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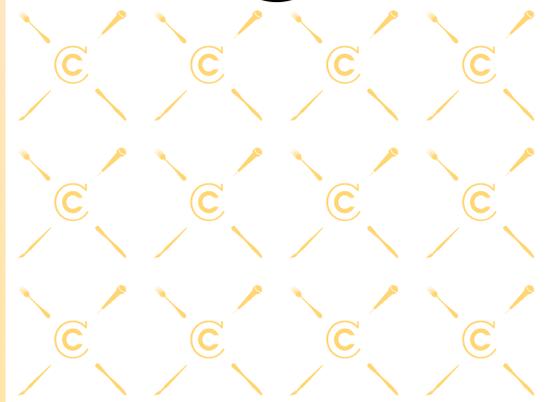
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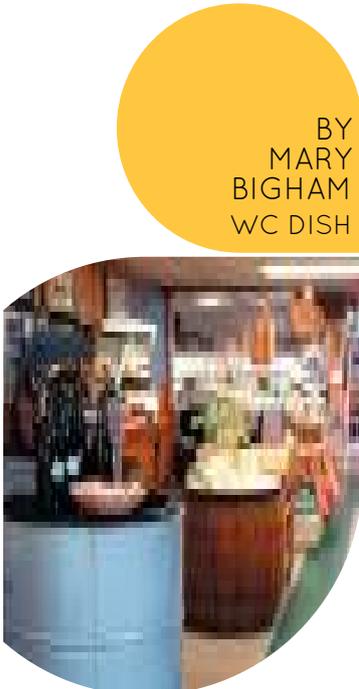
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WC DISH

A Foodie Dream Come True

On the occasions that I would be leaving Kennett Square headed back to West Chester, I always passed by the unsuspecting storefront of The Country Butcher. I'd log it in my mind as one of those places to visit "when I had time," but it was the need for a 96-oz steak that finally brought me there (See the Guerilla

Drive-in story on page 25 for more info on why the heck I needed a steak that size.)

As soon as I walked in the door I realized this was NOT your average butcher shop; it was a foodie mecca. My eyes grazed the shelves of gourmet offerings as I wondered from room into room of glorious food. Owner Dan Boxler greeted me and showed me around.



Deli area, check. Insane international cheese section, check. Bottle your own crazy-good olive-oil-from-Tuscany barrel, check. Balsamics, pastas, meats, cheeses, breads, snacks and spreads chirped at me from the shelves, "pick me, pick me!" It was as if my favorite sections of a grocery store had all gotten together after-hours to scheme this very store.

Dan explained that he and his wife Dorothy Boxler opened The Country Butcher in 1982 and it was built on the simple idea of giving their customers the very finest quality foods

in a welcoming and warm environment. Before it was trendy they offered USDA Prime Meat that was all-natural, grassfed and locally raised. Over the years they added everything in this gal's dreams to the store including a cheese shop, a local and international market area, a prepared-foods area, wine shop and, on top of it all, a bakery with a cafe.

What to expect from the cheese shop? Oh, I don't know. How about more than 100 artisan-made local, domestic and imported varieties, pates, mousses, cheese and olive spreads, mustards, crackers, olives and fruit. And that's just the beginning.

If you're like me, you'll want a bottle to pair with the deliciousness that the cheese shop offers. The Country Butcher has the distinction of being one of a few gourmet markets in Pennsylvania to have a wine shop that features one of my favorite local

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MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

BY
FRAN
MAYE
SPECIAL TO
WC DISH

If there's good weather, Mushroom Festival officials are expecting record crowds for the 24th annual event which takes place in Kennett Square Sept. 12 and Sept. 13.

"I'm thinking we could get 100,000 people," said Kathi Lafferty, Mushroom Festival coordinator.

To accommodate the huge crowds, the festival is being expanded a block-and-a-half this year. It will now take place on State Street and extend from Garfield Street to South Willow Street.

New this year is a free concert sponsored by WSTW Saturday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. at the tented lot at Willow and State streets. Among those on hand will be local favorite Parkwright, winners of Musikfest 2009 Mid-Atlantic Band Competition.

There will also be a new Friday night teen event, a new 5K Run/Walk (Sunday at 8:30 a.m.), a Saturday evening dance party, and a Soup and Wine Festival.

The Soup and Wine Festival will take place Sunday at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the corner of Willow and State streets. Tickets are \$20 and includes two beverages.

Also new this year is a 66-foot high ferris wheel that can

seat 62 people.

"This year, we've spent more money on rides and children's entertainment," Lafferty said. "This is a family event."

Admission to the festival is \$2 for everyone age 12 and up. There are four entrances: Garfield and State streets, Cypress and South Union streets, North Union and East Linden Streets and Est State and South Willow streets. Those who pay \$2 will get a pink and white wristband, good for both days of the Mushroom Festival. All proceeds from the wristbands go to local non-profit organizations and to cancer research.

"I think some people don't like it (paying for admission), but all proceeds go back to the community through our grant program," Lafferty said. "Where else can you get this type of family entertainment for \$2? Because of the economy, in the future we have to depend on this money. It costs us \$225,000 just to put it on."

Lafferty said there's a buzz about the mushroom festival this year she's never seen. "I had one man come in from Virginia to buy a wristband and Farm Tour tickets," she said. "People will be coming in from all over."

For the first time, pets are prohibited at the festival.

"I love my dog," Lafferty said, "But I would not subject my dog to that crowd. We just want everybody to come and have a good time. Leave your pet at home."

The Farm Tour this year will be at the Yeatman farm on Route 41 in Avondale on Saturday, and at the Peitro Industry on Walnut Street on Sunday. Farm Tour tickets are just about sold out.

The fair committee has brought back the Community Stage which will be located at on State Street between Lincoln and Garfield streets.



The stage will be the site of karaoke acts and performances from gymnasts at the KMC Gym.

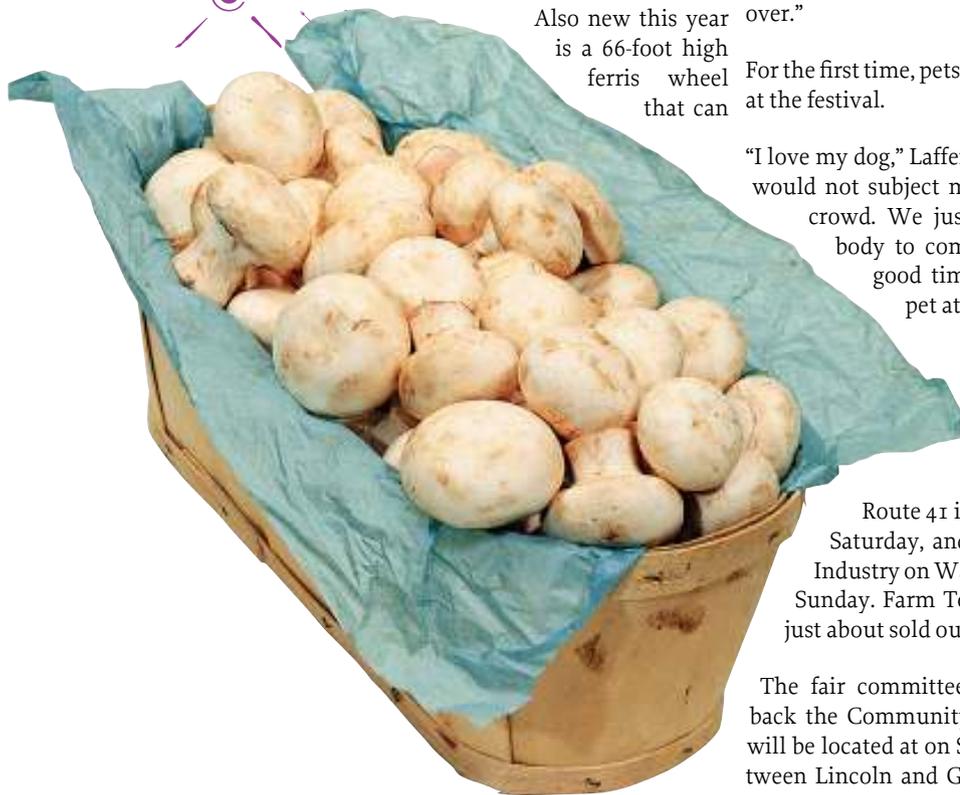
Other events planned for this year's Mushroom Festival: a street festival featuring 170 vendors, an antique and classic car and motorcycle show, a community parade, Kennett Underground Railroad Tour, Mushroom bobbing contest, live music, children's rides, a remote control air show, and a mushroom judging contest.

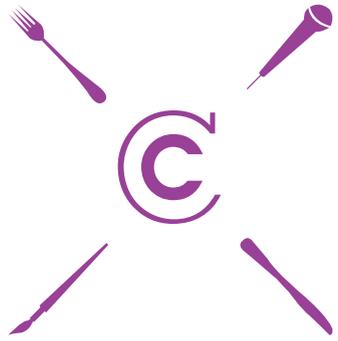
Parking once again is \$5, and shuttles will be running all day for both days of the festival. Mushroom officials and Krapf busses have streamlined the operation this year so it will be much more convenient and less walking. "All buses will stop at all spaces," Lafferty said.

Parking is provided at three locations: Mill and Cypress streets, Exelon Corp on Old Baltimore Pike, and Kennett High School, 600 S. Broad St.

This year's festival is dedicated to Joe D'Amico Sr., founder and owner of To-Jo Mushrooms.

Travelocity voted The Mushroom Festival one of the top 10 festivals in Pennsylvania. The Mushroom Festival is also featured on the Food Network's All American Festival show. Volunteers are still needed during the Festival. Lafferty said as an all-volunteer event, it takes hundreds of individuals to make the Mushroom Festival a success. Assignments of all sorts are available from manning the information desks, parking attendants, greeters, set-up, and general runners. A registration form is on the website at www.mushroomfestival.org.





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Separate from the Daily Local's Readers' Choice Awards, this first annual Chester County Choice Awards has given a special focus to awards for restaurants and nightlife spots. There will not be paper ballots and all voting will be done online at www.dailylocal.com/CC.

Also, the voting leads up to this year's Restaurant Festival – Sept. 20 – held each year in West Chester. (The rain date is Sept. 27)

In the Chester County Choice Awards there will be 32 categories (See advertisement on Pages 18 and 19 in this issue of CC). The honored nominees as selected by the CC editorial board, take the best five to 10 in each category. Those nominated

are already winners! The final voting allows you, the readers, to pick the top winners in each of the 32 categories.

"The nominees are already winners," said Daily Local News and CC Publisher Randy Notter. "The list is one which recognizes the top performers in the 32 categories. Now it's up to the people."

The voting for the final winners begins on Sept. 16 and ends Sept. 27. Readers get to the voting page at www.dailylocal.com/cc. The final winners will be recognized in a special edition of CC on Oct. 21. Readers are permitted to vote in all of the categories once.

"Don't let your favorite places go without your vote," Notter said. "Just like American Idol, every vote counts."

"It's about time the community gets an opportunity to choose their favorite food and nightlife spots in Chester County. Everyone has their favorite place and this is a chance to give recognition to those that deserve it. Other awards are given based purely on the publication's choice, not in this case, it's up to the readers to decide and that makes me very happy," says Mary Bigham, founder of WCDish.com.



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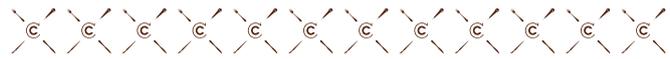
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MY FRIEND JULIA CHILD

BY
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Tom Swett looks over his collection of letters and pictures from Julia Child and her husband, Paul.

For most of the cinema-viewing world, the recently released film "Julie and Julia" is pleasant entertainment about two foodies. But for Historic Kennett Square booster and former organization president Tom Swett of Unionville, the movie brings back real memories of his life as a close family acquaintance of the renowned "French Chef."

Swett, 69, is the third son of Catharine Swett, now 98, who became friends with Child at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., in the 1930s. That warm friendship continued throughout the women's adult lives. Swett reminisced this week about the trips he took and the visits his family made to the Childs' home in Paris and the postal communications they carried on.

By way of historical perspective, Swett said his mother's blooming friendship with then-Julia McWilliams at Smith was a natural because they both rode in from the West as students - Catharine from Chicago and Julia from California. After college, Catharine was in Washington and Baltimore, and Julia was in Washington.

"In the early part of World War II they saw a lot of each other," he said. In the 1940s Paul and Julia Child went to France, where they worked for the U.S. government. "She was sent to exotic places during the war," Swett said.

From his parents' diaries and his own memories as a 12-year-old tourist in France, Swett gleaned a 1952 event. "We were invited to Julia and Paul's for cocktails and supper. ... Early in the day we saw the Bastille Day Parade," Tom's father Paul Swett wrote. Catharine penned, "It was an elaborate buffet. ...Afterwards we walked to the Seine and admired the fireworks."

A couple days later the Swett family and the Childs drove to the country at midday and had an unusual dining experience. Catharine wrote, "On the 16th, Julia picked us up in her Chevrolet and we went to Chartres. We stopped and ordered lunch. She picked out a live chicken, which we subsequently ate for lunch."

Through the years there was an abundance of written communication between the couples, including the now-famous Paul and Julia Valentine cards.

One card apparently from their years in Germany is a photograph of Paul and Julia apparently naked in a large bubble bath. The stamped on inscription says, "Wish you were here" and "Happy Valentine's Day from the heard of Old Downtown Blitteresdorf on the Rhine."

Another card showing the Childs on the front in sepia with a bright red heart held a message from Julia to Tom's parents on the other side. In part she told them she as still living in Paris and that she had started a cooking school with two French women. "So we're happy and busy."

Swett recalled that the last time he spoke with Julia was on the occasion of his mother's second husband following her first husband's death. "Julia said, 'I won't bake the cake, but I'll order it and send it to you,'" he said.

Remarking on that conversation, Swett said, "She was phenomenal with details. She made you feel as if you had just talked to her. ... When I called him to tell her about Mother, it was as if I talked to her last week. ... She had that phenomenal ability to go back to pieces of information."

Swett, who collects thousands of relics from his past -- tickets, notes, toys, diaries, memorabilia -- also has original copies of Child's cook books, including one that preceded her famous "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," called "From Julia Child's Kitchen." He said there were only 1,500 copies of that one ever produced.

Looking back on his family's relationship with Julia and Paul Child, Swett marvels at the friendliness and accessibility of the world-famous "French Chef."

"She was very accepting. She would say, 'Come on over and sit by me and tell me all the news'. ... When she said to come and visit her in Boston, she meant it," Swett said.

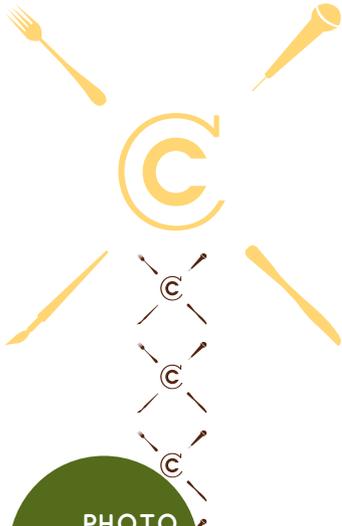
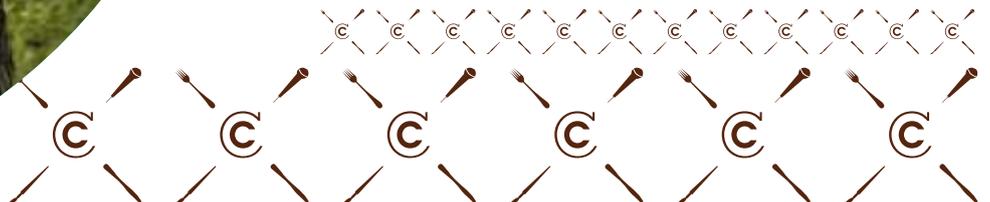


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To Boldly Go Where No Wedding Has Gone Before

BY
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STAFF
WRITER

This is the story about a wedding that will boldly go where no wedding has gone before. Whether or not that's true is anyone's guess, but on Sept. 13, Brad Siegel and Kate Irwin will tie the knot on a replica of the bridge of the USS Enterprise at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia and will, of course, launch into their future at warp speed.

Getting married at a Star Trek exhibit was something the couple had wanted to do since becoming engaged in March at a Star Trek convention in New Jersey. The TV show, which has been on and off the air since the 1960s and spawned 10 feature films, has been a big part of the couple's lives — together and separate. It's how they met three years ago. They were both attending a Star Trek convention in Chicago.

Irwin, who is originally from Phoenixville, said her love of Star Trek began in the 1980s. She said her parents were watching something on

TV that she wasn't interested in so she went to a spare room to watch TV and came across "Star Trek: The Next Generation." "I came upon it," Irwin said, "and fell in love with it 20 years ago."

Siegel, who is originally from Den- ville, N.J., remembers watching the original series in the 60s. And of course, Siegel said, "we have fights all the time (over which series was better.)"

The series has had many different versions dating back to the original and which is better seems to be a hot topic among its fans. But Irwin points out, also noting it's one of the reasons why she likes it: "There's no judgment. It's like a little click and everyone gets along."

"The series promotes tolerance," Siegel said, comparing it to liking the Philadelphia Phillies. He said you go to conventions, meetings and every- one is there for the same reason and

wearing the same clothing, like when you go to a Phillies game. "There's a lot of camaraderie," he said.

Having visited what was a "perma- nent" Star Trek exhibit in Las Vegas numerous times, the couple had de- cided that's where they wanted to get married on Halloween this com- ing October. But getting married in Las Vegas presented logistical prob- lems, the couple said, like how many friends and family would make the trip? And then the exhibit was closed permanently.

So both Irwin and Siegel had to go back to the bridge and change their plans.

While visiting the Franklin Insti- tute's Star Trek The Exhibition ex- hibit in the early part of the sum- mer, Irwin said she overheard someone talking about a competi- tion the Franklin Institute was host- ing — an online vote where the win- ning couple would be wed on the bridge of the USS Enterprise in

the Franklin Institute. On top of the online vot- ing, contestants were judged on their dedication to Star Trek, creativity of entry and overall photo. One of the judges was George Takei, a star from the series.

"The bridge is sacred for Star Trek fans," Siegel said. "It's an experience you can't put a price tag on."

And the couple won. Now they will get married at the Star Trek exhibit like they wanted, but without hav- ing to worry about traveling to Las Vegas. "It's like bringing that piece of Vegas to the East Coast," Siegel said.

The bridge is located in the heart of the exhibit which also features memorabilia from all the different versions of the show and movies in- cluding props, scenes that play on televisions and various other items.

After the couple say their I dos on the bridge, in keeping with the outer space motif, everyone heads to the Franklin Institute's planetarium for a reception under the stars.

Friends and family attending the wedding, Irwin said, "think it's awe- some." Siegel and his groomsmen will be wearing costumes from the show, but Irwin will be wearing a dress (black and red, not a tradition- al white). Irwin said many guests will also be in costumes too. "We all love Star Trek," she said.

And their friends and family are happy for them. "It's amazing," said Erik Frost, a groomsman in the wed- ding. "Star Trek is their second life."

Man of honor Alan Rhoads agreed, "I'm really excited for them."

The only fitting words to end this story on a happy couple marrying on the bridge of the USS Enterprise came from Cpt. Picard himself from an episode of "Star Trek: The Next Generation:"

"Seize the time, Meri- bor. Live now; make now always the most precious time. Now will never come again."

And it seems Irwin and Siegel are.

George Takei
with Brad Siegel
and Kate Irwin



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Q: Okay Chris, world domination and then... West Chester?

A: (He laughs) You mean, why have I lived and worked all over the world and now I'm here? Well, when I decided to start a business and settle down it was either my home state of Wisconsin or somewhere else.

It came down to a few things; first of all, West Chester is a great location to start a business. With this location I am able to supply New York City and DC with product as well as the town itself and the greater Philadelphia area. Also, Pennsylvania is the chocolate mecca of the country, I love the history of the chocolate-making industry in PA. West Chester is also close to the largest port for cocoa beans in the US is in Pennsauken, NJ. Also, my parents retired in this area and I have a lot of family history here so it just all made sense.

Q: And how long has West Chester had your fabulous chocolates?

A: I've been here for about four and a half years now.

Q: Tell us a bit about your training before opening Eclat?

A: I went to the House of le Compagnon du Devoir, the premier guild for Pastry Chefs in France. There, I worked alongside the best journeyman pastry chefs in Europe and became the first American to be awarded the honor of German Master Pastry Chef and Chocolatier in Cologne, Germany. From there I continued to work with the best in the finest chocolate houses of Belgium, Switzerland, France, Germany, and Japan.

Q: So obviously you've brought a lot of culture and technique with you to West Chester, tell us about your style of chocolate making.

A: We want to have world-class shop without the stuffiness of something that's unapproachable to the general public and through our product we hope to convey that. Instead of the standard 12 piece box that other chocolate shops may do, like to mix it up and do seasonal pieces, utilizing organic farms and various herbs. We are a very design driven company, meaning that we make things that are totally influenced by the ingredients and the design and shape of our chocolates.



Q: Examples?

A: Well, we wanted to do something for Philly beer week so we created a six pack of beer infused truffles. We used beer from Iron Hill Brewery, Dogfish Head, Nodding Head, Victory Brewing Company, Yard's Brewing Company and and Stoudts Brewing Company.

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Several times a year, Country Butcher holds storewide customer appreciation tasting events featuring gourmet foods and Stargazers Wine. Employees are on

hand to answer questions and offer culinary suggestions.

Next one is coming up on September 12 and it is free to the public from 11-3 p.m.

Let's not forget about the "Butcher" part of the whole organization. All the chicken is locally raised and all-natural, the lamb, pork and veal are also locally raised and delivered fresh.

Visitors from as far as New York to South Carolina come to stock up on their favorite meats. My 96-oz steak was a perfect cut of meat and I had rave reviews on the taste.

Oh if only I would have stopped in The Country Butcher sooner I could have long been enjoying the deliciousness of what they offer but I'll settle for finding them now and look forward to making trips just to see them instead of stopping if "when I had time." Stop in for yourself to experience the goodness inside.

"I think the main thing is that it's deceiving...there is much more here than a butcher shop. We have expanded so much in the 27 years that we've been here." says owner Dan Boxler.



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Q: Speaking of wine, tell us about your latest chocolate delight.

A: Oh yes, our Mollydooker Shiraz Truffles are infused with, obviously, Mollydooker's Shiraz. It's a perfect pair and our customers really enjoy them.

Q: How do you pick one wine to use?

A: We work with a lot of small international projects that enable us to be really creative with our clients. If it goes over well for a special order we'll make it a regular item in the shop. That was the case with those truffles.

Q: What can we look for in the future from you?

A: With my classical chocolate training in Europe I will be doing bean to bar production of our chocolate. We use single origin chocolate only and we blend it in-house. This enables us to control what our recipes are and what type of bean is being used. We look forward to bringing that to the greater Philadelphia area.

Q: What is your personal favorite chocolate?

A: Everyday is different but at the moment it's the caramel. Each one is for a different mood for a different day.

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FARMER'S MARKET

*"It's a fine, fine time
to roll down the
Brandywine..."*

This end of August heat has been sticking to skin for weeks now, and sometimes, the best way to pull through it is to just succumb. Last Friday, we (the ladies of the Kennett Square Farmers Market) rolled up our sleeves and wiped the sweat from our brow while pushing vegetables on hungry hordes of market folk. The KSQ Farmers Market lasts until 6 p.m. - ending just in time to get home and put that bounty to good use. After waving off the last straggling customers, we farm folk wandered over to He & She Vintage, a teeny vintage clothing shop that I own, in addition to lending hands at the market. We had a little impromptu celebration planned - our friends were in town to play us some music!

The kind people of Mason Porter, The Sisters 3, and Hoots and Hellmouth had made their way back home from near and far and were setting up shop at The Kennett Flash (a music venue in the heart of Kennett Square). To celebrate what was sure to be a long night, He & She Vintage threw some beers on ice and set out a little spread of snacks donated by a neighboring restaurant, Talula's Table. Folks started straggling in and a few drinks later, the spontaneous happy hour was a success.

The Kennett Flash is a great little venue with limited seating and an adorable balcony -- and it's BYOB, to boot! The doors opened at 7 p.m. but we meandered in at 8 p.m. and sat down promptly to tune into Mason Porter. They killed the tunes - I always love seeing a lady fiddler! Next

up was the Sisters 3 - Cas, Bea, Anna Christie sang their little souls out with Mike on the drums and I realized it had been far too long since I'd seen them live, and it might be even longer still - Anna is packin' up and headed to the West Coast for a bit.

Rounding out what was already a classic summer evening was Hoots and Hellmouth, the boys from West Chester who've been pounding pavement on tour after tour. I loved seeing them locally over the years at Spence, Rex's, Johnny Brenda's, Anson B. Nixon Park - you name it, I'll be there. Paste Magazine said, "4 To Watch. Where soul meets barnstomp. Their shows are not to be missed," and let me tell you - that's spot on. They played a lot of old favorites and also some new ones off of their just-released second album, "The Holy Open Secret." A little space cleared to make room for dancing, and after some stompin' and swingin', the show came to an unwelcomed close around midnight. The farmer's market crowd parted ways and slept soundly in their beds, with dreams of the Brandywine rollin' through everyone's heads.



Check out videos from the show at:

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Philadelphia drummer, Bobby Wolter, 28, died this week from complications with Cystic Fibrosis.

Well, there's no way around saying it...This past week has been a very sad one for me and for many people from the Philadelphia Music Community. Early Saturday Morning, August 22, we lost our dear friend, drummer and percussionist, Bobby Wolter. Bobby played with lots of bands over the years, most recently The Weeds and REDFORD and before that Shooting Ropes, Steph Hayes and the Good Problems, Love Syndicate and others.

I had become very close to Bobby over the past few years as he and I share something in common: we both struggle with a terrible disease called Cystic Fibrosis. Bobby and I were introduced by our Nurse Practitioner Marianne Ferrin from the Adult CF Clinic where we both receive our care. Marianne knew Bobby and I were musicians and that we may have common friends and other interests as well.

She gave him my e-mail address in 2004. It turns out that people with CF shouldn't interact physically, as we all carry around bacterial infections that could compromise our health. Furthermore, Bobby had the "mack-daddy" of all the infections, b. cepacia, and he assured me I did NOT want that. We corresponded sporadically through e-mail for several years until early this year when Bobby's health was becoming a more and more serious matter. It was at this point that our messages started to become deeper and more involved, and Bobby became one of the most important people in my life.

By June, we decided to publish our emails to one another in a blog

called Brian and Bobby Speak (<http://brianandbobbyspeak.com>). We were both delighted by the feedback we received. There were easily 50, sometimes 100 people who'd read it every day. I've worked much harder for many things far less successful. By July, we were talking about expanding the spirit and mission of the blog by producing a video series as well, and establishing the company to make this happen, Brian and Bobby Films.

Sadly, this week CF took Bobby's life. It was completely out of nowhere for me. Now, I didn't SEE Bobby every day, but we e-mailed each other almost every day, and toward the end we were video chatting as well. Bobby's imagination was afire with creative plans for the future. Though on paper he was sick, very sick, I know Bobby was alive.

I met Bobby's family and friends Wednesday at his Memorial Service in Paoli. I certainly wish I could have met them under better circumstances, but I was honored to be welcomed and received so warmly by them.

The Philadelphia community lost a great one this weekend. Bobby was a great drummer, but far above and beyond that, at 28 years old, Bobby was a great kid. He had endured enough physical pain and hardship to be an 80-year-old man, but somehow through all that he maintained the smile, the laugh, the voice and sense of humor of an innocent kid.

I love you, Bobby. I'll miss you forever.

The family of Bobby Wolter ask do-

nations be made in his name to:

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Attention:

Dr. Holsclaw, MD
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To read Brian and Bobby Speak, go to <http://brianandbobbyspeak.com>.

— Brian McTear is a musician, producer and engineer, the owner of Miner Street Recordings in Philadelphia, and founder of Weathervane Music Organization. Information, including pictures of the Weathervane Project Series sessions, can be found at <http://weathervanemusic.org>. To make a donation, go to <http://weathervanemusic.org/donate> For more information on Miner Street Recordings, <http://myspace.com/minerstreetrecordings>. Espers - <http://www.myspace.com/espers>



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RELAXATION

Relaxation is one of the most fundamental ways of making it through this complex convoluted world. Everyone does it or at least tries. Too much relaxation can lead to dire consequences though, so always try to throw in some intense work ethic with a pinch of perseverance, now you're cooking.

Do you want to be that person so wrapped up in your work that success in your profession leads to a decided lack of fun experiences involving you and your friends? That sounds like some kind of loser talking, who needs friends when you can afford an 80-inch TV even if you don't have time to watch it, hmmm?

Some really boring yet very astute and learned person once said that moderation was the key to a good life, but in my opinion without a little excess, moderation sounds like routine and routine sounds like boring and boring sounds like a way to put a hole in something and putting a hole in something sounds like it would hurt your head and if my head hurts who wants to do anything anyway?

Damn maybe the guy was right moderation being the key. How do you relax James Lee Burk? And yes that's what I call myself in my head. Some of the ways I relax are extremely personal in nature and always a good time but that stuff I'm not willing to talk about. However I do love to disc golf. It is the ultimate poor mans relaxation with a little bit of athletic participation.

What is disc golf you ask? It is like regular golf but the courses are free and available in many of your state parks and it involves throwing a plastic disc at a metal basket. It involves the physics of flight as well as the discipline of golf -- both very relaxing yet sometimes

very stressful events combined into one very exciting, yet affordable adventure. You get to be outside in our beautiful outdoors (watch out for ticks and poison ivy - they both can and will destroy all the relaxation in your gaming).

I like to watch scary movies. I love to eat and take naps on my couch. I call it couchy and it's my friend and never lets me down old couchy. Sometimes I like a drink or to smoke, a cigarette man, come on really?

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A FEW QUESTIONS with SAMANTHA (SAMM) CERMINARO of DOC MAGROGRAN'S OYSTER HOUSE



How long have you been bartending?

I have been bartending for a little over a year. I started last June and have been doing it ever since.

How did you start?

Our general manager Dane put a note up saying that if anyone was interested in bartending that they would need to write an essay saying why he or she wanted to bartend and what kind of energy would they bring to the table. I had started there serving a year before and expressed some interest and decided to give it a shot. I'm lucky I'm an English major because my essay was one of the ones accepted! So I started learning to bartend on our back patio, slowly moved up the ladder and opened up the upstairs bar on Thursday nights with Lauren Incorvati, her essay was also chosen, and have been tending the bar ever since then.

Craziest thing that's happened to you while bartending?

Well I'll set this story up the best I can. I am a HUGE Eagles fan along with a bunch of my co-workers and we usually watch the game sitting at the bar every Sunday. We have some pictures that we keep behind the bar of all of us cheering, beers, and we are all decked out in our Eagles gear. One day, while I was working a lunch in March (bartending) I had these two people come in and get some oysters and lunch. They saw the picture of all of us in our Eagles gear and said, "Oh, so you guys are big Eagles fans?" And I just said "ABSOLUTLEY!" He then noticed the jersey that I had on (#5) Donovan McNabb and asked me if he was my favorite player. I told him yes, I've always been a Donovan McNabb-er ever since I met him when he opened a bank after

we picked him up in the draft (Commerce Bank near the Gateway Shopping Center, I think it's a TD now). So he told me that a friend of his is personal friends with Donovan and he can get me his autograph. I thought that'd be the coolest thing in the world since I'm just an avid fan of his. A few months pass and I get a text on my day off saying that Froggy and Karen are in Doc's and they had something for me. I knew exactly what it was going to be and while I was walking up there I kept thinking this is going to be so cool I wonder what he got signed for me. I get into Doc's, he pours me a little glass of champagne and hands me a signed, worn Donovan McNabb football helmet. I almost started to cry. So Donovan, if your reading this, I am your #1 fan, come into Doc Magrogran's anytime.

Biggest pet peeves?

At Doc's we are a team-oriented staff and we like to help out our co-workers whenever we can. Anyone that can't work as a team is a pet peeve of mine because we are all working at the same restaurant, selling the same stuff and it's nice to know that every-

one has each other's backs whenever we walk through the front door.

Where do you like to go out?

I'm not going to lie, but you can usually find me at Doc's. I love the atmosphere that we have there and I have made some of my best friends while working there. I also tend to drift to Kildare's and also Landmark. I also like Ryan's -- especially their new patio that they opened up upstairs.

What's your favorite drink to make?

My favorite drink to make has to be a Bloody Mary. I don't usually pre-mix my Bloody Mary mix because I like to add each ingredient separately. You start with the tomato juice, add some horse radish, grind some fresh cracked pepper, Tabasco, Worcestershire and of course, my secret ingredient that I think just ties the ingredients all together, some olive juice. Sometimes, I just make myself one while I'm working (a virgin of course). And to top it all off we use Absolut Peppar, which is the perfect way to make the best Bloody Mary of all time.



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HOW DID YOU GUYS START PLAYING TOGETHER?

Matt: Brendan, Brendan and I have known each other since eleventh grade of high school. Brendan and Brendan have known each other longer...

Brendan G: Since grade school.

Tommy: Matt and I went to preschool together.

Matt: NO! No, we didn't. I don't know who this guy is on the phone...
Brendan M: We have a long and storied history. We've been in this band for two years, but we've played together in other bands for the past six years. (Modera, Cardinals and Saints)

Brendan G: Tommy found us on the Internet! (eds. note ... that sounds kinda creepy)

WAS IT ON PLENTYOFFISH.COM?

Tommy: Yeah, I thought they needed my services.

Mike: If you could describe your band in only colors and emotions, what would they be?

Tommy: Unicorns.

Matt: That's not a color or emotion!

Tommy: Pass, wait, maybe earth tones...

Brendan M: and complacency.

Tommy: Anxiety. Earth tones and

anxiety.

Brendan G: I think we've moved past anxiety and into complacency.

WHAT'S THE LAST GREAT SHOW YOU SAW?

Matt: The Office? on NBC. People's Light and Theater presentation of Grease.

(a whole conversation ensues about bad local theater)

Matt: Anyway. Dinosaur Jr. at the Ottobar (eds. note ... it's in Baltimore).

Tommy: Yeah! Put me down for that.

Tommy: Did you put me down for that?

Matt: Yeah. Shut up.

Brendan M: uh. um.

Tommy: This is boring.

Brendan G: Harvey Milk.

Brendan M: St. Vincent?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ALBUM?

Tommy: What's my favorite app!?! Hot dog eater. Hot dog eater or paper toss.

Matt: NO! What's your favorite album?

Brendan G: Dinosaur Jr, "Green Mind."

Brendan M: American Football, self titled

Matt: "Promise Ring," "Hey Mer-

cedes," "evernight fireworks."

Tommy: I'm really into Gratitude.

Matt: "Apple Seed Cast."

Matt, Brendan and Brendan: "Meritalis!"

WHAT'S YOUR RINGTONE?

Matt: Vibrate.

Tommy: The National Anthem. The Hendrix version, but played by me.

Everyone Everywhere is working on a full length album tentatively titled "Under the Sea."

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Both can be relaxing in moderation ... too much of either can lead to relaxing under a toilet -- no something you want to do more than five times in your life.

The most relaxing thing for me is painting. All my stress melts away. I live in that moment forgetting the hours of waiting for paint to dry. Just me and the paint -- not work but play mixed with a little bit of patience.

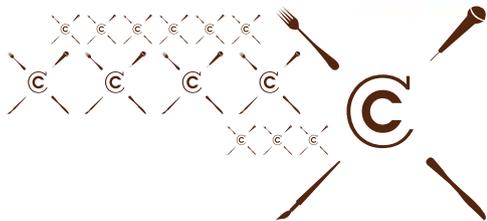
So while hard at work toiling away at whatever job you're doing, remember to work in moderation and play in moderation use the word moderation in moderation. After a long day of work please go out with your friends -- get food and drinks and have fun on the town experiencing the night life but please, please just do it in moderation. Don't wake up under your toilet. Wake up in bed relaxed, because relaxation after all, makes us all happy.

-- James Lee Burk



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7th ANNUAL WEST CHESTER ROTARY CHILI COOKOFF

Who: Hosted by the West Chester Rotary, meets Thursday's at noon at the West Chester Country Club

What: 7th Annual West Chester Chili Cookoff, presented by Infiniti of West Chester. Returning again to sponsor.

Where: Downtown West Chester, PA – on Gay Street from High St. to New St. and Chestnut to Market Sts. Rain or Shine event.

When: October 11, 2009, Noon to 3pm, Gates open at 10:30, Awards at 3:30pm

How: Purchase your \$10 All-You-Can-Eat Chili wristbands at the event's sales booths located on each corner of Gay Street during the event. Discounted wristbands available now on line or at the Chamber of Commerce office 3/\$25 from now until Friday, Oct. 9, 2009.

Overview: The 7th Annual West Chester Rotary Chili Cookoff, presented by Infiniti of West Chester and hosted by the Ro-

tary Club of West Chester, returns to downtown West Chester on October 11 from noon to 3pm. Over 60 teams will compete for the People's Choice Award and the acclaim of having the "Best Darn Chili in Chester County." These teams will also compete in one of 5 divisions: Business, Restaurant, Non-Profit, Volunteer Organization or Hometown Cook (for family, friends and neighbors). Thousands of hungry Chili fans will flood Gay Street to vote for their favorite chili and enjoy over 40 food, business and craft vendors, too. Count on the chili being hot and the competition smoking! The event will go off rain or shine, every team is under a tent.

Wristbands: All-You-Can-Eat-Chili wristbands can be purchased on-line prior to the event at a discounted price of 3/\$25 at westchesterchilicookoff.com. Wristbands can be purchased the day of the event for \$10 at sales booth located at each corner of Gay Street between High St. and New St.

For Kids: Kids 10 and under EAT free with a paid adult. Take your lil' buckaroos to the YMCA Kiddie Korral for face painting, Moon Bounce fun, Arts & Crafts, and fun games.

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Win cash prizes in five competitive divisions: Restaurant, Business, Non-Profit, Hometown Cook, or Volunteer Organization. Each team will prepare their best darn chili and submit a sample to our panel of local "celebrity judges" who will name the Best Chili in each category. Chili teams can apply online at www.WestChesterChiliCookoff.com.

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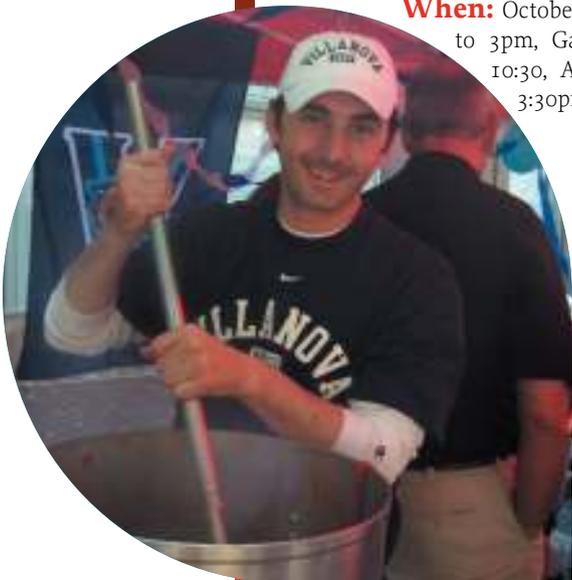
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LONDON BROIL WITH SAUTEED SHRIMP AND SEA SCALLOPS SERVED WITH PETER'S COUSCOUS JAMBALAYA

If you need to wow a large crowd with a special dinner without going overboard on your wallet... here's a winner. I love this combination of flavors, and it is enough food to easily serve 6 people at least. We made this on vacation this week, and everyone loved it. Easy to prepare, and even easier to cook up and serve.

Peter's Couscous Jambalaya

- 1 Box Couscous, any flavor you like
- 1 Small Container of Feta Cheese
- 1 Small Cucumber, sliced and cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 Jar Marinated Artichoke Hearts, halved
- 1 Pint Container Cherry Tomatoes, halved
- 3-4 Cloves Garlic, Minced

Make the couscous according to the package directions and set aside. Once the couscous has cooled a bit, add the feta cheese (I usually use about 3/4 of a package) the tomatoes, cucumber, artichoke hearts and garlic. Mix well, and let cool, covered, while you finish preparing the rest of the meal. Add salt and pepper to taste.

(Variation- add fresh herbs or your favorite veggies from the garden to taste)

London Broil:

2 lbs. London Broil

Marinade

This is the easiest part of the meal. You can purchase balsamic vinaigrette, or you can take whatever you have in your cupboard and throw it together. I have combined red wine vinegar, balsamic vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, minced garlic and a drop or two of soy sauce. I usually marinate for about 2-6 hours. Grill for about 15 minutes (flip once) for medium.

Sautéed Shrimp and Scallops:

- 1 lbs. Sea Scallops
- 1 lbs. Large Shrimp (peeled and deveined)
- 3/4 Cup of Butter
- 2-3 Cloves Garlic, minced
- Salt and Pepper

In a large sauté pan melt the butter over medium heat. Add the garlic, salt and pepper (to taste) to the melted butter and immediately add the shrimp.

Once the shrimp is cooked through, remove them and put them on a plate, covered, in tin foil to keep warm. In the same pan, add the scallops, and cook for about 3-4 minutes each side, or until no longer pink. I put these on when my London broil is half way done, to allow for any extra time.

I usually make the couscous jambalaya before anything else, because it can sit for an unlimited period of time, so the steak and the seafood is all that's left. Serve with a green salad, asparagus, broccoli or other green and ENJOY!

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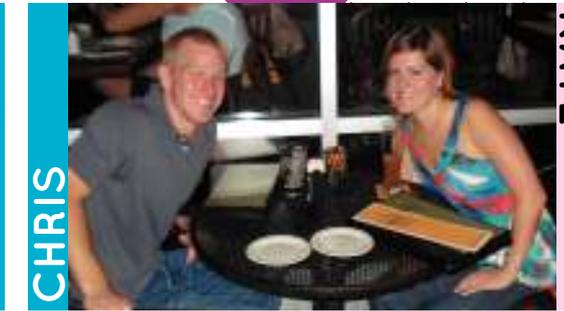
AMY

NATE



JENNA

EVAN



CHRIS

KATE

THE SINGLE GUYS:

#1 Chris

Age: 22

Job: Engineer

Hobbies: Going to the gym, playing tennis, swimming/playing water polo, music/shows, playing guitar, cooking and, of course, eating

#2 Evan

Age: 23

Job: Aviation Interior Designer

Hobbies: Wine, Sewing, Cooking, Snowboarding, Cars, Randomness and anything Detroit

#3 Nate

Age: 32

Job: Catering Supervisor

Hobbies: Running, soccer, canoeing, cooking, beaching, road biking, rugby

THE RESTAURANT:

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant
3 West Gay Street
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THE SINGLE GIRLS:

#1 Kate

Age: 26

Job: Business Development

Hobbies: Art, beer, traveling, reading, skiing, dancing, world domination

#2 Amy

Age: 24

Job: Freelance Designer

Hobbies: Food, walks, shopping, art, music, friends, sewing, dinner parties, traveling

#3 Jenna

Age: 24

Job: West Chester Grad Student and Server

Hobbies: Sports, going to the beach, family and friends, reading, cooking

THIS ISSUE OF HE SAID, SHE SAID IS THE MOST FUN YET! I DECIDED TO SET UP 3 SINGLE GUYS AND 3 SINGLE GALS AND SEND THEM TO DINNER TO HAVE AN APPETIZER WITH ONE THEN ROTATE FOR THE ENTREE AS AS THE DESSERT, GIVING EACH PERSON TIME WITH EACH SINGLE TO SEE IF THEY FOUND A MATCH. HERE IS WHAT HAPPENED...

WHEN YOU HEARD YOU WERE GOING TO MEET THREE SINGLES WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION?

- **AMY:** I thought, "Oh no, I seriously have to sit at a table with five other people?" I was later told it was more like speed dating, and that took an immense pressure off my mind.
- **JENNA:** Jenna: I was slightly overwhelmed. I felt like I was going to be on some sort of MTV dating game show. Hah. I think Chris (guy #2) was the one who said it should have been filmed. I concur.
- **CHRIS:** It sounded like a lot of fun and that it belonged on some sort of reality show. I was excited that I could squeeze three blind dates into one night.
- **EVAN:** It took me a bit to pump myself up and calm my nerves for just a single blind date and when the curve ball hit me that there was gonna be three single girls had to open a third bottle of wine.
- **NATE:** I was surprised. It made me realize how much planning goes into a date in "real life" to even reach dinner and drinks. Their were no preconceptions beforehand and each 30 minute date could be experienced with a fresh perspective. It felt efficient and enjoyable.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE RESTAURANT?

- **KATE:** I love Iron Hill. It was nice to experience three courses, since I usually only get appetizers and sandwiches.
- **AMY:** Iron Hill is Iron Hill is Iron Hill. Consistent, fun, busy atmosphere. A ton of young professionals and very few frat boys. I love the beer selection, plus the fact that

the food is fresh. Friends and I go there a fair amount.

- **JENNA:** I love it at Iron Hill. I have been there many times. And I have never had bad service or bad food. The manager, Matt, is such a nice guy.
- **CHRIS:** I had been to Iron Hill a few times before and love the food, beer and atmosphere so I knew I'd be in for something good.
- **EVAN:** Iron Hill was the first place I visited when I made my move to West Chester and it's been a favorite ever since. The atmosphere is perfect for after work or a great casual date. My dad came out here to visit me and while I was at work and wouldn't know where he was I would often find him later at Iron Hill.
- **NATE:** I think Iron Hill is nicely laid out and spacious. The beer is fantastic. It could be a little warmer, everything is hard bars, hard floors, and hard tables.

WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR FIRST MATCH?

- **KATE:** I had my appetizer with Guy#1, Chris. Very nice kid, super cute, but a bit too young for me. I wish I had a younger sister to set up with him.
- **AMY:** Guy #2, Evan, was a lot of fun. We shared a lot of interests, and in retrospect the conversation really tumbled over itself at a fast pace; the subjects changed about 47 times over the course of our time spent together. We were talking so excitedly and loudly I thought they were going to move us into the back. We were only supposed to refer to each other as Gal#2 or Guy #2 but I made him tell me his name because

accidentally I told him mine.

- **JENNA:** I had Nate (#3) as my first guy. He's definitely attractive and I was immediately excited when he sat down. At first, we were both sort of quiet. But once the conversation got going, it went really well. We talked about a lot of things and had a hard time figuring out what to order because we were too into the conversation.
- **CHRIS:** My first impression of Gal #1, Kate, was pretty good when we introduced ourselves. She was very nice and friendly. We had a decent amount in common and had a good conversation- the best of the three. There wasn't really much dead time during our date which is always nice.
- **EVAN:** I was very pleased with the initial introduction to Gal #2, Amy, my first date, I thought she was very attractive and extremely personable. We both have firecracker-like personalities that really helped move the conversation along into all sorts of very interesting topics (the 2 pints of Cannibal may have helped a bit) And any girl that suggests two shots of Jameson already has my heart in her hand.
- **NATE:** I really liked Gal# 3 (Jenna) she was earthy and cute, just the kind of girl I like. We seemed to have a lot in common. We talked about the Eagles, Rugby, and wishing it was just a solo encounter, because if my blind date was with only her I would have been happy.

WHAT DID YOU GET FOR YOUR APPETIZER AND WHAT DID YOU THINK?

- **KATE:** Salmon spring rolls. They were piping hot and quite tasty!
- **AMY:** Ahi tuna, and a nice IPA. The taste was amazing, good quality tuna with a very good sauce. Evan ordered it, having had it before, and I was absolutely satisfied.
- **JENNA:** I HAVE to get the calamari appetizer every time I'm there. It's hands down one of my favorites from any restaurant. The cilantro aoli is fabulous.
- **CHRIS:** We split the salmon spring rolls. They were great; cooked perfectly and fresh ingredients. The sauce topped it off well. It was sort of a spicy soy sauce. Very tasty.
- **EVAN:** We shared the Ahi Tuna Tataki. It was spot on deeeelicious. I'm no Zagat when it comes to food reviews but it was prepared and presented perfectly and the sliver of pineapple added a nice compliment to each tasty bite.
- **NATE:** I had brushetta, it was very good, the tomatoes tasted very fresh.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR SECOND DATE.

- **KATE:** My entree was with Guy #2, Evan, he was a bit of a hipster, but easy to talk to. We both grew up outside of Detroit, so it was fun to share that in common.

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CALLING ALL SINGLES!

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• **AMY:** The second date was a cutie, with very pretty eyes. He ended up being really into the outdoors, which is a refreshing passion. He told me about his adventures and where they had led him. Chemistry? Not so much.

• **JENNA:** Chris was my second date. The conversation kept stopping and there were definitely awkward pauses. We talked about soccer, but I think that was about the only thing we had in common.

• **CHRIS:** I had already picked out my main course and was pretty excited for it. Jenna (Gal #3) was my second date, she was very smart (always a plus) and our conversation went all over the place. Of course I did manage to spill my full beer all over myself and break the glass-classy move on my part. She was fun/interesting to talk to.

• **EVAN:** Second date was also very enjoyable.... She happened to be from Michigan which is my old stopping grounds so it felt very comfortable to be in the company of someone that understands my hometown and still has some love for it... At this point i was dabbling in cask conditioned ales so i think i was a lil more chatty then her (i was having a really good time!!) I don't feel there was a chemistry there beyond a friendship though she was still an amazing gal!

• **NATE:** Gal #2, Amy, was a bit too artsy and young, nice girl though, she was meant for someone else, just not me. Art girl. She seemed to be enamored with her date #1, the automotive design tattoo guy. We had good conversation about camping but that was about it.

WHAT DID YOU GET FOR AN ENTREE AND WHAT DID YOU THINK?

• **KATE:** Filet topped with crab and corn - it was fantastic. One of the best meals I've ever had at Iron Hill! I definitely recommend it.

• **AMY:** I ordered the crab cakes and they were very good. They came with a side of potato salad and a bit of corn which had a nice spice. Having had grown up in Maryland for about two weeks every year, I know all about crab cakes. I think I dreamt about crab cakes last night?

• **JENNA:** The turkey burger. Awesome. It was not too dried out like most turkey burgers can be. I think it's because of the guacamole on it. YUM! The anchili (ancho-mayo, not sure) was DELICIOUS on the fries! I was so full from the appetizer though, that I had to take the other half of the turkey burger home. But then I accidentally left it at the restaurant.

• **CHRIS:** I decided to follow up on my seafood appetizer with the Hawaiian spiced ahi tuna. I was very pleased. It was cooked perfectly and seasoned well. It was a good portion (key to any good restaurant) and I would order this again for sure.

• **EVAN:** At this point i was starving and the strategic entree I picked earlier in the day went out the window for the ever so good Bistro burger. With Mary's help I added a bit of flair with some BBQ onions and I went to town on it. What really made this burger for me was the bun, and how the meat was packed (being a former obese child I know my burgers, this one was very good) Now that I'm thinking about it, I'm gonna go grab a bistro burger, I'm hungry.

• **NATE:** I had salmon specially prepared with guacamole and spicy sauce. I hardly shared any of it with Gal # 2. Her crab cakes were good and she shared some with me. She also let me smoke one of her hand rolled cigarettes with her later, that was a bonding moment. Redemption for not being compatible I guess.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR LAST DATE.

• **KATE:** I was with Nate (Guy #3) He was a cute guy, nice to chat with, although I'm not sure if we connected on a deeper level.

• **AMY:** Chris, (Guy #1) was sweet. We talked the basics, and I think it was over before we really had the chance to get into a more complex conversation. He seemed happy to be on this large date with many beautiful women, so that was good.

• **JENNA:** I had Evan (Guy #2) as my last date. He was very...vivacious and had such a great vibrant personality. It was probably the best conversation overall. Partially, I think it was because we were both much calmer by that point in the night. Great discussion about beers, wines, and actually some deep philosophical discussion as well. I liked his style and I thought his tatoos were really cool.

• **CHRIS:** Well I initially approached the wrong girl (sitting by herself, waiting for somebody) so it was interesting trying to explain my absurd situation. The intended date, Amy (Gal #2), arrived back at her table and my first impression was quite good. As we talked more we seemed to have less and less to talk about.

• **EVAN:** I really enjoyed girl Jenna, (Gal #3) I thought she looked amazing and was cute as can be. She was very personable and easy going. We enjoyed the Iron Hill beer sampler together and had what i

thought was one of the more intelligent conversations of my night. She was very knowledgeable about her beer and passionate about everything from sports to history. We had to turn away the warning bell to end to date a few times in favor of a few more moments to chat it up. I loved it!

• **NATE:** Kate was Gal#1, the business development girl. I thought she was laid back, also very approachable and intelligent. Closest to my age, so we were like the old guys and we related in that way. I gave her a good rating, but we didn't hit it off after dessert because my attention was on Jenna.

WHAT DID YOU GET FOR DESSERT AND HOW WAS IT?

• **KATE:** Chocolate and peanut butter dessert, it was amazing. On the waitress's recommendation, I paired it with the Pig Iron Porter, which was also excellent.

• **AMY:** We ordered the creme brulee. I was eyeing it up on the menu when the Guy #1 read my mind. It was outstanding. I could have eaten four. All warm from the sugar on top and cool in the middle; like a dance party in my mouth.

• **JENNA:** hope Evan remembers what it was cause I don't. It was a chocolate cake with a creamy filling and very tasty but I was WAY too full by that point. And, Evan and I had the beer sampler and that was dessert enough for me.

• **CHRIS:** Creme brulee. I didn't really want dessert but figured I should try something. Creme brulee is always my "go to" dessert and it's a good way to form an opinion of the desserts in general. It hit the spot. The custard was nicely balanced and it was rich without being too heavy. Unfortunately, my date ate most of the "brulee" portion but whatever.

• **EVAN:** We got the double chocolate hill for dessert. Usually when dining out in West Chester most establishment's take on this kind of dessert is very bland. I did not feel this way about Iron Hill's Double Chocolate Hill. The taste was very balanced and the presentation was enjoyable and close proximity of the chocolate hill to the alamode made for a great face filling time.

• **NATE:** Kate and I ordered a chocalate cake with peanut butter filling. It was scrumptious. We were too full and a bit too tipsy to finish it.

HOW WAS THE SERVICE AT THE RESTAURANT?

• **KATE:** Alex was my waitress and she was awesome. I hope she got a good tip!

• **AMY:** Our server was great. Fast, efficient, knowledgeable. She helped us with the beer selection and really knew her stuff.

• **JENNA:** As always, it was impeccable. I didn't get the server's name, now that I think of it, but she was really cool. She'd come over in between guys and we'd hash it out on what we liked and didn't like about him. She was awesome. So for the girl that waited on the booth at Iron Hill: THANKS AGAIN!!!

• **CHRIS:** The service was pretty standard; not terrific but by no means sub-par. All of the waitresses were great. I even tried to get one of their phone numbers afterwards. Is that bad on a blind date? She was taken.

• **EVAN:** Iron Hill has, in my mind, the best service in West Chester. The staff are very well informed and attentive. They seem to have a perfect balance between professionalism and a certain type of casual that makes you trust every beer they suggest. The staff works hard there yet they always serve up a perfect pint with a smile.

• **NATE:** Service was excellent! Attentive staff and attractive presentation of food. Compliments to the chefs!

HOW DID YOU LEAVE IT WITH THE PERSON YOU WERE MOST CONNECTED WITH? OR DID YOU FEEL A CONNECTION WITH ANYONE?

• **KATE:** I don't think I connected romantically with anyone, but I'd like to hang out with some of the guys again. We said we'd meet up at a future CCCN happy hour or just out in West Chester.

• **AMY:** Evan and I left together. He asked me out for a Chimay.

• **JENNA:** Well, I felt a connection with both Nate and Evan. I would definitely hang out with both again. Evan, though, I think just as friends. I am not sure I could keep up with him but he is definitely really cool. Nate was a little bit more laid back and I liked that. I talked to him for a while after all the dates were done. We stayed at the bar until probably about midnight. He took my number and we are going to try hang out again soon. That makes me happy. I definitely enjoyed his company the most. We have the most in common by far, and I really like how outdoorsy he is.

• **CHRIS:** I didn't feel a strong connection with any of the dates but I had a good time and I'm glad that I met them all.

• **EVAN:** How did i leave it? Well, I left with the person I was most

connected with. We were both craving a bottle of Chimay so we left the festivities a little early in order to kill the craving.

• **NATE:** I was most connected to Jenna. We spent some time together afterward and had some drinks. I walked her to her car. She gave me her number. We both professed a joy for dancing and made tentative plans to hit Barnaby's together and to dance and get to know each other better.

WAS THERE A KISS?

• **KATE:** Nope.

• **AMY:** I don't kiss and tell. Well, I tell my four closest friends. But not the newspaper. That's for DAMN sure.

• **JENNA:** No.

• **CHRIS:** No.

• **EVAN:** A quite amazing one.

• **NATE:** Would have, but no.

Didn't see the opportunity.

WOULD YOU LIKE A SECOND DATE WITH ANYONE?

• **KATE:** Not really, but I'd be happy to bump into any of the guys again out in West Chester.

• **AMY:** Evan sent me a message early the next morning asking me out to breakfast. Alright, I thought, I eat breakfast. During breakfast he said he wanted adventure. I was like, hon, my second middle name is Adventure! (My first middle name is Danger). We were in Philadelphia by 9:45am, shopping and hanging out. The best part was seeing this city-dude dressed in red pants and a red vest, wearing a fro, struttin' his fiiiine stuff. Evan stood up on the edge of a fountain to do an impression of "if that guy was a backup singer...." Hilarious! And the rest is history, the rest is history.

• **JENNA:** Nate, definitely, but it makes me nervous to say that because I know he might have liked Kate, too. And I would really like to hang out with Evan again, but I'm not so sure in a romantic sense.

• **CHRIS:** I don't think I'd be interested in a second "date" with any of them but maybe a friendly hang out? We'll see.

• **EVAN:** I would love a second date with gal#2, Amy. I think our eccentric and explosive personalities match and compliment each other very well. Im looking forward to see what trouble we can get into.

• **NATE:** With Jenna. She might be the first girl I have ever met that has the same passion for the upcoming Eagles season as I do. I'd like to watch games, shout at the TV, and drink beers with her.



WC DISH WRITER'S TOP TEN

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WC DISH

FOOD PET PEEVES

Mary

On Turkey:

Call me old-fashioned but when I order a turkey sandwich I want real slices of turkey from a bird not some processed deli meat that is shaped to look like a turkey. Same goes for ham. I think deli meat is gross.

On Washing Hands:

How do people not wash their hands before eating at a restaurant? You open the door that everyone else has touched, you hold a menu that has been passed through a zillion hands and then you proceed to eat with and maybe even (ick) lick your fingers. Grosses me out.

On American Cheese:

It makes me sad that most people order a slice of yellow or white American cheese when there are so many other amazing cheeses out there to enjoy.

BBQ Bachelor

On Coffee Creamer:

If Wawa can figure out how to have real creamer available for people to put in their coffee so can anywhere else. I can't stand the little creamer cups, give me a real cup of cream for my coffee.

On Medium Rare:

If I order my meat medium or medium rare and it comes out done

it shows that the chef doesn't care about the order. Why bother asking how the customer wants it if you don't prepare it that way?

Kate Brennen

On Bad Service:

I hate it when my server doesn't see that my water needs a refill or is just not a nice human overall. I also hate brown lettuce and over cooked pasta at a restaurant. It should be a la dente.

Sarah Reese

On Chicken Wings:

When people are eating wings in public OR at home and they suck the meat off the bone it's SO uncouth.

Circus Boy

On Gas Station Cuisine:

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GUERRILLA DRIVE-IN

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The most amazing thing about a 96-ounce steak -- that's a SIX POUND steak -- is that it looks pretty much "exactly" like you imagine it: a slab of wood, a mountain of parsley, and a huge, mouth-watering slab of seared beef.

CC's own Mary Bigham cooked up that enormous slab of meat for our Guerilla Drive-In showing of "The Great Outdoors" last Saturday night. We watched the John Hughes movie starring John Candy and Dan Akroyd in the canoe barn of Northbrook Canoe Company, while Hurricane Bill dumped rain on the tin roof.

Before the show, we held the OLD 96er EATING COMPETITION -- each team was weighed on Northbrook's old truck scale both before and after dinner. The winning team was the one that came closest to gaining exactly 96 ounces after dinner.

The losing team gained forty-five pounds after the delicious dinner of hot dogs and cheeseburgers cooked on the grill by Northbrook's staff. The winning team -- the team that came closest to gaining the magical 96 ounces -- gained only TWENTY-FIVE pounds. We checked the scale, but it appeared to be correct.

The winning team received a gift basket of original "Great Outdoors" swag -- DVDs, t-shirts and original call sheets -- from local actor Chris Young, who starred in the movie playing John Candy's teenage son. Chris brought his wife Lea Moreno Young and his daughter Chela. Chela had never seen her dad in a movie before. "There couldn't have been a better way to introduce Chela to that film!" said Chris after the show.

Mary's 96-ounce steak was passed around among the about 100 moviegoers, who (literally) packed Northbrook's canoe barn to the rafters. The movie was shown on an old cur-

tain stretched across the open barn doorway, projected from a 16MM projector mounted on the side of a 1977 BMW motorcycle. The atmosphere was stuffy, the weather was hot and humid, but the audience seemed to have a great time. Camera crews from the Today show and Internet site break.com were there to film the experience.

The West Chester Guerilla Drive-In shows 16 millime-

ter movies at secret locations in the area. The dates are published ahead of time, but the movies and the locations are secret until just a few days before the movie when they're revealed to folks that have found a secret AM transmitter hidden somewhere in West Chester. To find out how you can get on the list and come to the next Guerilla Drive-In show, visit us at <http://www.guerilladrivein.com>!



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THE WACHOVIA CENTER, Philadelphia: "How Sweet the Sound" gospel choir competition (Sept. 26, 7 p.m., \$5 and \$7); Pink with The Ting Tings (Oct. 3, 8 p.m., \$36.50 and \$46.50); Miley Cyrus (Nov. 4, 7 p.m., \$39.50 to \$79.50).

THE WACHOVIA SPECTRUM, Philadelphia: Maxwell with Robin Thicke and Christe Michele (Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., \$20 to \$125); Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band (Oct. 13, 14, 19 and 20, 7:30 p.m., \$68 and \$101); Leonard Cohen (Oct. 22, 8 p.m., \$36.50 to \$250); Pearl Jam (Oct. 27, 28, 30, 31, 7:30 p.m., \$77).

LIACOURAS CENTER, Temple University, Philadelphia: "Love Train: The Sound of Philadelphia" with the O'Jays, The New Stylistics, the Delfonics, the Intruders, Harold Melvin's Bluenotes and others (Nov. 14, 6 p.m., \$55 to \$75).

THE SUSQUEHANNA BANK CENTER, Camden, N.J.: Rascal Flatts with Darius Rucker (Sept. 11, 8 p.m., \$32.50 and \$73.25); The Dave Matthews Band with Robert Randolph and the Family Band (Sept. 19 and 20, 7 p.m., \$40 and \$75); Celtic Thunder (Oct. 16, 8 p.m., \$37.50 to \$57.50); Breaking Southern Ground Tour featuring the Zac Brown Band, Nic Cowan, Levi Lowrey and Sonia Leigh (Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., \$36.50).

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Philadelphia: Lewis Black (Oct. 17, 8 p.m., \$45 to \$65).

The Tower Theater, Upper Darby: Jamie Foxx (Sept. 13, 7 p.m., \$39.50 to \$95); The cast of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" presents the rock opera "The Nightman Cometh" (Sept. 17, 8 p.m., sold out); Snow Patrol with Plain White T's (Sept. 26, 8 p.m., \$33 to \$40); Bob Weir and Ratdog (Oct. 16 and 17, 8 p.m., \$29.50 to \$65); Australian Pink Floyd (Oct. 23, 8 p.m., \$39.50 and \$55); David Gray with Lisa Hannigan (Oct. 27, 8 p.m., \$39.50 to \$55); Gov't Mule (Oct. 31, 7 p.m., \$29.50 and \$34.50); Ray LaMontagne (Nov. 7, 8 p.m., \$38 and \$48).

THE ELECTRIC FACTORY, 421 N. 7th St., Philadelphia (215-627-1332 or www.electricfactory.info): Clutch, Wino and Lionize (Sept. 11, 8:30 p.m., \$25); Down With Evil Army and Weedeater (Sept. 12, 8:30 p.m., \$25); Mos Def and Talib Kweli with Jay Electronica, Medina Green and Black Landlord (Sept. 17, 8:30 p.m., \$35); Rusted Root with The Kin (Sept. 18, 8:30 p.m., \$25); Regina Spektor (Sept. 24, 8:30 p.m., \$35); Lebowsky Fest Movie Party with Black Diamond Heavies (Sept. 25, 8:30 p.m., \$20); Porcupine Tree with King's X (Sept. 26, 8 p.m., \$26); Phoenix with Chairlift (Sept. 28, 8 p.m., \$20); Arctic Monkeys (Sept. 30, 8 p.m., \$25); Every Time I Die with Bring Me the Horizon, Oh Sleeper and Architects (Oct. 3, 8:30 p.m., \$17.50); Skillet with Hawk Nelson, Decyfer

Down and The Letter Black (Oct. 4, 6 p.m., \$28); Grizzly Bear with Beach House (Oct. 7, 8 p.m., \$26); Colbie Caillat with Howie Day (Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m., \$25); The Avett Brothers (Oct. 16, 8:30 p.m., \$26.75); Andrew Bird with St. Vincent (Oct. 25, 8 p.m., \$25); Ani DiFranco (Nov. 20, 8:30 p.m., \$34).

THEATER OF THE LIVING ARTS, 334 South St., Philadelphia: Alice in Chains (Sept. 5, 9 p.m., sold out); Robin Trower with the Johnny DeFrancesco Power Trio (Sept. 12, 9 p.m., \$29.50); Mitchel Musso with KSM (Sept. 13, 1 p.m., \$50 meet-and-greet and \$20 admission); Ladyhawke with Ida Maria, Frankmusik and Semi Precious Weapons (Sept. 13, 8 p.m., \$26.50); Ingrid Michaelson with Greg Holden and Johnny Marnell (Sept. 17, 9 p.m., \$20); The Sounds (Sept. 19, 9 p.m., \$20); Moby (Sept. 20, 8 p.m., \$30); The Walkmen with Here We Go Magic (Sept. 23, 8 p.m., \$16); KMFDM with Angel Spit (Sept. 24, 9 p.m., \$25); Mutemath (Sept. 25, 9 p.m., \$22.50); Mat Kearney (Sept. 26, 9 p.m., \$20); Charlatans UK (Sept. 27, 8 p.m., \$22); Relient K with Copeland and Barcelona (Oct. 2, 8 p.m., \$18); "Heavenly Harmony XII" (Oct. 3, 8 p.m., \$49); Billy Talent with Poison the Well and AM Taxi (Oct. 7, 8 p.m., \$15); Gossip (Oct. 8, 9 p.m., \$20); Dinosaur Jr. with Bob Mould, and Lou Barlow and the Missingmen (Oct. 9, 8 p.m., \$28); The Bravery (Oct. 10, 8 p.m., \$17.50); Dragonforce with Sonata Artica and Taking Dawn (Oct. 11, 8 p.m., \$25); Five Finger Death Punch with Shadows Fall, OTEP and 2 Cents (Oct. 13, 7 p.m., \$20); Ludo with Meese, Ha Ha Tonka and Without a Face (Oct. 16, 8 p.m., \$25); The Raveonettes with The Black Angels and The Naked Hearts (Oct. 17, 9 p.m., \$15); Mason Jennings with Crash Kings (Oct. 18, 8 p.m., \$15); Queensryche (Oct. 22, 9 p.m., \$29.50); Dr. Dog (Oct. 23 and 24, 9 p.m., \$16); Pinback with Obits (Oct. 29, 9 p.m., \$14); Say Anything with Easley, Moneen and Moving Mountains (Nov. 1, 7 p.m., \$17); Tesla (Nov. 2, 8 p.m., \$29); Mayday Parade and The Academy Is... with Set Your Goals, The Secret Handshake and You Me At Six (Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m., \$15); The Get Up Kids with Kevin Devine and The Life and Times (Nov. 6, 8 p.m., \$21.50); Peter Bjorn and John with El Perro Del Mar (Nov. 8, 8 p.m., \$22); Dan Auerbach with Justin Townes and Jessica Lea Mayfield (Nov. 12, 9 p.m., \$20); Bassnectar with Nosaj Thing (Nov. 14, 9 p.m., \$18); They Might Be Giants family show (Nov. 21, 3:30 p.m., \$25); Deadmau5 with Burns (Nov. 22, 8 p.m., \$22.50); The Mountain Goats with Final Fantasy (Nov. 28, 9 p.m., \$18).

THE KESWICK THEATRE, Easton Road and Keswick Avenue, Glenside (215-572-7650 or www.keswicktheatre.com): David Garrett (Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., \$32.50); Loggins and Mes-

sina (Sept. 18, 8 p.m., \$69.50); Joan Osborne with Sharon Little and Marybeth Hammer (Sept. 20, 4 p.m., \$29.50 to \$44.50); Sinbad (Sept. 26, 8 p.m., \$41.50); David Sedaris (Oct. 4, 7 p.m., \$49.50); Brandi Carlile (Oct. 6, 8 p.m., \$25 and \$32); Los Lonely Boys with Alejandro Escovedo and Hacienda (Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., \$27); Yonder Mountain String Band (Oct. 8, 8 p.m., \$22.50); Natalie Cole (Oct. 9, 8 p.m., \$59.50); Patton Oswalt (Oct. 10, 8 p.m., \$29.50); Ian Anderson plays acoustic Jethro Tull (Oct. 16, 8 p.m., \$45 and \$55); The Fab Faux (Oct. 17, 8 p.m., \$42.50 to \$77.50); "Jukebox Saturday Night" with Bobby Rydell, Peggy March, Emil Stuchio and the Classics and Lenny Welch (Oct. 24, 8 p.m., \$45.50); Brian Wilson (Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., \$49.50 and \$67); The Capitol Steps (Nov. 1, 3 p.m., \$35); Engelbert Humperdinck (Nov. 6, 8 p.m., \$49.50 and \$59.50); Keb Mo (Nov. 7, 8 p.m., \$32 and \$42); Abba-Mania (Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., \$32.50); Don McLean (Nov. 13, 8 p.m., \$35 and \$45); Dionne Warwick (Nov. 15, 7 p.m., \$49.50 and \$59.50); The Machine - Pink Floyd tribute (Nov. 27, 8 p.m., \$27 and \$32); Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes (Nov. 28, 8 p.m., \$39.50).

THE NOTE, 142 E. Market St., West Chester (800-594-8499 or www.thenote.tickets.music-today.com): Joe Jack Talcum with The Basstrud and Samuel Locke-Ward vs. Darren Brown (Sept. 1, 8 p.m., \$8); Stereo Transmitted Disease with Undercast and Nevada Chan (Sept. 8, 8 p.m., \$5); The New Deal with Sonic Spank (Sept. 11, 9 p.m., \$23); Zelazowa with Cheers Elephant, The Courage Pills and The Tressels (Sept. 12, 9 p.m., \$8); Tina Parol with Mercy Mercedes, The Ready Set and Stereo Skyline (Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m., \$10); Polar Shift with Can U Canoe and Monument (Sept. 15, 8 p.m., \$5); Afrotronic with Rubblebucket Orchestra (Sept. 17, 8 p.m., \$10); Need to Breathe with Serena Ryder and Green River Ordinance (Sept. 18, 9 p.m., \$10); Owl City with Kate Havnevik and Unicorn Kid (Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m., \$14); The Blue Method with The Dynamites and Revision (Sept. 19, 10:30 p.m., \$12); Juliette Lewis with Sweet Head (Sept. 21, 8 p.m., \$15); Backwoods Payback with American Speedway, Caltrop, Kingsnake and Count Von Count (Sept. 25, 9 p.m., \$8); Rob Snyder with Parkwright and Zabeedee Mojo (Sept. 26, 9 p.m., \$8); As-

sembly of Dust and the Emmitt Nershi Band (Oct. 2, 9 p.m., \$17); Peek A Boo Revue Burlesque Show (Oct. 3, 10 p.m., \$13 - 21 and older); Perpetual Groove (Oct. 9, 9 p.m., \$14); Soulive (Oct. 14, 8 p.m., \$20); The Brew and The Heavy Pets with Codename (Oct. 15, 8 p.m., \$12); Pnuma Trio (Oct. 16, 9 p.m., \$13); The Legwarmers: '80s Tribute Band (Oct. 17, 9:30 p.m., \$10); Pretty Lights with Gramatik (Oct. 20, 10 p.m., \$15); The National Rifle with The Panic Years, Receiving the Ghost and The Sleepwells (Oct. 23, 9 p.m., \$8); Captured by Robots (Oct. 24, 9 p.m., \$10); The Pietasters with Ruder Than You, Last Martyrs of A Lost Cause and The Bullbuckers (Nov. 7, 9 p.m., \$14).

THE AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE, 2425 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster (717-397-7700 or www.AMTshows.com): The Black Crowes with Truth and Salvage Company (Aug. 31, 8 p.m., \$55); Mike Albert and the Gospel Imperials (Sept. 4, 8 p.m., \$35); Bill Cosby (Sept. 12, 3 and 7 p.m., \$54 and \$70); Eric Burdon and the Animals with Badfinger (Sept. 13, 7 p.m., \$55); Ray Stevens (Sept. 18, 8 p.m., \$55); Craig Morgan (Sept. 19, 8 p.m., \$55); Charley Pride (Sept. 20, 7 p.m., \$65); Eddie Holman, the Tokens and the Duprees (Oct. 2, 8 p.m., \$40); Bobby Vinton (Oct. 3, 3 p.m., \$59); Three Redneck Tenors (Oct. 4, 7 p.m., \$30); Engelbert Humperdinck (Oct. 5, 8 p.m., \$70); Neil Sedaka (Oct. 6, 8 p.m., \$65); Mark Lowry (Oct. 10 at 3 and 8 p.m., Oct. 11 at 3 p.m., \$30); Lou Christie, Jay Siegel and The Tokens, and The Shangri-Las (Jan. 9, 8 p.m., \$39.50); Phil Vassar (Feb. 10, 8 p.m., \$45); Michael Amante (Feb. 12, 8 p.m., \$32); Air Supply with Christopher Cross (Feb. 26, 8 p.m., \$57); Conway Twitty: The Man, The Music, The Legend, The Musical (Feb. 27, 2 and 7 p.m., \$32); Sandi Patty and Larnelle Harris (Feb. 28, 3 p.m., \$49).

THE SELLERSVILLE THEATRE, 24 W. Temple Ave., Sellersville (215-257-5805 or www.ST94.com): Pat McGee Band with Pete & J (Sept. 3, 8 p.m., \$19.50); U2 Nation (Sept. 4, 8 p.m., \$15); Warchild: Jethro Tull tribute (Sept. 5, 8 p.m., \$21.50); Blues Brotherhood (Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m., \$19.50); Jeff Krick: Elvis tribute (Sept. 11, 8 p.m., \$21.50); Steve Forbert with Rebecca Pronsky (Sept. 12, 8 p.m., \$25); Denny Lane and

Terry Sylvester with The Cryers (Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m., \$28); Hot Club of Cowtown (Sept. 16, 8 p.m., \$17.50); The Grascals with Mason Porter (Sept. 17, 8 p.m., \$19.50); String Fever (Sept. 18, 8 p.m., \$25); Red Molly with Beaucoup Blue (Sept. 19, 8 p.m., \$19.50); Marty Stuart and the Fabulous Superlatives with The Youngers (Sept. 20, 3 and 7:30 p.m., \$29.50); Steeleye Span (Sept. 21, sold out); Rick Estrin and The Nightcats (Sept. 23, 8 p.m., \$17.50); Donna Jean Godchaux Band (Sept. 24, 8 p.m., \$17.50); The Prodigals (Sept. 25, 8 p.m., \$19.50); Graham Parker (Sept. 26, 8 p.m., \$25 and \$39); James McMurtry and The Heartless Bastards with Jonny Burke (Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m., \$21.50 and \$33).

THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE AND THE BABY GRAND, 818 Market St., Wilmington, Del. (302-652-5577 or www.ticketsatthegrand.org): Eric Church (Sept. 3, 8 p.m., \$22); Lucinda Williams (Sept. 30, 8 p.m., \$37 to \$44); Esperanza Spalding (Oct. 1, 8 p.m., \$27 to \$42); Jonatha Brooke (Oct. 1, 8 p.m., \$27); Ben Folds (Oct. 5, 9 p.m., \$27.50 and \$37.50); Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (Oct. 11, 7 p.m., \$27 to \$35); Richard Thompson and Loudon Wainwright III (Oct. 12, 8 p.m., \$31 to \$40); Barry Scott: "Ain't Got Long to Stay Here" (Oct. 18, 3 p.m., \$20 and \$14); Robert Earl Keen and guests (Oct. 22, 8 p.m., \$30 to \$38); Lewis Black with John Bowman (Oct. 23 and 24, 8 p.m., \$49 to \$77); Jesse Cook (Nov. 2, 8 p.m., \$29); Keb' Mo' (Nov. 8, 7 p.m., \$34 to \$52); Lyle Lovett and His Large Band (Nov. 9, 8 p.m., \$39 to \$70); Abba Mania (Nov. 10, 8 p.m., \$28 to \$35); Joan Osborne, the Holmes Brothers and Paul Thorn (Nov. 14, 8 p.m., \$28 to \$35); Imagination Movers children's show (Nov. 18, 2 and 6:30 p.m., \$25 and \$35); Sinbad (Nov. 20, 8 p.m., \$36 to \$43); Stephen Lynch (Nov. 21, 8 p.m., \$32 to \$35); Bill Blagg III (Nov. 22, 3 p.m., \$28 and \$23); The Amore: Dean Martin tribute (Nov. 29, 3 p.m., \$28 to \$35).

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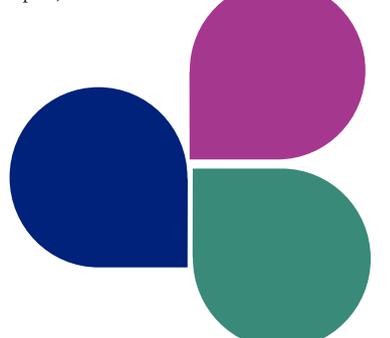
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Questions?: Call Jeannie McGinn at 484-343-4577, or email her at jeannie@westchesterchilicookoff.com.

There's plenty of time to still join in the fun and have a presence at the fastest growing festival in Chester County.

We're looking for more teams in any of the divisions. Really want to call on Restaurants to sign up, Mary. Especially since they can make and bring their chili to the cookoff because they have the appropriate food facility license per the CC Health Dept. All others must prepare their Chili at the cookoff for public consumption. This is a CC Health Dept,

rule we have to follow.
 Returning to defend their 2008 West Chester Rotary Chili Cookoff's People Choice Award is West Chester University Student's Rah Rah Rah West Chester U Chili, led by Rotarian Mell Josephs. The university competes in the Non-profit division and is a force to be reckoned with both in great chili and spirit!

- Some New teams for 2009**
- Hometown Cook/Volunteer*
Cathie O'Donnell
The Boobie Brigade 3 Day Walkers
 - Alan's Legendary Chili**
Non Profit
John Giananntonio
Italian Social Club
 - Giovanni's Pepe Salsa**
Non Profit
Mary Curley
TCHS Culinary Arts
 - Restaurant*

- Michael Nwarocki
Applebees Grill & Bar
- Applebees Chili**
Business
Anne-Sophie DeLong
DeLong Inc.
- Release Candidate #2 Chili**
Restaurant
Ed Coffin
Clock Tower Café
- Organic Chili**
- Some returning Teams** that are favorites with the Public
Hometown Cook/Volunteer
Kyle Worrell
Parrot Troopers
- Molten Hot Lava Chili**
Business
June Mento
Century 21 Alliance-West Chester
- Burnin' Down the House Chili**
Business
Karen Beech
Legacy Planning Partners

- Blazin' Saddles Chili**
Business
Joe Carmella
Comcast Spotlight
- Slowskys Slow Cooked Chili**
Business
Jessica Deer
Smaltz's Harley-Davidson
- Special Forces Chili**
Business
Teri Reinhardt
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- Keystone Motors Crash Test Dummies**
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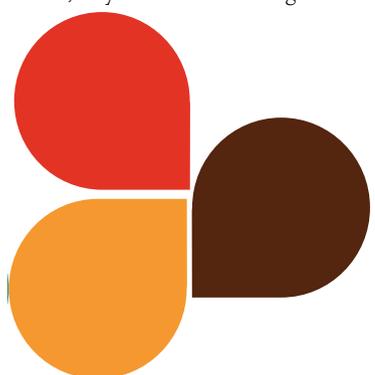
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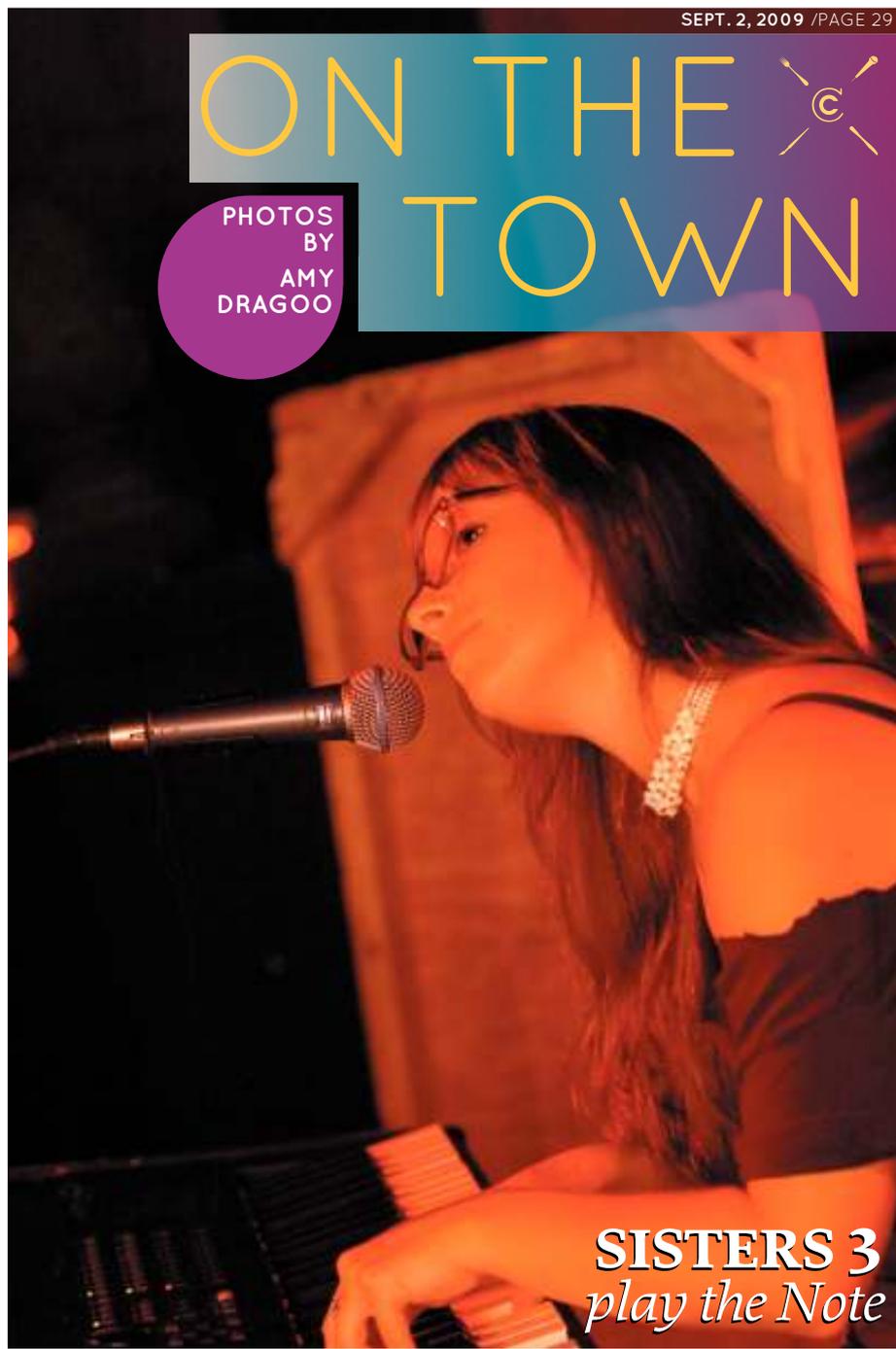
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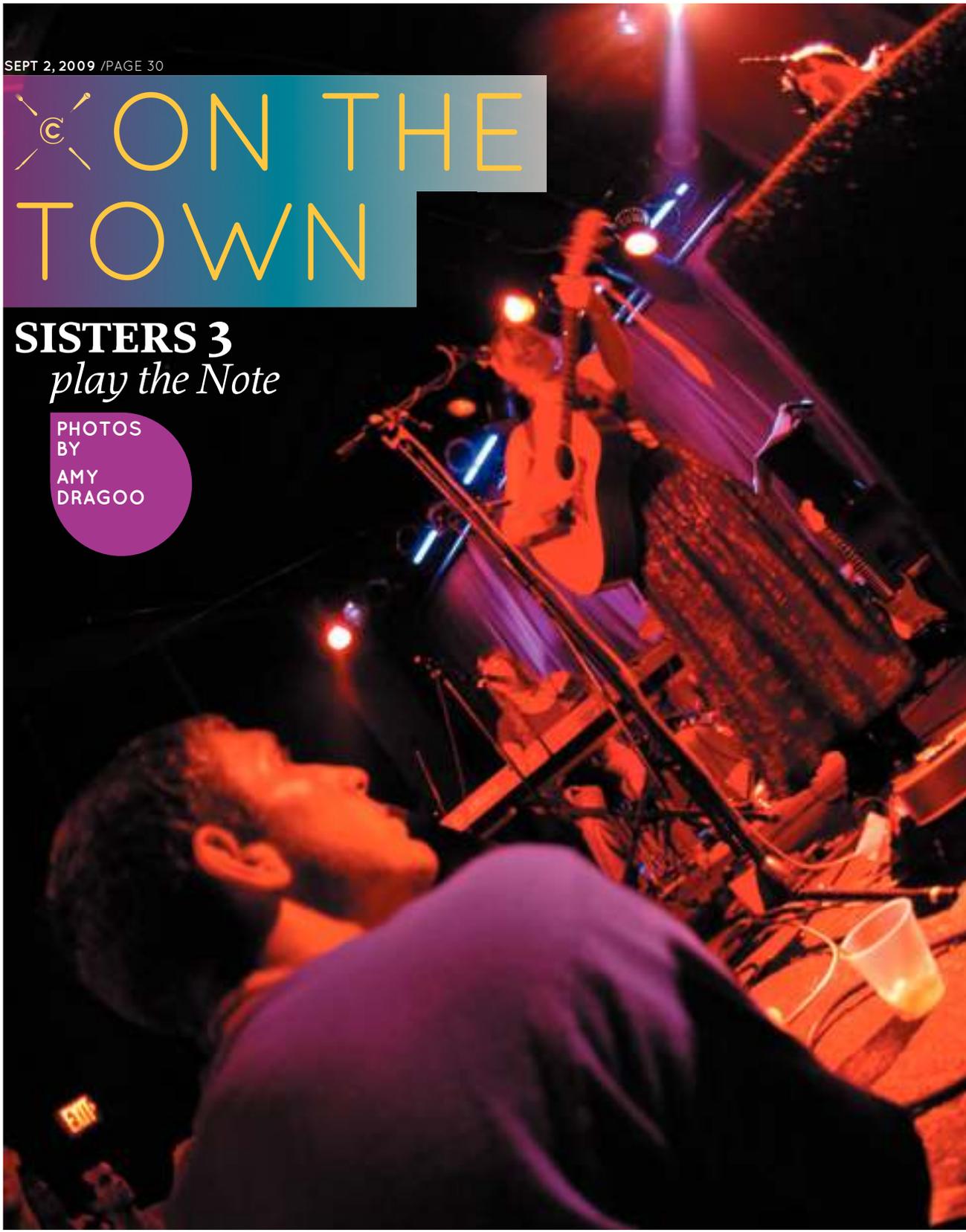
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THE PRETENDERS PLAY THE ELECTRIC FACTORY IN SUPPORT OF "BREAK UP THE CONCRETE"

It has been more than three decades since the "Pretenders" exploded onto the music scene. Bordering on punk and pop, the Pretenders made a huge splash in America with their self-titled 1978 release. Anchored by the brash, captivating vocal talents of lead singer Chrissie Hynde, the Pretenders achieved what few bands are able to do, establish a signature sound that has always unmistakably been the Pretenders. Now with their latest release "Break up the Concrete", their first in six years, the Pretenders have been hitting the concert trail hard keeping the band's name in the public eye while proving they are still capable of delivering a great song.

The Pretenders were given birth in 1978 when Chrissie Hynde met up with original bassist Pete Farndon in London, England. Hynde had been bouncing around the globe the decade prior attempting to launch a musical career without

much success. Farndon was impressed with Hynde's songwriting and started working with her. In need of a guitarist, Farndon lured James Honeyman-Scott to record an early demo with both he and Hynde. In the summer of 1978 Hynde, Farndon and Honeyman-Scott returned to the studio to record another demo this time with Nick Lowe of Rockpile producing two Pretender classics "Precious" and "Stop Your Sobbing". Soon after Martin Chambers joined the band on drums and the Pretenders line-up was intact. In 1979 the Pretenders released their self-titled debut yielding the single "Brass in Pocket", which went to number one in the U.K. Two years later they released their sophomore effort "Pretenders II" and The EP/Extended Play album containing the U.K. and U.S. hits "Message of Love" and "Talk of the Town" and a live version of "Precious," recorded in New York's Central Park further-

ing the bands commercial success and solidifying their place for years to come. By the latter part of this same year Farndon's drug addiction was putting a strain on the band and he was fired in the

spring of 1982 following the bands world tour. Two days after Farndon's departure the band received the tragic news that James Honeyman-Scott had died in his sleep, the result of drug induced heart failure. "You don't know what the repercussions are through the remainder of your life", recalls Chambers. "I have missed him every day since. He was one of my best friends. We used to share bedrooms before we could afford a real room. You can imagine the hilarity that brought on. We were Laurel and Hardy. It was just great fun. That was just an unfortunate thing three and a half years into the group to lose, for Chrissie it was her right hand man in Jimmy." To their credit Hynde and Chambers regrouped and went into the studio a month later to record a new record, which featured the song "Back on the Chain Gang", in honor of the late Honeyman-Scott. Guitarist Robbie McIntosh and bassist Malcolm Foster were brought on board to complete what became the Pretenders next album "Learning to Crawl". Tragedy struck days before the release of this album when Farndon was found dead in the bathtub from a drug overdose. Out of the ashes personal chaos, "Learning to Crawl" achieved much deserved critical acclaim and commercial success, with the single "Middle of the Road" and the

band disbanded following their 1985 performance at Live Aid. Over the next decade a variety of musicians performed with Hynde releasing some successful singles including "Don't Get Me Wrong" and "I'll Stand by You". Martin Chambers returned by the mid-nineties after abruptly departing the band a few years earlier. Touring and recording continued highlighted by an appearance at the Concert for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio in 1995. Hynde went into seclusion for a few years resurfacing with new material, which was released independently to a lukewarm response from the general public. In 2006 the band released, in conjunction with Rhino Records, a four disc box set, which included over five hours of music and a DVD of rare live performances. Chambers is quick to acknowledge that Hynde has been and will always be the centerpiece for the band, without her there is no Pretenders. "More than ever now it's been Chrissie's band a long time", says Chambers. "It's a completely different set of rules now. Chrissie is basically in charge and that's that. She has called it a tribute band, a tribute to Jim (James Honeyman-Scott) and Pete (Farndon), which is a way of looking at it. For me, the Pretenders died in 1982, that was the end of the true Pretenders.

With the bands current release "Break up the Concrete", they are proving that they aren't going away anytime soon. Featuring a stellar line-up of musicians, which in addition to Hynde includes guitarist James Walbourne, pedal steel player Eric Heywood, bassist Nick Wilkinson and Martin Chambers on drums, the Pretenders have produced twelve solid songs showcasing Hynde's songwriting backed by her vocal talents, which have not diminished as she has again captured the Pretenders sound and spirit. "She not only can sing but she's got a great voice", says Chambers. Above all she's singing her own stuff mostly so it's a pretty good combination. There's not many like that and she's pretty unique. I've always thought it's good never to work with rubbish so I'm glad to be working with her still."

Chambers added, We're pretty lucky to have come full circle for a band that's the top of the heap as far as I'm concerned. I'm very proud to be associated with it. Standout songs include "Boots of Chinese Plastic", "The Nothing Maker", "Don't Lose Faith in Me", "Don't Cut Your Hair", "Loves a Mystery" and the title tracks "Break Up The Concrete". Chambers is very optimistic when looking toward the future. "We've got a bit of life in us yet", says Chambers. "It's difficult in this business to look more than a year or two ahead but I can certainly see another great record. It's definitely on the cards as far as I can see. It's only a question of coming up with a few good tunes." Chambers is aware of the bands place in history and would like people to think of the Pretenders fondly. "I'd like people to say, 'we were a true band. That they put their priorities in the right place, that their music came first.' We made a good noise. Had some good times and had some people that really enjoyed it and I think that's really as far as you can go with that."

On August 13, 2009 the Pretenders played to respectable crowd at Philadelphia's Electric Factory. With Hynde at the helm from the start, the band played a ninety minute set of all the Pretenders classics, which included "Brass in Pocket", "The Wait", "Middle of the Road" and "Back on the Chain Gang" as well as a handful of selections from their latest release. The band was near perfect sounding as lively and as fresh as when they first conquered America three decades ago. Having witnessed tonight's show as well as their Asbury Park concert earlier in the week, the Pretenders are going to be around for a while. Their tour, which started in the U.S. in January of this year, has since found the band performing through-out Europe. They wind things down this fall in the U.S. before taking a much needed break over the winter months. Look for a possible new release sometime late next year. For more info on the Pretenders or to order a copy of their new release go to www.Pretenders.com

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