis owner Gus Geroulis prepares Saganaki, or flaming cheese, for guests.

Acropolis Restaurant and Lounge

The scoop: Want a mini vacation with a hint of the Mediterranean? The Acropolis Restaurant and Lounge on Southport Road near the Madison Avenue intersection has given Southsiders a taste of the Greek isles for nearly 27 years. A family owned restaurant offering traditional Greek and American dishes, Acropolis owners Gus and Kathy Geroulis serve fresh and from scratch Greek dishes such as spanakopita, gyros, pastichio and American favorites including as cheeseburgers, and ribeye steak. One of the favorites is saganaki, or flaming cheese, sautéed and prepared at your table.

Type of food: Greek American food

Price of entrees: \$10 to \$17

Specialties: Specialize in lamb dishes

Recommendation: Acropolis sampler, a combination plate ideal for first time visitors.

Hours: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 11 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday.

Location: 1625 E. Southport Rd., Indianapolis

Phone: (317) 787-8883

OBITUARIES

Luther L. Crawford

Luther L. Crawford, 91, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 15, 2013. He was born on July 14, 1922 in Terre Haute to the late Luther and Lillian Merkel Crawford. He proudly served his country in the U. S. Coast Guard in the North Atlantic during WWII. He retired from Eli Lilly after 38 years of service and was a member of the Southport Masonic Lodge #270, the American Legion and enjoyed travelling, fishing and hunting. Survivors include seven children, Carolyn (Larry) Zeigler, Sandra (Allen) Pedigo, Cindy (Gary) Shepard, Luther (Charlotte), Crawford, Brian (Sherri) Crawford, Kevin (Debra) Crawford and Scott (Karen) Crawford,15 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and four greatgreat-grandchildren and his dog, Sammy. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Crawford, three sisters and grandaughter, Laurie Austin. Visitation was Dec. 18 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135 and Olive Branch Road. Funeral Service will be conducted on, Dec. 19, 1 p.m. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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Delbert Owen Dennis II

Delbert Owen Dennis II, 58, died Dec. 11, 2013. He is missed by his wife of over 35 years, Susie (Clark) Dennis; children, Anthony and Marisol Dennis; grandson, Isaac Dennis; sister, Dianna (Bill) O'Rourke; 15 nieces and nephews; and 13 great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his son, Daniel Owen Dennis. Delbert was born on July 2, 1955 in Beech Grove to Delbert & Mary Elizabeth (Bishop) Dennis. He graduated from Beech Grove High School in 1974 after which he entered the Plumber & Steamfitters Local 440 Apprenticeship Program and became a journeyman in 1978. In February 1979 he was hired by Allison Transmission Division of General Motors / Rolls Royce where he worked for 23 years before retiring in 2001. Some of Delbert's favorite memories were leading Boy Scout Troop 564, running the 500 Mini-Marathon 10 times, running the AUL Bop-to-the-Top stair climb two times, camping, Florida trips, cruising, his passion for music, watching his son win the Golden Gloves boxing championship, listening his daughter sing, and celebrating life with his family. A Mass of Christian Burial was Dec. 16 in St. Barnabas Catholic Church. Visitation was at Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home. Burial is in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to IU Foundation HD Center, IU School of Medicine c/o IUF PO Box 660245 Indianapolis, IN 46266-

Claude "Sonny" W. Hewitt

Claude "Sonny" W. Hewitt, 77, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 17, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Fonda J. (Wolfe) Hewitt; daughters, Jacinda C. Hewitt, April M. Willman and Marcia L. Austin; sons, Leslie W. and his wife Kathy S. Hewitt, Terry L. Hewitt and Kenneth P. Olds; eight grandchildren and sister, Shirley Rudd. Services will be private. Arrangements entrusted to G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East Street.

Richard Allen Schauinger

Richard Allen Schauinger, 67, of Indianapolis, Indiana died on Dec. 10, 2013 at IU- Methodist Hospital. He was born on Aug. 21, 1946 to the late Howard Schauinger and Irene (Schmidt) Schauinger in Indianapolis. Richard was employed with Laura Kopetsky as a data entry specialist. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving between 1966-1968. Richard is survived by his loving wife Freda Mae (Purvis) Schauinger whom he married July 1, 1966, son: Cecil Turpin, daughters: Geneva Schauinger, and Debra (Jeffery) Farris, brother Leo (Kim) Schauinger, sister: Janet Miller. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Richard was preceded in death by his brother Ronald Schauinger. Funeral Services was conducted Dec. 16 in Fountain Square Mortuary. Cremation to follow funeral service. Donations can be made to the family to assist with Funeral Expenses in care of Fountain Square Mortuary.

Emily "Charlene" (Matthews) Mc Clure Willis

Emily "Charlene" (Matthews) Mc Clure Willis, 77 of Indianapolis died on Dec. 15, 2013. She was born Sept. 16, 1936 to the late Charles

and Genevive (Swinford) Matthews in Indianapolis. She was employed by RCA as a machine operator. She is survived by her sons: Floyd Mc Clure, Gary R. Mc Clure, Sherman D. Mc Clure, daughters: Shermalene (Robert) Benson, Kathy (Bob) Witt, Cindy C. Mc Clure



and Rhonda K. Porter. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son Lloyd Mc Clure and one great-grandchild. Services were held Dec. 18 in Fountain Square Mortuary. Burial followed at New Crown Cemetery, Indianapolis.

OBITUARY POLICY: Obituaries are printed free of charge. Funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and print size photographs to news@sstimes.com. Information received by noon Tuesday will be published Thursday.

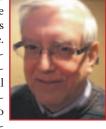
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FACE to FACE

Q: What are some of your favorite **Christmas traditions?**

"My wife is from the country of Latvia and we spent our first Christmas together at her home. After the meal we gathered around the Christmas tree and they lit all the candles and gathered around the piano and sang Christmas car-



ols. I was always taught not to have Christmas trees next to any flame. What I didn't realize was that the tree had been cut two days before that. It was very green, very fresh, and you could hold a candle flame under a branch and it would not catch fire. Now we do have a live tree here but we don't have candles on it."

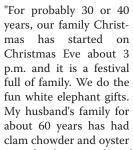
~ Bruce Bye, Beech Grove

"We first tend to visit my husband's side of the family on Christmas. Everybody gathers, and we always start off with the Christmas story from the Bible about Jesus's birth. It gets read every year and we go around and say what we were blessed



with for that year and then it ends with a prayer. Then we eat.'

> ~ Tonya York, Franklin **Township**



stew for dinner and we have continued that tradition. It all revolves around food, family, and festivities."

~ Laurie Daeger, Perry Township

"Our family gathers together on Christmas Eve Day and we do fondue. We will use different cheeses and different meats-- fish and beef-- and we'll celebrate the holidays with a wonderful dinner. I bring my mom to our house from



ManorCare and the kids and our family sit together for the evening and just have a wonderful time together."

~ Tom Keeley, Greenwood







Bears on Patrol

Photos by Nicole Davis

First graders at Mary Bryan Elementary give away teddy bears for children in distress

By Nicole Davis

First grade students at Mary Bryan Elementary School gathered together for Bears on Patrol on Dec. 18. Each holding a teddy bear, the students listened to Sheriff John Layton speak about how the stuffed animals help children in traumatic situations and then sang songs to the sheriff before giving away their bears, to be kept in police officers cars and given to children in distress.

"Because the policemen have your teddy bears in their car, whenever they encounter a child like you that is having a real bad day because something isn't going right in their life that day, because there may be a fire in their house or someone hurt, the policemen are the first ones there...a policemen can bring them a teddy bear and hand it to that little kid, just like you," Layton said to the children before they donated the toys. "Their smiles come out. They feel so much better. They hug that teddy bear, just like they hug their mom and dad. You don't know how much this means to the policemen and deputies that you have helped every day. These go out all year long."

When Mary Bryan Elementary School opened 27 years ago, the grades were all trying to find a project to work on. Teacher Martha Buehner said she was driving to school that year when she heard the announcement on the radio about the sheriff's department collecting bears and the reason why.

"To walk in the jail alone is so very traumatic for kids," Layton said. "A lot of times they are shaking, until they get a teddy bear."

The school has continued the tradition ever since. Buehner will re-

tire this year, but said she will continue to come back to watch the Bears on Patrol event.

"To teach them Christmas isn't just for getting, it's for giving," Buehner said. "They were excited this morning. When I wake up on this morning, I'm excited."

There are five first grade classes all participating in the event. The teachers, Buehner, Ann Arnold, Julie Young, Melanie Payne and Lori Williams, all teach their students the songs that were created specifically for this event. Four large trash bags were filled with teddy bears to distribute at this year's gathering.

Pictured above and below, first grade students donate bears for police officers to give to children in times of distress.



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DETAILS

Be prepared for the upcoming tax season

By Eric Ellis

e're nearing the end of 2013, and amidst all the holiday cheer and season's greetings, one thing looms

in the back of everyone's minds: taxes. But don't fret! Several tax specialists in the Southside area have offered their expertise to help Southsiders prepare for the upcoming tax season.

To ensure a less stressful filing season, Jack Taylor, CPA at Chamberlin & Taylor suggests "having all your information together-consider consulting a professional who will know which laws can be used to your benefit. Filing early, as soon as you get your W2 forms, and elec-

tronically, are ways you can get your refunds quicker." The IRS website offers instructions on how to file your taxes online for free.

Taylor also encourages individuals to investigate the healthcare.gov website to see if you qualify for affordable insurance or even Medicaid. "Especially if you're from a low-income family, seeking out [these kinds of federal and state programs] can help you stay organized."

Mike J. Gould from VonLehman CPA & Advisory firm says, "most problems [when filing taxes] occur when you send in something that doesn't match the IRS records-when things are outside the norm, that's a red flag." To avoid mistakes in filing Gould suggests preparing a checklist based on how you filed last year. "Make sure you fill in your return correctly, mail it to the correct address and sign it." You'd be amazed how many problems occur when people forget simple steps of the filing process!

Gould also recommends searching for little

things people often overlook; there are deductions for people who have kids or grandkids in college, for people who are actively searching for employment, and many more if you know where to look.

There were also a few changes in tax legislation early in 2013, but the percentage of people the changes affect should be relatively small. Michael Wright from Taxwright says, "most of the changes apply to people with higher income—exceeding \$300-400k, or individually \$165-175k, depending on specific provisions."

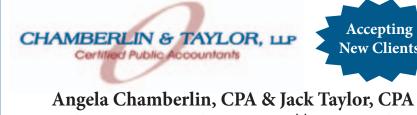
And though things like the 2013 Residential Energy Credit will no

longer be applicable in 2014, Wright says, "Indiana still has an insulation deduction, which allows for \$1,000 deduction for improving the insulation in your home—as long as a contractor is involved." Little things like this can be done all year round and they add up over time—simply keeping track could save you thousands of dollars!

Wright also says to be wary of tax advice given to you: "Everyone's situation is truly unique; what's being offered as genuine advice may not apply to your situation." Stay smart, Southsiders. Get all receipts and other documents in order and be prepared once the holiday season winds down and it's time to greet 2014. For more information, contact the Taylor, (317) 560-5777; Gould, (317) 469-0169; Wright, (317) 683-4731 or a local tax special-

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Indiana's second chance law

For SSTimes by Dave Byers of Holwager, Byers and Caughey

On July 1, 2013, the Indiana Legislature passed a new law that allows people a second chance in life. The law greatly expanded the ability to expunge and seal public records from past criminal convictions. One of the goals of this new law was to allow people to obtain meaningful employment without being continually punished by a mistake in their past. Here are some of the features of the new law:

The law requires a waiting period. If you were charged with a crime and the charges against you were dismissed, all of the records of your arrest and other court records can be expunged and sealed after one year. If you were convicted of a misdemeanor offense, that may be expunged and sealed after a five year wait. If you were convicted of a more serious felony offense the waiting period ranges from eight to 10 years.

Certain offenses are not eligible for expungement. Violent offenses, sex offenses or

offenses involving official misconduct are not eligible for expungement.

It is possible to remove multiple charges with one expungement petition, but it must happen at the same time. The law only allows you one shot at expungement. This means that you must be diligent and get all eligible offenses on one petition.

If you are successful with an expungement petition, you do not have to reveal the offenses on any job application. Employers are not allowed to refuse employment on the basis of an expunged record. Any civil rights that have been withheld from a person because of his or her criminal record shall be restored upon expungement.

The process for expunging criminal records can be complicated. My office is actively involved in filing expungement petitions. I am happy to consult with you at no charge and to discuss expungement with you. If you have a mistake in your past, that is holding you back, do not hesitate to take advantage of this new law.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Center for Global Impact sells gifts that give back

Center for Global Impact (CGI) announced a new line of women's clothing in time for the holiday season. The Imprint Project is CGI's newest initiative in Cambodia, a 12-month life skills and vocational training program for rescued victims of human trafficking. Participants learn seamstress skills and create casual, modern tops, skirts and dresses for the Imprint Collection. These items, along with a line of purses and handbags from CGI's byTavi program, are available for purchase online at byTavi.com and centerforglobalimpact. com, as well as CGI's Greenwood store. Items

are fair trade and provide consistent income for formerly trafficked and at-risk women in Cambodia, a country plagued with some of the highest rates of sexual slavery in the world. By vocationally training impoverished women, CGI provides options for income apart from the sex trade. CGI recently opened a second space adjacent to their current store that will house the growing Imprint Collection and handmade Cambodian items. During the holiday season, the CGI storem 2650 Fairview Place, Ste. W, Greenwood, will be open Dec. 14-21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



VonLehman CPA firm adds staff and expands client services to fuel growth

For SSTimes by VonLehman

When VonLehman acquired local CPA firm Dunbar, Cook & Shepard earlier this year, the combined company totaled more than 100 employees at the firm's three offices – Indianapolis and Cincinnati area locations in Blue Ash, Ohio and Fort Mitchell, Ky.

Founded in Cincinnati in 1946, VonLehman expanded into Indianapolis because of the city's strong track record of economic development and the opportunity for business and job growth in the region.

In the second half of 2013, the firm added staff at all three offices include the 22 employees of Dunbar, Cook & Shepard who became part of VonLehman & Company on July 1st.

"Our strategic approach is based on helping clients reduce risk and manage uncertainty by anticipating the future, not just accounting for the past," stated Brian Malthouse, president of VonLehman. "Our firm grew dramatically in 2013, and as we look ahead to 2014, we will continue to hire top talent at each of our three offices."

VonLehman recently promoted Mike Gould to principal and Darren Baldwin to director of talent management with HR responsibilities throughout the firm.

In December, VonLehman launched a new practice in Compliance & Controversy led by Mike Gould based in the Indianapolis office. Mike has more than 28 years of compliance and controversy experience, including 11

years at the Internal Revenue Service in collection, examination and appeals divisions.

In addition to supporting job growth, the firm is committed to giving back to the communities where it does business.

For example, employees at the firm's Indy office hosted a Make-A-Wish send-off party for Khloe, age three, and her family to celebrate Khloe's wish come true to go to Walt Disney World.

Khloe and her family traveled to Orlando in late October so they could experience Disney World with a Halloween theme. Khloe struggles with her vision because of retinoblastoma, a cancer of the eyes that starts in the retina.

"Our partners and staff were delighted to play a part in making Khloe's wish come true," said Micki Siner, CPA and shareholder at VonLehman Indianapolis. "We look forward to helping other children and families as we build our relationship with Make-A-Wish here in Indianapolis."

VonLehman is a full-service CPA and business advisory firm that provides accounting, tax, strategic business advice, and turnaround services to closely-held businesses, not-for-profit organizations and governmental entities throughout Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and Indianapolis regions. See vlcpa.com for more information.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Klosterman Bakery delivery hub welcomed

Beech Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley this week welcomed the arrival of a Klosterman Bakery delivery hub to the city. Klosterman is one of the largest family-owned bakeries in the Midwest. The facility, located in an industrial park at the corner of Elm wood and Churchman Avenues, is expected to employ 40-50 workers. The company is moving the distribution operation to Beech Grove from the Eastside of Indianapolis. "Relocating this facility to Beech Grove sends a strong message that our city is moving in the right direction as a place where employers want to do business," Buckley said. "We welcome Klosterman with open arms, and we hope more companies will follow once they see the amenities we have to offer." This marks the third major company to re-locate in our industrial park this year. Recently Lamping Huser Heating and Cooling, Wash-Pro, and Industrial Paint Coating have opened up shop in our beloved city. Buckley said local development has picked up as the city has made much-needed improvements to its infrastructure and business district. Since January 2012, Beech Grove has invested almost \$1 million in paving and sewer projects. By the end of 2014, the city will have invested more than \$1 million in roads, excluding Main Street with an overall infrastructure improvement investment of approximately \$1.5 million.

Franciscan St. Francis Health selects manager

Jennifer Davenport has been appointed manager for Central Scheduling at Franciscan St. Francis Health. She most previously served as manager of the Physician Office Navigator program, where she supervised the operations of 12 Navigator sites within Franciscan Physician Network. Davenport, an Indianapolis resident, studied journalism at Ball State University and earned her certification in phlebotomy at Med Tech College in Greenwood.

Is the Affordable Care Act Marketplace right for you?

For SSTimes by Christian Duncan of Duncan Benefit Group

Since the opening of the first enrollment period of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant plans, there is still much confusion within the market. It is my belief that insurance consumers should

understand that seeking coverage through the Health Insurance Exchange (or Marketplace) is most practical when their household income is at a level in which "affordability" provisions may be offered. Currently, there are two types of affordability provisions

1) Premium Tax Credits
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2) Cost Sharing Reductions Reduces your out-of-pocket costs as you receive care

The premium tax credit is offered to persons with incomes between 100% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL). The Cost Sharing Reduction is available to individuals with incomes between 100% and 250% of the

Single Individual:

Premium Tax Credit Under \$45,960/year

Cost Share Reductions Under \$28,725/year

Family of 4:

Premium Tax Credit Under \$94,200/year

Cost Share Reductions Under \$58,875/year

Generally speaking, if an individual is offered coverage through an employer, they would not be eligible for the affordability provisions offered by the marketplace-based coverage. The exception to this is if the employer's plan is certified as being "unaffordable."

Coverage through the employer would be unaffordable if either the plan does not pay the actuarial equivalent* of 60% of medical costs or the employee is asked to pay more than 9.5% of his or her in-

pay more than 9.5% of his or her income (without regard to dependent costs).

In cases where the employer-provided coverage is deemed affordable, the coverage is also deemed affordable for the dependents of the employee. The dependents then cannot elect to seek coverage through the Marketplace and be awarded any of the affordability provisions, regardless of household income.

While I believe the Marketplace will create tremendous opportunities for some individuals and families, it may not be a solution for all households. I believe individuals should consider the table above as a guide to determining if affordability provisions will be available. If your income is above those in the table for the respective family size, looking at the Marketplace coverage offers no advantages. Coverage will still be available outside of the Marketplace.

Whether or not Marketplace based coverage is more suitable to your situation, it's important to note that many elements of the insurance policy are changing. Additionally, the network of covered providers of care is drastically changing with many plans. I would highly recommend consulting with a licensed health insurance agent as you consider options.

*Relates to the statistical calculation of risk and used to describe a health plan that has an equivalent statistical calculation of risk as another plan.

For additional information please contact Christian Duncan, LUTCF, RHU°, REBC°, at 791-1410 or email to Cmduncan1@aol.com.

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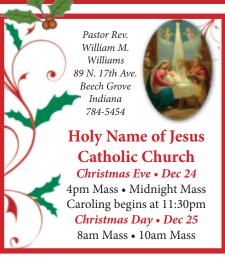
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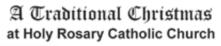
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2013







Tuesday, December 24

4:30 p.m. — Mass in English 8 p.m. — Traditional Latin Mass 10 p.m. — Anglican Use Mass Midnight — Mass in English

Wednesday, December 25

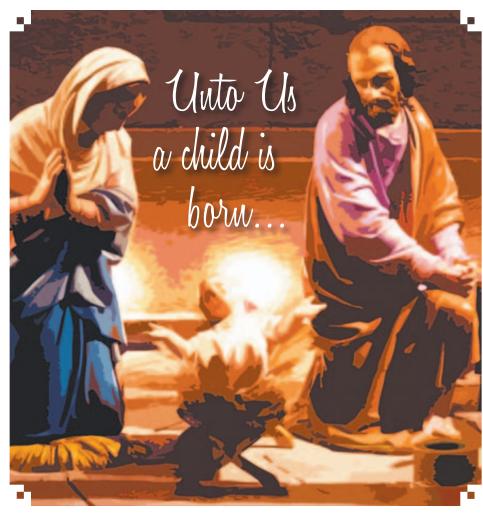
7 a.m. — Traditional Latin Mass 9:30 a.m. — Mass in English

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Holiday Mass Schedule

December 24-Christmas Eve

Children's Liturgy-4 p.m.

Doors open—3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Musical Prelude—3:40 p.m.

Evening Mass-7 p.m.

Musical Prelude-6:30 p.m.

Almost Midnight Mass—10:45 p.m.

Musical Prelude-10 p.m.

December 25-Christmas Day

Morning Mass—10 a.m. Sacred Sing-a-long—9:30 a.m.

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~ Isaiah 9:6-7a

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Bake up holiday memories

RECIPE

For SSTimes by Family Features

For many families, the holidays are all about getting together to share old traditions that take place in the kitchen.

From rolling out sheets of dough to wrapping up cookies with a festive touch, incorporating baking into your holiday traditions is something that everyone in the family can join in on. Remember, successful baking begins with quality ingredients, so make sure your pantry is stocked with the essentials, such as

Clabber Girl baking powder. Once you have everything you need, your family can create tasty holiday goodies and memories to last a lifetime.

Here are some baking traditions you can start with your own family:

Bake and decorate

Start a tradition

of baking and decorating holiday cookies. Even the very young can get involved by placing icing, sprinkles and other fun goodies on cookies.

Make it a cookie day

Gather as many relatives as you can for a day of baking cookies. Start by pooling all of your ingredients together. Then, let the baking begin. With so many hands in the kitchen, you'll have a little cookie workshop in no time. At the end of the day you can divide out the cookies evenly so everyone can share with friends. For more great recipes, visit clabbergirl.com.

Deliver holiday smiles

Baking is only half the fun. After you've baked and boxed up your goodies, make it a family affair to hand deliver them to neighbors and friends. The recipients will love the friendly touch almost as much as the tasty treats.

The tradition of baking festive goodies is one that every family member will look forward to each holiday season. Here is a new twist on a holiday favorite to add to your baking list:

Candy Cane Biscotti

- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon Clabber Girl Baking Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- · 2 large eggs
- 1 cup finely crushed candy canes
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- · 4 squares while chocolate, melted



Clabber Girl Baking Powder and salt in large bowl; set aside. Cream together the sugar, butter, water, peppermint extract and eggs in large bowl with electric mixer at medium

speed until well blended. Add flour mixture, 1/2 cup crushed candy canes and almonds. Beat on low speed until just blended.

Divide dough in half. Shape each half into 10-by-3-inch log; place each log on separate prepared cookie sheet. Bake each log 30 minutes or until center is firm to the touch. Let cool 15 to 20 minutes.

Using a serrated knife, cut logs diagonally into 1/2-inch slices. Place on cookie sheets. Bake 15 minutes; turn and bake 12 to 15 minutes longer or until edges are browned. Cool completely on wire racks.

Dip each cookie halfway into melted chocolate. Before chocolate solidifies, dip ends into remaining crushed candy canes or sprinkle crushed candy onto chocolate. Store in a tightly covered container.



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By the (grammar) power vested in me

GRAMMAR GUY

Question:

"Is it incorrect to say, 'Me and Sandy went shopping.' I was taught that in all instances

you should say the other person's name first. Also, I have heard the phrase: 'By the powers invested in me, I now pronounce you husband and wife.' Is it not, 'By the powers vested in me?'" - (Judy Marcum)

Thanks for writing in, Judy. We'll get both of your questions knocked out quick-snap.

As far as compound subjects go, you are correct: The speaker places

himself or herself last. You would say, "Sandy and I went shopping," or "John, Mary, Joan, Sally, Sandy and I went shopping." It doesn't matter how many subjects there are: As a matter of convention, the speaker is placed last.

Note: This is only true for compound subjects. Compound objects have no such prescription, and thus you could just as correctly say "between you and me" as "between me and you."

Now, on to our wedding conundrum: Does the state "invest" in clergy (or judges, clerks of court, clerk-treasurers, etc.) or are powers "vested" in them? Let's look at the definitions.

To "invest" means to "expend money with

the expectation of achieving a profit or material result by putting it into financial schemes, etc." On the other hand, to be "vested" means "secured in the possession of or assigned to a person." It can also mean supplied with a vest, but that's beside the point.

The two words are similar, I'll grant you – though "invest" denotes a financial or monetary allocation, while to be "vested" has more abstract objects: powers, rights, responsibilities.

To answer the question, I think we see that the correct statement should be, "By the powers vested in me..." Unless, of course, you actually have a device that returns more power than what was put into it, in which case I suspect GE would be interested in taking you to

Jordan Fischer is a contributing columnist for The Southside Times. To ask Jordan a grammar question, write him at rj-





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- 1. Beech Grove HS marching band trumpet's sound
- 6. Dutch export at The Cheese Shop
- 10. Yemen's Gulf of
- 14. Christmas lights sites 15. White River barrier
- 16. Hurting from a long session at
- 17. Send a 140-character message
- 18. Indiana Downs trot or canter 19. Went like the dickens on I-65
- 20. Holiday tune with the lyrics
- "Prospero Ano v Felicidad" (2 wds.)
- 23. Use lots of Verizon minutes
- 26. Catch sight of 27. Ticked off
- 28. Desert Wind show horse
- 30. Noah's landfall
- 34. Center Grove Little League coach, often
- 35. Resell Colts tickets
- 37. Acropolis' food on a stick
- 39. Holiday tune with the lyrics "And on every street corner you'll

- 43. ISO's "grand" instrument
- 44. Canterbury Hotel offering
- 47. Community Hospital x-ray unit, briefly
- 50. Assembly Hall and Mackey, e.g.
- 53. Distinctive flair
- 54. Beefcake Burgers topper
- 56. Greet the opposing team at Memorial Stadium
- 58. French Lick Resort Casino roulette choice
- 59. Holiday tune with the lyrics "Tis
- the season to be jolly" (3 wds.) 64. Mideast title
- 65. Sweeping story
- 66. Senegal's capital
- 70. 1492 ship of note
- 71. Patriot's Table handout
- 72. Ex-Indiana Fever player White
- 73. IND luggage IDs
- 74. Southport HS volleyball stats
- 75. Sharply dressed, like a WRTV

Down

1. Indiana Grand Casino wager

- 2. Baker & Daniels field
- 3. Madison or Keystone follower: Abbr.
- 4. Coral ridge
- 5. Local car czai
- 6 More tense
- 7. HLN sports anchor from Indy: Carlos
- 8. Similar (to)
- 9. Prefix with physics
- 10. Buzzing with activity, like Greenwood Park Mall at Christmas
- 11. Thingamajig
- 12. Typos
- 13. Essential
- 21. Grazing ground
- 22. IU Health measurements
- 23. Marathon product
- 24. Circle segment in a Roncalli HS
- math class 25. Indiana State Fair ovine calls
- 29. WTHR weather radar image
- 31. Goodyear's Ohio home
- 32. Former Pacers' PA announcer:
- 33. Indiana's Lincoln

- 36. Flexible
- 38. Indiana flag color
- 40. Dictionary abbr.
- 41. Greenwood-to-Richmond dir.
- 42. Hoosier farm storage cylinder
- 45. Wee bit
- 46. Perry Meridian HS lineman
- 47. Agape Pest Control target
- 48. Iron-poor blood condition
- 49. Cutting carrots at The Country
- 51. Asian calculator
- 52. El ____ De Tala Mexican Restaurant
- 55. Gumbo veggies
- 57. Antiquated 60. Sunny's Alterations lines
- 61. Indianapolis Fencing Club sword
- 62. Help for the stumped...it starts
- 63. "...nobody doesn't like ____ Lee"
- 67. Hobby Lobby buy
- 68. Perform at the IRT
- 69. Kia dealer Skillman

Answers see Page 22

Use all the letter segments below to fill in the answers to the clues. The number of segments you will use in each answer is shown in parentheses. The dashes indicate the number of letters in each answer. Each segment is used only once.

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- 1) Popular Kids Clothing Store (2)
- _____
- 2) Pacers Center (3)
- 3) Women's Magazine (4)
- 4) Fishers' County (3)
- 5) Sylvester Stallone Role (2)

Using the letters in SNOW DAY, create as many common words of 3+ letters as you can in 20 minutes. No proper nouns or foreign words.

SNOW DAY

40+: Word wizard 30-39 Brainiac 20-29: Not too shabby <20: Try again next week Find the items in the puzzle going up, down, sideways or diagonally and list them. Each letter is used no more than once

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Grant supports Ulndy career incubator

A \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. will boost the University of Indianapolis' efforts to create stronger career and business opportunities for students and alumni through its new Professional Edge Center. UIndy launched the center this fall by merging career services, alumni relations and community service functions into a coordinated effort to stoke entrepreneurship and connect liberal arts majors with mentors and career paths in leading Indiana industries. The Professional Edge Center staff works with academic departments and alumni to develop tailored curriculum and provide students with practical experiences, professional certifications and ongoing business connections in their respective fields. The endowment provided funding as part of its Initiative to Promote Opportunities Through Educational Collaborations. Central to the Professional Edge Center's activities is the formation of eight teams of educators and business professionals, one to support entrepreneurism and seven others representing business sectors that are academic strengths for Ulndy and vital elements of the Indiana economy: health care, financial services, manufacturing and logistics, communications, public service, nonprofit management and the arts. On the entrepreneurism track, the Professional Edge Center is collaborating with the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and its Business Ownership Initiative to create a microlending fund for students, alumni, faculty and community members who have promising startup proposals. The university will provide office space for business incubation and assistance in seeking investors. For more information, visit uindy.edu/professional-edge.

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An event called Christmas

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor Paul A. Kirby

"...For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." ~ Isaiah 9:5-7

Christmas is not a holiday, it is an event. It is an event that changed the course of the future and explained the past. By the birth of Christ, the past history of the world was better understood. All the anxiety, all the anticipation came to a conclusion in the birth of God's only begotten Son. In Him the hope of the world was realized. This child born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago was no tyrant, He was "wonderful" to behold and would be "wonderful" in the exercise of His government. He came to offer us a different kind of kingdom than that of man's making. His was a kingdom of peace and a kingdom of prosperity and of unspeakable joy. Yet, He was rejected and, I might add, His kingdom along with Him.

This Son, born into our world and given to us as the greatest of all gifts from God, would bear the burden of His government upon His shoulders. As I have said, He would be (and is) in the oversight of His government. He is our counselor, He is our mighty God, He is everlasting Father, Prince of Peace and, by this very nature His kingdom would be built up. There is no end to it. It is the kingdom set up in the days of the kings spoken of by Daniel which would never end, never be defeated, never be overthrown, never experience a change of its Leader. Even as the kingdom is eternal so is the Leader (King) of it. He has established the order of it and that cannot be changed for if it is changed, it is no longer His kingdom but the kingdom of those who changed it. That does not mean that His kingdom no longer exists, it only means that they left it to establish one of their own but His continues on into eternity and without those who seek to make it over again in their own image. His kingdom is from "henceforth and forever. We know that this is accomplished by the zeal of the Lord and not at all by mankind.

As I said, Christmas is not a holiday, it is an event that changed the course of the future and explained the past. Rest in this truth throughout the celebration of this man made holiday and thank God for what He has made of the birth of His only begotten Son.

God bless and go and have a great day.

Paul A. Kirby is the pastor at the Church of God at 3939 S. Em-

No time to stop for Christmas?

Chester's Chuckle

Q: What did the Papa

Buffalo say to his child

as he went off to work?

A: Bye Son!

CHESTER'S CORNER

By James D. Allen

t's that time of year. Jim and all the churches have special "family" services. That means little

kids are forced to memorize stuff and stand up in public and recite things. Moms make us wear cute clothes. Our pictures get taken. Elderly relatives pinch us on the cheek and exclaim, "My how you've grown!" Being a dummy I never grow so at least I escape the pinching ritual.

At Jim's church they're hav-

ing the pre-school kids do a 20-minute program on a Sunday morning. Surely that is enough. But no... they make kids light the Advent Candles 4 Sundays in a row. Then they have a combined song service (that is, adults and children) the next week. If that isn't enough they drag us out to go caroling to "shut-ins." These are old people who are too weak to get out very often; so we go to them. I know it is a nice thing to do but this time of year is pretty cold and I always end up with slush in my shoes so my feet get cold. They could at least bribe us with hot chocolate when it's over. No this year, after caroling, we get to attend a Cub Scout dinner. Why is Jim so committed to busy work? Can't we relax, slow down, and maybe go for a drive and view the beautiful lights people have put up? At least give me time to change my socks!

The final hurdle is the Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. We always have to go early because the crowd is large. Jim always preaches on the same passage from Luke about the birth of Jesus. Don't people get tired of hearing that story year

after year?

There is one neat thing about it. We light candles and sing "Silent Night" while all the house lights are off. It is pretty and I never get tired of that one. Besides, after that, mercifully, the service is over.

But wait, Jim and his beloved usually go to her old church at 11 p.m. that same evening! Fanatics! Church twice in the same evening? I volunteer to stay home and guard the presents. But they usually pull me along with them.

Christmas morning we all sleep in. Then we leisurely open presents and eat a late breakfast. I'm the only little kid in the house. So I can fun with my toys right away (there's no waiting for child after child to open things).

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