Retailers geared up for busy shopping season

The women on your gift-giving list will be especially happy with local store options

By Vera Hogan
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It’s been a banner year for the women in the Fenton area, who have for years been looking for more shopping options when it comes to women’s wear.

One of the first lady’s boutiques to come to Fenton was Eclections, located in the plaza at Silver Lake Road and Fernday Drive.

Eclections brings the latest trends in women’s fashion, footwear, jewelry and accessories to Fenton. They have recently added a section for men.

From athleisure wear and denim to casual career pieces, Eclections carries brands including Bobeau, Nordstrom’s number one fashion line, as well as an eclectic mix of junior/missy styles from Lucky Brand, Karen Kane, Tribal, Lister, Columbia, Blu Pepper, Umgee, Ryu and more.

“We’re proud to be the exclusive area Bobeau retailer,” said Eclections owner Nicole McCurdy in a recent interview.

See SHOPPING on 17A

Surprise storm wreaks havoc in area

Genesee County second highest in state with more than 4,000 outages

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In Genesee County, 4,000 customers lost power between Friday, Nov. 18 and Monday morning, Nov. 21, according to Debra Dodd, Consumers Energy spokesperson.

Jackson County was the only other county in Michigan to have more outages.

See STORM on 14A

LaJoice saga coming to an end — finally

Likely to get 10 years in prison

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Earlier this month, a plea agreement was reached in United States District (federal) Court with Michael LaJoice pleading guilty to embezzling more than $18 million from the credit union, at which he was chief financial officer.

His Oakland County Circuit Court case is pending.

The saga of Michael LaJoice began in October of 2015, when during a press conference at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, he revealed plans for a multi-million dollar, multi-use project dubbed “Riverview.”

See LAJOICE on 11A

"If any teacher is actually behaving like the Hot line stated, sobbing and scaring the students with dire predictions about Trump, he or she should be immediately removed from the school system due to being mentally unstable and a viable threat to the kids. Do your job, administrators."
We are thankful for so many blessings in life and especially for **ALL of our family, friends and clients** who made this a special year.

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With Christmas almost here it is time to visit Crossroads Village in Flint. In this November 2014 photo, the engine for the Huckleberry Railroad roars into the station to meet the waiting crowd. It is highly recommended that train tickets are purchased ahead of time by calling (810) 736-7100, ext. 6.

Lot's to do locally to create CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

■ Holiday fun and entertainment abounds for young and old

By Sally Rummel
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You’ll find lots of holiday fun in the tri-county area and if your “sleigh” doesn’t mind a slight jaunt, you’ll enjoy many special events that will be worth the trip.

Christmas at Crossroads Holiday Magic in Flint

Bundle up your family and visit during this special time, beginning Friday, Nov. 25-27 and continuing on weekends Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 20-23 and 26-30. Thousands of sparkling lights will take you back to yesteryear, with vintage crafts, old-fashioned shops and a festive nighttime ride on Huckleberry Railroad. It is highly recommended that train tickets are purchased ahead of time by calling (810) 736-7100, ext. 6.

For more details, visit: geneseecountyparks.org/pages/Christmas

Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village in Dearborn

Step into a Christmas card from the past with a visit during December weekends (Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 20-23, 26-30), from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Take a lantern-lit journey into a living snow globe filled with live music, skating, fireworks and winter wonder, including Santa and his reindeer. For more information, visit: thehenryford.org.

30th annual Jesus Walk at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church

A tri-county hometown Christmas tradition is the Jesus Walk at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church. The event will be Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17 and 18, from 5 to 8 p.m., journeying through the live production of the true meaning of Christmas — from the prophecy of God’s promise of a savior, through the events leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ. The church calls this “their Christmas gift to the community,” and welcomes people to make it an annual tradition. Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church is at 10235 White Lake Rd., telephone (810) 629-1261.

See MEMORIES on 20A

Eating a small snack before arriving at a holiday potluck dinner can prevent partygoers from overeating.

Worried about gaining a few pounds this holiday?

■ Feast all you want on Thanksgiving and Christmas, but watch yourself on the days in between

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It’s not your Thanksgiving dinner or your feast on Christmas day that causes the dreaded holiday weight gain between Thanksgiving and New Year’s.

It’s all those days in between that provide unlimited opportunities for snacking on office Christmas cookies, parties and drinks and a “tis the season all-or-nothing” holiday binge attitude.

Cooking Light magazine suggests some easy ways to savor the season without totally blowing your healthy eating lifestyle.

• Have a small snack before you party. If you skip eating, that strategy will likely backfire. Reach for a snack that supplies satisfying protein, fiber and healthy fat, like yogurt with granola and fruit, so you won’t likely go wild at the office party buffet.

See GAINING on 13A

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Thanksgiving never changes — thankfully!

Holidays, like most things in life, are constantly evolving to reflect the subtle changes brought about by the culture of the current generation. That’s why Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It’s one that somehow escaped the evolutionary process of commercialization and exploitation that is so prevalent in today’s profit-and-loss driven world.

Most other holidays are not so fortunate. Christmas has evolved from a religious holiday to an embarrassing over-hyped, commercial event that is the basis for generating far more heartbeat (needy children, alcohol-related trauma, holiday stress) than good cheer.

New Year’s Eve and day are more about football, overeating and booze than self-improvement or personal reflection. Easter Sunday has managed to maintain much of its religious dignity but is in constant peril of being erased by bunnies, colored eggs, bonnets and baskets.

I’m personally thankful that no legislator has introduced a bill to celebrate Thanksgiving on Monday in order to give everyone a three-day weekend.

I’m very thankful that Thanksgiving is pretty much the same as it was when I was a child — a time for families to gather and celebrate the fact that they are alive and living in the most bountiful country in the world.

I’m thankful for winter, where the cold weather is a welcome change and makes me all the more appreciative of spring and summer.

I’m thankful for the early darkness and long nights, which provide me with a period of relaxation not possible during the hectic days of summer.

I’m thankful for the decades of selective breeding of turkeys that makes them practically idiot-proof to cook. I expect that in just a few more years, they will be hatched already equipped with a cooking bag and that little, pop-up thermometer.

I’m thankful that I don’t have everything I desire in life. If I did, there would be nothing to look forward to.

I’m thankful for the setbacks in my life that teach me how to deal with adversity.

I’m thankful for having to arise out of bed early each morning, because it means I have a job and am needed.

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I’m thankful for the many things I learn each day, because being reminded of how ignorant I am helps to keep me humble.

It seems to me that most of us find it convenient to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. Our blessings are easy to recognize and even easier to give thanks for. Someone once said, ‘Be thankful for what you have and you’ll always have more. Focus on what you don’t have and you’ll never have enough.’

I agree. I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

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These are the best-rated children’s books for 2016

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According to Parenting Magazine, the following are the top children’s books for 2016:

Big Fish Little Fish
by Jonathan Litton, illustrated by Fliona Galloway
Ages: Birth-3
In this tale about how eels, hammerheads, tiddlers, and other sea creatures spend their day, fish-shaped cutouts will help hold the attention of toddlers. Basic opposites, like slow and fast, sad and happy, and big and little, make this book relevant into preschool.

TouchThinkLearn:ABC
by Xavier Deneux
Ages: 2-5
While the word choices for each letter are clever — U stands for universe — the design is what makes this book stand out. The raised die-cut letters encourage toddlers and preschoolers to trace them with their fingers.

Goodnight Everyone
by Chris Haughton
Ages: 3-6
Parents appreciate the calming, repetitive phrasing like “abhhhh” and “we’re too tired” while kids related to the plot — all the animals are sleepy except Little Bear. The book feels substantial, but it can be finished in 10 minutes.

The Cookie Fiasco
by Mo Willems and Dan Santat
Ages: 4-7
A relatable problem, not having enough cookies to share, familiar faces and simple yet funny dialogue made this title the category’s runaway winner. One mom said seeing characters Elephant and Piggie again helped her boys, ages 4 and 6, transition to the new characters, and they were able to read most of the words themselves.

Hedgehugs and the Hattiepillar
by Steve Wilson and Lucy Tapper
Ages: 3-7
In this follow-up to Hedgehugs — a tale of two hedgehog friends who try to find a comfy way to hug despite their spikiness — the besties notice a wriggly, stripy thing under a leaf. Kids marvel over its transformation from caterpillar to butterfly, and how the pair of hedgehugs get into the act.

There’s a Giraffe in My Soup
by Ross Burach
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Bottom line — if you want to stop, you can. Einstein said, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing the same way over and over and expecting a different result.” The old ways just don’t work. Hypnosis is not perfect, but it’s the best there is. Remember, the patch can’t help win the war in your head.

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Thanksgiving Day parades in New York and Detroit began in 1924

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Nothing is more synonymous with Thanksgiving Day than the two big parades that have stepped off in two major cities since 1924 — the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade on Herald Square in New York City, and America’s Thanksgiving Day Parade on Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade

Every year more than 3.5 million New Yorkers line the route of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade while 50 million television viewers tune in to watch the holiday pageant of giant character balloons, floats, celebrities and marching bands, according to history.com.

The first Macy’s parade on Thanksgiving morning of 1924 was a much more humble affair that bore the name of an altogether different holiday.

As the United States prospered during the Roaring Twenties, so did New York City’s iconic department store — Macy’s. After going public in 1922, R. H. Macy & Co. started to acquire competitors and open regional locations. Macy’s flagship store in Manhattan’s Herald Square did so by noontime, the parade finally arrived at its end in front of Macy’s Herald Square store where 10,000 people cheered Santa as he descended from his sleigh.

In spite of its timing, the parade was not actually about Thanksgiving at all but the next major holiday on the calendar — Christmas. Macy’s hoped its “Christmas Parade” would whet the appetites of consumers for a holiday shopping feast.

To showcase the opening of the “World’s Largest Store” and its 1 million square feet of retail space at the start of the busy holiday shopping season, Macy’s decided to throw New York a parade on Thanksgiving morning.

By 1927, Macy’s gave the children of New York a particularly special Thanksgiving treat as a police escort led the start of the parade from the intersection of 145th Street and Convent Avenue.

Bringing up the rear of the parade was a float bearing the guest of honor — Santa Claus — sitting in his reindeer-driven sleigh on top of a mountain of ice.

America’s Thanksgiving Day Parade

The Thanksgiving parade has been a holiday tradition in Detroit for more than 80 years, according to the Detroit Historical Society. Founded by J.L. Hudson’s, downtown Detroit’s legendary department store, the parade first rolled down Woodward Avenue in 1924.

For generations of Michigan families, the official holiday season did not start until “the real Santa Claus” stepped from the parade’s final float onto the Woodward marque of Hudson’s to accept the key to both the city “and the hearts of good children everywhere.”

The next day, elevators whisked throngs of parents and children up to the store’s magnificently-decorated toyland for a personal visit with the man in red velvet.

Detroit’s first Thanksgiving parade featured horses pulling a float decorated with Mother Goose, four papier-mâché heads and seven marching bands. Over the years, the parade’s size and scope has grown significantly, as it has entertained millions of bundled-up fans along its two-mile route down Woodward with giant balloons, floats, marching bands, cartoon characters, celebrities and more.

First televised locally in 1948, the parade is now broadcast nationally to more than 100 million viewers. Hudson’s stopped sponsoring the parade in 1979, four years before closing its mammoth downtown store for good. But if the Hudson’s name is gone (along with its flagstaff downtown store), the event lives on as America’s Thanksgiving Parade.

(Sources: Macy’s; Detroit Historical Society)
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LAJOICE
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It would, had it become a reality have been built at Adelaide and Caroline streets. It was to have featured restaurants, offices, living spaces and Chasse Ballroom & Dance Studio, which was owned by LaJoice and his wife, Ashleigh.

A couple of months later, the proverbial rug was pulled out from under everyone when LaJoice walked into the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office on Jan. 6, and admitted to embezzling $20 million from his employer. Since then, a flurry of activities has taken place. The following is a timeline of what has occurred so far. LaJoice is scheduled to be sentenced for his crimes on March 21, 2017.

Michael LaJoice
TIMELINE
Compiled By Vera Hogan

WOW!
Oct. 29, 2015
There were audible gasps and cheers each time Michael LaJoice revealed a new part of his and his wife Ashleigh’s plans for the property at 225 West Caroline St.

Riverview...at a glance
Jan. 15, 2016
The landscape of Fenton is about to be changed by one of the largest development projects to be undertaken in the city of Fenton.

‘Riverview’ final site plans unanimously approved
Dec. 23, 2015
The “Riverview” project is one step closer to becoming a reality now that the Fenton Planning Commission has unanimously approved final site plans.

Riverview project developer jailed
Jan. 8, 2016
In what will likely be a shocking turn of events for the Fenton community, the massive Riverview project slated to go where the old Toppis produce market was located could be a bust.

Michael LaJoice charged with embezzling $20 million
Jan. 8, 2016
LaJoice sat quietly, staring blankly at the camera, while Oakland County Magistrate Daniel Shouman read the 14 counts of embezzlement, which allegedly took place from October 2015 to December 2015.

LaJoice remains in jail
Jan. 13, 2016
Rather than showing up for work as a chief financial officer at the Brandon-Clarkston Community Credit Union, or tending to duties associated with running LaJoice Properties and Chasse Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton, Michael LaJoice has been spending his days and nights in the Oakland County Jail.

Credit union issues statement about LaJoice embezzlement
Jan. 13, 2016
Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union leadership wants to first and foremost convey to our members that our branches are open and fully functional, and our full staff remains ready to meet members’ financial service needs.

LaJoice spent nearly $2.5 million buying Fenton properties in last six months
Jan. 13, 2016
A check of the city of Fenton’s property records reveal that Michael LaJoice purchased seven properties since June 2015, for a total of $2,466,500.

State takes over LaJoice’s former credit union
Jan. 15, 2016
To protect membership and to ensure uninterrupted access to funds, the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) took action on Wednesday to conserve Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union (CBCCU).

Chassé owner almost always topped list of local donors
Jan. 15, 2016
Local charities and non-profit groups are reeling from the sting of hypocrisy, learning that Michael LaJoice’s financial support of their projects and events allegedly came from embezzled funds, rather than his own wallet.

County prosecutor hopes more charges
Jan. 15, 2016
Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper expects Michael LaJoice will face more charges.

Tenants struggle to find security deposit funds
Jan. 15, 2016
A few of the homes Michael LaJoice purchased within the past six months have tenants still residing in them.

Riverview project
Jan. 15, 2016
It is still too early to fully know what impact the Michael LaJoice debacle will have on the city of Fenton and surrounding communities.

The $20-million question everyone is asking: ‘How could the credit union not know what was going on?’
Jan. 15, 2016
The biggest question local residents might have asked in recent months regarding Michael LaJoice’s business dealings has been, “Where did he get his money?”

Treasurer’s quick action protects over $1 million
Jan. 20, 2016
It was a case of the Groveland Township treasurer being in the right place at the right time. Upon hearing the news of the LaJoice embezzlement, he took quick action to protect township funds.

LaJoice to be evaluated for competency
Jan. 20, 2016
Michael LaJoice, the owner of the now closed Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton, will be sent to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry for a competency evaluation. He is facing 14 felony counts of embezzlement after he turned himself in to the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office on Jan. 6, and admitting to embezzling $20 million.

$20 million embezzlement case could be dismissed
Feb. 3, 2016
Michael LaJoice spent his 37th birthday in the Oakland County Jail on Feb. 1. The former CFO of the Brandon Clarkston Community Credit Union, is facing 14 counts of embezzlement, each of more than $1 million. If a judge determines that a defendant is competent after a

hearing, the case proceeds. If after 15 months an incompetent defendant is not made to be competent after treatment, the case is dismissed.

LaJoice competent to assist in defense
March 2, 2016
Michael LaJoice has been declared competent to assist in his own defense.

Court finds LaJoice competent to stand trial
March 4, 2016
Michael LaJoice, the 37-year-old Tyrone Township man who admitted to embezzling $20 million from the Clarkston Brandon Credit Union, has been declared competent to stand trial.

Someone is going to pay
March 18, 2016
The list of questions people are asking about the Michael LaJoice case is endless. How did he do it … How did he get away with it for so long … Did his wife know … Why didn’t the bank auditors catch this …? David Walker, owner of Hartland Insurance Agency, Inc. and IIABA (Independent insurance Agents & Brokers of America) chairman, said he finds the insurance ramifications of this very interesting.

Preliminary exam waived for Michael LaJoice
March 22, 2016
Michael LaJoice, the Tyrone Township man charged with embezzling $20 million from his former credit union employer, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, waived his right to a preliminary examination on Tuesday.

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Family food favorites come out on Thanksgiving

By Vera Hogan
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Thanksgiving is a time when family and friends gather to celebrate each other and the many wonderful people and things for which they are thankful.

Part of that celebration, of course, is the big Thanksgiving feast, which normally includes a succulent roast turkey with all the trimmings, including mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing (or stuffing) which can be made hundreds of ways depending on the family, cranberries, and vegetables of all description, decadent desserts of all kinds and much more.

Almost every family has a favorite they bring to the table, some of which are handed down from generation to generation.

The following are a couple of family favorites from community members.

Bacon and Brussels Sprouts

Cherie Smith is a city of Fenton resident and member of the Fenton City Council. She shares her Bacon and Brussels Sprouts recipe.

The ingredients include four slices of thick-cut bacon, four sprigs of fresh thyme, one pound of fingerling potatoes (split down the middle), two cups of Brussels sprouts (cut into thick slices), one-half pound red pearl onions (peeled), one onion, one-half pound fingerling potatoes (peeled and a green salad with almonds and stuff. It’s our family always has the traditional turkey, potatoes gravy, assuring cranberries recipe.

But even your boss, just say “Thanks” and don’t feel obligated to read it. Why not just say “Thanks” and be done with it? After all, the holidays are not just about eating. They are about family, friends, and visiting with people. It’s not just about eating.

GAINING

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• One trip, one plate, no “towery” is the buffet rule that one diehard lives by. Make one pass at the buffet using one salad plate and no stacking up foods. Then step away.

• When contributing a dish to an office potluck, bring something healthy and delicious so you know you have at least one good option.

• Watch the liquid calories — your drinks can add up to more than a meal. Try to drink the old trick of alternating cocktails with water.

• Be choosy. Holiday indulgences should merit their calories. If a cookie is warm and gooey just out of the oven, have one. But if it’s a store-bought leftover, leave it on the plate.

• Take treats to go. When you find yourself eating out of obligation because a treat is offered to you by a family member or even your boss, just say “Thanks” and take it to go. You can take it home, put it in your freezer and enjoy it later.

• Shift your perspective. Remember that the holidays are about connecting with people. It’s not just about eating. Take your time to talk to people and listen. That will force you to put your fork down. That’s why you’re at the party or get-together in the first place, right?

HOT LINE

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REGARDING THE LIST of favorite president,

“Here’s a recipe I’ve made ever since I got married in 1972,” said Smith. “This was from my childhood neighbor who was from the south. Without failure, every- one loves this casserole and requests it for holidays,” Smith added. “I like to use fresh sweet potatoes, but a five-pound can (big can) of sweet potatoes from the shelf works just as well. Reduce sugar to one-third cup if you use the canned spuds.

The ingredients are three cups of mashed sweet potatoes, one-half cup sugar, two beaten eggs, one-quarter cup margarine, one-half cup flour and one cup chopped pecans.

Mix well and sprinkle over potato mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Marshmallow salad

The following recipe comes from Veronica Pheasant of Argentine Township. “Our family always has the traditional turkey, potatoes gravy, assuring cranberries and all the snacks and side dishes, but one of our favorite is my mom’s Mandarin salad,” said Pheasant. “It’s not a green salad with almonds and stuff. It’s the old-fashioned Mandarin salad from mom’s Betty Crocker cookbook.

Some of the little kids knew it as marshmallow salad,” Pheasant said.

The recipe calls for a whole bag of mini-marshmallows, a can of Mandarin oranges, a can of chunk pineapple and a jar of maraschino cherries, all drained.

“Mom also put in a half a cup coconut and a half cup of chopped walnuts, and a 16-ounce can of sour cream. ‘That’s right, the first time I helped her make it I couldn’t believe after all these years that it was made with sour cream,’ Pheasant said.

“You mix all the wet ingredients together with the nuts and coconut then mix in the sour cream and the marshmallows. It can be a side dish or dessert,” said Pheasant. “It was always served in a huge bowl and the leftovers were divided up after dinner. Since mom passed everyone’s tried making it but only I knew the real recipe.”
**Linden scouts pack ‘Miracle Boxes’ for troops**

By Hannah Ball  
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*Argentine Twp. — A year after Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo received a “Miracle Box” while deployed on active duty, he helped pack them for other soldiers.  
As part of the Desert Angels program, at Linden Middle School on Thursday, Nov. 17, approximately 50 scouts from Linden Troop 111, and their families, helped pack care packages, called “Miracle Boxes,” to send to soldiers on active duty.  
Koledo said the feeling that a service member gets from receiving one of the boxes is “priceless.”  
“When I was deployed, the boxes I received from the Desert Angels represented a grateful nation and a lot of love and appreciation from individuals. The effort it takes to put all that together is tremendous and much appreciated,” he said. “Sometimes there would be personal letters and/or cards from kids as well as adults. Some were so cute they were passed around, hung up in the dining facility and enjoyed in stories for days. They are a fresh breath of home, like the smell of fresh cut grass, or autumn leaves.”  
The boxes were filled with candy, deodorant, food, magazines, and many other things.  
“There are so many things our troops desperately need that they don’t have,” said Louise Blain, founder of Desert Angels. “We’re a ministry. We believe in God, country and freedom. Every box has a rosary or Bible, an American flag, a prayer cloth, a letter from somebody.”  
All the items are donated.  
Assistant Cub Master Rick Boulis said the event went great and all the scouts brought something to pack.  
“I think it instills a sense of civic pride,” he said. “It gets them thinking about our troops overseas, gives them a broader sense of a worldwide picture.”  
Candy Petty, who has two Cub Scouts and a fourth-grader leader, said the event makes a difference with both her kids.  
“Both my kids are oriented toward the service because a lot my family is in the service so they like to see that we’re giving back to the community,” she said.

**STORM**

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whose power was interrupted.  
The outages were caused by a storm that whipped through the Midwest on Friday night Nov. 18, bringing a maximum of 79 mph gusts of wind in Jackson, according to weather.com. It caused interrupted electrical service for 60,000 Michigan homes, and brought dry, cold weather with it.  
ABC 12 Meteorologist J.R. Kirtke said Genesee County withstood estimated 69 mph wind gusts. Temperatures changed from the 70s to the lower 30s in a 24-hour period. He said that that drastic change “explains the intensity of the storms that moved across Lower Michigan.”  
The winds took down trees in the area, which also brought down nearby power lines.  
Hundreds lost power in the tri-county area, with pockets in Fenton Township, Holly and Linden.  
Throngs of residents without power headed to local restaurants as they opened Saturday morning, creating a steady flow of diners.  
On Friday night, public works crews for both the city of Fenton and Fenton Township were out clearing limbs from roadways.  
A crossing gate was broken at the railroad crossing in downtown Fenton, which CN Rail Company repaired. Some hanging flower baskets are missing.  
While a far cry from the winter storm of December 2013, there was debris in the roadways on Saturday morning. In
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TIMELINE
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LaJoice’s embezzlement case heads to trial
March 25, 2016
Michael LaJoice of Tyrone Township waived his right to a preliminary exam in Oakland County’s 52-2 District Court on Tuesday.

Swindled credit union merger announced
March 29, 2016
Michael LaJoice’s former employer, Clarkson Brandon Community Credit Union, is getting a new name and backing from a much larger financial institution, the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union.

Offers made to buy LaJoice properties
April 1, 2016
While Michael LaJoice spends his days in the Oakland County Jail, his defense attorney Michael Manley spends much of his time sorting through discovery related to his client’s $20 million embezzlement case, and paperwork regarding multiple properties owned by LaJoice.

Defense waives arraignment, court enters ‘not guilty’ plea
April 5, 2016
An Oakland County Circuit Court arraignment on Monday, April 4 for Michael LaJoice was adjourned. Neither LaJoice nor his defense attorney Michael Manley attended the court hearing.

Fate of LaJoice properties still unresolved
May 6, 2016
While the defense and prosecution attorneys continue “negotiations” regarding the $20 million, criminal embezzlement charges, the disposition of Michael LaJoice’s properties and the method with which they will be disposed of, remains unknown.

Michael LaJoice charged with bank fraud in federal court
June 7, 2016
On June 7, one felony count of bank fraud was filed against LaJoice in United States District Court-Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division.

LaJoice properties sold
July 6, 2016
The downtown Fenton area properties purchased by Michael LaJoice last spring have been sold to SkyPoint Ventures, the organization owned by Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman.

No plea deal, LaJoice headed to trial
Sept. 16, 2016
Nearly nine months after turning himself in to authorities, the Tyrone Township man who admitted to embezzling $20 million from his employer will stand trial on Dec. 12.

LaJoice pleads guilty to embezzling more than $18 million
Nov. 4, 2016
A plea agreement was reached Thursday, Nov. 3 in United States District (federal) Court with Michael LaJoice pleading guilty to embezzling more than $18 million from the credit union at which he was chief financial officer. His Oakland County Circuit Court case is pending. Sentencing is scheduled for March 21, 2017. All of these articles can be read in their entirety at tetimes.com.

SHOPPING
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Denim continues to be a huge seller, from upscale brands by Cookie Johnson, Big Star and Miss Me, to an affordable line of Lee Jeans. “We have a fit and price point for just about anyone,” said McCurdy.

What makes Elections such a popular shopping destination for women is more than just what they sell; it’s the experience of personal service and interaction with customers that creates a dynamic relationship.

“We always have something going on that draws our customers in,” said McCurdy. “There’s always a reason for customers to stop in.”

Customers would be wise to stop in at Elections on Black Friday, (Nov. 25) and take advantage of the holiday’s first big shopping day of the year.

Maurice’s of Fenton opened its doors to the public on Oct. 7 of this year.

Store Manager Emily Whitt, a graduate of Holly High School, said the store will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Black Friday.

“I think we’ll be pretty busy, especially with all the special deals we’re planning,” she said.

November is typically a great month for all retailers, but especially Maurice’s.

Having grown up in Holly, Whitt said she is well aware of the some of the challenges women once faced finding choices of clothing stores.

“We’re happy to be open and happy to be part of this community,” she said. “We are holding a food drive through Dec. 15. All the food we collect will be donated to the food pantry at St. John’s,” she said.

For every three cans of food brought to Maurice’s, customers will get a 20-percent off discount coupon.

Maurice’s offers the latest trends in women’s tops, “an amazing denim selection,” dresses for every occasion, trendy plus size clothing, shoes, accessories and more.

The store is at 3259 Owen Road, in the Target plaza.

Northern Country Chic, new in downtown Fenton is fast becoming a popular stop for people of all ages. They opened on May 20, on Fenton’s Ladies Night Out.

The boutique carries a variety of clothing for ladies and girls, size toddler through 3X. She carries Corral brand women’s cowboy boots, and a men’s T-shirt line called Nine Line.

“Eighty percent of the items in my store are USA made,” Lenoir said.

Northern Country Chic carries jewelry as well. Another popular item among customers is the ladies T-shirt that says, “Y’all all need Jesus” on the front. There are also jeans (size 0 to 13) and leggings for women.

Holiday gift shoppers will also find a variety of knock-knacks, coffee mugs and home décor and handmade candles. Greeting cards and gift bags are also available.

“We’re looking forward to having a great holiday season,” said Sandra Kleven, who owns French Flamingo in downtown Holly with her husband, Bob.

“Dicken’s Festival has added new attractions this year so it continues to get bigger. As always we are the place for stocking stuffers, secret Santa gifts and something for yourself. A large selection of items for not a lot of money.”

Others, like Creative Fashions will be ready and waiting for the busy holiday rush, especially on Black Friday.
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EIGHT YEARS AGO. Obama filled hundreds of positions with lobbyists in his administration. In other words, those who came from the Washington, D.C. swamp. Trump is taking his time and is eliminating many names who are lobbyists.

I'M SO SICK of hearing the word ‘African American;’ there is no such thing. My grandmother came from Hungary. Am I a Hungarian American? No such thing.

YEAH LIBERALS, STOP your childish whining. Just like the conservatives did the last time that Obama was elected twice, just like Congress did over the past eight years by doing nothing.

STOP YOUR CHILDISH whining? What about ‘I want to see his birth certificate?’

NAFTA BILL was through Congress already when Clinton took office. All he did was sign it. Again, it was negotiated by the Bush administration so whatever is in there is on Republican shoulders.

BEFORE THE FIRST vote was cast, I heard right-wingers on television complaining that the election was rigged and that if Trump didn’t win, they were going to take up arms.

I'D JUST LIKE to thank Alpine grocery store in Linden for their brand new flagpole in the parking lot. Very nice.

I BELIEVE THAT the problems facing us today is the printing of $6 trillion to cover the banks’ losses. They printed up this money, bought all these slice and dice mortgages that the big banks were stuck with, and now the American people are stuck with them as part of our national debt.

YOU MIGHT NOT like Hillary but at least she wouldn’t have brought a racist and white supremacist into her cabinet like Donald has.

IF YOU OR I did a quarter of the things Hillary Clinton did, we would be in prison for the rest of our lives, not running for president.

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Local ice artist begins his busiest season this week

By Sally Rummel

Matt Cooper is one person in the tri-county area who is glad to see Michigan’s cold, wintry weather finally arrive.

As an ice sculptor creating artwork out of 300-pound blocks of ice, Cooper’s work is totally dependent upon Mother Nature’s frigid temperatures and gray, dreary days this time of year.

That’s because most of his art is displayed outdoors during winter events, like the upcoming Jinglefest in Fenton on Dec. 3.

The weather alone will determine whether his art will melt in just a few hours of time under warm temperatures and strong sunshine, or remain a frozen, unyielding seasonal display for several weeks.

“The best weather for ice sculptures is overcast and under 32 degrees,” said Cooper, owner of Icon Ice. “But you can’t tell Mother Nature what to do.” His Fenton Township company creates ice sculptures for community clubs, resorts, sports/entertainment complexes, weddings and community events.

Some of his clients include the Red Wings at Cobo Hall, Detroit Auto Show, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Zehnder’s in Frankenmuth, Spring Meadows Country Club, Warwick Hills Country Club, DTE Energy Music Theater and Comerica Park, to name a few.

He not only carves for corporate clients but also for competition, and is proud to be in the Ice Carvers’ Hall of Fame in Fairbanks, Alaska. This week is just the beginning of Cooper’s busiest time of year, as he creates turkey ice sculptures for many Thanksgiving celebrations, then turns into holiday and winter mode for dozens of upcoming winter events. One of his favorites is Crossroads Holiday Magic in Flint, where he’ll dem-

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How this is done is through a logical process and, believe it or not, the starting point for undefined terms is the dictionary.

In almost all cases, the dictionary definition tells the court what the word or words at issue mean and thereafter when combined with other previously defined words the law is then interpreted and implemented.

An excellent example of this analytic procedure is found in the Nov. 10, 2016, Michigan Court of Appeals case decision in Weaver v. Giffels.

In Weaver, the issue was whether under Michigan’s Child Support Statute, Giffels would be required to continue to pay child support for his daughter after she reached 18 years old and up to the time she was 19 ½ years old when she still was in high school and completing sufficient credits to have a reasonable expectation of graduation.

The requirements of the statute include that the child is ‘residing’ on a ‘full-time’ basis with the recipient of support.

The child in this case was residing four days a week with the mother and three days a week with Giffels.

Even though the statute had been enacted in 1990, the term ‘full-time’ had never been interpreted by the court but the term ‘reside’ had.

Using the dictionary definition analysis the court found that ‘full-time’ meant ‘completely.’

When this term was combined with the word reside, defined as where a person both physically lives and where they intend their permanent residence to be, the answer became clear.

In the Weaver case since these facts weren’t determined by the trial court, the appeals court sent the case back for a hearing.

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**Fenton’s title run ends in state semis**

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Fenton showed the same typical fight it has shown all postseason long. That fight has earned five-set victories against area rival Linden, 10th-ranked Eisenhower and second-ranked Clarkston. That same fight resulted in a final overall season record of 46-6-3, one that included another outright Flint Metro League championship and all but one tourney the Tigers attended.

The Fenton Tigers experienced a season high by competing in the Class A state semifinals on Friday. However, exceeding season expectations wasn’t enough to hide the pain once the Tigers lost to Novi in three sets at Battle Creek’s Kellogg Arena (right). Seniors Jess Warford (left) and Taylor Mowery console each other after the loss.

weekend tournament championships in all but one tourney the Tigers attended. However, this time the Novi Wildcats ended up being a little bit too tall and fast for the Tigers.

**Shegos diver finishes second in her event; Tigers make history qualifying relays to event’s second day**

By David Troppens
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Taylor Shegos had lofty goals entering the state swimming and diving meet. Fenton’s top performer (far left) was Taylor Shegos who finished as the state runner-up in diving.

The Fenton swimmer and diver performed (above) relax together during the state swimming and diving meet. Fenton’s top performer (far left) was Taylor Shegos who finished as the state runner-up in diving.

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Alder led the Tigers with 19 assists. She was the team’s primary setter all season long.

Chloe Idoni led the Tigers with 11 kills on 35 hitting attempts in the state semifinals. She also led the team with 13 digs.

Delaney Miesch quietly had a solid game, complimenting Fenton’s attack with four kills. She had 13 total attacks. Miesch is just a sophomore.

About 100 Fenton students came to Battle Creek’s Kellogg Arena to cheer on the Tigers. The Novi student section had about 25 students at the match.

The Tigers became the first volleyball team in school history to advance to the state semifinals in Class A action. The Tigers were keeping just a little bit too powerful for the Tigers' fight to overcome Novi.

After the semi-final round, Shegos expressed the slightest of leads 295-70-295-70. No one else was within 12 points of the pair.

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Both teams had 110 attack attempts. In that respect, the Tigers were keeping up with Novi. However, the Wildcats’ power was reflected in the kill totals more than the hitting attempts. Fenton had just 26 kills and finished with a .091 attacking percentage. As much as Fenton tried to keep up with the Wildcats, who now are 53-1, players like Kathryn Ellis-son (17 kills), Ally Cummings (15 kills) and Abyanna Cannon (11 kills) were the difference.

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A Barbie doll is easily one of the most recognizable and best-selling toys in history. With more than a billion dolls sold, Barbie has staying power that other dolls could only dream of. The pint-sized princess has been a mainstay in popular culture for more than 50 years.

2. THE YO-YO
It really is impossible to tell how many yo-yos have been produced since their invention around 2,500 years ago, but anything with that kind of staying power has to be considered one of the best-selling toys in history. On the commercial U.S. market, they’ve been around since Pedro Flores opened the Yo-yo Manufacturing Company in Santa Barbara, California, circa 1928. Donald F. Duncan knew a good thing when he saw it and purchased the business from Flores just one year later, and the “Duncan Yo-Yo” was born.

3. EASY-BAKE OVEN
In 1963, inspired by street vendors, the Easy-Bake oven was born to give children a chance to cook their own creations. Hasbro reported more than 30 million ovens had been sold as of their 50th anniversary, along with another 150 million-plus mix refills. The core product shows no signs of slowing down

4. RADIO FLYER
When Italian immigrant Antonio Pasin arrived in the U.S. at the age of 16, he had no way of knowing that he would one day create a toy that still sells steadily close to a century later. Radio Flyer, based in Chicago, has sold more than 100 million wagons and was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame.

5. SILLY PUTTY
In 1943, Scottish engineer James Wright, while working at General Electric’s laboratory in New Haven, Connecticut, combined boric acid and silicone oil in a test tube. He then shipped it around to a number of engineers.

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The National Toy Hall of Fame established in 1998

Compiled By Vera Hogan

The National Toy Hall of Fame at The Strong, established in 1998, recognizes toys that have inspired creative play and enjoyed popularity over a sustained period.

Each year, the prestigious hall inducts new honorees and showcases both new and historic versions of classic toys beloved by generations.

Anyone can nominate a toy to the National Toy Hall of Fame. Final selections are made on the advice of historians, educators, and other individuals who exemplify learning, creativity, and discovery through their lives and careers.

The following are the very first toys inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame in 1998. To see the toys inducted in subsequent years, visit toyhalloffame.org.

11. MR. POTATO HEAD
Mr. Potato Head was a groundbreaking toy in many ways. For one, it was the first toy with a dedicated TV commercial. Secondly, it earned more than $4 million in just a few months (in the 1950s). And most amazing of all, it actually got kids to touch their vegetables. Created with that specific purpose in mind, by George Learner, no one foresaw what a huge success it would become (and continues to be).

12. HULA HOOP
The Hula Hoop is considered the first major fad toy in the sense that when sales were good, they were unheard-of-good, but once the public tired of the product, they plummeted. During that period (1958), the company sold more than 100 million Hula Hoops for $1.98 each. Now they’re back up to a respectable level.

13. STAR WARS ACTION FIGURES
Never mind the huge resurgence in popularity of Star Wars action figures. If you take just the Kenner line from 1978 to 1985, you’re dealing with a product that easily deserves consideration as one of the best selling toys of all time. In a seven-year period, Kenner sold more than 300-million action figures.

14. RUBIK’S CUBE
Created in 1974 but not licensed for sale until 1980, the Rubik’s Cube hasn’t had as long of a shelf life as many of the toys on this list. In its abbreviated lifespan, it’s still managed to sell more than 350 million cubes. Hungarian inventor Ernő Rubik’s invention continues to give most people fits, too, so consider this a mainstay for the foreseeable future.

15. SUPER SOAKER
Former NASA engineer Lonnie Johnson invented the Super Soaker in 1993. The gun was a reinvention of the classic water gun and was the summer-fun equivalent of bringing a bazooka to a gunfight. The Soaker shot distances of up to 50 feet and completely changed the face of backyard water warfare. It has gone on to sell 250 million units with the number continuing to

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hoping there might be some use for his creation. By 1955, kids in the 6 to 12 demographic were in love with the stuff. More than 300 million eggs of Silly Putty have been sold since its inception.

6. TRANSFORMERS
The shape-shifting robots would have to go on any list of best selling toys despite the fact that they’ve only been around since the 1980s. Excluding the hugely popular international toy line, the property has earned more than $3.7 billion in profits from just the five films.

7. G.I. JOE
The greatest American hero was introduced in 1964 by Hasbro as an 11½-inch male figure that wore uniforms representing the U.S. military and featured 21 moving parts. In just one year of sales, G.I. Joe made up over 75 percent of Hasbro’s sales.

8. HOT WHEELS
Hot Wheels, the classic die-cast toy from Mattel, was introduced in 1968. The company has gone on to produce more than 4 billion cars featuring 11,000 variations and over 800 models.

9. ETCH-A-SKETCH
In 1956, a 30-year-old electrician named Andre Cassagnes was installing a factory light switch plate and made some pencil markings on its translucent decal. After peeling the image had transferred to the other side. This was the origin point for his idea that would become the children’s drawing toy. More than 175 million of the devices have been sold since 1960, the year it first went to market.

10. LEGOS
LEGOS, derived from the Danish words for “play well,” was invented by carpenter Ole Christensen in 1949. The LEGO company patented the idea just nine years later. The original LEGOs were just red-and-white bricks that interlocked in a way that allowed children to build things without limits. Today, the company has produced more than 320 billion blocks.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 16, 2016
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Trustee Ruth, Trustee Ruth and Trustee Cornwell.

Approved: Consent Agenda.

Public Hearing: 2017 Community Development Block Grant Application.

Postponed: Proposed Amendments to Outdoor Gatherings Ordinance.

Postponed: Consumers Energy Easement Request.

Approved: NOCF Funding Request.

Approved: Proposed Master Plan Amendments.


Approved: Building Fee Schedule – Proposed Resolution 2016-17.

Approved: Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment – Section 2-93 Current and Future Employees and Officials.


Approved: Planning Commission Request for Ordinance Proposal Funding.

No Action: New Medical Marijuana Legislation.

Approved: Township Owned Property Parcel Combinations.

Approved: Consider Closed Session to Discuss Attorney Client Privileged Information.

Approved: Motion Regarding Appraisal.

Approved: Motion Regarding Disciplinary Action.

Approved: Motion Regarding Enforcement of Consent Judgment.

The minutes of all regular and special Holly Township Board of Trustees meetings are on file 8 business days after a meeting and may be reviewed at the Holly Township Clerk’s Office, Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except holidays. The next regular meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter at the Holly Township Hall.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TEACHERS HAVE NO right to ask fifth-graders who they are voting for. That is just a sneaky way of seeing who their parents are going to vote for.

IF IT’S TRUE that Donald Trump wants only $1 per year, then I think the federal government should put the rest of the presidential salary toward the deficits and get the country out of the hole at least in some ways.

THE WOMAN IN the yellow Camaro at the North Road bus stop. Slow down, there are children.

RAILROAD, THE CITY or property owners should be responsible for clearing obstructions at the crossings. As a bus driver I’m telling you that we can’t see. We complain and nothing is done. They just pass the blame.

YO, MEXICO YOU’RE fired. Eh!

I’M AN OPEN carry advocate who supports the Black Lives Matter movement and gay rights. I’d be interested in hearing how my fellow Fenton residents feel about the second amendment now.

TO THE PERSON that would rather have Clinton’s characteristics than Trump’s — I’m glad I don’t know you because I hate visiting people in jail.

WONDER HOW THOSE parents will feel when the teacher predictions about Trump come true?

I VOTED FOR Trump. I’m not sure if he’s going to do a good job or not. All I know is that Hillary is a proven liar, and an actual criminal. I would never vote for someone who has literally spent the last 30 years lying to the citizenry.

MY 17-YEAR-old daughter pointed out a Hot line in this week’s paper stating how much fun a person had back in 1970 because they smoked marijuana. I’m disappointed in the Times for publishing such a thing. Why would anyone want their teenager to read about how fun it is to smoke that garbage?

PUTTING RELIGION ASIDE and just focusing on decent, moral values; abortion is murder. A fetus is a child growing in the womb. There are plenty of free ways to prevent pregnancy. One that comes to mind is responsibility.

TRUMP CALLING THE cast of Hamilton’s address to Mike Pence ‘harassment’ is both chilling and pathetic. Trump is going to have to thicken up his skin if he’s going to last four years.

I HAVE TO say that I agree with Trump and his supporters about the election being rigged and when he said that the electoral was ‘a disaster for democracy.’

EVER SINCE TRUMP’S monumental and divisive victory last week, I cannot stop smiling. My face is actually starting to hurt.

EVEN IF YOU have a mother and father down here, you will always have a powerful God up there. He’s waiting every moment for your prayers of thanksgiving and forgiveness. No matter what you’ve done He forgives you.
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Psalm 96:12

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★ Moderate ★ ★ ★★ Challenging ★★★★★ HOO BOY!

Anser in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

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**Obituaries**

**Funeral Etiquette**

- **What should I say to the bereaved?**
  - Using your own words, express your sympathy. A kind word about the person who has died is always appropriate. If the family wants to talk, they usually simply need to express their feelings; they aren’t necessarily looking for a response from you. The kindest response is usually a warm hug and to simply say, “I understand.”
  - While you don’t want to offer only clichés, there are some commonly used expressions that you can rely on if you don’t know what to say. You want to keep your remarks simple, direct and honest.

- **Source:** thefuneralsource.org

**Horoscopes**

**ARIES**

(March 21 to April 19)

A good day to let that impetuous Aries tempera
ment take charge. You’re strong and would
ily help settle those still-unresolved situations. Support comes from a surprising source.

**TAURUS**

(April 20 to May 20)

Ask your partner for an explanation of what seems
wrong to guide you toward a
better financial picture
ning tool. You also inspire trust in all parties when you act
With careful consideration
ations. You also inspire trust
with your strong moral com-
for is always a wise invest-
ment. This makes it easier for you
to weigh your options and
make decisions.

**GEMINI**

(May 21 to June 20)

That long-delayed com-
mencement helps to
obtain a job.

**CANCER**

(June 21 to July 22)

Don’t waste time trying to
learn why someone you
beloved is or isn’t looking for
him or her support of your
place. Prospects also trust
look, or their support of your
sight.”

**LEO**

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Relax, allow your new
father, and to simply say,
“I understand.”

**VIRGO**

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Those mixed signals that
were complicating your
relationship. The sooner you
understand the problem, the sooner you
may both act to resolve it.

**LIBRA**

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 20)

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**SCORPIO**

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A new challenge in the
workplace holds an exciting
promise for the future. But be
aware of the fact
that you have not been told
about all the demands you
may have to make.

**SAGITTARIUS**

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 21)

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learn why someone you
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**CAPRICORN**

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You deep into your new
father, and to simply say,
“I understand.”

**AQUARIUS**

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Past feelings are suddenly
awakened. Support comes from a surprising source.

**PISCES**

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

You’ve come to realize where you’re being im-
portant decisions that can
affect your future. Rely on
your strong moral com-
pass to guide you toward
making the right choices.
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