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STRAND-CAPITOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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EATING HIMSELF AT THE PIANO, HE TURNED TO HIS AUDIENCE AND TOLD THEM TO SETTLE IN AS IF THEY WERE SEATED IN HIS OWN LIVING ROOM.

John Legend's sold-out May concert at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center became that living room. The intimate experience gave audience members an up close and personal musical encounter with this Grammy Award-winning musician.

From John Legend to singer-songwriter Jackson Browne, the Strand-Capitol has long succeeded in attracting major musical talent to its stage and creating a personal, dynamic, music culture in downtown York.

Through the efforts of CapLive, the Strand-Capitol's live music entity, the Capitol Theatre offers a music club atmosphere in a historic venue with undeniably stellar acoustics allowing audiences to catch every breath, every last melodic interval from performers.

In the season ahead, for example, perennial favorite Hoots & Hellmouth, a Philadelphia roots/rock band, will return on Black Friday, November 28, for a performance blending roots, rock and folk music under one roof.

Music has a way of touching the soul, and at the Strand-Capitol, you might say it has a way of making a meaningful connection in the hearts and minds of its patrons.

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THINK LOUD STUDIOS

WHOEVER SAID "YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN" OBVIOUSLY NEVER MET CHRISTOPHER THORN.

more than a decade.

But it took returning to York for an opportunity to work with local talent at Think Loud Studios that gave him new appreciation for the city, its people and, most importantly, its music.

"I was almost mad that it wasn't like this 20 years ago," he says. "When I drove though York, I noticed the beautiful architecture of the buildings I didn't notice before. When you drive down Market Street, it looks so frickin' charming. And what the LIVE guys are doing right now is amazing. I didn't have an example like that growing up. If I did, maybe I never would have left." Thorn further reflects on working with local songstress Dana Alexandra's new album.

"I've been producing for 20 years, doing it mostly from Los Angeles, where I have tons of studios at my disposal. But it was exciting to get out of my house and go and do it in York," he says. "It's quite a moving record. Dana is an amazing songwriter, and when you hear these songs and learn the back story, they're quite intimate. It's a brave record for someone who writes songs like that. For me, this is a record that has that magic thing you're mining for.

"I had the most amazing experience" at Think Loud Studios, he says. "It is one of the best studios that have natural lighting. For me, this is one of the best sounding records I've made. Coming back to Los Angeles now and hearing it through my speakers, I realized we had exceeded my expectations." Mission accomplished in #YorkPA.

From left to right: David Dennis, Frank DiVanna and Christopher Thorn.

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A York County native, Thorn fled the area in the early '90s, moved to Los Angeles and jammed on guitar with rock band Blind Melon for

WHERE MUSIC IS





CALVIN WEARY CAN DESCRIBE WHAT EXPOSURE TO THE ARTS CAN DO FOR A COMMUNITY.

In his 20 years as an arts educator, serving as director of the William Penn Performing Arts Institute and coordinator of New Hope Academy Charter School's performing arts program, Weary has witnessed firsthand how art can enrich the lives of everyone, even the underprivileged in the community. He sees the joy that comes from children who perform for an audience. He sees the hope that York can create art enjoyed beyond central Pennsylvania's boundaries.

HENCE HIS MISSION FOR THE WEARY ARTS GROUP.

"We recognized a societal need for a self-sustaining arts education program for the community unencumbered by politics," he says.

While Weary Arts Group (housed at the Capitol Theatre) hosts arts programming for schools, churches and organizations, it's the public involvement and presentation that give it visibility.

This past summer, Weary welcomed children (even some from South Carolina) in a hands-on performing arts workshop. "We had homeschooled kids, York city school students and students from York County communities. The arts were the catalyst that brought it all together," he says.

In September, the Weary Arts Group crew will create, rehearse and perform a self-titled "One-Week Musical" — all in the course of a week. "This will give audience members the opportunity to critique what they like so we can use it for the development of a complete musical" to be performed at a future date, he says.

In October, performers will debut a hip, contemporary version of Shakespeare's Macbeth complete with (yes, you heard right) zombies in time for Halloween. And it'll be Weary on the rails for a Halloween-themed train excursion courtesy of York County's Steam Into History experience.

"Honestly, our concept of Weary Arts Group is arts for everyone. We're making sure York keeps its face turned toward the arts," he says.

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The beauty is in her brushstrokes bright, bold and full of energy, just like Ophelia M. Chambliss herself.

A self-taught artist originally from Chicago, she infuses her artwork with a purposeful mission. "I try to convey ideas, concepts and a message in my work," she says.

Chambliss describes her signature painting style as realistic cubism. Several works, *Pescado and Lillie Pads* and *Amnesia*, are dualistic in nature, capable of being viewed or hung in multiple directions.

Similarly, Chambliss — recently honored as the 2014 Yorkfest Fine Arts Festival's featured artist — sees a dualism in her call to serve the York community through her art.

"The nature of York affords me the opportunity to do things that I'm passionate about. I use art as a means of expression and representation to get the message across that different people see things from different points of view," she says. "An idea in art can be understood no matter what language you speak, how old you are or your literacy level."

As a visual rhetoric art educator, Chambliss seeks opportunities to create community conversations about art, specifically teaching creatives to communicate their art in words. "I believe there's so much more to who we are as artists," she says.

Her works speak volumes on that subject. A painting of Cherry Lane, one she created 12 years ago, Chambliss looks at with a fresh sketch and canvas today. In her new image, things are brighter, there's more activity, people are present, "and the focus is on the light that is shed on the space," she says.

Beyond York, Chambliss' art has graced exhibitions in Alabama, Illinois, Michigan and Washington, D.C. But she remains true to self and service: encouraging everyone she encounters, even the children she works with on art projects at York's Youth Development Center, to embrace art as life.

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orget the cubicle farm. Here, creatives share conversations with environmental scientists and event planners. A media beat reporter pounds away on a laptop, while a salesperson follows up on phone calls.

The collegial, collaborative atmosphere inside CoWork155 appeals to freelancers, telecommuters and even employers of York area firms. Ask JJ Sheffer, site manager and co-owner, who'll tell you it's the community of professionals and communion of talent that makes CoWork155 downtown's dynamic work spot.

"People find they're more productive here and it's easier to have the separation between home and work," she says. "I fully expected when we opened [last year] to have two people, but when we opened our doors, we had about 15 *members when we started."* Today, the membership hovers around 20, a mix of full- and part-time members.

Membership fees cover access to meeting rooms, Internet, office supplies and more. But ask Sheffer what truly makes CoWork155 special, and she'll point to the people surrounding her.

"It's a really wonderful sense of community. That's what we're all about. Our members are involved in so many businesses and organizations in York, and once you're here, you're in the know," she says.

Far more than just working for themselves, CoWork's members take professional networking to a new level.

SkillSwap, a CoWork member outreach, is a barter-based, educational series with workshops on topics ranging from pizza recipes to public speaking. Put your wallet away, though: With no money changing hands, instructors are free to set a list of services they'll accept in exchange for participation.

And when you pool professional talent, you get events like foodstruck and Kable House Presents, a crowdsourcing concert series featuring national touring acts appearing in York's Central Market.

"We want this to be a community gathering place," Sheffer says. "The people here are all about supporting community and local businesses."

KEEPING IT REAL [ESTATE]

When CGA Law Firm Attorney Frank H. Countess walks into downtown York, stopping at the former Pennsylvania Railroad station along the path of the York County Heritage Rail Trail, he's excited to gaze at the future of a flourishing downtown community.

A lifelong resident of the city he now serves, Countess' seats on the boards of Better York and the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center are just some of the ways he stays connected to community.

No surprise, either, that Countess concentrates a portion of his practice on the city's built future – real estate.

CGA Marketing Director Toby Gwinn says that while people may not associate law firms with real estate settlements, CGA's services provide that peace of mind for buyers and sellers alike. "What you're getting is an attorney who will review your documentation and represent you" in a real estate transaction, she says.

And with home buying and selling beginning to show signs of growth nationally and locally. CGA's in-depth knowledge and experience cover the gamut of home types, from single-family homes to townhomes and condos.

Real estate legal services encompass purchasing agreement drafting and review, deed preparation and recording, title searches and title insurance*, plus representation at real estate closings. Mortgage refinancing, leasing and handling for sale by owner (FSBO) agreements are also part of CGA's residential real estate services.

"Buying a home is the single largest "Since title insurance is regulated by the investment you make in your lifetime,' Countess says. "At no additional charge, you can have an attorney with you during your closing to protect against the unexpected."



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state, it remains the same regardless of whomever you use for a real estate closing.



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LITERALLY STEPS FROM YORK COLLEGE'S BACKYARD, A PATHWAY CONNECTS THE COLLEGE DOWNTOWN AND FARTHER INTO THE HEART OF YORK COUNTY. ITS LINK IN THE CONNECTING CHAIN IS ABOUT TO BECOME A BIT STRONGER.

The York County Heritage Rail Trail has inspired an initiative geared toward linking the college with the downtown York community through biking.

Students in the college's computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering programs are collaborating with faculty and entrepreneurs like Erin Casey (Rudy Art Glass Studio) and Patrick Sells (Salvaging Creativity), both of Working Class in downtown York, to develop an innovative Bike Kiosk project. While its tangible goal is making bike rentals available for students to ride the Rail Trail into the city, it aspires to do much more.

"THIS PROJECT IS IMAGINING WAYS THAT CAN FORGE VIABLE WAYS FOR THE YORK COLLEGE COMMUNITY TO BE A REAL PART OF THE DOWNTOWN RENAISSANCE," SAYS YORK COLLEGE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DOMINIC DELLICARPINI. "IT IS PART OF THE HANDS-ON, PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING THAT WE VALUE AT YORK." The project, which got underway in the 2013-2014 academic term, has resulted in a student-created concept of a state-of-the-art bike rental kiosk powered by solar energy. With no instruction manual to guide them, students literally had to put rubber to the road, from concept to creation, through critical thinking, imagination and close collaboration — all while honing their engineering and entrepreneurial skills.

"IT ENGAGES THEM IN AN ACTUAL, HANDS-ON LEARNING PROJECT," Says Erin Casey.

"TRADITIONAL ENGINEERING PROJECTS CHALLENGE STUDENTS, BUT THEY ARE AN ISOLATED EXERCISE THAT WON'T BUILD THE ENGAGEMENT THAT COMES BY BUILDING A BIKE RENTAL SYSTEM THAT THE COLLEGE AND CITY WILL ENJOY FOR YEARS," PATRICK SELLS SAYS. "IDENTIFYING THE NEEDS OF A PROBLEM AND THEN BUILDING YOUR IDEA IS THE BEST CREATIVE BRAIN BUILDER OUT THERE."





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Sweet Melissa's

NATURAL AND EARTHY MEETS SOFT LACE AND RIPPED DENIM.

"It's very cool, a very ethereal juxtaposed kind layering in the fall," she says. of thing," she says of the rustic, woodland-style Complementing the Mori Girl look, the Tulip fashion popularized in Japan.

Mori one step further by incorporating fabrics popular Sweet Melissa's purchase. from antique tablecloths and lace doilies in In her quest for unique finds for customers, her creations.

indigo blue in apparel.

Melissa Grove, owner of Beaver Street emporium And ladies, don't forget the layers. "We Sweet Melissa's Dream, is especially fond of the brought in a new line of Essential Basics — Mori Girl look when making her own designs. leggings and tank tops — that are very nice for

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clothing line, with its intricate fabric gathering Inspired by artist Magnolia Pearl, Grove moves and feminine but not finished edges, are a

Grove says she's particularly excited about It's a style that melds with the fall season and a new line of jewelry from Marcia Fowler, a its abundance of rich bronze and gold, muted Brazilian-born, registered gemologist whose green, ivory, beautiful burgundy and pops of Archetypes pendants and bangles sparkle with natural gemstones, reiterating the Mori Girl style.

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WHEN BLOGGING GOES

IF YOU'VE MET REBECCA WATTENSCHAIDT, pieces that are trendy, timeless and YOU KNOW HER LOVES OF THIS WORLD ARE transformative to a wardrobe. FAIRLY EASY TO NAME: SHOPPING, FASHION, FUN AND FAMILY, OF COURSE.

"I believe there is nothing that a little mascara and a fab pair of shoes can't fix!" she writes on her fashion blog, Mommy in Heels (mommyinheelsblog.com). Blogging about her fashion passion eventually led Wattenschaidt to make her hobby her business.

After dabbling in the fashion e-commerce world, she bought a bricks-and-mortar storefront on Beaver Street earlier this year and turned it into a chic boutique, Elizabeth & West Fashion House.

"I knew I wanted to be on Beaver Street." she says, reflecting on the good fortune that led her to discover the downtown York space. "Everyone here along the street is really supportive."

Wattenschaidt takes pride in finding fashionable yet affordable women's clothing

Inspired by the two littlest loves of her life, daughters Ella and Charlotte, she also offers a few children's clothing selections, such as baby rompers and leather moccasins created by local designer Tabitha Phillips.

Watch out for Wattenschaidt's trunk show this fall, featuring her fashionable finds and handmade leather handbags and clutches from her friend Blair Ritchey.



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MODERNIC CLASSIC

For a city where women could once call on Jack's on the corner of Beaver and Market streets or the Arlene Hoffer dress shop on East

Market Street for custom-made women's wear, the York style scene is returning to its roots in 2014 with the release of the Arthur &

Daughters Private Label Collection of women's dresses. The dresses are all designed and produced right here in York.

Arthur & Daughters owner Hilary Arthur says this small-scale, local approach to apparel means that her team can create made-to-measure, custom pieces for customers in just the right sizes.

"We're really taking this back to the way women used to buy clothing. They used to go to their local dress shop, make their selections, and the pieces were made from someone in their hometown," she says.

Eschewing the notion of mass production means the Arthur & Daughters team can give customers some really unique apparel they can't possibly find on anyone and anywhere else. Even those with petite or plus-size needs can find exactly what they're looking for.

But women's dresses are only the beginning: Arthur & Daughters is looking to grow its collection in the future.

Now that's living — and wearing — the local life! #iloveyorkcity



If you've got time to read this story, you've got time for THE WATCHMAKER'S DAUGHTER

Part of York for more than 60 years, The Watchmaker's Daughter has jewelry selection fitting any style you fancy — contemporary chic vintage or art deco, to name a few.

Owner Karen Reiss Staub values supporting the local arts community. Besides her own custom line, Karen Reiss Designs, she showcases the work of talented artists alongside the shop's fine jewelry pieces.

Functional and funky, appliques and accents, whimsical and wonderful ... there's a pattern, a look, a wallpaper awaiting your discovery at YORK WALLCOVERINGS.

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SHEPPARD DIESEL

Whether you're a recent transplant or a

lifelong resident, you might be surprised

at what you don't know about York County.

Ever hear of the "York Plan" or know what

the pieces of equipment pictured here were

like centuries ago? A visit to the York County

Heritage Trust's Agricultural & Industrial

Museum can teach you about these topics

and more. There's lots of local history within

these walls, and it's not just for visitors

outside the county only to explore.

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BIKERS, TIME TO POLISH YOUR CHROME AND OPEN THAT THROTTLE. THE THIRD ANNUAL WHITE ROSE THUNDER TAKES OVER THE YORK EXPO CENTER, SEPTEMBER 19-21.

The event slate offers plenty to get you and your bike revving. On Friday, September 19, the Pot-O-Gold Skill Ride lets bikers test their skills at stops along a scenic south-central Pennsylvania route. Three riders will each receive a sweet reward – a \$500 cash prize.

After riding, don't bike out of town. Friday's Parade of Chrome into York is a sight and sound to behold.

And it wouldn't be White Rose Thunder without thunderous thrills. Catch the freestyle motorcycle stunt shows each day at the Biker Games Area. Flat track racing rolls through the track and grandstand Saturday and Sunday. Biker gals, bring your earplugs – it's gonna be loud!

Non-racing sorts will still find plenty to do. Shine up that Harley 'cause the Bike Show on Utz Plaza is back. Works of wonder on two and three wheels will be displayed in every style, color and pattern imaginable (you might even spot a couple Big Dogs and Boss Hogs in the mix), plus classic cars at the Cruise-In Car Show.

Beyond the bikes, White Rose Thunder is packed with entertainment. Friday and Saturday concerts feature band performances from Mountain Road and Colt Wilbur to the Revelators and Big Jack, an AC/DC tribute concert.

And for a city that gives so much support for the Thunder, Sunday, September 21 gives bikers a chance to give back, when the 1st Pennsylvania Chapter of the Defenders Motorcycle Club hosts its third annual Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Charity Ride. Registration is \$10 per rider, \$5 per passenger.

Admission tickets are \$15, with three-day passes for \$30 and a PIT PASS for \$25 per day. Ready to rev some engines?



ONSTERS - NUDE & STEWED -







You should only eat them in months with R, goes the old adage.

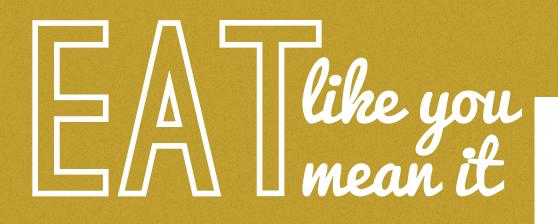
Luckily for Yorkers, the York County Heritage Trust's 40th Annual Oyster Festival promises plenty of the bivalve mollusks for the plate come Sunday, October 19. The Agricultural & Industrial Museum will be the place to get your fill of delicious oyster delicacies — nude and stewed — complemented with beer, wine, barbecue and shrimp.

Amid the feasting, take time to check out some awesome artwork by area artists on display, plus immerse yourself in York's storied history with museum exhibits exploring the county's agricultural and industrial contributions over the decades.

Even though the county doesn't border the Chesapeake Bay, Yorkers' affinity for this seafood specialty dates to the city's early beginnings. In fact, according to the Trust, during rehabilitation of the Golden Plough Tavern, which dates to the 1700s, crews found a plethora of oyster shells, suggesting the slippery sea creatures were popular with the populace then as now.

Those who truly savor every sweet drop of their ocean-kissed liquor should not miss the Oyster Festival's prelude "Shucks ... An Oyster Cook-Off" Saturday, October 4. The Rojahn Performance Kitchen at YorKitchen inside Central Market will host the bivalves in all their glory, as they star in oyster-based dishes prepared by area cooks vying for oyster-cooking bragging rights. Be there to see whose oyster creation gets top honors.

Now that's worth raising a shell of good cheer!





Front house managers Scott Shelley, Alan Ching and Danielle Smith have given more than a combined dozen years of dedicated service to White Rose Bar & Grill, while ensuring the highest levels of quality, service and attention to guests. But being around all that fab White Rose fare during their work day ... well ... let's just say that when they're off the clock, it's their time to indulge.

SCOTT SHELLEY

"I'm a big burger aficionado, and I like the Chesapeake Burger. The meat comes from local butcher J.L. Miller Meats. There's hot Maryland-style crab dip with melted cheddar cheese over a [half-pound] burger on a fresh Kaiser roll. It's a very unique burger to White Rose, and I think it's really hard to get a better burger than this in York. I've been at White Rose about five years, and it's nice to work for a family-owned business."

ALAN CHING

"I'm a big steak eater to begin with, and for me it's the Black & Bleu Ribeye steak. The 16-ounce ribeye has a blackened seasoning with melted bleu cheese."

DANIELLE SMITH

"I picked the Hot Rock fillet. The Hot Rock is unique to White Rose, and it's the best steak I ever had. The steak itself is cut in house, and it's the best cut of fillet around. The heated [volcanic] rock comes to the table and that way you can cook your dish [meat, fish or seafood] to how you like it. I've been here six years, and it's nice working here because it's downtown. It feels like we're all one family instead of just employees."

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LOVERS OF ITALIAN FARE

don't have to wait for dinner to satisfy those midday cravings for pasta and prosciutto. Victor's Italian Restaurant offers fabulous lunch fare no one can resist stepping away from their desks for.

Peek at the menu offerings, and you'll know why co-owners Ann Marie Yost and Marie Sindicich are loving lunchtime. Blackened Chicken Alfredo graces a bed of pasta and Alfredo sauce. Indulge in a bowl of Italian wedding soup any Italian grandmother would be proud to put on her table.

Or feast your eyes and your appetite on a Victor's beef or chicken cheesesteak. "We trim and slice our own meat before sautéing it with a house blend of seasonings. The meat and onions are served over melted provolone on the roll and served with a side of house-made marinara," Marie says. "Those who know the 'secret' about how good our cheesesteaks are become addicted."

With ample on-site parking and easy access from major highways, lunch time on your time won't be spent searching for a place to park.

On pleasant days, the Bella Patio makes a quiet spot to enjoy lunch with friends or business associates. And since Victor's understands varying time schedules of their customers, they encourage their guests to let the servers know about their schedule needs upon arrival.

"We have a full kitchen staff on at lunch, and we offer a balanced menu that appeals to everybody," Marie says, noting that diners can order off the dinner menu for lunch as well.

So what do the Victor's ladies love for lunch?

"I order grilled salmon on a salad, and it's so delicious," Ann Marie says.

"For me, it's the eggplant parmigiana sandwich on ciabatta roll," Marie says, adding that Victor's does offer gluten-free menu selections and fresh, seasonal salads for those seeking lighter bites.

Forget the brown-bag lunches and eating at your desk. Gather the office staff and treat yourselves to a little dining lunch luxury at Victor's. Hey, you've earned that lunch break!





Salon Celebration SPECIALISTS IN BEAUTY

Don't tell Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. about York's star treatment. Salon Downunder owner Vivienne McIlvain likens her salon to a theater, with every area a stage unto itself. Her stylists are the actors; her clients are truly the stars of their show (sorry, Marilyn and Billy).

Now celebrating its 30th year in York, McIlvain says it "does not happen without an incredible team filled with passion, character and integrity. My success is their success."

Born in Lebanon and educated in Australia, McIlvain says, "It was a seed in my heart to open my business."

More than just a hair salon (and a L'Oréal Elite salon at that). Salon Downunder also focuses on spirits, souls and bodies with massage, skin and nail services. It's the exceptional talent she personally nurtures that makes

her staff extraordinary. "We're constantly focusing on education, through online training and workshops. Design and color are our specialties. We want our clients to have their own unique looks," she says.

McIlvain also has one of the biggest hearts for charity. Stateside, the salon team participates in cut-a-thons for the Isabella Rose Project (a nonprofit that raises funds to provide cemetery headstones for babies who have died) and Hope Cuts America (raising awareness for HIV, AIDS and cancer).

Through Salon Downunder, McIlvain dedicates herself to empowering others. Take Hands of Hope Romania, which provides medical and humanitarian relief to poverty-stricken Romanian gypsies. How she deals with addressing that poverty is "one child at a time, one village at a time."

McIlvain says she's had an opportunity to work toward opening a salon in Romania and partnering with Hands of Hope to sponsor one girl to attend hair school. In November, she'll travel to Romania, "teaching seminars and igniting young women to be passionate about hair," she adds.

"I'M A MOTIVATOR AND A MENTOR. MENTORING ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE IS SO EXCITING."



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OK, fair readers, here's your first assignment. The kiddos aren't the only ones heading back to class this time of year. Dare we suggest a course in Starscopes 101 this fall to get your Seventh House groovin' again. Even we loathe lamenting summer's passing, but cast your eyes to the heavens above, for the change of seasons will bring more than brightly colored leaves alone. The transit of Jupiter from Gemini to Cancer, and Saturn from Libra to Scorpio this year, are continuing to manifest their power shifts on this planet. Think back-to-school shopping for the kids was your high point of the latter half of 2014? Well, gentle readers, we have something that not even the smell of freshly sharpened pencils can compete with. Permit us to present a seasonal roundup of the cosmos for your astrological education (chill out, we didn't say there would be a test at the end, or did we?).

LIBRA | 09.23 - 10.23

Hey, Libra. You've got a lot hittin' and happenin' in your life lately. With Venus starring in the heavenly late summer show, the odds that once were stacked against you have fallen in favor for some breakthroughs you probably couldn't have anticipated. And you really have some benefits in the social/love life department (we know that was you we spotted recently at White Rose). August's super moon shook up, dressed up, got up and left you with some intensified energy stronger than the high tides on the beach. Keep on following your instincts ... the road to achieving what seemed impossible earlier this year stretches out just ahead of you. And along the way, be prepared for those unexpected windfalls that could benefit you personally, professionally or financially. The colorful leaves don't have anything on what's about to radiate forth from you, dear Libra.

SCORPIO | 10.23 - 11.21

Our man Mars has been rolling like a CSX freight train through your life right now! Ambition is the name of the game now, as Jupiter in Leo is getting you primed for some professional or personal advancement. There's someone in your life right now who can have a major part to play in your future, so play your cards carefully. The start of something significant can set you up this season to achieve some amazing things if you embrace change rather than run from it. The Mars and Saturn cosmic power plays in your Seventh House is a boon for you, as you finalize that contract or advance that relationship even further. You're on the road to seeing some amazing things come your way ... now's not the time to take any unnecessary detours!

SAGITTARIUS | 11.22 - 12.21

Mercury and August's super moon have been making for some interesting times for you, our fair Sagittarius. Like York County's agriculturists, you're harvesting your own bounty of good things. The seeds you've sown are reaping some amazing fruits in your personal and professional life, and you have every reason to relish in your successes. The York Fair's cotton candy can send you on a sugar high, but baby, you've got some cosmic mojo behind you even sugary treats alone can't hold a candle to. Pay careful attention to people who cross your path this season. We hear a knocking on your Seventh House door that can invite in trouble or triumph, if you're not careful. But it's no time to be apprehensive either. You've got a lot to be proud of ... it's your time to celebrate, you owe it to yourself to indulge.

CAPRICORN | 12.21 - 01.20

Venus and Jupiter have been spotlighting your love life and finances brighter than the Harvest Moon. But hey, it's up to you to make some hay while the sun shines! Now's the time to think positively and act decisively about what's calling your name this season. Focus on the people that matter most to you and give some serious consideration to those who are cheering you on or putting a drag on your existence. Make time for yourself this season for some reflection. Some rest can clear the mind and prepare you for accomplishing big things in the coming year. Ah, Aquarius ... that super full moon of August has been beaming brightly through the windows of your Seventh House lately. You're seeing some major refocusing efforts in life that previously weren't possible even a few months ago, but you're on track to accomplishing those things that are sitting on the to-do list on your desk. The cosmic coordination is getting set to put you on a trajectory that can lead to some exciting ventures if you're in the right wavelength to receive them. Serendipity is the source of some good things, and what you feared wasn't working out in relationships, finances, your family or your professional life may swing the pendulum in your favor. Don't give up hope now, dear Aquarius. You've got a lot of good potential inside you just waiting for an opportunity. Capitalize on it, my dear!

All the fish in the sea can't keep you in nets this season, Pisces. August's Mercury and Uranus dyad has been divvying up action-packed late summer weekends that have been allowing you to soak up the remaining rays of the summer sun on your gills. But the months of September and October are ripe for the harvest, literally and figuratively. There's still treasure to be had if you know where to look (and those end-of-season tag sales this time of year are awfully tempting). Keep a watch on your valuables and take time for a checkup this season. While you're winterizing your car and just about everything else in your Seventh House this season, make sure you're taking time for you. A little First Friday action in our favorite downtown destinations can be just the thing to restore, renew and refresh.

Ah Aries, life's been up and down like a yo-yo lately. With Uranus in Aries marking an upbeat in early fall, things will finally start evening out a bit. After that new moon on August 25, Mars is aiding you on getting your finances, personal relationships and ambitions in order. And when Venus entered Leo last month, honey, there was no way you could escape the added attention you were getting. It's time for you, dear Aries, to celebrate your resolve and tenacity over some turbulent times. Treat yourself to a little something from that downtown York boutique you've had your eye on (and don't use the excuse, "Well, I was only window shopping" to change your mind). Let your creativity flow this season ... now's the time to refresh, redecorate, reinvigorate your life with beautiful things. You're a survivor, sweet Aries, and that's all the more reason to rejoice to the heavens.

Mars in Scorpio signals a change stirring inside you, Taurus. This is a great time to embark on something new, even if it's finally figuring out what you're doing with all the tag-sale finds you picked up over the summer. You'll find yourself under a little pressure at home or at your job these waning late summer days, but persevere, persevere, persevere. September and October's full moons should see some of that change beginning to manifest itself for you. Opportunity can be in the right places if you know where to look. Lest you think we're blowing smoke down the chimney of your Seventh House, you should pal up with Aquarius for a heart-to-heart talk and drinks at your favorite downtown club. Life's shaking all sorts of changes on him faster than the falling leaves. But, Taurus, you have the strength to withstand even the strongest of gale-force gusts.



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AQUARIUS | 01.21 - 02.18

PISCES | 02.19 - 03.20

ARIES - 03.21 - 04.20

TAURUS | 04.21 - 05.20

GEMINI | 05.21 - 06.20

"Play hard, work hard" seems to be the raison d'être of your world, dear Gemini. Mars in Scorpio will make the focus on you, you and you from now through mid-fall. A few upgrades may be in order: career, health, relationships, goal-setting ... all good stuff, don't get us wrong. But the winds of change blowing about your Seventh House are not to be taken lightly. The September full moon could bring something unexpected your way, and you'll need to be ready to embrace it. Looking back won't do you any good, fair Gemini. Ascertain the attitudes underlying your vision of reality. Don't take unnecessary risks, but don't sell yourself too short either. The merry months of September and October are yours for the taking. Go out and rake it in (the leaves can wait another weekend)!

CANCER | 06.21 - 07.22

Mars in Scorpio is giving you some amped up energy and prowess needed to tackle whatever's on your radar this season, dear Cancer. It's time to pursue what you've got coming for you. "But," you say, "I'm still reeling from late summer." Well, those vacation flngs will do that to you, but we know you'll really talking about August's super moon that threw you an unexpected curve ball that you thought you could only see at the Revs stadium. Take heart, sweet Cancer. Be prepared for someone or something new and special to burst into your life during this change of seasons. The start of something small this season could be in your favor. Now, about those vacation flngs ... treat yourself to something fun and fashionable in the Beaver Street boutiques!

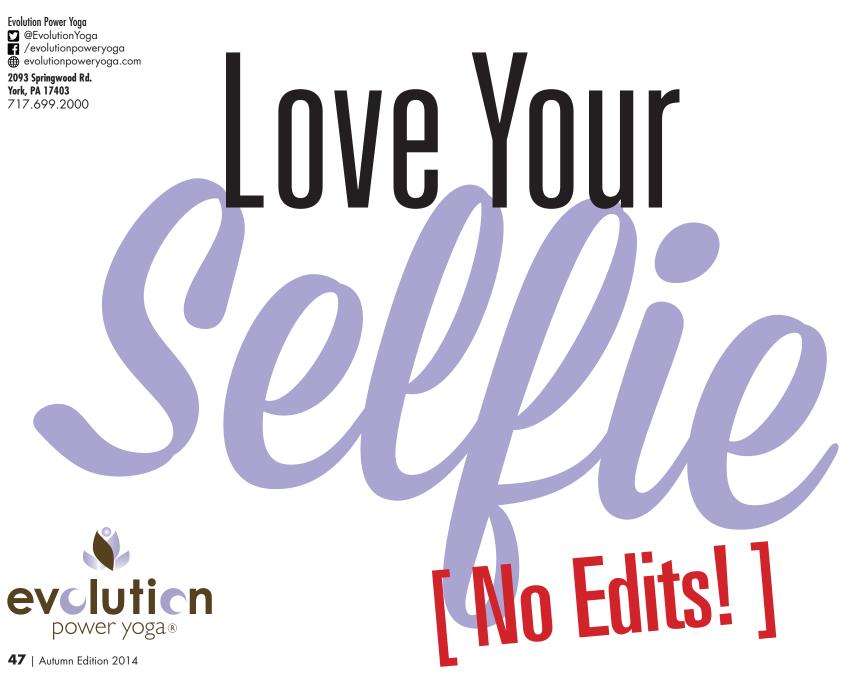
LEO | 07.23 - 08.23

Ah, my mighty Leo! What a fierce roar you've got lately. Seems the Mercury, Mars and Jupiter trio have been making some moves into your life, and you've been on the move quite a bit yourself lately. After all the transitions that are flying about, this isn't the time to let your guard down. Be prepared for some unexpected fireworks to light up your life. It's time to protect what and who you love most. While you're sprucing up your space for fall, it's time to clear out the clutter of anything that's holding you back. Venus is rocking your Seventh House, and you want to be ready to get noticed (not that you aren't a noticeable figure yourself ... you and that

mighty mane. Rowr!).

VIRGO 08.24 - 09.22

Whoa, Virgo, the celestial merry-go-round hasn't been anything like the merriment you're used to at the York Fair. August packed a few punches, but thanks to Mars in Scorpio, you got a little wiser, stronger and shrewder. These late summer/early fall days are perfect for setting the building blocks back in place. Focus on getting things settled, but keep your guard up. That mischievous Mercury could still hurl some unexpected twists of fate your way if you're not careful. Now's a good time to make sure you've got things in place to respond in a moment's notice. Keeping your weekends free for the next few weeks can give you the respite you need from the busyness of your work – the perfect time to just get out for a walk. When was the last time you hiked the Rail Trail? Cut yourself some slack, Virgo. You've earned it!





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