



PGA National Resort and Spa is participating in Palm Beach County's 1909 Founders Package.

Currents

Worcester connects with West Palm

Starting before Thanksgiving, you can fly from Worcester to West Palm Beach, Fla., on Direct Air Boeing 737s. The service between Worcester Regional and Palm Beach International airports, which starts Nov. 18 and flies in both directions on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, offers 138 coach and 12 first-class seats. Palm Beach County's 1909 Founders Package lets you spend an extra night at more than 50 participating hotels and resorts for \$19.09. The county has 47 miles of coastline, 170 golf courses, and 63 parks and eco-sites, such as the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary and Loggerhead Marinelife Center. 877-432-3473, visitdirectair.com (flight info); 800-554-7256, palmbeachfl.com/founderspackage (hotel info)

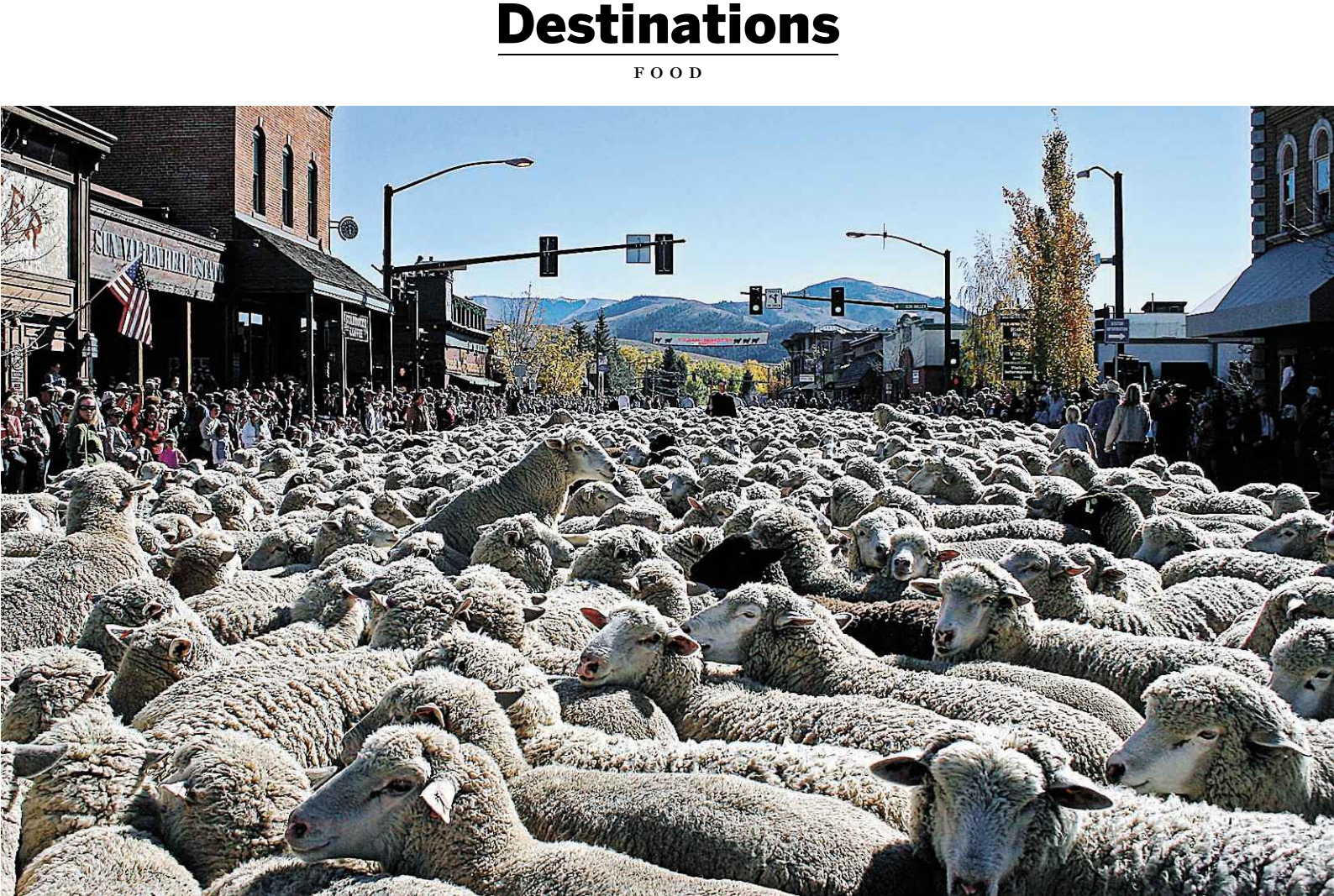
American Express first with yuan checks

American Express now offers the world's first travelers checks in Chinese yuan. Purchase checks in denominations of 500 yuan (equivalent to about \$73.45) online through Bank of America (www.bankofamerica.com) or at Currency Exchange International, which has a branch at 100 Huntington Ave. in Copley Place (617-266-3300, www.ceifx.com). American Express card members can buy the checks online (americanexpress.com/cny) or by calling 866-721-9954. You can cash your checks at approximately 2,000 Bank of China branches, including airport locations in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangdong, and Shandong. The checks will be refunded, typically within 24 hours, if lost or stolen, and they never expire.

Woodstock Inn adds LEED-certified spa

On the grounds of the 218-year-old Woodstock Inn and Resort, in the quaint village of Woodstock, Vt., you'll find a new spa that blends historic charm with state-of-the-art features. The LEED-certified Spa at Woodstock Inn & Resort has 10 treatment rooms, tranquility lounges, a relaxation room, and a full-service salon. Your 100-minute treatment includes a hydrating body masque that uses one of the region's seasonal botanicals — pumpkin spice, deep forest, vanilla maple, or berry bliss — followed by a full-body massage. Then relax in the four-season outdoor courtyard, with its freestanding, Scandinavian-style sauna, fire pit, hot soaking pool, and meditation tree. The Grand Opening Package runs \$278 per night, based on double occupancy, through Dec. 22 and includes standard accommodations, breakfast for two, and \$100 credit toward spa treatments. 888-481-8802, woodstockinnspa.com

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Sheep in Idaho once led their human tenders in population and are the fuzzy focus of an annual festival of all things sheepish in Ketchum.

Lamb on earth, kimchi in space

OCT. 8-10
KETCHUM & HAILEY, Idaho
Trailing of the Sheep Festival: Not until 1970 did people outnumber sheep in Idaho, and this heritage festival celebrates a continuing way of life. In addition to weaving workshops, sheepdog trials, Scottish pipers, and Basque dancers, there's plenty to eat: shepherd's pie, lamb ragu with polenta, barbecued lamb, rack of lamb, and lamb tacos, samosas, fajitas, chorizo, and pizza. On Sunday, the Trailing of the Sheep parades the herds down Main Street en route to their winter pastures. Throughout Ketchum, with some events in Hailey, demonstrations and events free, small fees for workshops and meals. 208-720-0585, www.trailingofthesheep.org

OCT. 9-10
PORT ANGELES, Wash.
Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival: Sweet crabs served with cole slaw and corn on the cob are reason enough to head as far northwest as you can get without entering Palin country. Named for a local fishing village, the Dungeness crab does not ship well, making it best when fresh from the sea. Try your hand in the Grab A Crab Derby; if you catch a tagged crab, it will be cooked for you on the spot. Washington wineries host a tasting, and eight seafood restaurants augment the festival Crab Feed. City Pier and

Red Lion Hotel, admission free, Crab Feed \$25, Grab A Crab Derby \$5. 360-452-6300, www.crabfestival.org

OCT. 16-17
WELLFLEET
10th Annual Wellfleet Oyster Festival: Gastronomes worldwide treasure Wellfleet oysters, and this folksy festival celebrates Cape Cod's most prestigious bivalve. Live music, a 5K road race, and arts and crafts offer diversions, but the main focus is cooking, eating, and appreciating. Cooking demos and a tasting workshop offer low-effort appreciation, while gung-ho fans can enter the Shuck-Off (advance registration) or sign up for a Shucky's Day program of walking an oyster grant and harvesting a few, followed by shucking and tasting (with wine) at a local restaurant. Throughout Wellfleet; admission free, fees for workshops, \$75 fee for Shucky's Day. 508-349-3499, www.wellfleetoysterfest.org

OCT. 23-31
GWANGJU, South Korea
Gwangju Kimchi Culture Festival: Koreans so love their kimchi that the country's space agency developed a version to send aloft with the first Korean cosmonaut to fly in a Russian Soyuz mission. This blowout celebrates the national dish with a free kimchi buffet, classes in making

the fermented salad, and workshops on kimchi in fusion cuisine. Gwangju is also famous for its seafood cuisine, recognizing that one does not live by kimchi alone. Gwangju-si Worldcup Park, general admission free. 011-82-62-1330, www.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/SI/SI_EN_3_2_1.jsp?cid=697371

PLAN AHEAD
NOV. 5-14
KAILUA KONA, Hawaii
Kona Coffee Cultural Festival: Don't sweat the jet lag. No one has trouble staying awake at a celebration of some of the world's finest coffee. The cupping contest to select Kona's best estate coffee is split into two days (probably so the judges can work off the jitters.) Count on a solid 10 days of dancing, music, a coffee-picking contest, beauty pageant, lantern parades, and a general good time. Kailua Kona and environs, Island of Hawaii; admission button \$3. 808-326-7820, www.konacoffeefest.com.

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Wandering in bookstores, hoping to happen on a Frost

► VILLAGE
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Manhattan pilgrimages down pat. They supply a walking tour of literary sites, a bookstore map with short descriptions, snacks on the trip down, and tips on where to eat.

Generously armed with the Korolenkos' suggestions, next time I'll take Peter Pan from Boston to avoid the 6:30 a.m. departure from Fall River. But I'll miss

NOVEL SITES
Tour the bookstores of Greenwich Village at www.boston.com/travel.

the summer-camp camaraderie of riding with 40 other bibliophiles and babbling about favorite authors, favorite stores, favorite sights, and books we hoped to find. My white whale was a first trade edition of "New Hampshire: A Poem with Notes and Grace Notes" by Robert Frost. Published in 1923 by Henry Holt and illustrated with woodcuts by J.J. Illakus, it won the poet his first Pulitzer Prize. I once skipped buying it in a Newburyport book shop and have spent years regretting my misplaced frugality.

Having both a goal to limit my purchases and a backpack to tote my inevitable indulgences eased my assault on the Village bookstore scene, though clerks invariably asked me to leave the backpack at the front desk. (Who would pilfer books? Ask the ghost of sometimes-Village denizen Abbie Hoffman.)

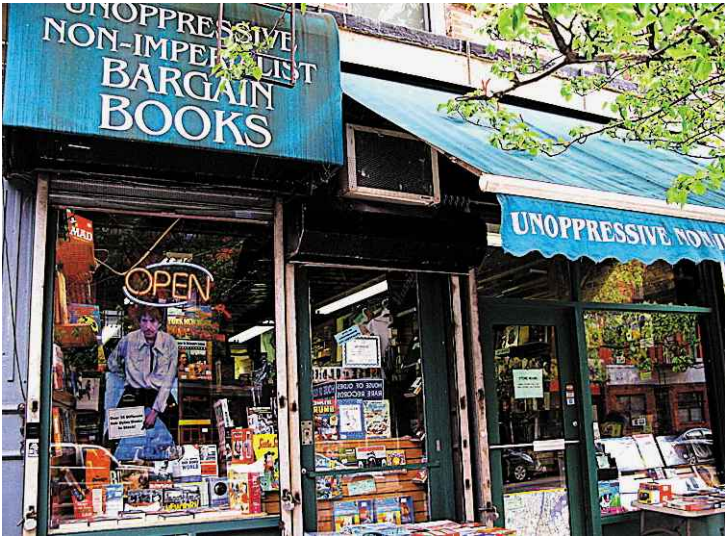
Despite being the nominal setting for the TV show "Friends," Greenwich Village retains its venerable literary and bohemian patina. Once I got off the bus at Washington Square, I walked west on West 10th Street past plaques reminding passersby that Mark Twain lived at No. 14, Dashiell Hammett at No. 28, and legendary party-host Sinclair

Lewis at No. 37. Little cul-de-sacs across 6th Avenue held former homes of playwright Eugene O'Neill (Milligan Place), and journalist-agitator John Reed and poet E.E. Cummings (Patchin Place). I could have spent the day touching bases with literary heroes, but there were books to be bought. Keeping the Frost volume in mind, I decided to save for last the likeliest places to find it.

So I started with guilty pleasures, careening up Greenwich Avenue to Partners & Crime, which must serve my crime and detective fiction needs now that Kate's Mystery Books has closed in Cambridge. Partners has what every devoted reader wants: a great selection of hard-to-find books (like British imports) and the backlist titles of deserving authors. Four books (of 11) by the greatest hard-boiled writer of my generation, the late Jim Crumley, had their own little display.

A few short blocks away, Bonnie Slotnick: Cookbooks enticed me in. I fully appreciate our local Jessica's Biscuit (inside New England Mobile Book Fair in Newton), but Slotnick's selections are narrower and quirkier. In a shop not much bigger than a Manhattan galley kitchen, she has cocktail guides from the Fifties, possibly every book James Beard ever wrote, and vintage cookware hanging on the walls. (Slotnick helped furnish the kitchen sets of the movie "Julie and Julia.")

If Slotnick's shop is the Village's kitchen, then the literary living room is almost across the street at Three Lives & Company, a seller of new books. This is where the literati and would-be literati sprawl on couches to peruse new titles or pick the brains of the amazingly well-read staff. Named as a "pocket of civility" by the Greenwich Village Historical Society, Three Lives is said to be the favorite bookstore of a num-



DAVID LYON FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Forgotten the Sixties? Step into Unoppressive Non-Imperialist Bargain Books on Carmine Street and find your old self.

ber of literary agents — which might explain why some patrons tote dog-eared manuscripts.

To get serious about the Frost volume, I hoofed it over to 8th Avenue and West 12th Street, where I had heard that Left Bank Books had relocated. (It used to be on the left side of Bank Street, hence the name.) Known for its good poetry selection and superb first editions, Left Bank was filled with temptations, but no Frost. (There was a yellowed obituary of Brendan Behan on the wall, though.)

My route back toward Washington Square took me down Carmine Street for a taste of Greenwich Village of the Sixties at Unoppressive Non-Imperialist Bargain Books. Apart from a fabulous section of New York guides, histories, and photo books, most of owner Jim Drougas's selections either draw from liberation ideologies or boomer-generation pop culture. He carries roughly three dozen books by or about Bob Dylan (and has a life-size Cardboard Bob in the window). In a moment of weakness, I bought Suze Rotolo's "A Free-

wheelin' Time: A Memoir of Greenwich Village in the Sixties." Rotolo, who was Dylan's one-time girlfriend, appears on the album cover of "Freewheelin' Bob Dylan." The saying goes that if you can remember the '60s, you weren't there. Rotolo was there.

A similar countercultural spirit prevails over in the East Village-Lower East Side at St. Mark's Bookshop, a dealer in new books with big sections on anarchism, contemporary rock music, and zillions of small press publications. Among them are the hard-to-find but ever erudite "New York Review of Science Fiction." A flier on the community bulletin board urged that someone adopt "Pinky," a bodega cellar cat.

This foray wasn't getting me closer to "New Hampshire," though I could have sworn I heard the book calling my name when I stepped into Alabaster Bookshop. Although Steve Crowley opened the East Village store only in 1996, it has the air of permanence that can be achieved only by floor-to-ceiling wooden

shelves loaded with carefully filed used and rare books. (It even smells like bookbinder's paste.) Crowley's architecture and poetry sections are especially choice . . . but no "New Hampshire."

Over the course of the day I wandered into and out of another dozen shops, and almost hit paydirt at Housing Works Bookstore Cafe (which has public bathrooms). Proceeds from the spacious shop help provide housing and health care for homeless people living with HIV and AIDS. Selections are extremely eclectic and shelves are chaotic, but where else can decorators buy books in antique leather bindings by the foot?

Actually, the storied Strand Bookstore was my ace in the hole for my Frost quest. With some 18 miles of (mostly used) books, Strand dwarfs the other Village bookstores. It would be possible to spend an entire day just browsing, so I was glad to have a goal. I hopped the creakingly slow elevator to the third floor and walked into the sanctum sanctorum of the Rare Books department. It is a particularly dangerous place for a bibliophile with a credit card: an entire floor of volumes that range literally from the sacred (medieval liturgical manuscripts) to the profane (signed Hunter S. Thompson first editions).

Alas, while they had collector's editions of Wallace Nutting's "New Hampshire Beautiful" and John Irving's "Hotel New Hampshire," they did not have a copy of Frost's "New Hampshire." I settled for a 1904 travel book on Scotland (complete with tipped-in reproductions of watercolors) before I joined my fellow book buyers on the bus ride out of Gotham.

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If you go . . .

Helene and Alan Korolenko's next Barrel-of-Music Productions Greenwich Village Bookstore Tour from Fall River is scheduled for May 21. See details at webpages.charter.net/barrel-of-music.

Where to shop

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212-243-0440
www.crimepays.com

Bonnie Slotnick: Cookbooks
163 West 10th St.
212-989-8962
www.bonnieslotnickcookbooks.com
Three Lives & Company
154 West 10th St.
212-741-2069
www.threelives.com

Unoppressive Non-Imperialist Bargain Books
34 Carmine St.
212-229-0079

St. Mark's Bookshop
31 Third Ave.
212-260-7853
www.stmarksbookshop.com

Alabaster Bookshop
122 Fourth Ave.
212-982-3550

Housing Works Bookstore Cafe
126 Crosby St.
212-334-3324
www.housingworks.org/social-enterprise

Strand Bookstore
828 Broadway at 12th Street
212-473-1452
www.strandbooks.com