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- RUTH SPENCER, LOCAL 4 NEWS



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- DEBORAH PORTERFIELD, GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

SATURDAY JUMP START

OVERHEARD

“She was left standing. Give her a year or two.”

AGNES HITCHCOCK, leader of the Call 'Em Out Coalition, a local grassroots group known for harsh criticisms of politicians, who said the Detroit Public Schools board's selection Thursday of Connie Calloway was wonderful. **STORY, 3A**

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Getting it straight

The Free Press corrects all errors of fact. If you know of an error, please call the newsroom at 313-222-6600.

■ A photo caption in Friday's Names & Faces incorrectly spelled the last name of Local 4 News anchor Rhonda Walker.

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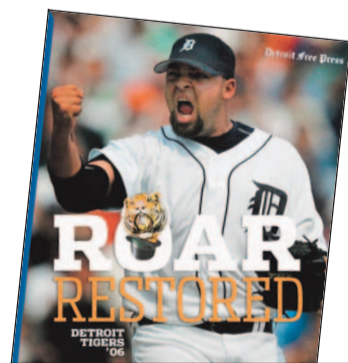
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NEWS2USE



WILLIAM ARCHIE/Detroit Free Press

START WITH THE CLOSET: Consignment shops — also called resale shops — buy clothes, shoes and other items you want to get rid of. Some pay you on the spot. Others give you a percentage of the final sale price. And right now, most are looking for spring clothing.

GET CASH FROM SPRING CLEANING

Though it might not feel like it outside, spring arrives — officially, at least — in just 11 days. With the change in season comes ... spring cleaning. Planning a yard sale is a good idea, but letting someone else do the selling for you is less tiring.

Nicole Christ is the owner of Nicole's Revival, a consignment shop in Redford Township. She purchases clothes, shoes and other items people want to get rid of, offering on-the-spot payment in some cases. Then she sells the items to customers who come into her store.

“For 15 years, I've been doing this, and lately it's just an unbelievable amount of people selling stuff,” said Christ, who lives in Farmington Hills.

Generally, consignment shops accept items and pay the owners a percentage — typically 60% or less of the selling price — if the items sell. A consignment shop can also be called a resale shop. It's different from a thrift store, which is run by not-for-profit organization

Christ prefers to speak first on the phone with people who have goods to sell, because she has tips for them before they visit her shop.

TELL WHAT YOU HAVE

Take inventory of what you want to sell, she said. List the item (shirt, coat, bridesmaid dress, etc.), brand or designer, season, whether it's men's, women's or children's, and the amount you want from the sale.

“All you have to say is, ‘I have 16 men's shirts. Eight of them long-sleeve, eight are short-sleeve, their brands include ... and the sizes are ... That totally gives me an idea of

what you have,” said Christ, who can tell you what she wants to buy in a matter of minutes.

YOU'D BETTER SHOP AROUND

Call around to see what items stores accept and when.

If you have a bunch of shoes to sell, you could say: “I'd really like to get \$5 a pair. Is that reasonable in your store?”

And don't take it personally if you feel the store lowballs you, Christ said. “A lot of these places don't pay a lot. Ask up front. Don't be sensitive. We're all trying to make a dollar.”

Some stores accept clothes year-round, but most prefer seasonal clothes. Right now, consignment shops are typically looking for spring clothing.

MAKE SURE IT'S QUALITY

Christ said she gets items from local celebrities, newscasters, lawyers, bankers and doctors from “yuppie areas like West Bloomfield, Birmingham and some from Grosse Pointe.”

“Teeny-bop brands like Abercrombie & Fitch, Donna Karan, Hollister, I personally might not be interested. I do carry it in here, but I don't want it anymore. ... I cater to someone who likes to shop at Somerset but they can't afford it.”

Chanel, St. John, Giorgio Armani, Prada, Gucci, Manolo Blahnik and Louis Vuitton are brands that command her attention.

Nicole's Revival is at 25525 W. Seven Mile. For more information, call 313-531-1234 or go to www.nicolesrevival.com. The store is open weekdays from noon to 6 p.m., Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. and “closed every Sunday for church,” Christ said.

Men speak up

Last week's News2Use on what to ask before a first date drew responses from readers who thought it was too much from the women's side.

■ As one caller said, “All you women think that all us men are all the same, and you're all wrong. Women do not like nice guys ... who treat them with respect. I am professionally employed. I am a sweetheart of a guy, and I can't even get a date. I'm obviously not pretty enough.”

■ Daniel Pierniak of St. Clair Shores wrote: “Being a 57-year-old 'senior' DWM — divorced white male — I have had my 'unfair share of bad ones' also. But I do have to admit, most all of the tips in the article are good ones when seeking out a prospective date.”



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