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## GRANITE VIEWS **ALLYSON RYDER** Must-see play



One of the things I hear most often across the state is how difficult it is to discuss race with our current demographics (94 percent white). Although this one statistic doesn't often tell the full story, including how our white youth population is shrinking while our youth of color population is growing, we do struggle with ways to expose ourselves to "issues of race."

With Black History Month upon us, New Hampshire has few resources and events to celebrate the contributions of the Black and African-American communities in the Granite State and beyond. Perhaps this is because of the aforementioned mindset (all white) but I believe our demographics should not be a barrier to these discussions.

From Feb. 3 through Feb. 6, New Hampshire Theatre Project has partnered with several education institutions throughout the state to offer a free showing of the play *The Niceties*. This powerful production highlights many of the ways our lost history, and the subsequent dynamics because of this, play out in the classroom.

When asked about his impressions after seeing the play, Dr. Dennis Britton, associate professor at UNH, shared this: "*The Niceties* wonderfully captures a variety of tensions that surface at United States' colleges and universities — how the very structures of academic knowledge exclude marginalized voices, the relationship between campus climate and one's ability to excel academically, and how racial, cultural, and generational differences can create rifts between faculty and students. The play does not provide any easy answers, but instead challenges us to think critically about how to make the university more intellectually, racially, and culturally inclusive."

I've seen the play before, and I was left grappling with the conflict between the appreciation of having witnessed a dynamic that I was fortunate to never experience as a white person, and the sadness of knowing how many gaps exist within our curriculums.

*The Niceties* will be at SNHU in the Walker Auditorium on Monday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m.; at Philips Exeter Academy in Assembly Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m.; and at UNH-Durham in the Johnson Theatre on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 12:30 pm.

I strongly recommend you attend one of these free showings and offer yourself the gift of education during this month of celebration. If you aren't able to attend one of these showings, please check out the great programs being offered by the Black Heritage Trail of NH, and/or visit your local bookstore and purchase a book by a Black author.

For those who identify as white, let's make February 2020 the start of a journey to understanding the richness of one of the most overlooked populations in our nation's foundation and history: the Black community.

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Pork tonkotsu ramen from Noodz in  
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# NEWS & NOTES

## Primary travel

In anticipation of heavy media, candidate and voter traffic throughout the home stretch of the Granite State's first-in-the-nation primary, Manchester Police have announced a Traffic Safety Plan that will impact city traffic between Feb. 3 and Feb. 12. Announced in a Jan. 27 news release from the MPD, the plan includes multiple revisions to normal city traffic, including but not limited to: the closure of the Middle Street Parking Lot, the closure and barricading off of City Hall Annex Parking; chronic temporary closure of Market Street and Middle Street for live shot media. MPD encourages travelers to anticipate minor delays and allow for extra time to get to your intended destination.

## Coronavirus

Granite State officials are monitoring and making preparations for the new and deadly strain of coronavirus originating from the Chinese city of Wuhan. In a Jan. 27 news release from

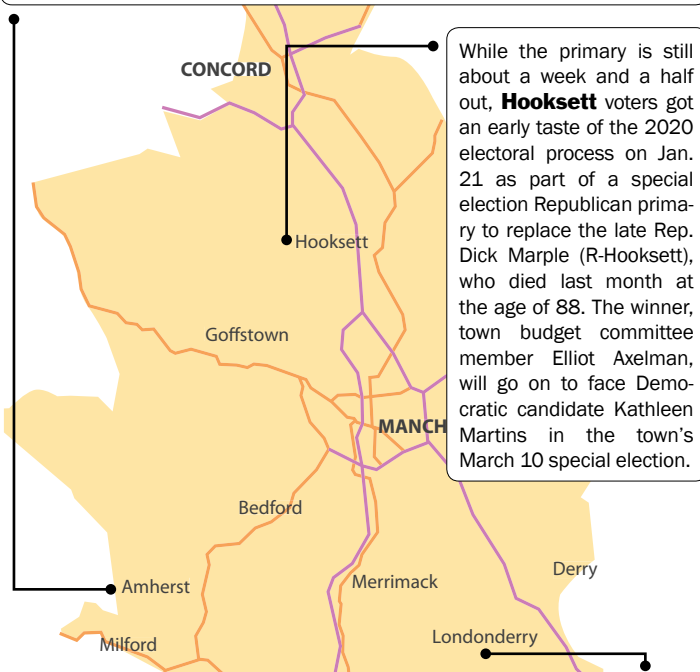
the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, officials announced that there are presently two individuals in New Hampshire with recent travel to Wuhan "who have developed respiratory symptoms and are currently undergoing testing for novel coronavirus." In the release, officials note that both individuals have mild illnesses, sought treatment and are recovering while their test samples are being reviewed by the Centers for Disease Control. If test results are positive for coronavirus, officials say they will share protective information with the afflicted and the general public as soon as possible. In the interim, NH DHHS is asking all providers to report individuals with travel to Wuhan or Hubei Province, China, who become ill with fever or respiratory symptoms within 14 days of travel.

## Manchester school plans

On Jan. 27, Manchester Proud, a community-based group of local civic organizations, businesses, school

officials and citizens with the goal of improving the Queen City's public schools, delivered their draft plan of initiatives and timetables for the future of education in Manchester to the city's Board of School Committee. The byproduct of two years of study and planning by the group, the plan contains a set of 37 initiatives geared toward improving different facets of the city's school system. The initiatives vary widely in nature, with simpler administrative fixes like developing a needs-based organizational chart that more clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of staff and faculty members, to longer-term efforts like moving to a competency-based curriculum and exploring opportunities for new streams of revenue. Manchester Proud has posted the draft proposal at manchesterproud.org and welcomes public input and questions in an electronic form found on the site. The organization is asking the board to adopt the plan at its Feb. 20 meeting, according to a Jan. 27 news release. 📍

**Amherst**-based software maker Interware Development Co. ranks among the best workplaces for nursing mothers, according to the New Hampshire Breastfeeding Task Force. In a Jan. 24 news release from Interware, the company announced the reception of the state's Breastfeeding Friendly Employer Award, which "recognizes workplaces for their family friendly practices and policies." In particular, Interware was commended for a company lactation policy and the installation of a dedicated lactation room.



While the primary is still about a week and a half out, **Hooksett** voters got an early taste of the 2020 electoral process on Jan. 21 as part of a special election Republican primary to replace the late Rep. Dick Marple (R-Hooksett), who died last month at the age of 88. The winner, town budget committee member Elliot Axelman, will go on to face Democratic candidate Kathleen Martins in the town's March 10 special election.

**Londonderry** town attorney Michael Ramsdell has determined that the December removal of a row of apple trees along Gilcrest Road by crews hired by Pillsbury Realty Development was legal, according to a Jan. 21 Union Leader report, despite some town residents' belief that the tree removal went farther than the agreed upon parameters of the Planned Use Development master plan for Woodmont Commons.

## Politics This Week

- **Bill Weld:** Former Massachusetts Gov. Republican Bill Weld will stage several events in the week leading up to the Feb. 11 New Hampshire primary, according to the campaign. On Friday, Jan. 31, Weld will attend an 8 p.m. concert and rally in Derry at the Tupe-lo Music Hall. The following week at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, he will attend the New Hampshire Youth Climate & Clean Energy Town Hall at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord. At 6:30 p.m., Weld will hold a town hall at the Arbor Restaurant in Nashua. On Friday, Feb. 7, Weld will hold another town hall at 6:30 p.m. at Colby Sawyer College in New London. Weld will go on to stage a Saturday, Feb. 8, town hall meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Whipple Free Library in New Boston and a Sunday, Feb. 9, town hall meeting at

the Water Street Bookstore at 1 p.m. in Exeter. Visit [weld2020.org](http://weld2020.org).

- **Andrew Yang:** On to the Democrats, entrepreneur Andrew Yang will be in the state to attend the New Hampshire Youth Climate & Clean Energy Town Hall at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, according to the campaign. Visit [yang2020.com](http://yang2020.com).

- **Bernie Sanders:** Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders will be in Concord at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, to attend the New Hampshire Youth Climate & Clean Energy Town Hall at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord, according to the campaign. Visit [berniesanders.com](http://berniesanders.com).

- **Pete Buttigieg:** Former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg will return to the Granite State on Wednesday, Feb. 5, according to the

campaign. Buttigieg will attend the 11 a.m. New Hampshire Youth Climate & Clean Energy Town Hall at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord. Visit [peteforamerica.com](http://peteforamerica.com)

- **Tom Steyer:** Businessman Tom Steyer will be in New Hampshire on Wednesday, Feb. 5, to attend the 11 a.m. New Hampshire Youth Climate & Clean Energy Town Hall at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord, according to the campaign. Visit [tomsteyer.com](http://tomsteyer.com).

- **Donald Trump:** On the eve of the New Hampshire primary, President Donald Trump will return to the state for only the second time since his 2016 election, according to the campaign. Trump will hold a 7 p.m. campaign rally on Monday, Feb. 10, at the SNHU Arena in Manchester. Visit [donald-jtrump.com](http://donald-jtrump.com).

## BEST WEEK for... LORI SHIBINETTE

After spending the past two years serving as the Chief Executive Officer of New Hampshire Hospital, Northfield resident Lori Shibinette will take over as the commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services following her unanimous confirmation by the Executive Council. In a Jan. 22 news release regarding his successful appointment of Shibinette, Gov. Sununu championed the new DHHS commissioner for her "unmatched operational experience."

## WORST WEEK for... JEWISH FEDERATION PRESCHOOL

The Jewish Federation Preschool, which has operated for three decades in the Queen City's North End, will close for business this June. In a letter released by the school to the public on Jan. 22, officials say the changing needs of families in the community and declining enrollment convinced the Federation Board that the organization "can no longer sustain the significant operational costs" associated with the school.

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## Lab partners

SNHU and Boston Celtics team up for science

On Jan. 24, Manchester's Green Acres Elementary school christened a new technology lab, courtesy of an ongoing partnership between Southern New Hampshire University and the Boston Celtics. Beginning in 2012, the two organizations came together to develop greater education, internship and career opportunities for the college's campus and online population. In addition to benefiting university students, SNHU and the Celtics used their partnership to promote STEM education through the construction of tech labs in elementary schools and middle schools in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Steve Thiel, SNHU's assistant vice president of social impact and community relations, talked about the partnership with the Celtics and Green Acres' new lab.

**Q:** *Can you tell us a little bit about the history of the partnership between SNHU and the Boston Celtics?*

Southern New Hampshire University and the Boston Celtics partnered beginning in the 2012-2013 NBA season. The partnership has changed a little bit over the years, but it's always been about benefiting our campus and online students with projects, internships, speakers series or other things that will enhance [our students' educations] that the Celtics can offer, as well as making a difference in the New Hampshire and Massachusetts communities. The technology lab that we're opening [on Jan. 24] is part of a longstanding program where we've opened what will be 13 computer labs in Massachusetts and New Hampshire in middle and elementary schools around both states.

*How would you describe the overall purpose of the partnership?*

Really, it's just about expanding access to technology in the schools and giving teachers and students more tools to enhance their learning. We also support a "Read to Achieve" literacy program that the Celtics run in Boston Public Schools. So, really our programs are about benefiting our student body and the broader community in the various ways that we can have influence.

*How did you select Green Acres for this lab?*

We worked with the Manchester School District because we were looking for an elementary school to do this lab donation and renovation. The district came back and recommended Green Acres Elementary School as a place that was lacking in its technological access and equipment. We went in and the school offered up a classroom space that they had used and was previously sort of underutilized and could be thought of in a different way.

*What are these labs exactly?*

Ultimately what we're creating is sort of a new maker space and technology lab. It's called the Cricket Commons, because Green Acres' mascot is the cricket. We're going to donate a number of maker items: DASH Robots, B-Bots and a few other pieces of equipment that rely



Green Acres Elementary students experimenting with Dash Robots at the opening of the school's new Technology Lab.

on coding and other STEM concepts to make them work. Also with the space comes the addition of 35 iPads and a new projector for the space. Really it's about connecting their library, which is already a learning space, with a maker space that lets you take what you're learning in the classroom and put it to work in a tangible way.

*Are these labs going to be general purpose, or will they be utilized by robotics teams or technology specific classes?*

It depends on the school. Every school has used their lab differently. I think this one will be primarily used by classrooms and after-school programs, but we try to be very careful about not dictating how these labs get used to the schools. It's really meant to be school-led, and I'm sure Green Acres has a whole bunch of plans and brainstorming ideas on how they can integrate it with their elementary school program and Manchester's only deaf and hard of hearing elementary program, which Green Acres hosts.

*I know this was the 13th lab that you guys have installed. Given that number, are you able to speak to the kinds of benefits you guys have observed in the communities you've already been to?*

The biggest thing, I think, initially is that there are always faculty at these schools who want to do more from a technical capacity but feel limited in the equipment that they have. They may want to teach coding as a part of their curriculum, maker technology lessons or other STEAM and STEM concepts, and they simply just don't have the equipment. Most readily, these labs provide the expansion of curriculum that they're able to pursue. The other thing is that students at many of these schools have been centrally involved in the process of doing the lab renovations. So to have those leadership skills brought out of those students and get feedback from them is exciting. Ultimately, the most powerful thing that we leave behind is that the students in these schools matter, and that the people outside of the schools are paying attention to them and making investments into their futures. That obviously has a powerful ripple effect in terms of a student evaluating his or her own self-worth. — *Travis R. Morin*

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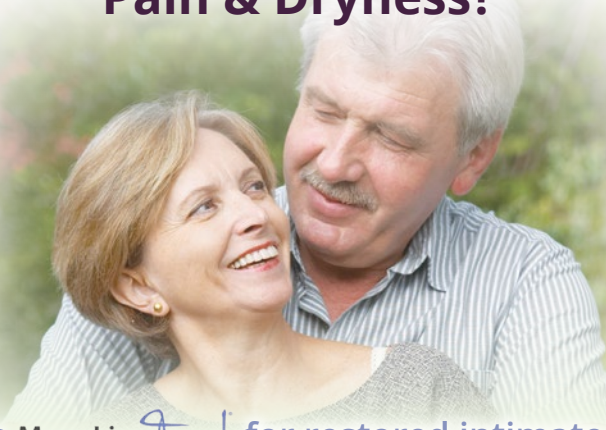


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### Manufacturing in Manchester

New Hampshire's largest city ranks among the top cities where American manufacturing is thriving. In the results of a study performed by small business information and advising firm AdvisorSmith, Manchester was recognized as ninth on the list of midsize cities where manufacturing was at its strongest. Additionally, Manchester held the title as the only northeastern city on the midsize top 10 list, and one of just two northeastern cities among small, midsize and large cities (Hartford, Connecticut, came in at No. 5 on the list of large cities). The rankings were based on AdvisorSmith's study of 318 American cities utilizing criteria like manufacturing output growth rate, manufacturing output per capita, manufacturing location quotient and manufacturing employment growth rate.

Score: +1

Comment: *The top performing city in the study was Elkhart, Indiana, according to AdvisorSmith.*

### Health care hikes

A new study from Quote Wizard, a division of Lending Tree, says New Hampshire is among the few states to have seen the highest rate of health care cost increases. In a Jan. 27-released study, Quote Wizard reports that New Hampshire saw the fourth-highest increase in health care costs over the past decade, with health care spending per person going up 52.91 percent during the 10-year period between 2008 and 2018. Among other key findings, Quote Wizard reports that New Hampshire's total annual premium cost went from \$6,249 in 2013 to \$7,405 in 2018, at an increase rate of 18.50 percent over six years, and that the personal health premium costs for New Hampshire employees have increased by 14.35 percent since 2013.

Score: -1

Comment: *According to the release, in 2018 New Hampshire employees contributed an average of \$1,618 per year on health premiums, while employers contributed \$5,787. Altogether, Quote Wizard reports that employees paid an average 21.85 percent of total premium costs in that year.*

### Tax help is on the way

Tax season has arrived and the Citizens Bank and Granite United Way are here to help. According to a Jan. 24 news release from the Granite United Way, for the eighth year in a row the two organizations are partnering to provide free tax preparation services to low- and moderate-income Granite Staters. Known as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, the effort brings together IRS-trained tax professionals and individuals and families making \$69,000 or less on an annual basis.

Score: +1

Comment: *According to the release, in 2018 the program helped bring nearly \$6 million in federal tax refunds to low- to moderate-income residents.*

### It's OK to be a boomer here

In a newly released study from the career-resource website Zippa, the Granite State ranks as the No. 3 state in the nation to be a baby boomer. After ranking each state in the categories of average retirement savings, boomer unemployment rate, percentage of boomers with mortgage debt, percentage of boomers with retirement savings and general state well-being, Zippa found that boomers in New Hampshire have the lowest poverty rate in the nation (5.6 percent).

Score: +1

Comment: *The two states that beat New Hampshire were Nebraska in second and Iowa in first.*

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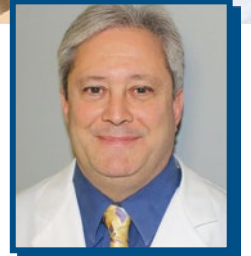
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## Super Bowl 101 front and center



After playing in three straight and four of the last five it seems weird to not be writing about the Patriots getting ready play in Sunday's Super Bowl. Props to KC and SF for getting there, but instead of Sunday's game, today we'll look

back at some of the greatest moments, players and coaches of the NFL title game as its 100<sup>th</sup> season comes to a close. And before I do that, let me remind you that there was football before the Super Bowl – it was called the NFL-AFL Championship game in 1966. So we'll include some entries from before that in this offbeat tribute to the NFL's first 100 championship games.

**Most Anticipated Game – SBI:** There were two camps. Either you loved the NFL and wanted the AFL destroyed or vice versa. It was 14-10 at the half, but Green Bay rolled after that to win 35-10 and a less than gracious **Vince Lombardi** rubbed their nose in it by saying several NFL teams were better.

**Most Ridiculous Game – 1940:** Though nuclear disaster is a better description with Washington getting destroyed 73-0. **Bill Osmanski** went 68 yards for a TD on the second play to send the Bears out 21-0 after one, 28-0 at the half before they got hot to score 47 second-half points.

**Greatest Beatdown – SB 20:** Chicago against your mid-'80s NE Patriots. The 46-10 score wasn't as bad as 1940, but **Tony Eason** was terrified of Da Bears from the jump and only replacement **Steve Grogan's** incredible toughness saved him because they pummeled Grogan.

**Best Ending – 2000:** Tennessee kicker **Al Del Greco** tied it with 2:12 left, before **Kurt Warner** hit **Isaac Bruce** 18 seconds later for a 73-yard TD pass to make it 23-16 before **Steve McNair** took the Titans 87 yards on 10 plays before wide-out **Kevin Dyson** was dragged down by **Steve Jones** on the one as time expired.

**Gutsiest Play Call:** With the temp at 30 below zero Packers QB **Bart Starr** mercifully ends the famed Ice Bowl by sneaking in for a TD with 10 seconds left and no timeouts left to beat Dallas when a field goal would have sent it to OT.

**Worst Play Call:** Disaster follows Seattle OC **Darrell Bevell's** call for a pass from the Pats' one-yard line in the final minute of SB 49 with the game's best power runner, **Marshawn Lynch**, there to take it in. Talk about outsmarting yourself.

**Best Play – Defense:** With help from old Darrell, the **Malcolm Butler** goal line pick moments later to save the Pats. But hey, what about **James Harrison's** first-half-ending 100-yard pick six vs. Arizona in SB 48? That degree of difficulty was much higher for Harrison, but Butler's pick won it when all appeared lost for the Pats.

**Best Play – Offense:** Sorry, Big Blue, but the Velcro catch isn't even your best play against the Patriots. It's **Eli Manning** somehow escaping in his own end zone to hit a surrounded-by-three-Patriots **Mario Manningham** at the 50 on the game-winning drive. Raider **Marcus Allen** circling all the way across the field on his 74-yard TD run in SB 28 was great too, but the game was way over.

**Best Play – Special Teams:** There were so many that day by Green Bay's **Desmond Howard**, I can't remember which one, but he annihilated the Pats in SB 31.

**Dumbest Replacement After a SB Winning Coach Steps Down:** Tie – (1) When PO'd **Bill Parcells** quits a few weeks after SB 25 the Giants hire Plan B **Ray Handley** because **Bill Belichick** had bolted to Cleveland; Handley's reign made just fired **Pat Shurmur** look like **Bill Walsh**. (2) **Dick Vermeil** gets pushed out by the Rams after 2000 for supposed coaching genius on the rise **Mike (K) Martz**; the titanically over-rated Martz runs them into the ground after picking **Marc Bulger** to start at QB over two-time MVP **Kurt Warner**.

**Best Catch:** With all due respect to **Lynn**

**Swann** (SB 10), **Julian Edelman** (SB 51), **Santonio Holmes** (SB 43) and **David Tyree** (gulp, SB 42) it's **Julio Jones'** astonishing late fourth quarter grab that nearly croaked the Pats in SB 51, when he leapt over perfectly positioned **Eric Rowe** to snatch a ball headed for the upper deck before holding on as he hit the ground fully stretched to keep both feet in bounds while running there at full speed. YouTube it – the athleticism is incredible.

**Greatest Upset – SB 3:** A very boring game but still a stunner, as the AFL Jets shock all by knocking off the 18-point favorite Baltimore Colts 16-7.

**Best Game by a Losing Player:** **Tom Brady** vs. Eagles. His had 503 passing yards to keep NE in it amid a defensive meltdown. And if not for that strip sack at the end, who knows.

**Best Comeback:** Pats come back from down 28-3 to beat Atlanta on OT 34-28.

**Most Under Appreciated Player:** Props to Eli for his dramatics and Edelman's second most all-time catches, but it's **Charles Haley**, a maniacal edge rusher with San Francisco and Dallas while winning a second most five times.

**Best Player:** **Jerry Rice**. No, Tom Brady. Ah, Rice. No, Brady. Well, let's see. Jerry has the most catches and most TD's. Brady is a four-time MVP with the most TD passes. But Rice was 3-0 and Brady has three losses. But Tom had that 503 passing yards in the loss to the Eagles and the other two required miracle plays to beat them. He's also won a most ever six SB's, got his team there nine times and led three game-winning final drives and, oh by the way, that comeback to beat Atlanta in OT. So the SB G-O-A-T is TB-12.

**Greatest Prediction Ever:** I'll take D over O on Sunday – San Francisco 27-24 with **Pat Mahomes** sacked on the Niners' 10 by whichever **Bosa** brother plays for SF as time runs out.

Enjoy the game, everyone.

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# BG girls stays undefeated

**The Big Story – Bragging Rights Game of the Week:** To the 7-0 BG girls for running away from Memorial in a 67-51 win to hand the 6-1 Crusaders their first loss. **Erin Carney** was high for Bishop Guertin with 28 while **Tamrah Gould** and **Lyric Grumblatt** had 20 and 19 respectively for the Crusaders.

**Sports 101:** On this day in 1971 the UCLA basketball team begins a winning streak that ends at a record 88 games. Name the team to beat them last before the streak started and who ended the streak nearly three years later.

**Questions of the Week:** When a team scores 27 points in one quarter as Bishop Guertin did in a 65-32 win over Pinkerton and gives up just two points in the same period, what gets top billing, the offensive explosion or the defensive clamp-down? Likely it's both, so the real question is, what was the halftime talk about to ignite that 27-2 tear after going to the locker room trailing 25-23?

**Pete Maravich Award:** To Goffstown's **Kelly Walsh** for emulating the legendary '60s college scoring wizard because the point totals keep climbing higher. Once

again she outscored the other team by herself while scoring 38 points in G-town's 61-26 win over on Tuesday. She then went for a more pedestrian (for her) 28 in Friday's nine-point win over Nashua South for a 66-point week.

**Sports 101 Answer:** Notre Dame behind a 46-point game from **Austin Carr** was the last team to beat UCLA before the 88-game streak started. The Irish also ended it Jan. 19, 1974, when **Dwight Clay** drained a final-minute baseline 15-footer to set off a massive celebration in South Bend.

**On This Day – Jan. 30: 1973** – NFL observers are stunned when looney U of Tampa DT **John Matuszak** comes out of nowhere to be drafted taken first overall by the Houston Oilers. **1996** – **Magic Johnson** comes out of his five-year HIV-positive-induced retirement with the usual flair by going for 19 points, eight rebounds and 10 assists as L.A. downs Golden State 128-118. **2000** – Arguably greatest Super Bowl (34) ever ends when Tennessee's **Kevin Dyson** is tackled on the one-yard line as time runs out to preserve a 23-16 Rams win. 🐾

## The Numbers

**2** – number of Zachs scoring goals for Merrimack in a 4-2 NHIAA hockey win over Nashua South/Souhegan when **Zachs Richard** and **Stimeling** joined **Kai Schemp** and **Dominic Carozza** in lighting the lamp for the Tomahawks.

**9** – consecutive wins for undefeated Merrimack with the latest a 67-60 win over Concord on Friday when the **Theresa Twardo-**

**sky-Riley Crampton** duo shared game-high honors 15 points each.

**17** – points scored in the first half by **Justin O'Neill** to keep slow starting Bedford in the game before coming alive to down Londonderry 67-60 when he finished with 24 overall.

**22** – points scored by **Avah Ingalls** as Pinkerton rolled over Keene 66-37 to get to 7-1 on the season.

**24** – saves for **Vito Mancini** in anchoring

Windham's stingy defense in a 2-1 win over St. Thomas of Dover.

**28** – points scored by **Noah (thing or two) Timmer** to help make Bishop Guertin a 10-point winner over Keene at 66-56.

**1,000** – career point milestone already reached in just her junior season by Bishop Brady's **Ami River** when she went for a game-high 19 points in the Green Giants' 61-45 win over Bow. 🐾

## Sports Glossary

**John Matuszak:** Behemoth 6'8" D-lineman who blew through two teams in a checkered career before finding his niche with the Just Win Baby Raiders, who he helped win two SB's. Then it was on to acting in a series of forgettable films like *Caveman*, *The Princess and the Dwarf* and *One Man Force*. The best was playing deformed man-child Sloth who saves the gang from the Fratelli crime family in *The Goonies*.

**Pete Maravich:** Dazzlingly floppy-socked, low black Cons-wearing '60s LSU star with the motto "If you're hot shoot to stay hot and if you're cold shoot to get hot." He burst on the scene by averaging 43.8 per game as a sophomore, then it was 44.2 and 44.5. Two things are certain about Pistol Pete: We'll never see his sheer flair again and no one will ever touch his career college record 3,661 scored in just three incredible seasons.

**Low Black Cons:** Real name black Converse All-Stars. Worn by **Pistol Pete** and **Bill Russell**'s Celtics as they won 11 titles in 13 years as well as every wannabe Pete out there like young **Rick Pitino** playing at St. Dominic's HS on Long Island. As with all sneaks in them thar days, wearing three pairs of socks was a must or you'd come away with serious blisters. Still, since they were the coolest-looking sneaks of the pre-global warming days, it was worth it. Because as the '70s TV commercial proclaimed, they were lim-MO-seans for the feet. 🐾

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**WARM UP WITH RAMEN,  
PHO AND OTHER  
SAVORY NOODLE BOWLS**

Ramen from Sun Asian Bistro in Derry, coming to its menu in February. Courtesy photo.

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When Trumin Nguyen opened Buba Noodle Bar in Manchester in July 2018, he started with a simple menu of authentic Vietnamese dishes, including multiple versions of pho, the popular noodle soup. But it wasn't until about two months later, he said, that he introduced ramen as a special. The response was so positive that ramen is now a staple of the eatery's menu, with more special variations of the dish being featured today.

"My expertise is in Vietnamese food ... but now I've learned to do all kinds of different things," Nguyen said. "Because we are a noodle bar, I thought, 'Why not do some other different things that involve noodles?' So that was how ramen came into play."

Noodle soups are among the cornerstones of several Asian cuisines. From the types of noodles to the broths to the meats and vegetables, you will see a variety of Asian noodle soups in restaurants across New Hampshire. Ramen and pho are two of the most common — but what is the difference between the two, and what are some other types of noodle soups that you'll see on menus? Local restaurant chefs and owners discuss the regional variations of these dishes, as well as the options available around here.

### Pho-nomenal flavors

Pho — pronounced "fuh" — is traditionally prepared with rice noodles, according to Hanh Nguyen, owner of Sun Asian Bistro in Derry (no relation to Trumin). The broth, which is much lighter than that of ramen in both color and taste, is often made from beef. Some restaurants also offer chicken or vegetarian broths for pho. Others, like Pho Street in Nashua, serve duck pho.

It can take anywhere from 12 to 24 hours to

make the broth — beef broth usually takes the longest to make, Trumin Nguyen said.

"The first day, the meat and the bones are cooked ... and then the second day is when you add aromatics like onions, ginger, other spices and some herbs," he said. "Chicken broth doesn't use a lot of aromatics, so it's quicker to make."

With beef pho, there are usually multiple options to order different cuts of meat in your soup, like brisket, flank steak, beef tendon, meatballs or a combination of two or more. Tripe (beef stomach) is a much less common option for pho, though Pho Tai Loc in Nashua does offer it.

At Sun Asian Bistro, diners have the option to order any of the soups the traditional way, with rice noodles, or they can replace them with yellow egg noodles. They offer several cuts of beef, in addition to pho ga (chicken pho), seafood pho with imitation crab meats, shrimp, scallops and squid, or vegetarian pho with deep fried tofu. Bun bo hue, a heartier, spicier cousin of pho that uses lemongrass and rice vermicelli noodles, is also expected to be added to the menu soon.

"It depends on what the customer wants," Hanh Nguyen said. "Rice noodles are the best option for people that are gluten-free, but some customers like yellow noodles. So we have a lot of options here."

Pho also contains more herbs than ramen, she said, using as many as 10 different types to create an overall vibrant flavor. Most pho dishes are topped with scallions, onions or cilantro, and served with bean sprouts and basil on the side. Some eateries, like Buba Noodle Bar, will also have jalapenos and a lime, as well as bottles of hoisin sauce and Sriracha on the dining table for you to dip the meat into.

The exact origins of pho are unclear, but according to Trumin Nguyen, it was one of

many dishes in Vietnam that was influenced by the French, who occupied the country during the early part of the 20th century. He said the popularity of pho would spread to other parts of the world, especially after the end of the Vietnam War.

"People fled the country ... and the easiest comfort food for them to make was pho," he said.

Beef pho is consistently one of the most popular types of the soup, likely because of the different cuts of meat you can make it with, he said. But even across different parts of Vietnam, there are different regional variations of the dish. Northern Vietnam, in particular, is known for its chicken pho, while in the south, you will see more beef. Hanh Nguyen said that the noodles also tend to be slightly thicker and whiter in color in the north, compared to central and southern regions.

### Ramen and then some

Ramen is perhaps widely associated with Japanese cuisine. But according to the Collins English Dictionary, its name is actually likely derived from the Chinese word "lamian," meaning "pulled noodles." Fresh ramen noodles are wavy or curly and made from wheat, Trumin Nguyen said, while the dried instant ramen you'll find on grocery store shelves tend to be made with egg. The broth of ramen is also much thicker and cloudier than that of pho, making for a heartier, more savory bowl of soup. Common toppings will include pork belly, a soft-boiled egg, bok choy, scallions, nori (dried seaweed), bean sprouts or naruto (fish cake).

"A lot of places do ... pork broth for ramen, but because we are a small kitchen, our ramen broth is usually chicken," Trumin Nguyen said. "We only have one pork [broth] sometimes as a special. It takes a longer time to cook."

Buba Noodle Bar offers several types of ramen, like spicy miso and shoyu (soy-based). Recent specials have included paitan ramen, prepared in a thick, creamy broth.

In recent years, modern takes on ramen have increasingly become available at restaurants across New Hampshire, available in a variety of unique forms. Noodz, for example, which opened in December 2018 in downtown Manchester, serves several ramen bowls with housemade noodles; you can get them in a smoky pork broth, a beef and soy broth, a miso chicken broth or a mushroom-based vegetarian broth.

At Takumi in Nashua, ramen was originally only available as a lunch item, but as of October, it's available all day, in four flavors: shoyu, miso, pork tonkotsu and a spicy tantan ramen.

The Unity Cafe in Manchester features several "fusion" noodle bowls on its menu, the most popular of which features ramen in a sweet and sour broth, with baby corn, water chestnuts, grilled chicken, red bell peppers, snow peas, bamboo shoots, scallions, cilantro and sesame seeds.

"It's definitely got the best of both worlds ... because it's both sweet and a little spicy, but not to the point where it burns your mouth," Unity Cafe front house supervisor George Griffin said.

Ramen is expected to make its debut on at least two restaurant menus in New Hampshire later this year. Hanh Nguyen said Sun Asian



Beef pho from Buba Noodle Bar in Manchester. Courtesy photo.

Bistro is currently working on adding a few ramen dishes to the menu in February, while at Thousand Crane in Manchester, manager Jenny Yang said ramen will likely be added sometime by the spring.

In the 2003 cookbook *Essentials of Asian Cuisine*, author Corinne Trang writes that noodles were brought to Japan by the Chinese likely around the eighth century. The two most prominent types of Japanese noodles are known as soba and udon — soba noodles are thinner and of a lighter brown color, while udon noodles are very thick and chewy in texture. Most Japanese bistros and steakhouses in the Granite State offer noodle soups with either type.

Ramen, on the other hand, likely made the

### A glossary of menu terms

*This list contains terms you may encounter on restaurant menus in New Hampshire when ordering noodle bowls or soups.*

- **Bun bo hue:** a heartier, spicier cousin of beef pho that uses lemongrass and rice vermicelli noodles
- **Chashu:** roasted pork belly
- **Dashi:** the stock that forms the base for a soup broth
- **Khao soi:** egg noodles in a curry broth
- **Lamian:** soft wheat flour Chinese noodles
- **Mazeman:** Brothless ramen
- **Miso:** Fermented soybeans
- **Naruto:** fish cake
- **Nori:** dried seaweed
- **Paitan:** a thick, creamy broth
- **Pho:** Vietnamese soup with rice noodles

- **Pho Ga:** chicken pho
- **Ramen:** Japanese soup consisting of Chinese wheat noodles in a savory broth
- **Shoyu:** soy sauce
- **Soba:** thin, Japanese-style wheat noodles
- **Tantan:** a spicy ramen made with chili oil
- **Tare:** the type of sauce you add into a broth for flavoring, as in "shoyu tare" or "spicy miso tare"
- **Tom kha:** a Thai spicy and sour soup with coconut milk
- **Tom yum:** a soup with hot and sour broth
- **Tonkotsu:** pork bone, as in "pork tonkotsu ramen"
- **Udon:** thick and chewy Japanese-style wheat noodles
- **Vermicelli:** slender rice noodles, thinner and chewier than ramen

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jump from China to Japan sometime in the late 19th or early 20th century, especially becoming a popular dish around the end of World War II, according to the Oxford Companion to Food, an encyclopedia edited by Alan Davidson and published by Oxford University Press. Today, there are two museums in Japan dedicated to ramen.

## Thai noodle soups and curries

Many Thai restaurants across the Granite State offer noodle bowls of their own — one of the most traditional being tom yum noodle soup, usually with rice noodles and either chicken or shrimp. Siam Orchid Thai Bistro in Concord features both a chicken and a seafood tom yum noodle soup. The seafood version contains shrimp, scallops and calamari. While they all come with rice noodles, you can substitute yellow egg noodles or flat rice noodles, which are softer and thicker.

“Tom yum means it’s a hot and sour broth, so it’s already spicy ... and usually there are things like crushed peanuts and green onions,” said Scott Saktanaset, whose family has owned Siam Orchid since it opened in 1995.

Other popular options at the restaurant include boat trip noodle soup, with a stewed beef broth and multiple types of spices and herbs; and duck noodle soup, which uses a chicken broth together with roasted duck.

“The broths and what is put in them ... is where the cultures are going to be different,” Saktanaset said. “Thai is very similar to Japanese ramen in that you have to boil the broth for a very long time to get to where it is. ... In Thai noodle soups, there are going to be a little bit different spices, there will be crushed fried or crispy garlic, a little bit of turnip and cilantro. Cilantro is definitely a big thing in Thai noodle soup.”

Siam Orchid also provides condiment trays of four different options to customize the flavor of your soup — they include crushed Thai red peppers, chile, garlic, crushed peanuts and sugar.

“In Thai [cuisine], we’re known for having all of the flavors in our dishes, so sweet, spicy, sour and salt,” Saktanaset said.

Noodle soups in curry broths are also popular. At Boone’s Thai Kitchen in Epping, you can order khao soi, or egg noodles served in a yellow curry broth.

“Some people call it Chiang Mai noo-



Beef meatball noodle soup with flat rice noodles from Siam Orchid Thai Bistro in Concord. Courtesy photo.

dles, which is where I’m from, in the north of Thailand,” said Boone’s owner Vichitta Van-Valkenburg. “We make our own chile paste for this one. It’s my sister’s recipe.”

## Where to get noodle bowls

*This list includes restaurants in southern New Hampshire that offer various types of Asian-style or Asian-inspired noodle bowl dishes, from pho and ramen to tom yum noodle soup, noodle curries and more.*

- **A Lot of Thai** (360 Daniel Webster Highway, Unit 121, Merrimack, 429-8888, alotofthainh.com) has several signature noodle soups on its menu, including rice noodle soups with boneless roasted duck or shrimp and minced chicken, as well as a barbecue pork noodle soup with steamed egg noodles.

- **Asian Delight Restaurant** (330 Central St., Franklin, 934-9700, asiandelightnh.com) offers tom yum noodle soup with rice noodles, crushed peanuts and bean sprouts, as well as glass noodle soups with mixed vegetables and your choice of shrimp or chicken.

- **Bangkok Thai Food** (44 Nashua Road, Londonderry, 426-5162, bangkokthaifood.biz) offers several noodle soup dishes, including rice noodles with your choice of meat, as well as mixed vegetables, scallions, bean sprouts and fried garlic in a vegetable broth. Other offerings include tom yum noodle soup, tom kha noodle soup and noodle beef stew.

- **Bedford Village Inn** (2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com) offers ramen on its tavern menu, featuring slow roasted pork belly, smoked ham hock, roast-



Bun bo hue (Vietnamese hot soup) from Sun Asian Bistro in Derry, coming to its menu in February. Courtesy photo.

ed chicken, a poached farm egg and various vegetables.

- **Boone’s Thai Kitchen** (27 Fresh River Road, Epping, 734-4466, boonesthakitche.com) offers several types of noodle bowls using family recipes. The tom yum noodle soup, for example, features steamed rice noodles, shrimp and chicken in a hot and sour broth, along with bean sprouts and green beans. It’s topped with crushed peanuts, cilantro, scallion, fresh garlic and a hard-boiled egg. Other popular options include duck noodle soup, vegetable and tofu noodle soup, creamy shrimp tom yum noodle soup and khao soi noodle soup (egg noodles in a yellow curry broth).

- **Buba Noodle Bar** (36 Lowell St., Manchester, 935-7864, bubanoodle.com) offers a wide variety of Asian-style noodle soup dishes. There are five different ways to order the beef pho, for example, including rare steak by itself, with brisket, meatball or flank, or a combination of all four. There is also pho ga (chicken pho, with the option to add tofu or mixed vegetables), as well as shoyu ramen, spicy miso ramen, tom yum noodle soup, yellow curry with wonton noodles and others.

- **Crazy Noodle House** (44 Nashua Road, Unit 6, Londonderry, 965-4914, crazynoodlehouse.wordpress.com) offers a variety of noodle soups, including pho (with your choice of beef, chicken or pork) and few different types of ramen, with either pork or beef. Other featured noodle soups are a Japanese-style curry with crispy chicken; udon noodle soup with a fish ball and boiled egg; and various egg noodle soups, with versions like pork and seafood (crabmeat and shrimp).

- **Daw Kun Thai** (2626 Brown Ave., Manchester, 232-0699, dawkunthai.com) has several noodle soups that come with your choice of either rice noodles, flat noodles or yellow egg noodles. Options include tom yum noodle soup with shrimp, chicken or beef, each also containing ingredients like bean sprouts, lemongrass and lime juice.

- **Dynamite Sushi** (30 Lowell Road, No. 16, Hudson, 889-0055, dynamitesushinh.com) has a few noodle soup dishes, like the tempura udon, featuring Japanese thick wheat flour noodles in a light broth with tempura, seaweed, scallions and your choice of chicken, shrimp or vegetables; and the katsu ramen noodles (wheat noodles in a miso-based broth, with your choice of chicken or pork, plus corn, bean sprouts, scallions and the option to add a boiled egg).

- **Firefly American Bistro & Bar** (22 Concord St., Manchester, 935-9740, fireflynh.com) offers the “Firefly” ramen, which features pork bel-

ly, carrots, scallions, napa cabbage, a boiled egg, bean sprouts and a shiitake-bacon dashi.

- **Fuki** (2 Bow St., Portsmouth, 610-4227, fukinh.com) offers fresh ramen dishes, like a ramen with a shiro miso chicken and pork bone broth, with house-cured pork belly, sweet corn kimchi, scallions, bean sprouts and egg.

- **Giant of Siam** (90 Main St., Nashua, 595-2222, giantofsiam.com) offers several Thai noodle soups and curries. The Siam noodles, for example, feature your choice of rice or flat noodles in a curry sauce, topped with shrimp, scallops, mussels, bean sprouts and fried red onions.

- **Hana Japanese Restaurant** (7 Continental Blvd., Merrimack, 377-7253, hanamerrimack.com) offers several types of noodle soups, including seafood kimchi with udon noodles, pork chashu ramen and tom yum noodle soup with ground pork and fish balls.

- **Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar** (118 Manchester St., Concord, 223-3301, ichibanconcord.com) offers several soup entrees with udon, or thick wheat noodles. Options include udon noodle soup with chicken, shrimp or vegetable.

- **K’sone’s Thai Dining & Lounge** (493 Amherst St., No. 6, Nashua, 459-8621, find them on Facebook) offers several noodle soups, like the khao soi (beef or chicken), served with steamed noodles in a yellow curry sauce; and the Thai noodle soup, which features rice noodles in a chicken broth, topped with fried garlic, scallions and cilantro.

- **Kumo Sushi Japanese Restaurant** (25 Indian Rock Road, Windham, 965-4390, sushiwindhamnh.com) offers a few udon noodle soups, like nabeyaki udon (with chicken, fish cake, egg, crabstick, shrimp tempura and vegetables); spicy seafood udon (with clam, shrimp, scallop and Korean cabbage); and tempura udon with shrimp.

- **Lemon Thai Cuisine** (470 S. Main St., Manchester, 218-3879, lemonthaisushinh.com) offers several noodle soups. Its tom yum noodle soup, for example, features your choice of ground chicken or ground pork, with ground peanuts. Other options include khao soi (sliced chicken, egg noodles, pineapple, tomatoes, onions, carrots, bell peppers and coconut milk in a yellow curry).

- **Moritomo Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar** (32 Fort Eddy Road, Concord, 224-8363, moritomonh.com) offers several noodle soups, like tempura or nabeyaki udon, as well as yosenaabe noodle soup with scallops, shrimp, crabmeat, white fish and vegetables.

- **Mr. Kim’s Restaurant** (107 State St., Portsmouth, 373-6000, mrkimsrestaurant.com) has a variety of specialty noodle dishes, like mazeman (brothless ramen), as well as fish curry noodles with fermented jalapenos, Thai herbs and a crispy garnish.

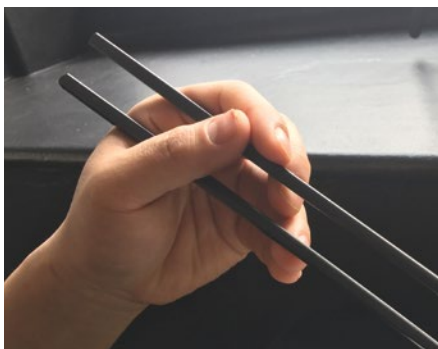
- **Muse Thai Bistro** (581 Second St., Suite C, Manchester, 647-5547, musethaibistro.com) has a “noodle soup bar” on its menu, from which diners can order their own custom ramen or pho by choosing their broth (chicken, spicy tom yum or spicy kimchi) and protein (chicken, beef, vegetables, tofu, pork, shrimp or roasted duck).

- **Noodz** (968 Elm St., Manchester, 836-5878, find them on Facebook) offers several types of ramen dishes in a quick-service environment. Options include the smoky pork ramen (with pan-seared pork belly, nori, a soft egg, bean sprouts and scallions in a homemade pork broth); a brisket shoyu ramen (with black garlic, a soft egg,

## How to use chopsticks

At several of New Hampshire’s noodle bars and Asian bistros, chopsticks are optional eating utensils for noodle soups. Using chopsticks effectively can take practice, according to Trumin Nguyen of Buba Noodle Bar in Manchester, especially if your hand is not used to using them.

The first chopstick should rest between your thumb and index finger, while the second is placed on your middle finger. You then use both your index and middle fingers to move the second chopstick, while the first chopstick remains fixed between your index finger and thumb.



Trumin from Buba Noodle Bar demonstrates how to hold chopsticks. Photo by Matt Ingersoll.

Chinese cabbage and roasted tomatoes in a beef and soy broth); a miso chicken ramen (with slow-roasted chicken, baby bok choy, corn, shiitake and a soft egg in a miso chicken broth); and a vegetarian ramen (with baby bok choy, pickled shiitake and nori in a mushroom-based broth).

• **Oba Noodle Bar** (69 Water St., Exeter, 693-6264, obanoodlebar.com) has a variety of noodle soups. The Oba ramen, for example, features chashu pork, seaweed, egg, Japanese bamboo, corn and scallions in a miso broth. Other options include duck noodle soup with scallions and cilantro in a five-spice broth; rice noodle soup with slow-cooked beef, scallions and cilantro in an herbal broth; and Thai noodle soup, featuring your choice of chicken, fish ball, tofu or vegetables, with rice noodles, bean sprouts, scallions and cilantro in a clear broth.

• **Pearl Restaurant & Oyster Bar** (1 Jaffrey Road, Peterborough, 924-5225, pearl-peterborough.com) offers the Pearl ramen bowl, which features handmade noodles, chicken, crispy pork belly, a soft-poached egg, fresh vegetables and a sake and mirin broth.

• **Pho Golden Bowl** (12 Lake Ave., Manchester, 622-2000, phogoldenbowl.com) has a variety of options to choose from for pho, which include rare steak, meatballs, brisket or flank, plus chicken pho, bun bo hue (a spicy beef noodle soup with lemongrass) and tom yum soup with rice noodles and your choice of chicken, shrimp or vegetables.

• **Pho Street** (427 Amherst St., Nashua, 718-8678, phostreetrestaurant.com) has a variety of pho dishes, including pho ga (chicken pho), duck pho, beef brisket pho, meatball pho, tofu pho and more.

• **Pho Tai Loc** (28 Railroad Square, Nashua, 521-8744, photailocnashua.com) offers all types of pho on its menu, including beef pho with sliced eye round, well-done flank, tendons or tripe; and pho ga (chicken pho), as well as hủ tiếu nam vang (rice noodle soup with shrimp, squid, pork, liver, quail egg and sliced pork).

• **Sakura Asian Bistro** (166 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, 589-9815, sakuranashuanh.com) offers several ramen dishes, like pork tonkotsu ramen, spicy kimchi seafood ramen, spicy tom yum ramen, nabeyaki tempura udon noodle soup and more.

• **Shira Kiku** (13 Broad St., Nashua, 882-8644, kikunh.com) has several noodle soups, like tempura, nabeyaki or chicken udon, chicken or beef ramen with bean sprouts, scallions and onions; and seafood ramen with scallops, shrimp, salmon, crabmeat and vegetables.

• **Siam Orchid Thai Bistro** (12 N. Main St., Concord, 228-1529, siamorchid.net) offers a variety of specialty noodle soups. One of the most popular is the boat trip noodle soup, featuring rice noodles and stewed tender beef in a beef broth. Other options include chicken or seafood tom yum noodle soup, duck noodle soup and vegetable noodle soup.

• **Sun Asian Bistro** (91 W. Broadway, Derry, 965-3135, sunasianbistro.com) offers a wide variety of pho options, like pho with rare steak, beef brisket, tendon, flank, meatballs; as well as chicken pho; vegetarian pho; and seafood pho (with scallops, imitation crab meat, shrimp and squid). Each entree features your choice of rice or yellow egg noodles. In February, Sun Asian Bistro will be introducing more noodle bowls to its menu,

like ramen and bun bo hue (a spicy beef noodle soup with lemongrass).

• **Sweet Ginger Thai Cuisine** (6 Dobson Way, Merrimack, 424-8035, sweetgingerthai.com) offers several types of noodle soups, like tom yum noodle soup (featuring your choice of ground meat or shrimp, topped with ground peanuts, crispy wontons and cilantro); seafood noodle soup (with scallions, shrimp, squid, noodles, bean sprouts, string beans, cilantro and crispy garlic); and duck noodle soup (served over rice noodles, with bean sprouts, string beans, cilantro and crispy garlic).

• **Takumi Japanese Sushi & Hibachi** (197 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, 891-1717, takumijapanese.com) offers four different flavors of ramen —shoyu, miso, tanatan and tonkotsu. Other noodle soups on the menu include nabeyaki udon, and tempura soba or udon.

• **Thai Chili Restaurant** (473 S. Broadway, Salem, 898-3222, thethaichili.net) offers several types of customizable noodle soups. Choose your own broth (chicken, miso, tom yum or curry); noodles (rice, yellow egg, pork wontons, flat rice or crispy yellow); and protein (chicken, tofu, shrimp, beef, duck or honey pork).

• **Thousand Crane** (1000 Elm St., Manchester, 634-0000, thousandcrane.com) offers several types of noodle soups, including beef or roast duck noodle soup, as well as tempura udon, tori (chicken) udon and seafood yaki udon. According to Jenny Yang, a manager at Thousand Crane, ramen is expected to be added to the menu by the spring.

• **Tom Yum Thai Cuisine** (1 Portsmouth Ave., Exeter, 778-1234, tomyumthaicuisine.com)

offers several types of Thai noodle soups, including tom yum noodle soup with your choice of rice or egg noodles.

• **Unity Cafe** (3 Sundial Ave., Manchester, 782-7325, unitycafe.com) has several “fusion” noodle bowls on its lunch menu, like peanut chicken ramen noodles with sweet corn, soft-boiled eggs, a spicy peanut sauce and cashews in a chicken broth; and a vegetarian soba noodle bowl with bean sprouts, water chestnuts, carrots, napa cabbage, daikon radishes and scrambled eggs in a vegetable broth.

• **Wasabi Japanese Restaurant** (236 N. Broadway B, Salem, 890-1688, nhwasabisteakhouse.com) offers tempura or nabeyaki udon noodle soups, each of which is featured in a seasoned broth.

• **Whiskey & Wine** (148 N. Main St., Concord, 715-8575, whiskey-wine.business.site) offers several types of ramen. The tonkotsu ramen, for example, features pork belly, mushrooms, a seasoned egg, cilantro and chile oil in a pork broth. There is also ramen with yakitori (skewered chicken) and a vegetarian option with mushroom.

• **Yoshimama Japanese Fusion & Sushi Bar** (427 Amherst St., Nashua, 718-8316, yoshimamasushi.com) offers the Yoshimama ramen, featuring your choice of miso or soy soup and chicken, beef, shrimp or vegetables. Other noodle soup options include nabeyaki, tempura or kimchi udon.

• **You You Japanese Bistro** (150 Broad St., No. 4, Nashua, 882-8337, youyoubistro.com) offers a five-spice roast pork ramen, plus other noodle soups, like spicy beef, tempura shrimp or vegetarian udon or soba. 🍜

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**W**hat do summer camps, art museums and baseball stadiums have in common? They're all potential wedding venues! Check out these options and other surprising local places where you can host your big day.

## Museum marriages

Galleries, estates and historic venues for your big day

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Museums can make great wedding venues — all of the exhibits and activities can give guests a more interactive experience, while the bride and groom get a setting that perhaps better fits their personalities than the typical hotel banquet room. From art galleries and science centers to historic estates and buildings, there are several museums across New Hampshire that can be rented out for wedding ceremonies and receptions, giving you most or all of the space to yourself.

One example is the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, which can host evening weddings and accommodate up to 120 guests in its Winter Garden Cafe room. The Currier offers in-house catering packages, featuring a variety of menu options to choose from.

"We offer gallery time [during] the cocktail hour, so guests can roam around and check out the galleries," said Courtney Starrett, event coordinator at the Currier. "Somebody may be coming here for the first time because they are a guest at the wedding, and it really is eye-opening for them. ... A lot of the collections also make great wedding photo backdrops."

Moriah Billups and Ian Wyman were married at the Currier on Dec. 28, 2019, with a ceremony of about 75 people. Jessica Arnold of the Manchester-based Arnold Imaging photographed their big day.

"I've been photographing weddings for 12 years," Arnold said. "Logistically, I would say that the Currier has been one of the easiest that I've worked in. It's so colorful and well-lit. It makes for beautiful photos."

Along with gallery photos, couples can also get their pictures taken in front of the large Mark di Suvero sculpture outside, which is lit up at night.

The Seacoast Science Center in Rye, another New Hampshire museum that can be rented out for weddings, usually hosts a couple dozen of them each year, according to sites, sales and events manager Sara Sturzo. Indoors, the Center can accommodate up

to 70 guests for a seated dinner, while up to 200 can be outside under a function tent overlooking the coast.

"From talking to folks, I think the biggest thing that makes us unique ... is having that backdrop that you can't get anywhere else," Sturzo said. "They really want that view of the ocean that's going to shock people with how beautiful the background is. ... We've had a few weddings where some guests will come from the Midwest, for example, so they don't get to see the beaches very often."

The Seacoast Science Center has a variety of local caterers they have worked with; Sturzo said guests have hosted everything from food trucks to outdoor clam bakes.

With plenty of educational exhibits, the Center is a very family-friendly venue — even during a wedding reception, she said.

"If you're going to have children onsite, it's definitely a huge plus," Sturzo said. "We have aquarium exhibits ... and a touch tank inside as well, so it's very interactive."

If you love history, the Belknap Mill in Laconia can be a great option for hosting a wedding. It's the oldest unaltered textile mill in the country, dating back to 1823, according to operations manager Tara Shore. Weddings have been hosted there since the mid-1970s, shortly after the mill reopened as a museum.

"I would say that the No. 1 reason people come to us is aesthetics. People really love that beautiful, rustic look of a historic building," Shore said. "We have an open space that seats 120 people very comfortably, and we're very flexible with caterers, florists, things like that. We have a lot of local people that we work with."

The museum works with the city's parks and recreation department to reserve photo opportunities at the Rotary Riverside Park directly behind the building and adjacent to the Winnepesaukee River.

"It's almost like one of those hidden gems of the city that you drive by every day but you don't ever think about," Shore said. "People can have the ceremony outside and then come inside for the reception." 🌿

### Museum wedding venues

*This list includes art galleries and museums, historic estates and science and history museums in southern New Hampshire that offer rental space for wedding ceremonies and receptions.*

- **3S Artspace** (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 766-3330, 3sarts.org) can be rented out for weddings of up to 300 people. Its gallery is available depending on the exhibition schedule, as is the performance space. Amenities include the use of the podium with basic microphone and sound setup, plus a full LED lighting setup in the gallery.

- **American Independence Museum** (1 Governors Lane, Exeter, 772-2622, independencemuseum.org) recently introduced an event rental program to host onsite events, including small wedding ceremonies and receptions. The maximum capacity of its Folsom Tavern is 50 people, while its Assembly Room can hold a maximum of 30 people. Due to the historic nature of the building, the Tavern is not handicap accessible.

- **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** (27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, 669-4820, nhahs.org) can be rented out for several private functions, including for weddings and receptions. The Slusser Aviation Learning Center can seat up to 120 people (150 standing). All rental fees vary depending on the date and amount of space that is utilized, but museum members receive a discount. The museum works with Tidewater Catering Group of Manchester.

- **Belknap Mill** (25 Beacon St. East, Laconia, 524-8813, belknapmill.org) can accommodate weddings to seat up to 120 people, offering a catering kitchen as well as the flexibility for you to choose your own caterer. Additionally, the Rotary Riverside Park & Gazebo, behind the Belknap Mill and adjacent to the Winnepesaukee River, is available for wedding ceremonies.

- **Canterbury Shaker Village** (288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, 783-9511, shakers.org) can be rented out for weddings, rehearsal dinners and private parties, year-round in its Hubbard Education Center and from April to mid-November in its historic structures. The Hubbard Education Center can seat up to 100 people, while the North Shop in the central area can seat up to 120. Some of the other smaller

buildings and areas are great options for dinners or receptions.

- **Castle in the Clouds** (455 Old Mountain Road, Moultonborough, 476-5900, castleintheclouds.org) has a variety of wedding packages available, utilizing several of its unique spaces. Its 1914 historic Lucknow Mansion, for example, has 180-degree views overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee, while the Winnepesaukee Room can accommodate up to 175 people.

- **Children's Museum of New Hampshire** (6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, childrens-museum.org) can be rented out for multiple private events, including wedding showers. Rates vary depending on the number of guests.

- **Currier Museum of Art** (150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org) can be rented out for evening weddings, starting around 6 p.m. until about 11 p.m. Amenities include in-house catering services, as well as a buffet setup and dance floor that can accommodate up to 120 people inside the Winter Garden.

- **The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens** (456 Route 103A, Newbury, 763-4789, thefells.org) has a 22-room Colonial Revival mansion that can be rented out for weddings of all sizes, which are scheduled from June through early October.

- **Kimball Jenkins Estate** (266 N. Main St., Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com) can host weddings for up to 300 guests.

- **Mariposa Museum & World Culture Center** (26 Main St., Peterborough, 924-4555, mariposamuseum.org) can be rented out for both wedding ceremonies and receptions. Amenities include a catering space on the ground floor, as well as photo opportunities within its outdoor stone garden and overlooking the balcony.

- **McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center** (2 Institute Drive, Concord, 271-7827, starhop.com) has rental space available for a variety of events, including for wedding ceremonies and receptions. Its function room can accommodate up to 100 guests.

- **Millyard Museum** (200 Bedford St., Manchester, 622-7531, manchesterhistoric.org) has space available to be rented out for a variety of events, including for wedding ceremonies. The maximum number of people for

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# Hiking down the aisle

Outdoor venues go rustic

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While the buttoned up elegance of a traditional white wedding suits many a bride, groom and Billy Idol alike, Jessica Martin, owner and operator of Jessica Martin Events in Manchester, says off-the-beaten-path weddings are a trend that many outdoorsy New England engaged couples are increasingly exploring.

Recalling the multiple weddings she's planned in rustic settings across the Granite State, Martin calls the unconventional ceremonies an opportunity for couples to create an experience that better reflects who they are.

"I think that couples especially in New England are looking for wedding venues that really reflect their interests and hobbies," Martin said. "Since a lot of people in New England like to hike, camp and be on the water, it stands to reason that those people would be drawn to more outdoorsy wedding venues."

## Campy couples

One such bride that Martin worked with is Erin Hutchinson of Candia, who married her husband Zack in September 2018 at Granite YMCA's Camp Lincoln in the thickets of Kingston.

Both she and her husband come from large families with passions for hiking, camping and fishing, Hutchinson said, so she and her then-fiance set out to create "a summer camp for adults."

"We thought we could do a big summer camp wedding," Hutchinson said. "Have our guests spend the night, do s'mores on the campfire, get some pictures with our fishing rods or possibly in a boat, that would be perfect and right up our alley."

Over the weekend of the wedding, 187 guests descended on Camp Lincoln, used the bunk houses for lodging and spent the next few days kayaking, fishing, swimming, singing around the campfire and, of course, taking part in the actual wedding ceremony.

"Some people loved that," said Hutchinson of the bunk house accommodations. "But some of my aunts were like, 'No way! I'm not a camper, absolutely not.' But we did a hotel block at a

hotel about 15 minutes away down the street just in case. So the reviews were mixed, but when it was all said and done everyone was blown away."

The hesitancy to such non-traditional weddings is by no means limited to less-than-outdoorsy aunts, according to Erin Albert, whose wedding — also planned by Martin — took place the first weekend of 2018 at the lakefront cabins of The Oliver Lodge in Meredith.

"They were a little hesitant," Albert said of her family when they heard of the couple's wedding plans. "I think the older generation thinks, 'But what about the typical wedding? You're not getting married in a church with all of these other things?' I spoke to friends after the fact, and maybe people say this to everybody, but they seem to think we created more of a meaningful experience for people."

Like Hutchinson, Albert and her husband were also looking for a more casual take on the traditional wedding day, a goal that manifested as a lake weekend where the couple and an intimate gathering of fewer than 100 guests dined on barbecue and wood-fired pizza from food trucks in between paddle boarding and pontoon boating.

"We were really able to spend more quality time with our loved ones and not make it so formal," Albert said. "Sure, I had the dress, he dressed up nice and we decorated, but it was just more of a casual vibe. We told friends and family, 'This is the ceremony, but this is also the party and fun afterward. Do what you want — there's no set schedule.'"

## The best-laid plans

Both Albert and Hutchinson said that the absence of all the frills and services of a traditional wedding venue can mean substantially more planning for couples.

The planning woes were somewhat compounded for Hutchinson, who noted that Camp Lincoln's summer day camp program, which was wrapping up just before her wedding, limited her ability to get on to the premises to map out her ceremony. Additionally, the camp's spartan accommodations meant that Hutchinson had to find outside vendors for food, seating and tables

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a seated event is 100 (auditorium-style), or 60 for a catered dinner. You must choose from a list of their approved caterers, which include Tidewater Catering Group, Celebrations Catering, Caroline's Fine Food and Angela's Pasta & Cheese Shop.

- **New Hampshire Boat Museum** (399 Center St., Wolfeboro, 569-4554, nhbm.org) offers opportunities for private charters for your wedding aboard the Millie B on Lake Winnepesaukee.

- **Seacoast Science Center** (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, 436-8043, seacoastsciencecenter.org)

can be rented out for wedding ceremonies and receptions, starting around 4 or 5 p.m. The Center can accommodate up to 150 guests throughout the indoor gallery spaces, about 70 guests for a formal seated dinner and up to 200 guests outdoors under a 40-by-80 function tent, which is installed on the north lawn from late May through mid-October.

- **Strawbery Banke Museum** (14 Hancock St., Portsmouth, 433-1100, strawberybanke.org) can host small outdoor wedding ceremonies, as well as indoor receptions for up to 80 people. 🍷

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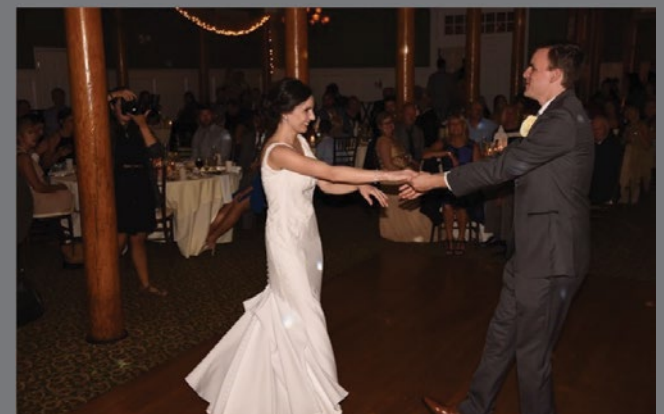
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# Steal the show

Say your vows at a performance venue

By Angie Sykeny  
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Whether you're a couple who loves sports, theater or film, or you're just looking for a unique and intimate setting for your special day, there are a number of local entertainment venues that are open to hosting wedding ceremonies.

## For sports fans

Stephanie Fournier, director of hospitality and special events for the New Hampshire Fisher Cats Minor League Baseball team, recalls one couple who got married on the home plate on the team's home field at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester.

"They had their first date here at a Fisher Cats game, and [the groom] actually proposed to [the bride] on the mound," Fournier said. "So, they called me and asked me if they could have their actual wedding here, and they said it kind of as a joke at first, but I said, 'Yes, you can, and we would love that,' and they were sold."



Wedding at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium. Photo by Rachel E. Murphy Photography.

Couples can have their ceremony on the field, in the dugouts or anywhere else in the stadium, and the stands are ideal for seating guests, Fournier said. Couples also have the option of holding their reception in the Samuel Adams

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"Basically everything had to be done that day or the night before," said Hutchinson of the pre-ceremony prep. "At a regular venue you can go and do a walk through, measure stuff, but the camp had day camp going on. We got one chance to do it right and that meant I definitely had to prep a lot more than if I was at a wedding venue that had a team of people working on everything for me."

Regardless of the location of a given outdoor wedding, Martin says that weather is always her

biggest logistical concern. Stating her working strategy is always to "plan for the worst and hope for the best," Martin says she tells her couples that the most accurate read on the weather won't come until two to three days before the ceremony, and that looking at the forecast too far in advance will "just create unnecessary stress."

But rain or shine, Martin says Mother Nature can still find ways to throw a wrench in her best-laid plans.

"But I think hiring a planner or day of coordinator is helpful because they can advise you as to what some of the specific challenges may be to having a wedding outdoors," she said.

## Say "I do" in a state park

Thinking about exchanging vows in the great outdoors? Here are a few examples of state parks that the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources suggests as great wedding locations. For more information on planning a state park wedding, contact the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources at 271-3556 or email [nhparks@dncr.nh.gov](mailto:nhparks@dncr.nh.gov).

### Hampton Beach State Park Pavilion

Route 1A, Hampton, 227-8717

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**Capacity:** 250

**Fee:** \$1,250

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124 Main St., Kingston, 642-5471

For a more rustic and traditional outdoor setting, Kingston State Park offers attendees campfires, swimming, canoe rentals, volleyball, softball and more. Alcohol is not permitted.

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**Fee:** \$400

### Bear Brook State Park

157 Deerfield Road, Allenstown, 485-9874

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Brewhouse onsite, where they can have a DJ and dancing and take advantage of in-house catering.  
The stadium is open for weddings and private events April through October and can't conflict with any scheduled baseball games, although there have been some couples, Fournier said, who got married at the stadium on a game day prior to the game, then stayed to watch the game.  
The stadium also offers other special services for weddings, such as fireworks, a photo booth, outdoor games like giant jenga and more.  
"We have a lot of fun putting on weddings," Fournier said. "We can do pretty much anything you can think of. We're a blank canvas with a cool background."

The ceremony was very intimate, "spontaneous ... and incredibly casual," Amsbury-Bonilla said.  
In fact, she wore jeans and a sweater — but they made it special by projecting a tropical beach scene on the big screen and hanging string lights around the theater.  
"It was unorthodox for sure," she said, "but we wanted something unique and casual and fun."  
Amsbury-Bonilla said the Peterborough Community Theatre is available to other couples planning a small ceremony, and that she would work with them to decorate the space, project videos or photos on the big screen and make any other viable accommodations.

**For theater lovers**

A wedding ceremony is, in a sense, a production, so where better to have one than at a place where productions come to life?  
"Theater is about celebrating stories and presenting a story to an audience," said Andrew Pinard, owner of the Hatbox Theatre in Concord. "A wedding is the beginning of a story, so a wedding in a theater just seems natural."

**For film buffs**

Another unconventional venue to consider is an independent movie theater like Red River Theatres in Concord. Executive director Angie Lane said the theater was the site of a wedding ceremony a number of years ago. The couple was married at the bottom of the theater, with their guests in the theater seats. The groom, who was a filmmaker, had created a montage of clips from films in which the actors say "I love you," and the video was projected on the big screen before the couple said their vows.  
"This couple didn't want something traditional, and since he was a filmmaker, they thought, what better way to celebrate this big commitment than at an independent movie theater," Lane said.

A theater would be a felicitous venue not only for couples involved with or interested in the performing arts, but also for couples who want their wedding to have a certain aesthetic or theme.  
"Think about it: we have the stage, comfortable seating, lighting, sound, and we could even help with special effects," Pinard said. "[A theater has] built-in production value."

The theaters have limited seating, so the ceremony would have to be small; the couple would have to work around the film screenings schedule; and the reception would have to be held elsewhere, but for a couple who loves film, met at a movie theater or simply wants to utilize the big screen to incorporate videos or photos into their ceremony, an independent movie theater is a fitting venue, Lane said.

Having a wedding ceremony in a theater also gives couples access to all kinds of props and set pieces.  
"It can be a lot of fun if the couple is creative," Pinard said. "They can design their wedding in a way that features their personality and reflects who they are."

"If there's a couple and they are film-lovers and [having their wedding at a movie theater] would be meaningful to them and express their personalities, we would want to work with them to make that happen," she said.  
Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, owner of the Peterborough Community Theatre independent movie theater, and her husband had their own wedding at the theater.

The Hatbox has limited seating, so the ceremony would have to be small, and the reception would be best held somewhere with a larger space, but the biggest challenge with having a wedding at the Hatbox, and at many other theaters, is working around their production schedules. At the Hatbox, shows are held nearly every weekend, so couples are limited to the few weekends a year that don't have a show scheduled (usually holiday weekends), but there is still time to snag a date between September of this year and August 2021.

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  - **Derry Opera House**, performance space, Derry, 404-2928, [derryoperahouse.com](http://derryoperahouse.com)
  - **Hatbox Theatre**, performance space, Concord, 715-2315, [hatboxnh.com](http://hatboxnh.com)
  - **Holman Stadium, home of the Nashua Silver Knights**, stadium, Nashua, 718-8883, [nashuasilverknights.com](http://nashuasilverknights.com)
  - **Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, home of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats baseball team**, stadium, Manchester, 606-4105, [nhfishercats.com](http://nhfishercats.com)
  - **Peterborough Community Theatre**, independent movie theater, Peterborough, 554-7999, [pctmovies.com](http://pctmovies.com)
  - **Red River Theatres**, independent movie theater, Concord, 224-4600, [redrivertheatres.org](http://redrivertheatres.org)
  - **Rochester Opera House**, performance space, Rochester, 335-1992, [rochesteroperahouse.com](http://rochesteroperahouse.com)
  - **SNHU Arena**, performance space and sports venue, Manchester, 644-5000, [snhuarena.com](http://snhuarena.com)
  - **The Stone Church Music Club**, performance space, Newmarket, 659-7700, [stonechurchrocks.com](http://stonechurchrocks.com)
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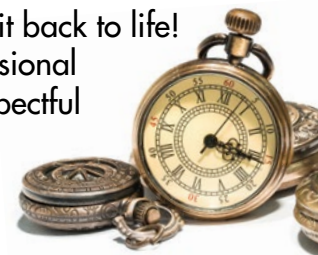
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## Friday, Jan. 31

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## Friday, Jan. 31

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## Saturday, Feb. 1

Songs of the seasons: The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra presents **"Winter Idylls & Springtime Visions"** on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremonty Drive, Salem). The concert will feature Bruckner's Symphony No. 4 "Romantic;" Finzi's "Romance for Strings;" and Haydn's Symphony No. 73 "The Hunt." Tickets cost \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors 60+ and \$8 for students. Call 647-6476 or visit nhphil.org.



## Saturday, Feb. 1

Catch **"Tragedy: An All Metal Tribute to the Bee Gees & Beyond"** tonight at 8 p.m. at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; banknhstage.com, 225-1111). Shout at the Devil (a Motley Crue tribute band) will also perform at this show, which will feature disco and soft rock classics performed metal-style, according to the venue website. See letsma-ketragedyhappen.com for videos. Tickets cost \$18. Find more live music this weekend in our Music This Week and concert listings, which start on page 51.



## Sunday, Feb. 2

Sure, the Patriots won't be playing, but today is still Super Bowl Sunday, **Super Bowl LIV** (making it the 54th). Break out the nachos and beer (see page 45 for Jeff Mucciarone's recommendations) to watch the San Francisco 49ers play the Kansas City Chiefs broadcast on Fox starting at 6:30 p.m.

### EAT: Doughnuts with your beer

Goody Good Donuts (from Laconia) will be paired with beers from Lithermans Limited of Concord, Hobbs Tavern and Brewing, Henniker Brewing Co., Concord Craft Brewing and more at the **Donut & Beer Tasting** at Local Basket (10 Ferry St. in Concord; localbasket.com, 219-0882) on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., where admission is free but first come, first served. Get a ticket for the VIP tasting (which guarantees entry), which starts at 5 p.m., for \$8 on the website.

### DRINK: Wine with your chocolate

Learn the basics of **pairing wine with chocolate** at **LaBelle Winery** (345 Route 101 in Amherst; labellewinerynh.com, 672-9898) on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 6 to 7 p.m. The class costs \$35 (plus tax) per person; register online in advance.

### BE MERRY: With high flying adventure

*Ice Eagles*, a documentary about flying airplanes in Antarctica, will screen Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. at the **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry; nhahs.org, 669-4820). Director Tom Henderson will discuss the film and answer questions. Admission costs \$10.

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## That's another story

Nashua Theatre Guild puts on a Night of One Acts

By Angie Sykeny  
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Watch four totally different stories unfold during the Nashua Theatre Guild's annual Night of One Acts, happening Friday, Jan. 31, and Saturday, Feb. 1, in Nashua.

Every year, NTG invites directors to pitch short, one-act plays, running between 10 and 45 minutes each, that they would like to see produced and direct.

The show will begin with *A Matter of Husbands*, written by Ferenc Molnar in 1923, directed by Liz Fontanella. The two-woman play, which runs about 10 minutes, is set in 19th-century Paris and follows an earnest young woman who confronts a famous actress about having an affair with her husband.

"When I read it, I was taken by it, because even though it was written [in 1923], it's a story that still resonates today, and I could see ways that I could turn it around and make it more modern," Fontanella said.

The next two pieces in the show, which run about 30 minutes each, were directed by Brendan MacKay. The first will be *Mirrors*, written by John O'Brien in 1982, which opens on a man seemingly spending an ordinary evening with his family. In the second half of the play, however, the man is seen talking with a psychiatrist, who tells him that his family had perished in a fire years ago, and that his interaction with them was



Nashua Theatre Guild presents its Night of One Acts. Courtesy photo.

a delusion. After the psychiatrist leaves, the man's wife returns and asks him if he is still hallucinating an imaginary doctor who is trying to convince him that his family is dead.

"I picked this piece because I love that you don't know which story is real," MacKay said. "It leaves it up to the audience's interpretation."

The second piece directed by MacKay is *Mind Games*, written by Paul Elliott in 1999. In it, a mentally unstable young man goes to see a renowned psychiatrist, claiming that he is the creator of his own reality, including the psychiatrist. Naturally, the psychiatrist believes he is dealing with a delusional man

until he calls in the receptionist, who turns out to be a completely different woman, whom the man says he created. The psychiatrist begins to question his own sanity and wonders if he will cease to exist when the man leaves his office.

"As you can tell, I like those mind-trip [plays] that are open to interpretation and leave you with more questions at the end than you had at the beginning," MacKay said.

The fourth and final play will be *One Night Only*, written by Andrew Biss in 2017, directed by Beth Schwartz. The one-man play, which runs a little less than 15 minutes, centers on a prisoner on death row who spends his

final moments before his execution conducting an interview with himself, rationalizing his crimes. The actor is strapped to a table and immobilized for the entire play, a challenge that appealed to Schwartz.

"I was lucky enough to get a phenomenal actor, and we worked a lot on how to keep the audience engaged, which is mostly through facial expressions and vocal inflections," Schwartz said.

The Night of One Acts is not only a unique opportunity for directors to take on lesser-known and lesser-produced plays, but also an opportunity for the audience to "see a bunch of different works in various styles," Schwartz said.

Fontanella agreed that the show will be an out-of-the-ordinary theater experience for the audience.

"It's interesting to see all these little stories, one after another, each with new lighting, a new set, new actors," she said. "There's a lot of variety, so you're constantly engaged." 🍷

### Night of One Acts

**When:** Friday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 and 8 p.m.

**Where:** Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St., Nashua

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- **PIANO MEN** Palace Theatre

(80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)) presents. Now through Feb. 2. Tickets are \$25 to \$46.

• **FROZEN JR.** Riverbend Youth Company (672-1002, [amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company](http://amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company)) presents. Opening Fri., Feb. 7 at The Amato Center for the

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Notes from the theater scene



The Palace Theatre presents Piano Men. Courtesy photo.

• **A tribute to music legends:** *Piano Men* continues at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester), with its final shows on Thursday, Jan. 30, and Friday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 2, at noon. The show pays tribute to piano greats including Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard, Barry Manilow, Billy Joel, Freddie Mercury, Elton John, Stevie Wonder and others. *Piano Men* is performed by two actors who play all of the “piano men” — Kyle Martin and Dominique Scott — plus a seven-person band and seven dancers. “It’s different than what we usually do,” artistic director Carl Rajotte told the Hippo earlier this month. “It’s not a book musical, but I wouldn’t call it a tribute concert because it’s very theatrical and has dancers. It’s kind of a mixture.” Rajotte called the show a fast-paced “roller coaster ride” and said that you don’t need to be familiar with or a fan of every “piano man” to enjoy the show. “If you don’t like Barry Manilow, just wait a few minutes and the whole show’s style will change,” he added. “Even if you only like one of those guys, you’ll love the whole show, because we don’t just play the songs; we make it a theatrical experience.” Tickets range from \$25 to \$46. Call 668-5588 or visit [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org). To read the full story about *Piano Men*, visit [hippopress.com](http://hippopress.com) and click on “past issues,” then click on the Jan. 9 issue pdf and look for the story on p. 19.

• **Playwriting intensive:** For the first time in more than 30 years, the New Hampshire Writers’ Project will offer a full program dedicated to the

art of drama. The six-week series of workshops, to be held Saturdays, Feb. 8 through March 14, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, will explore playwriting, culminating in a 10-Minute Play Festival to be presented at the Palace Theatre’s Spotlight Room (96 Hanover St., Manchester) on Saturday, March 28. “One of NHWP’s goals is to actively contribute to the arts communities in New Hampshire,” NHWP Chair Masher Chappelle said in a press release. “The renovation and opening of the Rex Theater inspired us to find a way to support fine arts and partner with the Palace Theater. It was logical for us to create and cultivate a home for playwrights.” In the morning session, participants will learn about the craft and components of playwriting, and in the afternoon, they will work on the creation and development of 10-minute plays. The series will be taught by Boston-based, award-winning professional playwrights Robbi D’Alessandro, Patrick Gabridge and Walt McGough. Local actors will assist with readings of the plays. The morning sessions, which will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., are open to anyone and are offered as standalone sessions. The cost is \$85 per session. The full, six-week program consisting of 12 total sessions costs \$880. Space is limited, so register soon. Call 270-5466 or visit [nhwriterproject.org](http://nhwriterproject.org). — *Angie Sykeny*

**Art In the Galleries**

• **“THE SHAKERS AND THE MODERN WORLD: A COLLABORATION WITH CANTERBURY”** Special exhibition. Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester). Now through Feb. 16. Admission \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for students,

\$5 for youth. Visit [currier.org](http://currier.org) or call 669-6144.

• **CHERYL VRATSENES** Artist exhibits paintings full of color with subjects such as coastal birds, fish, animals and landscapes of New Hampshire. CCA Global Partners (670 N. Commercial St., Manchester). Now through Feb. 28. Paintings available for purchase through

Sullivan Framing & Fine Art Gallery (15 N. Amherst Road, Bedford, 471-1888, [sullivanframing.com](http://sullivanframing.com)).

• **“NATURE’S PALETTE** An exhibition of paintings by New Hampshire Art Association artist Debbie Campbell. On view now through March 19. Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce Gallery, 49 S. Main St. Visit [nhartassociation.org](http://nhartassociation.org).

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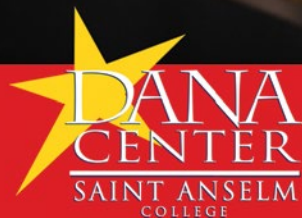


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## ARTS

# LOCAL COLOR

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"Yellow & Purple," acrylic by Joe Flaherty, featured in The New Hampshire Art Association's "Members Special Interest Exhibition." Courtesy photo.

• **Pick a bowl:** The 15th annual Potter's Bowl returns on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pinkerton Academy (5 Pinkerton St., Derry). Attendees will have the opportunity to choose a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by local professional and student artists and try a dozen different soups as well as breads and desserts donated by local restaurants. There will be a 50/50 raffle, live music, a photo booth, a silent auction and more. Limited tickets remain and cost \$40 for adults and \$15 for kids under age 12. Ticket sales close on Thursday, Jan. 30. Proceeds will benefit the Community Caregivers of Derry. Visit [pottersbowl.eventbrite.com](http://pottersbowl.eventbrite.com).

• **Learn to zentangle:** The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Nashua Gallery (98 Main St., Nashua) will have a "Traditional Zentangle Workshop" on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn the basics of zentangle, an art form which involves creating beautiful images using simple structured patterns. The cost is \$25, plus a \$10 material fee. The class is open to adults and teens ages 12 and up. Call 595-8233 or visit [nashua.nhcrafts.org](http://nashua.nhcrafts.org).

• **New Hampshire landscapes:** An art exhibition, "Paintings and Printmaking: A Glimpse of New Hampshire," is on view now through Feb. 6 at the New Hampshire Audubon Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way, Auburn). It features the work of four women: Gisele D. Thompson, Elaine Farm-

er, Patty Mynczywor and Hannah Phelps. The artists' work varies in style and medium but is all inspired by the New Hampshire landscape. Viewing hours are Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit [nhaudubon.org](http://nhaudubon.org) or call 668-2045.

• **New and special interest members:** The New Hampshire Art Association has two exhibitions on display now through Feb. 2 at the Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery (136 State St., Portsmouth). The "Members Special Interest Exhibition" features work by members in the plein air, painting and photography groups. The "New Members Exhibition" features work by 28 new artists who were accepted into the NHAA last year. Winter gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Visit [nhartassociation.org](http://nhartassociation.org).

— Angie Sykeny

### • "CONSTRUCTED VISIONS"

An exhibition featuring the mixed media works of Adele Sanborn and composite photography of Richard Moore that assembles images, words and memories into new narratives. 2 Pillsbury St., Concord. On view now through March 19. Visit [nhartassociation.org](http://nhartassociation.org).

• **"MATT BRACKET: BITTER CHILL"** Brackett's paintings combine ice-locked landscapes with hand lettered quotations of leaders, philosophers and activists from America's history as well as notable women and people of color who helped push the country in a more progressive direction. There are words from John Adams, Red Cloud, Harriet Tubman, Theodore Roosevelt, Frances Harper and others. The paintings were created to comment on the current presidential administration and to invite viewers to reflect on the responsibility and trust given to elected representatives and the power of the collective moral will wielded by the citizens who elected them. The McIninch Art

Gallery, located in Robert Frost Hall at Southern New Hampshire University (2500 N. River Road, Manchester). On view Jan. 23 through Feb. 29. Visit [snhu.edu](http://snhu.edu) or call 629-4622.

### • "TRANQUILITY & DRAMA"

Curated from the college's permanent collection, the exhibit features a group of landscape paintings by German artist Julius Lange (1817 - 1878) depicting scenes of the mountainous regions surrounding Lake Como. The exhibit will also feature paintings by American artists of the Hudson River School and examples of European genre painting from the mid to late 19th century. On view Jan. 24 through Feb. 21. The Chapel Art Center at Saint Anselm College (100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). Visit [anselm.edu](http://anselm.edu).

### Events

• **15TH ANNUAL POTTER'S BOWL** Attendees will be able to pick a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by New Hampshire professional and student artists, and enjoy a dozen different soups

donated from restaurants in the Derry area, as well as breads and desserts. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, live music and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit Community Caregivers of Derry. Sat., Feb. 1, 5 to 8 p.m. Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry. \$40 per person. Visit [pottersbowl.eventbrite.com](http://pottersbowl.eventbrite.com).

### Classical Music

#### Events

• **FAMILY CONCERT** Nashua Chamber Orchestra presents. The concert will feature three student soloists: Tessa Avery and Kiran Klein will play the violin in Beethoven's Doggy Waltz, and Nicole Hu will perform the solo in the Allegro maestoso from Chopin's Piano Concerto No 1. Also on the program are selections from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake and Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony. Sun., Feb. 9, 3 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Snow date is Sun., March 8, 3 p.m. Visit [nashualibrary.org](http://nashualibrary.org).

# INSIDE/OUTSIDE

## Ice time

Where to go skating inside and out this winter

By Angie Sykeny  
asykeny@hippopress.com

Don't miss your chance to go ice skating or play ice hockey this winter. Whether you want to brave the cold on an outdoor pond or glide with a roof over your head, there are plenty of local rinks where you can enjoy this fun winter activity.

### Outdoor rinks

Skate under the open sky for free at these outdoor rinks maintained by the towns or dedicated volunteers. These rinks are often opening and closing depending on the weather, so be sure to check the signage outside the rinks or updates on their websites.

- **Amherst** maintains rinks at Amherst Middle School (14 Cross Road) and at the Davis Lane Tennis Courts (5 Davis Lane). AMS skating times Monday through Friday are free skating from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m., and hockey only from 2:40 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Times on Saturday and Sunday are free skating from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and hockey only from 3 to 6 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. The Tennis Courts rink is open for free skating only. Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to dusk, Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to dusk, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to dusk.

- **Auburn** has ice skating rinks on Eaton Hill Road next to the Safety Complex. The larger rink is for hockey and the smaller rink is for family use and skating. There are no set hours, but the lights shut off at 10 p.m.

- **Bow** has public ice skating at the Town Pond, located next to the community center (3 Bow Center Road). Signs will be posted, indicating if the pond is open or closed.

- **Brookline** maintains a manmade rink at the Brookline Ball Park, which is on Route 130 near the Frances Drive intersection. Check [facebook.com/groups/Brookline-](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Brookline-)



Ice skating at Watson Park in Merrimack. Courtesy photo.

SkatingRink for updates on when the rink is open.

- **Concord** maintains three outdoor rinks: White Park (White Street), the Beaver Meadows Golf Course (1 Beaver Meadows Drive) and Rollins Park (33 Bow St.). Check the posted signs or [facebook.com/ConcordParknRecDept](https://www.facebook.com/ConcordParknRecDept) for updates on when the rinks are open.

- **Hopkinton** has Kimball Lake (185 Main St.), maintained by volunteers, available for ice skating and hockey at your own risk.

- **Manchester** maintains Dorrs Pond in Livingston Park (156 Hooksett Road). Check [facebook.com/CityOfManchesterNH](https://www.facebook.com/CityOfManchesterNH) for updates on when the rink is open for skating.

- **Merrimack** offers ice skating at Watson Park (447 Daniel Webster Highway). See Merrimack Parks And Recreation on Facebook for updates on when the rink is open.

- **Milford** has a rink maintained by volunteers at Shepard Park (Nashua Street, between Shepard and Linden streets), open dawn to 8 p.m. Hockey is allowed Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 7 to 10 a.m. Closings will be posted at the rink and on [facebook.com/milfordnh](https://www.facebook.com/milfordnh).

- **Nashua** maintains rinks at Jeff Morin Field at Roby Park (Spit Brook Road), Labine Park (Cleveland Street) and Four Corners (Sargent Avenue). Check if the rinks are open at [nashuanh.gov](https://www.nashuanh.gov). When they are open, the hours are skating from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and hockey from 8 to 10 p.m. at Jeff Morin Field; hockey from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Labine Park; and skating from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m., and hockey before 11 a.m. and from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at Four Corners.

### Indoor rinks

Even if the weather isn't cooperating, you can still get your winter skating in. These indoor rinks are open to the public for ice skating and hockey for a small fee, and many have ice skates available to rent. Some also offer ice skating lessons, learn-to-play hockey and other educational programs. See their websites for details.

- **Conway Arena** (5 Stadium Drive, Nashua, 595-2400, [conwayarena.com](https://www.conwayarena.com)) offers public skating, stick practice and youth stick practice, ice skating lessons and ice skate rentals. The cost is \$5 per skater, \$4 for ice skate rentals and \$10 per

player for stick practice. Dates and times vary, so check the calendar on the website.

- **Cyclones Arena** (20 Constitution Drive, Hudson, 880-4424, [northerncyclones.com](https://www.northerncyclones.com)) offers public skating most Fridays from 8:30 to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 3 to 4:20 p.m., but check the calendar on the website. The cost is \$6 per skater and \$4 for rentals. Stick-and-puck is on Fridays from 8 to 9 p.m., and costs \$10 per skater. There are also ice skating lessons and learn-to-play hockey.

- **Everett Arena** (15 Loudon Road, Concord, 228-2784, [concordnh.gov/skating](https://www.concordnh.gov/skating)) offers public skating, stick practice, skating lessons for beginners and learn-to-play hockey through March 13. Public skating hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, free for kids age 3 and under, and skate rentals are available for \$5.

- **JFK Coliseum** (303 Beech St., Manchester, 624-6567, [manchesternh.gov](https://www.manchesternh.gov)) is open for public skating on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m., through March. The cost is \$3 for students and seniors and \$5 for adults. Ice skating rentals (only available on Saturday and Sunday) are \$5.

- **Tri-Town Ice Arena** (311 W. River Road, Hooksett, 485-1100, [tri-townicearena.com](https://www.tri-townicearena.com)) offers public skating, ice skating lessons and learn-to-play hockey. Public skating costs \$6 per skater and \$4 for ice skate rentals. Dates and times vary, so check the calendar on the website.

- **West Side Ice Arena** (1 Electric St., Manchester, 624-6428, [manchesternh.gov](https://www.manchesternh.gov)) offers stick-and-puck Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m., through April 3. The cost is \$7 per player. Players under age 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. 🍷

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## INSIDE/OUTSIDE KIDDIE

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### Winter fun

The Concord Parks & Recreation Department will hold its **Winter Carnival in White Park** on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. The day will feature face-painting (from 1 to 2 p.m.), a bonfire, a sledding hill and ice skating (weather permitting) and more, according to the department's brochure. See [concordparksandrec.com](http://concordparksandrec.com).

### Art now, cocoa later

Make the **perfect hot cocoa mug** at the Currier Art Center (180 Pearl St. in Manchester; [currier.org](http://currier.org), 669-6144) on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. for the "Day to Play" program. The event is open to kids ages 5 and up with an adult. The cost is \$25.

### Penmen on the court

Catch Southern New Hampshire **Penmen's men's and women's basketball** teams at Southern New Hampshire University home games on Saturday, Feb. 1, against Pace University, with the women's game starting at 1:30 p.m. and the men's game starting at 3:30 p.m., both at the Stan Spirou Field House (2500 N. River Road in Manchester).



Pictured Chris Paul of the Saint Anselm College Hawks. Courtesy photo.

Admission to all regular season home games is free (donations for Make a Wish New Hampshire are encouraged). Bring money for snacks at the concession stand.

See [snhupenmen.com](http://snhupenmen.com).

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Catch **Saint Anselm College Hawks basketball this Saturday** when both men's and women's teams take on Southern Connecticut State. Women play at 1:30 p.m. and men play at 3:30 p.m. at Stoutenburgh Gymnasium on the Saint Anselm College campus (100 Saint Anselm Drive in Manchester). Tickets cost \$5 (admission to regular season home events is free for children 12 and under and for Saint Anselm students, faculty and staff) and are for sale at the ticket booth starting an hour before game time. See [saintanselmhawks.com](http://saintanselmhawks.com) for more on the teams and for a map of the campus. 🍌

## INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,

I'm reaching out to you regarding several Hummels that I have inherited from my great-grandmother. I would like to know where I can sell Hummels in the southeastern area of New Hampshire. Is it best to sell them separately or as a collection? Any input or guidance you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Kathy from Brookline



Courtesy photo.

in the \$15 range. The ones you think might be in the \$100 range are realistically around \$30 to \$50. There are exceptions, but not many. If any of them have any damage, the value would be in the under \$10 range.

I am sorry to you and many people who collected them for years. I don't think the values will go up later so holding on to them won't help. If it were me I would try to find buyers online. I think selling them will be tough but avoiding a middle person will bring you more.

Donna Welch has spent more than 30 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing, and recently closed the physical location of *From Out Of The Woods Antique Center* ([fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com](http://fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com)) but is still doing some buying and selling. She is a member of *The New Hampshire Antiques Dealer Association*. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna at [footwdw@aol.com](mailto:footwdw@aol.com), or call her at 391-6550 or 624-8668. 🍌

Dear Kathy,

Hummel figurines are tough in this market. The older ones and those with the full Bee mark were supposed to be an investment. But now that this modern generation isn't into figurine collecting they can be hard to find a buyer for.

As far as determining values for them, don't just trust the books! They say one thing, but the market as I said is another thing. I have nothing but sad stories to share when it comes to Hummel figurines. There are some cases that can bring a bit more if they were rare or a collector is looking for a specific one. In general I want to say that most are

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE THE GARDENING GUY

## Cut and burn

### How to get rid of invasives

By Henry Homeyer  
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Barberry bushes loaded with berries. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

My mother used to say, "The road to Hades is paved with good intentions." That is particularly true for gardeners and plant collectors. Most of those nasty invasive plants we struggle to eliminate from our landscape were brought here from abroad by people who didn't know better. They thought the plants would be a useful addition to their landscape. Plants such as barberry, Japanese knotweed and burning bush looked great to them. What they didn't bring, of course, were the insects that eat them and keep their numbers under control in their native environments.

January is down time in the garden, generally. We can't plant anything, and often the snow is deep. But if the January thaw has melted away the snow and ice where you are, this is a time when you could work on getting rid of some invasive trees and shrubs.

Actually, what I have in mind is helping to reduce the vigor and number of mature plants by cutting them down. That won't kill them, but it will keep them from producing seeds next year or even longer. Most invasives have roots that will send up new sprouts, come spring. And winter is not a time when you can dig up or pull out roots. But cutting them down and burning them is a chore you can do now.

The first task you have in this effort is to learn to identify the plants. For me, the most common invasive plants in the woods around my home are bush honeysuckle and barberry.

Invasive bush honeysuckle can get to be 10 to 15 feet tall and wide. It has fragrant white blossoms in June and oval-shaped leaves that are opposite each other on small twigs. In winter the bark is distinctive — slightly shaggy with distinctive ridges. If you cut a stem, there is a hollow spot in the center of the stem, though it might only be the diameter of a pencil lead. The shrub produces red or orange berries.

Japanese barberry is a tough plant that I have seen in deep woods, far from homes or roads. In full sun it produces massive quantities of red berries that birds eat and then drop the seeds all over. The bush has small green or purple leaves and is dense with thorns. I visited a barberry hedge recently, and it was still loaded with berries. The best solution? Cut it down now, and dig out the roots in the spring.

Burning bush is on invasive species lists throughout New England, even though I rarely see seedlings in the woods, and have none on my property. It is best identified in the fall, when its scarlet leaves are noticeable. It is more of a problem in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. I once saw a bumper sticker that said, "30 Below Keeps Out the Riff-Raff." I assume it was talking about plants like burning bush, which survives here

but doesn't spread as fast as it does in warmer climes.

Buckthorns are small trees or large shrubs that are very difficult to eliminate. If you cut one down, the root system will send up many, many new shoots, come spring.

There are two different species of buckthorn common in New England: common buckthorn and glossy buckthorn, a smaller version with pretty shiny leaves. Both produce berries that turn a deep purple and are the size of blueberries, but with a pit in the middle like a cherry.

You can kill these two by double girdling the trunks with a hand saw, cutting through the bark and green cambium layer while avoiding the dense heartwood. By double girdling, I mean cutting two lines all the way around the stem a foot apart or so. If you do it now, the plants will leaf out and grow normally this year, and perhaps even next year, but then they will die — without sending up new shoots. I have done this.

By cutting through the cambium layer, no nutrients will be sent to the roots, and the roots eventually starve. Common buckthorn is often multi-stemmed with stems close together, so getting a saw in around each stem can be difficult.

Why bother with all this? First, although birds may eat the berries of invasive plants and distribute their seeds, they did not evolve with the plants and often do not benefit much from what they eat. The invasives also out-compete many of our own native plants. They leaf out earlier in the spring and drop leaves later in the fall than our natives. They often shade out or disrupt the growth of wild flowers, too.

Invasive trees and shrubs may be less attractive to the caterpillars that feed on our native trees and shrubs, and which are such an important food source for baby birds. Butterflies and moths lay their eggs on the leaves of native woody plants so that their caterpillar babies will eat well. Those caterpillars make up the vast majority of food for nestlings, even those species that develop into seed eaters. So avoid growing invasives.

Take advantage of the January thaw — or a thaw anytime this winter — and remove some invasive plants. Get a burn permit, some marshmallows and do your woods some good. And have fun!

Henry is the author of four gardening books. He is away this week and not answering gardening questions. 🍷

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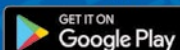
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# Wife worries about giving the gift of remote-start



By Ray Magliozzi

*Dear Car Talk:*

*I am hoping to install a remote-start system in my 2012 Audi A4. It's actually an anniversary gift for my husband. Anyway, I worry about getting it installed and then having electrical issues with the car later*

*on. We bought the car used from a dealership if that helps at all. — Mary*

Must be your 11th wedding anniversary, Mary; that's the remote-starter anniversary. If you want to get a jump on next year, I think 12 is the velour seat covers.

If it's professionally installed, Mary (I'd avoid the guys in the supermarket parking lots), you shouldn't have any future electrical issues. These things have been around for a while now, and they work pretty well.

One option is to find a reputable car stereo and alarm place. Almost all shops that install alarms also sell and install remote-starter kits. The problem is that stereo and alarm shops really run the gamut in terms of quality of work. So you need to do your homework.

You'll want to spend some time online, reading reviews of area alarm and stereo shops, and see if you can find one in your area that seems to have an excellent reputation.

It would be even better to get a professional

recommendation. If you have a regular mechanic you really like, ask him which alarm shop he trusts in the area.

Or you could call your Audi dealership and tell them what you're hoping to do. Ask the folks at the parts department or service department if they have an alarm company in the area that they recommend.

They may tell you that they do alarm and remote-starter work. Using the dealer would be a pretty good way to ensure that the work is done correctly. Or if it isn't done correctly for some reason, at least you'll know where to find them and get it corrected. Dealerships can't close up and move quickly.

It's also possible that your dealer "subcontracts" this kind of work out to an alarm shop. If they do, they may not want to share the name of the shop since you could then go there directly, and eliminate the \$100 markup that the dealership tacks on. If that's the case, you'll have to use the dealership and pay a little more, or rely on your other research.

But it's not a complicated job for a conscientious, professional installer, Mary. And if worse comes to worst, they'll set the car on fire, and your husband's anniversary present will be a brand-new Audi A4. Happy anniversary.

*Dear Car Talk:*

*My wife drives our 2002 Toyota Tacoma. It's*

*a V6 with 180,000 miles. She reports that the engine will sometime die when she shifts from park to reverse. It doesn't happen every time, so it's hard to pin down. It seems like it's worse in hot weather, and usually happens when the AC is on. A quick bump to neutral and the truck starts back up fine. I bought the truck new, and it's in excellent shape otherwise, but now I'm worried about future transmission problems. Suggestions? I always enjoy your column! — Ronny*

I doubt it's your transmission, Ronny. Which disappoints me because I have a boat payment due at the end of the month.

More likely, something is causing your idle speed to drop. And when you put the truck in gear, which puts an additional load or "demand" on the engine, the idle speed drops a little bit more and the truck stalls.

I'd check the operation of your idle air control. When you use a major accessory like the AC — one that also places a big demand on the engine — the computer is supposed to tell the idle air control to boost up the idle speed to prevent it from dropping too low and stalling. It's like stepping on the gas pedal a little bit.

Your idle air control may not be working the way it's supposed to when the AC is on. It could just be dirty.

Even more likely, though, is that you have a vacuum leak. Vacuum leaks are very common on older cars and would also cause the idle speed

to drop. Since it seems to happen only when you shift into reverse, it could be related to how the engine twists when you put the truck in reverse.

If you open the hood and watch while someone shifts the truck from park to reverse, you'll see that the engine actually moves a little bit in one direction. When the truck is shifted from reverse to drive, the engine will move in the opposite direction. While it only moves an inch or two, it can be enough to make a crack in a hose open up more or close down more. That's what I'd look for.

How do you do that? We'll have one guy plant his foot on the brakes and put the truck in reverse. And when the engine begins to stumble, we have another guy go around with a wand that's attached to a cylinder of propane. And that second guy will shoot a very small stream of propane gas around the areas where we suspect a vacuum leak.

When the propane encounters a vacuum leak, it gets sucked into the engine through the leak, and raises the idle speed. So when we hear the engine go faster, bingo, we've found the leak.

A vacuum leak could be anywhere, but I'd definitely check the fat, snorkellike hose that connects the air flow sensor to the throttle body. We've seen that hose leak before.

And if that doesn't work, build your wife a circular driveway, Ronny. Good luck.

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# ON THE JOB

## TIM MOORE FISHING GUIDE

Tim Moore of Northwood is a sponsored state-licensed fishing guide and owner and operator of Tim Moore Outdoors.

**Q:** *Can you explain what your current job is?*

I am a full-time licensed New Hampshire fishing guide. As far as I know, I am New Hampshire's only full-time, year-round fishing guide. I guide private one-on-one trips in kayaks for striped bass and freshwater bass, boat trips for landlocked salmon, lake trout, and smallmouth bass on Lake Winnepesaukee and ice fishing trips on Lake Winnepesaukee.

liked it so much that I dropped out to pursue this career.

*How did you get interested in this field?*

I have hunted and fished my whole life. My dad and I used to go every chance we got. He always held guides in high regard — I think that's how the seed got planted. It's something I've always dreamed of doing for a living, but for most of my life it seemed out of reach and just not possible.

*How long have you worked there?*

I have been a licensed guide for 14 years. I have worked as a full-time guide for the past five years. Before that, I was a full-time college student at UNH for Wildlife and Conservation Biology. My guide business got so busy and I

*What kind of education or training did you need for this job?*

New Hampshire has a rigorous testing process for both the hunting guide and fishing guide license. They require that you pass a written exam, followed by a practical exam given

by a panel made up of conservation officers and guides. The practical is pass or fail. You need to have [hunting or fishing] license-specific knowledge, safety and rescue knowledge and other necessary info. Hunting guides need to know how to navigate in the wilderness and how to find a lost person. Fishing guides need to know vessel control and navigation techniques, safety and rescue protocol, fish ID and more. All licensed New Hampshire guides are required to be CPR and first aid certified and undergo a criminal background check every year.

*How did you find your current job?*

There aren't really any guide services that employ fishing guides. I had to start my business from scratch. During my first year in business, my average hourly rate was two cents an hour. It was a long road to get to a place where it would financially sustain me full-time. A lot of that momentum came from my relationships with my sponsors and the exposure they offered, and building my reputation over time. Social media and writing opportunities have been huge as well.

*What's the best piece of work-related advice anyone's ever given you?*

I guess one of the best pieces of advice I've received is to be honest and treat every client with the same level of respect, regardless of how they behave or what they believe.

*What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?*

Well, I'm sure glad I didn't know how hard it would be to start a successful guide service — I may not have done it. Honestly ... I didn't know much and it kept me humble. It taught me to not be afraid of asking questions and admitting I didn't know something.



Tim Moore

*What is your typical at-work uniform?*

One of my sponsors is G2 Gemini Jerseys; they make sub-dyed clothing. I have custom long-sleeved jerseys and hoodies from them with my branding and sponsor logos that I wear. On the ice, I wear an ice fishing suit with a buoyant liner for safety. I try to wear Tim Moore Outdoors branded clothing or hats whenever possible.

*What was the first job you ever had?*

My first job ever was through the New Hampshire Summer Job Training Program, where I worked at the Portsmouth Junior High School with the custodians. — Travis R. Morin 🍌

**What are you into right now?**

My girlfriend Samantha and I are currently in the midst of revisiting every season of *The Office*.

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News from the local food scene

By Matt Ingersoll  
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• **May the best soup win:** Epsom Central School (282 Black Hall Road, Epsom) will host its eighth annual **soup/chili/chowder cook-off** on Monday, Feb. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. Visitors can taste a variety of locally made soups and vote on their favorites. Winners from three categories will be announced and will receive the “Souper Bowl” trophy. Ribbons will also be awarded to two People’s Choice recipients from each category. The deadline to register as a soup entrant has passed, but attendees can still pay an entry fee to taste. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids ages 10 and under, and includes access to up to 10 samples for adults and up to five samples for kids. Tickets will be sold at the door while supplies last. See “8th annual ECS Soup/Chili/Chowder Cook-off” on Facebook for more details.

• **New market vendor:** Debbi McLain, founder and original owner of Extra Touch Gourmet Cafe in Bedford, recently launched **The Seasoned Chef**, a business specializing in homestyle soups and stews plus entrees, quiches and various baked goods. McLain will have a booth at the Winter Market at Bedford Fields (331 Route 101, Bedford) during its remaining dates of the season: Saturdays, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. She also will provide personal chef, catering and meal delivery services. Visit her website, [nhseasonedchef.com](http://nhseasonedchef.com), to view sample menus on what types of dishes she has experience in cooking. You can also find her on Facebook @[theseasonedchefnh](https://www.facebook.com/theseasonedchefnh), email her at [debbi@nhseasonedchef.com](mailto:debbi@nhseasonedchef.com) or call her at 204-7173.

• **Bowled over:** The Community Caregivers of Greater Derry will host their 15th annual **Potter’s Bowl** on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of Pinkerton Academy (5 Pinkerton St., Derry). Attendees will get to pick a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by New Hampshire professional and student artists, and then choose from a dozen different soups donated from restaurants in the Derry area, as well as breads and desserts. Other features of the Potter’s Bowl are a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction and a pottery wheel demonstration. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite; visit [pottersbowl.eventbrite.com](http://pottersbowl.eventbrite.com).

• **Drinks on ice:** Join the Bedford Village Inn (2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford) for its **Ice Bar**; tickets have sold out for Saturday, but they are still available on Thursday, Jan. 30, and Friday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. This year’s event is ‘80s themed; in addition to martini and whiskey bars, there will be live music, food and drink specials and more. Admission is \$20 per person (21+ only). Visit [bedfordvillageinn.com](http://bedfordvillageinn.com) or call 472-2001.

# FOOD

## Romantic meals

Where to dine out or place orders for Valentine’s Day

By Matt Ingersoll  
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Valentine’s Day is right around the corner, so if you’re looking for a local spot to dine out with your special someone, or you want to give the gift of gourmet chocolates or sweets, check out this list of businesses across New Hampshire to help you mark the occasion. Most meals and specials are held on Friday, Feb. 14, unless otherwise specified in the listing.

• **815 Cocktails & Provisions** (815 Elm St., Manchester, 782-8086, [815nh.com](http://815nh.com)) will be celebrating Valentine’s Day with a menu of small bites from 7 to 11 p.m., plus a wine tasting, live acoustic music from the JaM Duo, a small art exhibit and more.

• **Angela’s Pasta & Cheese Shop** (815 Chestnut St., Manchester, 625-9544, [angelaspastaandcheese.com](http://angelaspastaandcheese.com)) is taking orders now for a special heat-and-serve Valentine’s dinner for two, which features your choice of seared lamb lollipops, spinach and prosciutto stuffed pork loin or cioppino (fish stew). All entrees come with your choice of chopped antipasto salad or wild mushroom bisque with Gorgonzola crostini. Each is also served with arugula and caramelized onion risotto, eggplant rotini, and one piece of either New York cheesecake or flourless chocolate torte for dessert. Santa Rita of Chile cabernet sauvignon or chardonnay is also included. The cost is \$59.95, or \$54.95 without the wine. Order by Feb. 8. Pickups will be on Friday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Atkinson Resort & Country Club** (85 Country Club Drive, Atkinson, 362-8700, [atkinsonresort.com](http://atkinsonresort.com)) will host a Valentine Comedy Night on Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m., which will feature a multi-course meal and live performances by comedians Joe Yannetty, Rob Steen and Mary Ellen Rinaldi. The dinner includes cheese and crackers with fresh fruit garnish, warm rolls and butter, oven roasted tomato bisque with smoked Gouda crostini, a twin plate of petite filet mignon with demi glace and baked haddock with sherry cream cracker crumbs, and chocolate torte for dessert. The cost is \$65 per person.

• **Averill House Vineyard** (21 Averill Road, Brookline, 244-3165, [averillhousevineyard.com](http://averillhousevineyard.com)) will host a special five-course dinner with wine and chocolate pairings on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Maureen Porter of Leave It To Me Event Planning in Hollis will provide the menu, which will feature an appetizer, a salad, a side dish, an entree and a dessert. Each course will have a special relation with chocolate in some way. Averill House Vineyard is also launching its limited production True Kiss strawberry zinfandel during the event. The cost starts at \$79 per person and reservations are required.

• **The Bakeshop on Kelley Street** (171



Chocolate-filled raspberry heart-shaped mousse with French macarons and milk chocolate caramels, which will be on the specials menus at Surf in Nashua and Portsmouth, Buckley’s Great Steaks in Merrimack and MT’s Local Kitchen & Wine Bar in Nashua. Courtesy photo.

Kelley St., Manchester, 624-3500, [thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com](http://thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com)) is taking orders for a variety of Valentine’s Day-inspired sweets and treats, like chocolate-dipped strawberries, cannoli and Valentine’s Day cakes, cupcakes and cookies, plus cream tarts (heart-shaped cookies layered with fresh cream and topped with flowers). Other items include flight samplings of truffles, chocolate lava cakes and miniature cupcakes. Order by Feb. 12.

• **Bedford Village Inn** (2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, [bedfordvillageinn.com](http://bedfordvillageinn.com)) will serve a special four-course prix-fixe menu in its dining room for Valentine’s Day, with seating times from 5 to 9:30 p.m. The menu will include your choice of an appetizer (cauliflower bisque, Cape Cod oysters, tortellini, Wagyu carpaccio or black pepper crispy calamari); a salad, an entree (pan seared Scottish salmon filet, smoked Long Island duck breast, grilled filet mignon, stuffed portobello mushroom, jerk spiced New Bedford sea scallops, or persillade crusted rack of lamb); and a dessert (chocolate Kahlua sorbet, blackberry cobbler creme brulee, limoncello cheesecake or strawberries and cream). The cost is \$85 per person and reservations are required.

• **Birch Wood Vineyards** (199 Rockingham Road, Derry, 965-4359, [birchwoodvineyards.com](http://birchwoodvineyards.com)) will host a special five-course Valentine’s dinner on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 7 to 10:30 p.m., which will include a cocktail reception, a Champagne toast and appetizers. The cost is \$65 per person, or \$75 with the wine pairings.

• **Buckley’s Great Steaks** (438 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 424-0995, [buckleysgreatsteaks.com](http://buckleysgreatsteaks.com)) is taking reservations now for Valentine’s Day, featuring specials in addition to its regular dinner menu, like raspberry mousse hearts with red velvet crumbs, chocolate mousse, raspberry sauce, French macaron hearts and milk chocolate caramels.

• **Candy Kingdom** (235 Harvard St., Manchester, 641-8470, find them on Facebook) is

offering a variety of specialty sweets and treats for Valentine’s Day, such as chocolate- and candy-dipped strawberries and traditional chocolate heart boxes.

• **Canoe Restaurant and Tavern** (216 S. River Road, Bedford, 935-8070, [magicfoods-restaurantgroup.com/canoe-bedford](http://magicfoods-restaurantgroup.com/canoe-bedford)) will be open during its regular Friday hours on Valentine’s Day, from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., serving its regular menus likely with a few specials.

• **Caroline’s Fine Food** (132 Bedford Center Road, Bedford, 637-1615, [carolinesfood.com](http://carolinesfood.com)) is taking orders now for special romantic dinners for two for Valentine’s Day. Selections include beef tenderloin with port demi, sauteed broccolini and shallot whipped potatoes; roasted duck breast with cherry gastrique, sauteed broccolini and shallot whipped potatoes; horseradish encrusted salmon, sauteed haricot verts and shallot whipped potatoes; or pan seared chicken breast with porcini cream, roasted asparagus and shallot whipped potatoes. All entrees include your choice of pot de creme or petite lemon tartlette. The cost ranges from \$75 to \$90 per order. Order by Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.

• **Carriage Shack Farm** (5 Dan Hill Road, Londonderry, 716-0629, [carriageshackfarm.com](http://carriageshackfarm.com)) will be serving country-style Valentine’s Day family breakfasts in its heated barn on Saturday, Feb. 15, and Sunday, Feb. 16. Breakfasts are served every hour by reservation only, at 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. The menu will include heart-shaped pancakes and biscuits, plus fresh fruit, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice and milk. Admission is \$14.95 for adults, \$12.95 for seniors and military service members, \$10.95 for children ages 2 to 15 and free for children under a year old. Admission includes visits with the farm animals, photo opportunities and one carnation flower and chocolate-covered strawberry per attendee.

• **CJ's Great West Grill** (782 S. Willow St., Manchester, 627-8600, cjsgreatwestgrill.com) will be serving its regular menu with specials. They will also be running a "Valentine's Double Date Night" promotion all day on Friday, Feb. 14, in which a party of four can receive up to two free appetizers with the purchase of up to two bottles of wine.

• **CodeX Books. Antiques. Rarities. (B.A.R.)** (1 Elm St., Nashua, 864-0115, codex-bar.com) is taking limited Valentine's Day dinner reservations now via phone.

• **Colby Hill Inn** (33 The Oaks, Henniker, 428-3281, colbyhillinn.com) is taking reservations now for a special three-course prix fixe dinner for Valentine's Day, with seatings from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The menu will feature your choice of an appetizer (parsnip and celery bisque, white bean soup, bosc pear salad, wintergreens, potato and caramelized onion pierogi or Dutch meatballs); an entree (roasted petite hen with citrus and bay leaves, grilled lamb chops, seared petite tenderloin, heirloom squash and goat cheese maultaschen or pan-roasted Faroe Island salmon); and a dessert (chocolate fondue for two, a chocolate trio of Mexican spiced chocolate pot de creme, mini chocolate brownie and cherry parfait and chocolate-dipped strawberry, passion fruit panna cotta, caramelized pineapple brown butter cake or ginger and pear sorbet). The cost is \$65 per person.

• **The Common Man** (25 Water St., Concord, 228-3463; 304 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 429-3463; 88 Range Road, Windham, 898-8088; thecman.com) will be serving its regular dinner menus, likely with a few specials.

• **Copper Door Restaurant** (15 Leavy Drive, Bedford, 488-2677; 41 S. Broadway, Salem, 458-2033; copperdoor.com) is serving a special prix fixe dinner menu for Valentine's Day, with options for a two-course meal (\$59 per person), a three-course meal (\$69 per person) or a four-course meal (\$79 per person). Choose from the menu of small bites (warm crab naan flatbread, crispy Brussels sprouts, spring pea risotto or chicken ragoon); soups and salads (spring berry salad, Mediterranean salad, roasted poblano corn chowder or five-onion gratinee); entrees (New York sirloin, seafood carbonara, lobster ravioli, cedar roasted salmon, smoked pork manicotti or herb-marinated chicken oscar) and desserts (red velvet cupcake, chocolate raspberry cheesecake or strawberry shortcake). Each item has a suggested wine pairing.

• **Cork N Keg Grill** (4 Essex Drive, Raymond, 244-1573, corknkegrill.com) is accepting dinner reservations now for Valentine's Day via phone.

• **Cotton** (75 Arms St., Manchester, 622-5488, cottonfood.com) will be serving special additions to its menu from Friday, Feb. 14, through Monday, Feb. 17, in addition to its regular dinner menu.

• **The Cozy Tea Cart** (104 Route 13, Brookline, 249-9111, thecozyteacart.com) will host a special Valentine's Day afternoon tea tasting on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. The

cost is \$34.95 per person and reservations are required.

• **The Crown Tavern** (99 Hanover St., Manchester, 218-3132, thecrownhanover.com) will be serving its regular dinner menu, plus a three-course "Sweetheart Specials" dinner for Valentine's Day. Reservations are accepted.

• **Downtown Cheers Grille & Bar** (17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com) will be open during its regular hours for Valentine's Day, serving its regular menus with specials.

• **Epoch Restaurant & Bar** (The Exeter Inn, 90 Front St., Exeter, 778-3762, epochrestaurant.com) will serve a special three-course menu for Valentine's Day, which will be available on both Friday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 15, from 4 to 9 p.m. and will include the option of adding a wine pairing for each course. Reservations are encouraged.

• **Firefly American Bistro & Bar** (22 Concord St., Manchester, 935-9740, fireflynh.com) will be open on Valentine's Day, serving lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 11 p.m. They'll be offering their full menus, in addition to several food and drink specials.

• **Flag Hill Distillery & Winery** (297 N. River Road, Lee, 659-2949, flaghill.com) will serve a special three-course dinner with wine pairings for Valentine's Day, which begins on Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. The meal will include strawberry and pecan salad, plus your choice of an entree (Sriracha crab cakes, steak Diane medallions, or a layered eggplant stack with pesto sauce), all of which are served with grilled asparagus and butternut squash wild rice pilaf. Raspberry cheesecake with white chocolate will be served for dessert. The cost is \$90 per couple (21+ only). Call or email wine-info@flaghill.com to make reservations.

• **The Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille** (40 Andover Road, New London, 526-6899, flyinggoose.com) will be serving its regular dinner hours, with specials. Reservations are recommended.

• **Frederick's Pastries** (109 Route 101A, Amherst, 882-7725; 25 S. River Road, Bedford, 647-2253; pastry.net) is taking orders for a variety of Valentine's Day-inspired sweets, like assorted heart-shaped cakes and cookies, Champagne cake truffles, chocolate-covered strawberries available by the pound and more. Place orders as soon as possible.

• **Gauchos Churrascaria Brazilian Steak House** (62 Lowell St., Manchester, 669-9460, gauchosbraziliansteakhouse.com) will be offering a Valentine's Day weekend special from Thursday, Feb. 13, through Sunday, Feb. 16, which will include a full Brazilian rodizio dinner for two, plus two glasses of Champagne, two desserts, a red rose and a box of chocolates provided by Van Otis Chocolates. The cost is \$118 per couple. Reservations are recommended.

• **Granite Restaurant & Bar** (The Centennial Hotel, 96 Pleasant St., Concord, 227-9005, graniterestaurant.com) will be serving a special four-course prix fixe menu for Valentine's Day, available from Thursday, Feb. 13, through Saturday, Feb. 15. The menu



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• **Giorgio's Ristorante & Bar** (270 Granite St., Manchester, 232-3323; 707 Milford Road, Merrimack, 883-7333; 524 Nashua St., Milford) is taking reservations for Valentine's Day at all three of its locations, serving its regular lunch and dinner menus with Valentine's Day-inspired specials.

• **Granite State Candy Shoppe** (13 Warren St., Concord, 225-2591; 832 Elm St., Manchester, 218-3885, granitestatecandyshoppe.com) is offering all types of Valentine's Day-inspired candies, including milk, dark or white chocolate hearts, assorted chocolate boxes and more.

• **Greenleaf** (54 Nashua St., Milford, 213-5447, greenleafmilford.com) will serve a special five-course prix fixe menu of seasonally inspired ingredients for Valentine's Day, which will be held on Friday, Feb. 14, at 5 p.m. The dinner will include mushroom and mascarpone manicotti, plus cured salmon, smoked ricotta gnudi, filet mignon and pastry cream with chocolate, strawberry and orange for dessert. Drink specials and an optional wine pairing are available. The cost is \$89 per person and reservations are required.

• **Huckleberry's Candies** (293 Lafayette Road, Hampton, 926-5061, huckleberryscandies.com) is offering a variety of specialty sweets and treats for Valentine's Day, including assorted chocolate heart boxes, chocolate roses and gummy and chocolate foil lips.

• **Incredibrew** (112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, 891-2477, incredibrew.com) will be holding a Valentine's Day-themed winemaking, tasting and bottling event on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. The cost is \$90 per couple; each participant will get to taste, make and bottle their own selection of ports and dessert wines. Small chocolate-type snacks will also be provided. No prior winemaking experience is necessary and all bottles and labels are included.

• **Jamison's** (472 Route 111, Hampstead, 489-1565, jamisonsrestaurant.com) is taking reservations now for Valentine's Day, serving a specials menu of appetizers (king crab leg lettuce wraps, crispy fried ribs and spinach salad); entrees (chicken saltimbocca, bone-in rib-eye steak, chicken fried grouper and sunchoke caramelized onion ravioli); and desserts (brownie cheesecake and vanilla waffle strawberry shortcake).

• **LaBelle Winery** (345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinerynh.com) will host a Valentine's celebration on Friday, Feb. 14, at 6 p.m., which will feature a special multi-course

dinner menu, drinks and live music from the Boston band Do I Do. The dinner will include a cocktail reception and cheese and charcuterie display, plus a house salad; your choice of an entree (maple soy glazed salmon, savory herb roasted chicken breast, marinated filet mignon or vegetarian quinoa-stuffed portabella mushroom); and a house-made chocolate cake for dessert. The cost is \$89 per person and reservations are required. Semi-formal attire is requested.

• **Michelle's Gourmet Pastries & Deli** (819 Union St., Manchester, 647-7150, michelles-pastries.com) is taking orders for specialty items like chocolate-dipped strawberries and two-serving cakes. Place orders at least two days in advance.

• **Mile Away Restaurant** (52 Federal Hill Road, Milford, 673-3904, mileawayrestaurant.com) is taking dinner reservations now for Valentine's Day. All dinners include your choice of an appetizer (New England clam chowder, Swedish meatballs or fresh fruit plate with sorbet, or substitute shrimp cocktail, escargot or onion soup); a salad (Caesar or garden, with multiple dressings available); an entree (sliced roast sirloin, sliced roast tenderloin of beef, grilled duck breast, chicken Madrid, scallops en casserole, maple salmon, seafood Madonna, baked stuffed jumbo shrimp, wienerschnitzel, pork Forestiere, chicken picatta or baked eggplant Parmesan); and a dessert (ice cream puffs, sorbet with berries, cheesecake with strawberries, chocolate ganache cake, lemon mascarpone cake or chocolate mousse cake). Each entree also comes with either baked potato, Swiss potato or rice pilaf, and either green bean Provencal, honey-glazed carrots, pickled beets or applesauce. The cost ranges from \$33 to \$46 per meal.

• **Mr. Mac's Macaroni & Cheese** (497 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 606-1760; 2600 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, 360-7916; mr-macs.com) will be serving its regular menus at both New Hampshire locations on Valentine's Day, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Manchester and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Portsmouth.

• **MT's Local Kitchen & Wine Bar** (212 Main St., Nashua, 595-9334, mtslocal.com) is taking reservations now for Valentine's Day, featuring specials in addition to its regular dinner menu, like raspberry mousse hearts with red velvet crumbs, chocolate mousse, raspberry sauce, French macaron hearts and milk chocolate caramels.

• **Murphy's Taproom & Carriage House** (393 Route 101, Bedford, 488-5975, murphytaproom.com) will serve a four-course prix fixe menu that will be available starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14. The meal will include your choice of a first course (Caesar salad, harvest salad or fresh clam chowder); a second course (scallops and cobb bacon or General Tso's cauliflower); an entree (lobster-stuffed filet or potato-crustured had-dock); a dessert sampler and two glasses of Champagne. The cost is \$90 per couple and reservations are strongly recommended.



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• **New England's Tap House Grille** (1292 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 782-5137, taphousenh.com) will be serving a special multi-course beer pairing dinner on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m., featuring selections from Lithermans Limited Brewery of Concord. Courses will include tuna tartare with citrus guacamole and house chips; endive and arugula salad; Harissa apricot-glazed pork belly; and chocolate stout cheesecake with whipped strawberry mascarpone. The cost is \$60 per person (21+ only). Then on Sunday, Feb. 16, there will be a brunch buffet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with buffet stations, a meat-carving station, custom crepes and omelets, and bloody mary and mimosa bars. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$14 for kids.

• **O Steaks & Seafood** (11 S. Main St., Concord, 856-7925, magicfoodsrestaurantgroup.com/osteaks) will be open during its regular Friday hours on Valentine's Day, from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., serving its regular menus likely with a few specials.

• **Osteria Poggio** (18 Main St., Center Harbor, 250-8007, osteriapoggio.com) is taking reservations now for a special five-course prix fixe menu for Valentine's Day, which will be served on Friday, Feb. 14, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person.

• **Pearls Candy & Nuts** (356 S. Broadway, Salem, 893-9100, pearlscandy.com) offers a variety of Valentine's Day-inspired candies for sale, like gummy cherry hearts and bears, red-foiled solid chocolates and more.

• **The Peddler's Daughter** (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com) will be serving a special "anti-Valentine's Day" themed menu of specialty burgers and sandwiches on Friday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 15. Featured items will include an Italian burger with salami, ham, mortadella, pepper relish, vinaigrette and mozzarella cheese; a bistro burger with goat cheese, roasted red peppers and balsamic reduction; the "cowboy" burger, which has hickory-smoked bacon, Guinness barbecue sauce, crispy onion straws and cheddar cheese; a poutine burger, topped with fried cheese curds, house cut fries and bourbon gravy; and a fried Buffalo chicken sandwich with blue cheese crumbles and celery carrot slaw.

• **Presidential Oaks** (200 Pleasant St., Concord, 724-6111, presidentialoaks.org) will host its annual Sweetheart Dinner on Friday, Feb. 14, at noon, which will feature options like chicken cordon bleu, au gratin potato, asparagus spears and red velvet cupcakes for dessert. The cost is \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. This year's event will also include games of couples Bingo at 11 a.m., with chocolate treats for prizes.

• **Presto Craft Kitchen** (168 Amory St., Manchester, 606-1252, prestocraftkitchen.com) is taking orders now for a variety of specialty desserts for Valentine's Day, including chocolate-covered strawberries and Oreos or red velvet cheesecake truffles (\$20 per dozen), as well as chocolate-covered Oreos (\$15 per dozen), red velvet cake pops (\$25 per dozen) and more. Order by Feb. 10. Pickups will be

available on either Thursday, Feb. 13, or Friday, Feb. 14.

• **Revival Kitchen & Bar** (11 Depot St., Concord, 715-5723, revivalkitchennh.com) will be serving its regular dinner menu on Valentine's Day, likely with some specials, according to owner and executive chef Corey Fletcher.

• **Rockingham Brewing Co.** (1 Corporate Park Drive, Unit 1, Derry, 216-2324, rockinghambrewing.com) will hold a special wine, beer and chocolate pairing event for Valentine's Day on Friday, Feb. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. Reservations are required.

• **Roost** (50 Pointe Place, Dover, 742-6100, roostdover.com) is taking reservations for Valentine's Day now, serving its regular dinner menu with specials.

• **Roots Cafe at Robie's Country Store** (9 Riverside St., Hooksett, 485-7761, rootsatrobies.com) is taking reservations now for a Valentine's four-course dinner, on Friday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m., which will also feature a local cheese and charcuterie and optional wine pairings. The cost is \$75 per person.

• **Surf Restaurant** (207 Main St., Nashua, 595-9293; 99 Bow St., Portsmouth, 334-9855; surfseafood.com) is taking reservations now for Valentine's Day, featuring specials in addition to its regular dinner menu, like raspberry mousse hearts with red velvet crumbs, chocolate mousse, raspberry sauce, French macaron hearts and milk chocolate caramels.

• **T-Bones Great American Eatery** (25 S. River Road, Bedford, 641-6100; 39 Crystal Ave., Derry, 434-3200; 77 Lowell Road, Hudson, 882-6677; 1182 Union Ave., Laconia, 528-7800; 311 S. Broadway, Salem, 893-3444; t-bones.com) will be serving its regular menu with specials. They will also be running a "Valentine's Double Date Night" promotion all day on Friday, Feb. 14, at all of its locations, in which a party of four can receive up to two free appetizers with the purchase of up to two bottles of wine.

• **Triolo's Bakery** (21 Kilton Road, Bedford, 232-3256, triolosbakery.com) is taking orders for a variety of specialty sweets and treats for Valentine's Day, including white or dark chocolate-dipped strawberries (\$2 each; minimum of six per order); plus cupcake flavors like strawberry Champagne, chocolate peanut butter brownie, chocolate-covered strawberry and more (ranges from \$3.50 to \$3.75 each). Order by Feb. 8.

• **Van Otis Chocolates** (341 Elm St., Manchester, 627-1611, vanotis.com) is offering a variety of Valentine's Day-inspired sweets and treats, like milk, white or dark chocolate-dipped strawberries, chocolate-dipped wine and Champagne bottles, heart-shaped gummy candies, assorted chocolate boxes and more.

• **Zorvino Vineyards** (226 Main St., Sandown, 887-8463, zorvino.com) will serve a special four-course Valentine's dinner on Friday, Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m., which will include a cocktail hour. The cost is \$75 per person and reservations are required. 🍷



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# Chili challenge

Amherst Fire & Ice chili cook-off returns

By Matt Ingersoll  
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If you have a great recipe for chili, you'll have a chance to show it off at the fifth annual Amherst Fire & Ice event. The free combination chili cook-off and ice cream social, organized by the Amherst Lions Club, returns to Amherst Middle School on Friday, Feb. 7.

"It's a great event that allows the community to come together and kind of break out of that winter cycle," event publicity chairwoman Joan Ferguson said.

There is no cost of admission to enter as a chili cook-off participant, nor is there to come and just taste chilis, according to Ferguson. But the club will be accepting monetary donations at the door, with proceeds benefiting charities in the Amherst area.

Chili cooks are asked to register by Feb. 5 and bring at least a minimum of two gallons of chili to the event. Nearly two dozen chili makers are confirmed for this year's event, including all of the winners from the previous cook-offs, Ferguson said. Some own restaurants in the area, while others are Lions Club members. But there is no prerequisite for anyone interested in making their own chili, as long they register by the Feb. 5 deadline.

"This year, we've asked if some of the other Lions Clubs might be interested in entering their recipes, and we've had some good responses to that so far," she said, adding that members of the Brookline, Milford and Merrimack Lions Clubs will all be serving up chilis.

Participating restaurants will include Cafe on the Oval of Milford, who took home the title at last year's cook-off, Ferguson said, as well as Smokehaus Barbecue of Amherst, Papa Joe's Humble Kitchen of Milford, Moulton's Market of Amherst and Joey's Diner of Amherst.

You can expect a wide variety of both traditional and non-traditional chilis to be served, from chilis with beef, Italian sausage and chicken to various vegetarian chilis. Ferguson said even some chilis with game meats like venison have been featured in the past.



Amherst Fire & Ice 2019. Courtesy photo.

"People can get a little tasting cup to sample, or they can get a bowlful too," she said.

Tasters will get to vote on their favorite chilis. The chili entrant with the most votes will receive bragging rights for a year and their name engraved on a silver bowl.

In addition to the chilis, a small offering of other foods like cornbread, salads and hot dogs is expected to be available. The Amherst Junior Women's Club will also have a table of desserts like pies, cakes and cookies, Ferguson said.

To help you turn down the heat from the chilis, a self-serve make-your-own ice cream sundae station will be set up inside the cafeteria, featuring toppings like hot fudge, cherries, gummy candies and whipped cream.

A live performance by the Amherst Middle School Jazz Band will be held during the event, plus animal balloon demonstrations from Amherst's Kricky the Clown and free eye screenings offered by the Lions Club.

### 5th annual Amherst Fire & Ice

**When:** Friday, Feb. 7, 5 to 7 p.m. (the deadline to register your chili is Feb. 5; email amherstlionsclub@gmail.com for details)

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Christopher Cate of Manchester oversees all restaurant and in-house catering operations at the Space Entertainment Center (51 Zapora Drive, Hooksett, 621-5150, spaceentertainmentcenter.com). He's currently working on introducing all types of new offerings as part of an ongoing transformation of the menu available at the Center. So far, they have included hand-breaded Captain Crunch chicken tenders and Asian-style nachos (wonton chips with coleslaw, guacamole and Sriracha drizzle), as well as a few new burgers. Cate has more than two decades of experience working in restaurants across New Hampshire; his resume includes culinary stints at T-Bones Great American Eatery of Bedford, Joker's Sports Bar & Bistro (now South Side Tavern) in Manchester, and most recently at the Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery in Raymond.

**What is your must-have kitchen item?**

My number one thing that I use ... is my food processor. I like to make my own fun aiolis, dressings and breadcrumbs.

**What would you have for your last meal?**

I like a good steak. A nice dry-aged steak or Wagyu would be pretty good.

**What is your favorite local restaurant?**

I like to go to La Carreta. I love margaritas and fajitas.

**What celebrity would you like to see trying something off of your menu?**

I think I'd like to get a celebrity chef in here, maybe Guy [Fieri].

**What is your personal favorite thing you have ever featured on a menu?**

We used to do a really good chicken carbonara at Joker's. That was definitely one of my favorite things.

**What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire right now?**

I feel like keto is the biggest thing right now that everybody is talking about.

**What is your favorite thing to cook at home?**

I really like making some fresh Italian dishes, like lasagnas or pastas, with some good breads. My kids are always really into that too, when I make spaghetti or stuffed shells.

— Matt Ingersoll 🍷

**Bacon ranch meatloaf**

*Courtesy of Christopher Cate of the Space Entertainment Center in Hooksett*

- 1 cup diced vegetables (onions, peppers, mushrooms)
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 eggs
- 1½ cups bread crumbs or cracker crumbs
- 1 cup buttermilk ranch dressing
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- Salt and pepper to taste

- Thyme (optional)
- 8 half-slices bacon

Preheat oven at 350 degrees. Cook and sweat garlic and diced vegetables over low heat, then set aside to let cool. Combine all ingredients except bacon and ranch. Bake at 350 degrees for about an hour. Apply the ranch glaze within the last 10 minutes of baking.



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## TRY THIS AT HOME

# Chocolate Bottom Macarons

With Valentine's Day approaching quickly, it might be time to think about the holiday and what you'll be giving your special someone. For many that means buying flowers and boxes of candy. But why not make this year's valentine gift a homemade endeavor?

Think about your typical Valentine's Day shopping. If you choose flowers, you know they'll be more expensive than usual because everyone else is buying flowers. You could buy jewelry or a box of candy, but aren't they both cliches? But if you bake a present, it shows you put lots of time and thought into it. Plus, it won't bust your budget.

Personally, I'm a fan of homemade gifts. I love that someone took the time to make something for me instead of just clicking the buy button online. Whether it's as simple as a homemade card or as extravagant as a multi-course meal, having someone make something for you is special.

If I've convinced you to take the homemade route, these chocolate bottom macarons are a great choice. They're really fairly easy to make, but they look beautiful. Homemade cookies with a layer of chocolate — what more could your valentine want?



Chocolate Bottom Macarons. Photo by Michele Pesula Kuegler.

Make a batch, package them in a pretty box, and you have a gift that will make your valentine smile. Plus, if you're lucky, you might get to enjoy one or two of them as well.

*Michele Pesula Kuegler has been thinking about food her entire life. Since 2007, the Manchester resident has been sharing these food thoughts and recipes at her blog, Think Tasty. Please visit [thinktasty.com](http://thinktasty.com) to find more of her recipes.*

### Chocolate Bottom Macarons

Makes 2 dozen cookies

14-ounce bag sweetened, flaked coconut  
7/8 cup sweetened condensed milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 teaspoon coconut extract  
2 egg whites  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup chocolate chips (semisweet or milk)  
Preheat oven to 350.

Combine coconut, sweetened condensed milk, vanilla, and coconut extract in a large bowl, stirring well

Using a stand mixer, whisk egg whites and salt until stiff peaks form.

Fold egg whites into coconut mixture.

Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

Using two spoons, scoop heaping tablespoons onto tray.

Bake for 20 minutes or until edges and bottom are golden.

Transfer entire parchment sheet and cookies to a cooling rack.

When cooled, melt chocolate chips in 30-second increments in small bowl in microwave, stirring between each segment.

Coat bottom of each cookie with chocolate. (I used a spoon to spread it.)

Return coated cookie to parchment paper.

After all cookies are coated, place in refrigerator to speed cooling of chocolate.

Store cookies in a sealed container in a cool place or refrigerator.

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# Beer for the Super Bowl

With the Pats not taking part, you can let loose

By Jeff Mucciarone  
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Brewery's Scenic Session IPA would be a nice choice for the Super Bowl. Courtesy photo.

Rutgers and Princeton took the gridiron for what Wikipedia says was the first actual football game in 1869 — though apparently the rules were just a touch different as you weren't allowed to actually carry the ball in that first match, but you could "bat" it with your hands or feet.

What's important is that during that game, a lively, young Rutgers lad enjoyed a healthy pour of lager as he cheered on his Rutgers comrades, and in doing so, that unnamed student laid the foundation for what has been a glorious marriage between football and beer ever since.

I suppose I can't prove that that is all historically accurate but I can't imagine it isn't. It feels right. OK, maybe it was a Princeton lad who grabbed that first lager at game time. I don't know.

People have been drinking beer and watching football for a really long time.

And while this Sunday's Super Bowl won't feature the hometown New England Patriots for the first time since 2016, I see that as an opportunity to let loose a little bit. You don't have to pay such close attention to the game; you can pay a little more attention to your beer and the food.

And your beer choices matter because you're probably going to be drinking beer alongside chili and chicken wings and nachos and pizza and maybe some barbecue — and probably a whole host of other stuff. All of those foods have a little spice or a little "kick" to them. And that's good. Heck, that's great. But it's possible a rich, creamy milk stout might not be a perfect match for fiery wings dunked in spicy barbecue sauce.

While Super Bowl food can certainly be rich, my experience is that it tends to be more appetizers and finger food, and in turn, I'm less worried about food bogging me down. I'm generally a little more focused on the game than I am making sure I get a well-rounded meal.

When I'm eating foods that have some kick, I typically want one of two things: something clean, crisp and bright like a Pilsner or something that stands up to those big flavors on its own like an IPA.

You've got plenty of New Hampshire options when it comes to those two styles. Thinking about beers that are bright, crisp and clean, I'd suggest brews like True Grits by Throwback Brewery or Stoneface Brewing Co.'s Czech-style Pilsner or its Dibs #18: Cream Ale. Moat Mountain Smoke House and Brewing Co. offers multiple lighter brews that provide palate refreshment when stuffing your face with

chili.

While I generally think IPAs stand up to just about any food, sometimes I think they overpower the food you are eating. So, for the Super Bowl, I'm going to go to more standard IPAs, which is a terrible way to put it but I can't think of a better way to articulate the point. I'm talking about IPAs that still have plenty of flavor and hop character but are maybe a bit more subtle, like a session IPA, such as Miles & Miles Session IPA by Henniker Brewing Co. or the Scenic Session IPA by 603 Brewery.

Pale ales, such as the Pemi Pale Ale by Woodstock Inn Brewery or the Flying Goose Pale Ale, would also be great choices.

If I'm being completely honest, though, I'm probably going to have a few Harpoon IPAs as I take in the game.

Hey, I wish the Pats were in the game too, but at least you can relax a little bit this year.

*Jeff Mucciarone is a senior account manager with Montagne Communications, where he provides communications support to the New Hampshire wine and spirits industry.*

### What's in My Fridge

**The Official Hazy IPA by Bell's Brewery (Kalamazoo, Mich).** *Bell's came onto my radar a year or so ago with its Two Hearted Ale, which is just one of the best all-around IPAs you can find on the market anywhere. Perfectly balanced and delicious — it would make for a perfect Super Bowl beer. OK, enough about the Two Hearted Ale, as The Official is also delicious. Brewed more in the New England IPA-style, this one is hazy, juicy and mildly bitter. An extremely welcoming IPA. Cheers!*



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**The Pocket Gods, *If I Have Another Drink It Will Kill Me* (Sony Records)**



Having been together for 21 years, this London band has at last branched out to a mixed-media outburst, which incorporates a movie as well as this new single. In one way or another, both prongs of this effort focus on frontman Mark Christopher Lee's struggles with mental illness. These guys have gotten promotional love from John Peel, which is a huge deal in the U.K., and their depthlessly punky approach is certainly worthwhile. In the song, vocal-wise, Lee sounds

like Michael Stipe trying to sound like a purposely off-key Joey Ramone circa mid-career, which obviously adds to the effect; the image of a sprawling, broken dude trying his best to lose his girlfriend once and for all is pretty effective in the context. Nothing groundbreaking in the sound, let's call it low-budget Cure with Raconteurs guitars. But it's OK. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger*

**Victims of Circumstance, *Five* (Financial Records)**



I'm well aware that I wrote up a ska-punk album a month or so ago, but don't go expecting this space to turn into some sort of central repository for celebrating bands that formed only because the drummer happened to have a couple of drinking buddies who played trumpet, which is the only way ska bands ever form in the first place. That's not to say I hate ska; if the compositional structures weren't so primitive, there's a good chance I'd shut off WCRB and listen to it if I felt like being in a good mood (stranger things

have happened). But this record was billed as having a "unique approach" to ska, which I didn't believe for a second, so into the Media Player these guys from Clearwater went, and lo, out of the speakers barfed a way cool party-hearty cross between Finnish joke-metal, Dashboard Confessional and — I quadruple-dog-dare you take a wild stab in the dark — Reel Big Fish. This stuff could save my immortal soul, were I to feel the least bit drawn to such a thing. **A+** — *Eric W. Saeger*

**PLAYLIST**

*A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases*

• Jan. 31 brings us new albums from many bands and artists, so we may as well start with *The Unraveling*, the new album from alternative country band **Drive-By Truckers**, because why not! They have done well on the U.S. rock charts, peaking at No. 4 with their 2014 record *English Oceans*, which pleased critics mostly because Michael Cooley contributed as many songs as fellow guitarist Patterson Hood, which was a sure sign to most fans that Hood should write fewer songs, I suppose. The big single — not that they're a singles band — was "Pauline Hawkins," which sounded like Neil Young guesting on an REM song, which was when I lost interest, but not in a hateful way. But never mind past glories, we're talking about this new album, and its single, "Armageddon's Back in Town," which, with its Bryan Adams-like, hard-edged guitar and Bryan Adams-ish singing, somehow reminds me of Bryan Adams. It's OK, for something I would never consciously download without being completely drunk or something.

• **Meghan Trainor** is of course the Nantucket-born gal who gave the world the brain-cell-killing single "All About That Bass" back in 2014, and that's when everything started to go wrong everywhere, but it's not totally all her fault. 2018 was a big year for Trainor, as she became a celebrity judge on the Fox reality-TV talent show *The Four: Battle for Stardom*, along with Puff Daddy, which is all we really need to discuss about all that business, but she also competed against soccer-mom-pop diva Shania Twain on some other show called *Drop The Mic*. I don't know who beat who in that battle, but I'm sure it was wildly exciting. Whatever, Trainor's new LP is called *Treat Myself*, and the newest single from it is titled "All the Ways," said to be "servicing adult contemporary" audiences, which is a huge red flag for me, but I'll check it out because I've already written this much. Ah, it's pop music for the Ellen show indeed, some harmless bouncy nonsense about being in love, except in the video she's going to the carnival and the velvet-rope club and walking around the totally quaint city with a teddy bear, of all things, whom she has apparently chosen as a boyfriend. No, not a drunken teddy bear like on that Marky Mark movie, I mean a nice, regular teddy bear who loves just *listening* to her, except wait, they're having drama outside the coffee shop or whatnot, and she's upset. Did the teddy bear give a little smoochie-poo to some plush strumpet, like Miss Piggy or Lampbchop? I can't look, someone text me how this heart-breaking tale ended.

• Hey, it's a new **Squarepusher** album, *Be Up a Hello*. I'm jiggy with that, because I'm totally down with any artist who can't decide between drum n bass, IDM, jazz and guitar-tronica, like, that's how everyone should be, in my opinion. Well this is super cool, like some YouTuber said he got the full album rip from his dad, who works at Warp Records, and he cloaked it by running a short "Kars 4 Kids" ad at the beginning. Oh, it's a fake, never mind. The single "Vortrack" is cool, though, packing a hyper-speed techno beat, some glitch etc. It rules.

• The title track from **Theory of a Deadman's** new album, *Say Nothing*, sounds like Drake trying to do a WWE entrance theme. To me it's the rock 'n' roll equivalent of a plastic banana strategically placed on a dining table at Jordan's Furniture, but your mileage may vary.

— *Eric W. Saeger*

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**POP CULTURE BOOKS**

**The Power of Bad**, by John Tierney and Roy F. Baumeister (Penguin Press, 249 pages)

If you've ever lost a friendship, job or marriage because of a singularly bad mistake, here's a bit of comfort: It's not all your fault. You can also blame evolution.

That's because there's a pronounced human tendency to assign more power to bad things than to good ones, social scientists have learned. This helps to explain why a decades-long friendship can unravel over one forgotten birthday or a seemingly trivial argument over politics, even though over the course of the relationship there have been hundreds more good things that occurred between the two people than bad.

The science behind this peculiarity is called "the negativity effect," and in *The Power of Bad*, longtime writing team John Tierney and Roy F. Baumeister explain why negative events have more power over us than good ones. This could be pretty depressing stuff, especially if you can identify patterns in your own life where the negativity effect won.

But Tierney and Baumeister dive deep into the science and emerge with solutions strewn with cheerful and catchy maxims, such as their "Rule of 4" — "It takes four good things to overcome one bad thing," whether in relationships or work.

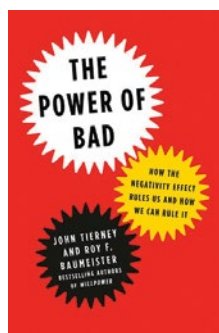
Negative events derive their power from their outsized evolutionary role. When our primitive ancestors made mistakes, such as judging their distance from a hungry lion, they died. Or, as Tierney and Baumeister put it, "To survive, life has to win every day. Death has to win just once."

Likewise, when our existence depended on our ability to be part of a group, small slights or transient feelings of exclusion had enormous power, and rightly so. Such hypersensitivity served our ancestors well by ensuring their place within the safety of a nomadic tribe; today, it can just make us miserable. And it can wreak havoc on our lives if we don't recognize the patterns and consciously work around them, the authors argue. "Until we learn how to override the disproportionate effect of bad, it distorts our emotions and our view of the world. It has made the luckiest people in history feel cursed."

Tierney and Baumeister view the negativity effect across its wide spectrum of influence, to include romantic relationships, religion and faith, business, politics and online interactions.

Knowing that it takes an abundance of positive to negate a single negative event, they suggest a "positivity ratio" of at least 4 to 1. And yes, that applies to romantic relationships, which are not likely to be good, the authors suggest, unless there is four times as much canoodling as fighting. (For what it's worth, the negativity effect also governs your relationship with your neighbors: Researchers found "it took a lot of socializing to build a friendship, but one or two bad encounters could turn neighbors into permanent enemies.")

But that doesn't mean that we should all be focused on doing nice things for one another



to counter the inevitable bad. In fact, Tierney and Baumeister say it's more important to be "good enough" in any scenario rather than great, since even the longest stream of goodness won't matter when it comes up against one bad event. Instead, they say it's more important to focus on actions to forestall the negatives from occurring.

Among their suggestions: "don't take the bait" when something irritates you (or, you may use my personal mantra on this, "Let the Wookiee win"); and, "if you must respond, don't escalate."

"It's not so much what you do unto others. It's what you *don't* do," the authors stress.

Learning about negativity bias and its sprawling tentacles can also help people with anxiety and irrational fears, especially when combined with simple strategies from cognitive behavioral therapy, such as developing "coping statements" or mantras. "The mere act of repeating words is calming, as monks have long known."

And don't knock Pollyannas: Happy talk, even if it's forced cheerfulness, has "a powerful psychological effect, based on solid research showing we have innate defenses against the negativity effect — some unconscious, others

that can be consciously deployed."

In their conclusion, Tierney and Baumeister move from the negativity effect as it relates to individuals, to how it relates to society. They call it "bad ascending." They contend that much of the badness in the public square and on the internet is due to the exploitation of a universal tendency by crisis mongers. "By continually fomenting fears, the prophets of doom have profoundly distorted the public's view of the present and the future. By hyping small or nonexistent threats to induce panicky responses, they create far more problems than they solve."

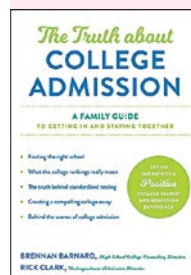
This is not, they point out, a new phenomenon. In 1918, the endlessly acerbic H.L. Mencken wrote that the aim of politics was to menace the public "with an endless series of hobgoblins, most of them imaginary."

Mencken knew of the negativity effect only instinctively; it was not identified as such until Baumeister and another social scientist, Paul Rozi of the University of Pennsylvania, published papers on the subject in 2001. Their work and that of others solidly footnotes *The Power of Bad*, which nicely blends academic heft with pop psychology and stands to make a measurable difference in how we handle the everyday interactions of life — both the good and the bad.

A — Jennifer Graham

**POP CULTURE BOOKS**

**Book Report**



• **College admission advice for families:** Brennan Barnard, director of college counseling at the Derryfield School and College Admission Program Manager at the Making Caring Common Project at Harvard Graduate School of Education, will visit Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord) on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. to present his new book, *The Truth About College Admission: A Family Guide to Getting in and Staying Together*. The college application process guidebook is an easy-to-follow, comprehensive guide for families that provides advice, strategies and direction about searching for colleges, creating a list of favorites and crafting an application, and insight into what colleges are looking for academically and outside the classroom and how they decide who to accept. Barnard writes with inside knowledge from both the high school and university sides of the process. Call 224-0562 or visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

• **Concord Theatre history:** MainStreet BookEnds (16 E. Main St., Warner) welcomes Paul Brogan on Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. to discuss his latest book *The Concord Theatre and Concord's Love Affair with the Movies*. The book, which includes a foreword by Barry Steelman, looks not only at the history of the legendary Concord Theatre but also at how the movies impacted a community as a whole. Visit mainstreetbookends.com or call 456-2700.

• **Stop by the Book Club:** The Barnes & Noble (235 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua) Book Club will feature the book *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. There will be a discussion, sample treats from the cafe and a sneak peek at the Book Club's next pick. Call 888-0533 or visit barnesandnoble.com.

• **Inspiring stories:** Janet Archer, author of *An Invitation to Pause* (2015), presents her follow-up book *An Invitation to Pause ... Again* at the Toadstool Bookshop (12 Depot Square, Peterborough) on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m. A mindfulness coach and yoga instructor, Archer provides musings about life and dementia in the form of 34 uplifting, funny and heart-wrenching stories. Visit toadbooks.com or call 924-3543.

— Angie Sykeny

**Books**

**Author Events**

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- **MICHAEL CAMERON WARD** Author presents *Sketches*

of *Lee*. Thurs., Feb. 6, 6 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Call 224-0562 or visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

- **ALLEGRA MAY** Book launch for author's debut novel, *Appointment with Unreality*. Sun., Feb. 9 and Feb. 16, 2 to 3:30 p.m. The Plains Schoolhouse, 1 Plains Road, Portsmouth. Visit actonenh.org.

**Writing events**

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**RWW Greene** visits Gibson's to launch his newest novel, *The Light Years*, where the captain of a family-owned starship arranges a marriage for her son in hopes of achieving faster-than-light travel and maybe, just maybe, marital bliss. Sparks fly when Adem and Hisako finally meet; but their personal issues are overshadowed by the discovery of long-held secrets and a chance at faster-than-light travel.

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## The Gentlemen (R)

Matthew McConaughey, still a bit in Lincoln car commercial mode, is a kingpin considering retirement in *The Gentlemen*, a cute gangster movie written and directed by Guy Ritchie.

It's weird to call a movie with this much violence and self-conscious naughtiness cute — especially since it creates a potentially interesting female character with Michelle Dockery and then does some very predictable, not-my-favorite-use-of-female-character things with her. But still, aw, cute little throwback Guy Ritchie movie, was how I felt.

Mickey Pearson (McConaughey) is specifically a weed dealer, the biggest in the U.K. with an elaborate but mature growing and distribution operation. He's interested in enjoying the simpler life with his wife, fancy car repair shop owner Rosalind (Dockery), and wants to sell his operation to fellow American Matthew (Jeremy Strong). A good chunk of this movie feels like an episode of *The Profit* (which, actually, Marcus Lemonis did do a special episode all about the weed business, though not with British gangsters, sadly) with Mickey trying to explain to Matthew the growth potential of his operation even after marijuana goes legal. Of course, usually on *The Profit*, a third-party gangster doesn't show up with guns and hired thieves, the way Lord George (Tom Wu) and his restless protegee (Henry Golding) do here. Also in the mix is Coach (Colin Farrell), the devoted boxing coach of a bunch of



The Gentlemen

loyal if not super bright young dudes, and Fletcher (Hugh Grant), a seedy investigator working for a tabloid who lays out the story of Mickey's business woes to us in the audience and to Mickey's right hand man Ray (Charlie Hunnam) as part of a blackmail sales pitch.

This movie seems rather tickled with itself, particularly when it comes to elements like Grant's performance — he seems to enjoy playing with the sad sack qualities of his desperate character for maximum entertainment. I think this delight is mostly warranted; this movie keeps itself confined to a small canvas and a self-consciously twisty plot and seems focused on giving us the

most gangster-action fun per minute that it can. **B**  
*Rated R for violence throughout, sexual references and drug content, according to the MPA. Directed by Guy Ritchie with a screenplay by Ritchie, The Gentlemen is an hour and 53 minutes long and distributed by STX Entertainment.*

## The Turning (PG-13)

A nanny to a duo of rich kids does not quit her job at any of the moments when a sensible person would drive away fast in *The Turning*, which is based on *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James.

But I promised Flora (Brooklynn Prince) I'd stay, Kate (Mackenzie Davis) reminds herself anytime she's ready to throw in the towel. Hey, adults promise kids a lot of things but sometimes there just isn't time to do finger painting, there aren't leftover chicken tenders to have for lunch and, despite a pinky swear, you can't stay in a house where a highly troubled teenage son, Miles (Finn Wolfhard), just shows up in your bedroom while you sleep. Kate wasn't expecting to look after Miles when she took the job at a remote estate cared for by housekeeper Mrs. Grose (Barbara Marten), who has looked after the children since the deaths of their old-money wealthy parents. But then Miles is expelled from boarding school for being super violent and so now he's able to lurk around the house, killing spiders and dropping cryptic comments about Quint (Niall Greig Fulton), the family's riding instructor who died and maybe had some kind

of obsession with the previous nanny, Miss Jessel (Denna Thomsen), who vanished suddenly. Meanwhile, Kate has a mentally unstable mom (Joely Richardson) who lives in a medical facility of some kind. Does this matter to the plot? The movie believes yes but I am not so sure.

I feel like this movie wants to give us a mix of ghostly spookiness and psychological horror — can Kate believe her own thoughts? Is there an evil presence threatening the living residents of the household? Are the children in danger from the evil or somehow a part of it? The movie seems to suggest these possibilities — “hey, what about *this*” — but then doesn't develop them or lay any groundwork for them or craft the story in such a way that you can read both X and Y as true until the big reveal. Instead, the movie just throws out ideas and jump scares and creepy images until it sorta stops, with the “solution” being of the “eventually they were rescued by oh, let's say, Moe” throwaway ending style (the “Das Bus” episode of *The Simpsons* is 22 years old but still relevant!), which made me feel like maybe the real evil of this movie is that it already had my money and my 94 minutes, mwah ha ha ha. **C-**

*Rated PG-13 for terror, violence, disturbing images, brief strong language, and some suggestive content, according to the MPA. Directed by Floria Sigismundi with a screenplay by Carey Hayes and Chad Hayes, The Turning is an hour and 34 minutes long and distributed by Universal Studios.*

### MOVIES OUTSIDE THE CINEPLEX

#### RED RIVER THEATRES

11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org

- *Little Women* (PG, 2019) Thurs., Jan. 30, 2, 5:25 and 8:10 p.m.; Fri., Jan. 31, through Sun., Feb. 2, 12:30 and 5:35 p.m.; Mon., Feb. 3, through Wed., Feb. 5, 2 and 5:25 p.m.; and Thurs., Feb. 6, 2 p.m.
- *Parasite* (R, 2019) Thurs., Jan. 30, 7:40 p.m.; Fri., Jan. 31, and Sat., Feb. 1, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40 and 8 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 2, 12:40, 3:10 and 5:40 p.m.; Mon., Feb. 3, through Wed., Feb. 5, 2:10, 5:30 and 8 p.m.; and Thurs., Feb. 6, 2:10 and 8 p.m.
- *Jojo Rabbit* (PG-13, 2019)

- Thurs., Jan. 30, 2:05 and 5:20 p.m.; Fri., Jan. 31, and Sat., Feb. 1, 3:15 and 8:20 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 2, 3:15 p.m.; and Mon., Feb. 3, through Wed., Feb. 5, 8:05 p.m.
- *Clemency* (R, 2019) Thurs., Jan. 30, 2:10, 5:30 and 7:45 p.m.
- **Oscar Nominated Shorts - Animation** Fri., Jan. 31, Sun., Feb. 2, Mon., Feb. 3, Wed., Feb. 5, and Thurs., Feb. 6, 1:45 and 5:45 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 1, 5:45 p.m.; and Tues., Feb. 4, 1:45 p.m.
- **Oscar Nominated Shorts - Live Action** Fri., Jan. 31, Sun., Feb. 2, Mon., Feb. 3, Wed., Feb. 5, and Thurs., Feb. 6, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., Feb. 2, and Tues., Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m.

- **Oscar Nominated Shorts - Documentary** Sat., Feb. 1, 12:15 p.m., and Tues., Feb. 2, 5:45 p.m.

#### WILTON TOWN HALL

40 Main St., Wilton, 654-3456, wiltontownhalltheatre.com

- *Little Women* (PG, 2019) Thurs., Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.
- *Knives Out* (PG-13, 2019) Thurs., Jan. 30, through Thurs., Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m., plus Sun., Feb. 2, 2 p.m.
- **Oscar Nominated Shorts - Animation, Live Action and Documentary** Fri., Jan. 31, through Thurs., Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m., plus Sun., Feb. 2, 2 p.m.
- *This Land is Mine* (1943) Sat., Feb. 1, 4:30 p.m.

#### MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY

Main Branch, 405 Pine St., Manchester, 624-6550; West Branch, 76 Main St., Manchester, 624-6560, manchester.lib.nh.us

- *The Children Act* (R, Kanopy Film Series) Tues., Feb. 4, 1 p.m. (main)
- *Jumanji* (1995, PG) Wed., Feb. 5, 1 p.m.
- **NASHUAPUBLICLIBRARY** 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4611, nashualibrary.org
- *Three Peaks* (2017) Thurs., Jan. 30, 1 p.m.
- *The Peanut Butter Falcon* (PG-13, 2019) Tues., Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.,

#### NHTI

31 College Drive, Concord, 271-6484, nhti.edu

- *Beat the Devil* (NR, 1953) Fri., Jan. 31, 7 p.m.

#### CHUNKY'S CINEMA

707 Huse Road, Manchester, 206-3888; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, 635-7499; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua, 880-8055, chunkys.com

- *Top Gun* (PG, 1986, 21+ showing) Thurs., Jan. 30, 8 p.m.

#### THE MUSIC HALL

Historic Theater and Loft, Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org

- *Parasite* (R, 2019) Thurs., Jan. 30, 7 p.m. (loft)
- *Dark Waters* (PG-13, 2019) Fri., Jan. 31, 3 and 7 p.m.; and Tues., Feb. 4, and Wed., Feb. 5, 7 p.m. (theater)
- **Oscar Nominated Shorts - Animation, Live Action and Documentary** Sat., Feb. 1, 7 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 2, 4 p.m.; and Tues., Feb. 4, through Thurs., Feb. 6, 7 p.m. (loft)
- **PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY THEATRE** 6 School St., Peterborough, pct-movies.com
- *Little Women* (PG, 2019) Thurs., Jan. 30, 7 p.m.

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# THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus  
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• **Soulful strut:** Billed as a revolving door of talent, the **Ayahuasca Blues Project** mines a late '50s and early '60s vibe led by Keri Anderson, a Massachusetts singer who melds Nina Simone jazz sensibilities with a raw, bluesy Bonnie Raitt style. A rare Granite State appearance features a trio version of the band including Berklee-trained guitarist Clay Brown and upright bass player Brian Rost. Thursday, Jan. 30, 8 p.m., Tostao's Tapas-Bar, 170 Main St. Nashua. More at facebook.com/bluesproje.

• **Primary blues:** An all-star group led by the **James Montgomery Band** comes together in support of GOP primary hopeful Bill Weld. Weld and Montgomery are old pals dating back to Weld's days as Massachusetts governor. Former Boston guitarist Barry Goudreau, Jon Butcher, SNL "Beehive Queen" Christine Ohlman and the Uptown Horns help out for this super-jam show. Friday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry. Tickets are \$35 at tupelohall.com.

• **Expanding band:** Reliable weekend party favorites **Downtown Dave & The Deep Pockets** add the twin guitar chops of Michael Vincent and Paul Size for a special Lakes Region show. Fronted by singer and harmonica player Dave Glannon, the Manchester-based group melds blues, rock and roots music. Vincent leads his own popular band; Size counts ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons among his fans. Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m., Pitman's Freight Room, 94 New Salem St, Laconia. Tickets \$20 at the door.

• **HoF hitmakers:** With 1979's *Live at Budokan*, **Cheap Trick** invented the idea of being big in Japan. At the time, the pop rock powerhouse was an opening act for the likes of Ted Nugent, but a greatest hits record backed by screaming Tokyo girls launched them to the top of the bill, and ultimately the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame — they were inducted last year. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. Tickets \$59.50 and up at ccanh.com.

# NITE

## Young and funny

### Comic Matt Barry headlines Manchester showcase

By Michael Witthaus  
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On a Wednesday night in 2011, three recently graduated college pals went to Shaskeen Pub in Manchester to try standup comedy for the first time; it was going to be their thing. Nobody won the \$50 prize, but no one bombed either. Two of them never returned, but Matt Barry stuck with it.

Today, Barry's a solid draw with an engaging style that comes from his self-deprecating, twentysomething demeanor. He's appeared on SiriusXM and has opened for Gilbert Gottfried, Tom Green, Harland Williams and other top comedians, and he'll be at Stark Brewing Co. Friday, Jan. 31.

Back when Barry first started, the comedy scene was nascent but growing, with a few open mic nights scattered across New Hampshire. Now, it's everywhere, every night of the week, up and down the state. Comics who once had to travel down to Boston for stage time now can work the muscle from the Seacoast to the Lakes Region.

Barry's a fixture on the circuit with jokes about underemployment, living in his parents' house and smoking weed. Early on, Barry steered clear of pot humor, "because my parents didn't know I smoked weed," he said in a recent sit-down interview at the Shaskeen. "Then a year in, I realized they hadn't come to see me anyway. Smoking weed is a fundamental part of my life; it's bizarre not to talk about it."

When he launched a website, it was time to break the news.

"It was one of those things they were disappointed about but after thinking about it they didn't care," he said. "They're fine with it now, and they'll get me sweatshirts with pot leaves on them for Christmas."

Now, his act has evolved.

"My life's gone on and other stuff's happened: relationships, moving places,

jobs. ... When I'm doing a half hour, 10 minutes of it is probably still weed stuff. I can't do a whole set because you can feel that exhaustion setting in with the crowd — 'We're still talking about this?' It's all real-life stuff."

Barry is a regular with rentacomic.com. The franchise books a wide range of venues, from showrooms to campgrounds, where not everyone embraces stoner comedy. Barry found this out memorably when he played a summer show and was surprised to see that several parents had brought their young children.

"I don't think I'm incredibly crass, some dirty guy, but I'm not a 6-year-old's comedian," he said. "So I'm up there and I'm seeing them get all angry ... Finally, I introduce the headliner. He takes the microphone and he says, 'You really need to leave, they're super mad.' I went around the building so I wouldn't go past anybody. I literally ran away from the show."

That's uncommon, however.

"Other than the rare hell show, everyone's 28 in their own head," Barry said. "And now I'm older than 28, so I'm able to wish I was young. Everyone is still in their prime in their mind, and everyone remembers a younger person. ... It's not incredibly hard to identify with different audiences."

Barry wasn't particularly ambitious starting out in comedy. He had a film



Matt Barry. Courtesy photo.

degree and made sketch videos with his friends Alex and Max.

"I had liked standup, but I was never going to try and do it. It was their idea, and I was just going on the bandwagon," he said.

The attitude helped after that initial foray.

"I set the expectations so low; I went in thinking I could totally bomb," he said. "I wouldn't say I killed, but I did pretty well for the first time. Plus, I didn't have anything going on. ... I don't even think I had a job, so it was at least something to have on my calendar. The first show was a really pleasant surprise; the next 18 were probably awful." 🍷

**Matt Barry w/ Zac Silverman, Ben Davis & Jai Demeule**

**When:** Friday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m.

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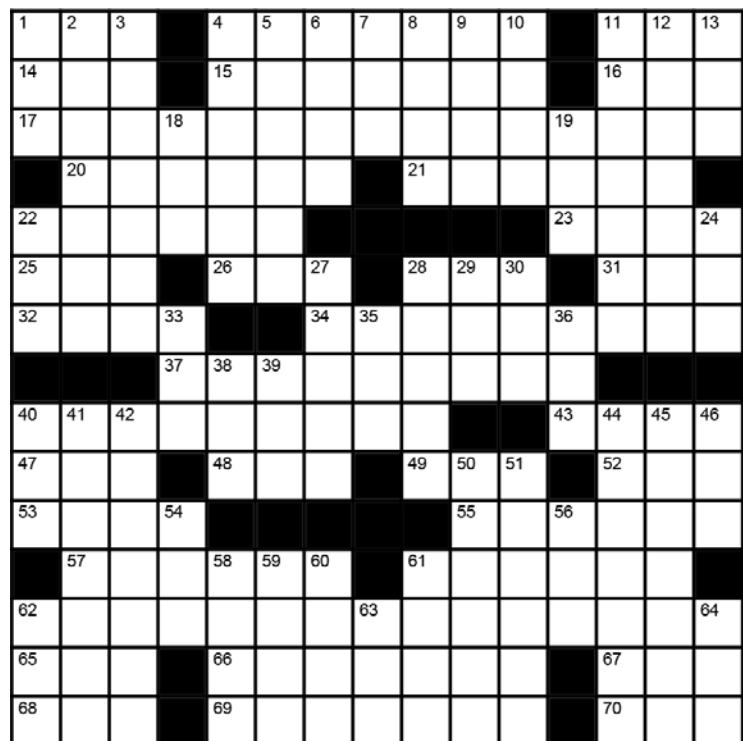
- 1. Beatles 'Polythene' \_\_\_
- 4. A final section of an opera w/increasing tempo for a climax
- 11. Guns And Roses song about the revenue service of the federal gov't (abbr)
- 14. Ben of Regurgitator

- 15. Willie Nelson 'On \_\_\_ Again' (3,4)
- 16. Grateful Dead 'Viola \_\_\_ Blues'
- 17. Fiona Apple 'Tidal' single she crossed her fingers behind her back for? (5,2,1,7)
- 20. Sick Of It All might drive a car that is 'Built \_\_\_' (2,4)
- 21. Bret Michaels suffered one in '10

- 22. '80 Devo smash (4,2)
- 23. This Sesame Street character that's a friend of Ernie got 'Bridges' built for him by Leftover Salmon
- 25. A home studio can be Garageband on this kind of computer
- 26. Devo will give their ladies a '\_\_\_ O' Luv'
- 28. Tom Cochrane 'Life \_\_\_ Highway' (2,1)
- 31. Jonas Brothers try not to touch 'Poison' \_\_\_
- 32. Sea Wolf, aka \_\_\_ Brown Church
- 34. '04 Metallica doc 'Some Kind \_\_\_' (2,7)
- 37. Paul Simon 'Rhythm Of \_\_\_' (3,6)
- 40. Real metalheads might wear studded ones around their wrists
- 43. Out of shape rockers will get this, pre-tour
- 47. Singer/pianist Folds
- 48. Gomez will give us a rundown of the '\_\_\_ And Don'ts'
- 49. Devo made quite the claim when they said 'I \_\_\_ Jesus'

- 52. Michael Schenker 'Phenomenon' band from outer space?
- 53. Scannell of Vertical Horizon
- 55. '(I've Had) The Time Of My Life' Jennifer
- 57. When you hopped the fence security ran and \_\_\_ you
- 61. Cocky star thinks he sits on one
- 62. '94 Pink Floyd 'Take It Back' album (3,8,4)
- 65. Iconic Athens, GA 'Document' band
- 66. 'Tell It Like It Is' soul man Aaron
- 67. "Her name is \_\_\_ and she dances on the sand"
- 68. Need them to drink at show
- 69. Social D 'Don't Take Me For \_\_\_'
- 70. Founding Stones pianist (abbr)

- 18. 70s 'From The Beginning' band (abbr)
- 19. Out of control crowd
- 22. Pearl Jam 'Vs' song (abbr)
- 24. '90 Black Sabbath album that bores?
- 27. A&R guys use theirs to smell the money potential in hot new act
- 28. A lonely Adele said '\_\_\_ You' (1,4)
- 29. Climax Blues Band 'Seventh \_\_\_'
- 30. One might march to a Dave Matthews concert
- 33. 'Oranges & Lemons' English band
- 35. After a fist fight, Sum 41 got a '\_\_\_ Lip'
- 36. Pat Smear label
- 38. 'Only In Amerika' (\_\_\_) PE
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- 40. Bruce, Baker, Moore power trio (abbr)
- 41. What Ratt did "for the sky"
- 42. Loud, sing-along classics are known as arena these
- 44. Assistants turn into these when the stars want something now!
- 45. Killers '\_\_\_ In My Bones' (1,4,2)
- 46. Rapper/actor \_\_\_ Def
- 50. Third Eye Blind 'Losing \_\_\_ Year' (1,5)
- 51. Security line for gate crasher: "You've been \_\_\_"
- 54. Bassman Kinchla of Blues Traveler
- 56. Matchbox 20's Thomas
- 58. Vocal She & Him song?
- 59. Uncle Sam 'I Don't \_\_\_ Want To See You Again'
- 60. First Annie Lennox solo album
- 61. An energetic Cult goes onstage 'Full \_\_\_'
- 62. Abby Ahmad asks '\_\_\_-Me'
- 63. Ozzy Osbourne committed the 'Ultimate' one
- 64. 'Coney Island Baby' Reed



**01/23**



**Down**

- 1. Jon Bon Jovi "I'll take a pad and a \_\_\_ and hope it happens again"
- 2. Superjoint Ritual shot us with '\_\_\_ Dose Of American Hatred' (1,6)
- 3. Green Day "I cannot speak, I've lost \_\_\_" (2,5)
- 4. Country music's 'I Hate Everything' George
- 5. '03 Fall Out Boy album 'Take \_\_\_ Your Grave' (4,2)
- 6. Dogwood '\_\_\_ Assured'
- 7. Slice of time in music
- 8. 'Reach Out I'll Be There' The Four \_\_\_
- 9. Repeated word in Happy Mondays song describing a bakery product, perhaps
- 10. Tour bus "bouquet"
- 11. KC And The Sunshine Band 'That's The Way (\_\_\_)' (1,4,2)
- 12. Bands want to have a lot of money in it for the next record and tour
- 13. Devo "I can \_\_\_ that you are very well fed"

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Main 228-6363 Cheers 17 Depot St. 228-0180 Common Man 1 Gulf Street 228-3463 Concord Craft Brewing 117 Storrs St. 856-7625 Granite 96 Pleasant St. 227-9000 Hermanos 11 Hills Ave. 224-5669 Litherman's Brewery 126 Hall St. Unit B 219-0784</p>	<p><b>Makris</b> 354 Sheep Davis Rd 225-7665 Penuche's Ale House 6 Pleasant St. 228-9833 Pit Road Lounge 388 Loudon Rd 226-0533 Tandy's 1 Eagle Square 856-7614 True Brew 3 Bicentennial Square 225-2776</p> <p><b>Contoocook</b> Covered Bridge Cedar St. 746-5191 Farmer's Market Town Center 369-1790</p> <p><b>Deerfield</b> Nine Lions Tavern 4 North Road 463-7374</p> <p><b>Derry</b> Coffee Factory 55 Crystal Ave 432-6006 Drae 14 E Broadway 216-2713 Fody's Tavern 187 1/2 Rockingham Road 404-6946</p> <p><b>Dover</b> 603 Bar &amp; Lounge 368 Central Ave. 742-9283 Cara 11 Fourth St. 343-4390 Dover Brickhouse 2 Orchard St. 749-3838 Flight Coffee 478 Central Ave. 842-5325 Fury's Publick House 1 Washington St. 617-3633 Garrison City Beerworks 455 Central Ave. 343-4231 Sonny's 328 Central Ave. 343-4332 Thirsty Moose 83 Washington St. 842-5229</p>	<p><b>Thompson's 2nd Alarm</b> 421 Central Ave. 842-5596 Top of the Chop 1 Orchard St. 740-0006</p> <p><b>Dublin</b> DelRossi's Trattoria 73 Brush Brook Rd (Rt 137) 563-7195</p> <p><b>East Hampstead</b> Pasta Loft 220 E. Main St. 378-0092</p> <p><b>Epping</b> Holy Grail 64 Main St. 679-9559 Popovers 11 Brickyard Square 734-4724 Railpenny Tavern 8 Exeter Road 734-2609 Telly's 235 Calef Hwy 679-8225</p> <p><b>Epsom</b> Hilltop Pizzeria 1724 Dover Rd. 736-0027</p> <p><b>Exeter</b> Neighborhood Beer Co. 156 Epping Road 418- 7124 Sea Dog Brewing 9 Water St. 793-5116 Station 19 37 Water St. 778-3923 Thirsty Moose 72 Portsmouth Ave 418-7632</p> <p><b>Farmington</b> Hawg's Pen 1114 NH Route 11 755-3301</p> <p><b>Francestown</b> Toll Booth Tavern 740 2nd NH Tpk N 588-1800</p> <p><b>Gilford</b> Patrick's 18 Weirs Road 293-0841</p>	<p><b>Shuster's</b> 680 Cherry Valley Road 293-2600</p> <p><b>Goffstown</b> Village Trestle 25 Main St. 497-8230</p> <p><b>Hampstead</b> Jamison's 472 State Route 111 489-1565</p> <p><b>Hampton</b> Bernie's Beach Bar 73 Ocean Blvd 926-5050 Boardwalk Inn &amp; Cafe 139 Ocean Blvd. 929-7400 Cloud 9 225 Ocean Blvd. 601-6102 CR's 287 Exeter Road 929-7972 Logan's Run 816 Lafayette Road 926-4343 Millie's Tavern 17 L St. 967-4777 North Beach Bar &amp; Grill 931 Ocean Blvd. 967-4884 Old Salt Tavern 409 Lafayette Rd. 926-8322 Shane's Texas Pit 61 High St. 601-7091 Smuttynose Brewing 105 Towle Farm Road 436-4026 The Goat 20 L St. 601-6928 Tinos Greek Kitchen 325 Lafayette Rd 926-5489 Wally's Pub 144 Ashworth Ave. 926-6954</p> <p><b>Henniker</b> Country Spirit 262 Maple St. 428-7007 Pat's Peak Sled Pub 24 Flander's Road 428-3245</p> <p><b>Hillsboro</b> Brick House 125 West Main St. 680-4146</p>	<p><b>Hillsborough</b> Mama McDonough's 5 Depot St. 680-4148 Turismo 55 Henniker St. 680-4440</p> <p><b>Hooksett</b> Asian Breeze 1328 Hooksett Rd 621-9298 Chantilly's 1112 Hooksett Road 625-0012 Granite Tapas 1461 Hooksett Rd 232-1421</p> <p><b>Hudson</b> Backstreet Bar 76 Derry St. 578-1811 Luk's Bar &amp; Grill 142 Lowell Rd 889-9900 Nan King 222 Central St. 882-1911 River's Pub 76 Derry St. 943-7832 The Bar 2B Burnham Rd 943-5250</p> <p><b>Kingston</b> Saddle Up Saloon 92 New Hampshire 125 369-6962</p> <p><b>Laconia</b> Acoustic Lounge 604 Endicott St. N 527-8275 405 Pub 405 Union Ave 524-8405 Broken Spoke Saloon 1072 Watson Rd 866-754-2526 Granite State Music Hall 546 Main St. 884-9536 Naswa 1086 Weirs Blvd. 366-4341 The Big House 322 Lakeside Ave. 767-2226 Patio Garden Lakeside Ave. No Phone Pitman's Freight Room 94 New Salem St. 527-0043</p>	<p><b>Tower Hill Tavern</b> 264 Lakeside Ave. 366-9100</p> <p><b>Londonderry</b> 603 Brewery 42 Main St. 404-6123 Coach Stop 176 Mammoth Rd 437-2022 Harold Square 226 Rockingham Road 432-7144 Long Blue Cat Brew- ing 298 Rockingham Road 816-8068 O'Shea's Caife &amp; Tae 44 Nashua Road 540-2971 Pipe Dream Brewing 40 Harvey Road 404-0751 Stumble Inn 20 Rockingham Road 432-3210 Twins Smoke Shop 128 Rockingham Rd No Phone</p> <p><b>Loudon</b> Hungry Buffalo 58 New Hampshire 129 798-3737</p> <p><b>Manchester</b> Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road 623-3545 Bonfire 950 Elm St. 663-7678 Bookery 844 Elm St. 836-6600 British Beer Company 1071 S. Willow St. 232-0677 Bungalow Bar &amp; Grille 333 Valley St. 792-1110 Cafe la Reine 915 Elm St 232-0332 Candia Road Brewing 840 Candia Road 935-8123 Central Ale House 23 Central St. 660-2241 Yankee Lanes 216 Maple St. 625-9656 Club ManchVegas 50 Old Granite St. 222-1677</p>	<p><b>Derryfield Country Club</b> 625 Mammoth Road 623-2880 Element Lounge 1055 Elm St. 627-2922 Foundry 50 Commercial St. 836-1925 Fratello's 155 Dow St. 624-2022 Great North Ale Works 1050 Holt Ave. Unit #14 858-5789 Ignite Bar &amp; Grille 100 Hanover St. 494-6225 Jewel 61 Canal St. 836-1152 KC's Rib Shack 837 Second St. 627-RIBS Murphy's Taproom 494 Elm St. 644-3535 Penuche's Music Hall 1087 Elm St. 206-5599 Salona 128 Maple St. 624-4020 Shaskeen 909 Elm St. 625-0246 Shorty's 1050 Bicentennial Drive 625-1730 Stark Brewing Co. 500 N. Commercial St. 625-4444 Strange Brew Tavern 88 Market St. 666-4292 Sweeney Post 251 Maple St. 623-9145 Whiskey's 20 20 Old Granite St. 641-2583 Wild Rover 21 Kosciuszko St. 669-7722</p> <p><b>Mason Marty's Driving Range</b> 96 Old Turnpike Road 878-1324</p> <p><b>Meredith Camp</b> 300 DW Highway 279-3003 Giuseppe's 312 DW Hwy 279-3313</p>
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<p><b>Thursday, Jan. 30</b></p> <p><b>Ashland</b> Common Man: Jim McHugh &amp; Steve McBrian (Open)</p> <p><b>Auburn</b> Auburn Pitts: Open Jam w/ Jay Frigoletto</p> <p><b>Candia</b> Town Cabin Pub: Lisa Guyer</p> <p><b>Concord</b> Cheers: April Cushman Hermanos: Richard Gardzina Penuche's: Supernothing</p> <p><b>Dover</b> 603 Bar &amp; Lounge: DJ Pez</p>	<p>Cara: Open Bluegrass w/ Steve Roy Dover Brickhouse: Acoustic Night w/</p> <p><b>Exeter</b> Sea Dog Brewing: Pete Peterson Station 19: Thursday Night Live</p> <p><b>Gilford</b> Schuster's: Dan The Muzik Man</p> <p><b>Hampton</b> CR's: Wendy Nottonson Duo</p> <p><b>Hampton</b> North Beach Bar &amp; Grill: Mike Lineau &amp; Friends</p>	<p><b>Hillsborough</b> Turismo: Line Dancing</p> <p><b>Laconia</b> 405 Pub: Eric Grant</p> <p><b>Londonderry</b> Coach Stop: Chris Cavanaugh Stumble Inn: The 603's</p> <p><b>Loudon</b> Hungry Buffalo: Jennifer Mitchell</p> <p><b>Manchester</b> Bookery: William Ögmundson British Beer: Jodee Frawlee Central Ale House: Jonny Friday Blues</p>	<p><b>Club Manchvegas</b>: College Night w/ DJ Dadum Fratello's: Jazz Night Penuche's Music Hall: Bass Weekly w/Symbiosa Shorty's: Jonny Friday Strange Brew: Soup du Jour Whiskey's 20: DJs Shawn White/ Ryan Nichols/Mike Mazz Yankee Lanes: DJ Dave</p> <p><b>Meredith</b> Giuseppe's: Acoustic Detour</p> <p><b>Merrimack</b> Homestead: Amanda McCarthy</p> <p><b>Nashua</b> CodeX: Piano Phil DeVille</p>	<p><b>Country Tavern</b>: Ted Solovicos Fody's: Girls Night Out Fratello's Italian Grille: Jae Mannion Peddler's Daughter: Ethan McBrien and Garrett Cameron Shorty's: Malcolm Salls Tostao's Tapas-Bar: Ayahuasca Blues Project</p> <p><b>Newmarket</b> Stone Church: Irish Music w/ Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki &amp; Jim Prendergast</p> <p><b>Peterborough</b> Harlow's: Bluegrass Night w/ John Meehan La Mia Casa: Soul Repair</p>	<p><b>Portsmouth</b> 3S Artspace: Dustbowl Revival w/ Heather Maloney Bears Irish Brewing: Weekly Irish Music Cisco Brewers: Steve Burke Duo Clipper Tavern: Dan Walker Dolphin Striker: Tim Theriault Portsmouth Book &amp; Bar: Kioea w/ Jim Rioux &amp; Jonathan Blakeslee Press Room: Throwdown w/Doug York/Marjorie Senet &amp; the Broken-Home Boys The Goat: Matt Jackson</p> <p><b>Rochester</b> Revolution Taproom: Gabby Martin</p>
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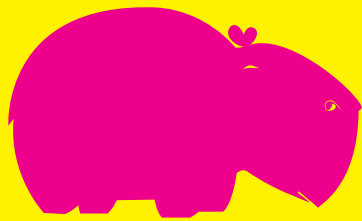
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| <p><b>Somersworth</b><br/>Old Rail Pizza: Tom Boisse</p> <p><b>Weare</b><br/>Stark House: Chad Verbeck</p> <p><b>Friday, Jan. 31</b></p> <p><b>Auburn</b><br/>Auburn Pitts: Pistol Pete &amp; The<br/>Smoking Guns<br/>Auburn Tavern: Another Shot</p> <p><b>Belmont</b><br/>Lakes Region Casino: DJ Mark</p>  | <p><b>Boscawen</b><br/>Alan's: Masceo</p> <p><b>Concord</b><br/>Area 23: Groove Cats<br/>Makris: What's Up Band<br/>Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz<br/>(105.5 JYY)<br/>True Brew: Jazz Duo</p> <p><b>Derry</b><br/>Coffee Factory: Dave LaCroix</p>   | <p><b>Dover</b><br/>603: DJ Music / Frisky Friday<br/>Dover Brickhouse: Ju Stone<br/>Fury's Publick House: Hunter</p> <p><b>Gilford</b><br/>Patrick's: Eric Grant<br/>Schuster's: Dan The Muzik Man</p> <p><b>Goffstown</b><br/>Village Trestle: Lichen</p> <p><b>Hampton</b><br/>CR's: Barry Brearley</p>   |  |

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## NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

**The Goat:** Nick Casey

### Henniker

**Country Spirit:** Dave the Neighbor

**Sled Pub:** Daniel Wray

### Hillsborough

**Mama McDonough's:** Mamas

**Roasted Root Café:** Moderately Supreme

### Hudson

**The Bar:** Tapedeck Herozs

### Kingston

**Saddle Up Saloon:** David Amato

### Laconia

**Broken Spoke Saloon:** Nuff Said

**Fratello's:** Paul Warnick

**The Big House:** DJ Kadence

### Londonderry

**603 Brewery:** Turntable IPA

Release Party w/ DJ Music

**Coach Stop:** Josh Foster

**Long Blue Cat Brewing:** Brian Sweet

**Pipe Dream Brewing:** Slack Tide

**Stumble Inn:** Scofield Road

### Manchester

**Backyard Brewery:** Karen Grenier

**Bonfire:** Isaiah Bennett

**British Beer:** LU

**Club ManchVegas:** Left on Red

**Derryfield:** Mica's Groove Train

**Foundry:** Mikey G

**Fratello's:** Paul Lussier

**Jewel:** Ingested Anniversary Show with Visceral Disgorge/The Last Ten Seconds of Life/Cabal/Martial Law/Wretched Tongues

**Jupiter Hall:** Mark Erelli

**Murphy's Taproom:** The Complaints

**Shaskeen:** Ghosts in the Snow/The Stone Road Band/The Graniteers

**Strange Brew:** Jon Ross

**Whiskey's 20:** DJs Jason Spivak & Sammy Smoove

### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** The Sweetbloods

**Twin Barns Brewing:** Jared Steer

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Sean Coleman

**Jade Dragon:** DJ John Paul

### Milford

**Pasta Loft:** Shade Away

**Tiebreakers:** Amanda Cote

**Zinger's:** Tattoo

### Moultonborough

**Buckey's:** Rob & Jody

### Nashua

**CodeX B.A.R.:** Piano Phil DeV-ille

**Country Tavern:** Kim Riley

**Fody's:** Vinyl Legion

**Fratello's Italian Grille:** Mark Lapointe

**Margaritas:** Jimmy D

**O'Shea's:** Flinch

**Peddler's Daughter:** Aqua Cherry

**Stella Blu:** Lewis Goodwin

### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** She Funk

### Northwood

**Umami:** Dave Gerard w/Chris O'Neill

### Peterborough

**Harlow's:** Muddy Ruckus

### Portsmouth

**Cisco Brewers:** Billy Ruegger and Damon Grant

**Clipper Tavern:** Michael Troy

**Dolphin Striker:** Queen City Soul

**Portsmouth Book & Bar:** Klax-tones

**Portsmouth Gaslight:** Gabby Martin/Sean McCarthy/Ladies Night

**Press Room:** Lonesome Lunch w/ Dave Talmage + The Silks/Glass Arrowhead EP Release w/Daze Inn/Mood/Slaythoven & Section D

**Rudi's:** Barbara London

**The Goat:** Jonny Friday

**Thirsty Moose:** Cover Story

### Rochester

**ReFresh Lounge:** Free Flow Friday Open Jam

**Smokey's Tavern:** Six Feet Over

### Salem

**Michael's Flatbread:** Polar Sea

### Seabrook

**Chop Shop:** Down CellaH

## Saturday, Feb. 1

### Auburn

**Auburn Pitts:** C3

**Auburn Tavern:** Stephanie Murphy

### Bow

**Chen Yang Li:** Josh Foster

### Bristol

**Bad Lab Beer:** The Bog Standard / Ferret Brothers

### Concord

**Area 23:** Cole Robbie Band/Sammon Jammin'/Dan Carter

**Pit Road Lounge:** Racing Extinction

**Tandy's:** DJ Iceman Streetz (105.5 JYY)

**True Brew:** Lucas Gallo

### Contoocook

**Farmer's Market:** Tim Kierstead

### Dover

**603 Bar & Lounge:** DJ Music / Sexy Saturday

**Fury's Publick House:** Truffle

**Thompson's 2nd Alarm:** Taylor Marie

### Epsom

**Hilltop Pizzeria:** Fuzzboxx

### Gilford

**Patrick's:** Henry LaLiberte

**Schuster's:** Dan The Muzik Man

### Goffstown

**Village Trestle:** Boo Boo Groove

### Hampton

**The Goat:** Isaiah Bennett

**Wally's Pub:** Pop Disaster

### Henniker

**Sled Pub:** McMurphy's

### Hillsborough

**Mama McDonough's:** Bangers, Bass & Booze w/ Aaron Christenson

**Roasted Root Café:** Colin Isotti

### Kingston

**Saddle Up Saloon:** Country Roads

### Laconia

**Broken Spoke Saloon:** Ghost Riderz

**Pitman's Freight Room:** Downtown Dave & The Deep Pockets

**Tower Hill Tavern:** Victim of Circumstance

### Londonderry

**Coach Stop:** Chris Cavanaugh

**Stumble Inn:** Groove Alliance

**Twins Smoke Shop:** 2 For the Road

### Manchester

**Backyard Brewery:** Dan Walker

**Bonfire:** Eric Grant Band

**Derryfield:** Souled Out Soul Band

**Foundry:** Kimayo

**Fratello's:** Paul Luff

**Penuche's Music Hall:** AfterImage

**Shaskeen:** Joshua Tree

**Strange Brew:** Ken Clark

**Whiskey's 20:** DJ Hizzy/Shawn White

**Wild Rover:** Quincy Lord

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Paul Gormley

**Jade Dragon:** DJ Laura

### Milford

**Pasta Loft:** Not Fade Away

### Nashua

**CodeX B.A.R.:** Piano Phil DeV-ille

**Country Tavern:** Boot Scam

**Fody's:** Straight Jacket

**Fratello's Italian Grille:** Steve Tolley

**Liquid Therapy:** Shaun Sullivan

**Millyard Brewery:** Dragon Bone Jam

**O'Shea's:** Becca Myari

**Peddler's Daughter:** Terrafunk

**R'evolution:** Savage Night w/ Jay Samurái

**Stella Blu:** Groove Cats

### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** Chickenshank

Bluegrass Band/Swimmer/Flux Capacitor

### Northwood

**Umami:** Gardner Berry / Island Mike Open

### Portsmouth

**3S Artspace:** Son Little/Julie Rhodes

**Cisco Brewers:** Billy Ruegger and Damon Grant

**Clipper Tavern:** The Communicators

**Dolphin Striker:** The Communicators/The Arcanauts

**Grill 28:** TonyMack Band

**Portsmouth Book & Bar:** Honeybees/Hip Hop Showcase

**Press Room:** Garcia Peoples w/ Rockspring

**Rudi's:** Mike Effenberger

**The Goat:** Ellis Falls

**The Stately:** Rock Daddy

**Thirsty Moose:** Clique

### Rochester

**Governors Inn:** Bad Penny

**Lilac City Grille:** Red Sky Mary

### Weare

**Stark House Tavern:** Justin Cohn

## Sunday, Feb. 2

### Bedford

**Copper Door:** Nate Comp

### Bristol

**Bad Lab Beer:** Gabby Martin

### Concord

**Penuche's Ale House:** Open w/ Steve Naylor

**Tandy's:** Open w/ Mikey G

### Dover

**Cara:** Irish Session w/ Frank Landford

**Sonny's:** Sonny's Jazz

### Gilford

**Schuster's:** Dan The Muzik Man

### Goffstown

**Village Trestle:** Wan-tu Blues Band & Jam

### Hampton

**CR's:** Steve Sibilkin

**The Goat:** Nick Drouin

### Hudson

**River's Pub:** Acoustic Jam

### Manchester

**Shaskeen:** Rap night, Industry night

**Strange Brew:** Jam

**Wild Rover:** DJ Dance Night

### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** Open Stage with Lou Porrazzo

### Milford

**La Medina:** Sunday Brunch with Tyler Allgood & Darling Hill

### North Hampton

**Barley House Seacoast:** Great Bay Sailor

### Northwood

**Umami:** Bluegrass Brunch w/ Cecil Abels

### Portsmouth

**Beara Irish Brewing:** Irish Music

**Press Room:** Anglo-Celtic traditional folk/roots session + Sunday Night Jazz

**Ri Ra:** Irish Sessions

**Rudi's:** Jazz Brunch

**The Goat:** Rob Pagnano

### Rochester

**Lilac City Grille:** Brunch Music w/ Pete Peterson

### Salem

**Copper Door:** Phil Jacques

## Monday, Feb. 3

### Hampton

**The Goat:** Shawn Theriault

### Manchester

**Central Ale House:** Jonny Friday Duo

**Fratello's:** Rob Wolfe or Phil Jacques

## COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### Wed., Jan. 29

### Manchester

**Shaskeen:** Kwasi Mensah & Sam Mangano

### Thurs., Jan. 30

### Rochester

**Curlie's Comedy Club:** Pregame Comedy Show

### Fri., Jan. 31

### Manchester

**Stark Brewing:** Matt Barry

### Sat., Febr. 1

### Londonderry

**O'Shea's Caife & Tae:** February Fools' Day - Connor Sullivan hosts

### Manchester

**Headliners:** Paul Nardizzi

### Plymouth

**Flying Monkey:** Mother of a Comedy Show - Kelly MacFarland, Kerri Louise and Christine Hurley

### Portsmouth

**Music Hall:** Capitol Steps "Lyiin' Kings" (2 shows)

### Mon., Feb. 3

### Manchester

**Stark Brewing:** Queen City Improv

### Tues., Feb. 4

### Rochester

**Curlie's Comedy Club:** Stand-up & Smokes

### Wed., Feb. 5

### Manchester

**Shaskeen:** Mike Recine & Jonathan Tillson

**Murphy's Taproom:** Laugh Free Or Die Open Mic

### Somersworth

**Bad Lab Beer:** Jareth Johnson hosts Open Comedy

### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** Lou Porrazzo

### Merrimack

**Able Ebenezer:** Ale Room Music

**Homestead:** Chris Cavanaugh

### Nashua

**Fratello's Italian Grille:** Justin Jordan

### Portsmouth

**Dolphin Striker:** Old School

**Ri Ra:** Oran Mor

## Tuesday, Feb. 4

### Concord

**Tandy's:** Open w/ Mikey G

### Dover

**Fury's Publick House:** Tim Theriault and Friends

**Sonny's:** Soggy Po' Boys

### Gilford

**Patrick's:** Paul Luff

### Manchester

**Fratello's:** Clint Lapointe

**Shaskeen:** James Keyes

**Strange Brew:** David Rousseau

**Whiskey's 20:** Sammy Smoove & DJ Gera

### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** Michael Bourgeois

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Phil Jacques

### Nashua

**Fratello's Italian Grille:** Kim Riley

### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** Seacoast Blues Jam Wild Eagle Blues Band

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**North Hampton**  
Barley House Seacoast: Traditional Irish Session

**Peterborough**  
Harlow's: Celtic Music Jam

**Portsmouth**  
Clipper Tavern: Tequila Jim Open Jam  
Press Room: Hoot Night w/Bob Halperin + Larry Garland Jazz Jam w/River City Jazz  
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett

**Dublin**  
DelRossi's Trattoria: Celtic and Old Timey Jam Session

**Gilford**  
Patrick's: Cody James

**Hillsborough**  
Turismo: Blues Jam w Jerry Paquette & the Runaway Bluesmen

**Londonderry**  
Coach Stop: Mark Huzar  
Harold Square: Houdana the Magician (Tablesides Magic)

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: Ted Solovicos  
Strange Brew: Jesse's Open Extravaganza

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Clint Lapointe

**Nashua**  
Country Tavern: Charlie Chronopoulos  
Fratello's: Tom Rousseau

**Portsmouth**  
3S Artspace: We Were Promised Jetpacks w/ Slaughter Beach, Dog  
Clipper Tavern: Jon Hollywood  
Dolphin Striker: Pete Peterson Jam  
Ri Ra: Erin's Guild  
The Goat: April Cushman

**Rochester**  
Lilac City Grille: Tim Theriault - Ladies Night  
Revolution Taproom: Hump Day Blues w/ Jeff Hayford

**Salem**  
Michael's Flatbread: BassTastic Duo

**Wednesday, Feb. 5**  
**Concord**  
Concord Craft Brewing: Ryan Williamson

**Dover**  
603 Bar & Lounge: Rock the Mic w/ DJ Coach

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**Fruition w/ Caleb Elliott** Thursday, Jan. 30, 8 p.m. Bank of NH Stage  
**Richard Thompson** Thursday, Jan. 30, 8 p.m. Music Hall  
**Lucy Kaplansky** Friday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Music Hall Loft  
**Broken Arrow (Neil Young Tribute)** Friday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Flying Monkey  
**James Montgomery** Friday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Tragedy: All Metal Tribute to the Bee Gees & Beyond** Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Bank of NH Stage  
**Dueling Pianos** Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Matt Corman** Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Rex Theatre  
**Peter Mulvey** Saturday, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. Monandnock Center

**KISS/David Lee Roth** Saturday, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. SNHU Arena  
**Cheap Trick** Tuesday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. Capitol Center  
**Blue Oyster Cult** Thursday, Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre  
**Eaglemania (also 2/8)** Friday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Elvis & Orbison Show** Friday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House  
**Ronan Tynan** Friday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. Palace Theatre  
**John Gorka** Friday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. Music Hall Loft  
**Ronan Tynan** Friday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre  
**Divergent Strings** Friday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. Spotlight Room  
**Dirty Deeds: The AC/DC Expe-**

**rience** Saturday, Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre  
**The Sixties Show** Saturday, Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Flying Monkey  
**Chapo Trap House** Sunday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Opera NH's Madama Butterfly** Sunday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre  
**Michael Smerconish: American Life in Columns** Sunday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m. Rex Theatre  
**Citizen Cope** Tuesday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Music Hall  
**Galactic** Wednesday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Music Hall  
**Blessid Union of Souls** Wednesday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Collective Soul** Thursday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. Tupelo

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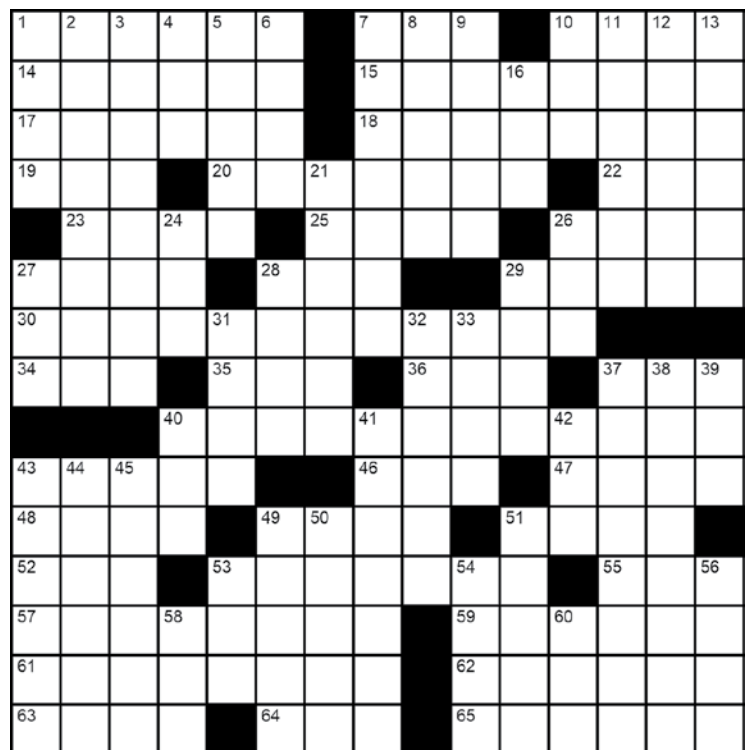
**Across**

- 1 It's produced in a Van de Graaff generator
- 7 Glass with a radio cadence
- 10 Base times height
- 14 "Garfield" cat
- 15 "As much as you want"
- 17 Type of music video with a world record set in 2012 by 9,300 participants in Lindsay, Ontario
- 18 Book-based movie series that ended in 2012 with "Breaking Dawn - Part 2"
- 19 Q&A feature, on Reddit

- 20 Like Dali's art
- 22 Spear-shaped fish
- 23 Need an ice bag
- 25 8-Down's need
- 26 Home of the Nevada Museum of Art
- 27 Opera highlight
- 28 Actress Claire of "The Crown"
- 29 Becomes dim
- 30 2012 song that was YouTube's most-viewed video until "See You Again" surpassed it in 2017
- 34 Yoko born in Tokyo
- 35 "\_\_\_ Nub" (common name of the 1983 song called "Ewok Celebration")
- 36 House vote
- 37 \_\_\_ Lipa ("New Rules" singer)
- 40 What China became the third country to achieve with the Chang'e 3 mission in 2013
- 43 \_\_\_ dab in the middle

- 46 Suffix with puppet or racket
- 47 Key West, e.g.
- 48 Minnow's home
- 49 Sign of sorrow
- 51 Fascinated with
- 52 Go bad
- 53 Role for Smith, Cartwright, Kavner, or Castellaneta
- 55 Athlete's knee injury site, often
- 57 Swedish duo with a breakup song that hit #1 on the UK Singles Chart in 2013
- 59 Game that "The Price Is Right" devoted all six pricing game segments to in a 2013 episode
- 61 Gillian Flynn thriller published in 2012
- 62 Bygone Toyota model
- 63 Drink from a flask
- 64 Red Sox rival, on scoreboards
- 65 Jousting's hors

- 11 Fixed illegally
- 12 Gas in fuel mixtures
- 13 Team in a sign-stealing scandal
- 16 Taking a sick day
- 21 Floor-cleaning robot
- 24 Sea \_\_\_ (Popeye villain)
- 26 Peabody Award-winning Issa
- 27 In bygone times
- 28 "Prelude to the Afternoon of a \_\_\_" (Debussy work)
- 29 Dessert also known as crème caramel
- 31 Stooze's laugh syllable
- 32 First Family of the 1840s
- 33 2012 or 2013, e.g.
- 37 Itinerary measure
- 38 Insecure, in a way
- 39 Mature
- 40 "Daft Punk is Playing at my House" band \_\_\_ Soundsystem
- 41 Freshen up, as lipstick
- 42 Annoying racket
- 43 Rosemary bits
- 44 Milk source, to a kid
- 45 "Queer Eye" food and wine expert Porowski
- 49 Easy basket
- 50 Atlanta research university
- 51 Arm of the sea
- 53 2012 AFTRA merger partner
- 54 Chooses
- 56 Online outbursts
- 58 Pos. opposite
- 60 Incensed feeling



**01/23**



**Down**

- 1 Parlor, in La Paz
- 2 Boat with three hulls
- 3 2020 Best Supporting Actor Oscar nominee
- 4 Talking bear film of 2012
- 5 Occupied, as a lavatory
- 6 "From Peru to \_\_\_ hear the power of Babylon" (Philippine island name-dropped in Enya's "Orinoco Flow")
- 7 They receive paper assignments
- 8 Crew member
- 9 What a celebrity might use at a hotel
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**SIGNS OF LIFE**

All quotes are from Les Barker, born Jan. 30, 1947.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** Remember if you give a man a fish he will eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink himself stupid. Do both and see what happens.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** There'll be toast; it will be golden / And two eggs, both lightly fried; / I'll be just a little hungry / When my meal and I collide. / I'll entrust my beans and bacon / To geology and fate; / Today I ordered breakfast / On a tectonic plate. Try making your own breakfast.

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** I dream of all I thought I didn't need; / To all that I have learned I pay no heed. / There's reality back there; I'm in denial / Since Love came back from the missing persons file. Love is nice but keep your wits about you.

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** Borrow from pessimists — they don't expect it back. Give it back anyway.

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** ... the word 'futile' springs to mind / mission impossible, yes, that's the attempt / to harness for mankind / the intelligence of cats / You've made a basic error / Now let me expound / This master-servant thing's OK but not that way around. Be clear on who's doing what for whom.

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** I once met a man called Pavlov / From time to time he rang a bell / Simple things make humans happy / But I have to say that, well, / I found it a disturbance and poor chap I think he knew it / and soon he only rang his bell when I wanted him to do it. If something's bothering you, acknowledge it.

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** Lost among the wildebeest and the springbok chasing the

seasonal rains there once lived a family of zebras / a small group of sisters and brothers / and there was one who stood out from his fellows / Spot was not like the others / Somehow he stood out in long grass / where others somehow seemed to blend. Sometimes you're the Spot, and sometimes you're the grass.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** ... flowers came and flowers went with gifts of color, shape and scent, and as I watched the seasons turn I knew I had a lot to learn ... and so I bought a compost bin, and put my garden waste therein in hopes in time it would decay ... the mulch would help my garden grow ... and very soon I found I had to cut and prune ... it seemed I had more than I'd sowed ... I bought a second compost bin, I put my garden waste therein.... Reusing and recycling pays off.

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)** You are a child of the universe. It is a small world unless you have to paint it. You don't.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)** I know what you're going to say: / If you hate your boomerang so much / why don't you throw it away? Just set it down gently.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)** ... you should never have attempted this — / guide cats for the blind. // ... You think you're going out / you're opening the fridge / You think I'm trying to help you / I'm not serving man but mammon / You think you've gained a faithful friend / you've lost a plate of salmon ... a dog would go for help / cats are not that way inclined / cats have better things to do than being guide cats for the blind. Hire someone who's right for the job.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)** Do not wish for everything unless you have a really big cupboard. Even then, don't be greedy. 🐾

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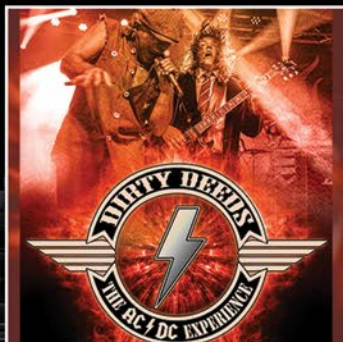
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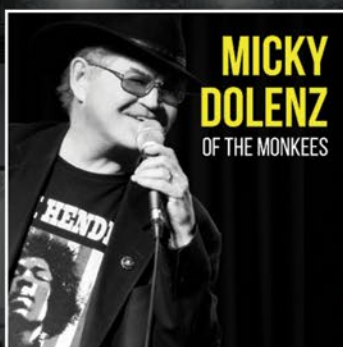
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**Birdbrained**

• Officers of the North Wales (England) Police believe they have solved, with help from the government Animal and Plant Health Agency, the mystery of why more than 200 starlings were found dead in a road in Bodedern on Dec. 10. Rob Taylor of the police force's rural crime team revealed that the birds suffered severe internal trauma, "support(ing) the case that the birds died from impact with the road," he told Sky News. "It's highly likely the murmuration took avoiding action whilst airborne, from possibly a bird of prey, with the rear of the group not pulling up in time and striking the ground."

• In the western German city of Kleve, a regional court in mid-January overruled a lower court and awarded the owner of a chicken mauled by a dog higher restitution because the chicken had TV experience. Sieglinde the chicken, who died in the attack, had completed 10 hours of acting training and had appeared in at least one German movie, for which she received a three-figure daily fee. The court ordered the dog's owner to pay 615 euros (about \$680) in damages, the Associated Press reported. A regular chicken is worth about 15 euros.

**Weird science**

On Jan. 22, the National Weather Service expanded its cold-weather warnings in South Florida to include falling iguanas along with falling temperatures. According to the Associated Press, the NWS alerted folks that the reptiles can become stunned by the cold and fall from their perches in trees. As temperatures rise during the day, they wake up, unharmed. Males can grow to 5 feet long and weigh 20 pounds. They aren't considered to be dangerous to humans (unless they land on your head).

**Animal farm**

A Polish pig farmer in his 70s who had been missing since Dec. 31 is believed to have been eaten by his livestock, Fox News reported. Lubin District Prosecutor Magdalena Serafin told local media the farmer's remains, consisting of bones and skull fragments, were found by a neighbor, who called police after spotting the bones while fetching water from a nearby well on Jan. 8. The farmer's animals were roaming freely in the yard, and officials indicated it was clear that the pigs had feasted on him. They suspect he died of a fall or heart attack.

**Extreme measures**

An unnamed 55-year-old man from the town of Pitalito, Colombia, got cold feet before his scheduled marriage over the weekend of Jan. 18, but lacked the courage to tell his fiancée. Instead, with the help of his best friends, he faked his own kidnapping, reported Oddity Central. The groom's pals told authorities they had seen a group of armed

men on motorcycles abduct their friend, and because kidnappings for extortion are not unknown in Colombia, the local police responded in force. Police Commander Nestor Vargas ordered roads closed, sealing off the town, and began a search. That's when the friends got nervous and admitted they'd made the whole thing up. Authorities kept the groom's identity a secret to protect him from other townspeople, who've been down this road before: This is the second time the groom has left a bride waiting at the altar. He and his cohorts will likely face jail time of up to six years.

**Oops!**

• In Toronto, the streetcar tunnel into Queen Quay Station is protected by an automatic gate, rumble strips, flashing lights and signs warning automobile drivers not to enter. But at 2 a.m. on Jan. 22, one driver managed to ignore or overlook all the warnings, driving his car about 600 meters through the tunnel before arriving at Union Station and becoming stuck on a concrete block, the CBC reported. "We're sort of hard-pressed to think of any other measures we can take at this point" to deter drivers, a spokesman for the Toronto Transit Commission said, "short of closing the tunnel, and that's not an option."

• It's been unseasonably cold in Florida (see Falling Iguanas item), and one St. Petersburg man apparently became so desperate for warmth on Jan. 21 he set fire to a stack of paperwork in his apartment around 3 a.m. WFLA reported that the flames Mark Okrent, 66, ignited were significant enough to trigger smoke detectors, which summoned the fire department, but no one in the 30-unit building was hurt in the incident. Except Okrent, who was charged with first-degree arson.

**The last straw**

After numerous complaints going back six months, according to a neighbor, Robert Wayne Miller, 57, was arrested at his home Zephyrhills, Florida, home on Dec. 22 for disturbing the peace with his lawn mower. Body-camera footage obtained by WFLA shows Pasco County Deputy Michael O'Donnell arriving at Miller's property and calling out to him, followed by a revving of the mower's engine. "I've had four people come out and tell me that they can't take it anymore," O'Donnell told Miller, who responded, "Whatever," before turning on the mower again. Dwaine White, who lives across the street, told The Washington Post the mower isn't even capable of cutting grass. "He'll run that tractor all night, and it echoes all over the neighborhood," White said. Miller was ultimately arrested for disturbing the peace and not complying with a law enforcement officer's command. If convicted, he could spend 18 months in jail and pay a \$1,500 fine.

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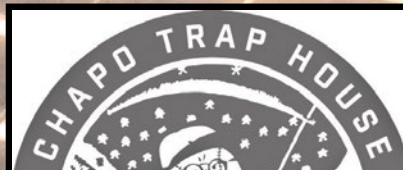
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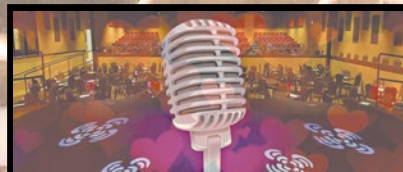
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