







GRANITE VIEWS JODY REESE

# **Unprecedented times**



Many of us, me included, have had quite a shock with the shuttering of restaurants, venues, events, museums, schools, gyms and other gather-

ing places. And then there was the run on everything from toilet paper to milk at the grocery stores. People are hunkering down. No one knows what to expect. It's scary.

Because we are a food, arts and entertainment publication this crisis has presented some serious challenges to what we do. As we wrote this week's issue, many of our articles quickly became outdated. Our entire listings section — thousands of things to do — was no longer accurate. Many of our advertisers have nothing left to advertise.

In this issue, we're covering what we can do during this crisis and how it has impacted many in our community. Our cover story this week also provides some details on what restaurants are doing to keep the doors open for takeout and what you can do for fun while isolated. We've even upped the number of puzzles in this issue (and will for the next few weeks). We'll be postponing our annual Hippo Best of 2020 issue for at least a few weeks until the worst of this has passed.

Our recently launched weekly newsletter Hippo's Long Weekend will feature additional news and information to keep readers informed. You can sign up at our website, hippopress.com.

Though we are doing everything we can to prevent any interruption in publishing Hippo, we have been seriously impacted. All of our revenue comes from local businesses and many of our businesses are suspending operations and their advertising. We're committed to continuing to publish even if in a smaller format, which you will notice this week.

On top of that, many locations you normally find the Hippo in have closed or reduced their hours. We're shifting more copies of our publication to our supermarket racks (they are usually located at the exit). We are available in almost all Merrimack Valley supermarkets and we'll be refilling them often. For a list visit our website.

Our deepest hope is that this crisis passes with as little loss of life as possible and with as little harm to local businesses and their employees as possible. This will not be an easy thing for many businesses to come back from. If you can, please support them by not requesting cash refunds.

Where we go from here is to pull together and do what we can to help our neighbors.



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**ALSO ON THE COVER**, Why not bake some cookies while you're stuck at home (assuming you can find all the necessary ingredients on wiped-out grocery shelves)? Find a recipe for margarita cookies on p.22. Plus, check out some movies to watch from the comfort of your couch, p. 28. And when all else fails, pick up a pencil and work on some puzzles! We've got extras this week because, well, there's not much else to do — find Rock 'n' Roll crossword puzzles on pages 31 & 33, Jonesn' crosswords on 34 & 36, and Sudoku on 33 & 37.

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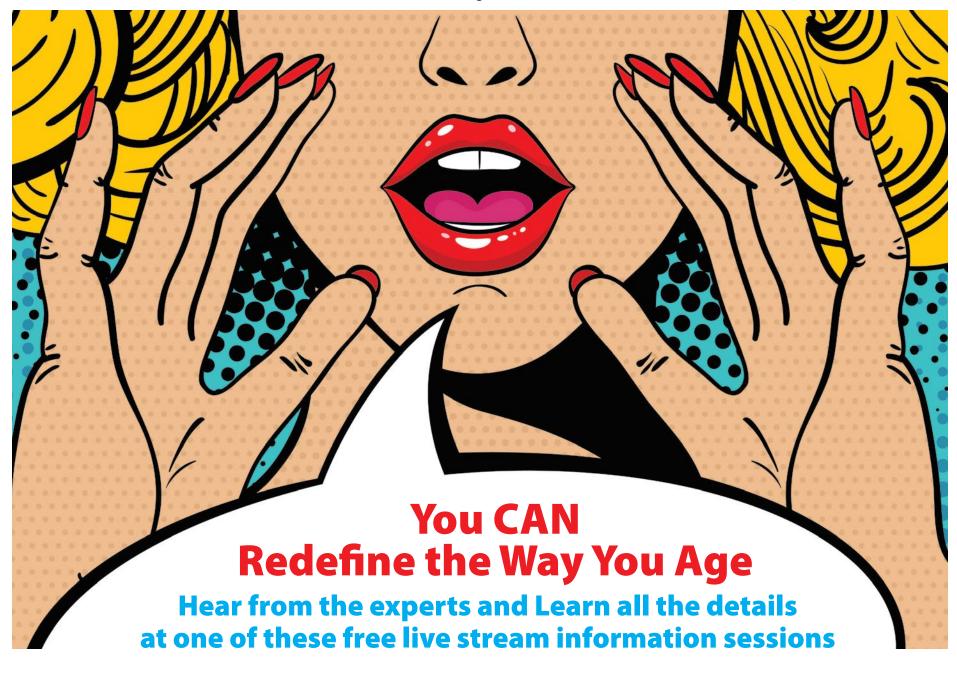
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# NEWS & NOTES

#### Supermarket shopping

In a March 16 appearance on WMUR TV, Gov. Chris Sununu responded to a viewer-submitted question about grocery shortages. Sununu said that the overall supply chain was "good," adding that he had "talked to the actual suppliers, the logistics, the guys that drive the trucks — and right now, the toilet paper is being made, food is being made, the shelves will be restocked. Even though things are disappearing off the shelves at a very exponential rate, it's not like those companies are stopping producing those things." In particular, Sununu cited flour, bread, toilet paper and hand sanitizer as high-demand items in short supply and said on WMUR that his administration "suspects those supplies will be restocked From the state shortly."

#### Help is on the way

In a March 17 news release, Gov. Chris Sununu announced three new executive orders. The orders direct that all providers of electricity, gas, fuel oil, telephone, internet and cable will be prohibited from disconnecting or discontinuing service for non-payments for the duration of the declared state of emergency. Also, landlords will not be allowed to start eviction proceedings for those unable to pay rent due to financial limitations and all judicial and non-judicial foreclosure actions will be discontinued during the state of emergency, the release said. Individuals unable to work or with reduced hours due to the pandemic will have immediate access to unemployment benefits. People who need to self-quarantine at the instruction of a health care provider, employer or government official; those who need to care for a family member who has COVID-19 or is under quarantine; those who need to care for a dependent because of school closures, child care facility closures or other similar types of care programs, and those who are self-employed and/ or temporarily unable to operate their business because of any aforementioned scenarios will all be eligible for immediate access to unemployment benefits, the release said.

# City access

City governments in Manchester, Concord and Nashua have all adopted new protocols to keep the basic levers of municipal government functioning to the safest extent possible.

Manchester: Public access to municipal buildings has been limited, according to the city's website, with residents being asked to utilize online services or call a given department ahead of time before attempting to appear at the office in person. While sanitation and city buses will continue to run, all public libraries have been closed as well as the Cashin Senior Center. For more information on specific impacts, see manchesternh.gov.

**Concord:** The City of Concord is asking citizens to utilize online resources to whatever extent possible, including automobile registrations, dog licenses, property tax bills and parking tickets. According to the City's website, all events at the Audi Auditorium have been canceled for

the foreseeable future, Beaver Meadow Golf Course will be closed until April 3 and the General Services office, water treatment facility and wastewater treatment facility are all also closed to the public until further notice. See concordnh.gov.

Nashua: According to Nashua's municipal website, City Hall will be closed to public access and all non-essential city employees will be working from their homes. Bus service, trash collection and other essential city services will continue, but all out-of-state travel for city employees will be prohibited until further notice. Visit nashuanh.gov.

In addition to municipalities, the state government has also adapted practices as a way to limit transmission of the coronavirus. The State Legislature has formally suspended all activity until at least March 20, the New Hampshire Judicial branch has suspended all in-person proceedings until at least April 6, and all non-essential outof state-travel by state employees is suspended. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has launched a website dedicated to all things COVID-19 that residents can use to monitor up-to-the-minute news and announcements from state officials, keep tabs on the number of infections and confirmed cases in the state, find answers to frequently asked questions on the virus and more. Visit nh.gov/ covid19/residents.

#### School's out

On March 15 Gov. Chris Sununu issued an executive order temporarily transitioning all K-12 public schools to online learning through April 3, ordering all schools to develop temporary remote instruction plans for coursework and giving every school district approximately one week to fully transition to online instruction. At the press conference, Sununu said the decision was made in response to the pandemic's "rapidly evolving situation" and credited New Hampshire education commissioner Frank Edelblut for previously working to make New Hampshire a "leader in online education" in such a way that it puts the state in a strong position to weather the unexpected transition from brick and mortar to digital.

# **Paid leave**

Paid medical leave has become a key focus of Granite State policy makers. A 2019 report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics found that 46 percent of the Granite State's employed population does not have paid medical leave through their employers.

State lawmakers from both sides of the aisle have come up with competing proposals to apply legislative authority to the task of widening access to paid leave. On one side is House Bill 712, a Democrat-backed measure that would mandate paid family medical leave insurance of up to 12 weeks for the birth or adoption of a child or to care for a sick family member or oneself.

State lawmakers in Concord had a long night of legislating on their hands on March 12 when the State Legislature worked through over 200 bills up against the New Hampshire House rules' hard deadline for the last day to take action on single-committee bills. According to the House Record wrap-up of the session, representatives spent roughly 19 hours chipping away at the bills, eventually wrapping up their work by 4 a.m. March 13.

CONCORD

Hooksett

**MANCHESTER** 

Hooksett's longtime Republican state House district officially turned blue last week when Democrat Kathleen Martins (1,000 votes) won a narrow victory over her Republican opponent Elliot Axelman (961 votes). Previously held since 2014 by the late Rep. Dick Marple, R-Hooksett, the seat elicited a contentious race with allegations that Martins supported a state income tax (which she denied in a March 8 Facebook post) and controversial social media posts Axelman previously made about law enforcement driving passion on both sides of the race.

William Jones of Bedford, also known as "Capitan Plunger," was selected by the New Hampshire Knights of Columbus to receive the group's 2020 Granite Award. In a March 10 news release from Special Olympics New Hampshire, Jones was recognized for years of work in support of the Special Olympics, including helping to secure the group's current office space in 1993, serving as a member of the Board of Directors and his creation of the Captain Plunger Character, which the release notes Jones has dawned over 20 consecutive years for the group's annual Penguin Plunge fundraiser at Hampton Beach.



A disabled mini horse named Teaspoon is back on the move again thanks to the ingenuity of Amherst-based animal prosthesis developer Walkin' Pets. Despite being immobilized following a poisonous snakebite on one of her back hooves, according to a March 11 company news release, Walkin' Pets set to work and built their first ever horse-modified Walkin' Wheels wheelchair to keep Teaspoon galloping even after her affected leg is amputated this week.

In addition to a review of all things Queen City over the previous calendar year, Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig's State of the City address on March 11 included the announced formation of the Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Council to "serve as a link between city government and our community to enhance engagement, strengthen relationships, and ensure all NAS residents feel welcomed, respected and accepted," the establishment of a Housing Task Force to address vacancy rates at historic lows and the on-boarding of the Manchester Police Department's first "comfort dog," whose name city residents can vote on at surveymonkey.com/r/ mpd\_comfortdog.

The bill, passed on March 12 by the Senate on a party line vote, would grant businesses multiple avenues to provide coverage, including going on the open market to purchase coverage or financing paid leave via a 0.5-percent payroll deduction funding mechanism.

On the other side is Republican-backed Senate Bill 730, which would provide state employees with six weeks of paid leave for the birth or adoption of a new child or to take care of a sick family member, but would not, as currently written, cover time off to care for oneself in the event of illness. The bill would also incentivize private-sector businesses to provide paid leave on a voluntary basis via a credit toward the state's

Business Enterprise Tax. The Senate Finance Committee opted to table SB 730 for interim study, and while Sununu's office did not respond to multiple requests for

comment, in the past he has called HB 712's pay-

roll deduction an "income tax" and an "absolute non-starter" that he would veto.

Despite the paid leave impasse, Sununu and Democrats in the Senate reached a rare consensus last week when both parties released letters outlining respective draft COVID-19 response plans that both included the temporary opening of access to unemployment benefits for those who are unable to work due to the coronavirus, including those quarantined due to potential exposure and those testing positive for the virus who need to care for themselves.

In his March 12 letter announcing his proposals, Sununu also proposed temporarily suspending the waiting week requirement for those out of work as a result of the coronavirus as a way to "provide critical assistance in such cases where paid time off through their employer is not available."

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# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China. We can all help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and all other respiratory illness.

# **HOW IS IT SPREAD?**

Similar to how influenza and other respiratory illness are spread, COVID-19 may be spread from an infected person to others by:



Coughing and sneezing



Close personal contact



Not washing hands



Touching your mouth, nose, or eyes

# **SYMPTOMS**

Symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as many as 14 days after exposure.

Symptoms may include:



Fever



Cough



Difficulty breathing

If you have traveled to a location with widespread ongoing transmission of COVID-19 or have had close contact with an individual with confirmed COVID-19, you must stay home and self-monitor for signs and symptoms for 14 days after the date of your last exposure. If you begin to experience signs and symptoms of respiratory illness, contact your healthcare provider and tell them about your symptoms and recent travel before visiting their office.

# PREVENT THE SPREAD

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness
- Practice social distancing by avoiding crowds with 50 people or more and maintaining a distance of 6 feet from others
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces



# **Count on it**

# Head counters in short supply for Census 2020

With 2020 comes the once-in-a-decade need on the part of the federal government's U.S. Census Bureau to gather an official head count of every resident in the country. The nationwide effort requires a small army of temporary workers to go door-to-door to finalize the counts, but state officials say a strong job market has made it hard to attract enough workers to get the job done, even after the Bureau increased the hourly rate for New Hampshire census takers from \$17.50 to \$20. Ken Gallager, a planner with the New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives who is coordinating the state's census efforts, talks more about the census.

To begin with, what exactly is the census? It's something that's done every 10 years by the federal government. ... It was originally used to decide how many representatives each state gets in the House of Representatives. But since then, it's been used for Ken Gallager many other purposes.

iust a simple headcount?

What information is being asked for? Is it

It's a little more than just a count of how many people, but it is a fairly basic set of questions. It's

based on the household and they'll want to know

how many people are staying at that household; it

could be family members, roommates, etc. They

want to know whether the house is owned or

you're renting, a telephone number for verifica-

tion, names, genders, dates of birth and ethnicity

of all the house's occupants. So, who you are,

who else is in the house with you, what their

race is, what their age is and whether the house is

Do you run into a lot of people who are wary

Certainly, we know that people are reluctant to

give out information. ... The thing to stress with

this is the safety of the personal data that you give

to the census. This isn't like getting called up by some marketer that you give your information to

and end up on 20 mailing lists. By law, the census

cannot share any of your personal information

with anyone, not even any other federal agencies.

else is this information being used for?

Beyond Congressional apportionment, what

It will also get used for drawing all of our state

House districts, but a major function of the cen-

sus is for a lot of federal programs that need to

factor in population statistics to help guide where

federal dollars will be sent. New Hampshire has

received about \$3.7 billion in a single fiscal year

from federal programs that are population-based

like Medicare, student loans, highway planning

and other things like that. Having the base popula-

tion accounted for is the most important building

What specific impacts might Granite Staters

Based on population, it doesn't look like New

Hampshire is in any danger of losing a Congressional seat. But it's important to know at the state

level and community level what the population

block for how funding decisions get made.

feel from the census?

of giving out personal information like that?

owned or rented are the main questions.



is. I hear stories from communities about ... federal grants they rely on that have specific cutoffs based on population things like [deciding] where a school is going to be, whether there's a need for a new school, whether highway planning should be adjusted by the population growing rapidly in one particular area.

# What methods are used to do the counting?

This is the first time that the census will be offered online. In fact, they are counting on most households to respond through the online option. In addition to that, it will be possible to call an 800 number and give responses over the phone, and if you really prefer using a pen or pencil on paper, you will still have the option of being able to fill out a physical form and mail it back.

# And census enumerators will still go door-todoor to count people in person?

There will still be people going door-to-door, but that doesn't happen immediately. The census mailouts [have begun] and people will start getting postcards in the mail inviting them to go online and answer the census. But the door-todoor part has to do with going and finding the people who have not responded on their own. If the census doesn't hear back from you, you'll start getting additional mailings; eventually you'll even get a paper form and then they will start the door-to-door work ... by the middle of May.

# A big part of the story with this year is the difficulty states are facing finding enough people to fill census jobs. Can you tell me a little bit about what these jobs are like?

Most of the jobs are going to be these enumerators who will be going out door-to-door. The jobs are \$20 an hour and that was a rate that they increased by a fair amount just to be competitive in this economy. The work hours are flexible; people might be doing it during the day but most ... will likely be doing it in the evenings when people are more likely to be home from work.

## Would you say the relatively strong economy is the main reason why you're struggling to find enumerators?

I think that's the main reason. I was around during the 2010 census but I wasn't the contact person, but my memory of 2010 is that it was still during the recession and there were plenty of people who were looking to do work for the census at that point.

— Travis Morin 🕠



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# **QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX**

# **Quality of life**

Whether you're watching your schedule clear of all activities for the next few weeks or staring at the empty shelves of a supermarket, wondering what people are going to do with all the sugar (sweet tea? stress bake?), it's undeniable, the quality of life in the 603 (and in the U.S. and the world) has changed, at least for now. QOL is going to keep charting the happenings that are making things a little better or a little worse for Granite Staters but how do you put a score on a situation like this? (Kids home from school for weeks and fighting over control of the TV? Minus a bunch of points. The dedication of front-line workers, from nurses and doctors to the people restocking supermarket staples as fast as possible? Plus a lot more. The health and safety of loved ones who are well? Plus infinity points.) So, for the time being, the QOL-o-meter will stay where it is.

**Comment:** QOL looks forward to adding points for an Adam Sandler success or docking points for a sports disappointment in the very near future.

75

50

# Speaking of dedication

QOL witnessed a faith-in-humanity bolstering interaction at Hannaford in Bedford on Sunday when a Hannaford employee was apologizing for not having the variety of bread a customer was searching for. (At that particular point in the day, some of the bread shelves were nearly clear, with a fast-working employee restocking the bagels.) Instead of getting angry, the customer just offered very sincere thanks to the employee for everything she and everyone else at the store was doing to keep food on the shelves. During his press conference on Sunday, Gov. Chris Sununu mentioned hearing about the story of a man in Manchester who brought in coffee for the crew of his local supermarket, just to thank them.

**Comment:** Have a tale of people being considerate, supermarket-related or otherwise? Let QOL know at news@hippopress.com.

# Sometimes there is such a thing as a free lunch

Local restaurants are stepping up to do their part to help keep the most vulnerable community members fed. As of Monday, March 16, Buba Noodle Bar in Manchester has announced their intention to offer free lunches to school-age children and a 10-percent discount to all health care workers until March 27; Pizza Man of Hooksett will work with the Hooksett Food Pantry in order to get mini cheese pizzas and other meals to children in need in Bow and Hooksett; and carry-out Italian restaurant Presto Pasta of Manchester has offered to assist elderly, quarantined or other high-risk individuals unable to leave the house who are in need of food or beverage delivery as well as providing free kids lunch between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with the purchase of any stick, salad or pasta on the menu and a 10-percent discount for all medical personnel from area hospitals.

**Comment:** As Gov. Sumunu said in his March 15 press conference, "It's an all-hands-on-deck effort."

#### **Business goes on**

Beyond food service, other local businesses have announced plans to adapt their practices in order to continue to serve their customers in a social-distancing-friendly manner. Meineke Car Center in Concord, for example, will offer free vehicle pick-up and drop-off in order to continue to service vehicles, as well as sanitation of keys and other personal items in transit. Toadstool Bookshops in Nashua, Peterborough and Keene will provide free shipping on orders as well as curbside delivery at all three of its sites. MainStreet BookEnds of Warner will close their indoor area to customers but will offer curbside delivery of all store items, home delivery for local residents in Warner, and mail delivery. The Music Mill in Manchester will also offer curbside service, as well as courier delivery service in the local area, and it will also arrange private showings of items and has a Text Hotline for quick price quotes and item information. And the New Hampshire Antique Co-op in Milford will offer delivery, curbside pickup and will continue to appraise items electronically by way of digital images of items.

**Comment:** There are still ways to shop local.

QOL score: 63

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# Coronavirus upends sports world



you, but I feel like **Tip**pi Hedren's character did in Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds. Just sitting here waiting for the inevitability of the coronavirus plague to fully descend on where we all live. Like in most

Hitchcock films, it's not what happened, at least until it did. It's the anticipation of what might happen that plays most with your mind. In our case that would be the unknown of what will happen over the next three to four months at least. My simple walk down the barren paper goods aisle in the grocery store last weekend eerily drove that point home.

To use a more current movie metaphor, it's also like Elisabeth Moss in The Invisible Man when she knows danger is lurking all around but just can't see it. The latter seems appropriate to mention for the irony that few actually did see that film because the best way to avoid our invisible danger is staying out of large groups.

That means some of us need to find new ways to be entertained. For many that meant turning even more to sports for entertainment. I don't like what's happening, but I'd settled into a nice rhythm watching Celtics games on TV and figured I could weather some of the storm watching three or four games a week. Beyond that, Red Sox opening day was right around the corner and while I'm not a huge hockey guy the Bruins do have the best record in the NHL and the Stanley Cup playoffs are generally really good. And hey, looking on the bright side, it might even mitigate my major pet peeve for having to be inside on a beautiful spring afternoon to watch an important playoff game. I hate that, but if I had to stay near home anyway, it would lessen my objection.

But that was before Utah center Rudy

I don't know about Gobert tested positive, leading the NBA to first postpone the game he was seconds away from playing and then pause/ suspend/cancel the season in its tracks the next day. That was quickly followed by the pausing/suspension/cancellation of the NCAA basketball tournaments, NHL season, spring training and the first two weeks of the baseball season at least, PGA tournament including the Masters, all soccer games on both sides of the gender divide, various NASCAR and Indy car races and every other sports event known to mankind. The Olympics are still on for the moment, but that's in late July and August.

OK, so now what?

Well first — it could be worse. How'd you like to be a sports talk radio yakker, on the air four hours a day, five days a week with no games being played? Yikes! Though they did get a major break Tuesday morning with Tom Brady announcing he was headed elsewhere in his football journey. As for my once a week column, with next week's take on the Brady decisions, the Pat's retooling without TB-12, NFL drafts past and present, COVID-19 related impacts on sports and other things buzzing around my head, I'm covered for the next three months at least.

Then there are the hourly workers directly affected by the shutdown. But that's been mitigated in some places by a growing list of generous benefactors stepping in to help out. The first was Kevin Love, who put up \$100,000 to help arena workers in Cleveland. Next was Zion Williamson pledging to cover the salaries of similar folks in New Orleans for the first month. Not sure where a 19-year-old had the wisdom and generosity to do something like that but it probably has to do with good parenting. The biggest to date was from the guy who (sorta) started this whole thing, Gobert, who pledged a whopping \$500,000 to help workers in Utah and Oak City, where he tested positive.

Those are the first acts I've seen in this catastrophe that remind me of the last time games were shut down, in the aftermath of 9-11. That was different, as we knew they would start sooner than later, and it also had the silver lining of bringing the country together. That's in contrast to now, where blame is ladled out with vigor depending on which cable channel you're watching. So, even in these non-sports TV days, off go those pathetic channels, as I'm only interested in those finding real solutions to help us get out of this mess as safely and quickly as possible.

So I'll focus on peace and love. Not the hippie kind, but what Kevin, Zion, Rudy and others like them are doing. Because they may turn out to be this crisis' equivalent of President George W. Bush walking to the mound at a packed Yankee Stadium to throw out the first pitch of Game 3 during the 2001 World Series just a few miles from ground zero. It was to show we won't be intimidated and that life in America goes on. Although that was probably the easy part, as doing it in front of 60,000 people and a national TV audience wearing a flak jacket under his windbreaker was tricky. Especially after Derek Jeter told him, "Don't throw it in the dirt or they'll boo you." But W delivered by firing a strike to Jorge Posada. It may not have been his greatest moment as president, but the goose bumps on my arm still say it was his most inspirational. So as this progresses I'm looking for stories of inspiration of all kinds. Sports teaches us to work together, so let's follow Bill Belichick's "do your job" edict, because we all play a role in flattening the curve of new cases to get out of this mess sooner than later.

As for our Tippi-like anxiety about the unknown, Dan Rather closing CBS newscasts by saying "Courage" comes to

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# **HS** sports shutdown

The Big Story - Upset City: In this case "upset" is used in a different context. As in high school athletes were dejected with the news that the coronavirus pandemic led the NHIAA to wisely shut down the winter state tournament season and contemplate delaying or even canceling the spring sport season as well. The edict wiped out championship games in basketball, the hockey championships at the SNHU Arena, and all but II boys basketball.

Sports 101: Who was the first NBA player to score at least 30 points against it during the 2018-19 season. all 29 opponents in a single season?

record going in it really wasn't an upset, as 18-2 Concord entered its D-I Hockey State Tournament semifinal game as the 1-seed while Hanover was "just" 12-5-2. But with the Marauders having won the last 10 state hockey titles factored in, beating them to end that streak is a big deal. So the award goes to their satisfying 4-3 win, which set them up for now sadly won't be played.

Schoolwide Bad Luck Award: It goes to the Concord girls and boys hockey programs, which won't get a chance to finish off their dream seasons after entering the state tournament as the top seeds. Neither was a forgone conclusion, of course, especially for the 19-1 boys, who were set to face defending state champion 2-seed Bedford in a highly anticipated state final at SNHU.

Sports 101 Answer: The first playthe preliminary rounds of Division I and er in NBA history to score at least 30 points against all 29 opponents in a single season was James Harden, who did

On This Day - March 19: 1955 - Bill Upset of the Year Award: Given the Russell's amazing winning ways begin when San Francisco tops La Salle 77-63 to win the first of his 13 college and pro basketball championships. 1966 - featuring the first all-black starting lineup in Tournament history, Texas Western stuns Adolph Rupp and Kentucky 72-65 to claim the NCAA national basketball championship. 1991 - Because Arizona refuses to recognize the national Martin a finals match with Berlin-Gorham that Luther King Day holiday, the NFL strips them of the Super Bowl scheduled for Phoenix in 1993.

# The Numbers

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Tom Brady million-dollar 23 - game points from deal the Titans agreed to Burke also had a pair of Paul Manzi as 10-seed with QB of the present and goals for B-town while Alvirne upset 7-seed Bed- future Ryan Tannehill on

# **Sports Glossary**

The Birds: The 1963 Alfred Hitchcock epic that kept people out of the attic late at night and scared the bejeepers out of anyone seeing more than three crows sitting together on a fence for years to come.

Tippi Hedren: Archetype leading lady for the blonde-obsessed Alfred Hitchcock in '60s films The Birds and Marnie. Probably better known today as the matriarch of an acting family that includes daughter Melanie Griffith (Working Girl) and 50 Shades of Grey starring granddaughter Dakota Johnson.

Hitchcock's Blonde Obsessions: The inventory of icy, regal blonde archetypes includes mysterious Kim Novak in Vertigo, the doomed blonde shower taker Janet Leigh in Psycho, Tippi Hedren, Eva Marie Saint (North by Northwest) and the most glamorous of them all, Grace Kelly, who starred in the Hitchcock classics Dial M for Murder, Rear Window and To Catch a Thief.





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# CORONAVIRUS IN NH WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

Some of this may change.

If there is one thing we know for sure about what's happening with New Hampshire's arts, entertainment, dining and events scene, it's that we don't know anything for sure.

Through the past weekend and until we sent this issue to our printer on the morning of March 17, we tracked and reached out to area organizations and businesses to find out how they are weathering the disruptions related to the coronavirus. What follows is the most up-to-date information we could gather.

We will post changes as we get them on our website, hippopress.com.

In addition to what isn't (and maybe is?) going on, we wanted to bring you a few things to keep you in the loop of local culture. Angie Sykeny offers a roundup of books from local authors. Michael Witthaus finds music from local bands. And Jeff Mucciarone gives you some "hunkering down" beer suggestions. (Check out the pop culture section, starting on page 26, where Eric Saeger talks about new albums and Amy Diaz suggests some recent movies to catch up on.)

# Some fun has been postponed...

A rundown of the shows and events that are off the schedule — at least for now

When Hippo sent its March 12 issue to the printer, the schedule was still packed with events for the coming weekend and beyond. But by the weekend, the arts and entertainment landscape for southern New Hampshire was far emptier.

What follows is a list of places and events that, by the evening of March 17, have canceled, postponed or otherwise changed their plans for the next few weeks. If you have any tickets to upcoming events, contact the organizers for updates and information. We will regularly update this list at hippopress.com.

## **Events**

- A couple of changes have been made to the New Hampshire Theatre Project's **fourth annual Storytelling Festival**, going on now through March 22 at 959 Islington St. in Portsmouth. The Storytellers Showcase set for Sunday, March 22, has been canceled, and the workshop "Mythologizing Oral History & Personal Stories," set for Saturday, March 21, will now be offered online, according to a post on the NHTP website March 13. The festival celebrates traditional tales, legends and myths of Native American and Celtic origins as well as modern personal narratives. Visit nhtheatreproject.org.
- The Walker Lecture Series, which runs at the Concord Auditorium, has canceled three upcoming events (Travelogue Double Feature with Tom Sterling that had been scheduled for March 18, William Ogmundson on March 25 and the Art of Film with Patrick Anderson on April first), which the organization hopes to reschedule, according to a press release. See walkerlecture.org.
  - The New Hampshire Jewish Film Festi-

- val, which had been slated to start on Thursday, March 19, at locations around the state, has been postponed, according to nhjewishfilmfestival. com. Ticket holders can use their tickets for the rescheduled festival or email info@jewishnh. org for a refund (or, the website suggests, consider making the refund a charitable gift to the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire). Tickets purchased through Brown Paper Tickets can be refunded within two weeks through that website (brownpapertickets.com). In the meantime, the festival's website features trailers for many of the movies that were slated to appear, including the trailer for the documentary *Fiddler: Miracle of Miracles*, which is two minutes of pure joy.
- The **Poetry Walk and tanka workshop** with poet Mimi White, presented by the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, that was set for Friday, March 20, at Flag Hill Winery & Distillery (297 N. River Road, Lee) has been postponed, according to SELT's website, seltnh. org.
- The Made in NH Expo, scheduled for March 20 through March 22 at the Double-tree by Hilton in Manchester, is postponed until Saturday, Dec. 5, and Sunday, Dec. 6, according to businessnhmagazine.com/events/made-in-nh-expo.
- Queen City Kamikaze, the self-described "nerd meet up" bringing together fans of anime, comic books, video games, sci-fi and fantasy, that had been scheduled for March 21 is rescheduled to Saturday, May 9, at Manchester Memorial High School, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available for purchase online (queencitykamikaze.com) and at the door. Previously purchased tickets will be honored at the

May event.

- The NH Preservation Old House and Barn Expo, scheduled for the Doubletree by Hilton Manchester on March 21 and March 22, is postponed. On nhpreservation.org, ticket-holders are instructed to contact rh@nhpreservation.org.
- The Manchester Homebuyer Fair scheduled for March 21 is postponed (as is the Seacoast Homebuyer Fair scheduled for March 28). Check with gonewhampshirehousing.com for new dates.
- The Harlem Globetrotters event at SNHU Arena in Manchester scheduled for Saturday, March 21, has been rescheduled for Monday, April 20, (for ticket holders of the 2 p.m. March 21 show) and Tuesday, April 21, (for ticket holders of the 7 p.m. show) at 7 p.m. according to an arena press release. Previously purchased tickets for the March 21 events will be honored for the new events.
- The Nashua Chamber Orchestra's winter concert "Elements of Surprise" that was set for Saturday, March 21, in Nashua and Sunday, March 22, at the Milford Town Hall has been canceled, according to a press release. Visit nco-music.org or call 582-5211.
- The Maple Pancake Breakfast by the Warner Historical Society scheduled for March 21 and March 22 is canceled according to warner-historical.org, as is a syrup tasting scheduled for March 21.
- New Hampshire Maple Weekend, originally scheduled for Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22, has been canceled by the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association, marketing and publicity manager Brenda Noiseux confirmed to the Hippo. The association is

in the early stages of planning a maple sugaring event for this fall, according to a press release.

- The Girls at Work **Diva Comedy Night 2020** has been postponed from March 21 to Saturday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Dana Center Koonz Theater in Manchester. Tickets cost \$35 to \$50 and are available at girlswork.org.
- "International First Lady of Piano" Teresa Walters' concert "Celebrating Our World," set to take place on Sunday, March 22, at Christ Episcopal Church (1035 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth), has been postponed to a later date this year, according to the church's website. Visit christepiscopalchurch.us.
- The New England Authors Expo's **Authors Night at the Vineyard** set for Friday, March 27, at Zorvino Vineyards (226 Main St., Sandown) has been rescheduled to Friday, June 12, according to the presenter's website. The event includes a meet-and-greet with numerous authors, plus a book and art sale. Admission is free. Visit newenglandauthorsexpo.com.
- The **NH Camping & RV Show,** scheduled for March 27 through March 29 at the NH Sportsplex in Bedford, is postponed until Friday, Sept. 25, through Sunday, Sept. 27, according to a press release. See ucampnh.com/camping-rv-show.
- The NH Artisans and Small Business Fair, scheduled for Saturday, March 28, in Chester, has been canceled, the Hippo has learned from coordinator Jackie Wood.
- The Concord Community Music School (23 Wall St. in Concord; cemusicschool.org) has postponed its **Community Music Fest**, set for Saturday, March 28, with a "new date TBD,"

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# Food to go

Local eateries shift to takeout

By Matt Ingersoll mingersoll@hippopress.com

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a taxing impact on the food service and hospitality industries. Late Monday afternoon, New Hampshire joined a growing list of states across the country to order all restaurants and bars to close for dine-in services, limiting them to takeout, delivery and drive-thru only. The order will remain in effect until April 7.

"This will be hard, but we are all in this together," Gov. Chris Sununu said in a statement. "Knowing neighboring states have closed restaurants and bars has caused New Hampshire to evaluate those states' actions and their impact on New Hampshire's population risk profile."

Those that are able to continue operations via takeout have begun offering curbside pickup. For example, the Gyro Spot in Manchester, Pressed Cafe in Nashua (both locations), Tucker's (all locations), The Riverhouse Cafe and Mangia Sano, both in Milford. La Cascade du Chocolat in Exeter. Hannah's Bakery and Cafe in Salem and The Broken Yolk Grill in Pelham have all begun offering curbside pickup during their normal business hours as of Monday. The Red Arrow Diner has begun offering curbside pickup for takeout at both its Concord and Manchester locations, effective immediately, according to a press release. Its Londonderry location already offers the same service out of its drive-thru window.

Presto Craft Kitchen in Manchester is

cert series at Main Street United Methodist

Church (154 Main St., Nashua) has been can-

celed according to a message from a church

member. A decision is yet to be made concern-

ing the remaining concerts in the series, "Music

from musicals by Webber, Rodgers, Berstein

and others" scheduled for Saturday, April 25;

and "Orfeo e Euridice by Gluck" scheduled

for Saturday, May 30. See "Main Street United

• The Nashua North Literacy Center's Fami-

ly Literacy Day scheduled for Saturday, March

28, at Nashua High School North has been can-

celed, according to the Center's Facebook page. • The Granite Statesmen Barbershop Cho-

rus' concert "A Good Old-Time Barbershop

Harmony Style Show," set for Saturday, March

28, at the Derry Opera House has been resched-

uled for sometime in September, a Chorus

member told the Hippo. Visit granitestatesmen.

Methodist Church" on Facebook.

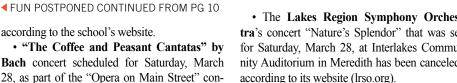
offering several of what it's calling "community relief discounts," which will include free lunches for all kids from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. a 10-percent-off rate for all medical personnel, free delivery for large pre-orders and senior living communities, and prepaying for all orders over the phone to help limit service

"We're not going anywhere. It's obviously a confusing time for us, but it's all about increasing stability in our community and what we can do to assist people," Presto chef Joe Grel-

UberEats has also temporarily waived all delivery fees for orders placed across the United States and Canada, including those in the Granite State that use the service.

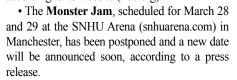
Keith Sarasin, co-owner of Greenleaf in Milford, called the pandemic "an unprecedented burden in the restaurant industry." Last week he created "Industry United," a special Facebook group for hospitality and foodservice professionals to obtain information and ask each other questions about COVID-19. The group has since reached more than 7,000 members across the region and country.

"The economic fallout of this is going to be unparalleled, but I'm optimistic that our community in general will band together," Sarasin said.



- The Manchester St. Patrick's Day Parade, scheduled for Sunday, March 29, is canceled,
- The Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra's spring concert "The Romantic Hero," at The Music Hall Historic Theater in Portsmouth on Sunday, March 29, has been postponed, according to The Music Hall's website (themusichall.
- · A performance by Franco-American singer Josée Vachon at the Nashua Public Library
- · The Nashua Garden Club's monthly

· The Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra's concert "Nature's Splendor" that was set for Saturday, March 28, at Interlakes Community Auditorium in Meredith has been canceled,



according to saintpatsnh.com.

scheduled on Sunday, March 29, is canceled, according to a library press release.

meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, has

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# Social distancing and beer

By Jeff Mucciarone

On my way home from work last Wednesday, my wife texted me the following: "You have one job: beer + wine."

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While at that point schools hadn't closed, the new reality was crystallizing in which we were looking at an extended period of family togetherness in the era of social distancing. We're all faced with the same reality now and I would offer that craft beer can play a critical role in getting us through this with some level of sanity.

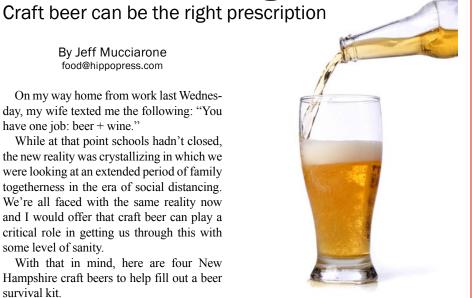
With that in mind, here are four New Hampshire craft beers to help fill out a beer

# Hopulization IPA by Stoneface Brewing Co. (Newington)

You're in your sweatpants, "working from home" while tending to your children's endless requests for snacks, toys and potty breaks — that's what every working individual with young children is faced with in real time. That situation is going to get old and when it does you need to turn to a beer that hits you right between the eyes. Loaded with tropical fruit notes and extra alcohol, this is the beer to grab when you're at your

# Salted Caramel Milk Stout by Throwback Brewery (North Hampton)

This is a big milky bomb of rich malts and sweet caramel — this milk stout can be the reward beer. You got through a day of work, kept the kids relatively entertained, fed yourself and your family and maybe, just maybe your home doesn't look like a tornado swept through — reward yourself with a smooth, velvety stout. You've earned it.



# Czech Pilsner by Moat Mountain Smoke House and Brewing Co. (North Conway)

Crisp and clean and so easy to drink this is your weekend beer, because by the time your first weekend rolls around after a full week of social distancing, you're going to need something that just slides effortlessly down your throat. You'll need the full 16-ounce can and then possibly a couple

# Vinátta Russian Imperial Stout by **Kelsen Brewing Co. (Derry)**

At 12 percent ABV and loaded with huge flavors of chocolate, tobacco and dark fruit, this is not for the faint of heart. This brew carries an immense intensity best sipped slowly over a period of time, although the rich chocolate and warming alcohol will likely make you want to drink this a bit faster than you should. I like this one in the afternoon, after you just finished playing with the kids in the yard on a crisp day. Cheers!

# **Self-isolation blues**

And other local music to listen to at home

By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

With live entertainment options severely limited by COVID-19, there are a few ways to enjoy local music from the comfort of your own home.

- · Concord's Dan Zanes, of Del Fuegos and children's music fame, and his wife, fellow musician Claudia Zanes, have begun a daily Social Isolation Song Series on Facebook. "Maybe some will lift the spirits. Maybe some will entertain the young people running around the house. Maybe some will inspire you to dust off the guitar or ukulele in the closet," they write. "Maybe some will do nothing more than distract you for a few minutes. Maybe some will have you singing along and remind you that wherever we are and however we make it happen we're in this together."
- Town Meeting is three brothers and two ace players from Lowell making some of the best acoustic harmony music around (they're regulars on the southern New Hampshire scene). Check out their 22-minute Underwater Sunshine Festival video, which includes selections from their brand new album, Make Things Better. A highlight song is "The Fourth Verse," which starts with a question: "How do you tell a local band from a national treasure?" The album's de facto title song perfectly distills the challenges of making it in music, with or without a pandemic. The mini-concert is on YouTube at tinyurl.com/s6ttwnb.
- John Midas Manning is a veteran DJ and Manchester native whose Meltdown City podcast distills his magic on a regular basis. Check it out at facebook.com/djmidas500 and enjoy a steady stream of EDM awesomeness that can be, in his words, "funky, soulful, glitchy, jazzy, downtempo, trippy, ghetto .... all rolled into

one." If you can't dance with yourself, you'll never make it through the COVID-19 crucible with your sanity intact. When all this is over, you can catch Midas at many clubs up and down the state. He's also on wmnhradio.org.

- River Sister is another acoustic gem hailing from the Seacoast. There's a story of a hush passing over a Laurel Canyon living room decades ago when Crosby, Stills & Nash revealed their harmony sweet spot. Similarly, a reverent silence greeted Elissa Margolin and Stefanie Guzikowski the first time they sang together. The moment led to this group, which also includes drummer PJ Donahue and bass player Nate Therrien. Check them out at facebook.com/riversistermusic/band for a sound that balances folk tradition, jazz rhythm and glorious singing.
- Senie Hunt is a brilliant guitarist, as evidenced on his first CD, Song Bird. Released in May 2019, its five songs appeal to fans of great percussive players such as Leo Kottke, Richard Thompson and Mike Dawes, but Hunt's style is unique and all his own. Crowdfunded through IndieGoGo and recorded over the past few years, the effort began with the title track, an ode to the random beauty of nature inspired during a trip to Vermont. Check him out in a March 22, 2019, concert at the Hatbox Theatre in Concord, and go see him live when all this tumult is over; see tinyurl.com/qov8t7y
- Lucas Gallo kicked off an effort to help keep his fellow musicians sane and please fans of the local scene, launching the Local Music Quarantine Video Challenge. "Record yourself playing a favorite song (original or cover) somewhere at your home (porch, living room, yard, kitchen, etc.) and tag @Concord-NHMusicScene," he wrote on the Concord, NH Music Scene's Facebook page. "Amateur videos (smartphone, etc.) are more preferred! We'll share it! Get creative and have fun! Music is so important in times like these!"

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been canceled, the Hippo has learned from publicity chair Terry Robinson Lemack.

- Greenleaf Restaurant had a pop-up dinner scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, that has been postponed to a later date, the Hippo has learned from co-owner and chef Keith Sarasin.
- The Nashua Choral Society's (nashuachoralsociety.org) spring concert, "Springtime Celebrating Haydn," which had been scheduled for March 29, has been postponed, probably until the fall, according to an email from the Society. Tickets sold for this show will be honored at a future date for this program or for any future Nashua Choral Society performance, according to a post on the group's Facebook page. Email info@nashuachoralsociety.org.
- Exeter LitFest set for Friday, April 3, through Sunday, April 5, has been "indefinitely postponed" according to the event website

(exeterlitfest.com).

- · As with Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (milb.com/new-hampshire), the double-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, announced that their season will be delayed and not start on April 9 as planned. The Fisher Cats has moved its national anthem contest online; submit a video of yourself singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" by March 25 at 4 p.m. for a chance to sing the anthem at a Fisher Cats Game.
- The NH Tech Alliance, whose upcoming events included an ebrew social event in Portsmouth and the TechWomen annual awards lunch in Bedford, will postpone all events through May, according to a press release. See nhtechal-
- · Record Store Day, which had been scheduled for April 18, has been moved to Saturday, June 20, according to a press release. See record-

storeday.com.

- The Farmer's Dinner's first farm-to-table dinner of the season, scheduled for April 18 at Dunk's Mushrooms in Brentwood, has been postponed indefinitely, the Hippo has learned from co-owner and chef Keith Sarasin.
- The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester's 16th annual Mental Health Symposium at the Puritan Conference Center in Manchester has moved from May 13 to Monday, Sept. 21. See mhcgm.org.

#### Theater companies

• The **Peacock Players** (peacockplayers. org) have canceled their performances of Mary Poppins Jr., which had been scheduled to run through March 22 in Nashua, according to a letter on their website. Ticket holders can email boxoffice@peacockplayers.org to request a refund, though the letter did ask that ticket holders consider making their ticket a tax-deductible donation in lieu of a refund.

- · According to its website, the Players' Ring Theatre (105 Marcy St in Portsmouth; playersring.org) has canceled its current production of Proof, which was set to run through March 22; and its Generic Theatre Play Reading set for Wednesday, April 8. Its production of String Can Theory, originally set for March 27 through April 11, will now run April 17 through May 3; and the theater is "looking at options to reschedule" its production of Heisenberg, originally set for April 17 through May 3, "later in the year," the website said.
- The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St., Portsmouth) has canceled all public performances and events until further notice, according to an announcement on its website,

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including the remaining performances of its current production, *A Chorus Line*, which was set to run until April 4. The company will, however, offer a ticketed live-streaming service for performances. Visit seacoastrep.org.

- The Majestic Theatre (majestictheatre.net) youth and teens production of *The Little Mermaid Jr*: that was set for March 20 through March 22 at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry) will be postponed, according to the website. "The 'show will go on' but just a little later than originally planned," Rob Dionne, artistic director and CEO of the Majestic, said in a letter in the email. He said the Majestic is hoping to present the show on the last weekend in April. Call the Majestic's box office (669-7469) before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20, to make ticket exchanges, the letter said.
- The Maskers Drama Club at Central High School's performance of *Pippin* set for March 27 through Sunday, March 29 at the school (207 Lowell St., Manchester) has been postponed, according to the club's Facebook page. Visit facebook.com/pg/centralhighmaskers.
- The **Junior Actorsingers** (actorsingers.org) have postponed their production of *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*, that was set for March 27 through March 29 at the Court Street Theater in Nashua. "Hopefully we can move the show to a new date to be determined in the near future," a statement from the Board of Directors said.
- The Drowsy Chaperone, which was to be performed by The Anselmian Abbey Players of Saint Anselm College March 27 through April 4 at the college's Dana Center (anselm. edu/dana-center-humanities) has been canceled, according to an email from the director.
- The Winnipesaukee Playhouse (33 Footlight Circle, Meredith) has suspended its production of *Really Rosie*, set to run April 2 through April 5, according to an announcement on the company's website. The *Steel Magnolias* production set for May 7 through May 17 will remain on the schedule for now, the announcement said. Visit winnipesaukeeplayhouse.org.

# At the libraries

Some libraries may allow you to obtain a library card online that will allow you access to the library's online resources, which could include ebooks, magazines, movies and more. See your library for more on its offerings.

- The Friends of the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St. in Nashua; nashualibrary.org) have canceled their **book sale** scheduled for Friday, March 20, through Sunday, March 22, according to a press release. They hope to hold it in the fall, the email said.
- The Monadnock Writers' Group monthly meeting set for Saturday, March 21, at the **Peterborough Town Library** (2 Concord St., Peterborough) that was going to feature Rachel Sturges, one of this year's Youth Poet Laureates, and other teen poets from the Monadnock region has been canceled, according to an email. Visit monadnockwriters.org.
- Bedford Public Library (3 Meetinghouse Road in Bedford; bedfordnhlibrary.org, 472-

2300) has canceled all public programs and meetings until April 13 and is closed until further notice, according to posts on the website. Requested items can be picked up in the upper level lobby Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the website said.

- The **Concord Public Library** (45 Green St. in Concord, concordpubliclibrary.net, 225-8670) is closed until April 3.
- Manchester City Library (405 Pine St. in Manchester; manchester.lib.nh.us) has canceled library programming and community meetings and closed all locations, according to the website

## **Venues and organizations**

- 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St. in Portsmouth; 3sarts.org) is closed for public events and gallery visitation through March 31, according to its website.
- The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry; aviation-museumofnh.org, 669-4820) will be closed through April 2, according to a press release.
- Canterbury Shaker Village (288 Shaker Road in Canterbury; shakers.org, 783-9511) is canceling its programming related to the March 21 and March 22 Canterbury Maple Festival.
- The Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord (ccanh.com) has rescheduled or canceled events. For the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St.) events have been canceled or postponed through early April. For the Bank of New Hampshire Stage (16 S. Main St.), shows have been canceled through mid April, as of March 16. Some shows at the two venues have been postponed, including Celtic Woman (new date is March 2021), Chevy Chase and a screening of Vacation (rescheduled for Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.), Juston McKinney (new date is June 13, at 8 p.m.), Air Play (new date is Sunday, May 17, at 7 p.m.), Colin Hay (April 9, 2021) and That Golden Girls Show: A Puppet Parody and The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System, whose new dates are to be announced. Canceled shows include Bela Fleck and the Flecktones (March 6), Bachelor Live (March 29) and The Scarlet Letter (March 31). According to the website, ticket holders to these events can refund tickets for a gift card (to use for a future ticket purchase), turn tickets into a charitable donation for the Capitol Center or receive a refund.
- The Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St. in Dover; childrens-museum.org, 742-2002) is closed through the end of March, according to a press release from March 14.
- Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road in Manchester, 206-3888; 151 Coliseum Ave. in Nashua, 880-8055; 150 Bridge St. in Pelham, 635-7499; chunkys.com) has closed all three of its locations "until further notice," according to a letter posted on its website on March 16.
- Cinemagic (which has New Hampshire locations in Merrimack, Hooksett and Portsmouth; cinemagicmovies.com) announced on their website on March 16 that their New Hampshire and Massachusetts locations will be closed through April 5.

- The Colonial Theatre (95 Main St. in Keene; the colonial org) is closed "for the duration of this crisis," according to a press release.
- Events at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord; concordcityauditorium. org) have been canceled, including some Walker Lecture events (see above) and the Concord Fire Department recognition event (which had been scheduled for March 20). The Concord Community Concert Association has postponed the March 21 Richard Dowling concert, the Audi also confirmed in an email.
- Cowabunga's (725 Huse Road in Manchester, mycowabungas.com, 935-9659) has closed until April 7, according to an email.
- Creative Ventures Gallery (411 Nashua St. in Milford; creativeventuresfineart.com, 672-2500) is closed until the end of March and will "reevaluate in the beginning of April," according to an announcement on its website.
- The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144) has closed until at least Friday, April 3, according to a press release, and the new "Open World: Video Games and Contemporary Art," exhibition that was set to open on March 21 has been suspended. "We invite you to explore the museum online, including information on our new Frank Lloyd Wright house," director Alan Chong said in the email.
- Fun City Trampoline Park (553 Mast Road in Goffstown, funcitygoffstown.com, 606-8807) has closed for the next three weeks, according to a post on its Facebook page from March 15, which directs people to contact info@funcitytrampolinenh.com with questions.
- The Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains have suspended all activities until April 13, according to a letter sent to members, which said offices, retail stores and camp facilities will also be closed.
- The **Granite YMCA** (graniteymca.org, with locations in Goffstown, Manchester, Londonderry, Rochester and Portsmouth) will be closed through Sunday, March 29, according to an email to members. All after-school programs will be closed, with plans to update clients by March 30, and branch Teen Centers, YSTAY and YSTRIVE will be closed through April 3, the email said.
- The **Hatbox Theatre** (270 Loudon Road, Suite 1161, in Concord; hatboxnh.com, 715-2315) is suspending public performances through April 23, according to its website.
- Jupiter Hall (89 Hanover St. in Manchester; jupiterhallnh.com, 289-4661) is "suspending all programming until further notice and will refund all ticket holders 100 percent," according to a post on the venue's Facebook page on March 14, which also said that refunds will be processed over the next few days.
- Kimball Jenkins School of Art (266 N. Main St., Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins. com) has canceled the rest of its winter season, including all of its classes, open studio time and art exhibitions. The school is still currently accepting spring term and summer camp registrations, but refunds will be implemented if those end up getting canceled as well.
- MainStreet BookEnds (16 E. Main St., Warner) is closed until further notice, according

- to an announcement on its website. Visit mainstreetbookends.com.
- The **Mariposa Museum** (26 Main St. in Peterborough; mariposamuseum.org, 924-4555) is closed now through March 29, according to its website
- The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (2 Institute Drive in Concord; starhop.com, 271-7827) is closed through Sunday, April 5, according to the website.
- The McIninch Fine Art Gallery at Southern New Hampshire University (2500 N. River Road in Manchester; 629-4622, snhu.edu) is closed now through March 29, "pending further review," according to its Facebook page, and all public events will be suspended.
- The Millyard Museum (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; 622-7531, manchesterhistoric. org/millyard-museum), is closed to the public through Saturday, April 4, according to the Manchester Historic Association's website, which also reported the closure of the Amherst Street Research Center.
- The Museum of Art at the University of New Hampshire (30 Academic Way in Durham; unh.edu/moa) is closed now through April 19, and all events and programs scheduled between now and April 19 are canceled, according to the museum's Facebook page. "All of us at the Museum look forward to gathering with you once again at the museum as soon as possible to enjoy the power and beauty of the arts," the Facebook announcement said.
- According to a press release, the **New Hampshire Art Association** has closed its Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery (136 State St. in Portsmouth; 431-4230, nhartassociation.org) until further notice. The NHAA's exhibition "Light Rhythms" featuring the pastel works of Chris Reid that was set to open on March 24 at the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce (49 S. Main St., Concord) has been canceled.
- New Hampshire Audubon (McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road in Concord, and the Massabesic Center, 26 Audubon Way in Auburn; nhaudubon.org) has closed its nature centers in Concord and Auburn through April 3 and postponed or canceled all indoor programs, events and meetings, according to a press release. Outdoor programs will be evaluated on a caseby-case basis. All of the Audubon's Sanctuary trails remain open, the release said.
- The New Hampshire Farm Museum (1305 White Mountain Highway in Milton; nhfarmmuseum.org) has canceled its programs for the rest of March, according to a press release. A Victorian tea party (which had been scheduled for March 14) and Pysanky egg decorating workshop (scheduled for March 21) will be rescheduled at a later date, the release said.
- The New Hampshire Historical Society (30 Park St. in Concord; 228-6688, nhhistory.org) is closed for at least one month and will reevaluate the schedule closer to April 14, according to a press release. The Society has postponed March events and its annual meeting on May 2, according to its website. In the meantime, history buffs can check out the Society's website, which features online exhibits.

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# The show must (sort of) go on

What's still happening in the arts scene — for now

Here are a few of the organizations and venues that, at least as of March 17, are still operating in some way. This list is subject to change; check with the specific venue or with hippopress.com.

#### Art and more

• The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Fine Craft Galleries (36 N. Main St., Concord, 228-8171; 530 W. River Road, Hooksett, 210-5181; 98 Main St., Nashua, 595-8233; 279 Daniel Webster Highway, Meredith, 279-7920; nhcrafts. org) remain open with most of their scheduled programming, including craft workshops and special exhibitions. Catch "Hidden Treasure," an engaging multimedia exhibition created by juried League members, on view now through March 27 in the Concord gallery (closed Saturdays until further notice). Two exhibitions at the Concord gallery will follow: "Wonderland," presented by Manchester gallery Kelley Stelling Contemporary, which features ceramic floral sculptures by Megan Bogonovich and assemblages and box dioramas created with found objects by Rosemary Mack; and "Setting the Standard," which

features new work by League jurors. Both exhibitions will be open from April 17 through June 19, with an opening reception on Friday, April 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

- The Art Gallery at CCA Global, located in the office suite of business cooperative CCA Global Partners (670 N. Commercial St., Manchester) is featuring local artist Bruce McColl in its second art installation, on display now through June 26. The artist reception that was planned for Wednesday, March 18 has been postponed, but "folks can still set up a viewing," according to an email from CCA Global. McColl is currently the director of art education at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, and his work is in the permanent collections of the Currier, Saint Anselm College and Union College. The installation is focused on a series of his brightly colored watercolor landscapes and still life paintings. Visit ccaglobalpartners.com or call 626-0333.
- All spring art classes and workshops starting in April at **Twiggs Gallery** (254 King St., Boscawen) will be held as scheduled, according to the gallery's Facebook page as of March 17. Visit twiggsgallery.wordpress.com.

- The New Hampshire Antique Co-op (323 Elm St., Milford) is open, according to a March 16 Facebook post. Visit nhantiquecoop.com.
- Find more outdoor solace at the **NH Audubon's** nature sanctuary trails, which remain open (nature centers have been closed and all indoor programming suspended). Find a list of locations at nhaudubon.org.
- Classes now through March 31 have been suspended, but the **Wild Salamander Creative Arts Center** (30 Ash St. in Hollis; wildsalamander.com) gallery and shop is remaining open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to a March 14 Facebook post.

# Open books

- As of March 16, **Gibson's Bookstore** (45 S. Main St. in Concord; gibsonsbookstore.com) is open for a schedule of reduced hours (10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday) but all public events have been "canceled or postponed, through events scheduled in mid-April," according to the website.
  - The Toadstool Bookshops (614 Nashua

St., Lorden Plaza, Milford, 673-1734; 12 Depot

Square, Peterborough, 924-3543) will remain open during their regular hours and, as of March 16, the Peterborough shop still plans to hold its upcoming author events, which include Andrew Krivak discussing *The Bear* on Saturday, March 31, at 11 a.m., and poet Lucas Jacob reading from his debut collection of poems *The Seed Vault* on Saturday, March 28, at 11 a.m. Visit toadbooks.com.

- The Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; 836-6600, bookerymht.com) is moving all public events and its book clubs to an online format, and is offering curbside pickup of book orders, according to a Facebook post on March 16.
- Double Midnight Comics (245 Maple St., Manchester, 669-9636; 67 S. Main St., Concord, 669-9636, dmcomics.com) announced in a March 17 Facebook post that it is suspending all organized events at both stores through the end of March, at which point they will "reevaluate the situation." The stores will remain open for retail with amended hours, which are TBA, and will offer mail order and curbside delivery of products.

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- Nuthin' But Good Times (746 Daniel Webster Highway in Merrimack; nuth-inbutgoodtimes.com, 429-2200) will be closed through March 29 and then evaluate the situation, according to their website.
- O'neil Cinemas (whose New Hampshire location is at Brickyard Square, 24 Calef Highway in Epping; oneilcinemas.com, 679-3529) is closed until further notice, according to a March 17 email.
- The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org, 668-5588) as well as its venues the Rex Theatre, Forever Emma Studios and the Spotlight Room, is "suspending programming in all four theaters effective immediately and until further notice," according to a note posted on the website on March 13. Ticket holders can get gift cards for use for future shows, the website said.
- Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St. in Concord; redrivertheatres.org, 224-4600) is closed until at least Friday, April 3, according to its website.
- Regal Cinemas (with New Hampshire locations in Hooksett, Concord and Newington; regmovies.com) are closed until further notice, according to their website on March 16.
- SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; see-sciencecenter.org, 669-0400) is closed until April 3, according to its website and an email from the center. People with questions about events can call the main number.
- The **Seacoast Artist Association** (130 Water St. in Exeter; seacoastartist.org) is closed until further notice, according to its website. The 45th anniversary reception and open house on Sunday, March 22, is canceled, and all class-

es and workshops through April are canceled.

- The **Stockbridge Theatre** at Pinkerton Academy in Derry (stockbridgetheatre.com, 437-5210) has canceled all events for the next four weeks, according to the website. The Pinkerton Players' spring musical *Children of Eden* has been rescheduled to Friday, April 17, through Sunday, April 19.
- Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in Holderness (968-7336, squamlakes.org) will be closed to the public through the end of March, with all programs canceled through the end of the month, according to a press release.
- Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com) has listed shows for the coming weekend (March 19 through March 22) as "to be rescheduled" as well as shows Wednesday, April 1, through Saturday, April 4. In a March 14 post on Tupelo's website, owner Scott Hayward writes, "Everyone wants to see these dates rescheduled ... and we ask that you hold off on asking for any refunds at this time as we work towards that goal."
- Symphony NH has canceled its "Enigma Variations" concert, set for April 4, at the Keefe Center for the Arts (117 Elm St., Nashua), and postponed its family concert featuring *The Conductor's Spellbook*, originally scheduled for April 25 at the Keefe Center, according to a press release. Visit symphonynh.org.
- Wilton Town Hall Theatre (Main Street in downtown Wilton; wiltontownhalltheatre. com, 654-3456) has closed as part of a Town of Wilton series of closures and schedule changes, according to the theater's website and the Wilton town website. A post on the theater's Facebook page said that March 16 was the 47th anniversary of the theater's opening.

# All booked up

Five reads to keep you entertained

#### **Memoir**

Concord author Gail Schilling's new travel memoir, Do Not Go Gentle. Go to Paris: Travels of an Uncertain Woman of a Certain Age, is a kind of coming-of-age story, but not in the traditional sense of transitioning from childhood to adulthood. Her story is about getting older while holding on to a spontaneous and adventurous spirit. In 2010, at age 62, Schilling decided, with very little money and having never traveled before, to go to Paris. When she returned to the U.S. after the month-long trip, she felt compelled to write a book, not only to share her travel experience but to inspire other women who, like herself, were struggling with their sense of identity as they aged. The book is available locally at Gibson's Bookstore in Concord, and on Amazon. Learn more about the author at gailthorellschilling.com.

## **Science fiction**

"What do you do with a deadly weapon when it's no longer needed?" That's the question asked in *The Augmented Man*, Nashua author Joseph Carrabis' latest novel. The scifi military psychological thriller is set in a not-too-distant future, where the military, at war with South America, struggles because its soldiers are returning from combat too traumatized to function or continue fighting. Captain James Donaldson devises a solution to this problem: recruit children who have already suffered massive psychological trauma who would be unaffected by the horrors of war and

genetically modify their bodies to turn them into the ultimate weapons. These "Augmented Men," as they are called, are scheduled to be terminated at the end of the war, but one Augmented Man, Nick Trailer, survives. The book is available locally at The Toadstool Bookshop in Nashua, and through Barnes & Noble and Amazon. Learn more about the author at josephcarrabis.com.

#### **Mystery**

**Blind Search** is the second book in Salisbury author Paula Munier's mystery series following a former military policewoman, Mercy Carr, and her bomb-sniffing dog Elvis. In the first book, A Borrowing of Bones (2018), Mercy and her fiance, Martinez, are on active duty in their final deployment when she is shot and wounded and he is killed. In his final moments, Martinez asks Mercy to take care of Elvis. Mercy and Elvis return home to Vermont, where they begin solving mysteries. In Blind Search, the duo teams up with a game warden and his search-and-rescue dog to investigate the murder of a young woman in Vermont's Green Mountains. The investigation is further complicated when their only witness to the murder is a 10-year-old boy with autism. The book is available locally at The Toadstool Bookshop in Nashua and Gibson's Bookstore in Concord, and through Barnes & Noble and Amazon. To learn more about the author, visit paulamuni-

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# ARTS

# **Fulfilling a promise**

Local playwrights pay tribute to Jewish songwriter



The Manchester Community Theatre Players present Miriam: A New Musical. Performance dates TBA. Courtesy photos.



After 18 years in the making, Miriam: A New Musical, an original musical written by local playwrights Alan Kaplan and Tom Anastasi, is finally ready for the stage.

In 2002, Kaplan, a playwright and the artistic director for the Manchester Community Theatre Players, and prolific Jewish singer-songwriter Debbie Friedman were accompanying a group of around 700 kids on a trip, sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism, that took the kids through Europe and the Middle East to learn about Jewish history. At one point during the trip, Friedman and Kaplan were discussing Jewish history and music, and the idea for Miriam was born.

"[Friedman] said there had never been a musical written about a biblical woman," Kaplan said. "I said, 'You have a lot of music about famous women from Jewish history. Why don't we do a show about Miriam?"

Miriam, who first appears in the biblical Book of Exodus, was a prophetess and the sister of Moses and Aaron and played a key role in delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

Friedman, who had often cited Miriam

as her "spiritual role model," loved the idea and asked Kaplan if he would write the book for the musical, using her music. Kaplan agreed.

"I knew [Friedman's] music and had been singing it for years, so I was very interested in working with her and turning this [idea] into a show," Kaplan said.

When he returned home from the trip, Kaplan invited Anastasi, a playwright and the vice president of the Manchester Community Theatre Players, with whom he had co-written two plays in the past, to co-write the book for the musical with him. After listening to Friedman's music, Anastasi quickly became excited about the opportunity.

"I did not grow up with Debbie's music, but I got her CDs and fell in love with it," Anastasi said. "I thought, 'This is really incredible. This is Broadway-ready. If I was at a Broadway show, this is the kind of music I would expect to hear."

orated on the musical until Friedman died of pneumonia in 2011.

Acquiring the rights to Friedman's extensive discography after her death wasn't easy. During her life, Friedman had recorded 22 albums of Jewish liturgy music and toured internationally, perform-

ing three times at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Her music has been adopted by churches and synagogues throughout the

Kaplan and Anastasi refused to give up, and they spent the next six years working to obtain the rights until, finally, they were able to do so through Friedman's sister.

"When Debbie first [pitched] the idea of writing a musical about a biblical woman, I thought it would be an interesting project, but after she died, it became about more than that," Kaplan said. "Now, it was about fulfilling a promise to a very special friend. I promised her that I would bring this [show] to the stage."

The musical follows the life of Miriam, from when she was a young woman who saved her brother Moses' life, to becoming a prophetess, helping to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and through their 40-year journey to the Promised Land.

"The story is incredible, and as soon as Kaplan, Anastasi and Friedman collab- I learned more about who Miriam was and how she lived, I knew it was a play that people would really enjoy," said Anastasi, who had done work on two other plays based on stories from the Bible prior to completing Miriam. "I think the stories [from the Bible] are classic and timeless and have a long-lasting power to them, and

I like being able to make them more accessible to people in 2020."

Kaplan and Anastasi consulted experts on the Bible and on Friedman's music to ensure that the script was biblically accurate and that the songs they selected fit the story. They also recruited internationally known composer Or Oren to arrange Friedman's songs for a four-part vocal harmony and full orchestra to give the score more of a Broadway feel.

Kaplan and Anastasi said that after they premiere Miriam in New Hampshire, they plan to bring it to the Boston stage in 2021 and to Broadway by 2022.

"We have had a couple of our Broadway-knowledgeable consultants Miriam has a chance of becoming the next Joseph and His Technicolor Dreamcoat," Kaplan said. "That would be a great honor."

The Manchester Community Theatre Players planned to premiere the musical in Manchester March 20 through March 22, but the performances have been postponed as health officials advise against public gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. New performance dates are yet to be announced. Visit manchestercommunitytheatre.com for updates on upcoming performances.

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#### Self-help

It's been a long road to healing for Hudson writer Wanda Nordlie, and now she wants to help others who have experienced trauma or tragedy with her new book Power To Heal My Whole Self. Part memoir and part self-help guide, the book itself is part of Nordlie's own healing as she processes and reflects on a series of tragic events in her life. At the end of each chapter, she includes a summary of take-away lessons and questions that are meant to get readers thinking about their own healing processes. The book is available on Amazon. To learn more about the author, visit powertohealmywholeself. com.

# **Historical fiction**

Manchester author and Chair of the NH Writers' Project Masheri Chappelle received the 2019 New Hampshire Literary Award for Outstanding Work of Fiction for her latest novel, The Oracle Files: Escape. A spin-off of her debut novel The Descendant (2009), The Oracle Files is the first of what will be a threebook series centered on the "Blue Vein Society," a term used for African-Americans whose skin is light enough for them to pass as Caucasian. It follows Blue Vein matriarch and psychic Elizabeth Beeson

Chase, who is forced to give up her first love and first child because they are too dark to be Blue Veins, but after learning a secret tied to her psychic abilities, she discovers that her purpose goes far beyond saving her own family. The book is available locally at The Toadstool Bookshop in Nashua and Gibson's Bookstore in Concord, and through Barnes & Noble and Amazon. To learn more about the author, visit myportalstar.com.

# **INSIDE/OUTSIDE**

# **Working with nature**

A naturalistic approach to landscaping

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I recently attended a lecture and slide show by Dan Jaffe, horticulturalist at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales, Massachusetts. Dan Jaffe is a talented and passionate gardener who singlehandedly maintains 75 acres of woodland, meadow and bog garden.

Although building self-sustaining gardens on 75 acres sounds like a lot for one man to do, he does this by working with nature instead of trying to mold nature to fit his will. I'd like to share some of his ideas, as they make sense to me.

Dan Jaffe started by listing problems to avoid. First, he said, avoid over-spacing what you plant. If a plant tag suggests planting 24 inches apart, divide that by two or three (8 to 12 inches apart) to get a mature look in less time. Avoid bark mulch as much as possible — use spreading ground covers like running foam flower or woodland phlox that will fill in quickly but not over-run other plants.

Pruning plants to limit size and thin out excess growth is good, but pruning shrubs into "meatballs and rocket ships" is bad. Limit lawn in a landscape. Don't think of all insects as pests: your native plants, in particular, are important food for the larvae of pollinators (which are, in turn, good food for baby birds). Don't rake up the leaf litter in fall — it is home to many beneficial insects. Let short-lived perennials (like columbine) set and drop seeds so they can replenish themselves.

A key feature of a successful naturalistic garden is choosing the right plant for the right place. Start by getting a soil test done before you begin. And look at what is growing at your site before you choose plants — they can tell you much, if you pay attention to them.

If the soil is poor, choose plants that do well in low-nutrient soils. It is difficult to



Most viburnums are nice shrubs that offer flowers and berries. Photo by Henry Homeyer.



Native pollinators love goldenrod. Photo by Henry Homeyer

make a sun-loving plant that needs plenty of moisture thrive if you plant it in dry, sandy soil. After the first season you should not have to water or fertilize your plants if you have selected them well.

So, for example, if you want bee balm and have dry, sandy soil, choose spotted bee balm (*Monarda punctata*) instead of *Monarda didyma*, the most commonly sold variety. Yes, the latter is sold everywhere, but it needs rich, moist soil. It's true that the common variety comes in several nice colors and the spotted bee balm does not, but if you want a low-maintenance garden, pick the right plant for the place.

Learn that any given genus (a scientific grouping of biologically similar plants) has numerous species. Goldenrod (genus *Solidago*) has 53 species that grow in New England. Granted, some get very tall and spread by root quite aggressively. But there are other species that are clumping, not running in habit and all support pollinators very well. According to Dan Jaffe, goldenrods support 115 species of pollinators in our area.

Wreath goldenrod (Solidago caesia) is a delicate-looking species that I grow and

love. It grows in shade or part shade and blossoms in the fall. I bought mine at The Garden in the Woods, a non-profit garden in Framingham, Massachusetts, that sells many species of native plants.

Another plant that Dan Jaffe likes is one that I like, too, goldenstar (*Chrysogonum virginianum*). It will grow in sun or shade and does well anywhere except soggy soils. Two great aspects of the plant are that it spreads politely and re-blooms often. The best blossoms are in spring. It spreads by rhizome, and can serve as a good groundcover with bright yellow star-shaped blossoms an inch or so across. The foliage is handsome, and low-growing. Dan stated that it is easy to make cuttings that will grow if a node is buried directly in the soil. Technically a Zone 5 plant, I have grown it in cold Zone 4 locations.

Shrubs are good in a natural garden, too. One that Dan Jaffe likes is fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*). A related species, staghorn sumac (*Rhus typina*) is well known as a roadside plant 10 to 15 feet tall that spreads vigorously by root and can be a pest. But this one is shorter and better behaved. Although its blossoms are not showy, the fall foliage is

excellent and the leaves are fragrant. It will grow in 3 to 6 feet tall and spreads, so it can be used as a groundcover.

Another shrub for tough dry and shady locations is mapleleaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*). Apparently it has fabulous fall color, from reds to deep purple. It is only 4 to 5 feet tall at maturity. It has nice white flowers in the spring and shiny black fruit in the fall. It is very tolerant to cold, good to Zone 3

Dan Jaffe did not tell us all to get rid of our lawns. He understands that lawns are nice for kids to play on, and are soothing to look at. But a big lawn is not the best way to support birds or pollinators. Native plants are.

Dan Jaffe and Mark Richardson wrote a wonderful book in 2018 called *Native Plants for New England*, which I highly recommend. It includes nice photographs and good growing information on trees, shrubs and wildflowers you might want to consider for your landscape. His website is dantjaffe.

Henry is the author of four gardening books. He is available to speak to your garden club or other group. His email is henry. homeyer@comcast.net.







Family fun for the weekend

## In the meantime...

Pretty much all the kid- and family-friendly organizations had, by March 16 if not before, closed their doors for the immediate future. But some local organizations offer kid-friendly resources online.

- The New Hampshire Historical Society (nhhistory.org) has closed its Concord facility but you can still access some exhibits online. One resource through its website is "Moose on the Loose: Social Studies for Granite State Kids," described as "an upper elementary [described as grades 3 through 6] social studies curriculum for the state of New Hampshire. Created by the New Hampshire Historical Society, it explores the Granite State's history, economics, geography and civic life, introducing elementary students to the state's rich cultural heritage." Two units are currently available: "Immigration in the Industrial Age" and "The New Hampshire Primary." The site, moose.nhhistory.org, also has a state timeline that starts 2.6 million years BCE with "New Hampshire during the Ice Age."
- Looking to explain the coronavirus to your kids? The SEE Science Center in Manchester (which is also closed) has gathered several resources on its website, see-sciencecenter.org, including information for parents, such as the CDC's fact sheet about COVID-19 and kids and a link to an article at the Popular Science website explaining how to make your own hand sanitizer. For kids, check out links to *Transmissions: Gone Viral*, a digital comic book from the New

York Hall of Science that has an interactive version and can be downloaded as a PDF; an NPR comic about the coronavirus, and a video from Nanogirl that demonstrates the importance of hand-washing (with a really clever experiment using pepper and a bowl of water) and then shows off proper hand-washing.

- Unfortunately, New Hampshire's Maple Weekend has been canceled, but you can still get some **maple knowledge** at the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association website, nhmapleproducers.com. Under the tab "NH Maple Resources," then "Educational Resources," you can find printouts that explain the production of maple syrup as well as maple history in New Hampshire and maple syrup nutrition. In the "New Hampshire Maple Month" section, you'll find a coloring sheet that also helps with maple syrup facts.
- The Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St. in Dover; childrens-museum.org, 742-2002) is closed but will "host virtual online activities with our educators to engage children and families during this challenging time," according to a press release on March 16. A video posted on that day explains how to create a "St. Patrick's Day Treasure Hunt" that uses the foamy fun of a baking soda/vinegar reaction (and the video explains the science behind the reaction). The museum will announce the at-home resources through its Facebook page, the email said. On the museum's website, the "Online Resources" section also includes a STEM video series and other activities.
- And check with your **local library.** Many area libraries offer e-books and access to magazines, graphic novels and even movies, TV shows and craft videos online and can even issue you a library card online as well.

# INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,

I have these antique milk bottles that I would like to sell; any information would be helpful.

Carole

Dear Carole,

Milk bottles always seem to be collectible for many reasons — the rare ones, local ones, etc. Imagine, milk bottles have been

used since the 1800s and now some places still use glass bottles. There's nothing like cold milk in a glass bottle.

Some glass bottles have minimal value, but some can go very high in values. The common range of values for bottles like yours is \$10 to \$30.

The interest to a collector for yours would be they are local in New Hampshire and I don't know anyone who doesn't know of Blake's Dairy



Courtesy photo.

in Manchester (now Blake's restaurant). So I don't think it will be too hard to find them a new home.

Just make sure they are not damaged before selling them. They look to be in good shape from the photo, so I think you're good to go.

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) 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, or call her at 391-6550 or 624-8668.

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# Chasing down an intermittent nonstarter



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

I have a well-maintained, 2008 Ford Fusion with 256,000 miles. Sometimes, the car does not start on first, second, third or more turn of the ignition key. I'll pump the brake and keep at it, and

finally it starts. There's no signs of life during these failed attempts (no sound at all). I had the battery replaced a couple of months ago, but it's still happening. Is it the starter? Loose connections? I'm getting ready for a long road trip and don't want to be stranded. I'd like to give the dealership some hints about what to look for in case the car starts fine when I take it in. What should they check? — Christie

Well, with 256,000 miles on the car, it could be a lot of things. It's like when a 96-year-old comes into the doctor's office, and the doctor asks "Is anything OK?"

I'm going to guess it's not the battery, since that was just replaced. And I'm also going to guess that when they changed out the battery a few months ago, they cleaned and tightened all the cables. So it's probably not that, either.

It could be the starter motor. This is classic behavior of a failing starter. It could also be the ignition switch. The ignition switch is what you stick your key into. And after a few million uses, it can wear out, and fail intermittently.

In addition, there are a couple of safety features that prevent you from starting the car and immediately plowing through your garage door. One is called the neutral safety switch. That's a switch that prevents the car from starting if the shifter is in anything other than Park or Neutral.

As an experiment, next time the car won't start, with the transmission in Park, try forcefully jiggling the shifter with one hand while holding the key in the crank position with the other. If nothing else, it's good aerobic exercise.

If you can get the car to start that way in Park or Neutral, that points to a bad Neutral Safety Switch. Your Fusion also has a brake-starter interlock, which prevents the car from starting unless your foot is on the brake. If that switch is out of position, or worn out, that could also cause intermittent starting issues.

So this is good news for your mechanic. He'll have plenty to choose from, in terms of where to get the money for next month's boat payment.

And you're right to get it addressed before your upcoming road trip. These "intermittent" problems tend to become more "mittent" over time, and then permanent. So it certainly could strand you. If you're not able to confirm it's the neutral safety switch by using the experiment I describe, ask your mechanic to take his best guess and try replacing something.

You'll have to hope that he guesses right, or

that if he guesses wrong, it fails again before your bon voyage party. If it were me, I'd probably start with the brake interlock switch first, since that's the cheapest thing to try. If that doesn't fix it, I'd try a new starter motor. I'd try the ignition switch last.

Dear Car Talk:

My question has to do with the air pressure in my tires. In the winter, the low tire pressure warning light in my wife's car tends to come on when it gets very cold. As I'm sure you're well aware, this is due to the impact of the cold on the density of the air in the tire. I live in Colorado, and it can be 14 degrees in the morning, and in the 60s by the afternoon. When I check the pressure early, it's naturally low. When I check it in the afternoon, it's back up to normal. My question is this: What pressure should I set the tires at so that I can assure my wife that she is safe to drive, and will also prevent her sensor from sending her into a panic, and me having to check her air pressure to convince her that she does not have a flat tire? — Dave

Keep in mind that, generally speaking, tire pressure that's too low is more dangerous than tire pressure that's too high. So the answer is to fill the tires so that they're at the correct pressure at the colder part of the day.

We know that tire pressure drops about one pound-per-square-inch (PSI) for every 10

degrees the temperature drops. So, if your recommended tire pressure is 30 PSI, and you set them at 30 PSI in the afternoon when it's 65 degrees, by the next morning, when it's 50 degrees colder, your tire pressure will be 25 PSI.

That's more than 10 percent below the recommended pressure, so it'll set off your tire pressure warning light, panicking your wife, and setting you on a path to frostbite.

So, instead, set the tires at 30 PSI in the morning. By the afternoon, the tire pressure will be 35 PSI, and that will be of absolutely no consequence in terms of safety.

If your wife is very sensitive, she may notice that the ride is slightly firmer. And if she's an engineer, she may notice that she gets better gas mileage in the afternoon with her firmer tires than she does in the morning. Realistically, she probably won't notice either (and neither would any of us). As long as you stay below the tire's maximum safe pressure (which is printed on the sidewall of every tire, and is considerably higher than the recommended pressure), your wife will be perfectly safe. At 35 PSI on a passenger car tire, you shouldn't be anywhere near the tire's maximum allowable pressure.

So in circumstances like yours, where the temperature varies wildly, set the correct pressure during the colder part of the cycle. Then you can both stop thinking about your tires.

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# ON THE JOB

# **MARK DOPERALSKI**

# **ARCHAEOLOGIST**

Mark Doperalski of Deerfield is the state archaeologist for the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Division of Historical Resources.

current job is? I'm the state archaeologist and I'm responsible for promoting the awareness of and creating interest in New Hampshire's archaeology. We have several programs: a field school that we run every summer to get people out in the field to teach them how to do archaeology correctly — basically training people who have an interest in archaeology but that aren't professionals; we give a number of presentations at different conferences and meetings; we go to different historical societies throughout the state and present on the work that we've done. In general, [we're] telling people about New Hampshire's archaeology.

Can you explain what your prised to find out that archaeology exists outside of Egypt and Mesoamerica. The real job is just making people aware of it, telling them how important it is. So, for instance, archaeology. We have several field school that we run every get people out in the field to now to do archaeology correctily training people who have an

# How long have you worked there?

This is my second year as the state archaeologist.

How did you get interested in this field? I was about 12 years old and I was watching PBS and saw a show on Mayan archaeology. I was hooked from that point on — I knew before I even got to high school what I wanted to go to college for.

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

For this job, you need a minimum of a master's degree. So at least six years of college and then a good amount of practical experience on top of that.

#### How did you find your current job?

As an archaeologist, we have a lot of colleagues, so I actually heard about [this job] through the archaeological community. But I could have also found it by looking at the state or federal websites. I heard about it originally through a colleague of mine and then I went on to the New Hampshire state jobs website and put in my application.

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

If you're passionate about something and willing to be patient and work hard, good things will happen. I think that's applicable not only to career and work-related matters but also life in general.

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

You know, the thing they don't tell you when you are all excited, 18 years old and



State archaeologist Mark Doperalski. Courtesy photo.

jumping into this field, is how few ... job opportunities there are in archaeology.

#### What is your typical at-work uniform?

A pair of cargo pants, T-shirt and a pair of boots. Probably a hat, too.

## What was the first job you ever had?

First paying job I had outside of farm work was groundskeeper at a local high school.

— Travis R. Morin 🦛

# What are you into right now?

I qualified for the Boston Marathon last spring, so I'm doing a lot of running.

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News from the local food scene

By Matt Ingersoll food@hippopress.com

• In praise of poutine: Tickets to the New Hampshire PoutineFest this June will officially go on sale on Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.m. (mark your calendars, as tickets tend to sell out quickly). The fifth annual festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tours (221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack), where it moved last year from Manchester's Northeast Delta Dental Stadium. Restaurants, food trucks and other businesses from across New England compete to make the best poutine dish as determined by a panel of judges and attendees' votes. The winner receives a "championship belt" and bragging rights for the year. Upon entry, you'll be given a "passport" to help track your progress of trying each poutine dish by way of a stamp. PoutineFest also features beer, live music, games, children's activities and more. Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$15 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children ages 5 and under. Premiere tickets, which include early entry to the event plus a T-shirt, tote bag and swag, are also available for \$45. Visit nhpoutinefest.com.

• Pink boots brews: More than two dozen female industry leaders in New Hampshire's craft beer community recently released a collaborative brew in observance of the Pink Boots Society Collaboration Brew Day, according to a press release. The new Damsel No Distress beer will be on sale in the tap room of the 603 Brewery in Londonderry, beginning on April 10. This year's commemorative beer, a kolsch brewed with a blend of Azacca, El Dorado, Idaho Gem and Loral hops, is about 5 percent ABV. It's one of more than 200 registered global collaborative 22

# **FOOD**

# A new day

Daydreaming Brewing Co. comes to Derry

By Matt Ingersoll mingersoll@hippopress.com

Less than two years after introducing Derry's first craft distillery, Cask & Vine co-owners Andy Day and Alana Wentworth are now brewing their own beer in the same building. Under the name Daydreaming Brewing Co., pouring is expected to begin by the second week of

Even as they were building Doire Distilling, which opened in the adjoining space to Cask & Vine in August 2018, Day said he had been "kicking around the idea" of implementing a tap system for beer. But it was during a trip to London last summer when solid plans began to accelerate.

"I had received a scholarship from the folks at NERAX [New England Real Ale Exhibition] to go train as a ... bar manager at the Great British Beer Festival," Day said. "Wherever we went over there, the bars didn't have seats around them. We would see people enjoying pints, but they weren't marveling so much at the beer as they were just socializing and enjoying each other's company, which we thought was really cool.'

After returning to New Hampshire, Day and Wentworth applied for a federal permit with the state's Liquor Commission and got it in late January. Beers for the Daydreaming Brewing Co. are being fermented in the same room where spirits for Doire are distilled; the two operations are separated by a new dividing wall the Commission required them to build, according to Day. Four new taps have also been installed in the front of the space.

"We have a unique license that allows us to pour our flights of spirits, pour flights of beer and pour pints," Day said, adding that, with the exception of Stark





The Jay (a New England IPA) will be one of the first taps the Daydreaming Brewing Co. will offer when it opens soon in Derry. Courtesy photos.

Brewing Co. in Manchester, he doesn't know of any similar distilling and brewing combinations in the state.

In keeping with their inspiration, the brewery will specialize mostly in Englishstyle ales, each between 4 and 6 percent ABV. They'll include a golden ale with light biscuity notes (Gallien's Golden Ale), a porter with dark chocolate notes (Island Pond Porter) and an English-style bitter (Broadway Bitter). A New Englandstyle IPA — named "Jay," in honor of brewer Jay Anderson of From the Barrel is also in the works.

These beers were scheduled to premiere during the brewery's participating night of the DRAFT (Derry Regional Ales & Films Together) Fest, a combination multi-day beer and short film festival, that was originally scheduled for Saturday, April 4, but has been postponed to June (visit draftfestnh.com for updates).

Future projects, Day said, will include a Russian imperial stout and an English-style barley wine, possibly in collaboration with other local brewers.

"What's cool about the Russian imperial stout that we'll be doing is that we've also just emptied an ex-bourbon barrel that had our single malt Irish whiskey in it from Doire, and we also have a peated whiskey that's in an ex-rum barrel," Day said. "We're going to stick some of the Russian imperial stout in each of those barrels so that when we release it, we'll actually have three different versions of it."

# **Daydreaming Brewing Co.**

Visit the website or follow them on social media for updates on an opening date.

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# **Maple madness**

# A strong season despite no Maple Weekend

By Matt Ingersoll mingersoll@hippopress.com

A spring tradition for more than two decades in the Granite State, New Hampshire Maple Weekend, which had been set for Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22, has been postponed indefinitely due to concerns from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. But a similar sugar house event may happen sometime this fall — the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association, which oversees Maple Weekend, said Monday in a press release announcing the cancellation that plans to organize a fall event are "in the early stages."

The remainder of Maple Month has also been canceled, as were the Canterbury Maple Festival and the Kearsarge Maple Festival, two community-wide celebrations of local maple syrup through demonstrations and tastings that would have happened this weekend.

#### In sweeter news...

None of this, however, necessarily means that every sugar house in the state will be closed. Brenda Noiseux, marketing and publicity manager for the Association, said people can contact their local sugar house directly to see if they will be welcoming visitors to shop for maple syrup and other products like maple cream, maple candy and maple-coated nuts. Others may be offering some of their products online or via mail.

New Hampshire produces around 150,000 gallons of maple syrup annually, according to the Association, and the industry continues to grow every year.

Several sugar houses in New Hampshire, like Ben's Sugar Shack in Temple and Newbury, have reported a good maple sugaring season thus far. The sugar house has canceled all upcoming tour weekends, but its gift shop will remain open seven days a week.

"The sugar content of the sap has been down a little bit, but other than that, so



Photo courtesy of Canterbury Shaker Village.

far, good," Emily Sliviak of Ben's Sugar Shack said. "When it gets warm, the trees start budding, but we don't foresee that happening right now."

Sam Moore of Windswept Maples Farm in Loudon also said maple sugaring season has been "generally strong" and consistent with the past few years of earlier seasons. He said the cold stretch throughout most of February effectively put the season on pause, while syrup production was able to recover during late February and early March.

It's been a great season for Folsom Sugar House in Chester, too. Sue Folsom said

while they are nearing the end of their tapping for the year, areas more north and west may still be able to produce syrup through the end of March with ideal weather conditions.

"The taps are really only productive for [six] weeks or so and half our taps are done for this year," Folsom said in an email. "The other half may give us another run if the weather is right."

Of the four types of Grade A maple syrup — Golden, Amber, Dark and Very Dark — Folsom said Very Dark tends to be the best for cooking, since it's the darkest and strongest in taste.

#### Maple pecan sweet potatoes

Courtesy of Ben's Sugar Shack in Temple and Newbury (bensmaplesyrup.com)

- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon butter, cut into small pieces

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Cut sweet potatoes in half lengthwise. Cut each half crosswise into half-inch pieces. Place sweet potatoes in a large, heavy-duty ziptop plastic bag. Sprinkle with salt and drizzle with oil. Seal bag; toss to coat. Place potatoes on a foil-lined baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake at 450 degrees for 35 minutes or until browned.



Photo courtesy of Ben's Sugar Shack

Place pecans and next three ingredients in a serving bowl. Add potatoes; toss gently until coated. Serve immediately.

## Maple-glazed oatmeal cookies

Courtesy of Ben's Sugar Shack in Temple and Newbury (bensmaplesyrup.com)

- 1 cup butter, melted and cooled
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder 2 cups quick cooking oats
- 1 cups all purpose flour

#### For the glaze:

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

In a food processor or chopper, give your oats a light chop just enough to make the pieces smaller but not too fine. Set aside. Combine sugars in a mixing bowl, then mix in melted butter. Add eggs one at a time, making sure to scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add in flour, oats, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon. Mix until well combined. Drop by spoonfuls onto a parchment-lined cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 13 to 15 minutes. Let cool for a few minutes before removing to racks to cool completely. Combine powdered sugar, cream and maple syrup to make a glaze. Brush or drizzle over cookies. Let glaze dry at room temperature before storing.

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# **Margarita cookies**

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With that disclaimer shared, let's move on to the fun stuff. These cookies really do taste a lot like a margarita. That's all credited to the lime and tequila infused in both the cookie and

When you make this recipe, there are a couple important notes about the ingredients. First, it's essential that you use lime zest in the cookie. Don't try and use lime juice — you won't get the amount of citrus flavor this cookie needs. Second, since you already have a lime on hand for the cookie, be sure to use its juice for the glaze. I don't always care whether lime juice is freshly squeezed in a recipe, but for this one it makes a difference. Third, use a decent, silver tequila in the recipe. You want a tequila that's smooth, as its flavor is front and center in the glaze. You don't have to go top shelf but recipes.



Margarita Cookies, Photo by Michele Pesula Kuegler,

definitely don't go the bargain route.

When you have your next Taco Tuesday or weekend gathering with adults, bring a batch of these. I'm pretty sure you'll find your friends and family pretty surprised at how good a margarita tastes in cookie form!

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 to find more of her

#### Margarita Cookies with a Kick

Makes 35 cookies

1/2 cup butter, softened

1 cup sugar

1/3 cup vanilla yogurt

2 teaspoons lime zest

2 tablespoons tequila

1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

2-1/2 cups flour

#### Glaze

1-1/2 cups powdered sugar

2 tablespoons tequila

2 tablespoons lime juice

#### Cookies

Preheat oven to 350. Combine butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer. Beat for 2-3 minutes on low speed using paddle attachment. Add yogurt, lime zest, and tequila, mixing until incorporated. Add baking powder, soda, salt, and flour; mix on low. Form dough into balls the size of a walnut. Place on cookie sheet, leaving 2 inches between cookies. Flatten balls of dough slightly with the back of a spoon. Bake for 12 minutes. Allow cookies to cool on the pan for 2 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and cool completely.

Combine powdered sugar, tequila and lime juice; mix well. Using a spoon, pour a small amount of glaze on a cookie, and spread with the back of a spoon. Glaze will set in 5 minutes.

# **Weekly Dish**

Continued from page 20

brews happening this March in honor of Women's History Month. All proceeds from the sales of the beer will benefit the Pink Boots Society scholarship fund. Visit pinkbootssociety.org.

• Benson's lives on: Less than four weeks after announcing it would close its doors, Benson's Bakery & Cafe in Hudson is expected to reopen later this year under new ownership. Bakery founders and Hudson natives Emily Erickson Boutin and her husband Cory opened the bakery in early 2014; now, they have passed

the keys on to new, first-time business owners. "As far as the menu is concerned, you can expect most of your favorites that were on the menu to still be there," the new owners wrote in a March 9 Facebook post. "We are adding a few of our own items and will be sure to share a few previews on here when we can get to cooking." The bakery is scheduled to tentatively open within two months. Visit bensonsbakeryandcafe.com or follow them on Facebook @ bensonsbakerycafe for updates.







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#### **Directions:**

- 1. In a small bowl, combine yogurt, protein powder, maple syrup and almond extract.
- 2. Chop nut mix into a crumble. Place in a shallow bowl and set aside.
- 3. Using toothpicks, dip sliced fruit into yogurt mixture, then dip into chopped nuts for a crunchy coating. Enjoy!

#### **Nutritional Information**

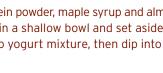
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# And still, it's spring!

Wines for the vernal equinox

By Fred Matuszewski food@hippopress.com

The vernal equinox, the first day of spring, happens at 11:49 p.m. on March 19 this year.

The vernal equinox is an event of equal daylight and nighttime hours, a time of rebirth, a time of new beginnings.

Our prehistoric ancestors worshiped the sun and built temples to it. Their continued existence hinged on the coming of spring, the renewal of the earth. Today we welcome spring for the hope that it brings, for the opportunity for us to "be reborn," to plot new directions, new paths, to explore new opportunities. This week's wines have stories that follow and recount history and new beginnings.

The Meeker Vineyard 2016 Merlot, from Alexander Valley in Sonoma County, originally priced at \$29.99 and on sale at the New Hampshire Liquor & Wine Outlets at \$14.99, is a wine worth exploration. According to their website, Charlie and Molly Meeker bought their first vineyard at the end of West Dry Creek Road in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley in 1977. In 1984 they established their winery, The Meeker Vineyard, with Charlie as the winemaker. In these early years the winery specialized in zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay.

But Charlie wasn't always a winemaker. Educated and trained as an attorney, Charlie was in the motion picture industry, first as an attorney, eventually becoming the president of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. During these years, he worked his "day job" in Los Angeles, and commuted to his winery north of Healdsburg. He hired a winemaker. This existence continued until the 1990s, when Charlie left MGM to devote his full time to his passion — farming and creating wine. The early 2000s saw the expansion of production from a few thousand cases of wine to well over 10,000 cases.

Meeker Vineyard has expanded its lineup to include several varietals, such as merlot, grenache, and blends of syrah, zinfandel, carignane and petite syrah. The merlot sampled above has a nose of cherries with a bit of caramel. To the taste, there are cherries, along with berries, classic to a merlot. A good balance of tannins rounds out the long finish to this wine.

Our next wine is Eagle Glen **2015 Cabernet Sauvignon**, originally priced at \$27.99 and on sale at the New Hamp-



Courtesy photos.

shire Liquor & Wine Outlets at \$13.99. This wine is more subtle than the merlot. There is fruit to the nose of cherry and raspberry. To the taste the fruit goes to dried plums and blackberries, with notes of chocolate and some leather. The fruit and finish on this wine is more subtle, more refined than the Meeker Merlot. How did this wine come to be?

Eagle Glen is but one in a portfolio of wines of the Davies Family Selections. Launched in 2013, Eagle Glen consists of a lineup of merlots, cabernet sauvignons and chardonnays. According to their website, Davies Family Selections was formed in 2010 and "founded by Ian Davies to serve the industry's growing need for an effective importer and brokerage of fine wines.

Today the company is recognized as an innovator and market leader managing a fast-growing portfolio of premium wines." There are seven labels covering wine growing regions such as Marlborough, New Zealand, Southern Australia and Napa Valley.

The vernal equinox is a time of transition or rebirth. Try these wines, either created or fostered by these great individuals who subscribe to the ideals of transition and rebirth. Their efforts should be rewarded.

Fred Matuszewski is a local architect and a foodie and wine geek, interested in the cultivation of the multiple strains and varieties of grapes and the industry of wine production and sales. Chief among his travels is an annual trip to the wine producing areas of California.







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# POP CULTURE

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Birthday Massacre, Diamonds (Metropolis Records)



This space was never intended to serve partly as a biennial/triennial advertisement for this girl-fronted Toronto goth-synthpop band's second album, *Violet*, but funny things do happen in life. One of the greatest rock 'n' roll crimes of the current century is Birthday Massacre's failure to become the default background music-maker of every shlocky B-level SyFy/CW/etc.-broadcasted vampire/were-monster TV show to have survived past its pilot (one tune made it into a *Vampire Diaries* episode, for the record), but, well,

funny things and life and all. Visually, their trip evokes a *Beetlejuice*-obsessed, dark-purple-tinted Harley Quinn flanked by four *Lost Boys* dudes, all of which fits the music, a ghostly but brash hybrid of Missing Persons-ish '80s-synthpop rear-loaded with simple metal guitars. *Violet* was scary-good, but it was downhill from there after that; the next few albums were too much leather and not enough lace, i.e., you could tell that the heavy metal delegation within the band was winning too many internal battles. This time out, the synthpop team won, which is super cool; in fact, opener "Enter" is reminiscent of Taylor Swift. But what's missing is release: plenty of gorgeous buildups, but they never catch the big, relentless hooks that are staring them right in the face. That's the only real bummer here. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger* 

# The Sounds, Things We Do For Love (Arnioki Records)



This Swedish band really needs a PR person who doesn't live in a hobbit hole. Seeing that they were billed as an "indie band," I figured "why not," but in my view, they're more of a straight-up (and actually quite timely) pop act. But then again, maybe not. What a bizarre little mix of influences permeates opening track "Things We Do For Love": the guitar line from Survivor's dingbat-'80s hit "Eye of the Tiger" (right down to the precise guitar sound), a tiny but instantly recognizable snippet from Madonna's old chestnut "Into the

Groove," all while singer Maja Ivarsson sounds a lot like like Lorde. Meanwhile, it's all too pro-sounding to be lumped as indie, not to be too pedantic about it. The whole thing is like this weird '80s fever dream. "Changes" sounds like the little brother of Spandau Ballet's "True." The band's been together for 22 years and been fairly successful, counting celebrities from Quentin Tarantino to Bam Margera as fans, and have had songs placed on Geico commercials and whatnot. I'm mystified by said success, but hey, whatever. C — Eric W. Saeger

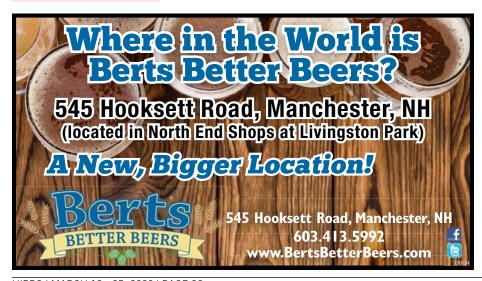
#### **PLAYLIS**

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

[Editor's note: Some album releases are being delayed. Albums mentioned here were still listed as coming out on Friday, March 20, as of March 16.1

- March 20 is the next calendar date upon which random new albums of varying degrees of listenability will be released. The first one we shall discuss is Kelsea, the new album from country singing girl Kelsea Ballerini, who is usually compared to Taylor Swift, viz: "If Taylor Swift hadn't allowed herself to morph from a poor man's version of Carrie Underwood into a bubblegum-bling-hop, kid-centric brand with a cowboy hat necklace and a 4chan link in her internet bookmarks list, she'd probably sound like this." That's not to take anything away from this Tennessean, especially if you like country-pop, because that's definitely her trip, as you'll hear on the album's newest single "la," a gently finger-picked chillout that definitely sounds exactly like oldschool Tay, and she's singing about missing Tennessee but sort of liking Los Angeles, an angle that's been explored before by about two trillion other artists, except this is totally from the heart, man! One really annoying thing about the YouTube video for this tune is that the comments section is full of comments from bots or record-company-paid propaganda trolls, like the exact same phrases are repeated by three different fake sockpuppet accounts (by the way, those sockpuppets were the ones who told me that the song lyrics were totally from the heart, just so
- Morrissey was the singer for the Smiths, which is one reason I don't care about him, but then again the Smiths were, at least to me, nothing more than Roxy Music with a dishwasher-safe level of goth, no brass section and a lot fewer hooks. In fact, I can't remember ever remembering one Smiths song for more than two minutes, other than "How Soon Is Now," but hey, maybe you love the Smiths, and Morrissey. Hey, why did the chicken run across the road? To replace all his scratched-up Cure albums with new copies, because otherwise he'd have nothing to listen to except the Smiths. I don't see the appeal, but I do know that Morrissey's new album, I am Not a Dog on a Chain, is on the way, featuring the single "Bobby Don't You Think They Know," a hookless meatloaf of microwaved Tears for Fears vibe. Y'all can have as much of that stuff as you can stand, I'll pass.
- Finally, **Adam Lambert** doesn't need to get more famous, but he has a new album, *Velvet*, on the Walmart trucks now. One of the songs, "Closer to You," is a big, maudlin piano ballad that steals the gist of the Beatles song "Let It Be." I won't be having any, thanks. *Eric W. Saeger*

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Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 320 pages)

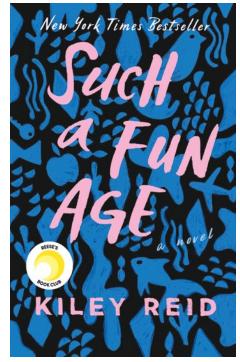
What happens when a black babysitter and her white 3-year-old sittee have an impromptu dance party in a grocery store? Someone alerts security. So begins Kiley Reid's debut novel, Such a Fun Age, which alternates perspectives between the 25-year-old Emira Tucker and her 32-year-old boss, Alix Chamberlain.

After Emira is accused of kidnapping Alix's toddler Briar, the two women are at a crossroads in their strictly business relationship. Emira gets the wakeup call that she needs more stable employment with health insurance before she turns 26. Meanwhile, Alix is horrified by these accusations and doubles down to solidify Emira's status as "part of the family." As Emira starts to pull away, Alix is driven by guilt (and the desire to not be perceived as racist) to learn details about Emira's personal life that she had never bothered to learn about before.

Such a Fun Age from Alix's point of view feels like a bumbling comedy of errors. Her desperation to position herself as Emira's friend is just as deliciously cringe-worthy as a reality TV show drama. Every time she convinces herself that she's one step closer to winning over Emira, Reid flips to the dark at any moment. She has a real perspective of Emira, who only wants fear for her life when she realizes that now that she's acting so strangely.

to care about Alix. Her point of view largely centers around familiar "quarter life crisis" anxieties. Emira shares an apartment she will not be able to afford when she's kicked off her parents' health insurance, and even with a college degree she doesn't have any job prospects. While Emira's tight circle of friends are celebrating career milestones, Emira is caught between babysitting and an unfulfilling parttime transcription job with the Green Party, neither of which offers benefits. Reid highlights how directionless Emira feels by contrasting her with her friends and siblings who have clear passions and goals.

Emira's problem doesn't have a clear solution and her resulting introspective journey is worth the read. Not every coming-of-age novel needs a proto read about someone trying to get by. to gloss over: how college education doesn't guarantee employment, afford-



able health insurance is hard to come by, and rising rent prices will swallow someone's take-home pay. The ticking time bomb of Emira's 26th birthday adds tension to her all-too-real struggles and has readers rooting for some bolt of inspiration to strike.

Emira's story also could have turned to further distance herself from Alix strangers saw her as a threat to a young child by virtue of being a black wom-Emira doesn't have the headspace an in a high-end grocery store. This fictional scenario is not unlike the countless examples of people of color who become hashtags after being followed and harassed for simply walking around stores with hoodies or driving their own cars. A man who witnesses and records the altercation on his phone offers the footage to Emira, with the intent of having it go viral to make the grocery store publicly apologize. Emira knows that being shoved in the spotlight would do her more harm than good if the public were suddenly making snap judgments.

The nuances of class and race are dissected poignantly without feeling preachy. While Alix and Emira's lives both revolve around Briar's, their home lives are leagues apart (something that Emira is acutely aware of and Alix is not). The gap between Alix's perceptagonist with a lifelong dream they're tion of Emira and the reality the reader pursuing; Such a Fun Age is engrossing gets to witness is a delightful case of second-hand embarrassment. It's refreshing to see a character grapple small(ish)-town drama is an addictive with the realities that most fiction likes read with some unexpected twists that will make you think. A

— Katherine Ouellette 🦡

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# John Wick for America

Movies to get you through ... all this

By Amy Diaz adiaz@hippopress.com

Here is what I said about John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum all the way back in the halcyon days of two and a half months ago: "Does this [movie] offer soulful storytelling and fresh commentary on the times in which we live? No! Hey, we all live in the times in which we live and sometimes we need a break from all of that."

Truer words, am I right?

The John Wick films are only a few of the movies you might want to turn to to distract yourself. Here are some suggestions for recent movies, now available at home (often for rent or purchase via platforms such as iTunes or Google Play), that offer a few hours of a good time when you need it most.

• Let's start with Mr. Wick. If you've never seen the John Wick movies (there are three): Keanu Reeves is John Wick, a former assassin for hire who got out of the life to marry the love of his life. She died and now he's super sad (that's not a spoiler. this is basically how the first movie starts). Bad guys come and steal his car and kill his dog, after which he goes on a revenge spree and to get his car back. Through the three movies, we learn more about the baroque underground world of assassins, where they mint their own gold coins and there are codes about who can kill whom where and sometimes people become "excommunicado" and then multiple actors, including Ian McShane, repeat this word as hammily as possible. This series is fantastic. The most recent film in particular features some grade A scenery chewing by not only McShane but also Laurence Fishburne and Anjelica Huston and some kick-butt action scenes including Halle Berry. If you need to just escape for a few hours, any of the R-rated John Wick movies will do this for you. Currently John Wick (2014), John Wick: Chapter 2 (2017) and last year's Parabellum are available for purchase in a bundle from iTunes for \$29.99 (\$27.99 in SD). The first two individual movies are available for rent or purchase and the third movie is available for purchase or as part of an HBO subscription.

· Looking for something much dumber? How about the Fast & Furious series? Since F9 (or whatever we're calling it), the ninth movie in the main series, has been pushed back to 2021, catch up on the previous offerings, starting with a sidequel, 2019's very dumb but enjoyable (the Helen Mirren bits alone!) Fast & Furious



John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum

Presents: Hobbs & Shaw, (starring Jason Statham and Dwayne Johnson) which is available for rent or purchase or with an HBO subscription, as is Fast Five (2011). The Fast & the Furious (the 2001 original), The Fate of the Furious (2017) and Fast & Furious 6 (2013) are available via a live TV Hulu subscription and superfans can purchase a bundle with the eight movies of the central franchise for \$49.99 in HD from iTunes.

• Cats! Last year's thoroughly strange, poor-choices-everywhere adaptation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical (rated PG) was released for purchase this very week. It is ... not good, but it is super weird and I suspect you will, while you're watching it, be so wrapped up in things like "why does that cat appear to have a cat-fur coat" that you'll truly take a break from reality.

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## POP CULTURE FILM REVIEWS BY AMY DIAZ

# The Hunt (R)

Are rich jerks hunting redstaters or is something else going on, so asks The Hunt, an above average dark comedy thriller with a far more suspense.

According to multiple media reports, The Hunt, along with Emma and The Invisible Man (which were reviewed in the March 12 and March 5 issues of the Hippo, respectively) will be available for on-demand home viewing starting on Friday, March 20, possibly for \$19.99 for a 48-hour rental. This is an unheard of move for a major studio and major studio releases that have only recently opened in movie theaters. And that comes after The *Hunt* was initially pulled from the release schedule in the fall after a certain president obliquely tweeted about it. And that comes after the movie's ads were pulled in the wake of mass shootings. This is a lot of build-up for a movie that, in the end, is just "fine."

What this movie does have going for it is Betty Gilpin, who gives an excellent performance as Crystal, a woman kidnapped by a bunch of rich elites and taken to a manor where she and other "deplorables," as the richies ironically and unironically call them, are hunted for sport. At least,

that's what fellow victims (played by Ike Barinholtz, Emma Roberts and others) believe. They have seen "reports" on the internet about "manor-gate," they affirm for each other as they wake up in a woodland and are given the smallest of head starts before unseen people start shooting at them.

Crystal seems less interested in figuring out the big conspiracy behind what's happening to her; we first see her using the pin on her name-tag to make a rudimentary compass. That kind of know-how allows her to get her bearings even as people around her are being taken out.

Crystal's opponent — as the audience learns well before Crystal does - is Athena (Hilary Swank), a disgraced former executive. Athena is basically a serial killer who has deluded herself into believing that her actions are "political."

Has this movie deluded itself into believing that it's political? I've seen some headlines that suggest that this movie thinks it's more "relevant" than it is. I think the "relevance" is sort of window dressing that the movie uses in the way other horror movies might use "angry ghost" or "sorority girl caught in a time loop." I actually think, if anything, the movie thinks it's more structurally clev-



er than it is, especially in what it asks us suspect is on the page. to pay attention to. Ha, that's a nice bit of misdirection, I thought a few times, but it's more mildly fun than shocking or genre-busting. (It is quite gory, definitely a hard R.)

It's Gilpin that won me over onto this movie's side. She plays Crystal as a person not here for anybody's Bond villain speech or political screed. She brings so much more to her scenes than what you

The Hunt isn't great cinema but it's a serviceable dark comedy thriller with a strong central performance. B-

Rated R for strong bloody violence and language throughout, according to the MPA. Directed by Craig Zobel with a screenplay by Nick Cuse and Damon Lindelof, The Hunt is an hour and 29 minutes long and distributed by Universal Studios. 🦡



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# **Country misfit**

# From New Hampshire to Nashville with Nick Drouin

By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

Sometimes the only way to deal with fear is to blast past it. For years, Nick Drouin was chided when he tried to sing. Stay behind the drum kit, people told him, and he did — until one day he didn't, and began writing his own songs. It's a good thing, too, because Drouin's instinct for what makes a good country record matches his sense of where he should fit into the ly; his dad played drums in an area band, creative process.

A few seconds of radio static and Drouin muttering "here goes nothing" precedes the rocking breakup title song that kicks off Crossroads, his 2018 debut EP. The target he's aiming for is immediately clear, and it's a bull's-eye. The barfly bravado of "Tipsy" and "Mister Friday Night" confirm his mastery of arena rock spiced up with banjo and fiddle that's made Jason Aldean and Thomas Rhett massive stars.

Drouin is one lucky break away from joining their ranks.

The best moment of Crossroads comes at the end, when Drouin tells his own story on "Small Town," a paean to growing

up in Candia, New Hampshire. "There's a million more just like it, but it's different when it's yours," he sings, "if you blink you'll nearly miss it, you'll miss all its country misfits... like me." It's a soaring anthem, a fitting close to the album.

"That's a real song for me," Drouin said in a recent phone interview. "By real song, I mean that it's straight from the heart every time I sing it."

Drouin was raised in a musical famihis sister is a classically trained singer who now fronts a Taylor Swift tribute act — but as a youngster he resisted country music, opting instead for Metallica and local hardcore shows at places like the now-closed Café Eclipse and Drifters in Nashua.

"We grew up in a really Christian household where rock and loud music was evil, but all these things culminate," Drouin said.

Six or seven years ago, he discovered his inner Paul Simon and began a transformation from heavy metal drummer to singer-songwriter. The journey didn't mellow him out, however.

"I'm not the guy that wants to sit there

with an acoustic guitar all night," he said. "If you come to see us, we're putting on a rock show with a country twist — that's kind of where I'm at now."

Drouin is good at making his own luck. On his way to making his first solo album, he opened for 3 Doors Down at Bank of NH Pavilion and got to hang out with the band after. After that, he went to Nashville for work on another project, where he connected with Jason Aldean's rhythm section, the III Kings: Kurt Allison, Tully Kennedy and Rich Redmond.

"We met in their studio and I'll tell you, that was a life-changing experience," he said. "So these were within a year of each other — two 'check it off the list' events. We recorded a track down there with those guys, and I kind of got the [singing] bug."

Drouin had been scheduled to play at Bonfire in Manchester, pre-COVID-19 with his band, which includes guitarist Bill Hinkle, whom he described as "a honky tonk Tom Petty meets Steve Vai; he's so good," along with new addition Marty Morrisey on bass, and Garrett Poltack playing drums.

"He's a great drummer," Drouin said of roads.



Nick Drouin. Courtesy photo.

Poltack. "Everybody who has ever played with him has told me that they love him. You know where he's going with stuff, and you don't with a drummer who's doing his own thing. You want someone who is able to listen to everything."

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- 20. SNL lip-syncing Simpson
- 21. Stones classic ' Black' (5,2)
- 23. Might feel it when label-mates

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- 47. Will need same-colored leather 10. Megadeth 'Countdown To one when pants rip onstage
- 49. Introverted band might do this after show
- 51. 'Unforgettable' \_\_ King Cole
- 52. 'God' Amos
- 53. Velvet Underground 'Venus In
- 55. Santana song that means miracle or surprise in Spanish
- 58. Catherine song they made fit? 62. Repeated word in The Stones
- 'Heartbreaker' title 63. New Radicals 'You Get
- (4,3,4)
- 65. Band highway crash spot
- 66. Led Zep "Mean old \_\_ taught me to weep and moan"
- 67. People that can't sing if they wanted to
- 68. Nelly Furtado 'Mi Plan' song that means more in Spanish
- 69. What reunion rocker does with weights in gym
- 70. 'The Kids Alright' Offspring

#### Down

- 1. Chicago recording studio owned by John McEntire of Tortoise
- 2. Beatles 'Two \_\_\_' (2,2)
- 3. What ousted member will do in the press (w/"out")
- 4. Like Peter Criss, the Catman?
- 5. Like new release
- 6. Spin Doctors 'Princes'
- 7. Instrument John Popper wails on
- 8. Iconic 'The Wallflower' female soul singer James

- 11. Kaiser Chiefs 'I Predict A
- 12. A Wallflower has a 'Heartache' on a 10th one (abbr)
  - 15. Linear '\_\_ All My Love'
  - 18. Oft covered classic about flu symptom?
  - 22. Choir section
  - 24. Steely Dan 'Reeling In The '
- 26. 'New Values' singer Pop
- 27. Marching band
- 28. Escape The Fate might get into some sticky these
- 30. Jonathan Knight band (abbr)
- 32. No Doubt '\_\_ Good'
- 34. 'Hell On Heels' \_\_ Annies'
- 36. Metallica '\_\_ \_ The Beholder' (3,2)
- 38. Band's notch in lineup
- 40. '84 Pretenders album 'Learning \_\_\_ '(2,5)
- 45. Björk song about Disney dog?
- 48. Sly And The Family Stone 'I Want
- To Take You
- 50. Might suffer this, if your favorite band breaks up
- 54. Jonsi Birgisson band \_\_ Ros
- 55. 'Listen To Your Love' band
- 56. 'On, John Donne' Van Morrison
- 57. 'The Ascension' metal band
- 59. 'Groove Is In The Heart' Dee-
- 60. Spencer Wiggins 'Who's Been Warming My
- 61. 'You And The \_\_' Razorlight
- 62. Donna Summer wants to sleep and
- All The Lights'
- 64. Rick Wakeman band
- 9. Anthrax 'Stealing From \_\_\_\_'(1,5) © 2020 Todd Santos



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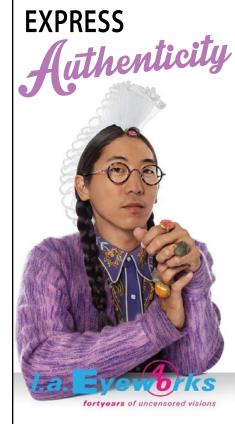
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• Perhaps there are some Oscar movies you'd like to catch up on - not the bummers (sorry, The Irishman and Joker) but the movies that offer some uplift. Opinions can differ on Jojo Rabbit (PG-13), the movie written and directed by Taika Waititi that follows a young German boy during the final days of World War II; I found it basically good-hearted and optimistic about humanity. The movie is available for rent or purchase. Little Women (PG) is available for purchase now (rent on April 7). This adaptation written and directed by Greta Gerwig is a perfect movie, absolutely charming and full of excellent performances. (iTunes is also selling, for \$19.99, a bundle that features both 2019's Little Women and 1994 adaptation.) Parasite (R), from writer and director Bong Joon Ho, is maybe not the most upbeat movie but it has solid laughs and is absolutely engrossing. The movie is currently available for rent or purchase. Knives Out (R) is an absolute delight, from the puking Ana de Armas to the ridiculously accented Daniel Craig (whose forthcoming James Bond movie was pushed back from April to November), and is available for rent or purchase. In my 2019 roundup, I believe I said the perfect 2019 double feature would be Knives Out and the Olivia Wilde-directed **Booksmart** (R), starring national treasure Beanie Feldstein and Kaitlyn Dever, and I stand by that. Booksmart, which is available for rent or purchase and on Hulu, has all kinds of fun with the "last night of high school" premise. (Feldstein was also excellent in Greta Gerwig's 2017 movie *Lady Bird*, which is rated R and, like Gerwig's Little Women, also stars Saoirse Ronan. It is available for rent or purchase and with your Amazon Prime membership.) Also, shoulda been an Oscar contender, the Eddie Murphy-fronted Dolemite Is My Name is extremely rated R, exceptionally funny and available on Netflix. And, while we're talking "shoulda"s, Gloria Bell (R), the English-language remake of the Spanish-language Gloria from 2013,

was a fun movie and should have gotten more notice for star Julianne Moore. Gloria Bell is available for purchase or rent, as is Gloria — watch them both! A few more acting shouldas: Hustlers (R) starred Constance Wu and Jennifer Lopez as exotic dancers who run an elaborate con on their Wall Street clients (available for rent or purchase).

· Are you all caught up on the Marvel movies? Many of the Marvel movies are available with a Disney+ subscription, including last year's Captain Marvel and Avengers: Endgame and the top-notch Black Panther, Thor: Ragnarok, Guardians of the Galaxy and Ant-Man. Avengers: Infinity War is available on Netflix, as is Ant-Man and the Wasp. The two Marvel Cinematic Universe Spider-Man movies, Spider-Man: Homecoming and Spider-Man: Far from Home, are both available with a Hulu Live TV subscription; Far from Home is available with a Starz subscription and available for purchase (including as a bundle for \$29.99) or rent. Outside the MCU, the excellent animated Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse is available via Netflix and for purchase or rent. Spider-verse is rated PG but the rest of the Marvel movies are PG-13. (Also this feels like the place to praise DC's one big success last year — not Joker — Shazam! Rated PG-13, the movie has a very sweet heart and was a lot of goofy fun and is available for rent or purchase or with an HBO subscription.)

• If uneven franchises are your thing (and you have about \$100 lying around), you can get the nine-movie "Skywalker Saga" Star Wars movie collection from iTunes (eight of the movies, all but the final one, are also available on Disney+). Or you can just check out last year's concluding chapter, Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (PG-13), available now for purchase and for rent on March 31. Perhaps now is the time to give the final three movies consideration as a complete arc: Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13, 2017, probably my favorite of the new trilogy) is available for rent or purchase or on Disney+, as is Star Wars: The Force



Awakens (2015, PG-13).

• If you've got kids in the home, you're going to need a lot of entertainment options. Either of the live-action/CGI hybrid Paddington movies — the first is from 2014 and the second is from 2019, both are rated PG — is a kind-hearted delight. This is the rare duo where the second movie might even be more charming than the first. Paddington 2 is available with a Sling TV subscription (it appears to be on TBS, so it may be available on some cable systems as well) and both movies are available for rent or purchase. (An Adventures of Paddington TV series is also available via Nick Jr.) Also from last year, Frozen II is now available to stream via Disney+ (and for rent or purchase), as is Toy Story 4. Perhaps more importantly if, like me, you weren't a huge fan of that overly talky recent installment, Disney+ also features many of the *Tov Story* shorts. Disney+ also has both Aladdins, the 2019 Guy Ritchie-directed Will Smith-starring version and the 1992 animated original with the voice of Robin Williams. My favorite animated movie of 2019, The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part, is available via an HBO subscription and for purchase; the 2014 first *The Lego Movie* is available for rent or purchase. Both are charmers with, as the second movie's "Catchy Song" advertises, delightful music that is going to get stuck inside your head. As of March 15, Trolls 2 slated for an April 10 release (more on that in a bit). However that pans out, the original *Trolls* (2016), featuring the voices of Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake, is a buoyant if lightweight jukebox musical and is available for rent or purchase (or with Hulu Live TV. Trolls Holiday, an even more lightweight 26-minute movie from 2017 that also features Kendrick and Timberlake, is available on Netflix, where you can also find Trolls The Beat Goes On, a Dreamworks Animated series (eight seasons, each about five to seven 20-ish-minute episodes long) featuring the same characters (but not the movies' voice actors). I wasn't a huge fan of the first movie but last year's

The Secret Life of Pets 2 got rid of the dark-

er elements (the Kevin Hart-voiced bunny is no longer a genocidal dictator, so that's cool) and now it has a fun Looney Toons quality. It's available for rent or purchase or through Netflix.

• We could all do with some comfort food. The **Downton Abbey** movie (PG, 2019) feels like the warm cup of tea (hopefully spiked) that we might all need. This gentle dip back into the lives of the Crawleys is available for rent or purchase. All six seasons of the TV show are also available with a Prime Video subscription. I also found last year's Fighting with My Family (PG-13) featuring Florence Pugh to be very sweet, with a nice "work hard for your dreams" message. The movie is available for rent or purchase and with a Hulu subscription.

· After comfort, how about some joy? Pure joy is what Never Surrender: A Galaxy Quest Documentary was to me. This documentary from last year looks at the making of 1999 movie Galaxy Quest (PG) and was soup to nuts delightful, from the surprising sci-fi geekery of Tim Allen, who played the lead, to the Star Trek personalities who weigh in about how much they love that movie, in which the actors who played the crew on a Star Trek-like show are kidnapped/appealed to for help by aliens who believe the show was real. Never Surrender is available for rent or purchase and with an Amazon Prime membership; Galaxy Quest is available for rent or purchase.

• In a truly remarkable sign of the times, you can even get some currently-in-theaters wide-release movies for home viewing. According to a Los Angeles Times story on March 16, Universal Studios will make its theatrical releases available for home viewing, starting with currently running films Emma (PG), The Invisible Man (R) and, reviewed in this issue, The Hunt (an excellent triple feature, that), which will be available starting Friday, March 20, for a 48-hour rental for \$19.99. The Trolls World Tour will be available for home viewing on its release day, April 10, the story said.

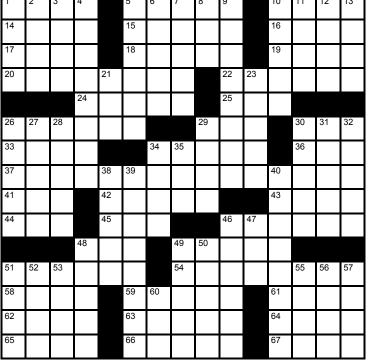
Here's wishing you and your family some happy (and healthy!) movie nights.

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# If you want my body

Enjoy this classic Rock and roll Crossword, originally printed in

1. Flying Burrito Brothers member Parsons



- 5. Blue Rodeo '\_\_ Hit Me Yet' 10. Notch on festival list 14. Kylie Minogue '\_\_-Motion' 15. Bill Withers-inspired Hinder song? (3.2)16. Rod Stewart & Ron Isley 'This Old Heart Of 17. Said at end of gospel show 18. Kind of 'Emotions', to The Stones 19. Village People favorite 20. Comes after The Police's 'De Do Do Do' (2,2,2,2) 22. Offspring "That's okay, cause I got no self 24. Ike Turner did too many 25. All-female Swedes Drain 26. Alice Cooper 'Billion Dollar \_ 29. Paul Carrack 70s band
  - 30. Sick Puppies 'One' 33. 'The Beekeeper' Tori 34. 'Animal' pop singer 36. Ozzy's Black Sabbath replacement 37. '78 Rod Stewart #1 (2,2,5,2,4) 41. Tomahawk ' De Sac 42. Grabby Jewel song? 43. Opeth 'Watershed' opener 44. Japanese femmes \_\_ Ska Band 45. Bronx old-school funksters 46. Gershwin's biggest seller, sung by Al Jolson 48. Irish band that smokes? 49. Slayer 'Of Sacrifice' 51. '89 Stevie Ray Vaughan album (2,4) 54. Zwan '\_\_ Of The Sea' (4,4)

58. Where LL Cool J was 'Going Back

love 59. Coldplay 'One '(1,4) 61. 'Last Of The Brooklyn Cowboys' 63. King Missile 'Detachable 64. Mötley Crüe singer Vince 65. Rod Stewart 'All In The \_\_ Of Rock 66. Parts of towns Springsteen finds Lives'

# Down

'Darkness' on

67. \_\_-Lite

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1. Jazzy Traffic instumental

2. 80s band When In

62. Beastie Boy Yauch

3. Breezed through audition

4. Nat King Cole song about Da Vinci painting? (4,4)

5. Howard Jones

6. The single (hyph)

7. Pat Benatar '\_\_\_ \_ A Weapon' (3,2)

8. Long-running UK mag (abbr) 9. Derek Trucks rocker wife Susan

10. Patty of Scandal

11. Goes w/Soul Coughing's 'Lemon'

12. Rod Stewart "\_\_ in love you're never out of danger"

13. Bon Iver song that shows spirit?

21. What happens to Papa Roach if they don't 'Change'

23. Peter Gabriel's Grammy winning

26. 'Rock Steady' album (abbr) 27. Rammstein song, also French for 28. Suprise star Susan 29. Bicycle Theif 'Everyone' 30. Springsteen 'Hammersmith London '75'

31. Kind of 'Chicken', to Little Feat

32. Blues rocker Bramhall II

34. 'Detachable Penis' \_\_ Missile

35. Pet Shop Boys 'West Girls'

38. Queen '\_\_\_ Are The Days Of Our

39. What Weezer uses to smoke out, perhaps (4,4)

40. Theory Of A Deadman album ' Souvenirs' (5,3)

46. Awol rockers can't handle this

47. Peppers 'By The \_\_\_ 48. Neil Young 'Comes

49. 'Angels Us' Alabama

50. Bob Seger's Chuck Berry cover

'C'est (2,3)

51. Johnny Nash ' See Clearly Now' (1,3)

52. NY alt-rockers \_\_ Surf

53. Onyx hit about stage dive gone

55. Peter Gabriel comp 'Shaking The

16 Golden Greats'

56. Simple Plan 'Your Love Is \_\_ \_ (1.3)

57. Played in music video

60. Rod Stewart "You \_\_\_ me away from home' © 2011 Todd Santos

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## **Waypoint Sleepout**

In response to nationwide calls to engage in social distancing in order to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus, Manchester-based social service nonprofit Waypoint (formerly Child and Family Services of New Hampshire) has announced the transition of its planned March 20 annual Sleep Out for youth homelessness in downtown Manchester and Exeter into a "virtual event." According to a March 15 news release from Waypoint, the event will now be a "a home-based virtual event conducted online" where participants are asked to "sleep on the floor or in the yard or in some other less than comfortable way, while continuing to conduct their online fundraising campaigns." Waypoint welcomes participants to submit photos of their efforts that will be shared on the organization's social media properties as a way to continue to raise awareness about youth homelessness in the Granite State.

# Elsewhere in the news... A closer look

State lawmakers are seeking greater access to the Community College System of New Hampshire's balance sheets after 2019 saw the elimination of 10 full-time employees within the system in response to declining enrollment. In a March 10 news release state Senate leadership formally announced the introduction of Senate Bill 761, legislation that would increase accountability of the system's budgeting process. According to the bill text, the act would limit the rate of budget growth in the system, prohibit salary increases in any year in which layoffs take place and require the system's Chancellor and Board of Trustees to issue a "public budget accountability report" on an annual basis. In particular, the release cites the near 20-percent increase in the system's state appropriation as well as the institution's testimony that it planned to use the increase to freeze in-state student tuition and "maintain the present head count of faculty." In a statement, Senate Majority Leader and Democratic candidate for governor Sen. Dan Feltes, D-Concord, said that New Hampshire taxpayers "rightfully expect more transparency and accountability when it comes to spending tax dollars on our higher education system, and this bill will do just that."

# Bet on it

Following March 10's Town Meeting Day, 10 more municipalities across the Granite State have voted in favor of opening their communities up to one of the 10 physical sportsbook retail locations allowed for by the 2019 legislation legalizing sports betting in the Granite State. According to a March 12 news release from the NH Lottery, the towns of Belmont, Derry, Hampton, Hinsdale, Hudson, Newmarket, Pelham, Rollinsford, Salem and Seabrook all voted in favor of permitting the operation of physical sportsbook locations in their bounds. The aforementioned towns join the cities of Manchester, Laconia, Claremont, Franklin, Somersworth and Berlin, which voted in October to permit sportsbooks the opening of physical betting locations. Since December, when the sports betting was legalized, the NH Lottery reports, approximately 40,906 registered

users have wagered more than \$45.3 million through the betting system, managed by Boston-based sports betting giant Draft-Kings. Currently, state officials are in the process of determining which 10 communities will be selected to host the locations, which NH Lottery's executive director says won't be selected or up and running until early to mid spring.

#### **NITE SUDOKU**

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every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Last week's puzzle answers are on page 37

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# "I'll Go Last" — You Can Thank Me Later

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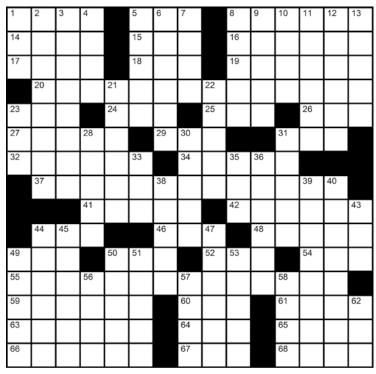
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1 Air kiss noise

14 Hawaii's "Valley Isle"

15 Tzu

16 Bela in old horror movies



17 They may get patronized

18 Prefix before -mance

19 Head of a bowling group

20 Phrase telling off a blood-suck-

ing bug? 23 They stop the band to sing 65 Length times width

"Leonard Bernstein" 24 Letters on aircraft carriers

25 Stimpy's amigo

26 Lean-\_\_\_ (makeshift shelters)

27 Montana neighbor

29 Donkey Kong, for one

31 "seaQuest \_\_\_" (1990s sci-fi

TV series)

32 Turn a different way?

34 "Pardon," in Parma

37 Punishment of having to wear 5 Professor Dumbledore's first Patton a paper sign on your back?

41 Org. with a common interest

42 Puts up

44 Obnoxious person

\_ died and made you king?"

48 "It's \_\_\_!" ("Easy!")

49 Toward the stern

50 Wilberforce University's affil-

iated denom.

52 Back-to-school mo.

54 Khan

55 Time-sensitive demand on a 22 Hoover competitor

dirty car?

Demi

60 Dust cloth

61 Bring in

63 It's hardly four-part harmony

64 100%

66 Takes the helm

67 Sault \_\_\_ Marie, Mich.

68 Word used in telling time

# Down

1 UFC fighting style

2 Got the audience started

3 Add machines and conveyer belts

4 Rattler's noise

name

6 Actress Tomei

7 Make steam whistle noises

8 Ball in a classroom

9 Unpleasant interaction

that a lot"

11 Stipulation of some leases

12 "The Solar System and Back" author Isaac

13 Fork pokers

21 Minimum goals to be met

23 Crater edge

59 "Here We Go Again" singer 28 Tennis star Mandlikova and

namesakes

30 "You thought I'd give it to you, didn't you?"

31 Dutch blockers

33 Golf pro Ernie

35 Midstreet maneuver

36 Cancels

38 Record store whose physical locations closed in 2006

39 Former Secretary of Defense Robert

40 Shelves for knickknacks

43 Place for cardio and detox

44 Put on \_\_\_ (be phony)

45 Wonder or Nicks

47 Actor and stand-up comic

49 Great grade

50 Early tycoon John Jacob \_

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53 Two under par, on a golf hole 56 Enclosure inside an enclosure,

for short 57 Bullpen numbers

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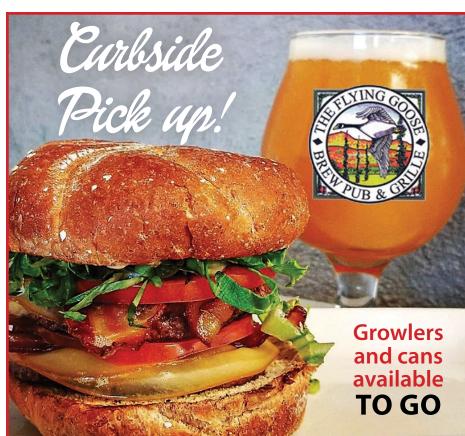
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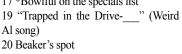
1 School that won 10 NCAA basketball 16 Earth Day subj. championships in 12 years

5 Planetarium projections

10 Section of music that's repeated

14 Thing on stage

17 \*Bowlful on the specials list



24 "Grown-up" cereal ingredient 27 \*Italian veal dish 29 "Deep Space Nine" constable 30 Tap takeover unit 33 Hypnotic state 34 Mess up

36 Aragon-born artist

21 Goose formations

23 Nursery schooler

39 "So help me!"

40 \*"I Am the Walrus" refrain

43 Even so

45 24-karat, gold-wise

46 Tabby tooth

49 Believer of sorts

51 It takes night deposits 53 Arthur of "Maude" and "The Gold-

54 \*Department of Labor training

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57 Seemingly bottomless pit

59 Gold, to Cortez

60 Christmastime

61 Addr. on a business card

62 Accumulation

64 \*Bands like AKB48 and Babymetal (but not BTS--that's a different letter)

69 Cop on a bust

of water" 70 "... to fetch

71 1952 Winter Olympics city

72 Laundromat lather

73 Mary Poppins, for example

74 Late infomercial pitchman Billy

# **Down**

1 "What can Brown do for you?" company

2 -Magnon man

3 Actor Diamond Phillips

4 iPad Pro maker

5 Ticket souvenir

6 Blues guitarist Mahal

7 From the beginning, in Latin

8 Rakish sorts

9 Most in need of a massage

10 Terrier treater

11 1991 U2 album featuring the song "One"

12 Fez's country

13 Demoted (like a former planet)

18 Nightfall

22 Kevin who played Hercules on TV

24 Driving visibility problem

25 " believe ..."

26 Wave rider's accessory

Pigs Invasion (1961 event)

31 Quail omelet

32 Gwyneth Paltrow's lifestyle brand

35 B vitamin acid

37 TTYL part

38 "Slumdog Millionaire" city

41 Kaitlin of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"

42 Hot tub nozzle

43 Capital of Newfoundland and Labrador

44 "Walden" writer

47 "Duck Hunt" platform

48 Oxygen, for one

50 One fooled by a wooden horse

52 Ex-Smiths guitarist Johnny

55 Pig blamed for causing American kids

to affect British accents

56 Alfred P. \_\_\_ Foundation (NPR benefactor)

58 Result in flowers

61 Unpleasant, as a situation

63 Laptops or desktops, e.g.

65 Alley figure

66 Home of Rome and Moscow

67 What the P in TP doesn't stand for

68 Oceanic distress signal

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The Better Way to a Better Window

All quotes are from *Unmasked*, by Andrew Lloyd Webber, born March 22, 1948.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) When you write an orchestration it's a bit like an artist with paint. ... The big difference is that an artist executes a picture himself. A composer relies on others to execute what he has written. I, like all composers who orchestrate, hear the complete work in my head as I want it to sound. Unfortunately the reality doesn't always turn out that way. Even the leader is still part of a team.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) A few years later we went to a concert of unusual instruments in St. Pancras Town Hall. The big draw was Vaughan Williams's Tuba Concerto. Unfortunately it was preceded by Vivaldi's Concerto for Sopranino and Orchestra. ... To make things worse VIvaldi was, put it this way, not on peak form when he knocked up this particular epic. John and I got the giggles which ended in my getting hiccups when a serious woman with glasses in front of us who was deeply studying a music score turned round and said 'It may be funny but it's not that funny.' Trust your own judgment.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) Throughout life I have found that the best way to get something you want from people is not to dangle your real carrot in front of their nose. Lob it into the mix in passing whilst pushing something else. Is that a carrot in there?

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** *If you'll excuse the mixed metaphor, next week the bacon came home to roost.* You may be dealing with a bacon overload.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) I have had many discussions about getting involved with [Westminster] Abbey ... but they always stall over my insistence that the utterly inappropriate chandeliers that were hung in the

church in the 1960s are sold to a hotel in Vegas. Stick to your aesthetic ideals.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Viennese food circa 1970 was schnitzel going on schnitzel and soon we had had enough. Don't stop till you get enough.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) Music was an increasingly important part of my life, my safety valve in fact, but it wasn't my overriding passion. ... first was still architecture, with art a close third. It's good to have more than one interest and now's a good time to cultivate a new one.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) Every musical I have written has a section in 7/8 time. There's even a joke about it in Phantom which, so far as I know, has only been laughed at once — by the conductor Lorin Maazel who found it hilarious. You will find your rhythm.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) I intended to write my memoirs in one volume and I have failed spectacularly. It's OK; no one's going to read them all anyway.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) I have already opined that technical rehearsals are when writers should take a holiday out of reach of all known means of communication. If you need to butt out for a while, you can lose yourself in a good book.

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Lob it into the mix in passing whilst pushing something else. Is that a carrot in there?

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) If you'll eludes me. Verbosity can be boring.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) Melody fascinates, even obsesses me. There isn't a moment when it isn't somewhere in the back of my mind. ... Sometimes melodies hit me complete. At other times I work on them for ages. ... But almost invariably it's a story that inspires my melodies. Just put one note after another.

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# **NEWS OF THE WEIRD** BY ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION And so it begins

- ly is on trial in Athens, Alabama, facing 11 counts of theft and ethics charges related to his job. On March 6, Blakely went to the hospital, where his lawyers told the court he was being tested for COVID-19, the disease associated with the coronavirus. But in a special hearing on March 7, Dr. Maria Onoya told Judge Pride Tompkins that while Blakely was indeed admitted to the hospital, and received multiple tests. none of them was for COVID-19. In fact, she said there was no evidence to suggest he should be tested for it, The News Courier reported. Judge Tompkins ended the hearing with harsh words for Blakely's defense team: "I don't know what your tactic is, but it's condemned by the court," he said. He went on to note that he was "very disturbed" by the defense's mention of COVID-19 in the motion to continue, calling it irresponsible, reckless and unfair to the community.
- · Meanwhile, in Queensland, Australia, people are panicking about running out of toilet paper during the coronavirus pandemic, which makes Haidee Janetzki of Toowoomba extra popular, after she made an error in her regular online TP order with Who Gives a Crap. "When it asked for quantity, I put 48," she told 7News, "thinking that would be a box of 48 (rolls). Turned out it was 48 boxes." At first she thought it was the online retailer's fault — until she checked her credit card, which showed an expense of \$3,260 plus almost \$400 shipping. Janetzki is selling the hot commodity to friends at a slight markup, hoping to raise money to send her kids on a school trip to Canberra. She's now known Down Under as the Oueen of the Toilet Paper.
- Two state attorneys general and the Food and Drug Administration are cracking down on disgraced televangelist Jim Bakker, who is now the host of *The Jim* Bakker Show on cable TV. The New York attorney general's office on March 3 sent a cease-and-desist order to Bakker, and on March 10, the Missouri attorney general filed suit against him. At issue is Bakker's hawking of "Silver Solution," a "medication" made from silver that supposedly cures all sorts of ailments, for use in treating COVID-19. On Feb. 12, The Washington Post reported, Bakker asked a guest on his show whether the gel could cure the coronavirus. "It hasn't been tested on this strain of the coronavirus, but it's been tested on other strains of the coronavirus, and has been able to eliminate it within 12 hours," said "naturopathic doctor" Sherrill Sellman. In the letter, the "extremely concerned" Lisa Landau, chief of the attorney general's health care bureau, called the segment false advertising and said it violates New York law. She gave Bakker 10 days to comply.

- · A man in Vilnius, Lithuania, with • Limestone County Sheriff Mike Blake- help from his sons, reportedly locked his wife in their bathroom after she expressed worry to him that she had contracted COVID-19 from traveling to Italy, where she came in contact with some Chinese people. The husband called a doctor, who suggested she isolate herself; she contacted police because her husband wouldn't let her out. It's unclear how long she was locked in the bathroom, but Delfi.lt reported that she was tested for the virus and did not have it.
  - The U.S. State Department has advised people, particularly older adults, to avoid cruise ships and air travel during the coronavirus onslaught. But some travelers just can't be dissuaded. Take, for example, Ben Stults, a sophomore at Florida State University, who will head out on a cruise to Mexico this week for spring break. He's hoping to "hit the sweet spot" — get there and get home before the virus takes hold in Mexico. To be safe, however, he's bringing along a respirator face mask and a deck of cards in case, you know, quarantine. The Daily Beast asked Stults if he thought his plan was a sound one, to which he replied, "Honestly, no."

## **Animal antics**

Firefighters were called to a farm near Bramham, Leeds, in England on March 7 to put out a fire in a large pigpen. At this particular farm, the pigs wear pedometers to prove that they're free-range, Fox News reported, but one of those gadgets was the probable cause of the blaze, firefighters said. They theorize that one of the pigs ate one of the pedometers, then passed it in its excrement, sparking a fire in the pen's hay. The culprit was the copper in the battery reacting with the pig poo. No pigs were hurt in the fire; let's hope they're getting all their steps in as usual.

# The continuing crisis

A Polish tattooist known only as Piotr A. has pleaded not guilty to causing blindness in model Aleksandra Sadowska, 25, from Wroclaw, Poland. Sadowska engaged the artist to dve her eveballs black in 2016. Following the procedure, she had pain in her eyes, which the tattooist said could be treated with painkillers. But she lost sight first in her right eye, and doctors told her there was nothing they could do to prevent the same fate for her left eye. "There is clear evidence that the tattoo artist did not know how to perform such a delicate procedure," Sadowska's lawyers said, according to the Daily Mail. "And yet he decided to perform it, which led to this tragedy." As he awaits his trial, the tattooist continues to run his salon in Warsaw, where he mainly pierces ears.

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