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### KENNEL / WAGSWORTH MANOR

27 Spring Mill Drive, Malvern,  
610-251-9247, wagsworthmanor.com

A night at this six-acre, \$6 million Chester County dog-plex will have even the most clingy of kitties and canines texting your iPhone, insisting that it's totally okay for you to spend one more day in South Beach. Private suites with comfy beds, soothing music, an indoor pool and tons of personal attention are positively resort-like.

### MAKEUP ARTIST / ROBBY NELSON AT GIOVANNI & PILEGGI

256 South 16th Street,  
215-568-3040, giovannipileggi.com

Because after an hour in his chair, we still look like ourselves, only better. Much better.

### PET-SITTERS / THE MONSTER MINDERS

215-925-1119, themonsterminders.com

Easier to book than a car share, this adorable team of energetic pet-perts (serving Rittenhouse Square to South Philly) carefully feeds, walks, cleans up and cuddles—but most of all, honestly loves—your furry housemate(s) as much as you do.

### BOTOX DOC / TIMOTHY GRECO

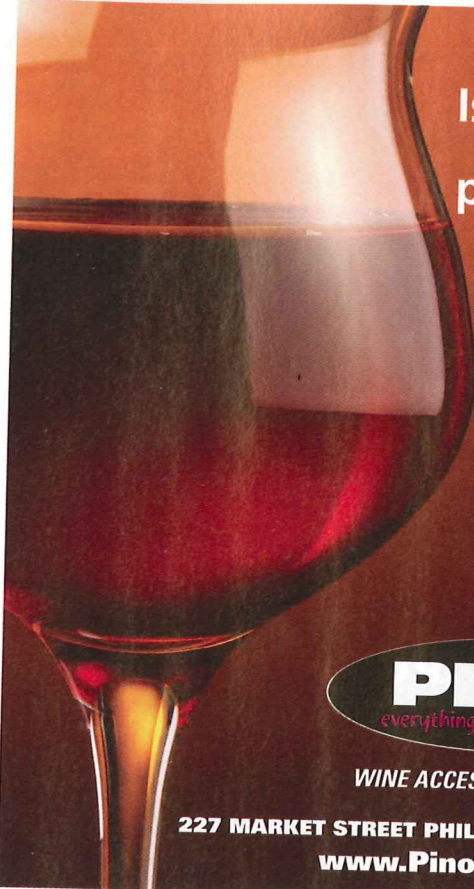
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610-664-8830, drgrecoface.com

So expensive. So worth it.

### DAY SPA / RESCUE RITTENHOUSE SPA

255 South 17th Street, second floor,  
215-772-2766, rescuerittenhousespa.com

Sometimes it takes a glamorous aesthetician who was born in Poland, trained in France, and then toiled in Manhattan to really *get it*. Five years after she opened Rescue, Danuta Mieloch remains peerless. Her space: spare yet luxurious, central yet secluded. Her products: splurge-y yet essential. (Show us a Philadelphienne who doesn't douse her face and décolletage in Biologique's P-50 toner and we'll show you a poseur.) Her staff: in addition to her flawless self, prodigiously talented practitioners of beauty as religion—Nives Riddles on makeup and brows, Tirzah Fowler and Erika Ianoale on facials and waxing, Anna Maria Hernandez on nails. Her services: a standard yet preeminent menu that includes the now-classic Bio-Lift and



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### NEW GYM / BALANCE CHESTNUT HILL

5 East Highland Avenue, Chestnut Hill, 267-335-2271, [balancech.com](http://balancech.com)

At the beleaguered behest of their devoted clientele (among them, local socialites, CHA's varsity football team, Springside's track-and-fielders, and Jimmy Rollins), this personal-training power trio—Aaron Sistrunk, Amy Carolla and Johari Smith (who also happens to be Rollins's fiancée)—have

finally opened a place of their own. It's just big enough to host group classes, but we're signing on for Sistrunk's intense 30-minute sessions, one-on-one Pilates with Carolla, and speed-conditioning with Smith.

### YOGA DOYENNE / JOAN WHITE

3505 Baring Street, 215-386-9228, [joanwhiteyoga.com](http://joanwhiteyoga.com)

Let's keep it simple: If you take yoga seriously and you're in Philly, you really ought to be studying with this senior Iyengar teacher.

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## Mop Tops

The very best haircuts—no matter what your type of mane

**CURLY / Tonia Day at Studio CL** / Call her the Curl Whisperer: Day strikes the almost-impossible balance of snipping away enough bulk for some bounce, while leaving enough weight for a soft swing that's never crunchy with product. 128 South 19th Street, second floor, 215-496-0604, [thestudiocl.com](http://thestudiocl.com).

**STRAIGHT / Robin Warriner at Lakshmi** / Old City vet Warriner executes sublimely straight styles that are geometric, not choppy; full, not newscaster-esque; flat, not flattened. 21 North 2nd Street, 215-923-2272, [lakshmihairstudio.com](http://lakshmihairstudio.com).

**SHORT / Jason Sparks at Jason Matthew** / Sparks isn't just a master at calming nerves and cutting it close: He's also a whiz at brief crops that last a long, long time. 1426 Walnut Street, third floor, 215-545-5055, [jasonmatthew.com](http://jasonmatthew.com).

**LONG / Matt DiBartolo and Joey Festa at Capelli** / Adorable DiBartolo and Festa (now in a new, artsy boutique salon) are the guys to see for long locks that are lush and modern—even, yes, on soccer moms. 13 North State Street, Newtown, 215-968-1000, [thecapellishop.com](http://thecapellishop.com).

**BLACK HAIR / Syreeta Scott at Duafe** / Still the favorite of Jill Scott (no relation)—and us!—for natural styles. If owner Scott's out of town (on-set in, say, Botswana), book an appointment with any one of her able pros. 2947 West Girard Avenue, 215-232-6850, [dua-fe.com](http://dua-fe.com).

**FRIZZY / Giovanni Mele at Giovanni & Pileggi** / Medusa-like locks are an easy fix for Mele, G&P's longtime master of the frizz, who'll gladly tack on a dousing of his legendary super-secret smoothing serum. 256 South 16th Street, 215-568-3040, [giovannipileggi.com](http://giovannipileggi.com).

**MENOPAUSAL / Alan Gold at Haig & Co.** / The dashing Mr. Gold looks after Main Line tresses from puberty

through parenthood, but is a particular master of the hot-flash years. 401 East City Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, 610-668-5373.

**THINNING, WOMEN / Elline Surianello at Pierre & Carlo European Salon & Spa** / Hair savior Surianello, owner of Le Metric hair systems, visits from NYC once a month to hand-tie additional, can't-tell-they're-not-yours tresses into your very own strands. *The Shops at the Bellevue*, 200 South Broad Street, 215-790-9910, [pierreandcarlo.com](http://pierreandcarlo.com); [lemetric.com](http://lemetric.com).

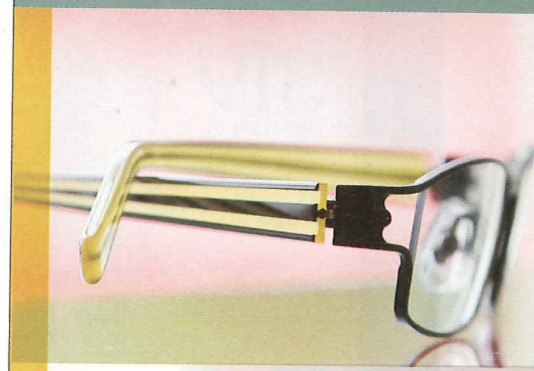
**THINNING, MEN / Images Hair Studio** / That Images adds hair back gradually, over a few months, means your friends will soon forget your old hairline—and instead attribute your new look to something crazy, like extra hours at the gym. 740 Yorkway Place, Jenkintown, 215-887-2284, [imageshairstudio.com](http://imageshairstudio.com).

**MODERN GUY / Alex at AMS Salon & Lounge** / No idle chatter, no extra products, and no questions about your love life. Just a fast, clean, updated cut that suits any man perfectly. 123 South 16th Street, second floor, 215-569-1515, [amssalon.com](http://amssalon.com).

**OLD-SCHOOL GUY / John and Vince's Barber Shop** / Unlisted, with only fading lettering on their picture window, South Philly barbers John and Vince have been offering impeccable, affordable straight-razor shaves and haircuts since Jimmy Durante's day. 1302 South 13th Street, 215-465-4228.

**KIDS / Trim and Proper (formerly Cookie Cutters)** / Kids love the balloons and lollipops, Xboxes and PlayStations, pink coupe and airplane chairs; parents love the simple cuts, the \$14.95 price, and the welcome Trim and Proper extends to kids with special needs. 7932-34 Germantown Avenue, Chestnut Hill, 215-248-5437, and 54 East Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore, 610-658-2887.

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