

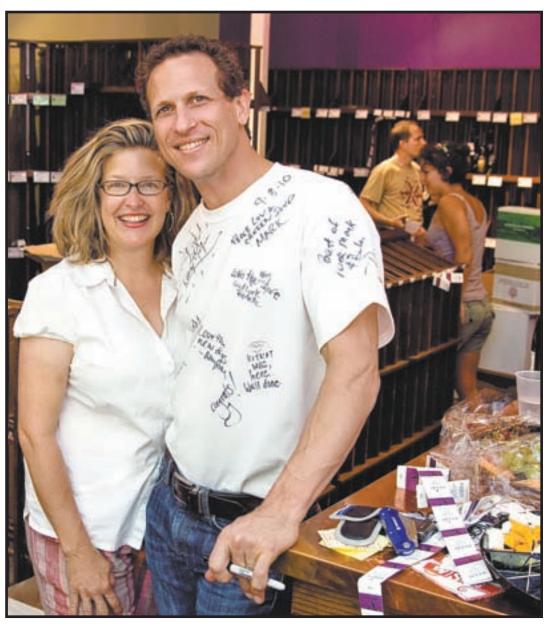
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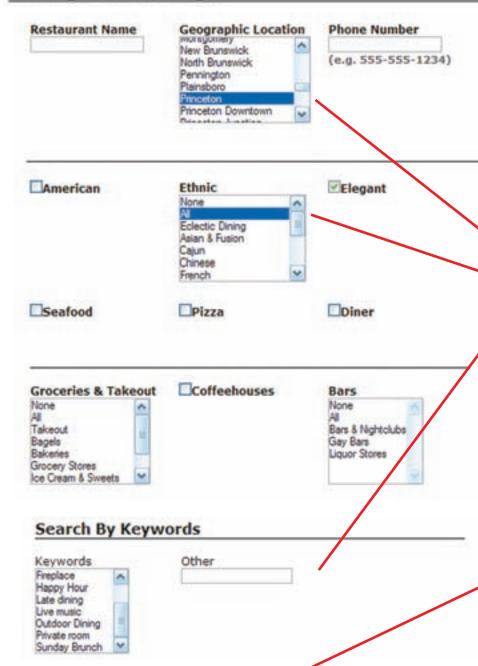
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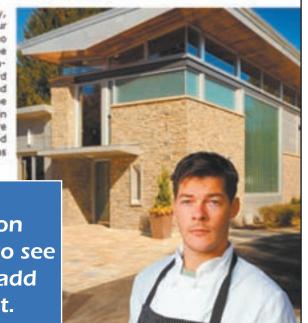
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Here at U.S. 1, and at most other news organizations, editors are debating the practice of allowing unsigned opinions to be posted on their websites. Some believe that unsigned comments will often

be less civil and less informed than signed comments. But others contend that the original defense of free speech was aimed at precisely such anonymous comments, offered

by people who otherwise would have been persecuted for their beliefs and opinions.

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To the Editor: Dialog That's Civil. **And Productive**

Not to defend social media (see Richard K. Rein, October 6), but I also wonder whether normal conversation, as usually practiced, is more deficient than we care to admit. In most social discourse, people are so busy trying to make a point, wondering what to say next, wanting attention, judging, pro-

jecting an image, or checking for text messages, that we don't ever listen — which is where the true value of dialog lies.

Anyone interested in exploring another conversational model might resonate with Noodle Night,

Between

The

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a monthly discussion group I have been leading at the Princeton Public Library since 2008. Our evenings are based on a collection of more than 500 questions relat-

ed to personal life experience. (The questions are printed on fettuccinilike strips of paper — one reason why the full set is called Noodle

As we go around the assembled circle taking turns answering randomly chosen questions, some unusual things happen: one person speaks at a time, everyone participates equally, no one argues, and almost everything that's said is interesting if not downright memorable or moving. In fact, it's the rare Noodle Night that leaves me without fresh insight into myself and/or others, and a renewed appreciation for the human condition. How often does that happen in ordinary conversation?

Noodle Nights are the second Monday of the month, from 7-8:45 p.m. in the first floor Quiet Room of the library. Admission is free and open to all; no reservations are necessary. For details, the Noodle Night blog offers a peek inside each meeting: http://pnjnoodletalk.wordpress.com/

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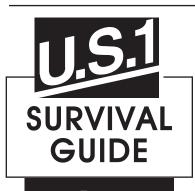
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Re-Employment, **After You Turn 50**

Retirees who no longer feel that pension and Social Security are enough, homemakers returning to the job market after years as stay-at-home moms, and workers who have suddenly been downsized after decades on the job are just some of the people served by Project Re-employment.

The four-part workshop is designed to improve job search skills, build confidence, manage stress, and help participants enter or reenter the work force as efficiently and as quickly as possible. Four sessions are scheduled, beginning on Thursday, October 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Princeton Senior Resource Center, 45 Stockton Street, and continue on October 19, 26, and 28. Cost: \$20 for the series and financial assistance is available. Call 609-924-7108.

The program is a joint offering by the Engaged Retirement and Encore Careers Center at the senior center and the Jewish Family and Children's Services of Mercer County. For more information about the program, call Debra Levenstein at 609-987-8100. Levenstein will present the program along with Linda Meisel, executive director at JFCS for the past 12 years.

"The current economic down turn has hit older individuals especially hard," says Levenstein. Pensions have vanished or been cut. Retirement investments have lost significant value, and dividend income is reduced or lost whenever companies shut their doors. "Many retirees are looking to go back to work to replace lost income and rebuild their savings. Other older workers who have lost jobs are starting to take social security early, reducing the amount of monthly income they will get in future years.'

While Levenstein, who is director of prevention and support services at JFCS, didn't really know that she would end up working in social services when she started college, she says that looking back she can see how her path has led here. "When I was in high school I didn't really know what I wanted to do," she says. "My mom sent me to B'Nai B'rith to take an assessment test to see what I was good at." The test showed strong skills in communications and a desire to help others.

She decided on a major in Jewish studies at George Washington University. "I thought maybe I'd be a doctor, but I really knew I didn't have the capacity for it," she says. "Then I thought about nursing, but I knew I really wasn't interested in that, either."

After college she worked as a teacher, then assistant director of an afternoon school, followed by education director and program and camp director at Jewish Community Centers in Florida and Minnesota. She received a master's in Jewish education from the

Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and has lived in Israel. She has been with JFCS for 14

Levenstein declined to say exactly when she received her degrees. "Let's just say I'm old enough to really understand what many of the people I work with are going through," she says. "I'd really hate to need to look for a job right now at my age.'

Where to start. Organization, self-assessment, interview skills, freshening the resume, and finding new places to network and new people to network with are among the most important skills needed to "navigate the changing tide of employment in the job search," Levenstein says. One of the first things an older person entering the job market must do is make sure she is current, not only in skills, but also in the way she presents herself on paper in a resume and cover letter, and in person.

"You need to look at your resume and translate the jobs and skills, the things that you used to do, into the terms that are used today," she says. "Many of the same old skills have new names today."

For example, were you a secretary? You may want to describe yourself now as an administrative assistant.



Work, Part 2: Debra Levenstein shows would-be retirees how to get back into the working world.

While it can be difficult for the homemaker who has never worked to describe the volunteer positions and work she has done at home in ways that appeal to employers, the person who has been in the workforce may also have a resume prob-

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lem. "How far back should you go? What old positions are still relevant?" Levenstein asks. The answer depends on the individual, her skills, and the type of job that is being sought.

The next step. Updating your resume is only the first step. You may need to update your wardrobe, your hair color, and your sense of energy and freshness. "Don't go to an interview looking like you dressed in clothes from 1980," she says. And if you are silver-haired or have an outdated hairstyle a trip to the beauty shop or barber is in order.

Men often have trouble with the idea of dying their hair or getting rid of a trademark mustache or beard whose style says 1975, but it is a must, says Levenstein. "This isn't rocket science. It's common sense. There are a lot of products out there that make it simple for men to color their hair these days."

Another thing to remember: while stubble may be fashionable for a 20-something, it just looks sloppy on someone over 50, particularly if the stubble is gray and the

hair is dark. "You need to be clean and sharp, not smelling like mothballs — and I mean that both figuratively and literally," she says.

Also, you need to walk into an interview with a little bit of get-upand-go in your step. "You want people to know that you have the energy to do the job," Levenstein says. "And don't talk about the grandkids!"

Develop a plan. One of the most important steps in getting a job is to develop a strategy. "Get out your

Networking can mean getting in touch with former colleagues or meeting new people, depending on how long you have been out of the workforce.

calendar and develop a plan," says Levenstein. While revising a resume is important, "you can't just dawdle in the comfort zone, you have to take the next step," says Levenstein. This means creating a plan that includes sending out resumes, making follow-up phone calls, and networking.

Networking can mean getting in touch with former colleagues or going out and meeting a new group of people, depending on how long you have been out of the workforce and whether you plan to continue in the same basic career area.

Social networking on websites such as LinkedIn may or may not be important for the older worker, she comments. It depends on several factors, including your age. "If you are past 70 you probably don't have many friends or colleagues online," she mentions. But people in their 50s should definitely consider it as a way to get back in touch with people they may not have seen or heard from in a few years.

Levenstein never downplays the difficulty of getting a job at any age. It can be particularly difficult for older people who thought they had the means for a comfortable retirement but have lost pension or investments in the last few years. "It can be very scary out there right now," she says. "These people have very real worries and concerns. Whenever I meet with them they humble me.'

- Karen Hodges Miller

Thursday, October 14

McCaffrey's Market Talks Some Trash

Steve Carney, store manager at McCaffrey's Market, 301 North Harrison Street, likes to talk trash.

After all, he has turned trash into cash and severely reduced the store's carbon footprint by creating an award-winning sustainability and recycling program. The comprehensive program affects nearly everything that enters and leaves the store, as well as its operations. The effort even enhances McCaffrey's long history of community support.

"We've reduced our landfill trash by 75 percent," Carney says, "and cut our organic waste, which is now recycled as compost, by 60 percent."

The store has cut its electric bill, landfill tipping fees, delivery costs, and increased its community good will. "We recycled more than 400,000 pounds of organic waste just last year," Carney says.

McCaffrey's also targeted plastic and paper bags, educating customers on the benefits of reusable cloth bags, which the store sells for 99 cents each. And it set up two large boxes for customers to drop off their old plastic bags.

Customers have embraced their role, dropping off a whopping 3.8 million plastic bags in 2009—a 30 percent increase over the year before. "We donate the plastic bags to the Goodwill, which picks them up three times a week," Carney says. "Goodwill makes some money by selling the bags, which are then recycled into TREX, a composite lumber.'

The bag program has helped McCaffrey's cut the number of grocery bags it purchased in 2009 by 471,000, or about 7.5 percent, from 2008. In January McCaffrey's was selected as a Sustainable Princeton 2009 Leadership Award for its broad recycling and sustainability efforts. The program is so successful, McCaffrey's has provided tours to other stores, including area ShopRite supermarkets, to see how they could adopt many of its sustainability and recycling

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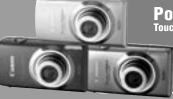
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Should I Borrow From My 401(k) Plan?

any people have borrowed from their 401(k) plans in the recent economic downturn. Since only employed people may borrow from a 401(k) plan, you may wonder, "Why are employed people borrowing from their 401(k) plans if they still have jobs?" If your spouse loses a job, or your wages are frozen while expenses continue to rise, a 401(k) loan can be appealing.

Other pressing circumstances can also lead to 401(k) loans: education expenses, home foreclosures, a down-payment on a new home or un-reimbursed medical expenses. But does it make sense to tap into one's retirement nest egg? If you have no access to a home equity loan or other savings, a 401(k) loan may simply be the best option.

Let's review the federal regulations. You can borrow 50 percent of the vested account value up to a maximum of \$50,000. For example, if the account value is \$80,000, you can borrow up to \$40,000. The repayment must be made by monthly deductions from ongoing wages for a period of no more than 5 years (60 months.) The interest rate is determined by the plan trustees (usually the employer) and is commonly a fixed rate of 1% above the prime rate of interest (currently 3.25%, so you might pay 4.25%). Good news, though! You are paying the interest to yourself because there is no middle-man. Interest is charged to make up for the opportunity cost lost by having the money out of the plan. It's important to note that the loan proceeds are taxfree and the loan repayment is made with after-tax dollars.

If you terminate employment with an outstanding loan, you have three choices: (1) you can repay the loan upon termination. by Bill Sheehy

(2) You can transfer the loan to your new employer's 401(k) plan, provided their plan document accepts transfers. (3) Or you can do nothing. In this ugly scenario, the outstanding balance becomes a taxable distribution and, if you're under age 59 and a half, you will be subject to a 10 percent excise tax. Ouch! On an outstanding balance of, say, \$30,000, you would pay \$3,000 in excise tax AND the entire amount will be taxed at your annual income tax rate for the

Some employers do not permit employee loans. They reason that retirement money should be "sacrosanct" and not to be touched prior to retirement, or they simply don't want to be burdened by an additional administrative issue. Unfortunately, denying participant loans may discourage some employees from contributing to their 401(k) plans because they feel they have no access to their money until many years in the future

Is it a GOOD idea to borrow from your retirement plan? Don't take a cavalier attitude toward cracking your nest egg, but there are advantages. It makes sense to be your own banker at a low interest rate. It's convenient because there is no credit check or long application form. Most plans allow you to borrow for any reason. It avoids over-extending credit card debt at exorbitant rates and creating a credit liability with a financial institution. You control the source of the money in your plan. The regulations allow for disciplined periodic repayment to reinstate the fund before you are ready to retire.

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'So Right So Smart" is a documentary of businesses, including Wal-Mart, Patagonia, Stonyfield, Farms and New Belgium Brewery, as well as several institutions, that launched innovative sustainability programs.

Carney, who joined McCaffrey's Princeton store 19 years ago, began working in the business as a young lad of 13. "I worked at a butcher shop and was paid under the table," Carney says. "It was the only store of our small town in the Poconos. The owner, Frank, was 70 years old and he took a liking to me. He taught me out to cut meat the old way that he first learned in Poland."

At first, Carney bagged groceries but he hated it so much, he left one day for lunch and decided not to go back. "When my dad found out I just quit like that, he was furious," Carney says. "He made me apologize for walking out. When I said I was still quitting, Frank talked me into returning, this time cutting meat."

Carney's father ran his own con-

Recycled: Steve Carney says retailers can be green, cut costs, and make a difference in many ways.

struction contracting business while Carney's mother stayed home to raise their five children. Carney continued to work at the butcher shop after school and during the summer for another five years. At 18 he bought his own small market. "It was a big mistake," he says. "I didn't know what I was doing." He threw in the towel after three years and sold the shop.

"My dad said it wasn't a mistake," Carney says. "He said it was a learning experience — and cheaper than what I would have spent on four years of college. He and my mother have always supported what I was doing."

Carney moved to New Jersey and was hired two years later to work at McCaffrey's meat department in Princeton. He quickly moved up to meat manager. Ten years ago Carney became store manager. He remains impressed with the store founder and president, Jim McCaffrey.

"After the economy took its downturn, Jim held a meeting and said it wasn't enough for customers to just shop here," Carney says.



"They have to have a reason that provides more value than just money. I felt maybe it was time for a green movement, which would save money and appeal to our customers."

It was a gamble. About 10 years ago, McCaffrey's started a sustainability and recycling program but soon dropped it. "We just weren't ready for it," Carney says. "Once we started it up this time, our employees were all asking, 'Why didn't we start this sooner?' The mindset has changed. Recycling and sustainability is now like a religion here."

McCaffrey's built on the plastic

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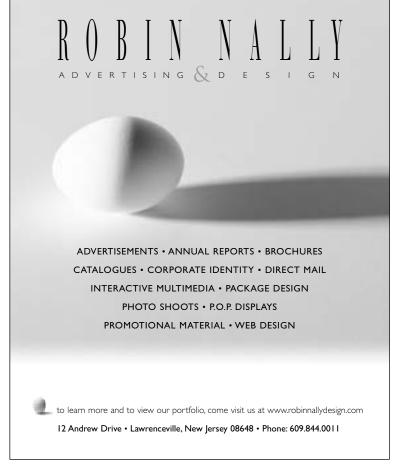
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bag recycling program it started about three years ago. "I wasn't sure if we'd really save money with the program," Carney says. "After the first quarter, we were surprised to see just how much we had saved."

Employees went through training and a green team was formed. Vendors were brought on board and customers were encouraged to recycle their plastic bags and to shop with reusable bags. McCaffrey's partnered with Penn Jersey Paper Co. of Philadelphia, which developed and manages BagSmart to help it reduce its bag volume, increase recycling, and promote reusable bags.

Every aspect of the store's operations was examined. Space was maximized and products consolidated to allow for larger and fewer deliveries. Total deliveries were cut from 13 a week to 8. Perishables, for example, were delivered three times a week, down from six.

The store saved nearly \$35,000 in freight charges alone last year, Carney says. But there were other benefits that fit into the store's sustainability program. Cutting its annual truck deliveries by 260 meant 100,000 fewer truck miles, saving 16,000 gallons of fuel. The McCaffrey store in Yardley, Pennsylvania, upgraded its cases and refrigeration systems, which are now more energy efficient. The program was so successful that the cases and refrigeration systems at the stores in Princeton and West Windsor were also updated.

The Princeton store cut its electric bill by 18 percent last year despite a significant rate increase due to New Jersey deregulating electric utilities, Carney says. In addition, the New Jersey and Public Service Electric and Gas Energy Conserva-

tion Program reimbursed \$100,000 to the two stores.

McCaffrey's recycles its vendor packaging too. Paper is recycled and a trailer load of cardboard is hauled away each week for recycling. The store is also saving on unloading its used cooking oils. Once the store paid to have them taken away. Now a biodiesel company takes them away for free and recycles them.

Looking back, Carney fondly recalls his first job a 13-year-old at the town butcher and the man who gave him his first job. "Frank is gone now but he taught me a lot," he says. "And I've remained friends with his son. We probably E-mail each other once or twice a week. I still carry Frank's recipe for kielbasa in my wallet."

That's a piece of paper Carney will never recycle.

— John F. Heenehan

Wednesday, October 20

Middlesex Chamber Turns 100 Years Old

The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 100th birthday on Wednesday, October 20, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick. Tickets to the gala are \$150. Call 732-745-8090.

Established as the New Brunswick Board of Trade in 1910, the chamber renamed itself several times as its size and reach grew. The New Brunswick Board of Trade soon became the New Brunswick Chamber of Commerce, then the Raritan Valley Chamber of Commerce, and finally, in the 1980s, became the Middlesex County Regional Chamber.

But while the name of the organization has changed (and while its member ranks have grown to about 600), chamber executive director **Alex Hollywood** says the MCRCC has always been zeroed in on the commercial interests of its members. "Local businesses are the heart of our economy," she says. "We play a key role in making Middlesex County an attractive region for companies to do business."

Indeed, what was once a small-town kind of business community here has turned into the world headquarters of the pharmaceutical industry, built mainly around Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick, and a hub of education research at Rutgers University.

John Fitzgerald, chairman of the chamber, says the gala will honor some of the chamber's major member organizations, which have helped it gain notoriety and influence over the past century — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Johnson & Johnson, Saint Peter's University Hospital, PSE&G, Allen & Stults Inc., Provident Bank, the Home News Tribune, Rutgers, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Suydam Insurance, the Star Ledger, and Pines Manor.

"Each of the honorees have strong ties to the community and have had a significant impact on the region's growth during their history," Fitzgerald says.

Thursday, October 21

Princeton Chamber's Golden Anniversary

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce celebrates its golden anniversary on Thurs-





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Trenton Small Business Celebrates Its 17th Anniversary

he City of Trenton will be bustling from October 18 to 22 as it once again hosts
Trenton Small Business Week.
More than 4,000 people are expected to attend the networking events, seminars, workshops, and business expos during this busy week.

Themed "Partners in Progress," the week kicks off with a celebration breakfast at the Trenton Marriott on Monday, October 18, at 8 a.m.

At this event, Mayor Tony Mack will present the annual Mayor's Awards recognizing city businesses for their outstanding contributions to the community.

This year's winners are Small Business of the Year Award — Budny Fuel Oil Company; Most Improved Appearance Award — Woodrose Properties; and Most Successful New Business of the Year Award — Tropical Family Restaurant. The event is free to the business community.

Other special events scheduled for the week include the Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) Expo on Monday, October 18, and its monthly luncheon on Tuesday, October 19.

In addition, TD Bank will host a Business Networking Reception on Tuesday, October 19, at its branch on East State Street; the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business Before Business Breakfast on Wednesday, October 20, at Thomas Edison State College; the City of Trenton will have a Capital City Real Estate Reception at the Trenton Makes building on Wednesday, October 20, and a procurement fair, "Con-

tacts for Contracts," at the Trenton Country Club on Thursday, October 21. Finally, the Trenton Chapter of the Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce will host the Renaissance Ball of Trenton on Friday, October 23, at the Marriott.

Special seminars and workshops are scheduled throughout the week. For a full list of the week's events, sponsors, and to register, visit www.smallbizweek.com or call 609-771-2947

Trenton Small Business Week is presented by the City of Trenton, the County of Mercer and its many sponsors and business partners. Chaired by Anthony P. Carabelli, Jr. of the City of Trenton, the committee includes representatives from county and city government, non-profit organizations, and the private sector.

More than 4,000 people are expected to attend the networking events, seminars,

day, October 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. with a party at Springdale Golf Course, 1895 Clubhouse Drive. The theme of the event will be early 1960s, including a cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Cost to attend is \$50 per person and for those not wearing a costume, business attire is recommended. Visit www.-princetonchamber.org.

Fifty years ago it was a different business climate and a very different chamber. It even had a different name – the Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area. Its first executive director, Ellen Hodges, headed an organization that often gathered its core 20 members together on Saturdays to plant flowers along Nassau Street.

The chamber was then focused on downtown merchants and professionals. It did try to embrace the new reality, with companies putting down roots in South Brunswick, West Windsor, and other nearby towns, and listing Princeton as their business address, but the chamber struggled to meet basic financial obligations.

Kristen Appelget took over the chamber in 2002 and was credited with building it into a mature nonprofit. Karen Colimore took the reins in 2006 and according to the chamber, contributed to a growth in membership, status, and money for the chamber by increasing the number of annual events and garnering state grant money for travel and tourism marketing of the Princeton region. Peter Crowley, the current CEO, came aboard at the end of 2008.

These days the Princeton Chamber has 800 business partners and more than 1,300 members, a growth chamber officers have attributed to the shift in focus from a small-town social club-style chamber to a regional entity more focused on business interaction, outreach, and education.



Chamber Mates: Peter Crowley, president and CEO of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, with former and current board chairs Karen Jezierny and J. Robert Hillier.

Crowley says the decision to broaden the organization's mission allowed it to aim for the growing businesses along the Route 1 Corridor and "serve the needs of the businesses that were expanding and relocating to the east, north, and west of Princeton. We accomplished this expansion maintaining our core Princeton business base."

The chamber also grew when it moved back to downtown Princeton. It originally had been there, but the offices relocated to Forrestal Village in 1994. In 2005 it moved to 9 Vandeventer Street and established the chamber's roots as a true Princeton entity.

The chamber introduced the Princeton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau in 2004 and started to receive destination marketing funds from the state Division of Travel & Tourism in 2008.

An estimated 750,000 people visit the Princeton University campus annually, and the chamber has made no secret of trying to reel those people in and get them to

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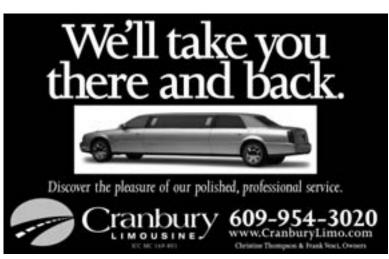


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You can blame the economic recession on greed of banks and financial firms; the homeowners' misplaced faith that prices would continue to rise and that their employment was safe; our lawmakers' negligence for not preventing it all. But, ultimately, if you get a foreclosure notice, you have to deal with it before that sheriff's sale if you want to keep your home. Loan modifications are not mandated by law so don't count on them. And they take a lot of time, while the interest, penalties and attorneys' fees mount on top of the delinquent mortgage loan, if you're not approved.

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by Darren M. Baldo, Esq., CPA, LLM

short-sale (sale for an amount less than the liens/mortgages) or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure (transfer of deed in settlement of lien), either of which would get you off the hook for the balance of the loan amount. So what do you do if you can't get a loan modification, short sale, or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure?

How about bankruptcy? Bankruptcy is growing in popularity because, during this economic crisis, many people don't have any other option to save their home or get out of debt that they can no longer manage, especially if they or their spouse lost their job. Individuals may file bankruptcy under either Chapter 7 or Chapter 13, depending upon eligibility. Chapter 7 is sometimes preferable because it can provide a complete discharge of all debt whereas Chapter 13 discharges at least some debt but requires at least a 36-month payment plan on the rest of the debt.

In order to be eligible for Chapter 7, you must pass the "means test" income limits test. In order to be eligible for Chapter 13, however, you cannot have too much debt. Prior to filing the bankruptcy petition under either

Chapter 7 or 13, the debtor must take a credit counseling course, which can be done online and is easy and relatively inexpensive to complete. Chapter 7 cannot save your home but Chapter 13 can, as long as you continue to pay or resume paying your mortgage and pay the mortgage arrears as part of the payment plan.

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Fall Dining? No, Fall Wining — Food Optional



by Pat Tanner

am the only wine store," says Laurent Chapuis, owner of the Corkscrew on Hulfish Street in Palmer Square, obviously referring only to Princeton. The Corkscrew does not sell beer, although Chapuis himself likes and drinks it. "To my mind, once you stock beer you're a liquor store." This is one of the reasons that, despite the fact that CoolVines, which does sell beer and spirits, has moved into a new space just a couple of streets away, Chapuis says he is "not worried" and does not consider any other shop in Princeton to be in competition with the Corkscrew. "Nobody," he says. "Nationally, there are maybe 20 stores I admire."

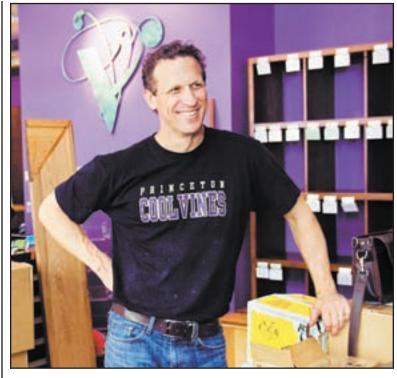
Chapuis opened his Princeton Corkscrew Wine Shop in January, 1997, starting with about 1.300 square feet at the space on Hulfish Street that is now Red Green Blue. Over the nine years the Corkscrew Good Taste: Employee Daniel Cameron, left, owner Laurent Chapuis, and employee David Mansor taste a 2009 Domaine Du Cros Marcillac. On the back wall are framed maps of the regions of the wines directly underneath them.

was there, he expanded the shop to, he estimates, between 2,000 and 2,300 square feet. In the beginning Chapuis says he made one big mistake. "I made the first shop too beautiful at first. People assumed it was a luxury wine shop. That was not what I meant to project." Especially, he notes, because "about 85 percent of my wines are priced between \$7 and \$20," which, even now, may surprise people. "These are everyday wines I myself drink at home, and that is what I wanted to represent in the shop." He claims that after downplaying the esthetics he doubled his sales.

Five years ago the Corkscrew moved further down Hulfish to its current location near the intersection of Chambers Street. Among the reasons for the move Chapuis says, are "No stairs. When you're selling thousands of cases of wine a year, that makes a difference." The current location also offers better access for the delivery of wines and it has (metered) parking for customers directly in front. The space also offered the potential to expand, which he has already done once. Sales doubled again after the expansion.

He estimates he has between 700 and 800 wines "showing" at any given time, although over the course

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or Mark Censits, owner of CoolVines, basing a shop in town represents a means of connecting with the community he has lived in for 10 years. He opened the second of his two CoolVines wine shops in Princeton at the corner of Nassau and Harrison streets in 2008 — the first is in Westfield and last month moved his shop to the center of downtown on Spring Street. "Although I was living here, my kids didn't go to the public schools, and I was traveling 100 percent of the time as a consultant." Before entering the retail wine business Censit was a partner in Corporate Revitalization Partners, which he describes as a boutique consulting firm that turned around distressed firms. "While I enjoyed the challenge of learning about many different businesses I wanted something that meant something to me personally. I decided I wanted to do something not only more connected to the town, but in a field I really enjoyed."

Moving Day: Last month Mark Censits moved CoolVines to bigger digs in the heart of Princeton.

At the time, around 2005, he had been competing in a triathlon and considered going into a related business. "But I came across an article on the wine industry that said two things: one, wine was a growing interest for the millennial generation and two, their choice of wines was not the big brands," he says. "They were into niche-y stuff, like small Uruguayan producers. I pondered that. That sort of complexity intrigues but also makes it challenging to the consumer. I, myself, always found it frustrating to go into a wine shop and become baffled or overwhelmed by the choices. I figured if I could maneuver a way to preserve the nuance of wine while making it approachable to newcomers...

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Wednesday October 13

In the Spotlight: Hail to the **Worm Poon CEO**

Tom Szaky, College of New Jersey, Mildred and Ernest Mayo Concert Hall, Ewing, 609-771-2585. www.tcnj.edu. New Jersey entrepreneur and originator of TerraCycle, the Trenton-based recycling company that has pio-neered the development of products made entirely from waste including school supplies and pet products. Free. 6 p.m.

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Downtown Lunchtime Recital Series, First Reformed Church, 9 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, 732-545-1005. www.firstreformedchurch.net. Classical music program features Roger Verdi on

trombone and Martha Locker on piano. Lunch follows recital. Free. 12:15 p.m.

Scott McCoy, Westminster Con**servatory**, Bristol Chapel, Princeton, 609-921-2663. www.rider.edu. J.J. Penna on piano. Free. 7:30 p.m.

Art

Art Exhibit, Gallery at Mercer County College, Communications Center, 609-586-4800, ext. 3589. www.mccc.edu. Opening reception for "From the Warsaw Ghetto to Darfur: Photos, Text, and Commentaries," an exhibit coordinated by the Mercer County Holocaust and Genocide Resource Center, features photographs taken in the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II, postwar photographs of concentration camps and survivors, and photos

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Magma: Unique Mediterranean & Middle Eastern Cuisine

hen Gabe Mahayni opened for business three years ago, he was confident that customers would adore his version of artisan pizza, grilled in a volcanic stone oven. And he was right. Magma Pizza grew a steady base of devoted pizza aficionados who couldn't get enough of a good thing. As a side, Mahayni offered appetizers of homemade hummus and baba ghannouj served with grilled pita bread or garlic bread, and as they say, the word spread.

For pizza lovers, the choices are endless: thin crust or thick, whole wheat or semolina. Toppings range from gilled veggies to meat lovers; no-cheese tomato pies to four-cheese favorites. Add to that pizza rolls and vulcanas, which are stuffed rolls with delicious fillings. Pizza crescents are flavored with unique herbs and spices.

Now devotees of the authentic Middle Eastern food have caused Mahayni to add even more Middle Eastern options to the menu and he has added the word pita to his logo. Moving to the Middle Eastern flavors, favorites include appetizers (or meza) of thick, savory hummus, grilled and roasted eggplant baba ghannouj. Zaetar bread and garlic bread (flatbreads) offer an authentic taste of Mahayni's homeland.

A house favorite is falafel, a savory and spicy blend of chick-pea patties tossed with tomatoes and greens in just-baked pita bread. This all-vegetarian dish is as filling and satisfying as any meat dish. Another pita sandwich offering, is the Kefta Kabbob: Halal beef mixed with herbs and grilled to perfection, served stuffed in pita surrounded by lettuce, tomatoes, and spices.

Magma Pizza & Pita now offers another meza (appetizer) called lebne. It is the base for a new series of grilled flatbread sandwiches but is just as delicious as a stand alone. Although many customers are tempted to order and reorder their personal favorites, the staff encourages diversity by offering samples of house specialties on a regular basis. Families will find Magma Pizza & Pita very affordable. On Friday nights Magma offers a family meal of a large cheese pizza with one topping, a hummus and pita appetizer, and four fountain drinks for \$24. Saturday night specials include a buy-oneget-one-for-half-price. It's a good way to encourage people to try something new.

Magma's menu offers plenty of healthful food options like grilled veggie pizza and sandwiches such as artichoke tapenade. There is a variety of fresh salads from apple pecan to fattoush; the later being a chopped

green salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, mint and sumac served with a light citrus dressing

Magma also offers a " Make Your Own Pizza" Birthday Party. Kids have a chance to become pizza chefs, look the part dressed in aprons and hats and then enjoy the fruits (pizza) of their labor. The pizza parties are quite popular so it is a good idea to book early.

And now that the holidays are on the horizon consider Magma's unique catering menu. It offers platters of hot and cold wraps, pitas and paninis, pizza rolls and vulcanas, appetizer samples of dips with veggie and pita, hot wings, fried calamari and of course a huge selections of Artisan Pizza with gourmet toppings.

Magma Pizza & Pita is located in the Nassau Park Shopping Center just off Route 1 in West Windsor. You can find Magma in the section between Borders and Sam's Club. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. the rest of the week. Magma offers local delivery, daily lunch specials, and weekend supper specials. Join the Magma Club for special discounts and coupon offers. More information can be found at www.magma-pizza.com or by calling 609-452-8383.

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Corkscrew

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of a year he carries about 4,000 in rotation. "It varies depending on when wines are released. Plus, we may have only three of bottles of some, like a 1910 Madeira we have right now." The wines he stocks are based, first and foremost, on his own palate. "It's the wine selection that makes us unique," he says. "Each wine here has been tasted by me, and we have a direct relationship with the producer. Our aim is quality for the price, the best value. Most of my customers are wine drinkers, not wine collectors. We find the best representations — the best reflections — of each wine region, and we buy only the top wines that each of those producers has to offer.'

He says the shop excels also by guaranteeing the provenance and freshness of each bottle, ensuring that it has been kept at the proper cool temperature during both shipping and storage, which is why the store's temperature is kept at 59 degrees. "I buy wines that are aromatically driven, so it is mandatory that these do not become 'cooked," he says.

This native Frenchman stocks mostly wines from the northern hemisphere, supplemented by fortified wines from those same areas, such as sherry, port, grappa, Armagnac, and Calvados. He also carries small, carefully chosen selections of spirits, and his sake selection is considered the finest in the area. "But these are by no means a focus here. I carry some single malt Scotch, for example, because they are a passion of one of my employees," he says.

Currently, he imports 120 wines directly from the producers, no middleman involved. Although many of the winemakers whose products he carries come frequently to his Princeton shop to conduct free tast-

ings, Chapuis maintains that is important that he and his staff travel to the wine regions themselves.

"Producers will often say anything they think you want to hear in order to sell their wine. But you have to see for yourself. You need to know the origins, how the wines go hand in hand with the local food. You need to touch the soil — that's the *terroir* — then you can understand the wine. You must check what's happening inside the winery. Plus you must see firsthand what is changing. In the wine world, the parts are constantly

Corkscrew was named among the top 100 wine stores in the country by Food & Wine magazine.

moving, and there is always a new generation coming along."

Another factor that sets his venture apart is how he trains his staff, which currently includes five full-time and three part-time employees. No one is allowed to sell to customers for the first six months. "It is literally an apprenticeship or like the army. They learn shelving, geography, history, tasting, and all the shop operations, from moving boxes to understanding how the wines are displayed. I do not interfere with their taste or flavor preferences, though. I start them out tasting a wine that is a textbook example of a particular region and tell them to remember that taste. That serves as the baseline, on which they can subsequently expand. Of course, I always answer questions, I let them take sample bottles home, and I send them to tastings. I'm taking my manager to Europe this January. A wine shop is only as good as its staff. There would be no Corkscrew without my staff."

Asked how the downturn in the economy has affected business, Chapuis replies, "A lot of wealthy people moved outside of Princeton to find new jobs, but 90 percent of my customer base remains the same." Many of them come in from Bucks County. "Bucks customers first found out about us because in 2001 we were named one of the top 100 wine stores in the country by Food & Wine magazine.."

Chapuis comes from a long line of men and women in the wine and food business. His father's family has been in the wine industry in the Macon region for generations, and his mother's side, from Clesse, just outside Lyon, includes a grandmother who was among France's famed 'mere' chefs and a first cousin who has the largest catering firm in France. "My great-grandfather was considered the best barrel maker in France, and my cousin has vineyards in Clesse."

Chapuis, 44, who has a younger brother who is a golf pro with his own business in the Lyon area, came to the U.S. in 1987 to finish his education at St. Joseph's University, from which earned an MBA. "I was not supposed to stay, but then I met Gigi, my wife, at school," he says with a smile. The couple lives in Yardley with their three sons: twins who will turn 15 in December and a 12-year-old.

After attaining his degree, Chapuis worked for a small wine import and distribution firm, selling fine wines — mostly French — mainly to hotels. About 90 percent of his coverage area was between Washington, DC, and Connecticut, and in 1991 one of his clients was Quilty's, the fine-dining restaurant then on Witherspoon Street. "I fell in love with Princeton, and that's how I wound up buying a liquor license here."

CoolVines

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So by the end of 2006 Censits resigned, took a short wine course at UC-Davis, raised some capital, and opened the first CoolVines in Westfield. "There was some naivete on my part," he admits, "but not being from the industry has its advantages, like organizing wines as I do."

Censits refers to a signature feature of both CoolVines stores, which he says, is "displaying wines according to taste, how a wine pairs with food, rather than geography." Thus, the first section a customer encounters at the recently relocated

Chapuis travels to wineries. Censits doesn't: 'I prefer to meet the people behind (the wines) when they come here.'

Princeton store is called "everyday whites," and is followed by "everyday reds.'

These are in the \$10 to \$50 range," Censits says. "They're what you drink on a Tuesday or a Saturday night. You buy, you drink. These are not wines for storing or hoarding," which, he says is how the vast majority of consumers buy wine. Within each section wines are arranged from light- to medium- to full-bodied.

A third category is new to the CoolVines model. "This is our 'cru' area [meaning a growth place or region rather than a specific vineyard], arranged by the six major wine regions, for people who shop by region. These customers come in and ask, 'What do you have from Bordeaux?" he says.

The highest priced wine currently in the cru section is a \$350 Richebourg grand cru. The last section of the cru area is Napa/Sonoma. "For California wines, most people ask for these two areas," he says. "Here we get into the main, most recognizable names: Joseph Phelps Insignia, Matanzas Creek, Robert Sinskey, Jordan, Ravenswood. Our model: find the best wine for the money. That's harder to do with the really big brands because they can set their prices higher."

Censits was able to add this section to the Princeton store because of the move — a brand new 1,500square-foot space along the row of shops and housing on Spring Street recently developed by Jack Morrison. "The biggest challenge of the move was going from 150 to 420 wines all at once," Censits says. "We got the approval from the borough at 7:30 p.m. on that Tuesday (September 7) and packed up that very night. Next day, we moved everything with the help of about 20 volunteers — friends, customers — and were selling wine by Wednesday night!'

With the help of a designer and his wife and co-owner, Beth, who works at the shop, Censits says he consciously tried to keep the "cozy vibe" of the original space. "Yes, this space is more industrial, but we softened it with wooden racks, the acid-wash green mottled concrete floor, and a color palate of green and purple." Besides additional space, having access to downtown foot traffic was another reason for the move.

At the previous location, customers came specifically to shop at CoolVines. "I anticipated the dynamic of people walking in off the street, but it takes getting used to. I remember the first time one person walked in and walked out — I was almost insulted!" he says with a laugh. He expects even more foot traffic when the D'Angelo Italian Market opens next door, around November 1.

What Censits gave up in the move was a dedicated parking lot. "The other tenants at that location were there nine-to-five, so basically when our customers came (evenings and weekends), it was a private lot," he says. "And, once you knew where we were, it was so convenient. Now I have to emphasize that you get 30 minutes free parking [at the Spring Street garage directly across the street] and that we have 30-minute meters right outside our door."

Another CoolVines signature is the color-coded, removable tags around the neck of each bottle. "These are really to help you once you get home," Censits says. "You can see, 'oh, yes, this is the medium-bodied white, in a traditional style.' And the price is clearly there, not covered over by a store label." The tags also include the best temperature range to serve the wine at and, on the back, space for the buyer to rate the wine (from 1 to 5) and add tasting notes for future reference.

Censits' approach differs in other ways, too. "People often ask me if I travel to find the wines we stock," he says, "but I say rather than spend my time trying to dis5,000 Bottles of Wine on the Wall: Michael Brenner of Joe Canal's in Lawrenceville. See story page 14.

cover unknown wineries. I prefer to meet the people behind them when they come here — and plenty do." He keeps the temperature of his shops in the mid-60s — what he terms "a happy medium between what wines want and what human beings want. The important thing is that wine likes to be constant in temperature, within a range. So, 65 degrees consistently is fine. Plus, most wines are in and out of the shop within a month."

As far as his customer base, he says, "We have wine that's of interest to 90 percent of the wine drinking population. No Two Buck Chuck; no first growth grand cru. We have hit the mark with customers who want to be part of the wine buying process. The old-fashioned model is that you, the wine buyer, defer to the choice of the socalled experts. You say, 'pick for me, tell me what goes with this dish.' Censits is 48 himself, and this former triathlon and Iron Man competitor still believes in keeping his body strong. "I just signed up

for a 40-day intensive yoga workshop at LuluLemon," he says. "It means getting up at 5:45, but I believe in maintaining balance: work hard but relax, have friends, keep your body strong. I competed in

triathlon for four or five years, plus Iron Man. I knocked those off my to-do list." He often attends the free Sunday morning class Lululemon offers with rotating instructors from area yoga studios and hosts wine tastings for Lulu's evening running club.

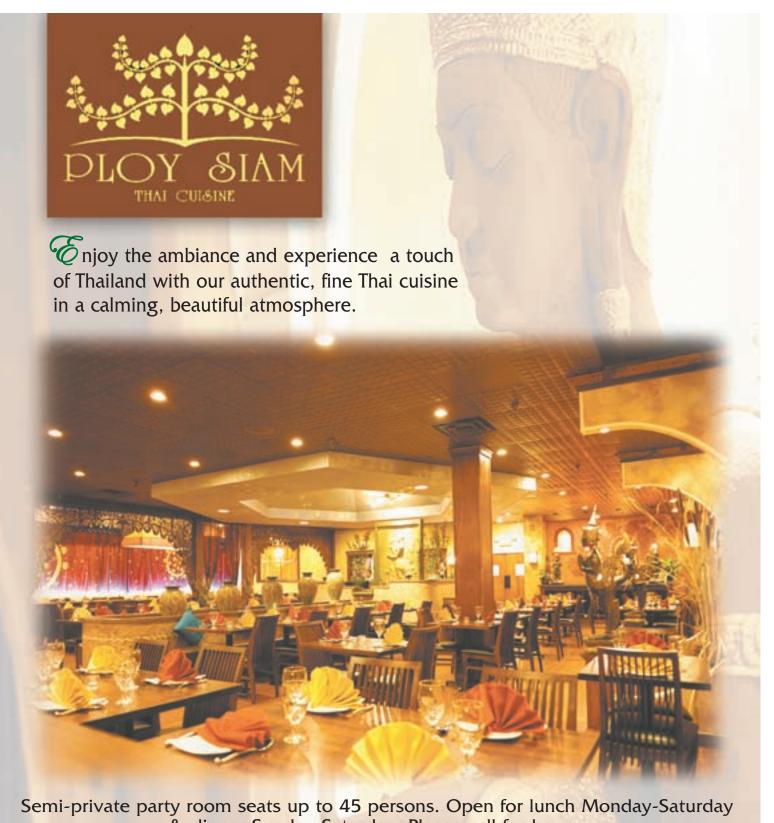
Although she is a CoolVines coowner, Beth Censits, remained uninvolved with her husband's first store in Westfield. That changed with the Princeton opening in 2008. "This was local, this is my community," she says. She had worked for years at Jazams, the toy store on Palmer Square, and had forged many connections among



customers and other shop owners. Her husband says, "We're a great team. Beth's about the day-to-day operations: scheduling the staff here, keeping the shelves full.

And she adopted the beer and spirits section as her own. It needed a champion." She also oversees the store's collection of what she deems "cool accessories for wine and spirits." From these, she points out a huge shopping bag with a quiver for a baguette and a copy of 'A Compendium of Scottish Whisky," residing alongside the store's selection of Scotch.

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The Censitses have been married for 24 years and have three children. Tory, the oldest, attends Parsons School of Design. She helped design some of the display pieces for the store. Gil, 20, is at college in Kansas, majoring in historic automobile restoration. Their youngest is Clay, 16, a junior at Princeton High. Mark and Beth met in Winston Salem, NC. "It was my first job out of college — engineer in a factory," recalls Censits, who holds a degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell. "Beth was in retail. It took me months and months before I got up the nerve to introduce myself.'

Censits lived in Lancaster, PA, until he was eight, when his family, including two siblings, moved to Cherry Hill. His mother is a homemaker and his father, now retired, was in corporate finance, including serving as vice president of finance for the Campbell Soup Company in Camden.

In terms of the economy. Censits notes that "the energy has come back in the consumer market. The thing about wine is, there's an almost infinite price continuum. So during the recession even the wealthiest wine buyers slid downwards in the average bottle price. That is not coming back as quickly as is bottle

volume. Our volume is actually up; our revenue is still down. That's not good. Thankfully, we never went strong into the higher end. Still, those who were spending \$12 a bottle are for now sticking with those \$9 bottles.'

Still, he says, he is beating the odds. "The average industry performance is to make \$400 to \$800 per square foot (per year). We're at double to triple that. I love wine but I'm really striving to create something successful, something with growth potential." Which is why his long-term plans include franchising. "No one has really done that very well. The quality of wines has not really been there." He cites WineStyles — a group of 100 or so brick and mortar franchise wine stores — as an example.

"The business needs to make money soon," he says. "After all, I have two kids in college." He and Beth are not yet drawing salaries. The investing partners in CoolVines are primarily members of his family. A formal capital raise at the outset enabled him to buy the Westfield and Princeton liquor licenses. "Almost everyone on the managerial staff has stock options. We set up a holding company that owns the brand name and the website. So, when we have 100 stores, they will be paid royalties," he says.

At the Big Stores, Celebs & Growlers

Both Mark Censits of CoolVines and Laurent Chapuis of Corkscrew acknowledge that the bigger wine stores in the area will always have their proponents. As Censits puts it, "Sure, it's convenient if you're out shopping on Route 1 at Whole Foods to go to, say, Joe Canal's, or if you're at Wegman's, you're there anyway. We're getting people who are dedicated wine buyers. We have a different approach, a different vibe and feel."

Michael Brenner agrees. He is general manager of operations and marketing for one of those big guys: Joe Canal's Discount Liquor Outlet at Mercer Mall on Route 1 in Lawrenceville. (He holds the same position at the sibling store in Woodbridge. There is also a Joe Canal's in Hamilton.) The 25,000-square-foot store opened in 2001 and Brenner estimates they have about 5,000 bottles on their shelves at any given time.

Wine consistently represents more than half their sales; the rest is split among beer, spirits, and other beverages. "We have a loyal customer base because we have such a variety," Brenner says. "We have wines from \$2.99 into the thousands of dollars. We have more than 1,000 bottles under \$10. Our customers are looking for a great bottle at a great value. We have all the major national brands but we also have interesting wines from small producers, helped out by our travels."

Travel to wine regions is, in fact, something he cites that makes the two Joe Canal's he is affiliated with different from the other mass market wine chains. (For clarification, there are nine other stores with the Joe Canal name, all in South Jersey, but, Brenner says, each is standalone and has different ownership.) The Lawrenceville and Woodbridge stores are owned by a consortium under the name Birchfield Ventures LLC. Brenner says there is or was an actual Joe



Canal, and that a Paul Canal owns one or two of the South Jersey stores.

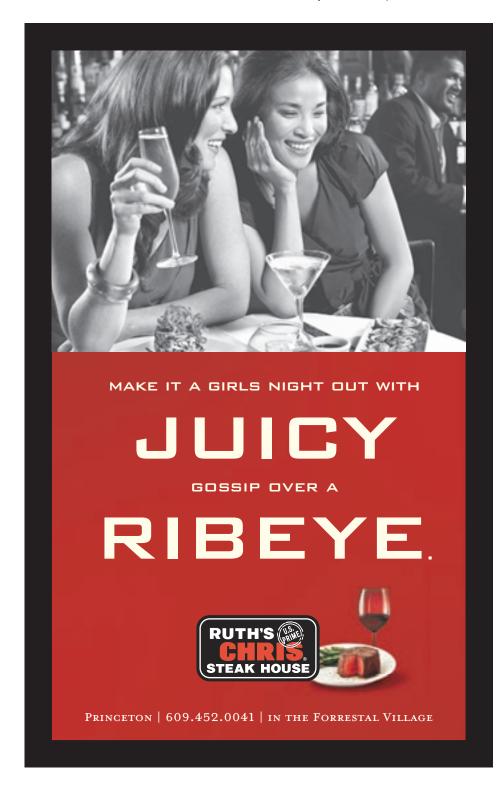
"The biggest different thing we do (is) we love to tell the story of the wines. We visit the winemakers and the farmers of the grapes; we write travelogues of our experiences. Just this past year, our employees have visited Spain, South America, and France, everyone from management to our wine sales people. We try to get everyone on a trip once a year. The merchandisers bring in 'shelf talkers,' but we put on our own, sometimes even with our photos. We educate and entertain. We impart knowledge, but not in terms of incomprehensible language. We have a great team — that's the most important thing."

The Lawrenceville store employs between 40 and 50. Brenner says some of those in management worked their way up from cashier. Brenner himself has been with Joe Canal's for five years. He grew up in Boston, and tended bar in college. "I've had 20 years in business

Bottle of Red: Brian Miller hosts wine samplings Fridays and Saturdays at Glendale Liquor on Quakerbridge Road.

management, but most of my wine experience started as floor manager here," he says. Brenner and his team are also excited about their new website, www.jcanals.com, which includes links to the blogs that are written by various staff members. They have themes like Mixology Monday (that is Brenner's specialty), Thirsty Thursday, and Foodie Friday. "One of the blog contributors is a professional chef; another is a former cheesemonger," says Brenner.

Another thing that sets his stores apart, Brenner says, is their celebrity events. "Just this past weekend we had Nancy Sinatra in our Woodbridge store," he relates. She poured Sinatra





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The chef is particularly proud of the Pad Thai, one of the more traditional dishes of stir-fried noodles with shrimp, egg, bean curd, bean sprouts, scallion and peanuts. Crispy duck in many varieties; a selection of curries; Ginger Fish, steamed whole fish



with stir-fried ginger sauce; and Pra Lad Prik, deep fried whole fish with Thai chili sauce, also are quite popular.

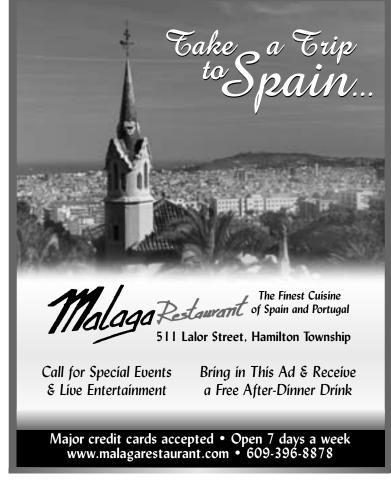
Thai food has become popular in recent years, as it represents four very distinct regions, each with its own culinary traditions. There is influence from China, Indian, Malaysia and other neighboring countries. One of the more distinctive aspects is the use of specific fresh herbs and spices, ranging from mild to quite hot, adding flavor and, some say, therapeutic benefits.

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Estate Wines, produced in California and Italy. "Before that," he continues, "we had Dan Akroyd with his Crystal Head vodka, and Deborah Brenner (no relation) of Women of the Vine cellars and author of a book by that name. So we're getting a reputation for good in-store events and bringing in winemakers."

A recent development that he is most excited about is the Joe Canal's growler stations. "Craft beer is growing by leaps and bounds," he states, and customers have responded to their program, which offers six or more rotating beers on tap. Selections currently include Brooklyn Detonation and three pumpkin ales, among them that of Riverhorse, based in Lambertville. Customers purchase a 64-ounce growler bottle for \$6.99 and then use it to buy refills fresh from the tap.

Brenner echoes the observation of other wine retailers about sales trends. "We have found that the average customer is not spending as much, but is buying more in terms of volume," he says. "Partly, this is because they are dining in more and going out to restaurants less. Yet we continue to grow."

Ditto for the two Glendale Wine & Liquor stores in the area, on Quaker Bridge Road in Mercerville (Lawrenceville) and on Route 27 in Kendall Park, according to Brian Miller, who manages the Quaker Bridge location. The company is owned by two brothers, whose father founded Glendale in 1974 in Trenton. That store is gone, but the Quaker Bridge store opened 15 years ago and the Kendall Park store a few years before that. Both have mostly the same stock, Miller says, although he and his counterpart in Kendall Park, Bart Deschampmeister, each carry products based on their particular clientele's preferences. One example: the Route 27 store carries more Hungarian wines because there is a Hungarian population just north of there. "In general, we carry common wines, highly rated wines, and

esoteric wines," he says. Even though his store is smaller, at about 4,000 square feet, than Joe Canal's, Miller contends that his store offers more wine selections. "I have single facings and they have multiple facings," he says, referring to showing a particular wine in one spot in the store versus several (stores with multiple facings may have more bottles for sale but a smaller selection). What sets Glendale apart, he says, is that "we discounted from the very beginning, from the founding. We discount every single bottle every single day, from the low end to the high end. This is unlike any other store in New Jersey. Other stores run sales, so occasionally their prices may be pennies less than ours, but not on a stable, consistent basis." Wine accounts for about two-thirds of overall sales at Glendale.

"(For) people who shop around, the nice thing is they try wines elsewhere and then come here to buy," he says. "They're price conscious. With what has happened with the economy, people are looking for better value. The \$30-and-up price range really got hit. People have traded down. In my store we offer better value even for esoteric wines. People should know that there are many high-end producers who offer second labels for pennies on the dollar. If their name label goes for between \$30 and \$40, these second labels go for \$10 to \$11. We can point these out."

All the shops profiled here offer regular, free wine tastings, and Miller is proud that his store is among them. "We have wine samplings every Friday from four to five and repeat the same wines from two to four on Saturday. The wine reps often come in to lead them, but we also have producers come from all over the world," he says.

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Miller has been with Glendale for 18 years and at the Quaker Bridge store since it opened. "For 15 years before that I ran restaurants in Peddler's Village," he says, referring to the Bucks County tourist destination.

Miller, too, cites customer service as a draw. "We have a handful of employees, but these guys are knowledgeable, and they will carry out packages. We're not fancy, but customers appreciate us for the quirky, friendly banter we have with our regulars. We try to have fun with our repeat customers." He is also proud of the store's commitment to the community, citing involvement with local chapters of, for example, Big Brothers Big Sisters, March of Dimes, Susan Komen, and McCarter Theater.

Relatively recently, Wegman's entered the mix with its own wine shop attached to their Nassau Park store off Route 1. Even more recently, Trader Joe's, also off Route 1, attained a liquor license, which means locals have access to, among other things, their famed line of Charles Shaw wines — AKA Two Buck Chuck (although in New Jersey it sells for \$2.99).

In other downtown Princeton wine scene news, last November saw the sale of Community Wine & Liquor, the longtime Witherspoon Street spot owned by Mark Bovenizer. That store is now Witherspoon Wine Company, and its owner, Craig Whelan, says he is in the process of reshaping it, in part by editing the wine selection so there is more floor space to roam around in, and also by bringing in what he says with pride is the largest selection of craft beers in Princeton.

So, whether you're a wine person, a beer person, a single malt scotch person or even a sake person, you've got more than enough warriors in town to help you do battle.

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Art Exhibit, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Galleries, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-932-7511. www.masongross.rutgers.edu. Rob Swainston presents a talk in conjunction with "Planet of Slums," an exhibit featuring the works of more than 20 artists from all over the world. On view to October 23. **6:30 p.m.**

Israeli Art Expo, Congregation Anshe Emeth, 201 South Third Avenue, Highland Park, 732-545-6482. www.hpct-cae.org. Highlights of works from the Safrai Fine Art Gallery of Jerusalem, Israel, as well as a variety of media and styles by more than 100 contemporary and classic Israeli artists. Continues through Sunday, October 17. 7 to 10 p.m.

Art History Lecture Series, Studio and Gallery of Robert Beck, 204 North Union Street, Lambertville, 609-397-5679. www.robertbeck.net. "Art and New Vision: the Revolution in Visual Thinking" presented by Carol Cruickshanks focuses on noteworthy movements and artists, methods, subject matter, and intended meaning. She is professor of art history at the College of New Jersey, and an independent appraiser at Rago Auctions. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

On Stage

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Bristol Riverside Theater, 120 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, 215-785-0100. www.brtstage.org. Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of lust, love, and horror adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher. \$34 to \$42. 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Hairspray, Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive, Millburn, 973-376-4343. www.papermill.org. Musical based on John Waters' film about high school bullies, racism, and girls with big hair. Directed by Matt Lenz. Through October 24. \$25 to \$92. **7 p.m.**

Aurelia's Oratorio, Berlind Theater at the McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton, 609-258-2787. www.mccarter.org. Aurelia Thierree stars in a topsy-turvy

world of stage illusion. Through October 17. For ages 10 and up. No intermission. \$20 and up. **7:30**

Train to 2010, Crossroads Theater, 7 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-545-8100. www.crossroadstheatrecompany.org. World premiere of a newly commissioned work by South African author Sibusiso Mamba and cocreated with Ricardo Khan. Through October 24. \$40 to \$50. 8 p.m.

Circle Mirror Transformation, George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-246-7717. www.gsponline.org. Comedy by Annie Baker about four people in a Vermont community center drama class stars Sandy Duncan. \$29.50 to \$79.50. **8 p.m.**

Film

The Life and Times of Sylvia Beach, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, 609-924-8822. www.princetonlibrary.org. Screening of "Paris Was a Woman," a documentary about Paris during the early 20th century and the Left Bank inner circle of writers. Post film discussion with Lee Mitchell. 7 p.m.

International Film Festival, South Brunswick Library, 110 Kingston Lane, Monmouth Junction, 732-329-4000. sbpl.info. Screening of 'Coco Before Chanel," a French film with English subtitles, focuses on how the fashion icon went from orphan to international celebrity. Free. 7 p.m.

Dancing

Newcomers Dance Party, American Ballroom, 569 Klockner Road, Hamilton, 609-931-0149. www.americanballroomco.com. \$10. **7 to 9 p.m.**

Contra Dance, Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive, 609-924-6763. www.princetoncountrydancers.org. Instruction followed by dance. \$8. **7:40 to** 10:30 p.m.

Good Causes

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Genocide from Warsaw to Darfur: 'From the Warsaw Ghetto to Darfur: Photos, Text and Commentaries' opens with a reception on Wednesday, October 13, 4:30 p.m., at the Gallery at Mercer County College. 609-570-3355.

Lambertville, 609-818-1952. www.animalalliancenj.org. Not-for-profit veterinary clinic offers low-cost animal health services to all pet owners, regardless of income. Rabies vaccination, \$15; microchipping, \$30; shave down for dogs, \$15; heartworm testing for dogs, \$30; FeLV/FIV testing for cats, \$30; dewormings, \$5. All performed by a licensed veterinarian in an animal hospital setting without additional office visit fee. 6 to 9 p.m.

Food & Dining

Wine Tasting, Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road, 609-924-2310. www.terhuneorchards.com. The winery offers seven varieties of red and white wine. Taste five wines for \$5, \$8 with the glass. 1 to 7 p.m.

Spanish Winemaker, One 53. 153 Washington Street, Rocky Hill, 609-921-0153. Open house reception with Juan Muga, a winemaker from Bodegas Muga, a family owned and operated vineyard in the Rioja region of Spain. Dinner featuring a Spanish meal with selections from the Muga vineyards follows, \$125. Register for dinner. 5 p.m.

Flving Fish Beer Dinner, Rat's Restaurant, 126 Sculptor's Way, Hamilton, 609-586-0616. www.groundsforsculpture.org. Five courses matched with beer by Casey Hughes, a brewer from Flying Fish. Register. \$59. **6 to** 9:30 p.m.

Gardens

Planning a School Garden, New Jersey Farm to School Network, Metuchen High School, 400 Grove Avenue, Metuchen, 609-577-5113. http://njfarm2schoolpbworks.com. Training session to plan equipment, materials, supplies, funding, curriculum ties to the classroom, and nutritional education connections. Register. \$25. 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Tied to the Cause, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Arline and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard, 1 Robert Wood Johnson Place, New Brunswick, 732-418-8110. www.rwjuh.edu. Speakers for breast cancer awareness event include Philip Wey, MD; Susan Love, MD; Margie McDonald, RN; and a montage of breast cancer patients sharing survivor stories. Register. \$10. 5 p.m.

Intro to Martial Arts, Can Do Fitness Club, 121 Main Street, Forrestal Village, Plainsboro, 609-514-0500. www.candofitness.com. Register. Free. 7:30 p.m.

Lectures

Business Leadership Conference, African American Chamber, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 609-392-3800. www.mtaacc.org. "Telecom, Trans-portation, Healthcare Trends in New Jersey." Keynote speaker is Harry C. Alford, president of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Register online. \$75. 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meeting, Mercer County Networking Connections, University Medical Center at Princeton, 253 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, 609-430-7124. "The Meaning of Laboratory Services" presented by Nancy Russell. Register. 8:30 a.m.

Tom Szaky, College of New Jersey, Mildred and Ernest Mayo Concert Hall, Ewing, 609-771-2585. www.tcnj.edu. New Jersey entrepreneur and originator of TerraCycle, the Trenton-based recycling company that has pioneered the development of products made entirely from waste including school supplies and pet products. Free. 6 p.m.

Bullying, Lambertville Public Li**brary**, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, 609-397-0275. www.Lambertvillelibrary.org. Naomi Drew, author of "No Kidding About Bullying," shares strategies for handling bullying with teachers, administrators, school counselors, and parents. Drew is recognized as an expert on conflict resolution, peacemaking, and parenting. 7 p.m.

Call the Doctor! Call the Nurse! Lecture Series, Middlesex County Cultural Commission, East Jersey Olde Towne Village, 1050 River Road, Piscataway, 732-745-4489. www.culture-heritage.org. "History of Patent Medicines" presented by Frank Pinchak in conjunction with the exhibit "History of Medicine in New Jersey, 1775-1975," currently on display in the Indian Queen Tavern. A graduate of Rutgers and a registered pharmacist, he is the curator of medicine and pharmacy at the Paterson Museum. Register. Free. 7 p.m.

Meeting, Princeton Photography Club, Johnson Education Center, D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton, 732-422-3676. www.princetonphotoclub.org. "Stories I Never Told My Mother" presented by Kenneth Kaplowitz features a séries of images showing love, loss, family, and relationships. Kaplowitz is a professor of art at the College of New Jersey. 7 p.m.

Citizenship Classes, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, 609-924-8822. www.princetonlibrary.org. Latin American Task Force presents classes. Second floor conference room. 7

Live Music

Stringbean and the Stalkers. BT Bistro, 3499 Route 1 South, West Windsor, 609-919-9403. www.btbistro.com. Blues. 9 p.m..

Open Mic, Alchemist & Barrister, 28 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, 609-924-5555. www. theaandb.com. 10 p.m.

Politics

Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, Robertson Hall, 609-258-2943. www.princeton.edu. "Rule of Law Development in China" presented by Jacques deLisle and Amy Gadsden, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Susan Pologruto, USAID Rule of Law advisor; and



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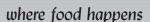
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Yanfei Ran, assistant to the district People's Procuratorate office. **4:30 p.m.**

Talking Politics, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, 609-924-8822. princetonlibrary.org. Joan Goldstein of Mercer County College leads book discussion focusing on "The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice are Undermining Education" by Diane Ravitch, former assistant secretary of education. 7 p.m.

Socials

Inaugural Meeting, NJ Ski and Snowboard, Chickie's and Pete's, 306 Route 130 North, Bordentown, 609-424-0710. www.njskiandsnowboard.com. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday October 14

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Elvis, **Russian-American Style**

The Red Elvises. The Record Collector Store, 358 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, 609-324-0880, www.the-record-collector.com. \$25. 7:30 p.m.

Classical Music

Concert, Princeton University, Chapel, 609-258-3654. www.princeton.edu. Free. 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Dennis Shrock, Westminster Choir College, The Playhouse, Princeton, 609-921-2663. www.rider.edu. Artist-in-residence leads a graduate conducting master class. Free. 1:30 p.m.

Composition Colloquium, Princeton University Concerts, Woolworth Music Center, 609-258-5000. princeton.edu/utickets.



Matthias Pintscher works with contemporary music ensembles. 4:30 p.m.

Concert Classics, Princeton University Concerts, Richardson Auditorium, 609-258-9220. www.princeton.edu/puconcerts. Till Fellner performs Beethoven's last three piano concertos: Opus 109, 110, and 111. \$20 to \$40. **8 p.m.**

Pop Music

Henry Butler, Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton, 609-955-5566. www.thewarmemorial.com. Jazz, pop, and blues on the piano. \$29. 7

MercyMe, State Theater, 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-246-7469. www.StateTheatreNJ.org. Christian song artists with Phil Wickham. \$15 to \$60. 8 p.m.

Art

Art Exhibit, Princeton Day School, The Great Road, Princeton, 609-924-6700. www.pds.org. Reception in conjunction with exhibition featuring the works of Michael Waugh, who creates large-scale labor-intensive drawings composed entirely of hand-written historical, social, and political text. He received a Pollock-Krasner Foundation award earlier this year. On view to November 5. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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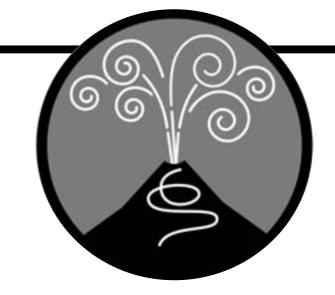


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1742. www.theatreintime.org. \$12. 8 p.m.

Film

New Jersey Film Festival, Ruth Adams 001, 131 George Street, New Brunswick, 732-932-8482. www.njfilmfest.com. Screening of American experimental films. \$10. 6 p.m.

Princeton Environmental Film Festival, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, 609-924-8822. www.princetonlibrary.org. Screening of "So Right So Smart," a documentary that shows the success of businesses that have begun to take positive steps toward a sustainable future, follows a business networking session. A panel discussion following the film features Steve Carney, McCaffrey's Market; Lee Ballin, Bloomberg; and Matt Wasserman, Church and Dwight.

Foreign Films, Lawrence Library, Darrah Lane and Route 1, Lawrence Township, 609-989-6920. www.mcl.org. Screening of "Only When I Dance." 6:30 p.m.

Dancing

Argentine Tango, Black Cat Tango, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive, 609-273-1378. www.theblackcattango.com. Beginner and intermediate classes followed by guided practice. No partner necessary. \$12. 8 p.m.

Comedy Clubs

Comedy School Graduation Showcase, Catch a Rising Star, Hyatt Regency, 102 Carnegie Center, West Windsor, 609-987-8018. www.catcharisingstar.com. Register. 8 p.m.

Farmers' Market

Princeton Farmers Market, Hinds Plaza, Witherspoon Street, Princeton, 609-655-8095, www.princetonfarmersmarket.com. Produce, cheese, breads, baked



goods, flowers, chef cooking demonstrations, books for sale, family activities, and workshops. Music from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Rain or shine. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Lunch and Learn for Caregivers, Buckingham Place, 155 Raymond Road, Monmouth Junction, 732-329-8888. www.buckinghamplace.net. "Coping with Memory Loss" presented by Barbara Sténder in a workshop for caregivers of seniors. Lunch included. Register. Free 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Engaged Retirement, Robert Wood Johnson Hamilton Center for Health and Wellness 3100 Quakerbridge Road, Mercerville, 609-584-5900. www.rwjhamilton.org. "Time at Last: Navigating Retirement" presented by Carol King. Register. Free. 2

Yoga with Wah!, Integral Yoga Institute Princeton, 613 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction, 732-274-2410. www.iyiprinceton.com. Register. \$25. 6 p.m.



Christian Rock: MercyMe, left, and Phil Wickham appear on Thursday, October 14, at the State Theater in New Brunswick. 732-246-7469.

For Families

Pre-K Nature Program, Mercer County Park Commission, Mercer Park, West Windsor, 609-989-6540. www.mercercounty.org. 'Shadows and Skulls." Register by E-mail to jrogers@mercercounty.org. Free. 10 to 11 a.m.

Lectures

Belknap Visitor in the Humanities, Princeton University, Mc-Cosh 50, 609-258-3000. lectures.princeton.edu. Alice Waters, champion of the sustainability and locally grown fresh ingredients and author of "The Art of Simple Food" and "In the Green Kitchen: Techniques to Learn by Heart," speaks. General admission begins at 4:45 p.m. 5 p.m.

Surrogate Services Workshop, Mercer County Connection, 957 Route 33, Hamilton, 609-890-9800. www.mercercounty.org. Diane Gerofsky, Mercer County surrogate, presents information. Register. Free. 6 to 7 p.m.

Introduction to NLP, Neuro-Enhancement Strategies, Princeton Pike, 609-918-0089. www.neuro-enhancement.com. Register. \$25. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Financial Reform, Princeton University, McCosh 10, 609-258-3000. lectures.princeton.edu. "Finance and the Good Society" presented by Robert J. Shiller, professor of economics at Yale University and author of "Irrational Exuberance" and "Animal Spirits: How Human Psychology Drives the Economy, and Why it Matters for Global Capitalism." 8 p.m.

Science Lectures

Career Workshop, American Chemical Society, Princeton, Former Frick Laboratory, 20 Washington Road, Princeton, 609-258-2937. www.princeton.edu. Topics include planning your job search, preparing a resume,



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and effective interviewing presented by David Harwell, Career Management and Development, American Chemical Society. Register. \$15. 5 to 9 p.m.

Live Music

Edward Boutross, Santino's Ristorante, 240 Route 130 South, Robbinsville, 609-443-5600. www.santinosristorante.com. Jazz vocal standards. BY-OB. **6:30 to 8 p.m.**

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College Night, BT Bistro, 3499 Route 1 South, West Windsor, 609-919-9403. www.btbistro.com. Music. Discounts with current college ID. 9 p.m.

Politics

Holt-Sipprelle Debate, Rebovich Institute for NJ Politics at Rider **University**, Yvonne Theater, Route 206, Lawrenceville. 12th District incumbent Congressman Rush Holt and Republican challenger Scott Sipprelle hold their first debate. A limited number of tickets will be available to the public. The format does not allow for questions from the audience. 11:15 a.m.

Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, Robertson Hall, 609-258-2943. www.princeton.edu. "The Economics of Integrity" presented by Anna Bernasek, author of "The Economics of Integrity: From Dairy Farmers to Toyota, How Wealth Is Built on Trust and What That Means for Our Future." 4:30 p.m.

Rummage Sale

Blawenburg Reformed Church, Route 518, Blawenburg, 609-466-3108. www.blawenburgchurch.org. Benefit to restore the church's historic sanctuary. Clothing, books, toys, and household items. 4 to 7 p.m.

Singles

Mix and Mingle, Singles Get Togethers, Alfonso's Trattoria, 647 Route 18, East Brunswick, 732-605-0958. Dinner. Register. \$21. 6:30 p.m.

Divorced and Separated Support Group, Hopewell Presby-terian Church, Hopewell, 609-466-0758. www.hopewellpres.-org. Register. **7:30 p.m.**

Socials

Dinner and Meeting, International Association of Administrative Professionals, Tessara's Restaurant, 812 Route 33, Hamilton, 609-689-2338. www.iaapmercer.org. "Going from Unsung Hero to Superhero" presented by Office Team. Dinner and program.

For Seniors

Workshop for Better Health, **Grounds For Sculpture**, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, 609-689-1089. www.groundsfor-sculpture.org. Walk followed by "Foot Care for the Active Adult," a discussion presented by Stoneking Wellness Center. Includes healthy refreshments and park admission. Register. \$10. 9:30

Friday October 15

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: **Fright Night**

Haunted Attractions, Corner Copia Farm Market, 299 Prince-ton-Hightstown Road, East Windsor, 609-426-8884. Challenging

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Classical Music

Dennis Shrock, Westminster Choir College, The Playhouse, Princeton, 609-921-2663. www.rider.edu. Artist-in-residence presents a lecture on creative programming and a rehearsal of Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem with the Westminster Symphonic Choir. An undergraduate conducting master class from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. Free. 11:30 a.m.

Best of Mozart, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, War Memorial, Trenton, 800-ALLE-GRO. www.njsymphony.org. David Lockington, conductor; Bart Feller, flute; Robrt Ingliss, oboe; Karl Herman, clarinet; Robert Wagner, bassoon; and Lucinda-Lewis, horn. \$20 to \$82. 7:30 p.m.

Rutgers Wind Ensemble, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Nicholas Music Center, 85 George Street, New Brunswick, 732-932-7511. www.masongross.rutgers.edu. Free. 8 p.m.

Phantom of the Opera, Princeton University, Chapel, 609-258-3654. www.princeton.edu. Silent movie with organ accompaniment by Michael Britt. \$10. 9 p.m.

Folk Music

Brian McNeill, Folk Project, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, 973-335-9489. www.folkproject.org. Mike Agranoff and Connor Dugan open the show. \$7. 8 to 11 p.m.

Mick Moloney and Jessica Zeigler, Princeton Folk Music Society, Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton, 609-799-0944. www.princetonfolk.org. Moloney is a traditional Irish musician. Źiegler on violin using classical methods with Irish music. \$20. 8:15 p.m.

World Music

Gospel Concert, Sun National Bank Center, Hamilton Avenue at Route 129, Trenton, 800-298-



4200. www.comcasttix.com. "Command the Blessing" presented by James Fortune, Bubby Fann, Tamika Taylor, and Rasheem Shambry. \$18 to \$23. 7

Art

Art Exhibit, Travis Gallery, 6089 Lower York Road, New Hope, PA, 215-794-3903. www.travisgallery.com. "Painting the Poetry of Light," an exhibit of selected paintings from near and far by Kenn Backhaus. On view to October 24. Noon.

Art Exhibit, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell, 609-333-8511. www.photosgallery14.com. Opening reception for "Signs of Life" by John Blackford, and "Into the Sky: Gehry at Bard" by Carl Geisler. On view to November 14. Also a members' group exhibit in the Jay Goodkind Gallery. **6 to** 8:30 p.m.

Artists Network, Lawrenceville Main Street, 2683 Main Street, Lawrenceville, 609-647-1815. www.Lawrencevillemainstreet. com. "Through the Eyes of Butterflies," a workshop for kids to create a mask or decorate a shirt. Led by Tiffany Wilner, Register. \$5. 7 to 9 p.m.

Dance

Dances from the Garden, Raritan Valley Community College, Route 28, Branchburg, 908-725-3420. www.rvccarts.edu. Performance by choreographers Loretta Di Bianca Fois, Randy James, Stephanie Beauchamp, Jean Paul, Claire Porter, and Marie Alonzo Snyder, all dance instructors at RVĆC. Freespace Dance, managed by Lisa Grimes, also performs. Snyder, a West Windsor resident, presents "Unveiling the Bamboo," a piece originally dedicated to the women who suffered under Taliban rule. \$12.8

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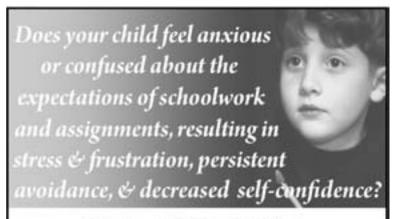
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On Stage

Guys and Dolls, Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell, 609-466-2766. off-broadstreet.com. Musical comedy features gambling, romance, and fashion from the 1950s portrayed by Jim Petro of Hamilton, Vicki Czarnik of Hopewell, John Burgeron of Morrisville, Elizabeth Rzasa of Lawrenceville, and Curtis Caine of Princeton. \$27.50 to \$29.50. 7 p.m.

Chess, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, 609-570-3333. www.kelseytheatre.net. Musical by Tim Rice, Bjorn Ulvaeus, and Benny Andersson, captures conflict between international chess stars set against a backdrop of political intrigue and international conspiracies. Released as a concept album in 1984, the show opened in London in 1986, and an altered version opened on Broadway in 1988. A reception with the cast and crew follows the opening night performance. \$16. 7:30

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Roebling: The Story of the Brooklyn Bridge, Roebling Museum, 100 Second Avenue, Roebling, 609-599-7200. www.-roeblingmuseum.org. New Jersey premiere of Mark L. Violi's new play based on the story of the efforts to complete the bridge from 1869 to 1883. Produced by Theater to Go and Pierrot Productions. \$20. Opening night preshow gala and reception to grand reopening of the newly refurbished historic theater, \$25, at 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

24-Hour Play Festival, Theatre Intime, Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University, 609-258-1742. www.theatreintime.org. \$12. 8 p.m.

Film.

New Jersey Film Festival,
Voorhees #105, Douglass Campus, New Brunswick, 732-932-8482. www.njfilmfest.com.
Screenings of "Lights" and "Dvojka (Twosome)." \$10. 7 p.m.

Spooky Movies Series, Washington Crossing Open Air Theater, 355 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, 267-885-9857. www.dpacatoat.com. Screening of "Hocus Pocus." \$5. 7:30 p.m.

Dancing

Jersey Jumpers, Central Jersey Dance Society, Unitarian Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton, 609-945-1883. www.centraljerseydance.org. East Coast Swing lesson followed by an open dance. \$12. 7 p.m.

Dance Party, American Ballroom, 569 Klockner Road, Hamilton, 609-931-0149. www.americanballroomco.com. \$15. 8 to 11 p.m.

Ballroom Dance Social, G & J Studios, 5 Jill Court, Building 14, Hillsborough, 908-892-0344. www.gandjstudios.com. Standard, Latin, smooth, and rhythm. Refreshments. BYOB. \$12. 8 to 11 p.m.

Karaoke Dance, American Legion Post 401, 148 Major Road, Monmouth Junction, 732-329-9861. Free. 8:30 p.m.

Good Causes

Spaghetti Dinner, First Baptist Church, 125 South Main Street, Hightstown, 609-448-0103. Register. \$20. 5 to 8 p.m.

Beer and Beef, Pet Rescue of Mercer, Hibernian Club, 2419 Kuser Road, Hamilton, 609-802-7680. www.petrescueofmercer.org. Silent auction. Benefit for homeless dogs and cats. Register online or E-mail celestial-1228@yahoo.com. \$25. 7 p.m.

Comedy Clubs

JJ Ramirez and James Goff, Catch a Rising Star, Hyatt Regency, 102 Carnegie Center, West Windsor, 609-987-8018. www.catcharisingstar.com. Register. \$19.50. 8 p.m.

Food & Dining

Wine Tasting, Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road, 609-924-2310. www.terhuneorchards.com. The winery offers seven varieties of red and white wine. Taste five wines for \$5, \$8 with the glass. 1 to 7 p.m.

Beer Dinner, The Frog and the Peach, 29 Dennis Street, New Brunswick, 732-846-3216. www.frogandpeach.com. New Orleans dinner of Gulf seafood paired with beers from Abita Brewing Company, Abita Springs, Louisiana. Register. \$100. 7 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Meditation Circle, Lawrence Library, Darrah Lane and Route 1, Lawrence Township, 609-989-6920. www.mcl.org. Light stretching begins the session led by Ann Kerr. Register. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For Families

House of Horrors, Middlesex County 4-H, 645 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, 732-398-5261. Haunted house with ghosts and goblins. Benefit for Project Gift, a project to help 200 limited resource families buy gifts for their children at no cost to themselves. \$3. 7 and 11 a.m.

Ice Cream Bingo, YWCA Princeton, 59 Paul Robeson Place, Princeton, 609-497-2100. www.-ywcaprinceton.org. For ages 4 to 10 and parents. \$5 per person. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Lectures

Expanding Horizons Speaker Series, Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, 609-924-7108. "Day of the Dead in the USA: The Migration and Transformation of a Cultural Phenomenon" presented by Regina Marchi, an assistant professor of journalism and media studies at Rutgers University and the author of a book of the same title as the talk. The Latin American holiday is observed from October 31 to November 2 when spirits visit their earthly kin. Register. Free. 10:30 a.m.

Dialogue on Current Abortion Controversies, Princeton University, McCosh 50, 609-258-3000. http://uchv.princeton.edu/-Life_Choice/. Leading pro-life and pro-choice advocates gather for civil discussion on the current



Live Music: Jazz standout Andrew Neu performs on Wednesday, October 20, at Spigola, 3817 Crosswicks-Hamilton Square Road. 609-585-5255.

controversies. The conference was inspired by President Obama's speech at Notre Dame in 2009 calling for "open hearts, open minds, and fair-minded words" on the abortion debate. Register for two day conference online. \$100. 1 to 7 p.m.

Fund for Irish Studies, Princeton University, Lewis Center, 185 Nassau Street, 609-258-1500. www.princeton.edu/arts. "Three Projects Involving Joseph Hirshorn, Marcel Duchamp, and the Bishop of Cloyne" presented by visual artist Brian O'Doherty. Free. 4:30 p.m.

30th Anniversary Event, Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, Nassau Presbyterian church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton, 609-396-9355. www.thecrisisministry.org. "Re-Imagining Charity" presented by Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund and an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional life. Register. \$20 to \$40. 6:30 p.m.

Solar Seminar, Civitas Energy, Nassau Inn, 10 Palmer Square, Princeton, 215-901-8451. civitasenergy.com. Information for Princeton area residents and business owners about the merits of adopting solar power. Refreshments. Free. 10 a.m.

Live Music

Wine and Music, Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Road, Pennington, 609-737-4465. www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com. Wine available by the glass or bottle. Jersey Jazz performs with David Berends on piano, Lance Sulton on bass, and Mike Ipri on drums. 5 to 8 p.m.

Hallowfest Celebration, Trenton Downtown, South Warren and Lafayette streets, 609-393-8998. www.trentondowntown.com. Oktoberfest Pub Crawl, trick or treating for adults, costumes encouraged. Amazing Grace at Trenton Marriott, \$10. 5 p.m.

Dick Gratton, Chambers Walk Cafe, 2667 Main Street, Lawrenceville, 609-896-5995. www.allaboutjazz.com. Solo jazz guitar. 6 to 9 p.m.

Black Cat Habitat, Beanwood Coffee Shop, 222 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, 609-324-1300. www.beanwood.com. Acoustic duo with original pop and rock. 7:30 p.m.

Odessa Klezmer Band, Borders Books, 601 Nassau Park, 609-514-0040. www.bordersgroupinc.com. **7:30 p.m.**

All That Jazz, Crossing Vineyards and Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, PA, 215-493-6500. www.crossingvineyards.com. Performance by the Eric Mintel Quartet. Wine and cheese available. \$20. 8 to 10 p.m. Jim Gaven, Matt Michael, and John Salvatore, It's a Grind Coffee House, 7 Schalks Crossing Road, Plainsboro, 609-275-2919. www.itsagrind.com. Acoustic originals and covers. 8 to 10 p.m.

Lofash, BT Bistro, 3499 Route 1 South, West Windsor, 609-919-9403. www.btbistro.com. 9 p.m.

Ernie White and Tom Reock Princeton Sports Bar & Grill, 128 Nassau Street, Princeton, 609-921-7555. www.princetonsportsbar.com. Acoustic rock covers and originals. 9 p.m.

Dinner, John & Peter's, 96 South Main Street, New Hope, 215-862-5981. www.johnandpeters.com.

Outdoor Action

Haunted Attractions, Corner Copia Farm Market, 299 Princeton-Hightstown Road, East Windsor, 609-426-8884. Challenging 10-acre corn maze includes more than three miles of potential pathways depicting a witch on a broomstick with clues at 12 checkpoints to solve a mystery. \$9.99. Pumpkin picking, petting, zoo, and refreshment stand available. Corner of Chaos Scream Acres from 7 to 11 p.m. with 25 acres of cornfield and forest, live music, and bonfires, \$15. 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Art of Decoys, D&R Greenway Land Trust, Johnson Education Center, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton, 609-924-4646. www.drgreenway.org. "Habitat Preservation and the Art of Decoys" presented by Jay Vawter, a collector of fine art decoys; Bill Rawlyk, director of land acquisition; and Charles Leck, professor emeritus at Rutgers. Register. Free. 4:30 p.m.

Field of Terror, Windsor Farm, 831 Windsor Perrineville Road, East Windsor, 609-209-4032. www.fieldofterror.com. Hayride, haunted corn maze, and a haunted walk. \$13 each; \$25 for two; and \$30 for three. 7 p.m.

What's in Store

Rummage Sale, Blawenburg Reformed Church, Route 518 Blawenburg, 609-466-3108. www.blawenburgchurch.org. Benefit to restore the church's historic sanctuary. Clothing, books, toys, and household items. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children's Consignment Sale, Kidzsignments, NJ Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Drive, Edison, 908-391-4175. www.kidzsignments.com. Clothing, shoes, toys, books, infant gear, nursery, and outdoor toys. **9 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Rummage Sale, Slackwood Presbyterian Church, 2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, 609-392-3258. Continues on Saturday, October 16. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Singles

Princeton Singles, Princeton Elks Lodge, Route 518, Blawenberg, 609-392-1786. Prime rib dinner for ages 55 plus. Register. \$15. 6 p.m.

Wine Tasting for Singles, Crossing Vineyards and Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, PA, 215-493-6500. www.crossingvineyards.com. Wine, cheese, and music. Register. \$20. **7 to 9 p.m.**

Socials

Women's Group, YWCA Princeton, 59 Paul Robeson Place, Princeton, 609-497-2100. www.ywcaprinceton.org. General meeting for social group formerly known as the Grads for graduating newcomers. Light lunch available. Noon to 2 p.m.

Luncheon, Rotary Club of the Princeton Corridor, Hyatt Regency, Carnegie Center, 609-799-0525. www.princetoncorridorrotary.org. Register. Guests, \$25. 12:15 p.m.

Scrabble, Classics Used and Rare Books, 117 South Warren Street, Trenton, 609-394-8400. All skill levels welcome. 6:30 p.m.



Saturday October 16

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: **Quilters Alert!**

Quilting, Howell Living History Farm, Valley Road, off Route 29, Titusville, 609-737-3299. www.howellfarm.org. Quilt display, demonstrations, and information about cleaning, storing, and displaying quilts. Free admission. **10** a.m. to 4 p.m.

Classical Music

Dennis Shrock, Westminster Choir College, The Playhouse, Princeton, 609-921-2663. www.rider.edu. Artist-in-residence "Performance Practice with Dennis Schrock," a seminar with a focus on performance practice, vocal and instrumental sound, meter and tempo, and recitative. Register. Free. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Joan Lippincott, Lawrenceville School, Edith Memorial Chapel, Lawrenceville, 609-620-6026. www.Lawrenceville.org. Organ concert on the Woods Family organ presented by professor emerita of organ at Westminster Choir College and former Princeton University principal organist. In celebration of the school's bicentennial anniversary. Free. 7:30 p.m.

Jazz & Blues

Warren Oree and the Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble, Ellarslie, Trenton City Museum, Cadwalader Park, 609-989-3632. www.ellarslie.org. Warren Oree on acoustic bass, Umar Raheem on saxophone, Greg Jones on drums, Doug Edwards on congas and percussion, and Frank Butrey on guitar. Register. \$20. **7:30**

Jazz Program Performance, **Princeton University Concerts**, Richardson Auditorium, 609-258-5000. www.princeton.edu/utickets. "Celebrating Jazz and the World" with Brazilian singersongwriter Gilberto Gil and other guest performers with the Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble. Gil, a Grammy Award winner who has served as Brazil's minister of culture, delivers a keynote address on the role of cultural ambassadorship, and performs. \$15. 8 p.m.

Pon Music

The Fab Faux, State Theater, 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-246-7469. State-TheatreNJ.org. Beatles cover band recreated as they were written, arranged, and performed with Hogs Head Horns and Creme Tangerine Strings. \$40 to \$85. Post show meet and greet available for additional \$25. 8 p.m.

Watercolor Workshop, Center for Relaxation and Healing, 666 Plainsboro Road, Building 600, Plainsboro, 609-750-7432. Stepby-step holistic approach for beginner and intermediate level. Register. \$35 includes supplies. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Original Foodie: Alice Waters speaks on Thursday, October 14, McCosh 10, Princeton University. 609-258-3000.

Tots on Tour, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, 609-586-0616. www.groundsforsculpture.org. For ages 3 to 5. One adult must accompany each child. Register. Free with park admission. Rain or shine. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Art Exhibit, Bucks County Gallery of Fine Art, 77 West Bridge Street, New Hope, PA, 215-862-5272. www.buckscountygalleryart.com. Sculpture demonstration series and reception features Richard Summons who works in bronze, aluminum, stainless steel, bonded materials stoneware, and porcelain. Noon to 3 p.m.

Annual Juried Exhibition, Phillips Mill, 2619 River Road, New Hope, 215-862-0582. www.-phillipsmill.org. Annual fall juried exhibition featuring artists of the Delaware Valley. Through October 30. \$4. 1 to 5 p.m.

Art Exhibit, New Hope Side-tracks Art Gallery, 2A Stockton Avenue, New Hope, 215-862-4586. www.nhsidetracks.com. Opening reception for "Naked in New Hope '10," a group show celebrating the human body featuring works by 62 artists including Campbell Paxton, a sculptor from Menor, Ohio; Gary Bykowski, a painter and sculptor from Roe-bling; and Aaron Kreydt, a painter and artist of New Hope. On view to December 12. 6 to 9 p.m.

Art and Poetry Exhibition, Swan Creek Gallery, 34 South Main Street, Lambertville. www.swancreekgallery.com. Opening reception for "Fragments of the Muse" featuring paintings of Minako Ota and poems of Vasiliki Katsarou. On view to December 28. 6 to 9 p.m.

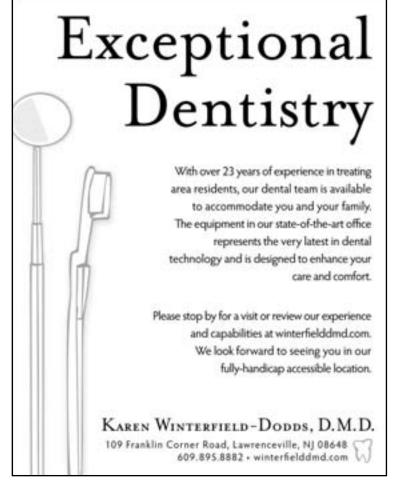
Five Alarm Firehouse Fling, West Windsor Arts Council, Alexander Road, West Windsor, 609-919-1982. www.westwindsorarts.org. Inaugural gala in the fire house includes a champagne reception with Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Paul Muldoon and party with music by the Jazz Lobsters for \$100. \$30 is for party only. 7

On Stage

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Bristol Riverside Theater, 120 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, 215-785-0100. www.brtstage.org. Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of lust, love, and horror adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher. \$34 to \$42. 2 and 8 p.m.

The Trial of the Century, Famous Trials Theater, Hunterdon County Courthouse, 75 Main Street, Flemington, 908-595-4849. www.famoustrials.com. Dramatic reenactment of the 1935 Lindbergh baby kidnapping trial. \$30; jury seats, \$45. This is the 20th and final season of the show now marking the 75th anniversary of the trial. 2 and 8 p.m.

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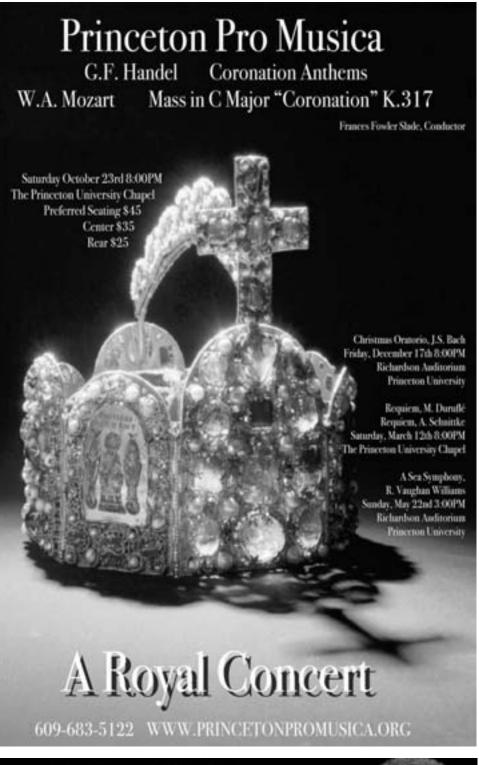
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October 16

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Circle Mirror Transformation, George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-246-7717. www.gsponline.org. Comedy by Annie Baker about four people in a Vermont community center drama class stars Sandy Duncan. \$29.50 to \$79.50. **2 and 8 p.m.**

Aurelia's Oratorio, Berlind Theater at the **McCarter**, 91 University Place, Princeton, 609-258-2787. www.mccarter.org. Aurelia Thierree stars in a topsy-turvy world of stage illusion. Through October 17. For ages 10 and up. No intermission. \$20 and up. 3 and 8 p.m.

Me and My Girl, Bucks County Playhouse, 70 South Main Street, New Hope, 215-862-2041. www.buckscountyplayhouse.com. Musical. \$22. 4 and 8 p.m.

Guys and Dolls, Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell, 609-466-2766. www.off-broadstreet.com. Musical comedy. \$27.50 to \$29.50. 7 p.m.

Chess, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, 609-570-3333. www.-kelseytheatre.net. Musical. \$16. 7:30 p.m.

JW Actors Studio, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street, 609-924 8777. www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. Performance by Far and In Between, an improv comedy troupe featuring members of the studio's advanced improv workshop for the past two years. Reservations suggested. \$15. **8 p.m.**

Train to 2010, Crossroads Theater, 7 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-545-8100. www.crossroadstheatrecompany.org. World premiere of a newly commissioned work by South African author Sibusiso Mamba and co-created with Ricardo Khan. \$40 to \$50. 8 p.m.

Love and Communication, Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front and Mont-



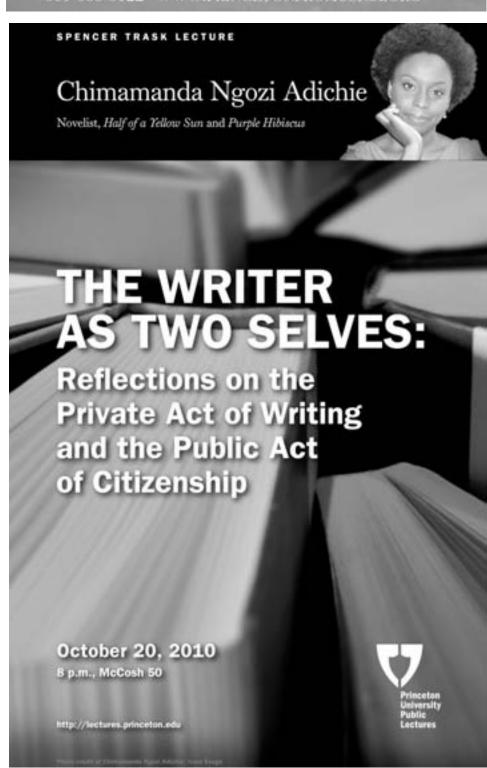
gomery streets, Trenton, 609-392-0766. www.passagetheatre.org. World premiere of story about parents of a child with autism. \$20 to \$30. 8 p.m.

Roebling: The Story of the Brooklyn Bridge, Roebling Museum, 100 Second Avenue, Roebling, 609-599-7200. www.roeblingmuseum.org. New Jersey premiere of Mark L. Violi's new play based on the story of the efforts to complete the bridge from 1869 to 1883. Produced by Theater to Go and Pierrot Productions. \$20.8 p.m. Go and Pierrot Productions. \$20. 8 p.m.

24-Hour Play Festival, Theatre Intime, Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University, 609-258-1742. www.theatreintime.org. \$12. **8 p.m.**

Acme Screening Room, Lambertville Public Library, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, 609-397-0275. www.nickelodeonnights.org. Screening of "The Yogis of Tibet." \$10. **7 and 9:45 p.m.**

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Review: 'Circle Mirror Transformation'

t is possible that some of you are not actors by profession but may, however, have taken an acting class. In any event, it is also possible that you have heard about some of the basic and elementary exercises and games that are often played by beginning students and serve as a way to open up the imagination, loosen up the body, trigger emotional responses, and learn to relate to strangers with whom you will be closely aligned for as long as the classes continue. These activities are most often prescribed by the teacher for newcomers to the profession and require the student to be patient, receptive and demonstrate a willingness to look awkward, even attempt to assume the life of an inanimate object, like a broom or a teapot. All this and more is given a humorously dramatic form/forum in Annie Baker's play "Circle Mirror Transformation.'

In this recent Off-Broadway hit, now at George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, four people, some needy, some nervous, and some looking for something, don't

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know exactly what to expect in a six-week series of classes in a Vermont community center. Set designer R. Michael Miller has created a large almost empty room with some folding chairs on a

rack, a mirror, and a piano that might also be used for dance classes. It doesn't take too much time for us to discover that each of the four students has his or her reasons and need for attending. Is it a need for self discovery, therapy, or just something to do?

In the play, we see how the classes become a catalyst for each student, including the teacher, to rethink who they are and where each may be headed. Sounds like a plan.

Under the stringently prescribed guidance of director Anders Cato, Sandy Duncan stars as Marty, the acting teacher who discharges the rules and techniques. She is, as expected, unwittingly drawn into the field of role-playing and make-believe thereby wherein her own per-

Drama Games: Counterclockwise from far right: Sandy Duncan, Amanda Sykes, Tom Riis Farrell, Sandie Rosa, and Nick Wyman. Photo: T.Charles Erickson.

sonal marital problems come to the surface.

Duncan, who is making a welcome return to the George Street Playhouse after she became ill while rehearsing a play last season and had to be replaced, is now in a vehicle that isn't exactly a stretch for this veteran multi-talented performer. While Marty, as it turns out, is the least interesting character in the play, Duncan reveals her as a patient, empathetic instructor, neither condescending nor intimi-

A fine company of actors support Duncan and can be considered real contenders for the acting profession (just kidding). Consider the rural New Englanders attracted by the title of the course "Adult Creative Drama." It's a clever gimmick for a play in which the characters slowly and methodically become psychologically and physi-

cally responsive to the lesson plan. For a reason left unexplained, Marty's hus-James band (Nick Wyman) takes part in the classes and becomes a potential provocateur within the supposedly therapeutic/-

artistic ambiance. Sixteen year-old Lauren (Sandie Rosa) is pathetically shy, insecure and short on funds to pay for the course. It's fun to see her persevere and build up enough confidence to audition for the high school musical.

heresa (Amanda Sykes) is a born up-stager who finds the perfect audience for her needy personality. Schultz (Tom Riis Farrell), a carpenter recovering from a failed marriage, is looking for love or something like it. The play is experienced through a series of short cleverly devised black-out scenes that comprise a rather rigidly structured play. Resolutely pretentious, it finds its unique voice in the students as they begin to relate to each other both within the games and between the games. Of course, you can expect a little hanky-panky along the way.

One of the more challenging games assigned requires the student to stand up and pretend to be one of the other students. Marty's approach to teaching acting is astonishingly free of any reference to performing famous scenes

or to any of the world's great and even not-so-great dramatic literature. As Lauren asks, "Are we going to do any real acting?'

Most amusing is watching Schultz conjure up his childhood bedroom with James as his bed, Lauren as his baseball mitt, Marty as his pet stuffed snake and Theresa as the elm tree he can see out of his window. Marty's theater games

are geared more intentionally to stir up plenty of angst, anxiety, and

even animosity.

If I found myself losing patience with the play as it seemed to move, as do the characters, in circles, there is a neat payoff that I won't disclose. "Circle Mirror Transformation" is far from being transformative dramatic literature, but it does succeed in transforming the

lives that Baker has invented just enough for you to have a relatively enjoyable time.

- Simon Saltzman

"Circle Mirror Transformation," through Sunday, October 31, George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. For tickets (\$25-\$62) call 732-246-7717. www.gsponline.-



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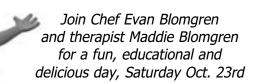
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Review: 'Love and Communication'

ames J. Christy's new play "Love and Communication." now having its world premiere at the Passage Theater in Trenton, may not have the cleverest or the most provocative title, but it is conceived and executed with a kind of wacky cleverness that comes close but doesn't completely neutralize its otherwise provocative subject matter: autism. That Christy is drawing from his own family's connection, knowledge, experience, and concern (based on interviews with the press) for a condition that affects an increasing number of children certainly brings an empathetic subtext and an informed frame of reference to his playfully serious play.

After a short opening scene in which we see Megan Holden (Julianna Zinkel) trying unsuccessfully to help her autistic 5-year-old child (unseen) respond to some basic skills, the play shifts to two different locales (split stage) where we listen to the directors of two different facilities speak on how they

Decisions, Decisions: Julianna Zinkel and Chris Stack play the parents of an autistic five-year-old.

of autistic children. While Megan is an attendee in a school auditorium listening to the warm-hearted and enthusiastic Dr. Silverman (John Jezior) speak about his program called LAC (Learning Architect Consultants,) her husband, Rob (Chris Stack),

approach and deal with the needs

has gone to a conference room in a high-end school for children with autism where he listens to its director, Julia (Lena Kaminsky), present the values of ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis). To put this simply, LAC believes in the emotional approach and ABA is, as it is referred to, science-based.

This makes for an immediate and pressing conflict, as Rob is inclined to favor the science-based disciplines, especially as Julia, as he discovers, is a fellow graduate of his alma mater. Intuitively

Megan prefers the application of Silverman's emotional methods and begins an aggressive E-mail correspondence with him.

At first Rob and Megan's biggest hurdle is convincing Regina (Ashley B. Spearman) the patient but typically by-the-rulesbound board of education case worker, that Sammy is a candidate for special education in another school. The public school's evaluation/assessment of Sammy's autism places him just below the normal, but not severe enough for them to green-light the transfer and expense.

Recognizing the uphill battle they face to provide the help they need, they remove Sammy from school while Megan gives up her job, attempts home-schooling, and Rob seeks help from a lawyer. The relationship between Rob and Megan is as strained as it is draining while they attempt to get beyond the maze of bureaucracy in the system, as well as with the issue of affordability.

Without legal authorization, the ABA school can cost \$92,000 a year. Interestingly, Megan's relationship with Silverman takes on a curious life of its own through the increasingly communicative Email in which he becomes moved to offer the boy a scholarship. But what about the extraordinary ways that Julia helps Rob triumph or is it to trump the obstacles in their path?

The play, under the direction of Adam Immerwahr, takes such a dramatic detour in Act II that the

audience is taken by surprise. This could be a good thing if we were given a hint of what was in store.

While Act I is close to being a

polemic and suffers by being im-

mersed with the perfunctory issues

Christy's own family connection with autism brings an empathetic subtext and an informed frame of reference to his playfully serious play.

and concerns confronting Rob and Megan, Act II begins with a surprising and hilarious scene (I won't be a spoiler).

his sets the stage for a series of increasingly convoluted contrivances. We are suddenly thrown into a genre/realm of reality best described as far-fetched. To be shaken from our complacency is one thing. But absurdities begin to pile up as one professional is suddenly revealed as not being who we think he is, another is not able to

comply as a professional with the accepted rules of ethical behavior, and still another character shows up out-of-the-blue to make things more ridiculous. Such as they are, the rules of the game are also changed for both Rob and Megan, whose marriage has already been on shaky ground.

Although what actually happens doesn't make much sense or add up, the performances are sturdy.

Stack, amidst Rob's general state of angst, has a winning moment doing a "crazy" dance for his son. Zinkel is credible as more than just a desperate housewife. Spearman delivers the perfect no nonsense aspect to her role as the case counselor, and Jezior is winning as the

compassionate director.

It won't be spoiling much to say that Tom Saporito brings an unexpected twist to the plot as a kooky LAC technician. Designer Jeff Van Velsor's black box setting with its boxy black furnishings provides the frame for this bi-polar play about autism.

— Simon Saltzman

"Love and Communication," through Sunday, October 24, Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. \$20-\$30. 609-392-0766. www.passagetheatre.org.







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Joe DeVico of BlackRock, and Veronique Sigu of Princeton.



Karen Glasgold, left, independent consultant and event planner, Mark Glasgold, a plastic surgeon in Highland Park; Johan Firmenich, project manager, sustainability, Firmenich Corp; and his wife, Emily Firmenich.

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PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY BASH. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, ALBERT HINDS PLAZA

nce upon a time there was a little library, born 100 years ago when the Ivy Hall Book Club and the Witherspoon Street Free Lending Library joined and opened its doors in the Bainbridge House, now the site of the Historical Society of Princeton. Today, of course, it is housed in the Hillier-designed building on Witherspoon Street adjacent to the Albert Hinds Plaza.

On Saturday, October 9, the plaza was magically tented and transformed for the 100th birthday celebration, where 500 guests partied till 11:30 p.m. The library was also transformed into elegant "dining rooms" with tables accented with purple orchids in silver pots; Max Hansen Caterers did the honors with the food.

But first the elegantly dressed crowd packed Nassau Presbyterian Church, where Terry Gross, host of NPR's wildly popular program "Fresh Air," regaled the crowd with stories and excerpts from her show, which reaches some 5 million people at 500 stations across the country. With her customary blend of razor sharp wit and contagious sense of humor, she gave the back story of her headline-making interviews with actor George Clooney and Kiss band member Gene Simmons as well as her "confrontations" with ultra-conservative Fox commentator Bill O'Reilly and former First Lady Laura Bush, all the while weaving in anecdotes about her own life, personal and professional.

At the close of her presentation, she brought down the house with an extraordinarily poignant rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone" from the musical "Carousel" that folk-pop artist Richard Thompson once sang on "Fresh Air." How did she know that's my favorite song of all time?

The event raised \$220,000 to go towards annual support — including more than \$23,000 from the wildly successful "In Their Own Hands" silent auction, sponsored by the Gould Group of Wells Fargo Advisors and featuring hand-created pages (writings and sketches) by 35 of Princton's nationally celebrated residents and ex-residents including John Lithgow, Michael Graves, Bebe Neuwirth, and Paul Krugman. Typically, about 80 percent of the library's budget is funded by tax dollars. The remaining 20 percent is raised by a combination of fees, grants, an annual appeal and funds raised by events such as the gala.

Jamie Saxon

For more information visit www.princetonlibrary.org.



Anne Reeves, left, founding director, Arts Council of Princeton, and Leigh Bartlett of Princeton,



Curtis Glovier of Fortress Investment Group in New York, and Lisa Marttila.



Cole McBride, a freelance market researcher, and Stephen K. E. Forden, vice president, sales and marketing, Soluble Systems, a wound care company in Newport News, VA.



Chris McCray of BlackRrock; his wife, Andrea McCray; and Vivian Allen of Princeton.



Ben Gitterman, left, internist, Princeton Medical Group; his wife, Debbi Gitterman; and Phil Kim, marketing director, Universal Labs, New Brunswick.



Liza Peck, left, of Princeton; Lawrence R. Lynch of PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York; and his wife, Keli Lynch.



Millard M. Riggs Jr., left, first vice president, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Lawrenceville; and Paul Muldoon, professor and director of creative writing, Lewis Center for the Arts, Princeton University.



Brian Hughes, Mercer County Executive, and his wife, Pamela Hughes, senior development officer, Institute for Advanced Study.



Peter N. Moss, an attorney with Jackson Lewis LLP in New York, and his wife, Georgeanne Moss, managing director-investment officer, Wells Fargo Advisors, 138 Nassau Street.



David August, professor of computer science at Princeton University and owner of Parakinetics, a software development company in Princeton; and Clancy August, program assistant, Princeton Public Library.

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Dancing

Salsa Sensation, Central Jersey Dance Society, Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton, 609-945-1883. www.centraljerseydance.org. Salsa workshop followed by open dancing. No partner needed. \$12. 7

Ballroom Dance Social, G & J Studios, 5 Jill Court, Building 14, Hillsborough, 908-892-0344 gandjstudios.com. Standard, Latin, smooth, and rhythm. Refreshments. BYOB. \$12. 8 to 11 p.m.

Literati

Educator Workshop, Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, West Windsor, 609-716-1570. www.bn.com. 'Grant Writing Doesn't Have to be a Pain" presented by Les Fehmi and William Smith, pain-relief ex-

Author Event, Borders Books, 601 Nassau Park, West Windsor, 609-514-0040. www.bordersgroupinc.com. John P. Kaminski, author of "Quotable Jefferson, Founders on the Founders" and the "Great Virginia Triumverate," at 11:30 a.m. Deborah A. Bailey, author of "Think Like an Entrepreneur: Transforming Your Career and Taking Charge of Your Life,"

In the Galleries:

'The Sixth Sense' by Princeton artist Minako Ota, from a solo show opening Saturday, October 16, 6 to 9 p.m., Swan Creek Gallery, 34 South Main Street, Lambertville. 609-397-5441.

talks about how to manage your career and life no matter what's going on with the economy, at 1 p.m. 11:30 a.m.

Author Event, Classics Used and Rare Books, 117 South Warren Street, Trenton, 609-394-8400. John Calu, author of "Trenton: A Novel." Noon to 2 p.m.

Good Causes

Celebrate the Arts, HomeFront, Family Preservation Center, Ewing, 609-989-9417. www.homefrontnj.org. Browse artwork, read poetry, participate in arts and crafts, live music and improv performed by area college students, and refreshments. Free. 10 a.m.

Autumn in Bucks County, Trinity Episcopal Church, 6587 Upper York Road, Solebury, PA, 215-297-8285. www.trinitysolebury.-

org. 20th annual house tour features four distinctive homes. Benefit for Fish, an organization that provides emergency service to people in need, Bucks County food pantries, Habitat for Humanity, and A Woman's Place. Rain or shine. Register. \$35. Box lunches available, \$15. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Annual Awards and Dinner Dance, Mercer County Bar, Trenton Country Club, 609-585-6200. www.mercerbar.com. Honorees include Carol Oswald, Esq. and Guy J. Renzi & Associates. Register. 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Opera Gala, Opera New Jersey, Hyatt Carnegie Center, West Windsor, 609-799-7700. www.opera-nj.org. Gala honors Edward Matthews and pays tribute to the Marie Matthews, who died August 18. Lisa Vroman presents "Opera New Jersey Meets Broadway." Silent and live auctions, cocktails, and dinner. Black tie optional. Register. \$250. Optional private champagne reception with the artists at 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m.



Comedy Clubs

JJ Ramirez and James Goff, Catch a Rising Star, Hyatt Regency, 102 Carnegie Center, West Windsor, 609-987-8018. www.catcharisingstar.com. Register. \$22. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Steven Wright, Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton, 609-955-5566. www.thewarmemorial.com. A comedian since the early 1980s, Wright has been in films — "Desperately Seeking Susan," "Mixed Nuts," and "The Muse;" wrote and directed "One Soldier'; and has been on Comedy Central and HBO. He has been a guest with Johnny Carson, David Letterman, Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Kimmel, and Craig Ferguson. \$19 to \$45. 8 p.m. See story page 31.

Open Mic Night, Tavern on the Lake, 101 Main Street, Hight-stown, 908-202-1322. Comedy night led by Joseph DeLong. Central New Jersey comedians taking the stage include Helene Angley, Jimmie Alinder, Bartholomew John Batista, R.R. Castles, Sandy Dicks, Justin Flanagan, Mike Fortino, Josh G, Dina Hashem, George Higgins, Stephen Hilger, Matt Jenkins, Michael Keren, Kenny and Keith Lucas, and John Minus. \$5 cover. 8 p.m.

Faith

Women's Red Tent Shabbat, Har Sinai Temple, Baldpate Mountain, Fiddler's Creek Road, Titusville, 609-730-8100. www.harsinai.org. Register. \$10. 9:30 a.m.

Food & Dining

Wine Tasting, Terhune
Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road,
609-924-2310. www.terhuneorchards.com. The winery offers seven varieties of red and white wine. Taste five wines for \$5, \$8 with the glass. **Noon to 6 p.m.**

Farmers' Market

West Windsor Community Farmers' Market, Vaughn Drive Parking Lot, Princeton Junction Train Station, 609-577-5113. www.westwindsorfarmersmarket.org. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wellness Expo, Lawrence Community Center, 295 Eggerts Crossing Road, Lawrenceville, 609-278-9061. www.lawrencecomctr.com. Workshops include Introduction to Acupuncture or Ayurveda, Sound Therapy, Reiki, Handwriting Analysis, World of Soulcraft, and Psychics: Healers or Entertainers. Featured speaker is Nancy Orlen Weber, a registered nurse, a psychic detective, and editor of "Conscious Living" magazine. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan, Plainsboro Public Library, 9 Van Doren Street, 609-275-2897. www.lmxac.org/plainsboro. Demonstration, discussion, and beginner lesson presented by Todd Tieger. Bring soft, thin-soled shoes and comfortable clothing. Free. 10 a.m.

Blood Drive, South Brunswick Community Blood Bank, South Brunswick Community Center, 124 New Road, Monmouth Junction, 732-297-3198, Childcare available. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Breathwork Workshop, Volition Wellness Solutions, 842 State Road, Princeton, 609-688-8300. www.volitionwellness.com. Breathing, meditation, and personal healing with Jane Martin and Pat Czeto. Register. \$99. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Meditation Group, Mercer Free School, Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrence, 609-456-6821. www.mfs.insi2.org. Discussion and practice for all levels. Bring a yoga mat or towel. Free. **10:30 a.m. to noon.**

Insight Meditation Open House, Princeton Center for Yoga & Health, 50 Vreeland Drive, Suite 506, Skillman, 609-924-7294. www.princetonyoga.com. Overview of insight meditation, known in Asia as Vipassana, by Beth Evard, founder of Princeton Insight Meditation. Two short meditation practice sittings. Free. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Workshop, Shreyas Yoga, Chicklet Books, Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street, 732-642-8895. www.shreyasyoga.com. "Generalized Fatigue" presented by Acharya Girish Jha. Register by E-mail to info@shreyasyoga.com. Bring a blanket and mat. \$45. 4 to 6:30 p.m.

History

Guided Tour, Drumthwacket Foundation, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton, 609-683-0057. www.drumthwacket.org. New Jersey governor's official residence. Register online. \$5 donation. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Civil War and Native American Museum, Camp Olden, 2202 Kuser Road, Hamilton, 609-585-8900. www.campolden.org. Exhibits featuring Civil War soldiers from New Jersey include their original uniforms, weapons, and medical equipment. Diorama of the Swamp Angel artillery piece and Native American artifacts. Free. 1 to 4 p.m.

Cholera on the Canal, The Meadows Foundation, Van Wickle House, 1289 Easton Avenue, Somerset, 732-249-6770. www.themeadowsfoundation.org. 2 p.m.

For Families

Quilting, Howell Living History Farm, Valley Road, off Route 29, Titusville, 609-737-3299. www.howellfarm.org. Quilt display, demonstrations, and information about cleaning, storing, and displaying quilts. Free admission. **10** a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mercer County Touch-a-Truck, Sun National Bank Center, Hamilton Avenue at Route 129, 800-298-4200. Fire trucks, ambulances, loaders, garbage trucks, and mail trucks in parking lot. Face painter and food court. Free. Rain or shine. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Art of Photography: 'Into the Sky: Gehry at Bard' by Carl Geisler opens with 'Signs of Life' by John Blacksford, Friday, October 15, Gallery 14, Hopewell. 609-333-8511.

Fall Family Fun, Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road, 609-924-2310. www.terhuneorchards.com. Pick your own apples, pumpkins, and raspberries. Music by Eco Del Sur. Rain or shine. Free admission. 10 a.m. to

Art for Families, Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton campus, 609-258-3043. www.princetonartmuseum.org. "The Writing's on the Wall" with drop-in art projects and self-guided tours. Free. 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First of Octember, Cotsen Children's Library, Firestone Library, 609-258-2697. www.princeton.edu. Based on the zany Dr. Seuss holiday in "Please Try to Remember the First of Octember," the program invites imagination. Art materials supplied. Ages 3 and up. Free. 1 to 4 p.m.

House of Horrors, Middlesex County 4-H, 645 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, 732-398-5261. Haunted house with ghosts and goblins. Benefit for Project Gift, a project to help 200 limited resource families buy gifts for their children at no cost to themselves. \$3. 7 and 11 a.m.

Lectures

Networking Group, St. Gregory the Great Church, 4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square. Support in the job search process. Email sggngroup@gmail.com for information. 8:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Dialogue on Current Abortion Controversies, Princeton University, McCosh 50, 609-258-3000. http://uchv.princeton.edu/-Life Choice/. Leading pro-life and pro-choice advocates gather for civil discussion on the current controversies. The conference was inspired by President Obama's speech at Notre Dame in 2009 calling for "Open hearts, open minds, and fair-minded words" on the abortion debate. Register for two day conference online. \$100. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Yoga for Unity, Princeton University, McCormick Hall, 609-658-8577. www.yogaforunity.com. "Comparison of Tibetan Yoga and Yoga Sutras" presented by Michael Roach, co-founder of Yoga Studies Institute, Diamond Mountain University, and the Asian Classics Input Project. A graduate of Princeton University, Class of 1974, he received the U.S. Presidential Scholar Medallion from the White House. Author of five books including "The Diamond Cutter," the story of how he used the ancient yogic wisdom of

Tibet to create Andin; and "Karmic Management." Lady Niguma Yoga in Dillon gym from 4:30 to 6 p.m. "the Enlightened Businessman," a musical interlude and lectures from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Mc-Cormick. Register online or by phone. 2:30 p.m.

Live Music

Darla Rich Quintet, Hopewell Bistro, 15 East Broad Street, Hopewell, 609-466-9889. www.hopewellvalleybistro.com. Dinner and dancing. \$15 minimum. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

John Linden, Thomas Sweet Ice Cream, 1330 Route 206, Skillman, 609-430-2828. www.larry tritel.com. Guitar and vocals. 7 to

Joe Zook and James Cheadle, The Record Collector Store, 358 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, 609-324-0880. www.therecord-collector.com. \$12. 7:30

Dave Dales Trio, Logan Inn, 10 West Ferry Street, New Hope, PA, 215-862-2300. www.loganinn.com. 8 p.m.

Dr. Doz, BT Bistro, 3499 Route 1 South, West Windsor, 609-919-9403. www.btbistro.com. 9 p.m.

The Josh Olmstead Band, John & Peter's, 96 South Main Street, New Hope, 215-862-5981. www.johnandpeters.com. 9:30 p.m.

Outdoor Action

Canal Walk 2010. Friends of the Delaware Canal, Point Pleasant, 215-862-2021. www.fodc.org. The guided walking tour includes the 58.9-mile walk for the first time in six years. Bring a light lunch and beverage. Transportation back to the starting point will be arranged through carpooling. Register. Free. Week three of five is a 10-mile walk. 9 a.m.

Haunted Attractions, Corner Copia Farm Market, 299 Princeton-Hightstown Road, East Windsor, 609-426-8884. Challenging 10-acre corn maze includes more than three miles of potential pathways depicting a witch on a

broomstick with clues at 12 checkpoints to solve a mystery. \$9.99. Pumpkin picking, petting zoo, and refreshment stand available. Corner of Chaos Scream Acres from 7 to 11 p.m. with 25 acres of cornfield and forest, live music, and bonfires, \$15. 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Field Trip, Friends for the Marsh, Call for location, 732-821-8310. marsh-friends.org. "Mushrooms at the Bordentown Bluffs" led by Van Cotter. Register. 1 p.m.

Field of Terror, Windsor Farm, 831 Windsor Perrineville Road, East Windsor, 609-209-4032. www.fieldofterror.com. Hayride, haunted corn maze, and a haunted walk. \$13 each; \$25 for two; and \$30 for three. 7 p.m.



Politics

Marc's Place Coffee House, **Central Jersey Coalition** Against Endless War, Reformed Church, 19-21 South 2nd Avenue, Highland Park, 732-235-1444. www.againstendlesswar.org. "Immigration Detention: Resisting American's Modern Day Internment Camps" presented by Karina Wilkinson and Dan Cummings from Middlesex County Coalition for immigrant Rights; and two former detainees. Music and refreshments. Donations invited. 8 p.m.

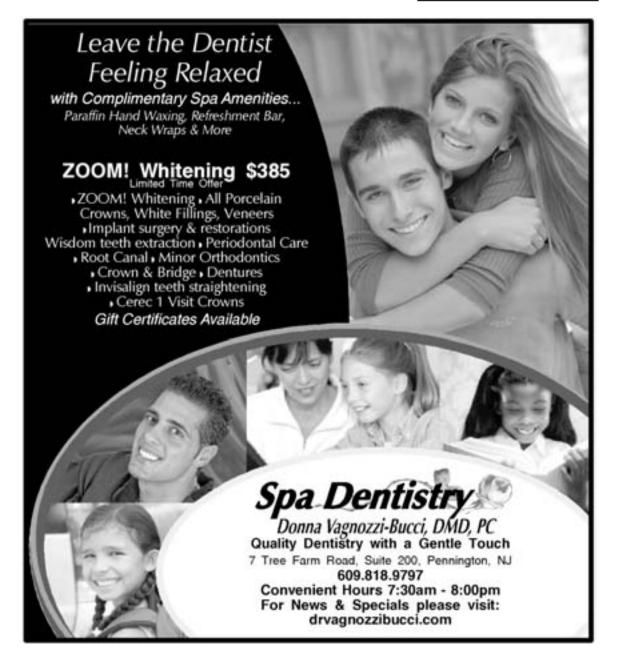
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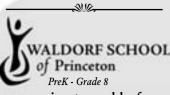
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Schools

Mandarin-English Immersion, Princeton International Academy Charter School, South Brunswick Public Library, 732-513-5891. www.piacs.org. Information on dual language immersion program (English and Mandarin) opening September, 2011. Apply online. 1 p.m.

What's in Store

Rummage Sale, Slackwood Presbyterian Church, 2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, 609-392-3258. \$3 per bag. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rummage Sale, Blawenburg Reformed Church, Route 518, Blawenburg, 609-466-3108. blawenburgchurch.org. Benefit to restore the church's historic sanctuary. Clothing, books, toys, and household items. Half price day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Singles

Princeton Singles, Hamilton Elks, Kuser Road, Hamilton, 609-883-1214. Music by Vinnie E. Bar and snacks available. For ages 55plus. Register. \$10. **7** p.m.

Wine and Dinner, Dinnermates, Princeton Area, 732-759-2174. www.dinnermates.com. Ages 30s to early 50s. Call for reservation and location. \$20 plus dinner and drinks. 7:30 p.m.

Dance Party, Steppin' Out Singles, Crowne Plaza, 390 Forsgate Drive, Monroe, 732-656-1801. www.steppinoutsingles.com. Ages 40 plus. No jeans, sneakers. \$15. 8:30 p.m.

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'Re-Imagining Charity': Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, speaks on Friday, October 15, at Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, presented by Crisis Ministry of Princeton. 609-396-9355.

Sports

Princeton Football, Princeton Stadium, 609-258-3538. Brown. 1 p.m.

Trenton Devils Hockey, Sun National Bank Center, 609-599-9500. www.TrentonDevils.com. Reading Royals. \$11-\$29. 7 p.m.

Sports for Causes

Walk4Hearing, Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey, Mercer County Park, West Windsor, 732-222-5546. www.walk4hearing.org. 5K walk, kids activities, food. All ages. Donations invited to benefit the Hearing Los Association. 9 a.m.

Sunday October 17

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: This Old House

Historical House Tour, East Windsor Historical Society, Ely House, 164 North Main Street, Hightstown, 609-915-8125. www.hewhs.org. "The Way We Were" features tours of five private residences as well as the Smith House Antiques and Grange Hall. \$20. 1 to 5 p.m.

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Classical Music

Jazz Sundays, Princeton University, Chapel, 609-258-3654. www.princeton.edu. Free. 11 a.m.

Jazz Vespers Ensemble, Princeton University Concerts, University Chapel, 609-258-5000. www.princeton.edu/utickets. Directed by Anthony D.J. Branker. Free. 11 a.m.

Guild for Early Music, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, 609-586-0616. www.groundsforsculpture.org. Annual festival features music from the Medieval, renaissance, baroque, and Early American eras. Bliss Michelson, Allan Kelly, and Marjorie Herman perform. Visitors may try some of the unusual musical instruments. Free with admission. Noon.

The Complete Harpsichord Project, Planet Apothecary, Forrestal Village, Plainsboro, 732-406-6865. www.planetapothecary.com. All Bach program with Wendy Young on harpsichord and Vivian Barton Dozer on viola da gamba. \$20. 4 p.m.

Art

Artists Network, Lawrenceville Main Street, Farmers' Market, Gordon Avenue, Lawrenceville, 609-647-1815. www.Lawrencevillemainstreet.com. Scarecrow making contest. 10 a.m. to noon.

Artists Network, Lawrenceville Main Street, 2683 Main Street, Lawrenceville, 609-647-1815. www.Lawrencevillemainstreet.-com. "Rain Barrel Painting Demonstration" showcases member artists painting outside the gallery, from noon to 2 p.m. "Unleash Your Inner Artist," an adult project to create a community art project, from 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Noon to 4 p.m.

Salon d'Arte, Lotus Studio, 431
Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, 732-221-6678. www.thebrokenart.com. "Faces from Mexico" themed event features recent photographs by Sherry Rubel, who was raised in Highland Park. Performers include Judi Silvano with jazz, Cyndi Dawson, WordRocker; Tommy Aboussleman on guitar; Jackie Sheeler, author of "New & Selected Poems;" Kamaria Dailey, a choreographer; Juan Borona, a dancer; and Ed Mulligan, a visual artist. Also RockIt for Kids. \$20 to \$25 in-

cludes refreshments. Register. 2 to 6 p.m.

Highlights Tour, Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton campus, 609-258-3788. http://artmuseum.princeton.edu. Free. 2 p.m.

Art Exhibit, Princeton
University, McCormick, 609258-2697. www.princeton.edu.
"The Art of Bank Note Engraving"
presented by Mark Tomsko in
conjunction with "Money of Paper: Bank Notes and Related
Graphic Arts from the Collections
of Vsevolod Onyshkevych and
Princeton University." Reception
and gallery tour follow. 3 p.m.

On Stage

Guys and Dolls, Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell, 609-466-2766. www.off-broadstreet.com. Musical comedy. \$27.50 to \$29.50. 1:30 p.m..

Aurelia's Oratorio, Berlind Theater at the McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton, 609-258-2787. www.mccarter.org. Aurelia Thierree stars in a topsy-turvy world of stage illusion. For ages 10 and up. No intermission. \$20 and up. 2 p.m.

Me and My Girl, Bucks County Playhouse, 70 South Main Street, New Hope, 215-862-2041. www.buckscountyplayhouse.com. Musical. \$22. 2 p.m.

The Trial of the Century, Famous Trials Theater, Hunterdon County Courthouse, 75 Main Street, Flemington, 908-595-4849. www.famoustrials.com. Dramatic reenactment of the 1935 Lindbergh baby kidnapping trial. \$30; jury seats, \$45. This is the 20th and final season of the show now marking the 75th anniversary of the trial. 2 p.m.

Circle Mirror Transformation, George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-246-7717. www.gsponline.org. Comedy by Annie Baker about four people in a Vermont community center drama class stars Sandy Duncan. \$29.50 to \$79.50. 2 and 7 p.m.

Chess, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, 609-570-3333. www.kelseytheatre.net. Musical. \$16. 2 p.m.

Roebling: The Story of the Brooklyn Bridge, Roebling Museum, 100 Second Avenue, Roebling, 609-599-7200. www.-roeblingmuseum.org. New Jersey premiere of Mark L. Violi's new play based on the story of the efforts to complete the bridge from 1869 to 1883. Produced by Theater to Go and Pierrot Productions. \$20 includes admission to the museum before the show. 2 n.m.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Bristol Riverside Theater, 120 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, 215-785-0100. www.brtstage.org. Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of lust, love, and horror adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher. \$34 to \$42. 3 p.m.

Train to 2010, Crossroads Theater, 7 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-545-8100. www.-crossroadstheatrecompany.org. World premiere of a newly commissioned work by South African author Sibusiso Mamba and cocreated with Ricardo Khan. \$40 to \$50. 3 p.m.

Love and Communication, Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front and Montgomery streets, Trenton, 609-392-0766. www.passagetheatre.org. World premiere of story about parents of a child with autism. \$20 to \$30. 3

Film

New Jersey Film Festival, Voorhees #105, Douglass Campus, New Brunswick, 732-932-8482. www.njfilmfest.com. Screenings of "The Cycle" and



"Honor in the Valley of Tears." Appearances by a director and producer. \$10. **7 p.m.**

Literati

Poetry Series, South Brunswick Library, 110 Kingston Lane, Monmouth Junction, 732-329-4000. www.sbpl.info. Susanna Rich and Carol Stone read. Donations of non-perishable foods for the food pantry are invited. 2 to 4 p.m.

Historic Haunts of Central Jersey, Hickory Corner Library, 138 Hickory Corner Road, East Windsor, 609-448-1330. Gordon Thomas Ward, author of "Ghosts of Central Jersey: Historic Haunts of the Somerset Hills." Register. Free. 3 p.m.

Good Causes

Floyd Fest, Mercer County College, Nassau Inn, Palmer Square, Princeton, 609-570-3607. www.mccc.edu. An afternoon jazz event to honor Jim and Fannie Floyd to benefit a scholarship fund in their names. Music by MCCC jazz students. \$50. 3 p.m.

Faith

Campaign Kick-Off, United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks, Adath Israel Congregation, Lawrenceville, 609-219-0555. www.ujfpmb.org. Mayor Cory Booker of Newark, the guest speaker, receives the Shomer Tzedek Guardian of Justice award. Cocktail supper and dessert reception. Register. \$150. 6:30 p.m.

Musical Meditation, Krishna Leela Center, 13 Briardale Court, Plainsboro, 609-716-9262. www.krishnaleela.org. Group meditation, chanting, and discussion. 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Food & Dining

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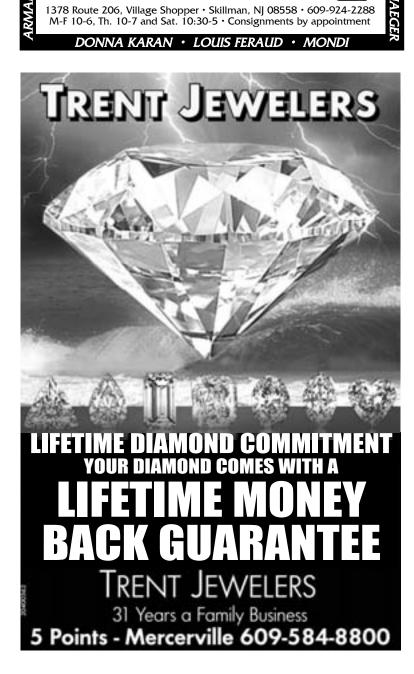
Dummies Guide to Wine Tasting, Crossing Vineyards and Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, PA, 215-493-6500. www.crossingvineyards.com. Wine, cheese, fruit, and instructions for savoring the flavors. Register. \$30. 2 p.m.

History

Harvest Day Circa 1800, Washington Crossing State Park, 1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, PA, 215-493-4076. www.friendsofwashingtoncrossingpark.com. Costumed reenactors from the Marbleheaders and Fifth Regiment tour the villages historic buildings, Thompson-Neely House, and Bowman's Tower view the film of the 1776 Christmas day crossing; domestic arts demonstrations of open-heart cooking, apple cider pressing, spinning, and weaving; colonial games for children. \$9. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Open Hearth Cooking, Pennsbury Manor, 400 Pennsbury Memorial Road, Morrisville, PA, 215-946-0400. www.pennsburymanor.org. "Beverages" includes tea, coffee, and chocolate. \$7; children, \$4. 1 to 4 p.m.

Walking Tour, Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, Princeton, 609-921-6748. www.princetonhistory.org. Two-hour walking tour of downtown Princeton and Princeton University includes stories about the early history of Princeton, the founding of the University, and the American Revolution. \$7; \$4 for ages 6 to 12. **2 to 4 p.m.**

For Families

Fall Family Fun, Terhune Or-chards, 330 Cold Soil Road, 609-924-2310. www.terhuneorchards.com. Pick your own apples, pumpkins, and raspberries. Music by Mark Miklos Raritan Valley Ramblers. Rain or shine. Free admission. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open House, Rambling Pines Day Camp, Route 518, Hopewell, 609-466-1212. www.ramblingpines.com. Camp tours and meet staff members. Register. 1 to 3

Live Music

Larry Tritel and Guy DeRosa, Thomas Sweet Ice Cream, 1330 Route 206, Skillman, 609-430-2828. larrytritel.com. Guitar, harmonica, and vocals. 1 to 3 p.m.

Wynne Paris, Princeton Center for Yoga & Health, 50 Vreeland Drive, Suite 506, Skillman, 609-924-7294. www.princetonyoga.com. Working with the modern American yoga movement, Paris mixes the western concert experience with the spiritual music traditions of Kirtan. \$15. **7:30 p.m.**

Trivia Night

BT Bistro, 3499 Route 1 South, West Windsor, 609-919-9403. www.btbistro.com. Play individually or in teams. Prizes throughout the evening. 7:30 p.m.

Outdoor Action

Fall Nature Programs, Mercer **County Park Commission**, Baldpate Mountain, 609-989-6540. www.mercercounty.org. Mountain hike and yoga. Bring yoga mat and water bottle. Register by E-mail to jrogers@mercer-county.org. \$12. **8:30 to 10:45**

Eyes on Mercer, Friends for the Marsh, Roebling Park Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton, 732-821-8310. www.marsh-friends.org. Cultural history walk led by Mary Anne Borge and Clyde Quin. Register. 1:30

Dedication of Poetry Trail, D&R Greenway Land Trust, Johnson Education Center, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton, 609-924-4646. www.drgreenway.org. Scott and Hella McVay Poetry Trail unveil-ing and reception. Paul Winter, bandleader and composer, plays his soprano saxophone while the poets read. McVay, was founding executive director of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the organization that created the Dodge Poetry Festival. The milelong trail includes works of poets from Chile, China, England, German, India, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Persia, Poland, and the United States. Register. Free. 4:30 p.m.

Field of Terror, Windsor Farm, 831 Windsor Perrineville Road, East Windsor, 609-209-4032. www.fieldofterror.com. Havride. haunted corn maze, and a haunted walk. \$13 each; \$25 for two; and \$30 for three. 7 p.m.

Schools

Flamenco Practice, Drum & **Dance Learning Center**, 4110 Quakerbridge Road, Lawrenceville, 609-324-7383. www.drumdancecenter.com. No experience needed. Register. \$20. Noon to 1



Bridge Over Troubled Water: Derek Capre, left, Lee Benson, and Mark Ott appear in 'Roebling: The Story of the Brooklyn Bridge,' opening on Friday, October 15, at the refurbished Roebling Museum, Roebling. 609-599-7200.

What's in Store

Flea Market, Princeton Elks, 354 Route 518, Blawenburg, 908-240-9694. Tables available, \$10. E-mail louvac13@gmail.com for information. **8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Children's Consignment Sale, Kidzsignments, NJ Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Drive, Edison, 908-391-4175. www.kidzsignments.com. Clothing, shoes, toys, books, infant gear, nursery, and outdoor toys. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chess

Plainsboro Public Library, 9 Van Doren Street, 609-275-2897. www.lmxac.org/plainsboro. For advanced adult players. 1 to 5

Sports

Trenton Devils Hockey, Sun National Bank Center, 609-599-9500. www.TrentonDevils.com. Reading Royals. \$11-\$29. 4 p.m.

Sports for Causes

5K Run and Walk, Center for Jewish Life, Frist South Lawn, 33 Washington Road, Princeton. www.princetonhillel.org. Benefit for Save a Child's Heart, an Israeli-based international humanitarian project to improve pediatric cardiac care and create centers of competence in developing countries. Race begins at 10 a.m. Brunch at 10:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.

Monday October 18

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: **Pay Attention**

Holt & Sipprelle Debate, Jewish Federation of Middlesex County, Young Israel of East Brunswick 193 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, 732-432-7711. www.jewishmiddlesex.org. 12th District incumbent Congressman Rush Holt and Republican challenger Scott Sipprelle hold a debate. Moderated by Eric Scott, news director for NJ 101.5 radio. **7:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Jazz & Blues

Rutgers Jazz Ensemble Too, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Nicholas Music Center, 85 George Street, New Brunswick, 732-932-7511. www.masongross.rutgers.edu. Free. 8 p.m.

Pop Music

Rehearsal, Jersey Harmony Chorus, 20 Schalks Crossing Road, Plainsboro, 732-236-6803. www.harmonize.com/jerseyharmony. New members are welcome. 7:15 p.m.

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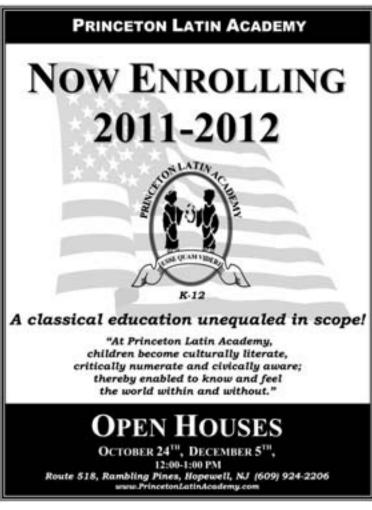
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Broadway Trip

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11:30 a.m. at 45 Stockton Street,

Princeton. \$20. Call 609-924-7108

George Street Playhouse offers an evening on Broadway with artistic director David Saint on Tuesday, November 9. Round trip transportation from New Brunswick at 4:30, premium seating for "Memphis," onstage tour of the Schubert Theater, insider's dinner with the playwright at the Glass House Tavern follows the show. \$265. Register with Justine Mc-Carthy at 732-846-2895, ext. 144 or E-mail jmccarthy@georgestplayhouse.org.

Opportunities

Volunteers Needed

Mercer County Legal Services project for the elderly seeks volunteers to work four or more hours each month. Training is Wednesday, October 20; Thursday, October 21, and Wednesday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lawrence Library. You must attend all three sessions. Register with Stella at 609-695-6249, ext. 2411.

Management Needed

Department of Treasury Division of Purchase and Property is accepting information for management and operation of the Trenton War Memorial facility. Vendors and other interested parties have until Friday, October 22, at 2 p.m to submit an RFI (Request for Information) by E-mail to linda.spildener@treas.state.nj.us. Responses may be submitted in either Word or Adobe Acrobat formats with PowerPoint presentation

and Excel spreadsheets as supple-

Election Information

Mercer County: Tuesday, October 26 is the last day to apply through the mail for a vote-by-mail ballot for the upcoming general election. Voters may apply at the old court house, 209 South Broad Street, second floor, Trenton. Call 609-989-6773 or visit www.mercercounty.org/countyclerk

Donate Please

State Theater is collecting gently used winter coats to benefit New Jersey residents in need as part of Jersey Cares annual event. Bring in a coat and receive a discount for a ticket to "Curious George Live" on Saturday to Monday, October 23 to 25. 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-247-7200 or www.statetheatrenj.org.



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October 18

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Faith

The Art of Preaching, Princeton **Theological Seminary**, Mackay Campus Center, 609-497-7963. www.ptsem.edu. "Embarrassed by Particularity: Preaching Jesus" presented by Barbara K. Lundblad, professor of preaching at Union Theological Seminary and author of "Transforming the" Stone: Preaching Through Resistance to Change" and "Marking Time: Preaching Biblical Stories in Present Tense." 7 p.m.

Food & Dining

Happy Hour, Tre Bar, Tre Piani Restaurant, Forrestal Village, Plainsboro, 609-452-1515. www.trepiani.com. \$5 pasta. Drink specials. 5 p.m.

Wine 101, Crossing Vineyards and Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, PA, 215-493-6500. www.crossing-vineyards.com. "Food and Wine Pairing" presented by Eric Cavatore, sommelier. Register. \$30. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Lectures

Meeting, Princeton PC Users **Group**, Lawrence Library, 2751 Route 1 South, 609-423-6537. www.ppcug-nj.org. **7:30 p.m.**

Live Music

Open Mic Night, BT Bistro, 3499 Route 1 South, West Windsor, 609-919-9403, www.btbistro.com. All musicians, comedians, and entertainers are welcome to perform. 7 p.m.

Open Mic, John & Peter's, 96 South Main Street, New Hope, 215-862-5981. www.johnandpeters.com. 9:30 p.m.

Outdoor Action

Early Bird Walks, Mercer County Park Commission, Baldpate Mountain, 609-989-6540. www.mercercounty.org. Casual hike. Bring binoculars. Register by Email to jrogers@mercercounty.-org. Free. 1 to 3 p.m.

Schools

Open House, Lawrenceville Presbyterian Cooperative Nursery School, 2688 Main Street, Lawrenceville, 609-844-0022. Programs for 3 and 4 yearolds. Register. 9 to 11 a.m.

Book Sale

Hamilton Public Library, 1 Alito Way, Hamilton, 609-581-4060. 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Singles

Coffee and Conversation. Princeton Hightstown Road, West Windsor, 609-716-8771. www.groversmillcoffee.com. Coffee, tea, soup, sandwich, or dessert. Register at www.meetup.com/-Princeton-Area-Singles-Network. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Socials

Meeting, Women's College Club of Princeton, All Saints' Church, 16 All Saints' Road, Princeton, 609-430-1565. "Behind the Scenes at the Princeton Symphony Orchestra: Artistic Direction, Programming, and Engaging Our Community." **1 p.m.**

Tuesday October 19

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: **Just Breathe**

Meditation Sampler, Onsen For All, 4451 Route 27, Princeton, 609-924-4800. www.onsenforall.com. Program by Kerry Kay. Register. \$10. 7 p.m.

Jazz & Blues

The Respect Sextet, Princeton University Concerts, McAlpin Hall, Woodworth Music Center, 609-258-5000. www.princeton.edu/utickets. Jazz master class. Free. 7:30 p.m.

On Stage

An Iliad, Matthews Theater at the McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton, 609-258-2787. www.mccarter.org. Homer's tale of love, battle, and honor adapted by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare. **7:30 p.m.**

Circle Mirror Transformation George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-246-7717. Comedy by Annie Baker about four people in a Vermont community center drama class stars Sandy Duncan. \$29.50 to \$79.50. 8 p.m.

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Finding Comedy's Wright Stuff

o truly explore Steven Wright's comedy, you must first go online. And not because the deadpan comic is a huge fan of the Internet. He doesn't Facebook or Twitter, and while he has a website, it provides little insight into his raison d'etre. It's because there are myriad fan websites devoted to quoting Wright's hilarious bits and nearly as many that will warn you that half of what you think he said, he didn't.

Steven Wright shambles out onto the stage of the Patriots Theater at the War Memorial on Saturday, October 16. Over the last two decades, reviewers have struggled to describe Wright and his comedy. Words like "ironic," "lethargic," "laid-back," and "bizarre" crop up. All true, perhaps, but none of these words covers the big picture. None of them captures the intelligence and playfulness of a man who says, "Last night, I stayed up late playing poker with Tarot cards. I got a full house, and four people died.' And, "My grandfather invented Cliff's Notes...It all started in 1912...well, to make a long story short..." Or, to quote one of his most famous lines, one that audiences now expect and anticipate, "I bought some batteries, but they weren't included.'

It's probably fitting that people wrestle with words when they try to capture Wright's essence. He has spent a quarter of a century playing with the concept of language. He loves non-sequiturs and wordplay. There's a hint of Woody Allen in his work and a Groucho Marx line like "One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas. How he got in my pajamas, I don't know," could have come straight out of Wright's act.

"I love language. I love words," he says, speaking from his cell phone, which on this day has a three second delay that makes him sound even more like Steven Wright. "Sometimes I write a word, just thinking that I might use it sometime later on — the sound of the word, what it means. My material is like fooling with reality through words.'

Makes sense for a guy who was a communication major at Emerson College in Boston. The nativeborn Bostonian (or Boston suburbanite, to use words as carefully as he does) says, "I wanted to be a comedian, but I didn't think it would happen. So I figured I gotta have a reality side to my brain, so I thought I'd study mass communication and thought I'd be a guy on the radio, maybe I could be funny."

It's hard to imagine a guy who lks as slowly and deliberately as Wright getting his material in before the station break; fortunately, his career took a different turn. Boston had a burgeoning comedy scene in the late '70s. Denis Leary, Lenny Clarke, Paula Poundstone, and others led the invasion, and Wright was in the middle of it. As documented in the film "When Comedy Stood Out," Wright, like many others, got his start at a peculiar little place in Cambridge, Ding Ho, half comedy club, half Chinese restaurant.

"I graduated in 1978, and then went out west for many months," says Wright. "When I came back in '79, I heard of Ding Ho, and that's when I started doing the clubs. It was great — there were so many places. Around 1981 through '84, you could do three shows a night - start at one club, go to another, and finish up late at the first club. I was very lucky to start up when (the scene) was flourishing.

by David McDonough

Wright isn't sure why the Boston area became such a comic Mecca. He says, "I think there's a regular guy, blue collar, working guy attitude. The comedians are very real — well, they probably are everywhere. But there've been such characters out of the Boston

What the Ed Sullivan Show was to comedians in the '50s and '60s, the Tonight Show was to '70s and 80s comics — Valhalla. Boston comics were no different. Everyone had their three minutes; material specifically designed for when that clarion call came. And when Peter Lassally, the executive producer for Johnny Carson, was in the audience one night in Boston, everyone hoped they would get the nod. Only one did — the frizzy-

'My material is like fooling with reality through words,' says Steven Wright.

haired, sad-eyed master of falling

On Friday, August 6, 1982, Steven Wright stepped onto the Tonight Show set, introduced by Johnny Carson as "a little different." He hadn't played anywhere outside of New England. "The Tonight Show had 400 or 500 people in the audience. It was the biggest audience I had ever played, even if it didn't go on television."

Was he nervous? "I was so scared that I got numb, then I got kind of not scared because I was too scared. It was very surreal.'

In comedians' parlance, he killed. Comics wait their whole lives to get the kind of reaction Wright got from the audience that night. And then, the anointment. Johnny actually asked him to sit down on the couch, something that was usually reserved for a comedian's third or fourth appearance. It was the ultimate stamp of approval.

Wright remembers, "They said, 'When you're done with your set, look at the audience, then look over at Johnny, then look back at the audience, and then go through the curtain and leave.' So I was done - I looked at the audience, and looked at Johnny. And there were people working the floor waving at me to go towards him. And if you see the tape, it's like I take a step and I hesitate because I'm not sure, it was confusing. But I had watched the show since I was 14, and I knew that it was a big thing."

On the tape, Wright sits next to Carson looking like a parrot whose cage has just had the cover removed. He doesn't seem to know whether to perch on Carson's finger or nip it. But he got a few more good lines off, and when he walked off that stage, he had a career and an invitation to come back the next Thursday.

"(The effect) was immediate," he says. "Within a few days, I had an agent. Peter Lassally guided me and told me which agency to go with, because I didn't know anything. Then everything happened. I went on Letterman and Saturday Night Live and then HBO. I don't think that can happen now where in five minutes everything can change. There's so much more media now. That stage had more of a giant presence then."

In 1985, Wright released his first album, "I Have a Pony," which was nominated for a Grammy. That led to an HBO special that further increased his appeal, especially at colleges. In 1989 he and Dean Parisot produced "The Appointments of Dennis Jennings," starring Wright and British comedian Rowan Atkinson. The film won an Academy Award for best short film.

Another surreal experience? "Absolutely. We made it to go on HBO, and they decided to put it in theaters first. It was like a dart; we made this dart, and we were throwing it towards the TV board, and then a gust of wind blew it 50 miles off to the right, and it went into the bull's eye of the film industry."

Wright has taken occasional film and TV roles since then, mostly playing some form of the persona he is known for. He pops up irregularly on talk shows, particularly the Late Show with Craig Ferguson, where he was recently a guest on Wednesday, October 6.

"We're getting so comfortable with each other," he says of Ferguson, the fast-witted Scottish host. "It's like we're hanging out in a restaurant or something, but it's on TV. I think our minds go good together, working off each other. He's so fast, so smart. I'm really blown away by his brain."

Wright also speaks admiringly of other famous wordsmiths like Woody Allen and Charles Dickens, and his literary hero, Kurt Vonnegut. "I read all his stuff, some of it several times," he says. "Reading him would inspire me — he just jazzed my mind up."

In 2007 Wright released another album, "I Still Have a Pony," which was also Grammy-nominated. He works when he wants, and still lives in New England, and they still love him. In 2008 he was inducted into the Boston Comedy Hall of Fame. In a Wright-ish twist, he is the only member. "And there's no building or anything; you can't go to it," he says with a slight laugh. "My friend, Barry Crimmins, anthe place is just a concept.



Very Funny: *In* comedians' parlance, Steven Wright 'killed' on Johnny Carson.

jokes are like little mental gymnastics, and there's a little mental gap while they're filling the joke in, in their heads. After so many nights of the same reaction, I know it's going

Another unusual reaction also occurs regularly. When Wright picks up the mike after his introductory applause, and says, "Thanks," the audience always laughs. "It just happened by accident," he says, "I don't even think about it anymore. But it's interesting, just because it's such a non-energetic opening. Great contrast: here's an audience, and then here's a guy with absolutely no enthusiasm.

Steven Wright, Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. Saturday, October 16, 8 p.m. A comedian since the early 1980s, Wright has been in films — "Desperately Seeking Susan," "Mixed Nuts," and "The Muse;" wrote and directed "One Soldier'; and has been on Comedy Central and HBO. He has been a guest with Johnny Carson, David Letterman, Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Kimmel, and Craig Ferguson. \$19 to \$45. 609-955-5566 www.thewaror memorial.com.





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The Jameson Project, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Jameson Theater, Jones Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-932-7511. www.masongross.rutgers.edu. Alternative, student-run theater. \$5.8

Dancing

Tuesday Night Folk Dance Group, Riverside School, Princeton, 609-655-0758. www. princetonfolkdance.org. Instruction and dancing. No partner needed. \$3. 7 to 9 p.m.

HotSalsaHot, Princeton Dance and Theater Studio, 116 Rockingham Row, Forrestal Village, Plainsboro, 609-203-0376. www.hotsalsahot.com. Three levels of classes. Register. \$16 each. 8 to

Literati

The Writer's Room, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, 609-924-8822. www.princetonlibrary.org. Writers invited to develop skills in a new group led by writer Glenn Cullen. Register. **7 to 9 p.m.**

Good Causes

Conference, Preservation Easement Trust, Rutgers University, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, 609-524-4044, www.preservationeasement.org. "Making Cents of Historic Preservation" focuses on the economics of historic preservation, tax incentives, and financing options. Register. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Centennial Awards, Princeton YMCA, Greenacres Country Club, Lawrenceville, 609-497-9622. www.princetonymca.org. Cocktail reception and silent auction. "Heart and Soul" honors mentors who shape, inspire, and develop our next generation. Honorees include William F.

Johnson Jr., retired principal, John Witherspoon Middle School; Jason R. Klugman, director, Princeton University Preparatory Program; Maureen Quinn, director, ScienceMentors and Mentor-Power; and Nancy Wolff, professor and volunteer leader of programs serving those in New Jersey's correctional facilities. Register. \$100. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Faith

The Art of Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary, Mackay Campus Center, 609-497-7963. www.ptsem.edu. "Exhausted by Dissension: Preaching Across Divides" presented by Barbara K. Lundblad, professor of preaching at Union Theological Seminary and author of "Transforming the Stone: Preaching Through Resistance to Change" and "Marking Time: Preaching Biblical Stories in Present Tense." She will also present "Haunted by Mystery: Preaching Pentecost" at 7 p.m. 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Dinner Meeting, Hadassah Trenton-Lawrence, Runway Restaurant, 1100 Terminal Circle Drive, West Trenton, 609-882-4317. "The Connection Between Aging and Mental Health" presented by Abbie Katz, a social worker with the Greater Trenton behavioral Health Care's Well-Being program. Register. 6 p.m.

Food & Dining

ABCs of Wine Tasting, Crossing Vineyards and Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, PA, 215-493-6500. www.crossingvineyards.com. Wine tasting, instruction, and learning materials presented by David Mino. Register. \$20. 7 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Home Care and Hospice Medicare benefit, Mercer County Connection, 957 Route 33, Hamilton, 609-890-9800. www.mercercounty.org. "Care Giving Decisions" presented by Pat Agius, Visiting Nurse Association of Mercer Register. Free. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Yoqa, D&R Greenway Land Trust, One Preservation Place, Princeton, 609-924-4646. www.drgreenway.org. Multi-level class. Gentle yoga from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Register. \$16. 6 p.m.

Lectures

Networking Breakfast, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, 609-924-8822. www.princetonlibrary.org. For job seekers who are currently unemployed, under-employed, and looking to make a career or job change. Guest speaker, open discussion, and assistance with technology in the tech center. Dale G. Caldwell, author of 'School to Work to Success," president of Tempus Management Consulting, and founder of Work for Peace, speaks about picking the right company to work for. Free. **8:30 a.m.**

Consumer Affairs, Mercer County Connection, 957 Route 33, Hamilton, 609-890-9800. www.mercercounty.org. Information on credit, home improvement, automotive, or Internet fraud. Register. Free. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Family Law Seminar, Mercer County Connection, 957 Route 33, Hamilton, 609-890-9800. www.mercercounty.org. Mercer County Bar Association presents information. Register. Free. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Philatelic Society, Hamilton Library, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. Way, Hamilton, 609-890-8211. www.hamilton.home.att.net. Meeting. 7 p.m.

Live Music

Open Mic Night, Grover's Mill Coffee House, 335 Princeton Hightstown Road, West Windsor. 609-716-8771. www.groversmillcoffee.com. 7 p.m.

Open Mic, It's a Grind Coffee **House**, 7 Schalks Crossing Road, Plainsboro, 609-275-2919.



Walk with Whitman: The mile-long Scott and Hella McVay (pictured) Poetry Trail will be unveiled at a reception on Sunday, October 17, D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place. 609-924-4646.

www.itsagrind.com. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Karaoke Night, BT Bistro, 3499 Route 1 South, West Windsor, 609-919-9403. www.btbistro.com. 9 p.m.

Outdoor Action

General Meeting, Central Jersey Sierra Club, Whole Foods Market, Route 1 South, West Windsor, 609-731-7016. www.sierraclub.org. Free. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Politics

Freeholder Candidates, Mercer County Republican Committee, Dominick's Pizza, 957 Route 33, Hamilton, 609-575-3397.Meet Russell Wojtenko Jr. and James V. Castelize IIÍ. E-mail squerieri1949-@verizon.net. \$25. 7 to 9 p.m.

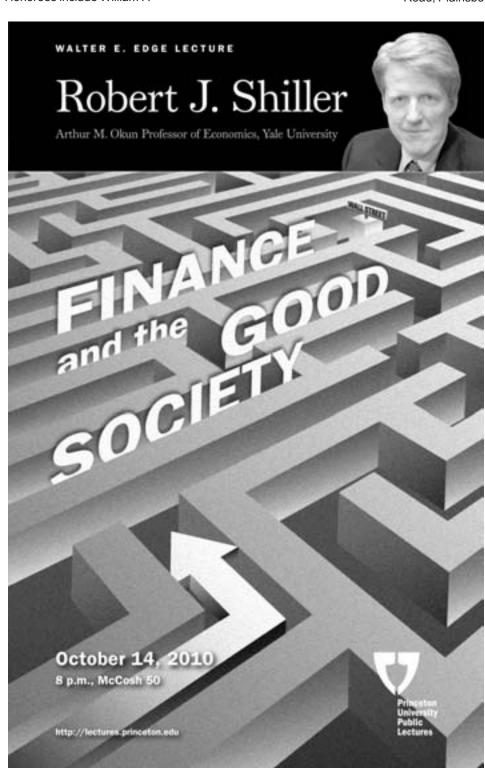
Singles

Pizza Night, Yardley Singles, Vince's, 25 South Main Street, Yardley, 215-736-1288. www.yardleysingles.org. Register. 6 p.m.

Meeting, Mercer Single Volunteers, Lawrence Library, Route 1 South and Darrah Lane, 609-882-1339. www.mcsvnj.org. For members and non-members. Must be 21. Visit website for upcoming projects and social events. 7 p.m.

For Seniors

Memoir Writing Workshop, Lawrence Library, Darrah Lane and Route 1, Lawrence Township, 609-989-6920. www.mcl.org. Introductory course by Maria Okros. Register. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.





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Beauty and the Beast Sing-A-Long. AMC, MarketFair, Regal.

Case 39. Thriller with Renee Zellweger and Ian McShane. AMC, Destinta, MarketFair, Multiplex, Regal.

Catfish. Thriller about a young photographer stars Nev Schulman.

The Concert (Le concert). Comedy about band of misfits. Montgomery.

Devil. Thriller with Chris Messina. AMC, Destinta, Market-Fair, Multiplex, Regal.

Easy A. Comedy about teens with Emma Stone. AMC, Destinta, MarketFair, Multiplex, Regal.

Eat Pray Love. Julia Roberts stars in adaptation of Liz Gilbert's story. Multiplex.

Get Low. Thriller with Robert Duvall and Sissy Spacek. Mont-

Hatchet II. Horror sequel directed by Adam Green. AMC.

Heartbreaker. Romantic comedy with Romain Duris and Vaness Paradis. *Montgomery*.

Inception. Action with Leonardo DiCaprio. AMC, Multiplex.

Jack Goes Boating. Romantic drama based on stage play stars Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Ryan. Montgomery.

Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole. Animated family film with voices of Helen Mirren and Sam Neil. AMC, Destinta, MarketFair, Multiplex, Regal.

Let Me In. Sci-fi thriller remake with Richard Jenkins. AMC, Destinta, MarketFair, Multiplex, Regal.



Life as We Know It. Teen drama with a male spin. Opens Friday, October 8. AMC, Regal.

Mao's Last Dancer. Drama based on Li Cunxin's autobiography. Montgomery.

My Soul to Take. Thriller about a seriel killer directed by Wes Craven. AMC.

The Other Guys. Comedy with Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg.

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Secretariat. Biopic about the 1973 Triple Crown winner stars Diane Lane and John Malkovich. Regal.

The Social Network. Biopic about Mark Zuckerberg, the cofounder of Facebook. AMC, Garden, MarketFair, Multiplex, Regal.

Takers. Crime film stars Matt Dillon. AMC. Destinta.

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Art Class, Travis Gallery, 6089 Lower York Road, New Hope, PA, 215-794-3903. www.travisgallery.com. Drawing and oil painting lessons for all levels. Materials list provided. Register. \$50. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Architecture

Shades of Green Series, Princeton University School of Architecture, Betts Auditorium, Princeton, 609-258-3741. www.soa.princeton.edu. "Eating the City" presented by Carolyn Steel, London, author of "Hungry City;" and Eric Sanderson, founder and director of the Mannahatta Project, and senior conservation ecologist with Wildlife Conservation Society. Free. 6 p.m.

On Stage

An Iliad, Matthews Theater at the McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton, 609-258-2787. www.mccarter.org. Homer's tale of love, battle, and honor adapted by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare. 7:30 p.m.

The Lion in Winter, Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey, F.M. Kirby Theater, Drew University, Madison, 973-408-5600. www.shakespearenj.org. James Goldman's comedy of a dysfunctional family dynasty in the year 1183. \$31 to \$54. **7:30 p.m.**

Circle Mirror Transformation, George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 732-246-7717. www.gsponline.org. Comedy by Annie Baker about four people in a Vermont community center drama class stars Sandy Duncan. \$29.50 to \$79.50. 8 p.m.

Dancing

Newcomers Dance Party, American Ballroom, 569 Klockner Road, Hamilton, 609-931-0149. www.americanballroomco.com. \$10. **7 to 9 p.m.**

Open House, MR Square Dance Club, Grace St. Paul's Church Parish Hall, 715 East State Street Extension, Hamilton, 609-844-1140. A series of progressive dances follows the open house. No experience needed. 7:30 p.m.

Contra Dance, Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive, 609-924-6763. www.princetoncountrydancers.org. Instruction followed by dance. \$8. 7:40 to 10:30 p.m.

Literati

Althea Ward Clark Reading Series, Princeton University, Lewis Center, 185 Nassau Street, 609-258-1500. www.princeton.edu/arts. Fiction writer Richard

Price and poet C.D. Wright read selections from their work. Free.

Poetry Workshop, Delaware Valley Poets, Lawrence Public Library, Darrah Lane, 609-882-9246, www.delawarevallevpoets.com. Visitors welcome. Bring 12 copies of your poem. Free. **7:30**

Good Causes

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Faith

Har Sinai Temple, 2421 Pennington Road, Hopewell, 609-730-8100. www.harsinai.org. "Caring for Those We Love" forum with panel of experts of aging and healthcare. Panelists include Linda Meisel, executive director of Jewish Family & Children's Services in Mercer County; Jerome Bruder, a partner in Bolster and Bruder Law firm; Eileen C Coyne, Caregivers of New Jersey; and Vivian Greenberg, a clinical social worker specializing in aging issues. David K. Dafilou chairs the forum. Register. Free. 7 p.m.

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Spanish Wine Tasting, One 53, 53 Washington Street, Rocky Hill, 609-921-0153. Wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. Register. \$65. 6:30 p.m.

Farmers' Market

Farmer's Market, Bordentown City, Farnsworth and Railroad avenues parking lot, 609-298-0604. www.cityofbordentown.com. Produce, foods, plants, crafts, soaps, cooking demonstrations, entertainment, and educational programming. 4 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Body Attack Launch, Can Do Fitness Club, 121 Main Street, Forrestal Village, Plainsboro, 609-514-0500. www.candofitness.com. Register. Free. 5:30 p.m.

Caregiver Support Group, Buckingham Place, 155 Raymond Road, Monmouth Junction, 732-329-8888, www.buckinghamplace.net. For adult children of aging parents facilitated by Louise Donangelo, Alzheimer's Association. Peer support, resources, and tips on care giving. Supper served. Register. Free. **6** to 8:30 p.m.

History

Guided Tour, Drumthwacket Foundation, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton, 609-683-0057. New Jersey governor's official residence. Register. \$5 donation. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tour and Tea, Morven Museum, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton, 609-924-8144. www.morven.org. Tour the restored mansion, galleries, and gardens before or after tea. Register. \$15. 1 p.m.

For Families

Author Event, Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, West Windsor, 609-716-1570. www.bn.com. Rob Scotton, author of "Scaredy-Cat. Splat!" reads, draws, and discusses his newest book. 6:30 p.m.

For Teens

Acting Technique, West Windsor Arts Council, Alexander Road, West Windsor, 609-919-1982. Foundations of acting for ages 13 to 18 presented by Michele Farrell, a former New York City actress and acting teacher. Weekly through December 8. Register. \$180. **7 p.m.**

Lectures

Lunch and Learning, Bridgeway Senior Healthcare, Avalon Assisted Living, 393 Amwell Road, Hillsborough, 908-874-7200. "Communicating with Your Doctor" presented by Linda Bryant, director of Center for Healthy Aging, Hunterdon Medical Center. Lunch followed by the program. Register. Free. 12:30 p.m.

Job Search Strategies for Older Workers, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, 609-924-8822. www.princetonlibrary.org. Presentation by Carol King, director of the Center for Engaged Retirement and Encore Careers. Program in second floor conference room. 7 p.m.

Prejudice Reduction Lecture. Rider University, Yvonne Theater, Lawrenceville, 609-896-5000. www.rider.edu. "The Origins of Stereotyping and Prejudice" presented by Melanie Killen, professor of human development and associate director for the Center for Children, Relationships, and Culture at the University of Maryland. Free. 7 p.m.

Difficult Questions Roundtable, Westerly Road Church, Wilson House, 240 Nassau Street, Princeton, 609-924-3816. www.westerlyroad.org. "What is Truth?" presented by Thomas Carlson, Ph.D. candidate, Princeton University. Discussion follows. Register. Free. 7:30 p.m.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Princeton University, McCosh 50, 609-258-3000. lectures.princeton.edu. Author of "Purple Hibiscus" and "Half of a Yellow Sun" talks about her career as a writer. Born in Nigeria in 1977,

she came to the United States to study when she was 19. She has master's degrees from Johns Hopkins and Yale universities. A visiting writer at Wesleyan University, she is a fellow at Princeton. 8 p.m.

Live Music

Stringbean and the Stalkers, BT Bistro, 3499 Route 1 South, West Windsor, 609-919-9403. www.btbistro.com. Blues. 9 p.m.

Open Mic, Alchemist & **Barrister**, 28 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, 609-924-5555. www.theaandb.com. 10 p.m.

Politics

Public Debate, West Windsor Retirees' Group and Village Grande Civic Association, West Windsor Municipal Building, Clarksville Road, 609-452-2046. Congressional District 12 candidates Rush Holt and Scott Siprelle from 1 to 2 p.m. NJ Senate District 14 candidates Linda Greenstein and Tom Goodwin from 2 to 3 p.m. Debates will be broadcast live on Verizon and Comcast channels. Written questions from the audience will be reviewed by a panel and presented by a moderator to the candidates for two-minute answers. 1 p.m.

Climate and Social Change Policy, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers/Douglass, 100 George Street, New Brunswick, 732-932-9384. "Institutional Robustness: How Institutional Arrangements Facilitate or Detract from Efforts to Sustain Ecological Systems" presented by Elinor Ostrom, Nobel Laureate in economic sciences. 2:30 p.m.

Schools

Open Classroom, Wilberforce School, 33 River Road, Princeschool from kindergarten to eighth grade. Children are welcome. 8:30 a.m.

Open House, University League Nursery School, 171 Broad-mead, Princeton, 609-258-9777. www.ulns.org. Cooperative and non-cooperative school with two. three, and five day morning programs, and full day for ages 3 and 4. 4 to 5 p.m.

Singles

After Work Social, Professional and Business Singles Network, Mother's Wine Bar, 34 North Main Street, New Hope, PA, 610-348-5544. PBSNinfo.com. Happy hour hors d'oeuvres. Ages 40 plus. Register. \$12. **5:30 to 9 p.m.**

Socials

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East Meets West in Cirque's Reimagined 'Dralion'

by Anne Levin

hen Sylvie Galarneau joined the artistic staff of Cirque du Soleil two decades ago, she was on a first-name basis with just about everyone in the company. That was before Cirque, a spectacular mix of circus arts and street entertainment, morphed into the international juggernaut it is today. With some 5,000 employees and 21 shows taking place under big tops and in arenas all over the world, Cirque is a decidedly different animal from its early days of performances on the streets of Ouebec.

Therein lies the challenge, says Galarneau, who is the general artistic director of "Dralion," the Cirque show coming to Trenton's Sun National Bank Center, Thursday through Sunday, October 21 to 24. Embracing the new while retaining the original premise is something that is constantly on her mind as she shepherds the 50 international acrobats, gymnasts, musicians, and singers that are part of the show.

'Our biggest challenge is to keep that freshness we started with, but to still push ourselves," says Galarneau, who also directs eight other Cirque productions. "People are more keen in looking for what is the same and what is new. They become more critical of our work. But I think that while focusing on the new, we are remaining true to our essence. That hasn't changed."

The same explanation might be applied to "Dralion" itself. The show was created in 1999 as a tribute to the ancient traditions of Chinese acrobats — a fusion with the dramatic, contemporary style of Cirque productions. Like Cirque, "Dralion" has grown and changed over the years, but retained its original story line.

"Originally, 'Dralion' was a meeting of two cultures that had never worked together before," says Galarneau, who was production manager of the show before becoming general artistic director. "But now, (embracing that culture) is a normal part of our daily life. It's beautiful to see all those people coming from that part of the world. It has become a fabulous and beautiful show. It is a revised and almost new production, with an almost brand new cast and a different Chinese troupe. In the past, we couldn't get the performers out of China, but now we can. So we have gone back to the drawing board and improved the show, bringing it more into 2010. But we do respect the original concept.'

The name "Dralion" comes from two primary symbols: the dragon, representing the East, and the lion, representing the West. The show pays homage to the four elements: earth, air, fire, and water, which take on human forms. Like all Cirque shows, "Dralion" has vividly colored costumes, most custom-made for each artist. The show boasts an original musical score, performed live, which bor-



Paying Homage to Earth, Air, Fire, and Water: The title 'Dralion' comes from 'dragon' of the east and 'lion' of the west. Photos: Al Seib

rows from traditional Chinese sources while embracing a more contemporary electro-symphonic realm. The set has a huge backdrop, 60 feet wide and 26 feet tall, suggestive of a futuristic Chinese temple or a giant plate of medieval armor.

'Dralion" has been a big part of Galarneau's life since she first went to China to look for performers more than a decade ago. "I have been with the show 10 years. I gave it to somebody else for a while, but now have come back to restage it," she says. "It's like a chance to go back and re-look at your painting and decide if you want to make changes. Since we're working with humans, not paintings, times have changed and they have to change, too. China has changed a lot, and this group is different (from the original). China has evolved and is more open to the rest of the world. That puts us at a different place. I'd like to think we are better at understanding that culture. In the show, we have changed the pacing, and we're trying different things. We don't have the stress of creating the story, so now it's the fun of pushing the limits.'

Theater is second nature to Galarneau, who is 52 and lives in her home city of Montreal. She is the first in her family to follow an artistic path. Galarneau's father

was a salesman; her mother, who had six children, "was a mother," she says. Galarneau is also a mother, of one child.

She graduated from the Ecole National de Theatre du Canada, and also studied music for four years. She first worked with Cirque in 1990 as stage manager and assistant production director for "Cirque Reinvente."

"This is a job that chose me," Galarneau says. "I had been accepted in Russian studies at university, and many of the people I studied with were in theater. I auditioned, got accepted, and never looked back. There is not a morning I get up, and I'm not happy. I'm blessed. You work on show business when you love it. The hours are long but the satisfaction is high, and you get to travel around the planet. So I'm not complaining."

Among her duties as general artistic director is casting, and Galarneau is always on the lookout for talent. Only the most gifted acrobats are hired for Cirque shows, but the choices are never limited to technical ability. At live auditions or watching DVDs, she usually knows after five minutes if an applicant will work.

"They have to be genuine," Galarneau says. "They have to show





us what they can do, and often it is more about the potential. You can see that very quickly. It is not necessarily the Olympic gold medalists who are best for us. They have to be unique, to bring something interesting to the table that we can work with, and make bigger or better."

Despite the hard work of supervising "Dralion" and other Cirque productions, Galarneau's life with the company is continually rewarding. Just getting people out of the house and away from their computer screens is an achievement in itself. "I would love that somehow, they leave with a piece of us after seeing a show," she says. "I would hope that we have touched them. My best comparison is that it's like going to a museum and seeing a painting, or looking at a picture book. We don't know why something moves us, sometimes to being on the verge of crying. We create a tableau, and we hope spectators are a part of it. We have crowds sometimes that are so with the performers onstage that they recharge us. You can almost feel the exchange. Other times we have to work to get them with us. And when you do, that's the best thing that can happen.'

Cirque Du Soleil "Dralion", Sun National Bank Center, 81 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton. Thursday through Sunday, October 21 to 24. Fusion of ancient Chinese circus traditions features acrobats, gymnasts, musicians, singers, and comedic characters. \$35 to \$95. 800-298-4200 or www.comcast-

'Dralion' fuses the ancient traditions of Chinese acrobats with the dramatic, contemporary style of Cirque productions.

Gadgets Get Down To Business

The return of Trenton Small Business Week on Monday, October 18, means a week of workshops and seminars aimed at entrepreneurs and businesspeople in need of a tune-up. One of the central events of the week is "Wireless Gadgets and Trends 2010: What's Hot Right Now for Business" on Wednesday, October 20, at 8 a.m. at Thomas Edison State College, 101 West State Street, presented by Douglas Dixon in connection with the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce's monthly Business Before Business breakfast. Cost: \$40. Call 609-924-1776.

Dixon, a technology consultant and frequent contributor to U.S. 1, will explain how increasingly mobile high-tech communications devices are changing the way the world works. Here he offers some of the highlights of his talk.

t's been another fun and exciting year for electronic gadgets, heightened with breathless coverage in the media of new products like the Apple iPad, and titanic bat-

tles like the Apple iPhone versus Google Android.

While you many not share the deep lust of the early adopters for these kinds of devices, they

really have proved quite useful especially for keeping in touch when we're so often on the go.

Smartphones. My core device is the smartphone, which allows me to say in touch even when I

spend a full day in New York or off-site with a client, without having to lug around a laptop. I can check E-mail, view and edit office documents, access Web information, and enjoy music and Internet videos, plus do lots more with downloadable apps.

And beyond computer functions, smartphones can help out in whole new ways, so I can bring up maps and directions to find local businesses (including street views of the building facade), or just speak a phrase into Android phones in order to do fast searches for obscure crossword puzzle clues.

While smartphones do have a limited screen size, the new Apple iPhone 4 stepped up its 3.5-inch screen with a higher-definition "retina" display for crisper text and graphics. It also adds dual cameras for FaceTime video conferencing, and you can even edit HD video with the iMovie app. The iPhone 4 comes with 16GB of storage for \$199 or 32GB for \$299

Meanwhile, the Google Android operating system for mobile phones is growing fast, on new phones like the HTC Droid Incredible and Motorola Droid X

with a larger screen (both around \$199 from Verizon Wireless). The variety of Android phones from different manufacturers provides a wider array of options and features than the iPhone, including slideout keyboard, FM radio, additional



removable storage, and replaceable batteries.

Without the phone. Smartphones also seem to have cooled the excitement for netbooks, which were so hot as recently as last holiday season, when you could find them stacked as impulse items in the checkout lanes.

The idea was that a light and inexpensive computer would be your portable web client, to help you stay connected wherever you go. But cheap computers are also sluggish and limited, especially in a world of HD videos over the Internet. Plus there is still a lot of hassle with maintaining even a small computer, including the constant nags to keep software upgraded and virus definitions updated.

But if you're using your smartphone as a netbook replacement, you may not even need the phone call part, as long as you can use WiFi networking to go online. Apple has had great success with the iPod touch, now the most popular iPod — sort of an iPhone without

Connection: Small-but-advanced communications devices keep changing everything. Left, the Apple iPad has liberated the computer user from his desk; above, the Flip video camera and GorillaPod tripod make high-definition video possible anywhere; opposite, the Verizon Droid put the en-

the phone part. It recently was updated with the retina display and dual cameras, but still with more limited processing, camera resolution, and position tracking. It's available with 8GB for \$229, 32GB for \$299; 64GB for \$399.

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The iPod touch also is a great dedicated audio/video player. I use iTunes on my PC to download free audio podcasts so they're ready for long trips, including wonderful presentations from sources including Princeton, Cornell, Wharton, Warwick, and, of course, "A Prairie Home Companion.'

Apple has built an impressive electronic retail market with more than 250,000 apps available in the App Store, joining the iTunes Store for music and video and the newer iBooks store.

Tablets. The small screen on a smartphone is still a pain when you're doing extensive work, trying to read a document, or even browse through a website. So instead of a netbook, how about a tablet, like the Apple iPad, or Android tablets like the Dell Streak? You get all the stability of the Apple iPhone/iPod or Android ecosystem on a bigger screen (9.7 inches on the iPad), and without the pain of supporting a standard

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Of course, smartphone apps do not provide the flexibility of full PC software, and upgraded versions of the small-screen apps are required to take advantage of user interactions on the larger screen. But if you accept the limitations compared to full-up PC applications, you still can do quite well. For example, the Apple iWork suite of productivity apps (\$9.99 each) includes the Pages word processor, Numbers spreadsheet, and Keynote for presentations, yet is not particularly helpful with exporting and sharing and printing your documents outside the Apple

The iPad with Wi-Fi connectivity is available with 16, 32, and 64GB for \$499, \$599, and \$699, respectively. For an extra \$130 you can add back in cellular wireless services, not for phone calls, but for wireless data service to access the Internet from anywhere.

Mobile wireless hotspots. The whole point of these portable devices is their always-on connectivity, which requires cellular when you're not at a Wi-Fi hotspot. But you also don't want to be playing multiple separate cellular service plans for each of your devices smartphone and iPad and laptop and netbook.

Instead of enabling the built-in wireless for your tablet or a laptop, you can instead share one service plan with a stand-alone device like the Verizon Wireless MiFi Mobile Hotspot that turns the cellular service into a Wi-Fi hotspot for up to five devices (\$99). I bring along the MiFi for my talks, since it lets me demo multiple portable devices online at the same time.

Even better, some smartphones now also offer Wi-Fi "tethering," to share your existing cellular phone service as a 3G mobile wireless hotspot, so you can take your laptop or iPod touch online with one cellular connection. This is supported in the latest Android 2.2 release, including on the Droid

Apple FaceTime. Another innovation in smartphones is video calling, with the Apple FaceTime app for the iPhone 4 and now the iPod touch (although these currently do not interoperate with other devices or computers). With the front-facing camera, you can talk with a friend and see yourself at the same time.

But while it's fun to see faces as you talk, it's not so riveting that you need it for all your calls. Instead, what Apple has cleverly done with FaceTime is to build two cameras into the iPhone and new iPod touch, one over the screen to shoot your face, and another front-facing camera so you can show something much more interesting — what's going on around you while you chat. So now you can share faces and places, the whole experience.

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Day by Day Line-Up

renton Small Business Week returns for its 17th year with a networking breakfast on Monday, October 18, at 8 a.m. at the Trenton Marriott.

The weeklong series of events features 21 workshops, 12 of which are free. The week also includes the Mercer Chamber Business Expo on October 18, featuring Sharon Lee Parker, CEO of Boehm Studios (\$60 to attend) and the Renaissance Ball of Trenton, which concludes the week on Friday, October 22, at 6 p.m. Tickets for the ball are \$175. Call 609-689-9960, ext. 14 for information.

October 18 also features the Mercer Chamber's Fall Business Expo at 11 a.m. at the Sun National Center (formerly Sovereign Bank Arena). The expo is expected to showcase 120 exhibitors and attendance is free if you bring a business card. Visit www.mercerchamber.org.

Also visit www.smallbizweek-.com for more information about Trenton Small Business Week. Events listed below are free unless otherwise noted.

Monday, October 18

Kick Off Networking Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m., Trenton Marriott at Lafayette Yard

Best of the Web — Free Web Tools You Really Can Use, 10 to 11:30 a.m., the DeRosa Group, 354 South Broad Street, Taneshia Nash Laird. Trenton Downtown Associa-

Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce Fall Business Expo. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun National Center, 81 Hamilton Avenue. Attendance is free with a valid business

Electronic Media for Business, 1 to 3 p.m., Studio City New Jersey, 2 Chelten Way, Building 3. Shelton Minor, Studio City New Jersey.

Use Your Charismatic Skills So Others Will Do Things For You, 3 to 4:30 p.m., the DeRosa Group, 354 South Broad Street. Jeffrey Schoener, Neuro-Enhancement Strategies.

Tuesday, October 19

Four Ways to Grow Your Business, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Trenton Marriott at Lafayette Yard, 1 West Lafayette Street. Michael Pucciarelli, Bartolomei Pucciarelli LLC.

Why No One Has Found You on the Web: Top Tools to Use, 10 to 11:30 a.m., NJ Economic Development Authority, 36 West State Street. Lance Bachman, www.1seo.com

Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce General Membership Power Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Trenton Marriott at Lafayette Yard, 1 West Lafayette Street. Keynote: "American Girls Can Do Anything — And So Can American Boys," Sharon Lee Parker, Boehm Studios, \$60.

Doing More Work with Less Employees and Resources, 1:30 to 3 p.m., NJ Economic Development Authority, 36 West State Street.Najeeb Ahmad, Pennington Human Dynamics.

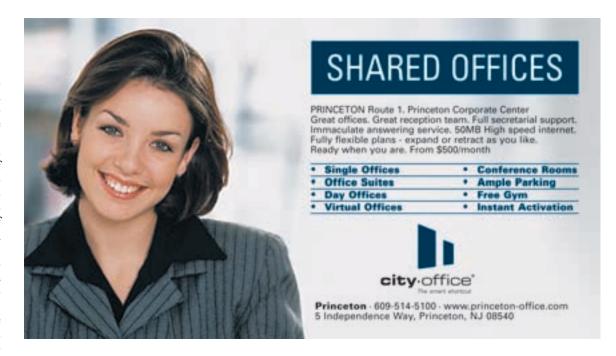
Government Resources — Use Them or Lose Them, 3 to 4:30 p.m., NJ Economic Development Authority, 36 West State Street. Marion Zajac, NJEDA.

TD Bank Business Networking Reception, 6 to 8 p.m., TD Bank, 50 East State Street.

Wednesday, October 20

Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business Before **Breakfast: Wireless Gadgets and** Trends 2010 — What's Hot Right Now for Business, 8 to 9 a.m., Thomas Edison State College, 101 West State Street. Douglas Dixon, Manifest Technology, \$40.

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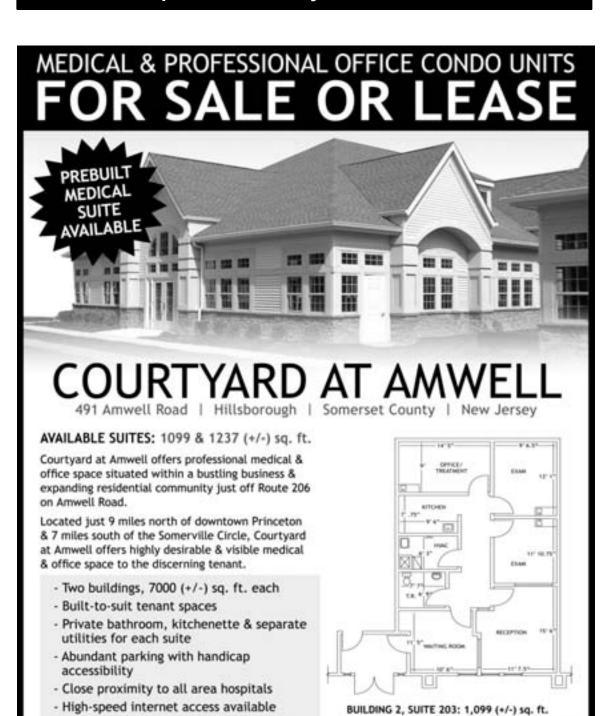


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Webcams. Of course, you also can make free Internet phone and video calls from your computer by hooking up a webcam. Webcams let you share as a group, keep in touch with the kids when you're on the road, or check in with the grandparents.

Even better, webcams have moved up to high-def resolution to provide a great picture for show-and-tell conversations. For example, the new Logitech HD webcam line starts at \$49, with built-in mics for HD calls and recording. The high-end Logitech HD Pro Webcam C910 at \$99 adds 10-megapixel photos, Carl Zeiss glass optics, wide-angle lens, autofocus, dual mics, and full HD 1080p video recording. These work with Skype and other common calling software.

Pocket camcorders. For shooting and

sharing videos beyond short camera phone clips, I'm a big fan of the Flip Video pocket camcorders (now part of Cisco). They're easy to carry, in a pocket or a bag, so I can shoot vacation shots on the beach that we would otherwise miss because it's too much trouble to always lug along a larger camera.

Pocket camcorders are small and unobtrusive, so you can capture informal shots at events without disturbing the people around you. We've shot from the seats at weddings and events, handheld and with a monopod, and even hung the camera on the end of the pew to catch performances with a flexible Joby Gorillapod mini tripod.

Today's pocket camcorders shoot HD and have a built-in, flip-out USB connector to easily transfer clips to a computer, and built-in software to edit and share — to enjoy on the computer, online, or on DVD.

The new Flip are always ready to shoot (under four seconds from power on), since there are no options or modes that you can mess up. There are no options for photos or close-up or low-res or removable storage,

which are available in competing products.

The Flip MinoHD models are particularly compact (6/10 inch thin, 4 ounces), and the slightly larger UltraHD line (4.5 ounces) offer removable batteries. These each are available in two versions, to shoot one or two hours, starting at \$149. The new models now also have built-in image stabilization, helpful with small hand-held devices.

While Flip has focused on keeping the devices simple, you can add new capabilities with new accessories, including a Bower Wide Angle Lens for wide angle views, Ikelite Underwater Housing for shooting in the wet, and external and wireless microphones for better sound.

Portable power. As you accumulate more of these portable devices, you'll need to be careful to keep them charged up on the road. Most devices now charge through USB, connected to a computer or through a

> USB wall charger. Just be warned that while USB is a standard connector, it's not a standard power source more sophisticated devices like the Apple iPad or Flip Video camcorders require more power and a more "intelligent" interface. So make sure you carry the

right chargers, and look for USB chargers that are explicitly rated for your devices, with fast charge capability — for example, the Kensington line of USB chargers, with a wall adapter, car charger, and a bigger 4-port charger for simultaneous charging, with some explicitly rated for the iPod touch and

Portable sound. Another important accessory for your portable devices is a set of earphones or a headset so you can listen to your music or calls. Bluetooth headsets for mobile phones have gotten very sophisticated, with features like noise reduction for loud city streets, and the ability to simultaneously pair to two devices so you can switch between listening to a music player and picking up a phone call.

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Douglas Dixon operates ManifestTechnology.com, a website offering the latest on high tech gadgets.

Bluetooth headsets also have focused more on ease of use, especially for people like me who typically only wear the headset when on a call. The Jawbone ICON Bluetooth headset (around \$75) has a separate on/off switch, makes voice announcements instead of requiring decoding blinking lights, and uses a standard mini-USB port for charging.

Even better, Bluetooth headsets now can download apps to personalize new features. The ICON offers updates for A2DP streaming audio playback, a choice of six announcement voices, and voice commands.

For a more traditional approach to using your cell phone at home or in the office, check out the Native Union Retro mobile handset. It's a classic '50s style telephone design, complete with a curly cord, but that plugs in to your mobile phone. Handsets are available for \$29; \$59 with a weighted base.

Portable storage. One final way to avoid bringing along your laptop on trips is to bring your important files on a USB flash drive. These continue to be the handy answer for storing, sharing, and backing up your files on the go.

With 8 GB drives available at retail for around \$20, and 32 GB around \$70, you can carry everything you need, and even have dedicated drives for different purposes. I often carry a public drive for swapping files with others, and a personal drive that has other reference material.



There are lots of options for different kinds of drives. These include ridiculously tiny devices like the LaCie MosKeyto Low Profile USB Drive, which extends only 6mm out of your laptop It is designed so that you don't accidentally break it with extended use (4GB for \$17, 8GB for \$27).

For serious business and data protection, since small drives are easily misplaced, get a drive with built-in encryption. The Imation Defender F200 Biometric Flash Drive is FIPS 140-2, Level 3 validated, with a rugged metal enclosure, hardware AES 256-bit encryption, and two-factor authentication with password and a fingerprint sensor for up to 10 users.

For longer trips, you can carry USB-portable hard drives like the Western Digital My Passport line. These drives are thin and pocket sized and powered via USB (no extra wires required). They are available with 500GB or even 1TB of storage for around \$100, so again I typically carry multiple drives with my laptop—a project drive to share archived work data, and a personal drive that stays in my hotel as a local backup, and is also big enough to offload vacation photos and videos.

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Understanding the True Return on Investment of Social Marketing, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Thomas Edison State College. Glenn Gabe, G-Squared Interactive L.L.C.

Converting to Solar — PSE&G & Bridge Financing Plus Government Grants, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Thomas Edison State College Michelle Gonzalez, PSE&G.

Renovate, Sell, or Merge? 3 to 4:30 p.m., Thomas Edison State College. PK Vasudevan, Iyer Assoc.

Capital City Real Estate Reception, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the DeRosa Group, 354 South Broad Street.

Thursday, October 21

'Contacts for Contracts' Procurement Event, 8 a.m. to noon, Trenton Country Club, 201 Sullivan Way, Ewing. Cost: \$10.

Doing Business with Local Government, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Trenton Country Club, 201 Sullivan Way, Ewing. Karen Marut, City of Trenton and Marcella Covello, County of Mercer.

Small Developers Forum — How to Buy Property from the City, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Trenton Country Club, 201 Sullivan Way, Ewing. Henrietta Owusu and Andrew Carten, City of Trenton.

How to Run a Successful Consulting Business in a Challenging Economy, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Wachovia Bank, 32 East Front Street. Carla Fallone, Fallone Business Resources

Reinventing Yourself: Starting a Business as an Alternate Means of Employment, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Wachovia Bank, 32 East Front Street. Al Spiewak, Small Business Development Consultant.

Friday, October 22

Renaissance Ball of Trenton, 6 to 11 p.m., Trenton Marriott at Lafayette Yard, \$175.00.

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Life in the Fast Lane

he sun could be shining again on a Robbinsville-based developer of photovoltaic products. According to an SEC filing earlier this month, a company established by EPV Solar Inc. — Phoenix Solar Holdings Corp. — has closed on \$3.58 million in an equity financing round that attracted seven investors.

This is especially good news for EPV, which was forced to file Chapter 11 bankruptcy this past February. The company, which designs, develops, manufactures, and markets amorphous silicon (a-Si) thin-film photovoltaic (PV) solar modules for the renewable energy market, was founded in 1991 and became one of the industry's most promising solar companies. Its peak came when EPV raised \$77 million in 2007 and was able to finance a nearly 400-person staff.

But the market for EPV's thinfilm product never came through and the company was quickly saddled with a lot of supply, but little

demand. In February the company filed for Chapter 11, claiming it had more than \$10 million in unsecured debt. Almost all the newly hired staff had to be let go and the company's future was in doubt.

Phoenix Solar Holdings is the first new venture for EPV since the bankruptcy filing. EPV principals named in the filing of the SEC statement are CEO Tom Werthan. Howard Brodie, vice president and secretary, and COO Robert Bryan. Other investors include David Kay, John Small, and T.J. Glauthier, president of TJG Energy Associates of California and former deputy secretary and COO of the U.S. Department of Energy.

Werthan joined EPV in 2007 from Emcore Corp. Prior to that, he was associated with the Russell Group, a venture capital partnership, and served as chief operating officer and chief financial officer for Audio Visual Labs Inc., a manufacturer of multimedia and computer graphics equipment.

Brodie and Bryan also previously held executive positions at Emcore Group.

EPV Solar Inc., 8 Marlen Drive, Robbinsville 08691; 609-587-3000; fax, 609-587-Werthan, 5355. Thomas CEO. www.epvsolar.com.

Contracts Awarded

Policy Mathematica search Inc., 600 Alexander Park, Suite 100, Princeton 08540; 609-799-3535; fax, 609-799-0005. Paul Decker, president. www.mathematica-mpr.com.

Mathematica, a public policy research and survey firm, has received an \$8.1 million contract from the U.S. Department of Education for a teacher quality distribution and measurement study.

Expansions

Novo Nordisk Inc. (NVO), 100 College Road West, Princeton 08540-6213; 609-987-5800; fax, 609-919-7801. Gruhn, president. www.novonordisk-us.com.

Novo Nordisk, a developer of

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diabetes treatments based on College Road West, recently announced that it will spend \$73 million to expand its Clayton, North Carolina, manufacturing facility and increase production capacity there.

The expansion is expected to create 205 new jobs, including 85 in Clayton, where there are about 420 employees now.

Financing

Edison Venture Fund, 1009 Lenox Drive, Building 4, Suite 200, Lawrenceville 08648; 609-896-1900; fax, 609-896-0066. John H. Martinson, managing partner. www.edisonventure.com.

Edison Ventures recently invested \$11.5 million in two information-related companies.

Edison has invested \$4 million in Premier Healthcare Exchange, a late-stage healthcare cost management company based in Bedminster. The investment will be used to expand sales, marketing, and shareholder liquidity, according to

The firm also has invested \$7.5 million in Andera, a Rhode Islandbased provider of customer acquisition solutions to 425 financial institutions nationwide. The investment is intended to help it develop a technology that allows financial customers to open online accounts in only a few minutes time.

New in Town

Alfredo R. Trevino Architect, 690 Lawrenceville Road, Unit 5, Lawrenceville 08648; 609-883-0806; fax, 609-671-0909.

Architect Alfredo Trevino has opened an office on Lawrenceville Road. He provides commercial and residential services.

Cho Law Offices LLC, 3490 Route 1 North, Suite 7-B, Princeton 08540-; 609-642-4488; fax, 609-613-5611. www.jcholaw.com.

Attorney Jae Cho has opened a law practice at 3490 Route 1. The firm specializes in entrepreneurs and small businesses.



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Stock News

Laureate Pharma LLP (SFE), 201 College Road East, Princeton 08540; 609-919-3300; fax, 609-452-7211. www.laureatepharma.com.

Laureate Pharma, a contract manufacturer of protein-based biologicals and antibodies, has secured \$20 million in debt and equity financing to enhance and grow its business.

According to the company, the funds will be used to drive five investment initiatives over a threeyear period: upgrading aseptic products, upgrading protein production services, launching a contract analytical testing business to serve a broader client base, expanding mammalian cell line creation services, and adopting new quality systems technologies for inventory, deviations, and calibration and validation.

Laureate Pharma has added 10 new jobs since bringing on a new CEO, Michael Griffith, and a new vice president of business development. The company plans to fill 50 more positions as an outcrop of the

Crosstown Moves

Ameriprise Financial Services Inc., 100 Overlook Center, Princeton 08540; 609-730-3840; fax, 609-730-3843. Anthony De Lucia III, certified financial planner. www.ampf.com.

Ameriprise, a national chain of financial planning firms, has opened a location in Pennington.

The firm provides investment advice, retirement strategies, estate planning, and general financial advice to individuals and small busi-

Association Associates Inc. (AAI), 1255 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Building B, Suite 514, Hamilton, 08619; 609-890-9207; fax, 609-581-8244. Debbie Hart, president. www.hq4u.com.

Association Associates, a management organization presided over by Debbie Hart, has moved from AAA Drive to Whitehorse-Mercerville Road. AAI provides management services to trade and

professional groups. According to Hart, AAI will expand into more than 6,500 square feet to provide more service area for clients and more room for its 30-person staff.

Hart helps manage several organizations through AAI, most notably BioNJ, one of the state's largest science and technology lobby groups.

Automated Waste Equipment Co., 572 Whitehead Road, Hamilton 08619; 609-588-5400; fax, 609-588-4104. Debbie Lieggl, controller. www.americanrolloff.com.

Automated Waste, a manufacturer of truck bodies for waste disposal fleets, has moved from 3 Tennis Court to Whitehead Road.

Zydus Pharmaceuticals USA, 73 Route 31 North, Pennington 08543; 609-730-1900; fax, 609-730-1998. Joseph Renner, CEO. www.zydususa.com.

Zydus Pharmaceuticals, which develops products for the generic market, has moved from the Carnegie Center to the former site of international porcelain figurine maker Goebel on Route 31 in Pennington. The building has been va-

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cant since Goebel uprooted its American operations last year (its subsidiary, M.I. Hummell now operates from its offices on Quakerbridge Road in Hamilton). Zydus, which also has operations in Tennessee and India, makes generic versions of popular drugs such as Paxil, Flomax, and Zocor.

Name Changes

Idis Pharma, 902 Carnegie Center, Suite 160, Princeton 08540; 609-436-4501; fax, 609-436-4600. Rose Taluba, office manager.

Idis Pharma, which provides management and communications consulting to pharma and biotech companies, has opened an office in the Carnegie Center. The company is based in the United Kingdom.

Down-Sizing

Carodan Corp., 147 Crestview Drive, Princeton 08540; 609-924-7000; fax, 609-924-0952. Harry Levine, presi-

Carodan, a commercial real estate development and advisory group, has laid off 8 of its 10 employees and moved temporarily from Princeton Gateway, 707 State Road, to an office in the home of president Harry Levine. Levine says he and his wife Ellen (also his business partner) are finding that they really like being at home.

"We did this to keep our costs in relation to a severe decline in business," he says. "The telephone people and Bohrens are telling me that is where their business is.'

Trafalgar House is handling

leasing for Carodan's Horizon Center, a planned business park of 1.25 million square feet in Hamilton Township. "We're looking around for things not necessarily related to real estate," says Levine. "The profit expectations in the industry will result in people going into other business ventures.

Palatin Technologies Inc. (PTN), 4C Cedar Brook Drive, Cranbury 08512; 609-495-2200; fax, 609-495-2201. Carl Spana, president & CEO. www.palatin.com.

For the third time since 2007, Palatin Technologies, which develops products for sexual dysfunction and appendicitis detection, is cutting its staff. The company announced on September 27 that it will cut half of its 40 workers by year's end.

The announcement coincides with the release of the company's latest financial statement, which reports a net loss of \$4.2 million for the quarter ending on June 30. That is a loss of 40 cents per share of stock in the past fiscal year, as compared to a 2-cents-per share loss from the year prior.

The company's troubles began in 2007 when safety concerns over a female sexual dysfunction drug caused partner King Pharmaceuticals to back out. Since then Palatin has laid off most of its staff. Two years ago, it had 60 employees, and before that about 90. The latest round of layoffs is expected to save the company about \$5 million a year in operating expenses as it focuses on new drugs for sexual dysfunction and for asthma.

"Prioritizing our clinical programs and focusing on advancing our clinical drug candidates can generate the most value for our stockholders," said CEO Carl

Leaving Town

Publicis Selling Solutions (PUB), 1000 Floral Vale Boulevard, Suite 400, Yard-19067: 215-525-9804. Rick Keefer, group president, COO. www.psellingsolutions.com.

Science Oriented Solutions, Robin Winter-Sperry, president and CEO. www.scienceoriented solutions.-

Publicis, which handles contract sales, telemarketing, peer influence, and other services to the pharmaceutical industry, and Science Oriented Solutions, a division of Publicis, have moved from 2000 Lenox Drive in Lawrenceville. Publicis now operates in Yardley.

Deaths

Joseph Fath, 85, on October 10. A chemical industry executive, he was former president of the Jewish Center of Princeton.

Bud Drake, 80, on October 9. He was a former CIA agent and a chemist at Hydrocarbon Research Inc. in Trenton and FMC in Princeton. He held several patents on his work with synthetic lubricants.

Eleanor Howarth, 81, on October 6. She was a licensed insurance broker for Bozarth's Insurance Co in Hamilton for 20 years.

Helen Carter, 84, on October 3. She once worked on the U.S. Space Program's moon exploration and landing programs at RCA Astro.

Philip Reed, 86, on September 20. A former investment manager, he was a trustee at the Medical Center at Princeton and its foundation for 27 years. He also founded the Philip D. Reed Foundation.

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shop, dine, and stay in town. "Tourism continues to grow and our ability to successfully represent the educational institutions, historical assets, cultural and entertainment locations, restaurants, and municipalities in our region has been important to driving our growth," Crowley says.

The latest paradigm shift for the chamber was to re-brand itself as 'Champions for Business.'

"We build value for our members by helping them grow their businesses through networking events, educational programming, and other events designed to support the business community now and for the next 50 years," Crowley says.

What will those next 50 years hold? "We will continue to expand our web presence, increase our social networking focus, continue to implement programs designed to grow membership, and keep striving to be the best business focused Chamber in our region," Crowley

Corporate Angels

The Sipprelle Charitable Corporation, headed by Tracy Sipprelle, wife of Princeton businessman and 12th District congressional candidate Scott Sipprelle, recently gave \$500,000 to Isles of Trenton to help finance community development activities.

Half of the funds will support the startup of micro-lending and energy services businesses called E4, a community-based business designed to provide home energy and environmental hazard retrofits. The other half of the funds will

underwrite Isles' capital campaign in support of a project to re-create a historic vacant textile mill into a mixed use, green office and training center.

The Provident Bank Foundation, the charitable arm of the South Brunswick-based banking chain, recently gave \$5,000 to the Intersect Fund, a non-profit organization that provides a variety of business training services to lowincome entrepreneurs. The donation will support its Entrepreneur University program, an eight-week training course that helps entrepreneurs build a strong business.

Provident also recently gave \$10,000 to the State Theatre Regional Arts Center in New Brunswick, the final installment of a three-year, \$30,000 pledge - to support its Milk & Cookies series for children.

Business Meetings

Wednesday, October 13

Noon: NJ Entrepreneurial Network, "I Want To Buy Into Your Company: Creating Value With A Management Investor," Daniel A. Rubenstein of Chestnut Street Capital Group, \$55. Princeton Marriott, lou.wagman-@gmail.com. 609-688-9252.

5 p.m.: Mercer Chamber, evening networking and welcome reception for Bob Prunetti as new chamber president, \$45. Trenton Country Club. 609-689-9960.

5:30 p.m.: Middlesex Chamber, "Speed Networking," \$45. Pines Manor, Edison. 732-745-8090.

6 p.m.: Dale Carnegie Institute, 'Dale Carnegie Course," free session. Rutgers, New Brunswick. 609-324-9200.

6 p.m.: TCNJ, "Award for Innovative Leadership," featuring Tom Szaky, TerraCycle, free. Ewing campus. **609-393-4259**.

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8 p.m.: Mercer Chamber, networking breakfast, \$35. Project Freedom, Robbinsville, info@mercerchamber.org. 609-689-9960.

Thursday, October 14

7 a.m.: ACG New Jersey, "Reinventing Your Business Through Innovation," Robert Essner, Wyeth, \$150. Crowne Plaza, Somerset, jmaude@acg.org. 877-224-6667.

8:30 a.m.: Edison Chamber, "Export Finance Workshop," Robert Elsas, PNC Bank, others, \$60. TCNJ. 732-738-9482.

4 p.m.: NJ Entrepreneurs Forum, Monthly seminar, \$35. Commercialization Center, New Brunswick. 908-789-3424.

5 p.m.: Mercer Chamber, Bordentown chapter, Second Anniversary Celebration, \$35. Days Inn, Route 206. 609-689-9960.

5:45 p.m.: IAAP, Mercer chapter, monthly dinner meeting, \$35. Tessara's Restaurant, Route 33, Hamilton, iaap.mercerchapterpresident@gmail.com. 609-689-

6 p.m.: Princeton Public Library. event, followed by documentary film on business' role in sustainability, free. 65 Witherspoon Street. 609-924-9529.

Friday, October 15

7:30 a.m.: Edison Chamber, "Healthcare Reform Forum," Dan Gibson, EisnerAmper, \$45. Crowne Plaza, Edison. 732-738-9482

8 a.m.: Rutgers Business School, "Secrets of Winning SBIR/STTR Proposals," Randy Harmon, NJS-BDC, \$60. EDA Commercialization Center, North Brunswick. 800-432-1565.

10:30 a.m.: Professional Services Group, weekly career meeting, support, and networking for unemployed professionals, free. Mercer County One-Stop Career Center, Yard Avenue, Trenton, . 609-292-7535.

Monday, October 18

8 a.m.: Trenton Small Business Week, "Kickoff Networking Break-

fast," free. Trenton Marriott. 609-771-2947. See story on page TK for details.

7:15 p.m.: Comprehensive Communications Services, "Conversational English Plus," Sinett, \$150.610 Plainsboro Road, sinett@ccs-speech.com. 609-799-1400.

Tuesday, October 19

7 a.m.: BNI Ivy League, weekly networking breakfast, free. 100 Overlook Čenter. 732-960-1730.

8 a.m.: Trenton Small Business Week, Many events and workshops, most free. Trenton Marriott. **609-771-2947**.

8:30 a.m.: Princeton Public Library, Tuesday Newtorkin Breakfast, free. 65 Witherspoon Street. 609-924-9529.

Tuesday, October 19

7:30 p.m.: JobSeekers, Networking and support for changing careers. Free. Parish Hall entrance, Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street. 609-924-2277.

Wednesday, October 20

7 a.m.: BNI West Windsor chapter. weekly networking, free. Macaroni Grill. 609-462-3875.

7:30 a.m.: Princeton Chamber, "Wireless Gadgets and Trends 2010: What's Hot Right Now For Business," Douglas Dixon, \$40. TESC, West State Street, Trenton. 609-924-1776.

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8 a.m.: NJAWBO, Mercer chapter, "Developing Your Business Vision and Mission," \$11 Gary & Lenny's NY Deli, Route 1, liz@scafafinancial.com. 609-750-0002.

9:30 a.m.: Princeton Chamber, "Understanding the True Return on Investment (ROI) of Social Marketing," Glenn Gave, G-Squared Interactive, \$40. TESC, West State Street, Trenton. 609-924-1776.

5:30 p.m.: Edison Chamber, "Business Mixer, \$15. Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union. 732-738-9482.

5:30 p.m.: Middlesex Chamber. '100th Anniversary Gala," \$150. Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick. 732-745-8090.

6 p.m.: NJ Society of CPAs, Mercer County, "IRS Update Night," \$60. MCCC, West Windsor. **973-**226-4494.

6:30 p.m.: SCORE Princeton, The Business Plan: A Tool for Funding," Bill Litchman, free. Lawrence Library. 609-393-0505.

7 p.m.: Princeton Senior Resource CEnter, "Job Search Strategies for Older Workers," Carol King, free. Princeton Library, info@princetonsenior.org. 609-924-7108.

Thursday, October 21

7:30 a.m.: Bartolomei Pucciarelli, Business Getting Results, Michael Pucciarelli. Free for firsttime attendees, but registration is required. 2564 Brunswick Pike. 609-883-9000

8 a.m.: Trenton Small Business Week, Many events and workshops, most free. Trenton Marriott. 609-771-2947.

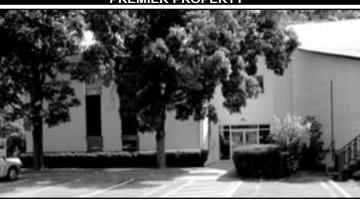
8:15 a.m.: NJ Society of CPAs, "Key Issues Heading Into Tax Season," \$35. Holiday Inn, Somerset. 973-226-4494.

Noon: Women Interested In Networking, monthly luncheon, \$20. Every: nird Thursday Villa Mani no Restaurant, Route 130, Hamilton. 609-890-4054.



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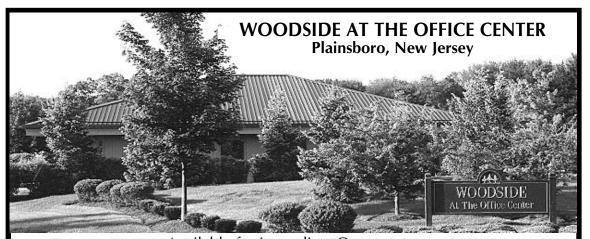
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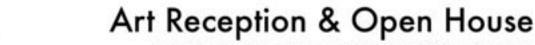


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Richard K. Rein

Our editor ventured out of his shell to attend the 45th reunion of his high school class. And what did he learn? That your high school classmates grow up and turn into great people, no matter what you might have thought. That you might have grown up a little as well. That even as the body declines the mind can be more engaging than ever. And that the trip is a great excuse for no column this week.



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The Open House showcases Landmark Homes' recently completed house at 482 Princeton-Kingston Rd., Princeton. And the Art Opening features the work of Princeton artist, Jennifer Hawkes, who has created a series of paintings inspired by the house and property at 482. Both the house and the paintings will be for sale.

The house at 482 Princeton-Kingston Rd. becomes the gallery for Hawkes' art on Friday, Oct. 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., with a wine and cheese reception. And on Sunday, Oct. 17, from 2 to 6 p.m., there will be a light lunch available. Events both days are free and open to the public.

"We wanted to do a fun event to show the house," said Joel Schwartz, a Princeton resident, architect and principal with Landmark Homes. "It's a party with some food and wine to highlight not only the property but this very talented artist."

Hawkes is a long-time Princeton resident, and graduate of Princeton Day School and the Art Institute of Chicago, who recently had a one-woman show at the Nassau Club.

The idea for the Art Meets Architecture event came from Matt Leshetz, the project manager, "Matt is always thinking outside the box, whether it 's about selecting just the right granite or marketing a house. He is absolutely passionate about every detail of the work we do together at Landmark," stated Schwartz.

Schwartz met with Hawkes at 482 Princeton-Kingston Rd. where she was inspired to create her original paintings based on



'Grove,' at right by Jennifer Hawkes, is one of a series of paintings by the artist inspired by the house and property at 482 Princeton-Kingston Road, above.

the house and property. She has a background in 'plein air', or onlocation painting. She loved the backyard of 482, which is entirely ringed with mature hard wood trees, evergreens and a bluestone terrace tucked under the spruce trees.

"The grounds have a very 'Maine' feel about them," Schwartz added. "You can enjoy the best of living within walking distance of bustling downtown Princeton, yet enjoy the privacy of this one-acre, secluded lot. "What we've created here is a 'new old house.""

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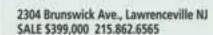
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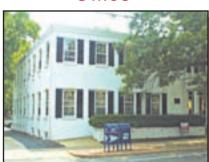
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