

So Much Stuff, So Little Time

A new service takes your unwanted household items to sell on online auctions.

Even though there are loads of things in your home that you no longer want, you also know you'll never muster the effort to sell them. That's where Packrat Auctions comes in. The new Middletown-based company accepts all manner of household goods to sell for you on eBay and other online auction sites. For a commission, owner Mark Cunningham takes care of the whole process, soup to nuts. For further information: 732.708.9222, packratauctions.com.



We Hear That...

... Howell Living History Farm is the place to go this fall to learn to farm—and to get into character. It seemed to work for **Sigourney Weaver**, **William Hurt**, **Adrien Brody** and **Joaquin Phoenix** who prepared for their roles for the recently released "The Village" by spending a day as farm-hands at the Hopewell Township farm ... that hip-hop star **Sean "P Diddy" Combs**, who recently starred in the Broadway revival of "Raisin in the Sun," just took up residence in New Jersey, buying a 21-room manse in Alpine for \$10 million, replete with 700-gallon aquarium, six-car garage, movie theater and all the fixin's ... that Lambertville's **Zora Andrich**, last seen in the arms of "Joe Millionaire" Evan Marriott, has opened a Long Beach Island boutique that sells environmentally friendly apparel ...

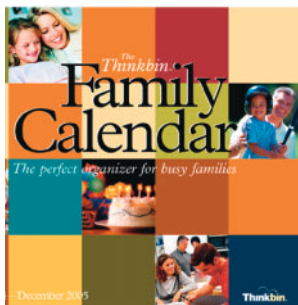


Smooth Operator

Montclair's Rafe Gomez, creator of 'The Groove Boutique' radio show, smokes with cool jazz.

"Smooth jazz." It reminds you of has-been crooners oozing tunes too tepid for anything but elevator interiors. Montclair's Rafe Gomez, the engaging host, DJ and producer of "The Groove Boutique," is changing all that. His syndicated jazz-mix radio program, a Saturday-night hit nationwide among men and women, offers a medley of '70s soul jazz, '80s jazz-funk, '90s acid jazz as well as today's electrojazz, house jazz and uptempo smooth jazz. If Saturday is too long a wait, buy Gomez's "Groove Boutique: Volume I" (Tommy Boy Records). Gomez will also twirl the vinyl at The World Bar at Trump's World Tower in Manhattan. Word has it, The Donald's "Apprentice" candidates will be partying to Gomez's groove.

The Groove Boutique, 8 p.m., Saturdays, WQCD (CD 101.9 FM) or thegrooveboutique.com.



Women on Top

New calendar helps mom sort out crazy family life.

Back from the beach and back to school: New Jersey mothers Claudia Browne and Susan Anderson know this phenomenon all too well. To help keep their own lives sane, they devised the Thinkbin Family Calendar, a practical calendar that starts in August (to coincide with the school year) and has lots of room to chart the activities in a busy family. 800.942.7715 or thinkbin.com.

THE NUMBERS GAME

\$45,000

for shoe-shopping, as part of Kelly Ripa's new five-year, \$45 million contract, which includes eight weeks paid vacation when not beside Regis Philbin on "Live with Regis and Kelly."