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Still stuff to celebrate



The last few months have been unprecedented — and rough. In addition to the immeasurable health effects of the pandemic on the lives of Granite Staters and the losses it has caused, we faced the sudden closing of major parts of our state with most residents stuck at home and hundreds of thousands of people here losing their jobs.

Now, with the stay at home order lifted, many businesses have reopened or are planning to reopen soon. Many people are heading back to work and many of the area's restaurants, businesses, recreation areas and attractions are finding ways to operate (see 47 examples of this in this week's cover story).

While life isn't fully "back to normal" we thought it was time to recognize the people, places and things that make New Hampshire such a special place to live. That's right, it's Best of 2020 time. We plan to publish the Hippo Best of 2020 in August. But before we do, we're going to hold a mini round of Hippo Best of 2020 voting to give some praise to the places that helped make the shutdown a little easier. These categories include: "Retail shop with standout service during the shutdown" and "Eatery whose takeout got you through the shutdown." Go to hippopress.com to give some love to the restaurant that gave you a much-needed break from your kitchen or the store that helped you pick out something special for somebody who needed a lift to their day.

We held off on publishing the Hippo Best of 2020 in late March because many of the locations that readers chose as their favorites were closed and we didn't know how long that would last. Hippo's annual Best of is both an expression of what Hippo readers feel is interesting and worth sharing with everyone and a guide to independent businesses and events. One of the many frustrating things that happens online is that when you seek out local events, parks, attractions, restaurants and other businesses, the results are both not so local and not so accurate. No person has picked up the phone and called to see that those businesses are still operating (like we do at Hippo). And for some reason those algorithms think Waltham or Scituate, Mass., is local. I guess if you're in Silicon Valley it is. But if you want to grab a burger or go on a walk it isn't so much.

Now more than ever, it's important to support the local attractions, businesses and museums that make our region an enjoyable place to live.

We further explore those favorites in our annual magazine, Cool Things About New Hampshire (due out in October 2020).

Thank you for taking the time to vote this year and continuing to support Hippo's independent journalism. 🐘

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ALSO ON THE COVER, after delaying Hippo's Best of 2020, we can't wait to bring you the results in August! Find out more about that and how to vote in a new mini Best of poll on p. 33 and in the publisher's note on this page. Plus, find live music for your long weekend in Music This Week, starting on p. 32.

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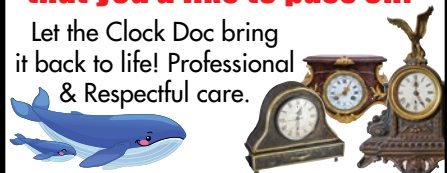
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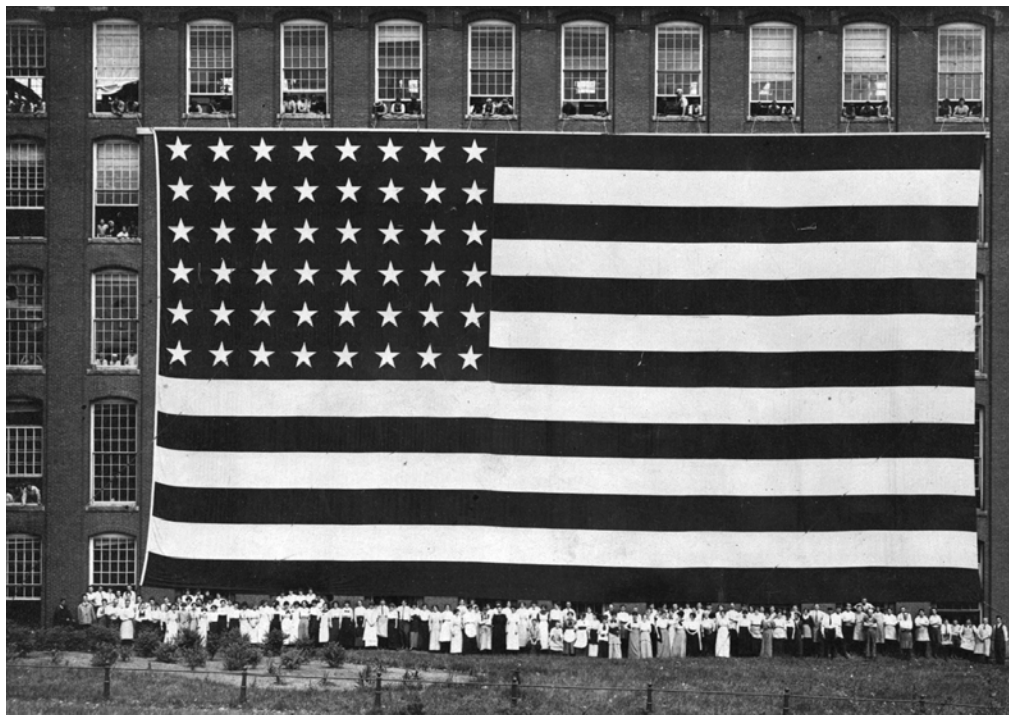
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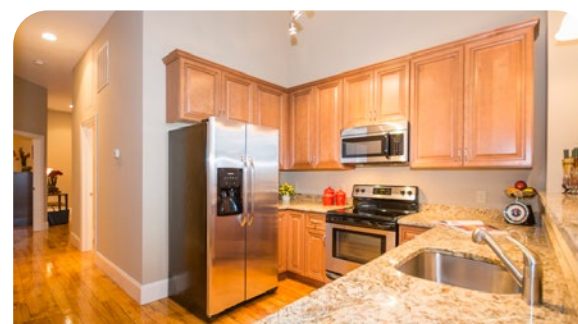
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Governor's updates

In the past week, Gov. Chris Sununu made multiple announcements in the state's ongoing response to Covid-19.

In a June 23 press conference, Sununu announced that \$5 million in CARES act funding will go toward youth-focused programs in the Granite State, while \$6 million will be used for mental health and substance abuse-focused programs and \$7 million will be used for veterans service organizations.

On June 25, in a press conference, Sununu announced that all hotels, inns and campgrounds in the state were able to operate at 100-percent capacity starting on June 29, though the 14-day self-quarantining rules for out-of-state visitors still apply. He also announced the establishment of the Self Employment Livelihood Fund, which will provide up to \$50,000 in funding to self-employed businesses in New Hampshire. To qualify, a business must not be permanently closed or be in bankruptcy and must not be a non-profit. Applications will be accepted from July 6 to July 17.

Also on June 25, Sununu issued Emergency Orders No. 54, No. 55 and No. 56. Emergency Order No. 54 gives refunds of road tolls to private school bus owners or school bus lines when their vehicles are being used to transport meals to students during the Covid-19 pandemic. Emergency Order No. 55 extends the funding of the Covid-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program through July 31. The program had been established in April, providing temporary stabilization funding through Medicaid for frontline workers in the state. Stipends of \$300 per week have been distributed to full-time qualifying frontline workers, and \$150 per week to part-time workers. Emergency Order No. 56 authorizes municipalities in the state to enter into agreements with property taxpayers on an agreed schedule for the payment of property taxes.

On June 26, Sununu issued Executive Order 2020-14, extending the state

of emergency in New Hampshire due to Covid-19 for another three weeks through at least July 17. It's the fifth extension he has issued since originally declaring a state of emergency on March 13.

Also on June 26, Sununu issued Exhibit J to Emergency Order No. 29, which had been issued on April 9. Emergency Order No. 29 requires state agencies, boards and commissions to submit recommendations to Sununu if any regulatory deadlines should be adjusted in response to the state of emergency. Per Exhibit J, annual Department of Education fees, such as licensing, licensing renewals, new courses, new programs and transcript requests, have been waived for FY 2020-2021. Details of all Emergency and Executive Orders can be found at governor.nh.gov.

Race fans

Approximately 19,000 fans can attend the Aug. 2 Nascar Cup Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, according to a June 25 story from WMUR. The rescheduled Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 will be the largest spectator event in New England since the Covid-19 pandemic started, WMUR reported. The speedway will be limited to 35 percent capacity, and social distancing requirements and safety protocols will be in place, based on an action plan that was approved by Gov. Sununu. Employees will have to wear face masks; fans will be encouraged to wear them, but not required. Other precautions include prohibiting fans from bringing standard-size coolers, and cash will not be accepted. "Being outdoors, having it being for a limited time, having a system where you can ensure the physical distancing for the vast majority of the event ... gives us a lot of confidence" that the event will be safe, Sununu said, according to WMUR. There are about 7,000 tickets left; the credits that were given out for the approximately 12,000 tickets that had been purchased for the July 19 race date can be used Aug. 2.

Risk protection

On June 28, the New Hampshire Senate voted 14-10 in favor of HB 687, which establishes a procedure for issuing extreme risk protection orders to protect against persons who pose an immediate risk of harm to themselves or others. The bill will now go to Gov. Sununu's desk.

"The NH Extreme Risk Protective Order bill is designed to put a speed bump in front of a person who has access to the most lethal means available to do themselves or others harm," the bill's prime sponsor, Rep. Debra Altschiller (D-Stratham), said in a statement after the vote. "It creates a tool for the people closest to someone suffering to prevent tragedy and get them help." The bill's co-sponsor, Senate Judiciary Chair Martha Hennessey (D-Hanover), said in a statement following the vote that New Hampshire's suicide rate has risen 48.3 percent between 1999 and 2016, according to a report from the CDC. "In people under the age of 24, it is the second leading cause of death — it is clear that we must take action to address this crisis," Hennessey said. "This bill creates a pathway for concerned family members and law enforcement to request assistance from our courts in protecting someone who may be a danger to themselves and others."

Assault bill

On June 29, the New Hampshire Senate voted to move forward with HB 1240, relative to the grounds for sexual assault and related offenses, according to a press release from the Governor's Office. "Ensuring there is proper justice for victims of sexual assault is paramount, and this will close a critical loophole and protect students from sexual assault at the hands of those in a position of authority over the victim," Gov. Sununu said in a statement. According to the release, HB 1240 "amends the definition of sexual contact in the criminal sexual assault statutes. The bill also expands the elements of the crime of

The public is invited to a free virtual tradeshow as the Greater **Concord** Chamber of Commerce presents its 29th annual Business Showcase on Thursday, July 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. via Zoom. According to a press release from the Chamber, this event is for anyone who wants to connect with local businesses and community leaders, whether you're looking for a job, need help from a professional to plan a wedding or renovate your home, or you could use advice for growing your business or investments. Visit ConcordNHChamber.com/business-showcase.

The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in **Warner** opened July 1 and is offering self-guided tours and limited hours to practice social distancing guidelines, according to a press release. Temporary hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. and reservations are requested by calling 456-2600 or emailing deputydirector@indianmuseum.org. The Medicine Woods Trail and Arboretum are free and open to the public each day, according to the release.

Nashua is getting a new yoga studio: On Sunday, July 5, Vibe Yoga will open at 182 Main St. and will feature vinyasa-based yoga paired with "invigorating music," according to a press release from owner Melissa Coppola. All of the classes will have "awesome playlists of all different types of music, with some classes specifically offering hip hop," plus monthly classes with live musicians and DJs. Follow VibeYoga603 on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Construction for the new 18,000-square-foot, three-story headquarters of **Manchester**-based Members First Credit Union will begin this month at the corner of Elm and Salmon streets, according to a press release. The building will include full-service banking, a two-lane drive-up and offices for the credit union's executive management and back-office support teams.

felonious sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault to include sexual contact between school employees and students, and to include circumstances when the actor is in a position of authority over a victim who is between 13 and 18 years of age."

Diversity training

The City of Manchester has received a \$20,000 grant to implement a Diversity and Cultural Competency Program for representatives from all city departments, according to a June 28 press release. Mayor Joyce Craig announced the City of Manchester applied for the grant from the Norwin S. and Elizabeth N. Bean Foundation. "Our city employees serve one of the most diverse communities in the state, and it is critical that all our staff is equipped with the tools to assist individuals of all backgrounds," Craig said in the release. "This program will create a network of city employees able to design and deliver quality cultural competency programs for all city staff." The Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Council — formed this year after Craig announced its creation at her State of the City Address — suggested this competency train-

ing, which will be facilitated by New Hampshire Health and Equity Partnership and the Southern New Hampshire Area Health Education Center. "I am very excited to see that the Council is already making an impact and bringing the positive changes we need to see happening in our city," Arnold Mikolo, chair of the Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Council, said in the release.

Health kits

Health and Wellness Kits will be distributed to 25,000 families across New Hampshire, according to a press release, after the New Hampshire National Guard packs them up and delivers them to participating schools and pick-up sites in the coming days. The kits include dental supplies, Detera pouches to safely dispose of prescription medications, and several flyers that promote well-being. The Choose Love At Home program is also free for parents this summer at jesselewischooselove.org. "While we are all working hard to protect the physical health of our children, social and emotional well-being remains of the utmost importance," Gov. Sununu said in the release. 🗨️

Covid-19 update	As of June 22	As of June 29
Total cases statewide	5,558	5,760
Total current infections statewide	929	958
Total deaths statewide	339	367
New cases	233 (June 16 to June 22)	212 (June 23 to June 30)
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Fostering hope

New foster care program supports young adults

In April, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Division for Children, Youth and Families launched the Hope Program, which extends the age limit for foster care in the state from age 18 to age 21. DCYF Director Joseph Ribsam discussed the new legislation and the support it provides for youth in foster care as they transition into adulthood.

Q: *Why was the Hope Program created?*

The idea is that young people who enter the foster care system who are not able to achieve permanency — meaning, they're not able to return home and be reunified with their families, or are not able to be adopted into another family — need more support entering adulthood than they would typically get through their 18th birthday. [The program] allows them to continue to have the support of a foster family [which gets financial support through the program] to help them transition successfully to adulthood. ... We had the broad support of the [New Hampshire] legislature and the governor in pushing this forward, and it was included in the budget that passed last year. It was really exciting to see everyone come together and be willing to support this type of expansion going forward to make sure that our young folks in foster care have all the advantages that they need to be successful going into adulthood.



Joseph Ribsam

lessness, having substance [misuse] challenges and not graduating high school or being able to go to college. When you look at jurisdictions that have [allowed] kids [to stay] in foster care longer, you see trajectories moving in a different direction. More young folks successfully graduate high school or get into college and are more likely to avoid the traps of homelessness and things like that.

Have foster care families and youth expressed a need for this program?

Yes. This is something that they have been talking about and needing for quite a long time. ... We've actually had a number of foster families who, even though they previously didn't [receive funding] to continue supporting their foster kids after they turned 18, would still allow them to stay in their homes beyond their 18th birthday and try to support them into adulthood. ... We also have a group of young adults — some who are still in foster care and others who are alumni of the foster care system — who are really engaged in trying to improve policy for other young folks in foster care. Some of them actually went to the legislative committee and testified on behalf of this idea, and I think that was really compelling and is what ultimately led to the [change in] legislation.

How is fostering a young adult over the age of 18 different than fostering a minor?

The dynamics change as they do in any household where somebody who is legally a minor becomes legally an adult. Young adults need to be taking some healthy risks and making some decisions on their own, but at the same time [foster families] need to maintain appropriate boundaries so that those young adults stay safe during that time. That transition period can be a challenge, but also really rewarding [for the foster family] when they are able to help that young adult succeed on their own.

What is the ideal outcome for young adults who participate in the Hope Program?

Ultimately, we want these young folks to be independent, productive adults who are able to care for themselves, care for their communities and be successful in doing whatever it is they choose to do with their lives. ... For young folks who want to go to college, that's great. For young folks who want to learn a trade, that's great. For young folks who want to start working, that's great. It's about helping them find the path that's right for them and making sure they have the support to follow it.

— Angie Sykeny

How does it work?

It allows youth between the ages of 18 and 21 to stay with a foster family or have the support of a foster family through their time in college. It makes sure not only that they have their housing needs met, but also that they have social and emotional support from a primary caring adult maintained over time. ... To qualify, they need to be engaged in some type of productive activity, [such as a] secondary education program or an equivalent such as a GED or HiSET program; an institution for post-secondary or vocational education for at least six hours per week per semester; an activity to promote employment or remove barriers to employment; or working [at least 80 hours a month]. Young people with medical or mental health challenges that impede their ability to maintain those types of activities can also be part of the program. ... The program is voluntary, so when a youth turns 18 they can decide to be part of this or not. If they turn 18 and think they're ready to be on their own and then, six months later, realize they still need extra help, they can come back at that point, too.

Prior to the new legislation, what were some of the biggest challenges facing foster care youth after they turned 18?

For most people, when they turn 18, their families don't say, "Alright, you're on your own now." Their families are still there for them. Many young people in foster care haven't had that kind of normalcy ... The data shows that young folks leaving foster care are at a higher risk of home-



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Reverse Plunkett replay?



Well, **Cam Newton** signing at this late date for a hitch in Foxboro was a bit surprising. But it was also a typical under-the-radar move that got universal approval throughout football punditry, where Coach B waited for the price to come to the right value as Newton languished on the market.

People are asking what it means for the 2020 Patriots. Prevailing wisdom says it's one of the following: (a) he's got cold feet on **Jarrett Stidham**, (b) he wants to see the kid earn it head-to-head vs. a name QB to see how Stidham fares under fire, (c) he still likes Stid but wants a better backup if things don't go as planned, or (d) **Brian Hoyer** is a goner — again.

Another option is one I mentioned six weeks ago: that he's trolling to see if Newton can be a 21st-century version of **Jim Plunkett** to be high-ceiling QB for the next four or five years. If it turns out like that, it's appealing since JP led the Raiders to two Super Bowl wins after being released by the 49ers in 1979. That it came at 29 and just two years after paying the whopping bounty of three first-round picks, a second-round pick and starting QB **Tom Owen** to get him told you how washed up the 49ers brass thought the former Heisman winner and first overall 1971 pick was.

But the NFL's Belichickian figure of the day, Oakland GM/owner **Al Davis**, signed him on the cheap. Not sure if he thought Plunkett could recapture the promise he showed being Rookie of the Year in New England or just that he'd be a better backup than he had. But after two years on the bench, when **Dan Pastorini** went down early in 1980 with his health and confidence restored he led Oakland/L.A. to those two Super Bowl wins in four years.

Not sure Newton will do that, but his 2015 MVP season says he has a huge upside and he's a year younger than Plunkett when he was resurrected. I've got to think something like that's going on in Bill's mind.

Personally I was hoping if they could get a similar deal with **Jameis Winston** they'd sign him. That would have set up a perfect Tom-vs.-Bill competition where Tampa gets his QB and Bill takes theirs to see who does better without the other.

I know Winston threw a mind-boggling 30 picks, but he also threw 33 TD passes and his 5,190 yards is more than you-know-who has ever thrown for. Plus the only other time the Bucs used a first overall pick on a quarterback was for **Vinny Testaverde** in 1987. Guess who resurrected his career in Cleveland after busting in Tampa Bay? Coach B.

Here are a few more thoughts from a busy time even with no games going on:

- With the Black Lives Matter national anthem protests raging through the NFL season I'm guessing new Patriots kicker **Justin Rohwasser** and his controversial tat of the hate group 3 Percenters are going to be under scrutiny in the year ahead.

- Given the history, the Patriots have no one to blame but themselves for the Cincinnati taping incident. But a lost third-round pick seems kind of steep if Bill didn't send them there.

- If Hoyer does get cut I'm betting he ends up on the coaching staff as a just in case insurance policy.

- From defying medical advice and the NFLPA to leading those in-your-face 20-person workouts in hot spot Florida, to TB-12's profiteering in hawking a questionable \$45-a-month immunity supplement during the pandemic, **Tom Brady** is racking up a lot of "I don't like that guy" points.

Yikes, Tom.

- Is it me or is **Kendrick Perkins** everywhere these days on all things NBA? Most notably by calling **Kyrie Irving** a fraud for his phony opposition to the NBA restart. But also for giving the first reason I'll buy for the **Rajon Rondo-Ray Allen** feud. Most say it had to do with Ray leaving for archrival Miami, but Perk says it was for Allen being in favor of a rumored **Chris Paul**-for-Rondo trade. Rondo hates Paul, who he and I think is vastly overrated. It led to two near fights and their ejection during a game at the Garden, so it makes sense that Ray being in favor of dumping Rondo like that would send him around the bend.

- With the NBA announcing 16 players just tested positive for the virus it seems like going into a hot spot in the country to finish their season is going to be tricky. That bubble they're playing in better be super hermetically sealed.

- Anybody hear when the **Dustin Pedroia** retirement press conference is scheduled for?

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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

2020, part 2

More businesses and organizations in New Hampshire are reopening and the state is coming out of shutdown mode. But we're certainly not back to what life was like in January and who knows what "normal" is going to look like in the coming months. So, in this second half of 2020, QOL will restart the QOL meter, and restart at 50, as we do at the beginning of each year, recognizing that no 100-point meter can really gauge what it's like to live in this unprecedented time (or accurately reflect all that has changed in the last few months).

QOL score: ?

Comment: *There has been a lot of sadness over these past few months, a lot of frustration and a lot of fear. But there have been moments of optimism too. QOL will try to keep doing what QOL does best — pointing out the good stuff and the bad stuff that is part of life here in southern New Hampshire.*

First in the nation!

New Hampshire is the most patriotic state in the country, according to a study from WalletHub, which used data of 13 "key indicators of patriotism" to compare the 50 states. Among other findings, New Hampshire ranked first in Civics Education Requirement, fourth in Percentage of Adults Who Voted in the 2016 Presidential Election, sixth in Peace Corps Volunteers Per Capita, and 10th in Veterans per 1,000 Civilian Adults.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *Following New Hampshire on the list was Wyoming, then Idaho, Alaska and Maryland, while California, New York and New Jersey were listed as the three least patriotic states in the country, according to WalletHub's data.*

Prices at the pump

The average gas price in New Hampshire was \$2.07 as of June 29, according to GasBuddy, which is 13.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago but 52.4 cents lower per gallon than during this week last year. New Hampshire's cheapest station was \$1.83 per gallon, and the most expensive station was \$2.29 per gallon. Though the prices have been rising gradually in recent weeks, they dropped slightly last week nationwide, likely due to a resurgence in Covid-19 cases, according to GasBuddy. "Motorists across the country will likely be influenced by what develops in those areas — improvement and a slowdown in Covid would cause gas prices to continue rising, while a continued resurgence in Covid-19 cases and a drop in gasoline demand will mean lower gas prices," Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, said in the release.

QOL score: 0 (because while \$2.07 is low, that under \$2 was such a welcome silver lining)

Comment: *This is setting the state up to potentially have the lowest gas prices on the Fourth of July holiday since 2004, according to GasBuddy.*

Great state for kids

The annual Annie E. Casey Foundation report found that New Hampshire is the second best state in the country for children's well-being. The Granite State ranked second in the family and community domain, which includes data like Children in Single-Parent Families (30 percent in 2018) and Children Living in Poverty (1 percent in 2018). New Hampshire ranked fifth in the education domain and sixth in both the health and economic well-being domains.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *Massachusetts is the best state for children's well-being, according to the report, beating New Hampshire in the education (second) and health (first) domains.*

QOL score: 50

Net change: +2

QOL this week: 52

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Rocky's Ace Hardware "Your helpful hardware store!", M-S 8am-6pm, Su 9am-5pm, 229-1380, 20 Loudon Rd, rockys.com

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Revival
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Smokeshow
Tuckers
Vibes Gourmet Burgers:

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MVC Eye Care

RETAIL

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Music Connection | "NH's Premier Indie Record Store", M-S 11am-5pm, Closed Su, 644-0199, 1711 S Willow St, musicconnection.us

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Giorgio's Ristorante | A taste of the Med", M-W 11:30am-9:30pm, Th-S 11:30am-10pm, Su 12pm-9pm, 232-3323, 270 Granite St, giorgiostogogo.com

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THE ROUNDUP

The latest from NH's theater, arts and literary communities

• **Handcrafted ornament:** The League of NH Craftsmen has announced its 2020 annual holiday ornament, "Midnight Clear," designed by Ken Kantro, who also created the inaugural ornament in 1988. The design is a scene inspired by the beauty of New Hampshire's mountains in winter. Each pewter ornament is handcrafted, dated, numbered and signed by Kantro. You can purchase a gift-boxed ornament for \$25 online or at a League craft shop (36 N. Main St., Concord; 530 W. River Road, Hooksett; 279 Daniel Webster Highway, Meredith; 98 Main St., Nashua). Visit nhcrafts.org.

• **Online watercolor and collage workshops:** The New Hampshire Art Association has three upcoming online art workshops. On Thursday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to noon, learn to paint allium flowers with watercolor. Impressionist watercolor artist Dustan Knight will demonstrate splattering watercolor paint with an old toothbrush to create a variety of patterns and values with an air brush style. The cost is \$55, and registration is required by Tuesday, July 7. On Sunday, July 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., create a visual "journey collage" with mixed media and handmade paper artist Angie Follensbee-Hall. The cost is \$35, and registration is required by Thursday, July 9. Rejoin Knight on Thursday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to noon, to paint a New Hampshire sunset with watercolor and learn how to keep colors soft and blended. The cost is \$55, and registration is required by Tuesday, July 14. Visit nhartassociation.org.

• **Calling Black writers:** New World Theatre, a New Hampshire-based theater company and playwright collective, has announced an open call to Black writers to submit "monologues that reflect their per-

sonal experience of living while Black," according to a press release. Selected works will be published in an anthology titled *08:46*. "Through the power of writing and theatre, we can do our part to amplify the stories of systemic racism and raise the level of awareness and understanding to effect meaningful change in the human heart," the press release said. Profits from the sale of the publication will be split between the contributing writers and nonprofits committed to dismantling systemic racism, the release said. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 1, 2021. Visit newworldtheatre.org/08m46s.

• **Movies are back:** The Wilton Town Hall Theatre (40 Main St., Wilton, 654-3456, wiltontownhalltheatre.com) will reopen on Friday, July 3, with *Irresistible* (R, 2020) and *Never Rarely Sometimes Always* (PG-13, 2020), showing through Thursday, July 9. Regular showtimes will be different than they were pre-Covid, according to the movie theater's Facebook page: nightly at 7 and 7:30 p.m.; plus Sunday matinees at 2 and 2:30 p.m.; and the Saturday Afternoon Classic at 2 p.m. Check the website for film updates. The Silent Sundays series featuring silent movies with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis will continue with *The Three Musketeers* (1921) on July 26.

• **Cello on the lawn:** Canterbury Shaker Village (288 Shaker Road, Canterbury) presents a Concerts on the Green series every Sunday in July from 4 to 5 p.m. The series features Concord cellist Jan Fuller, who will perform works by Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, accompanied by the recorded music of pianist Chaeyoung Park. Fuller's musical programs will also feature guest artists, including cellist Harel Gietheim on July 5, NH Poet Laureate Alexandria Peary on July 12 and NH Artist Laureate Amanda Whitworth on July 19. Attendees should wear masks and follow the social distancing guidelines by sitting within the painted circles on the lawn. Seating is first-come first-served. The concerts are free, with a suggested donation of \$10. Call 783-9511 or visit shakers.org.



The League of NH Craftsmen's 2020 annual holiday ornament, "Midnight Clear," designed by Ken Kantro. Courtesy photo.



A detail of Allium flowers watercolor by Dustan Knight. Courtesy photo.

• **In-person glass and pottery workshops:** Studio 550 Art Center (550 Elm St., Manchester) is now offering in-person one-day workshops, including stained glass every Saturday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for \$45 per person; clay every Saturday at 3 p.m. for \$45 per person; build-your-own succulent terrarium on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m. for \$35 per person; clay for families most Fridays at 12:15 p.m. and most Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. starting on July 11 for \$30 per person; clay-sculpting for families every Saturday at noon and every Monday at 2:30 or 4 p.m. starting on July 11 for \$20 per person; and pottery date nights every Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. for \$30 per person. Register online in advance. Call 232-5597 or visit 550arts.com.

• **Jewish Film Fest goes virtual:** In place of its traditional festival, the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival will present a virtual summer film series featuring five international films that would have made their New Hampshire premieres. The films include *Love in Suspenders*, an Israeli comedy, on Thursday, July 9; *My Name is Sara*, a U.S. drama, on Thursday, July 23; *Futures Past*, a U.S. documentary, on Thursday,

Aug. 6; *Shooting Life*, an Israeli drama, on Thursday, Aug. 20; and *Paris Song*, a Latvian historical drama, on Thursday, Aug. 27. *My Name is Sara*, *Futures Past* and *Paris Song* screenings will include a post-movie discussion with the filmmakers on the following Sunday at 7 p.m. All screenings are free, with a suggested donation of \$18 to support the festival and future programming. Advance registration is required. Visit nhjewishfilmfestival.com/2020-virtual.

• **Author series on Zoom:** The Tory Hill Author Series, presented by the Warner Historical Society, will be held virtually over Zoom this year. The series features local and nationally known authors who read from and discuss their books and personal experiences. This year's lineup includes graphic novelist Joel Christian Gill on Saturday, July 11; feminist historian Susan Ware on Saturday, July 25; nature and biology writer Bernd Heinrich on Saturday, Aug. 8; and storyteller Rebecca Rule and middle-grade and young adult novelist Adi Rule on Saturday, Aug. 22. All events begin at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased online. Visit toryhillauthors-series.com.

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47 ideas for family fun this summer

Pick flowers, play mini-golf — and more ideas for getting out of the house

After months of limiting your away-from-home excursions to the supermarket, there are an increasing number of places where you can go and have (safe, often masked) fun with the whole family. Here are 47 ideas for how to spend your summer days.

Indoor Activities

1. Learn about the history of telephones at the New Hampshire Telephone Museum (1 Depot St., Warner), open now, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum features nearly 1,000 telephones, switchboards and other telecommunication memorabilia, plus an interactive kids room. Admission costs \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors age 60 and up and \$3 for students in grades 1 through 12. Call 456-2234 or visit nhtelepho-nemuseum.com.

2. Try your hand at felting at Wild Salamander Creative Arts Center (30 Ash St., Hollis). Upcoming in-person felting workshops include a felted jellyfish for kids in grades 4 and up and adults and a felted strawberry keychain for kids in grades 4 through 7 on Friday, July 17, and a felted unicorn for kids in grades 4 and up and adults on Friday, Aug. 7. The cost is \$29. Register online at wildsalamander.com.

3. Go bowling at a local alley, several of which have reopened across the state. Yankee Lanes (216 Maple St., Manchester, 625-9656, yankeelanesentertainment.com), for example, has unlimited bowling from 7 to 10 p.m. four nights a week for \$10 per person (including shoe rentals). Other alleys like Merrimack Ten Pin (698 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 429-0989, merrimacktenpin.com) and Leda Lanes (340 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-5459, ledalanes.com) are also now open.

4. Free Comic Book Day has been rescheduled and reworked as **Free Comic Book Summer**. From July 15 through Sept. 9, participating local comic book shops will put out five or six different free comics every week. The comics include superhero stories, television and movie spin-offs, sci-fi adventures and more. Visit freecomicbookday.com for the full list of this year's free comics and to find participating comic book shops in your area.

5. Enjoy a game of laser tag at Block Party Social (51 Zapora Drive, Hooksett), formerly known as the Space Entertainment Center, in its multi-story LED-illuminated arena. Multiple types of games are available between two teams and each player receives a personalized score sheet. The cost starts at \$18 per person. Visit blockpartysocial.com or call 621-5150.

6. Take a cooking class with the Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Derry), which is hosting all kinds of classes both in person and virtually. "Mini chefs" cooking classes for kids



Indoor climbing at Vertical Dreams. Courtesy photo.

ages 3 to 6 are currently being offered virtually through Zoom, while cooking camps are held throughout the summer. Costs vary; visit culinary-playground.com, or call 339-1664 for class availability. LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst) is also offering a series of cooking classes for kids, the next of which is happening on Wednesday, July 15, at noon. The cost is \$20 per child. Visit labellewinerynh.com or call 672-9898.

7. You'll find all kinds of STEM fun at SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St., Manchester), which plans to reopen in early August. The museum features more than 90 exhibits focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics and is home to the Lego Millyard Project, the largest permanent minifigure scale Lego installation in the world, depicting Manchester's Amoskeag Millyard circa 1900. Call 669-0400 or visit see-sciencecenter.org.

8. Let the kids climb! Go indoor rock climbing at Vertical Dreams (250 Commercial St., Manchester, 625-6919; 25 E. Otterson St., Nashua, 943-7571, verticaldreams.com), which reopens on Monday, July 6. A day pass is \$15 for adults and \$13 for kids under age 18, and a 10-visit pass is \$125/\$105. Rentals packages including shoes and a harness are \$10, plus an additional \$2 for a chalk bag rental. For younger kids, check out the indoor playground with slides and a climbing structure at Nuthin But Good Times (746 DW Highway in Merrimack; nuthinbutgoodtimes.com, 429-2200) which is open now at 25 to 30 percent capacity, according to their website. The cost is \$9.50 for children ages 4 and above (\$6 for 3 and under, \$2.50 for "crawlers" and adults and free for infants).

9. Jump into a good time at Altitude Trampoline Park (270 Loudon Road, Concord; 360 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack), which reopened on June 19 to 50 percent capacity at both its Concord and Merrimack locations. Jump passes are available for purchase for 60, 90 or 120 minutes (buying them online ahead of time is encouraged). Specials are also



Cowabunga's. Courtesy photo.

available throughout the week, depending on the day. Both parks are open Sunday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday until 8 p.m. Visit altitudeconcord.com or altitudemerrimack.com.

10. You can go indoor skydiving, indoor surfing and more at SkyVenture (100 Adventure Way, Nashua), which is open now by reservation. Skydiving rates are \$55 for a two-minute flight and \$95 for a four-minute flight. Fifteen-minute surfing sessions are \$45. Call 897-0002 or visit skyventurenh.com.

11. Explore Manchester history, from the native people who fished at Amoskeag Falls 11,000 years ago to the city's early farmers and lumbermen and the rise of industry, at the Millyard Museum (200 Bedford St., Manchester), open now, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission costs \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors age 62 and up and college students, \$4 for youth ages 12 through 18 and is free for kids under age 12. Call 622-7531 or visit manchesterhistoric.org/millyard-museum.

12. You're Fired pottery studio (25 S. River Road, Bedford, 641-3473; 133 Loudon Road, No. 101, Concord, 226-3473; 264 N. Broadway, Salem, 894-5456; 4 Coliseum Ave., Nashua, 204-5559; yourefirednh.com) has open studio hours on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. All-day studio fees are \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids age 12 and under, except on "Mini Mondays," when kids get in for \$3. Visit yourefirednh.com.

13. Bring the family for some retro fun at Electric Avenue (24 Bridge St., Manchester), where you'll find 24 classic arcade games, nine classic pinball machines and skee-ball. The arcade, which plans to reopen the second week of July, is family-friendly and open to gamers of all ages before 8 p.m. New hours are TBA. Call 518-5770 or visit electricavearcade.com.

14. Bounce around at Cowabunga's indoor inflatable playground (725 Huse Road, Manchester), which plans to reopen on July 31.

All-day admission costs \$12 for kids and is free for accompanying adults and babies. Call 935-9659 or visit mycowabungas.com.

15. Catch a planetarium show at McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (2 Institute Drive, Concord). Showtimes for three different shows are scheduled now through July 12, Wednesday through Sunday. Learn about the Wright brothers and other pioneers of flight in *Take Flight!* (11:30 a.m.) and the early days of space exploration in *Dawn of the Space Age* (1 p.m.), or get a look at the night sky in the center's classical planetarium show *Tonight's Sky* (2:30 p.m.). General admission costs \$11.50 for adults, \$8.50 for children ages 3 through 12, \$10.50 for students age 13 through college and seniors, and is free for children age 2 and under. Planetarium show tickets cost an additional \$5 per person. Call 271-7827 or visit starhop.com.

16. Have fun working together and solving puzzles at 102 Escape (123 Nashua Road, Unit 34, Londonderry). **Escape room** experiences are available by appointment Monday through Thursday and are open to kids age 7 and up. The cost is \$25 per person. Call 260-6198 or visit 102escape.com.

17. Catch a movie at a local theater. Chunky's Cinema & Pub (707 Huse Road, Manchester, 206-3888; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua, 880-8055; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, 635-7499) has reopened all of its locations as of June 29. All three theaters are showing *The Jungle Book*, *Trolls World Tour* and *Despicable Me* this weekend, while in Nashua and Manchester, you can see *The Lorax*. Visit chunkys.com for available showtimes.

18. Let the beanbags fly during a game of **cornhole** at Game Changer Sports Bar & Grill (4 Orchard View Drive, Londonderry), a new indoor cornhole facility with eight courts available for pickup and play. The courts are normally open during weekdays when tournaments are not being held. Visit gamechangersportsbar.com or call 216-1396 for availability.

Outdoor Adventures

19. Head to Chuckster's Family Fun Park (9 Bailey Road, Chichester, 798-3555; 53 Hackett Hill Road, Hooksett, 210-1415) for a **round of mini-golf**. The park, according to its website, has two of the "longest miniature golf holes on the planet," or a pair of 201-foot-long holes, at both its Chichester and Hooksett parks. Not a single hole is duplicated at either park. In Chichester, miniature golf is one of more than a dozen attractions, while at the Hooksett park the focus is more solely on miniature golf, with two large 18-hole courses to choose from. No masks are required for players once on the course. Visit chucksters.com or call your local park for hours of operation, which are weather-dependent and subject to change.

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20. Ride the go-carts at Mel's Funway Park (454 Charles Bancroft Highway, Litchfield), which is now open seven days a week for the season, according to its website. Rates are available for a single ride around the 1/5-mile track or for up to five rides. There is a height restriction of 58 inches per driver, but those under that height can ride with a driver over the age of 18. Mel's is currently open Monday through Thursday from noon to 9 p.m., Friday from noon to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Visit melsfunwaypark.com or call 424-2292.

21. Spend a day later this summer at an amusement or theme park. Canobie Lake Park (85 N. Policy St., Salem, 893-3506, canobie.com) has announced its plan to reopen for the season on Thursday, July 16, at limited capacity. Visit the website or follow them on social media for updates. Story Land (850 Route 16, Glen, 383-4186, storylandnh.com), another park to return later this summer, will reopen on July 17 to season pass holders and on July 22 to the public, according to its website. Those with season passes are able to have unlimited admission extended through the 2021 season, the park recently announced.

22. Learn to golf at the Amherst Country Club (72 Ponemah Road), which is offering lessons and camps this summer for kids of all ages and abilities. Visit playamherst.com or call 673-9908.

23. Take the kids out to the ballgame. The Nashua Silver Knights, part of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League, will play 21 home games at Holman Stadium (67 Amherst St., Nashua) this season, which opens Thursday, July 2, and concludes on Wednesday, Aug. 19, followed by a best-of-three series to determine the season's league champion. Visit nashuasilverknights.com.

24. Pay a visit to America's Stonehenge (105 Haverhill Road, Salem), a 4,000-year-old stone construction — likely the oldest man-made construction in the United States — built by an ancient people as an astronomical calendar to determine solar and lunar events of the year. Now through Labor Day, kids age 12 and under can participate in the **Kid's Gem Dig Open** (included with admis-

sion) in which they can keep up to three gemstones they find using real archaeologist tools. It's open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission rates are \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors age 65 and up, \$7.50 for kids ages 5 through 12, and free for kids age 4 and under. Call 893-8300 or visit stonehengeusa.com.

25. Create your own flower bouquet from more than 60 varieties of annual and perennial flowers at Petals in the Pines' (126 Baptist Road, Canterbury) **Pick-Your-Own Flower Field** starting in mid-July. The 7.5-acre nature center also has wooded trails, 24 themed gardens and a monarch butterfly sanctuary to explore. It's open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 783-0220 or visit petalsinthepines.com.

26. Take the kids fishing at a local body of water. In New Hampshire, kids under age 16 can fish for free and without a license all summer long. Visit wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing for information about where to fish and what kinds of fish you can catch, plus tips for fishing with kids.

27. Take a walk through history at Canterbury Shaker Village (288 Shaker Road, Canterbury) and see the village's 25 restored original Shaker buildings, four reconstructed Shaker buildings and 694 acres of forests, fields, gardens, nature trails and mill ponds. The buildings are closed for now, but visitors can walk the grounds for free, and beginning July 5 there will be free outdoor guided tours on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 783-9511 or visit shakers.org.

28. Go hiking at a state park trail, nearly all of which are open with social distancing guidelines. Visit nhstateparks.org to view a list of the parks that are open (playgrounds and indoor venues at each of the state parks remain closed until further notice). Some parks are requiring advanced day use reservations.

29. You may still be able to go swimming close to home this summer, depending on what town you live in. Manchester expects to open Crystal Lake and Dupont Splash Pad in mid-July and Hunt Pool some time after, and Merrimack has already opened its Wasserman Park Beach. Town and city swimming areas are typically only open to residents, so check with your town or city for updates.



PYO strawberries at Apple Hill Farm in Concord. Courtesy photo.

30. Go camping at a local campground in the state. As of last week, select state park campgrounds are accepting reservations for July and August. Camping reservations are currently being accepted, for example, at Bear Brook State Park (61 Deerfield Road, Allenstown) and at Pawtuckaway State Park (7 Pawtuckaway Road, Nottingham), both of which are open at 100 percent capacity as of June 29. Visit nhstateparks.org or contact your local private campground regarding availability.

31. Visit the animals at Charmingfare Farm (774 High St., Candia), open now on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (must arrive before 1 p.m.). It features a large hands-on petting area with a variety of farm animals as well as wildlife exhibits. Admission costs \$19 per person and must be reserved online in advance. Call 483-5623 or visit visitthefarm.com.

32. Get your adrenaline pumping with a game of **paintball** at AG Adventure Park (158 Deering Center Road, Weare), open now by reservation. There's the painless Paintball Lite for kids as young as age 7 and Low Impact Paintball for kids as young as age 9, and regular paintball is open to players age 12 and up. Rates vary. Equipment rental packages are available. Call 529-3524 or visit agpaintball.com.

33. You can view a movie from your car at the Milford Drive-In Theater (531 Elm St., Milford). Weekly movie schedules are posted on the website. Tickets cost \$30 for a vehicle with one to six people and can be purchased online. Visit milforddrivein.movie.

34. Or you can sit outside and watch a movie in the park. Merrimack Parks & Recreation's Movies in the Park Series will feature *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* on Friday, July 10, at 8:30 p.m.; *Toy Story 4* on Friday, Aug. 7, at 8 p.m.; and *Frozen 2* on Saturday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m. All screenings take place at Abbie Griffin Park (6 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack) and are free and open to both Merrimack residents and non-residents. Visit merrimackparksandrec.org or call 882-1046.

35. Practice your swing at one of the **batting cages** in the state. Concord Sports Center (2 Whitney Road, No. 1, Concord)

is accepting reservations now for its batting cages. The cost is \$20 per half-hour or \$35 per hour with the pitching machine, or you can be your own batter's pitcher. Visit concordsportscenter.com or call 224-1655 to reserve your spot now.

36. Farms all over the Granite State are open now for **pick-your-own strawberries**, which typically last through about mid-July. Apple Hill Farm (580 Mountain Road, Concord, 224-8862, applehillfarmnh.com) and Sunnycrest Farm (59 High Range Road, Londonderry, 432-7753, sunnycrestfarmnh.com) are among some of the farms offering pick-your-own. Call or visit the website or social media pages for updates and availability.

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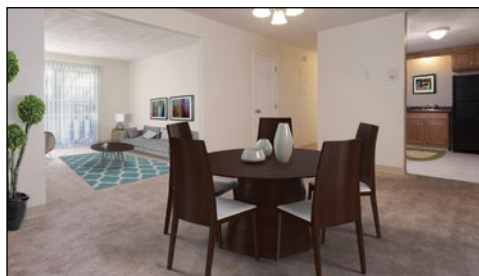
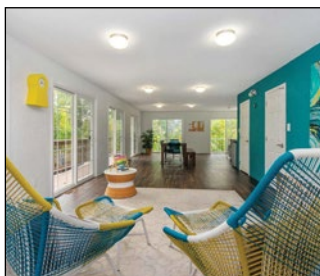
37. The New Hampshire Fisher Cats and Atlas Fireworks are presenting three special nights of **fireworks** on Thursday, July 2; Friday, July 3; and Saturday, July 4, with socially distanced seating available in the stands and on the field at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium (1 Line Drive, Manchester). The gates open at 7 p.m., with fireworks beginning at 9:30 p.m. Limited concessions will be available, or you can bring your own sealed food and non-alcoholic beverages in a cooler. The cost is \$10 per person or \$40 per group of four for stadium seating, or \$13.33 per person or \$80 per group of four for on-field picnic seating. Visit nhfishercats.com.

38. See a classic car show. The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road, Londonderry) will host its annual car show on Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date is July 12), featuring raffles, prizes, food trucks and more. Vehicles of all makes and eras will be featured, with trophies given out for the People's Choice Award and the Museum Award. Registration is \$10 per vehicle per entry (plus occupants). General public admission is \$5 for adults and free for children ages 12 and under (cash only). Visit nhahs.org or call 669-4820.

39. The Hampstead Cable Television Summer Concert Series presents a free **kids concert** by Steve Blunt & Friends on Tuesday, July 14, at 6 p.m. at Meetinghouse Park (20 Emerson Ave., Hampstead). Visit meetinghousepark.org.

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40. Head to **New Hampshire Motor Speedway** (1122 Route 106, Loudon) for the rescheduled NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 race on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 3 p.m. The grandstands and suites at “The Magic Mile” will be open to fans, with social distancing requirements. Attendance in the stands will be limited to 35 percent capacity. Tickets are \$10 for kids ages 12 and under and \$50 for adults. Visit nhms.com or call 783-4931.

41. A socially distanced version of the annual **Great New England Barbecue & Food Truck Festival** will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday, Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., both inside and out in the parking lot of the Hampshire Dome (34 Emerson Road, Milford). The event will feature a kids’ zone with face-painting, slime making, cookie decorating and bounce houses, plus craft and specialty food vendors, live music, and Jell-O and Twinkie eating contests. General admission tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the gate. Kids ages 12 and under receive free admittance.

42. The **Londonderry Old Home Day**, normally scheduled across four days in August, is being condensed into a one-day celebration of four activities on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Londonderry Town Common. According to assistant town manager Lisa Drabik, the day will kick off with a socially distanced parade at

10 a.m., followed by a road race overseen by Millennium Running, a first responders’ softball game on the field at Londonderry High School (295 Mammoth Road) and fireworks in the evening. Visit londonderry-nh.org.

43. Intown Concord’s **Market Days Festival**, rescheduled from June, is happening on Thursday, Aug. 20; Friday, Aug. 21; and Saturday, Aug. 22, along Main Street in downtown Concord, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. In addition to a kids’ zone with bounce houses and mini-golf down by City Hall Plaza, there will be multiple games, crafts and activities on the Statehouse lawn, plus vendors, live entertainment and more. Visit intownconcord.org.

44. The Children’s Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover) will hold its annual **New Hampshire Maker & Food Fest** virtually this year, with a new date of Saturday, Aug. 29. Up to 150 Maker Fest kits will be available for people to reserve online for free on a first-come, first-served basis, to be picked up at the museum prior to Aug. 29. The kits will include at-home projects, hands-on activities and more, all provided by the museum and participating makers. All videos, tutorials, demonstrations and performances will be available online through about a week after the festival. Visit childrens-museum.org or call 742-2002. 🍌

Ice cream for dinner ideas

45. Satisfy your sweet tooth at a **local ice cream shop**. Chocolatey flavors abound at Hayward’s Homemade Ice Cream (7 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, 888-4663; 364 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 424-5915; haywards.com), like chocolate peanut butter cup, chocolate tsunami, chocolate chip cookie dough and more. At Granite State Candy Shoppe (13 Warren St., Concord, 225-2591; 832 Elm St., Manchester, 218-3885, granitestatecandyshoppe.com), you can get flavors like chocolate chip cheesecake or fudge brownie avalanche, or even order your own specialty sundae.

46. You can even get **ice cream with fruit** (so it’s healthy!). The Inside Scoop (260 Wallace Road, Bedford, 471-7009, thein-

sidescoopnh.com) is offering a Fourth of July-themed special called the Red, White & Blue sundae, which has vanilla ice cream, strawberry sauce and fresh blueberries.

47. Or maybe **ice cream with candy** is more your thing? If so, try a flurry with soft-serve ice cream and your favorite candy at Frekey’s Dairy Freeze (97 Suncook Valley Road, Chichester, 798-5443; 74 Fisherville Road, Concord, 228-5443; frekeysdairyfreeze.com), which offers M&Ms, Heath Bar pieces, Reese’s Pieces, Butterfinger pieces and other candies. At King Kone (336 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 420-8312, kingkone.com), you can get a Razzle, blended in a cup with your favorite candy and soft-serve flavor.



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Beautiful designs

Put some thought into creating a gorgeous garden

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Let's say you have recently purchased a house and want to create beautiful gardens. How should you begin? I recently visited Gordon and Mary Hayward, both garden designers, at their home in Westminster West, Vermont. Their gardens are as nice as any private gardens I have seen, and I wanted to understand their thought process.

The Haywards bought a 1790s farmhouse 36 years ago that needed a lot of work. The landscape was full of brush and abandoned cars. But they were undaunted. They explained that they wanted a house *in* a garden, not a house with gardens you walk by. They wanted to be surrounded by gorgeous flowers and trees, with sculpture and walkways. They wanted gardens all around them.

The first thing they did was establish the central axis of the gardens. They did this by tying a string to the front door plate and running it straight out to the trunk of a mature apple tree, thereby creating a focal point. All the main beds are either parallel or perpendicular to that string. I'd estimate that the pathway along the central axis extends from the house for a couple of hundred feet.

At the end of that central path is a magnificent old apple tree, surrounded by an 80-foot circle of lawn, because the drip line of the apple tree is circular. Flowers in curved beds surround the lawn. As Mary Hayward said, "Curves need to make sense." Most of the paths and lines in their garden beds are straight, only occasionally curving or meandering to go around a fixed feature.

"Pay attention to views from the doors and windows because they'll suggest garden placement," said Gordon. Look at them, make sure what you see pleases you. Not only that, he said you gain confidence in your design if you pay attention to the house. There needs to be a relationship between the house and the garden spaces. "The garden is an extension of the house and the people in it," he said.

What else should one consider? The north-south orientation is important, Gordon said. You can grow roses on the south side of a barn, for example, but not on the north side, as there is much less sun. Where is sunset? Most of us like to rest at the end of a day in the garden to watch the sun go down. You can design that — and maybe steal a view of distant hills owned by others. You may need a chainsaw to accomplish that.

Mary Hayward grew up near Hidcote Manor Garden, one of England's finest old gardens, and visited often when growing up. Those visits shaped her view of how a garden should look: a series of connected rooms. Gordon Hayward grew up on an apple orchard, and so he wanted apple trees on his landscape as an adult. It makes sense to have elements of a garden that resonate with each person, based on personal history.

"Every decorative element in a garden should have a story, a reason," Gordon said. "Don't go buy a cute elephant. Consider what your grandmother or grandfather had." In the long run, that will resonate with you better.

When Gordon designs a garden for someone, he always asks what their parents or grandparents had for gardens. Are there special plants that bring back memories of simpler times? So, for example, I have a piece of a peony my grandmother (who passed away in 1952) grew called "Festiva Maxima," and I would hate to be without it. It's my favorite flower.

Mary and Gordon spent time researching the farm they bought, learning about how it operated and where long-gone outbuildings were located. They have three old milk cans where the milking parlor once stood, and other features that remind them of the farm's history. They unearthed granite fence posts and old bricks, and put them all to good use.

There is an old tobacco-drying shed in the gardens, and they used the proportions of that to determine the size of beds near it. The door of the shed is eight feet tall, so they used multiples or fractions of 8 for beds around it. The barn itself is 16 feet long — the same measure as the

dirt road in front of the property, an old unit of measurement called a rod.

Gordon pointed out that for five months of the year there are no perennials visible in their garden. It is thus very important to have stone walls, trees, sculpture, pottery and outbuildings that are handsome and clearly visible from key windows of the house all year long. Designed properly, a garden can be as beautiful in winter as it is in summer. And since trees and shrubs take time to reach maturity, they are a logical early step when designing your garden.

I bought my house 50 years ago this August. It's an old creamery, a butter factory built in 1888. It came with an acre of land, though I have since added more land. It had no perennials or shrubs, just a big native cherry tree, a few sugar maples and two huge elms, now long gone. Lawn surrounded the house.

If I were starting all over again, I would begin by designing a garden layout. To help me in that endeavor, I would study good gardens in glossy books and by visiting as many fine gardens as



Sculpture adds beauty and interest to a garden. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

I could. I would take classes and go to arboreta to learn about trees and shrubs that might be used to improve the landscape. I would join a garden club and go on garden tours. And I would certainly want to read all of Gordon Hayward's wonderful gardening books.

Henry is the author of four gardening books. He is now offering Zoom presentations to garden clubs and library groups. Email him at henry.homeyer@comcast.net for more information.

TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,
My name is Cathy and my daughter found this at an antique store in New Hampshire. She thought I would like it, as I work part time at Macy's. I looked online and couldn't find a bottle that looked like this one. It looks handmade, not mass produced, and it isn't level when on a counter. I'm interested in how old it is and how much it may be worth.



Cathy from Hillsboro

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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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There are fruit flies all over this truck!



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk: I am at my wits' end with this. I have fruit flies all over the cabin of my 2012 GMC Sierra 1500. I never ever eat fruit to begin with, and I never allow anyone else to eat it in my truck. I have fogged the interior

with enough RAID to cause genetic mutations in my grandchildren, to no avail. They eventually return within a week. Could it be that, due to the fruit flies' ability to mutate, they have developed into a strain of "super flies"? Short of using a flame thrower, I can't imagine what else to do here. Upon further consideration, the flame thrower gambit is out. I don't want to escalate the tensions. Any advice, no matter how bizarre or deviant, would help me.

— David
Well, first of all, you should eat fruit, David. Fruits and vegetables are part of a healthy diet. And we'd like to see you outlive these fruit flies.

Fruit flies like rotting fruit, fruit that's fermenting. And you've already tried the basic remedies.

You've eliminated any visible sources of food for them, and you've even resorted to the arena of chemical warfare. So what's going on?

Honestly, I don't know. I'm a mechanic,

not an entomologist. But I'm guessing there's a source of food for them somewhere in your truck.

While you don't allow people to eat fruit in your truck, if you have kids, and they sit in the back where you can't see them, all bets are off.

It's possible someone dropped something onto the carpet and then mashed it in with a shoe to try to hide the evidence. So a thorough upholstery and carpet cleaning is a good place to start.

My other guess is that there's some organic material that's dropping onto the hood of your car, and entering the ventilation system through the cowl (the fresh air vents where your windshield meets the hood).

Let's say something from a fruit tree dropped onto your car and some part of it fell through the cowl. It's possible that it could rot and attract fruit flies there. And from there, the flies made their way through your ventilation system, and yelled "Party!" in the cabin of your truck.

Maybe it doesn't take actual fruit to satisfy them? Maybe tree sap is good enough if they can't find a local watermelon stand that's open?

That could explain why they keep coming back, even after you napalm the inside of the truck.

So I'd start by looking at what trees you're parking under. And once you're sure you're not

continually replenishing their food supply from above, then the solution may involve nuking the cowl area with the fan on full blast.

If that doesn't work, you may need to get into the HVAC system itself to clean it out. That stuff is all tucked up under the dashboard, and not easy to get to.

So we'll hope that a thorough cleaning, more judicious parking, and maybe some highly targeted chemical application ends your infestation, David. If not, you'll have to move to Fairbanks and sell the truck there next winter during dormant season. Good luck.

Dear Car Talk: Hi. I have a 1989 Lincoln Town Car that sometimes cuts out when I give it very little gas — like when I'm inching my way along a drive-thru line. Any idea what could cause this problem? I've replaced the spark plugs, wires, cap, fuel filters and fuel pump. Thanks. — Joshua

Wow, Joshua. An '89 Town Car is a beast from another era. That car probably dropped a lot of people off at the Pan American Airlines terminal. This thing is so old that's its carbureted. And I think that's where the problem lies.

A carburetor has a little pump built into it called the accelerator pump. And the accelerator pump's job is to squirt in a little extra gasoline when you first step on the gas pedal.

Once the gasoline is flowing, the suction

created by the pistons does its job, and the carburetor has all the fuel it needs to respond to your acceleration requests. But in that first second or so, right when you go from idle to accelerating, if the engine doesn't get that extra shot of gas, it'll stall.

So I think you have a bad accelerator pump, Joshua. The bad news is that you probably didn't need any of that other stuff you bought and installed: the wires, plugs, fuel pump, etc. But the good news is accelerator pumps are cheap! You can probably find one online for about \$10.

And if I remember correctly, on this car, the accelerator pump sits right on the front of the carburetor, and attaches with four simple screws. One of which you'll certainly lose if you try to do this yourself. But it's a job a DIYer can tackle.

However, you could also look for a mechanic who remembers how a carburetor works -- seek out a guy at a long-established shop with no teeth and a Big Brother and the Holding Company T-shirt.

If you pay him for an hour's labor, he might not only swap out the accelerator pump for you, but also blow out the accelerator pump's fuel passage with some brain-cell killing carburetor cleaner. And that's not a bad idea, too, at this point.

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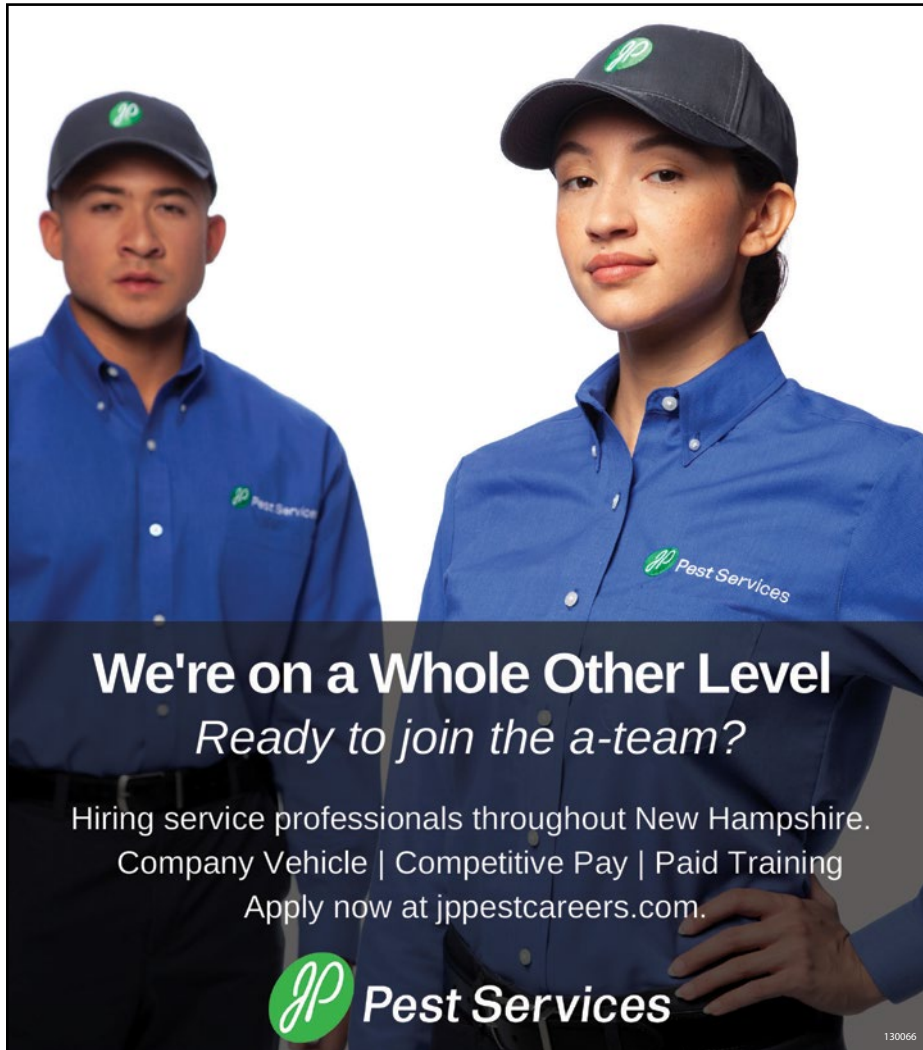
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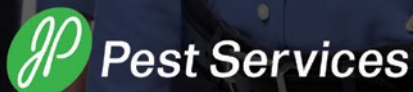
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News from the local food scene

By Matt Ingersoll
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• **Gate City Brewfest canceled:** The eighth annual Gate City Brewfest, which had been scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15, at Holman Stadium in Nashua, has been canceled, the event's committee announced on its website and social media channels. Those who purchased tickets will either receive a refund or have the option to donate a portion directly to the Nashua Police Athletic League, one of the festival's fundraising beneficiaries. The next Gate City Brewfest will take place on a date to be determined in August 2021, according to the website.

• **Smoked to perfection:** The owners of the Merrimack-based Big Kahunas Catering have taken over the restaurant space next to Shooters Outpost (1158 Hooksett Road, Hooksett) that most recently housed the Copper Jacket Cafe, which closed last December. Known as **Big Kahunas Smokehouse**, it's expected to open later in July, according to owner Amanda Spooner. The eatery will feature all kinds of smoked items, like seasoned barbecue ribs and lechon kawali (crispy pork belly). Local brews, wines and outdoor deck seating with music are all expected as well. Find them on Facebook @kahunassmokehouse, or visit nhkahuna.com or call 494-4975 for updates.

• **Spirits of community:** More than \$100,000 was raised for the New Hampshire Restaurant and Lodging Association's Hospitality Employee Relief Fund through a raffle organized by the **New Hampshire Liquor Commission**, according to a press release. The raffle featured six of the world's rarest spirits, including decades-old bottles of Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve bourbon whiskey, Buffalo Trace O.F.C. bourbon and Sazerac Kentucky straight rye whiskey, as well as selections from Heaven Hill and Michter's distilleries. Since it was created, the fund has raised about \$280,000 for the state's restaurant and hospitality workers.

• **Garden lunches:** Bedrock Gardens (19 High Road, Lee) has begun offering **picnic box lunches** to visitors, courtesy of caterer Mary Vezina of Mary V's Unique Creations. According to Bedrock Gardens program manager Kate Bashline, lunches are pre-ordered and paid for in advance. The lunches feature a sandwich or wrap (each is named after a different garden on the property), along with a small bag of chips, fruit, a cookie and a drink of your choice. Sandwiches 24 ▶

FOOD

Fuel your appetite

Saucy options at new Milford food trailer



Bacon and beer cheddar fries. Photo by Matt Ingersoll.

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A new food trailer now open on the Milford Oval is offering its own ground burgers, hand-cut fries and hand-breaded chicken tenders, and more than a dozen original sauces — or, in line with its name, “fuel” — like blueberry barbecue, Hawaiian honey mustard, hoisin-plum, curry and chive and Sriracha maple.

Fuel is the latest project of John Goldberg, owner and operator of The Riverhouse Cafe. The trailer made its debut on June 12 outside the Riverhouse, which has added about 40 seats in a roped off area out front, along with an outside bar and live music every Friday and Saturday. Customers who order from the trailer are given a pager to alert them when their food is ready. The trailer features new options not previously available at the cafe, plus rotating specials, and according to Goldberg the response has been very positive so far. He recently brought in chef Jon Talbot, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York, to oversee Fuel's menu.

“It's a simple American menu ... but it's not your ordinary food truck. You're not getting frozen chicken tenders or anything,” Goldberg said. “We grind our own burgers, we hand-cut our own fries, we dry-rub our own chicken wings and we make our own hot dog buns.”

Fuel features a few salads, all of which have the option of adding smoked chicken, pulled pork or smoked brisket as a protein.



Rocket Road salad with arugula, pickled onions, fig, almond and goat cheese. Photo by Matt Ingersoll.

The most popular salad, Goldberg said, has been the Rocket Road, which features arugula, pickled onions, figs, almonds and goat cheese. There is also the Chubby King Caesar salad, with romaine, pancetta and jalapeno croutons, and the Trailer Greens, which include lettuce, carrot, tomato, onion and crispy chickpeas. Among the salad dressings to choose from are buttermilk ranch, honey balsamic, creamy poppy seed, and — Goldberg's favorite — blueberry-riesling vinaigrette.

Items like the Fuel burger, the Hummel dog or the hand-cut fries can be ordered with a beer cheddar cheese. The Fuel burger is a double-stack patty that comes on a brioche roll with lettuce, tomato and house pickles, while the dog features toppings like the beer cheese as well as Maine onion jam and celery salt, house sweet relish or chili.

“The beer cheese is ridiculous,” Goldberg said. “You try it and you can't stop.”

The trailer serves a falafel on its own homemade pita, topped with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, lemon and tzatziki sauce. You can also substitute smoked chicken for the falafel.

Other options, like the crispy chicken tenders and the smoked chicken wings, are really where you can get creative with all the different “fuel” sauces.

“We can toss them in one and then we give you the other one on the side,” Goldberg said. “I can't even begin to name them all. We have blueberry barbecue, peach barbecue, Latin barbecue, curry and chives. ... All kinds of

different stuff.”

Just out in front of the Riverhouse Cafe's doors is a full-service outside bar where craft cocktails are available. Live local music acts are booked to perform on Fridays and Saturdays all throughout the summer, Goldberg said.

The Riverhouse Cafe moved to its current location at 167 Union Square last year. Goldberg said the plan is for Fuel to provide the food options for those who visit Station 101, a new craft beer and wine bar opening in a renovated 1950s gas station next door. The old Riverhouse Cafe, meanwhile, will likely be turned into a doughnut shoppe.

Mangia Sano, Goldberg's other restaurant just down the road on Nashua Street, has recently begun offering New York style pizza. It's currently available for takeout and curbside pickup only.

“Right now, that's all we do [at Mangia Sano],” Goldberg said, “but we're going to reopen it under a [reinvented] new brand.”

Fuel

When: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5 to 8 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 5 to 10 p.m. (hours are subject to change and may extend later this summer)

Where: 167 Union Square, Milford

Contact: Visit damngoodgrub.com/fuel, follow them on Facebook and Instagram @fuelnh or call The Riverhouse Cafe at 249-5556

Summer farmers markets

• **Bedford Farmers Market** is Tuesdays, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the parking lot of the former Harvest Market (209 Route 101), now through Sept. 29. Visit bedfordfarmersmarketnh.org.

• **Canterbury Community Farmers Market** is Wednesdays, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., in the parking lot of the Elkins Public Library (9 Center Road), now through Sept. 30. Visit canterburyfarmersmarket.com.

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• **Cole Gardens Farmers Market** is Sundays, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Cole Gardens (430 Loudon Road, Concord), now through October. Visit colegardens.com.

• **Concord Farmers Market** is Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Capitol Street in Concord (near the Statehouse), now through October. Visit concordfarmersmarket.com.

• **Contoocook Farmers Market** is Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon, at 896 Main St. in Contoocook. The year-round market usually moves indoors to Maple Street Elementary School (194 Main St.) beginning in early November. Find them on Facebook @contoocookfarmersmarket.

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FOOD

Intimate vibes, casual eats

Stones Social opens in Nashua

By Matt Ingersoll
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Inspired by the supper club, or the concept of serving creative comfort foods and cocktails in an intimate setting, Stones Social is the newest eatery to join the dining scene in Nashua.

The restaurant opened on June 26 in the former space of Pig Tale on Amherst Street. But according to Aislyn Plath of Stones Hospitality Group, it has been in the works since at least 2015. Her father, Scott, is the owner and founder of two successful restaurants in northern Massachusetts — Cobblestones of Lowell, which has been serving elevated tavern fare since 1994; and Moonstones, an eatery featuring global small plates that opened in Chelmsford in the late 2000s.

“Stones Social has a really intimate and casual neighborhood feel,” Plath said. “We wanted this to [have] almost more of a social club style that offers creative comfort food with a great bar program and really amazing cocktails. ... We felt that this space would be perfect for that.”

Stones Social’s menu borrows some items that are popular mainstays at both Cobblestones and Moonstones, as well as new options. Chef Adam Hervieux, who has worked at both locations, has

taken over the new eatery’s kitchen.

“We’re doing different menu levels, so at the top level we have bar snacks. That has things like housemade potato chips and housemade pickles,” Plath said. “We also have a mushroom jerky that’s insane, and we do a furikake popcorn, which [has] a seaweed and sesame spice.”

Other options include Buffalo tenders with blue cheese, ahi tuna tataki, pork belly with jalapeno ranch, and Chinese five-spice short ribs with house kimchi.

The menu also features a section of wood-fired skillet options, like the garlic jumbo shrimp; the shawarma beets with hummus, harissa and pepitas; and the dry-rubbed barbecue glazed wings. Sandwiches and burgers include a grilled cheese with the option to add barbecue short rib or kimchi, and a cheeseburger with house relish on a potato bun. For salads, the Spa Sampler Plate has greens, hummus, peppadews and crispy chickpeas, while the “Schrote Farms” beet salad features greens, goat cheese, pistachio, honey mustard and the option to add chicken.

If you want more of a traditional, larger-sized entree, Stones Social offers those too, on the “supper time” section of its menu. It features a seared ahi poke bowl, house macaroni and cheese, pork belly fried rice with egg and edama-



The #1 Burger with cheese and house relish on a brioche bun. Courtesy photo.



The Marge and Rita cocktail with passion fruit, mezcals, tequila and citrus. Courtesy photo.

me, vegetable fried rice, and slow braised short rib with smashed olive oil potatoes and garlic green beans.

A majority of Stones Social’s cocktails, Plath said, are originals for the new space. There is the 603 Spritz, which has vodka, elderflower, a cucumber simple syrup and a little bit of absinthe; the Pink Drink, with hibiscus, mezcals and cranberry juice; and the Marge and Rita, or a passion fruit margarita with a five-spice salt rim. The Moonhattan, a house-infused rye whiskey with vermouth that is a staple at Moonstones, has also made it onto the menu.

“We’re trying to have as much fun with the cocktails as possible,” Plath said. “We’re really focusing on New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont too for our drafts.”

In lieu of sit-down table service, Plath said, Stones Social has more of a fast casual concept.

Guests can order food and drinks at the bar and create a tab if they wish. Food runners are then assigned to deliver your order to the table. Take-out and online ordering are also available.

“One of the goals here ... was to run with a really tight team and to cross-train our staff,” Plath said. “I like working in a small space like this, because you can see everyone and we’re all here to take care of each other and create a nice energy and atmosphere.” 🍷

Stones Social

Where: 449 Amherst St., Nashua

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH CARLY FEINS



Carly Feins of Bedford is the owner of Carly's Custom Cakes (carlyscustomcakes.com, find her on Facebook or Instagram), a homestead business offering custom desserts to order, including cakes, cookies, brownies, fruit bars and cupcakes. A baking and pastry arts/food service management graduate from Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island, Feins has been baking since she was 11 years old. She fell in love with the craft after watching her aunt, Lisa Raffael (owner of Delicious Desserts in East Falmouth, Mass.), win on an episode of the Food Network Challenge. Feins, who has autism spectrum disorder, said she wanted to be a role model and an inspiration to others with similar diagnoses by starting her own independent business. In addition to accepting custom orders through her website for pickup or delivery within a 25-mile radius of southern New Hampshire, Feins participates in the Salem Farmers Market every Sunday, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Salem Marketplace (224 N. Broadway). As of last week, her fruit bars and cookies are also available for purchase at the Bearded Baking Co. (819 Union St., Manchester).

What is your must-have kitchen item?

I actually have two of them. My KitchenAid stand mixer and also my kitchen scale.

What would you have for your last meal?

I would get a Caesar salad at the Manchester Country Club without any Parmesan cheese. At home, I would have a homemade brownie ice cream sundae.

What is your favorite local restaurant?

I like Taipei & Tokyo in Bedford ... and I also like to support Pizza Bella [in Bedford]. They provided pizza to Bedford High School when I went to school there, and I think they still do.

What celebrity would you like to see trying something that you've baked?

It's a three-way tie between Food Network's Duff Goldman, Sugar Monster Sweets [owner] Ashley Holt, and Jason Smith, also from Food Network.

What is your personal favorite thing to bake?

I can't really decide, but basically any of the sugar cookies, cupcakes and whole cakes, because I like to put my own artistic spin on them. I'm an artist and desserts are my canvas.

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

I've been seeing a huge interest in no-contact deliveries and ... smaller food operations relying on takeout and online ordering. I've also been seeing a lot more of a demand for meatless items.

What is your favorite thing to cook or bake at home?

I love cooking for my family. My favorite thing to do is chicken marsala with boiled rice. I also love to make chocolate cake with chocolate ganache.

— Matt Ingersoll 🍷

1-2-3 sugar cookie dough

Courtesy of Carly Feins of Carly's Custom Cakes in Bedford (who learned this recipe as a student at Johnson & Wales University)

2 pounds (or 4 cups) butter
1 pound (or 2 cups) granulated sugar
3 pounds (or just under 13 cups) pastry flour
170 grams whole eggs (or roughly three extra large eggs)

In a bowl, mix together the butter and sugar. Add the eggs in one at a time, scraping the sides of the bowl as you go with a stand mixer. When all the eggs are in, add the flour.

Cover with plastic wrap and place in the fridge overnight or for a minimum of three hours. When ready to bake, turn the oven on to 350 degrees. Knead dough on a flour-coated silicone mat and roll to about a quarter inch thick. Make sure the dough is still cold, as the temperature affects the cookie. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown. You can augment with different flavors like lemon zest, or do chocolate by using cocoa powder.

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Lazy Baklava

I adore baklava. Whenever I'm at a social gathering and there's homemade baklava available, I make sure to have a slice for dessert. It's crispy, sweet, crunchy and sometimes a pinch salty. What's not to love in that combination?

Although I adore baklava, until now I never made baklava. I guess I always figured that I would leave this recipe to the experts. And I still have.

See, I will start by stating that I know this is a shortcut, simplistic representation of real baklava. However, for the small amount of time it takes to make this, I think it's a pretty decent knockoff.

What saves you a great deal of time is the use of phyllo cups. There's no need to carefully brush butter on layer after layer of phyllo dough. Just take the box out of the freezer, place the cups on a tray. Done!

The one thing that is vital to the simplicity of this recipe is a food processor. If you don't have a food processor, you just need to take more time and chop the nuts really well. It's fine to have some of the nuts about the size of a corn kernel,



Lazy Baklava. Photo by Michele Pesula Kuegler.

but most of them need to be much smaller.

Also, don't think that you'll make this recipe even lazier by skipping the toasting of the nuts. That's a must-do step, as it gives the nuts a richer, toastier flavor.

Once toasting, chopping, baking and glazing are done (which takes about 25 minutes), all you have to do is wait for them to chill. Then it's time to enjoy!

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 recipes.

Lazy Baklava

Makes 30

- 1 1/2 cups nuts*
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons, plus 1/4 cup, sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup honey
- 30 shells

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 Arrange the nuts on a baking sheet and toast in the oven until golden and fragrant, about 8 minutes.
 Let nuts cool slightly, then add to a food processor along with the lemon juice, 2 tablespoons of sugar, butter and cinnamon, and pulse to combine.
 Arrange 30 phyllo shells on a rimmed baking

sheet and divide nut mixture between the cups (about 2 teaspoons per cup).

Pat the filling down with your fingers.

Bake for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan over medium heat add the water, 1/4 cup sugar and honey and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until reduced and slightly thickened, about 5 minutes.

Remove syrup from heat.

When the cups are done baking, remove from the oven.

Pour 1 teaspoon syrup into each cup and allow it to soak in, then repeat with another teaspoon, until all syrup is used.

Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight.

**Any combination of almonds, walnuts, pecans and pistachios can be used.*



nutritious nibbles

This colorful salad makes a light and refreshing side for an outdoor barbecue, but can also make a great lunch with leftover chicken or fish and a whole grain.



Patriotic Berry, Walnut and Spinach Salad with Poppy Seed Vinaigrette

Serves: 6

Poppy Seed Vinaigrette:

- 1 1/2 tsp. McCormick® Poppy Seeds
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- 1 (5 oz.) package Fresh Express® Baby Spinach
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- 1/2 cup Hannaford Chopped Walnuts

Directions:

1. Combine poppy seeds, mustard, green onion, apple cider vinegar and honey in a large bowl.
3. While stirring, drizzle in olive oil and whisk to mix.
4. Add spinach to bowl of dressing and toss to coat.
5. Top with sliced strawberries, blueberries, cheese and walnuts and enjoy.

Nutritional Information

Amount per 1 cup serving: Calories 130; Total Fat 10 g; Saturated Fat 1.5 g; Sodium 80 mg; Total Carbohydrate 9 g; Dietary Fiber 2 g; Protein 4 g; Sugar 6 g

Source: Recipe adapted from walnuts.org



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DRINK

Grilling with beer

Beer can be a marinade too

By Jeff Mucciarone
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I love the complexity, texture and flavor that a rich, dark beer can bring to a big pot of slow-cooked, braised beef stew. And I love how a crisp, lighter brew adds another dimension of flavor to a big pot of chili. And what's not to love about a pint of Guinness-flavored ice cream?

But what about marinating a steak in beer? That I wasn't so sure about. But really, why not?

It's summer and nobody wants to braise a big hunk of meat on the stove-top when it's 90 degrees outside. But lots and lots of people do want to stand outside (probably with a beer in hand) as they man their respective grills — especially with the Fourth of July upon us.

First, marinating meat with beer isn't a new concept, even if it wasn't something I'd attempted previously. Beer adds flavor and it helps tenderize the meat as well, so all good things. But I struggled more with what kind of beer to use and what meat to use it with.

Based on my research and experimentation, there really aren't any hard and fast rules. It really depends on what type of flavor you're trying to impart to your meat.

A lighter beer like a Pilsner or lemon wheat beer would be a nice choice to marinate chicken breasts or maybe even fish filets, like salmon. But a pale ale or an IPA would also add some flavor and complexity to those same chicken breasts or some pork chops or pork tenderloin.

I tend to think darker beers like dry stouts or German dunkels work well when marinating steaks or even just mixed into a burger.

But really, it's your call, and it's honestly going to be kind of hard for you to mess it up so don't stress.

Here's just one recipe to consider — think of it as a baseline more than anything.



Try using beer in your next marinade. Photo by Jeff Mucciarone.

Beer-marinated pork chops

- 12 ounces of beer
- 2 cloves of minced garlic
- 1/4 cup of minced onion or shallot
- 2 bone-in pork chops
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions

Place all ingredients in a zip-close bag and refrigerate for a few hours. Give the pork chops an hour or so to come up to room temperature. Pat the chops dry. Turn on your grill and when hot, toss on the pork chops. Cook them over medium heat for 5 to 6 minutes per side, depending on thickness, until they develop a nice crust on each side. Take them off and let them rest for 5 to 10 minutes. If you have a significant amount of excess marinade, you could simmer it on the stovetop for 5 to 10 minutes and use it as a delicious sauce. Of note, I used a pale ale in this marinade but I think you could use just about anything. Enjoy.

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

What's in My Fridge

Sluice Juice New England IPA by Bent Water Brewing Co. (Lynn, MA) This New England-style IPA has big citrus aroma — a breathtaking amount of citrus actually, mainly orange flavors. The beer itself is delicious, very smooth, mild bitterness. This is what you're looking for when you choose a New England-style IPA. I had it straight out of the can at first and that was great, but I actually preferred it out of a glass as I felt like I picked up more of the aromas. Cheers!

Need to try

The Portsmouth Brewery is offering a Citrus Vanilla Sour that both scares me and intrigues me. This is "a light bodied beer with the addition of orange peel and vanilla beans ... [and] a touch of caramel malt is balanced by the tart pithy-ness of the citrus," according to the brewery. I've got to get my taste buds on that.



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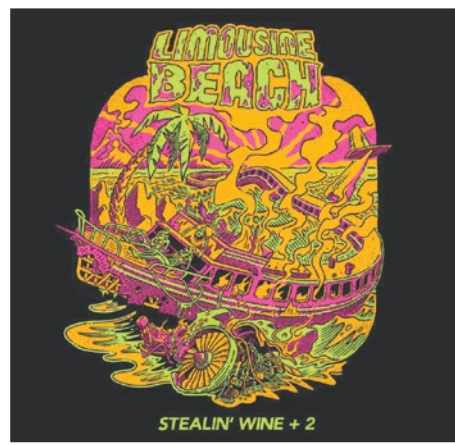
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More than any other record company that sends me stuff, the Tee Pee imprint is the most like a box of chocolates, at least as far as the noisiness goes. They've released LPs from Warlocks, High on Fire and Brian Jonestown Massacre, to name a few, and that's a pretty diverse spread if you think about it. As for this little three-songer (and I do mean little, clocking in at six minutes total), it's something fresh, at least as far as its throwback nature. It's three lead guitarists from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, trying to make the genre "sizzle rock" catch on. Thing is, this sound already caught on 45 or so years ago. Their spazzy but precise vibe recalls Sweet more than anything else (sidetrack: did anyone ever decide if that band was supposed to be called "The Sweet" or just "Sweet," not that it matters anymore?), but I suppose you could always throw Manchester Orchestra into the discussion, mostly because the recording is comparatively low-rent. It's Electric Light Orchestra-level fun for its entire shrimpy duration, anyway; I'd be interested in hearing more. **A-** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Permanent Collection, *Nothing Good Is Normal* (Strangeway Studios)

You've heard of musicians branching out to painting and film, but this is a new one for me, a guy who's so thoroughly, well, human, that you can find a review of him as an apartment tenant from one of his past landlords in Oakland. This is only the second full-length in seven years from Jason Hendarly's one-man Permanent Collection project, as he's been tied down with running his Strangeway imprint (all the company's records, mostly 7" EPs and cassettes, are out of print), doing video stuff, showing his bum on *Impose* magazine's site, and generally being rad. This LP starts out with a doom-metal bliss figure made of pure fuzz, which had me expecting some sort of Sunn(O) trip, but then it suddenly became awesome, dousing me in unkempt Big Black drone-metal with a black-metal guitar sound and "In Bloom"-mode Kurt Cobain vocals with the reverb absolutely pegged. What I've just described is something too cool for human ears, and it's that way through the whole set. If the songs weren't so melodically repetitive, I'd be this thing's most wild-eyed groupie. **A-** — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Oh great, the next general release date for albums is July 3, and at this writing I'm going to have to dig deep to find new records that'll come out that day. Like basically at this point, it's just **Paul Weller** (no, he didn't play Robocop, that was Peter Weller), whom I know nothing about, and **Willie Nelson**, so who wants to hear about new albums made by rich people when there's no work, and plus, coronavirus, can't we all just move to communes and forget about mowing the lawn? But whatever, since no one but Willie and Not The Robocop Guy is releasing CDs, it's the perfect time to fill this space with a retraction, for an error I made weeks back! Yes, the impossible did happen, and my friend Gary P. noticed it, because he actually reads these words instead of doing what you do, going right to Amy's movie reviews and then the Sudoku, and then it's time to wash the plague germs off your hands again, and then you forget that I might actually be worth reading because I have won two awards for writing snark grenades. What did I mess up? Well, the other week, I wrote in my expert-level, Pulitzer-worthy review of **Suzi Quatro**'s new album that she played Pinky Tuscadero on *Happy Days*, but I was wrong, and it bummed Gary out, because Suzi Quatro actually played *Leather* Tuscadero, not Pinky. So he texted me, all like "Dude!" and I was like, "This is how much I care about this career-destroying error: See that atom-sized dust-mite foot on your screen? No, next to the super-teeny spot of old Taco Bell slime, to the left." It was wicked tense, but then we had a laugh about it.

• So, right, **Willie Nelson** has a new one coming out on the 3rd, called *First Rose of Spring!* I dunno, I don't know anyone who buys Willie Nelson albums, do you? Usually people just Spotify his one-off duets with whoever, Johnny Cash or Death Grips, isn't that right? No? Well, then, I will now see how much I can tolerate of this billion-year-old's new song, the title track. Bet you anything it starts with slow acoustic guitar. Yup, it does, and sleepy dobro. He's singing about a girl, and butterflies and flowers. There's harmonica, and dobro, and Willie sounding a billion years old, and it just makes me think of the scene in *Blazing Saddles* when the guys are eating beans and passing gas. Aren't fart scenes the funniest? I wonder if people would buy an album of Willie burping while playing harmonica and dobro. I bet they would.

• Jane, stop this crazy thing, let's just wrap up this week with *On Sunset*, the new LP from **Paul Weller**! Oh for cripes sake, we already talked about this album the other week, so the release date was moved, and that's why you couldn't buy it on June 12. Only other new music to talk about is London punk band **Dream Wife's** *So When You Gonna*, and its single "Sports," a riot-grrrr type song that's awesome and bratty, like you will love this band if you are a girl who enjoys randomly breaking stuff. — *Eric W. Saeger*

Local bands seeking album or EP reviews can message me on Twitter (@esaeger) or Facebook (eric.saeger.9). 🍷

Retro Playlist

Eric W. Saeger recommends a couple of albums worth a second look.

I opened a can of worms the other month when I accepted a certain PR person's request to send me jazz material. Like all soldiers at the front lines of jazz publicity, she is absolutely overloaded with new albums of which she wants to raise the public's awareness. Over the past few weeks, my snail-mailbox has been crammed with her stuff. As I've said many times here, jazz play-



ers have a tough enough time as it is. Trying to get the attention of an American public that gains alarmingly little (if any) musical training in public schools is a tough nut to crack when your product — jazz music — is geared toward well-rounded palates. It doesn't help that many jazz records are too cookie-cutter, of course, a handicap common to all musical genres but completely untenable in jazz. It's always better to hear something that's actually new, at least to me, like **Jean Chau-mont's** 2018 LP *The Beauty of Differences*,

whose greatest power stems from the guitarist's non-standard setup, specifically a close-miked Eastman hollow-body guitar armed with steel and nylon strings. The tunes themselves are nice too, chilly modern doodles that don't strain themselves.

Last year I mentioned **Sub-tone's** then-new album *Moose Blues*, another one worth revisiting for the piano lines of the seemingly everywhere Florian Hoefner alone. Even if you aren't a fan of '70s-era post-bop, you still have to hand it to them for the insane amount of tour-



ing the band puts in. That kind of thing really makes a crew appreciate their studio time, which is very evident here.

If you're in a local band, now's a great time to let me know about your EP, your single, whatever's on your mind. Let me know how you're holding yourself together without being able to play shows or jam with your homies. Send a recipe for keema matar. Email esaeger@cyberontix.com for fastest response. 🍷

Shakespeare for Squirrels, by Christopher Moore (William Morrow, 271 pages)

In one of the more memorable songs from the musical *Something Rotten*, a character named Nick Bottom seethes “God, I hate Shakespeare — He has no sense about the audience / he makes them feel so dumb / The (expletive) doesn’t care that my poor (expletive) is getting numb.”

The same could be said of Christopher’s Moore *Shakespeare for Squirrels*, only it wasn’t so funny.

The third in a series of comedies derived from Shakespeare’s plays, the novel is a raunchy retelling of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, populated by characters that will be familiar to anyone who has seen what is considered to be the Bard of Avon’s most performed play.

The main characters were introduced in Moore’s 2009 novel *Fool*, a satirical take on King Lear, and later embellished in 2014’s *The Serpent of Venice*. They are Pocket, a court jester; Drool, his dimwit companion; and Jeff, a monkey. In the opening, they are near death, adrift in a boat, Drool so delirious from hunger that he is begging to lick the monkey. “Just one wee lick,” he pleads.

Lucky for the monkey, land appears, and the three crash onto the shores of 14th-century Athens and into the plot of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, with its fairies and players and royals, which in Moore’s hands are even more lewd and profane than Shakespeare wrote them. They are also somehow funnier. Shakespeare himself might have wished he had written this book.

Compare the dialogue of Shakespeare, when Nick Bottom’s transformation into a centaur with a donkey head is revealed — “O Bottom, thou art changed! What do I see on thee?” — with that of Moore: “Bottom,” said I. “Thou art transmogrified. How happened this change?”

A quick summary, with a necessary spoiler: Soon after landing in Greece, Pocket encounters the dying Robin Goodfellow (also known as the Puck), and is

mistakenly apprehended as the killer. In order to save his own skin and that of his slow-witted but good-hearted companion Drool, he obeys twin royal commands to venture into the fairy-infested forest to find the true assassin.

With killer dialogue and exquisite timing, Moore is generous with the jokes, both Elizabethan and contemporary. (A frequent callback referring to Pocket’s diminutive size — “Not an elf” — is wickedly funny and seems to derive from the TV show *The Good Place*.)

Moore writes with his tongue firmly in cheek, when it is not exploring naughtier territory, as it frequently does. If the novel had to be assigned a rating by the Motion Picture Association of America, it would have had to fight for an R. As such, one of the novel’s failings is the sense that it was written by a teenage boy with a really high IQ. Which brings us to its other problem, foreseen by Nick Bottom in *Something Rotten* — Moore makes us feel so dumb.

Shakespeare for Squirrels demands much of its readers, and having seen *A Midsummer’s Night Dream* once 10 years ago doesn’t cut it. (Painfully, I can attest.) From the beginning, when our heroes are rescued by the fairy Cobweb, the casual reader is taunted by what he or she doesn’t know, never encountered or doesn’t remember. For a full 263 pages there is the sense that we are missing the best jokes. It’s full-on FOMO (fear of missing out) until we reach the afterword, when Moore explains how the book came about. Even then, people who are only conversant with a handful of Shakespeare’s 36 plays can get lost as he recounts the origins of Hippolyta, Theseus and Oberon.

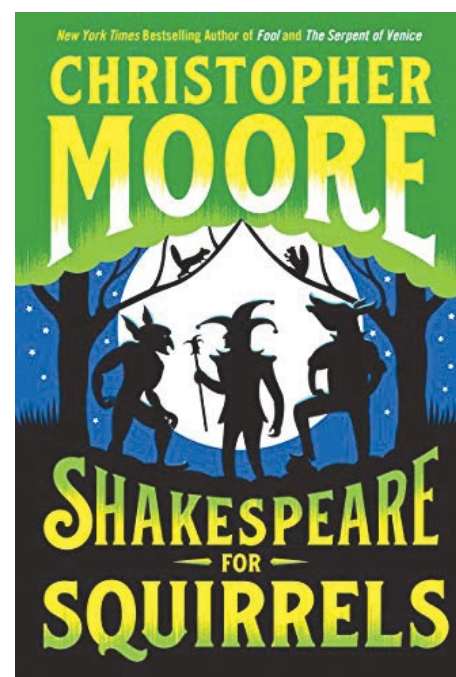
“Lovers and madmen have such seething brains,” Shakespeare wrote in a line just as good as “though she be but little she is fierce.” The same can be said of Moore’s brain, which operates on a plane higher than that of the average reader and seems as conversant with Shakespeare as the typical American is with the McDonald’s menu. This doesn’t mean we can’t enjoy *Shakespeare for Squirrels* without having

read the two previous installments, *Fool* and *The Serpent of Venice*. It can stand alone as a story, as even *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* is not required prerequisite reading.

But without this base of foreknowledge, reading Moore’s latest book is the literary equivalent of eating pistachios that haven’t been shelled. There is pleasure, yes, but it seems like an awful lot of work to get to it. The mental gymnastics required to get into the flow of the dialogue alone are exhausting on a midsummer afternoon. (“*The fairies*, I thought, *surely they will offer some unexplored gem of myth that I can festoon with knob jokes!*”)

That said, you will emerge from *Shakespeare for Squirrels* armed with a new collection of Shakespearean-style insults, which may alone be justification for your time, thou unctuous little hedgehog. (Said affectionately.) **B**

— Jennifer Graham



BOOK NOTES

As Americans gear up for a long weekend of quiet reading and deep thinking about democracy and its responsibilities, Project Gutenberg might come in handy.

The oldest digital library, it provides free access to more than 60,000 books that are in the public domain, so it’s a particularly good source for finding titles appropriate to the celebration of American independence. Here’s a sample of reading you can download onto your computer or e-reader at gutenberg.org:

- *The Memoirs, Correspondence and Miscellanies from the Papers of Thomas Jefferson* (decidedly dry in places, but it’s always interesting to get a glimpse of personal letters of history’s giants).

- Speaking of which, there’s also *Familiar Letters of John Adams and His Wife Abigail Adams During the Revolution*

- *George Washington’s State of the Union Addresses* (other early presidents are there, too).

- *George Washington’s Rules of Civility* (an adaptation of Richard Brookhiser’s *Rules of Civility*, which was said to greatly

influence the first president)

- *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin* and Franklin’s *The Way to Wealth*, which may be the first American self-help book

- *Sketches of Successful New Hampshire Men* — this was issued in 1882 and has nothing to do with American independence. But how could we not? An excerpt: “Forty years ago, when Manchester, now the metropolis of New Hampshire, was little more than a wasting waterfall and an unpeopled plain, a few young men who had the sagacity to see, the courage to grapple with, and the strength to control the possibilities of the location, made it their home.” Thank God for that, eh?

- *The Papers and Writings of Abraham Lincoln* (as well as his inaugural addresses)

- Alexis de Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*

- G.K. Chesterton’s *What I Saw in America*

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My Spy (PG-13)

Dave Bautista is another tough guy befriending a kid (see also: *The Rock*, *John Cena*, *Arnold Schwarzenegger*) in *My Spy*, a movie once bound for theaters but now on Amazon Prime.

JJ (Bautista) is a tough guy CIA agent who is finding the light touch required for successful spy-ery more difficult than the straightforward butt-kicking of being an Army Ranger. You're actually *not* supposed to kill everybody and walk away from the explosions without looking back, explains his boss (Ken Jeong), and thus JJ and his fan-girl tech person Bobbi (Kristen Schaal) are given the low-priority assignment of keeping an eye on Kate (Parisa Fitz-Henley), the widow of a former arms dealer. Her brother-in-law, Marquez (Greg Bryk), is still active in the selling-nukes-to-bad-guys game so JJ and Bobbi watch Kate and her daughter Sophie (Chloe Coleman), who are attempting to adjust after a recent move to Chicago.

While Kate seems more like a harried nurse and single mom than a woman who has any knowledge of her late husband's business, Sophie, who is 9, has some solid stealthiness skills. She sneaks up on JJ and Bobbi and records enough of a conversation between the two of them that she can blow their cover. Instead of telling her mom, though, she decides to blackmail JJ into doing things for her, such as taking her to an ice skating rink and teaching her spy stuff. When her mom first sees Sophie with JJ, Kate gives JJ a swift knee to the sensitive spy equipment but Sophie explains that JJ is their new upstairs neighbor and helped her with some bullies. Seeing the possibilities in JJ beyond just his abilities to rent ice skates and teach her to defeat a lie detector, Sophie arranges for JJ and Kate to bump into each other a few times until Kate asks JJ out.

This movie is rated PG-13 and my guess is that this is largely due to the early sequence of JJ killing a couple dozen henchmen, including one whose head goes flying. Common Sense Media pegs it at ages 10 and up and while I might not go that young I think "lightweight family action comedy" is what this movie is for families where the youngest viewers are middle school and up.

And as that, it's fine. Bautista has the "gruff guy with a good heart" thing ready to go. He



My Spy

maybe isn't quite as winning as Dwayne Johnson but he's probably as good, in his own way, as John Cena. His interactions with Coleman's Sophie feel right for each character — the movie lets Sophie seem enough like a human child that you can just sort of go with the plot, no matter how silly it gets.

I'm not sure how I would have responded to this movie in a theater; the faults of something like this seem to stand out when a movie is on a big screen and has required you to show up at a place on time and pay for popcorn. But as an at-home offering, the low barrier to viewing matches the "light chuckle" level of comedy just fine. **B-**

Rated PG-13 for action/violence and language, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by Peter Segal with a screenplay by Erich Hoeber and Jon Hoeber; My Spy is an hour and 39 minutes long and distributed by Amazon Studios. It is available on Amazon Prime.

Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga (PG-13)

Take the musical numbers from the *Trolls* animated movies and divide them by a Spinal Tap's "Stonehenge" sensibility and add an earnest Will Ferrell plus Dan Stevens' dodgy Russian accent (but

impressive willingness to go all in) and what you have equals *Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga*, a new comedy on Netflix.

I feel like Ferrell, who stars here and has a writing credit, probably really likes the annual Eurovision Song Contest and wants to find some way of introducing its glorious pop-song ABBA-ness to an American audience. And that actually sounds like a great idea. The competition — which I have never watched but has always sounded to me like the best possible mash-up of *American Idol* and the Olympics — has been available in America only recently. I hope when it comes back (this year's contest was canceled), Americans can view it with ease; it feels like exactly the kind of all-ages-friendly bowl of cheese dip that we're all going to need in our lives. I watched a highlights reel from the 2019 finale and I am sold on this whole deal, don't change one sparkly bit of it. (It looks like full versions of some years' final shows are also available on eurovision.tv and now that I know that I suspect my productivity will nosedive.)

So, getting Americans interested in the Eurovision Song Contest? Worthy goal. But are enough people really sufficiently aware of the Eurovision Song Contest that, for example, the many Eurovision-related cameos (which I could identify as cameos because of the way the movie shot and introduced them, not because I knew

who anybody was) resonate or that specific jokes about Eurovision register?

Without that layer, what you have is Will Ferrell as Lars Ericksson, a very middle-aged man living in a small town in Iceland who has spent most of his life trying to get a song in the Eurovision competition. He is so focused on this that he has never even pursued a romance with obviously-hot-for-him Sigrit (Rachel McAdams), his friend since childhood and his partner in the band Fire Saga. Sigrit is happy to follow Lars in his dreams, though she writes her own songs and does wish they'd maybe also find time to have a baby.

Due to a series of horrible (but lucky for Lars and Sigrit) events, Fire Saga finds itself as Iceland's Eurovision competitor. Russia's competitor Alexander Lemtov (Dan Stevens) and his friend Mita (Melissanthi Mahut), Greece's competitor, have a better shot at winning the competition than Fire Saga and yet the duo seems to enjoy messing with the team dynamic of Fire Saga, which, with its special effects and iffy wardrobe choices, seems to be doing just fine sabotaging itself.

At two hours and three minutes, *Fire Saga* is at least 35 minutes too long. At times the movie feels more like a collection of extra material for a *Saturday Night Live* Eurovision sketch than a tightly plotted narrative. It is at its best when the too-old Lars is trying to sell a Viking power ballad or the enjoyably dippy Sigrit is talking to elves — or when it's just showing us Eurovision. More Eurovision, would have been my studio note. A song-mash-up featuring real-life Eurovision people is charming and irresistible and joyfully silly in the best sense.

In yet another example of grading on a serious curve, this movie is acceptable entertainment because (if you have Netflix) you don't have to pay any extra money to watch it and because you can feel when it's slowing down and time your snack runs and phone-checking accordingly. **B-**

Rated PG-13 for crude sexual material including full nude sculpture, some comic violent images and language, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by David Dobkin with a screenplay by Will Ferrell and Andrew Steele, Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga is somehow two hours and three minutes long and is available on Netflix. 🍷

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THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Mountain music:** A Concord trio consisting of guitar, drums and keyboard, **Holy Fool** favors smooth soulful grooves with jazzy elements. They play an outdoor show at a ski resort repurposed for summer, their first since Friday the 13th in March at hometown haunt True Brew, just as the world was shutting down. During quarantine the group was part of the Granite State Online Music Festival. Thursday, July 2, 4 p.m. at Pats Peak Ski Area, 686 Flanders Road, Henniker, facebook.com/holyfoolnh.

• **Singing, playing:** Enjoy a solo acoustic experience with **The Lone Wolf Project**. Christopher Perkins' set list includes everything from Queensryche to Cyndi Lauper, with sweet tunes like John Denver's "Annie's Song" offered as well. Perkins has some nice originals, too, like "Today," written during lockdown, about keeping family close. Friday, July 3, 6 p.m., Fratello's Italian Grille, 799 Union Ave., Laconia, facebook.com/ASoloAcousticExperience.

• **Laugh again:** Though his Headliners downtown showcase room is still shuttered, **Rob Steen** is promoting shows and performing comedy again in Manchester, as a multipurpose movie house returns to standup. Drew Dunn, who won top honors at competitions in Seattle and Boston, tops the bill at what's basically a three-headliner show, with Steen and Amy Tee. Saturday, July 4, 9 p.m., Chunky's Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Road, Manchester. Tickets \$20 at headlinerscomedyclub.com.

• **Twofer time:** In between shows with their band **Almost Famous**, Jimmy Magoon and Kristin Atkins perform as a duo, covering pop hits and classic rock for every mood. Formed in 2012, the Boston group is popular for whipping crowds into a dancing frenzy, but their talents for chilling a room and keeping an easy vibe going will probably be more welcome in this moment. Sunday, July 5, 3 p.m., Old School Bar & Grill, 49 Range Road, Windham, facebook.com/almostfamousrocks.

NITE

In the pocket

Blues rockers return to the stage

By Michael Witthaus
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Downtown Dave & the Deep Pockets played their last pre-quarantine gig on March 8, so when they booked a late May show outdoors at Broken Spoke in Laconia, frontman Dave Glannon counted the days. Fate, however, had other plans for his blues-rock powerhouse. A broken well pump forced them to cancel, though the owner paid half their guarantee, a reminder of why the Spoke is a favorite venue for the band.

The cash was a comfort, but for Glannon, music is passion first, profession second. He was ready to get down and play his harmonica, to jam with guitarist Paul Size and a rhythm section of drummer Don Boucher and bass player Erik Thomas.

So he moved the show down the road, and turned it into a party.

"Everybody was already there, like right around the corner, and my friend has a place at the lake," Glannon explained in a recent phone interview. "It just felt so good to get together and play."

Glannon became a musician at age 41, inspired by the purchase of his first compact disc player, when they were a new thing. He bought two CDs that day, Aerosmith's *Live Bootleg* and Muddy Waters' *Still Hard*. The latter looked cool, had Johnny Winter backing blues legend Waters on guitar, and was bargain priced.

It changed his life.

"I think I played it for three months straight," Glannon said. "That's when I realized this is something I would really love to do."

Attending an all-star benefit show at the original House of Blues in Cambridge a while later cemented his instinct.

"There were all these great people — Jerry Paquette, Racky Thomas, Jerry Portnoy, a bunch of others. ... I went by myself and was just standing there taking in all the action, and I realized I really had to pursue it," Glannon



Downtown Dave & the Deep Pockets. Courtesy photo.

said. Realizing that learning to play guitar would take a lot of time, "I figured harmonica was the quickest way to get into that."

In the mid-2000s Glannon practiced in his garage and went to Tuesday night blues jams hosted by Paquette at KC's Rib Shack in Manchester — always as a spectator. One night, after prolonged prodding by his then-wife, he stepped on stage.

"I played one song and started to walk off, but Jerry stopped me," he said. "He said, 'You don't sit down until I tell you to.' So I kept coming back. ... He must have seen something there."

Glannon spent four years playing in Paquette's Kan-Tu Blues Band, then set about forming the Deep Pockets in 2010.

"I love the blues and I like that style, but I wanted to do something more up-tempo," he said.

Band members have come and gone; none remain from the lineup that traveled to Memphis after winning the 2015 Granite State Blues Challenge. Boucher came aboard shortly after the competition. Size, a Texas expat who played in The Red Devils, is the most recent to join. ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons included Size on his *10 Guitarists Who Blew My Mind* list, which also included Jeff Beck, Jimmy Page and Jimi Hendrix.

Glannon thinks the current Downtown Dave & the Deep Pockets is the best ever, for a few reasons.

"These are four people who truly get along, have great respect for each other, great talent, and are in tune with everything that is going on," he said. "On stage, it's pure magic, three to four hours of thinking about nothing but the music at hand. It helps keep you sane."

Their summer calendar is slowly filling, with shows set for July 11 at Pitman's Freight Room in Laconia, and July 18 at The Anchorage, a restaurant-bar situated on the edge of Lake Sunapee. Pitman's has long been a favorite stop for the band.

"It's a great room, and the sound quality is fantastic," Glannon said. "People are there strictly for the music, and it's always a very appreciative crowd."

Downtown Dave & the Deep Pockets

When: Saturday, July 11, 8 p.m.
Where: Pitman's Freight Room, 94 New Salem St., Laconia
Tickets: \$20/door - pitmansfreightroom.com
Also: Saturday, July 18, 8 p.m. at The Anchorage, 71 Main St., Sunapee

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Thursday, July 2

Amherst LaBelle Winery: Derek Russell Fimbel, 6 p.m.	Manchester CJ's: Maven Jamz, 6 p.m. Derryfield: Swipe Right Duo, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Ted Solovicos, 6 p.m.	Concord Area 23: Liam Spain & Friends, 5 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.	Amherst LaBelle Winery: Derek Russell Fimbel, 6 p.m.	Manchester CJ's: Maven Jamz, 6 p.m. Derryfield: Swipe Right Duo, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Ted Solovicos, 6 p.m.	Concord Area 23: Liam Spain & Friends, 5 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.
Bedford Copper Door: Caroline Portu, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.	Derry T-Bones: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.	Nashua Fratello's: Matt Luneau, 6 p.m.	Bedford Copper Door: Caroline Portu, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.	Derry T-Bones: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.	Nashua Fratello's: Matt Luneau, 6 p.m.
Concord Cheers: Lisa Guyer	Nashua Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m.	Gilford Patrick's: Matt Langley, 4 p.m.	New Boston Molly's Tavern: Matt Bergeron, 5 p.m.	Concord Cheers: Lisa Guyer	Nashua Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m.	Gilford Patrick's: Matt Langley, 4 p.m.	New Boston Molly's Tavern: Matt Bergeron, 5 p.m.
Derry T-Bones: Bob Pratte, 6 p.m.	Newmarket Stone Church: Artty Francoeur, 6 p.m.	Hudson T-Bones: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.	Rochester Governor's Inn: Grenon, 7 p.m.	Derry T-Bones: Bob Pratte, 6 p.m.	Newmarket Stone Church: Artty Francoeur, 6 p.m.	Hudson T-Bones: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.	Rochester Governor's Inn: Grenon, 7 p.m.
Goffstown Village Trestle: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.	Rochester Governors Inn: Texas Pete, 6 p.m.	Laconia Broken Spoke Saloon: Talkin' Smack, 6 p.m. Cactus Jack's/T-Bones: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m. Naswa: Neon Rodeo, 4 p.m.	Salem Copper Door: Joe Winslow, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Music from J-Z, 6 p.m.	Goffstown Village Trestle: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.	Rochester Governors Inn: Texas Pete, 6 p.m.	Laconia Broken Spoke Saloon: Talkin' Smack, 6 p.m. Cactus Jack's/T-Bones: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m. Naswa: Neon Rodeo, 4 p.m.	Salem Copper Door: Joe Winslow, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Music from J-Z, 6 p.m.
Hampton Ashworth by the Sea: Paradise Duo, 4 p.m. Sea Ketch: Bob Tirelli, 6 p.m. Smuttynose: open mic with Max Sullivan, 6 p.m.	Salem Copper Door: Gabby Martin, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Phil Jacques, 6 p.m.	Hudon T-Bones: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.	Somersworth Stripe Nine: Lu, 6 p.m.	Hampton Ashworth by the Sea: Paradise Duo, 4 p.m. Sea Ketch: Bob Tirelli, 6 p.m. Smuttynose: open mic with Max Sullivan, 6 p.m.	Salem Copper Door: Gabby Martin, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Phil Jacques, 6 p.m.	Hudon T-Bones: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.	Somersworth Stripe Nine: Lu, 6 p.m.
Henniker Pats Peak: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m.	Windham Castleton: Nicole Knox Murphy, 5:30 p.m. Old School Bar & Grill: Terminal Velocity, 6 p.m.	Laconia Broken Spoke Saloon: Talkin' Smack, 6 p.m. Cactus Jack's/T-Bones: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m. Naswa: Neon Rodeo, 4 p.m.	Windham Old School Bar & Grill: First Shot, 6 p.m.	Henniker Pats Peak: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m.	Windham Castleton: Nicole Knox Murphy, 5:30 p.m. Old School Bar & Grill: Terminal Velocity, 6 p.m.	Laconia Broken Spoke Saloon: Talkin' Smack, 6 p.m. Cactus Jack's/T-Bones: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m. Naswa: Neon Rodeo, 4 p.m.	Windham Old School Bar & Grill: First Shot, 6 p.m.

Friday, July 3

Bedford Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Andrew Geano, 6 p.m.	Manchester CJ's: Corinna Salven, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.	Concord Area 23: Crazy Steve, 2 p.m.; Llava Llama, 5 p.m.	Derry T-Bones: Andrew Geano, 6 p.m.	Bedford Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Andrew Geano, 6 p.m.	Manchester CJ's: Corinna Salven, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.	Concord Area 23: Crazy Steve, 2 p.m.; Llava Llama, 5 p.m.	Derry T-Bones: Andrew Geano, 6 p.m.
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Londonderry Stumble Inn: Joanie Cicatelli Duo, 6 p.m.	Manchester Copper Door: Tim Kierstead, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Joe Winslow, 6 p.m.	Laconia Broken Spoke Saloon: Talkin' Smack, 6 p.m. Cactus Jack's/T-Bones: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m. Naswa: Neon Rodeo, 4 p.m.	Hampton Ashworth by the Sea: DJ, 8 p.m. (Breakers Restaurant)	Londonderry Stumble Inn: Joanie Cicatelli Duo, 6 p.m.	Manchester Copper Door: Tim Kierstead, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Joe Winslow, 6 p.m.	Laconia Broken Spoke Saloon: Talkin' Smack, 6 p.m. Cactus Jack's/T-Bones: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m. Naswa: Neon Rodeo, 4 p.m.	Hampton Ashworth by the Sea: DJ, 8 p.m. (Breakers Restaurant)
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The music returns

These listings for live music are compiled from press releases, restaurants' websites and social media and artists' websites and social media. Events may be weather dependent. Call venue to check on special rules and reservation instructions.

Monday, July 6

Hampton Sea Ketch: Ray Zerkle, 1 p.m.; Tim Theriault, 7 p.m.	Londonderry Stumble Inn: Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.	Manchester Fratello's: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.	Hampton Sea Ketch: Ray Zerkle, 1 p.m.; Tim Theriault, 7 p.m.	Londonderry Stumble Inn: Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.	Manchester Fratello's: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.
Nashua Fratello's: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.	Salem Copper Door: Tim Kierstead, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Joe Winslow, 6 p.m.	Laconia Broken Spoke Saloon: Talkin' Smack, 6 p.m. Cactus Jack's/T-Bones: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m. Naswa: Neon Rodeo, 4 p.m.	Windham Old School Bar & Grill: Almost Famous, 3 p.m.; Swipe Right, 6 p.m.	Nashua Fratello's: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.	Salem Copper Door: Tim Kierstead, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Joe Winslow, 6 p.m.	Laconia Broken Spoke Saloon: Talkin' Smack, 6 p.m. Cactus Jack's/T-Bones: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m. Naswa: Neon Rodeo, 4 p.m.	Windham Old School Bar & Grill: Almost Famous, 3 p.m.; Swipe Right, 6 p.m.

Sunday, July 5

Gilford Patrick's: Cody James, 4 p.m.	Hampton Bernie's Beach Bar: Max Sullivan, 1 p.m.	Gilford Patrick's: Cody James, 4 p.m.	Hampton Bernie's Beach Bar: Max Sullivan, 1 p.m.
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Hampton
Sea Ketch: Paul Lussier, 1 p.m.;
Ricky Lauria, 6 p.m.

Hudson
Fat Katz: open mic, 7 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Corinna Savlen, 5
p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Ryan Williamson, 6
p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Phil Jakes, 6 p.m.

Nashua
Fratello's: Clint Lapointe, 6 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Jarred Garneau,
6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

Bedford
Murphy's: Chad LaMarsh, 5:30
p.m.

Hampton
Ashworth by the Sea: Max Sul-
livan, 4 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Leo and Co., 1 p.m.;
Clint LaPointe, 6 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke with
DJ Whitney, 7 p.m.

Laconia
Naswa: Eric Grant, 4:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Joanie Ciatelli
Duo, 5 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Austin McCarthy, 6
p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Sean Coleman, 6
p.m.

Nashua
Fratello's: Andrew Geano, 6
p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Dave Gerard, 6
pm.

Thursday, July 9

Bedford
Copper Door: Grace Rapetti, 6
p.m.
T-Bones: Phil Jacques, 6 p.m.

Derry
T-Bones: Pete Peterson, 6 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Charlie Chro-
nopoulos, 6 p.m.

Hampton
Ashworth by the Sea: Tim Par-
ent, 4 p.m. (rooftop lounge)
Sea Ketch: Lewis Goodwin, 6
p.m.
Smuttynose: open mic with Max
Sullivan, 6 p.m.

Hudson
T-Bones: Ray Zerkle, 6 p.m.

Laconia
Cactus Jack's/T-Bones: Rory
Scott, 6 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Troy & Luneau, 6
p.m.

Manchester
CJ's: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh,
6p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Clint Lapointe, 6
p.m.

Nashua
Fratello's: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Todd Hearon, 6
p.m.

Portsmouth
Cisco Brewers: Jah Spirit, 7 p.m.

Rochester
Governor's Inn: Rosie, 6 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Music from J-Z,
6 p.m.
T-Bones: Bob Pratte, 6 p.m.

Windham
Castleton: Nicole Knox Murphy,
5:30 p.m.
Old School Bar & Grill: John
Plunkett, 6 p.m.

Concerts

All shows subject to change.

Venues

Bank of NH Stage
16 Main St., Concord
225-1111 banknhstage.com

Bank of NH Pavilion
72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford,
293-4700, banknhpavilion.com

**Hampton Beach Casino
Ballroom**
169 Ocean Blvd, Hampton
929-4100, casinoballroom.com

Tupelo Music Hall
10 A St., Derry
437-5100, tupelomusicball.com

Shows

• **Badfish** Friday, July 3, 8 p.m.
Casino Ballroom
• **Joss Stone** Thursday, July 9, 8
p.m. Casino Ballroom
• **Best Not Broken** Thursday, July
9, 6 p.m. Tupelo Drive-In
• **Ryan Montbleau** Friday, July
10, 6 p.m. Tupelo Drive-In
• **Old Crow Medicine Show**
Saturday, July 11, 8 p.m. Casino

Ballroom
• **Eaglemania** Saturday & Sun-
day, July 11 & 12, 8 p.m. Tupelo
Drive-In
• **Livingston Taylor** Saturday, July
18, 12 & 3 p.m. Tupelo Drive-In
• **Dueling Pianos** Sunday, July 19,
6 p.m. Tupelo Drive-In
• **Joe Louis Walker** Friday, July
24, 6 p.m. Tupelo Drive-In
• **Classic Stones Live** Saturday
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• **Dana Fuchs** Friday, July 31, 6
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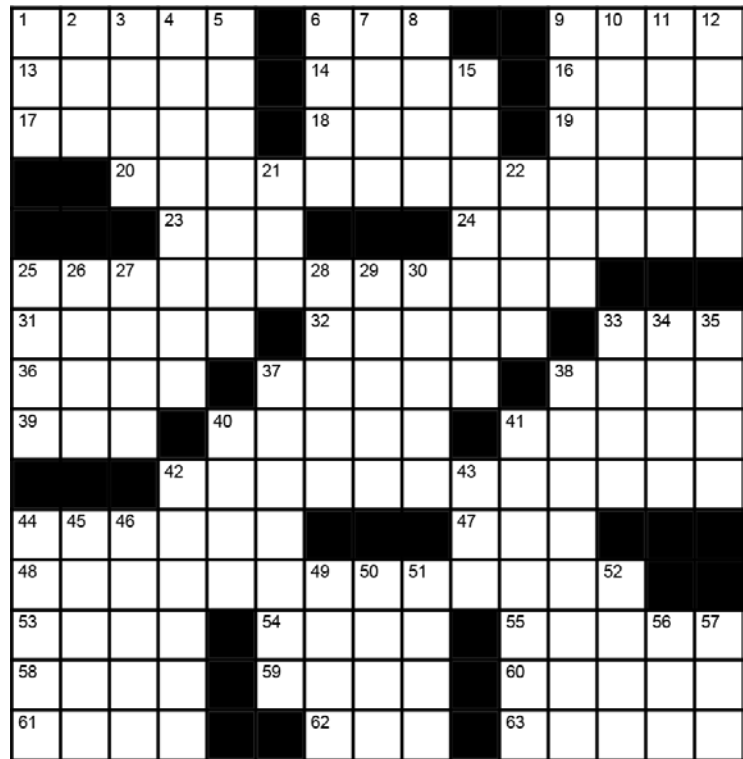
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making a 'Beautiful ___'
 62. Huey Lewis "Where else can you do a half a million things all ___ quarter to three?" (2,1)
 63. Herbie Hancock gave us fair warning before playing 'Ready ___' (2,3)

Down

1. When security clear, they do this
 2. BTO "Long ___ was w/you" (2,1)
 3. George Michael 'Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go' band
 4. Country band inspired by Texas?
 5. Jazz and funk bassist Clarke
 6. Cake will sit you down on their 'Italian Leather ___'
 7. Former Generation X, then solo 'Dancing With Myself' singer Billy
 8. Pianist and 'God' singer Amos
 9. 'Molly' & 'Plowed' band used to clean pots and pans?
 10. When you hit it big, you get signed to one
 11. Paul Stanley's tattoo (1,4)
 12. They can make or break careers with reviews
 15. Pearl Jam 'Ten' song not called "Hold"
 21. '90 Black Sabbath album they grew bored with?
 22. An eye mascara site for makeup artist
 25. Phish could barely see the 'Mountains In The ___'
 26. Bob Dylan 'Belle ___'
 27. What killer band will do
 28. Standing Outside A Broken ___ Booth With Money In My Hand
 29. '02 Avril Lavigne album she didn't hang onto? (3,2)
 30. Career wrongdoing
 33. Donovan sang about this 13-19 year

Across

1. Iconic 70's R&B/soul singer Lou
 6. Johnny Cash is going to pull up a chair and do this on 'The Porch'
 9. '90 Chumbawamba album that feels like a hand across the face?
 13. Eric Clapton didn't even hide his gun when he sang '___ The Sheriff' (1,4)
 14. Sweaty show "side-effect"
 16. 'St. Elmo's Fire (Man in Motion)' John
 17. Misfits song about Supremes singer Ross?
 18. '86 Huey Lewis album about golfer's cry?
 19. Instrument in a wind quintet
 20. '17 Aimee Mann album she had a sick, psychiatric disorder making? (6,7)
 23. Family Stone bandleader
 24. 'Peaceful Easy Feeling' band
 25. Olivia Newton-John will beg twice on 'Please ___' (6,6)
 31. Huey Lewis "I won't like leaving, if ___ here too long" (1,4)
 32. Kristin of Throwing Muses
 33. Doyle of namesake grunge band
 36. To smear during interview is to do this
 37. Charting soundtrack 'Hunchback Of ___ Dame'
 38. Solo soul/Drifters singer ___ King (3,1)
 39. Sting '93 album '___ Summoner's Tales'
 40. 70's English 'Baby Jump' band ___ Jerry
 41. Large indoor concert site
 42. '99 311 hit that said to not show up as an imitator (4,8)
 44. Bananarama 'Michael, Row The Boat ___'
 47. System Of A Down 'U- ___'
 48. Phil Collins "I can feel it coming in ___" (3,3,7)

53. Producers listening needs, slang
 54. Kid Rock goes for the knockout 'With ___-Two' (1,3)
 55. Godsmack crossed over to the '___ Side'
 58. Live Grateful Dead album they played 'Without ___' (1,3)
 59. Misspelled untrusting Neil Young song 'Can't Believe Your ___'
 60. Girl-inspired ZZ Top 'El Loco' song
 61. Diamond Rio needed to tidy up after

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Find and Circle...

- Five words ending in ZZ
- Four five-letter birds
- Three meals
- Three car companies
- Three four-letter mammals

Last Week's Answers: CHEKOV SCOTTY MCCOY UHURA SPOCK KIRK SULU / CHAMBER CLIENT FIRM / SITCOM DRAMA NEWS / KING ROOK PAWN / MINOR

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old 'Angel'
 34. 'What Have I Done' Ternheim
 35. LeAnn Rimes thinks she's kind of a 'Big ___'
 37. Led Zep used this in early album titles
 38. Colbie Caillat got blinded when she looked at something '___ Than The Sun'
 40. Patti Smith 'Memento ___'
 41. David Lee Roth classic 'Just ___' (1,6)
 42. Might hit the watery east and west ones on tour
 43. Waylon Jennings & Willie Nelson '___ Can Find A Clean Shirt' (2,1)
 44. Ed Sheeran debut smash 'The ___' (1,4)
 45. ___ MacGowan And The Popes
 46. Huey Lewis saw her and sang 'Now ___ You'
 49. Petra 'More Power ___' (2,2)
 50. Beyonce had something in the oven and told us she would 'Check ___' (2,2)
 51. German band that had '99 Luftballons'
 52. Huey Lewis 'Walking On A ___ Line'
 56. Jeff Lynne band that released 'Time in '81 (abbr)
 57. Festival narc, aka
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10+			5-	3÷	
	30X				4
2-	3÷		4	2-	
	9+	2÷	8+	13+	
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- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
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- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

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2	3	1	4
4	2	3	1
3-	1	4	2
2-	3	1	4

1-	12X	4	1-
5	2	6	1
6	3	5	2
5-	1	6	3
4	20X	2	6
4	5	2	6
6X	2	4	1
2-	3	1	4

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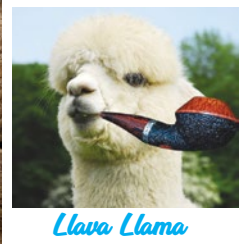
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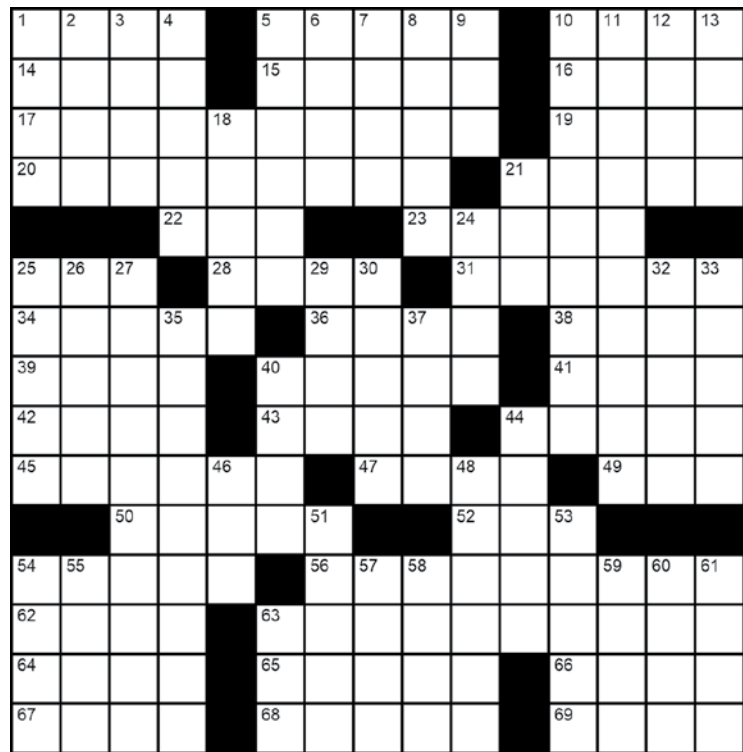
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"Times Squared" — a sign of the times



Across

- 1 Account execs
- 5 Common writing
- 10 Melting period
- 14 Tabriz's country
- 15 Patty and Selma's brother-in-law
- 16 Sainly symbol
- 17 Credit for a newspaper story on a Magritte work?
- 19 Musk who named one of his kids X AE A-XII
- 20 Topics during a job interview
- 21 Robotic "Doctor Who" nemesis
- 22 Rush singer Geddy
- 23 City's outer fringe
- 25 CXV x X
- 28 Nervous
- 31 Confirm, as a password
- 34 Cumulonimbus, for one
- 36 Carrie Fisher 6-Down
- 38 Device with earbuds
- 39 Rolling Stone co-founder Wenner
- 40 One of the Rat Pack
- 41 "Quién ___?" ("Who knows?" en español)
- 42 Common interest gps.
- 43 Mid-month Roman date

- 44 "Ready to do this!"
- 45 Lynx cousin
- 47 American-born queen of Jordan
- 49 Part of DOS or GPS
- 50 Positive responses
- 52 One of 30, for short?
- 54 ___ cum laude
- 56 Markey, Merkley, or Murkowski, e.g.
- 62 Bunches
- 63 Off-road cycling lane?
- 64 Drummer Krupa
- 65 Company that had a breakout with Breakout
- 66 Prefix meaning "eight"
- 67 Like some coffee
- 68 Insinuate
- 69 Aussie hoppers

- 32 New Orleans sandwich, informally
- 33 Idyllic spots
- 35 Like some dryer sheets or detergent
- 37 "___ Excited" (Pointer Sisters song)
- 40 Webmaster's concern
- 44 Literary twist of sorts
- 46 Proud ___ peacock
- 48 The slightest degree
- 51 Luxury hotel accommodations
- 53 Visible gas
- 54 "We Three Kings" kings
- 55 "Match Game" host Baldwin
- 57 Card game with no cards below seven
- 58 Doris Day lyric repeated after "Que"
- 59 Food truck fare
- 60 Actress Miranda
- 61 Greek letters that look like P's
- 63 Reusable grocery item

Down

- 1 Clothing mishaps
- 2 French composer Satie
- 3 Big ___ (David Ortiz's nickname)
- 4 Fishhook attachment
- 5 Gym class, for short
- 6 Thespan's objective
- 7 Leave out
- 8 "That makes no ___!"
- 9 Before, palindromically
- 10 2011 Oscar winner for Best Picture
- 11 Oates's attempt to go solo?
- 12 Ubiquitous lotion ingredient
- 13 Policy maven
- 18 Run, as dyes
- 21 Like library books, eventually
- 24 Inner vision?
- 25 Dead-end service gig, slangily
- 26 Mild cigar
- 27 Stretchy thing from the past?
- 29 Pleased
- 30 Nearly alphabetically last country

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R&R answer from pg 29 of 6/25



Jonesin' answer from pg 32 of 6/25



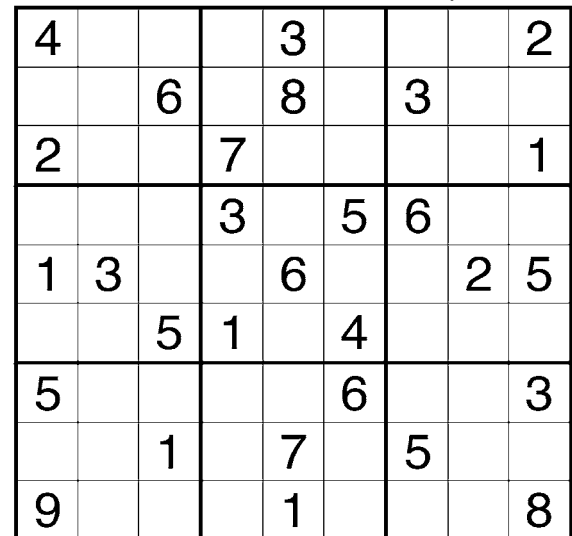
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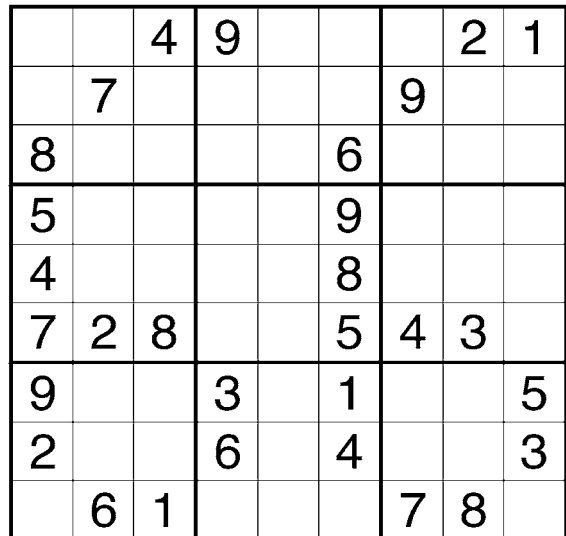
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. See last week's puzzle answers on pg 29.

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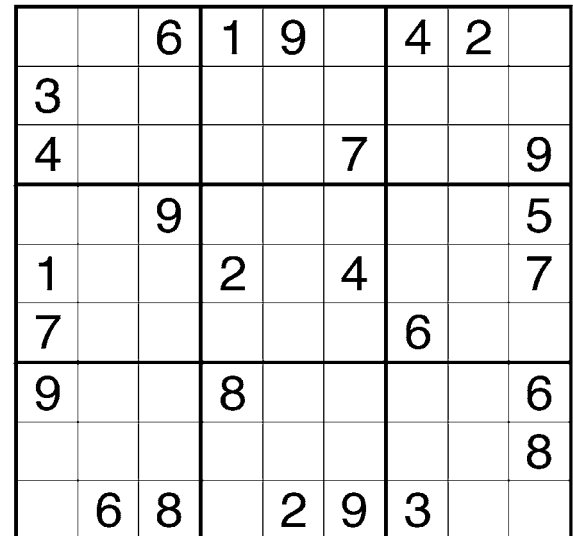
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All quotes are from *The Tarantula in My Purse and 172 Other Wild Pets*, by Jean Craighead George, born July 2, 1919.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) But how were we going to manage the bath schedule? When we had the baby painted turtle in the tub for a couple of weeks before releasing him, it was simple enough to pick him up and put him in the sink while we showered. The ducklings would pop right out of the sink. If the ducklings have the tub, you can shower outside with the garden hose.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) The scrappy little crow ... clawed the air as if to tear us to pieces. I went to the refrigerator, took out a cold cheeseburger, and stuffed a bite in his mouth, pressing it with my finger to make sure he swallowed. He did, and instantly changed his tune. ... At the end of the day we had a pet crow. Crows like cheeseburgers.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) I saw another world through the eyes of my kestrel. It was a world of crickets, meadow flowers, cumulus clouds, thunderheads, and tree hollows. To get out of your own head, spend some time with nature.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) Virginia was also happy to see the mice go. She was smiling the day the cage went to the basement. With a thank-goodness-that's-over sigh, she opened Twig's windows wide and let the fresh air from the woods blow through the room. Then Craig came home with a baby skunk. Maybe bring back the mice?

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) The bullfrog arrived in a bucket with eleven other bullfrogs that Craig and his friends had caught for the high school science teacher. 'We're not going to dissect them,' Craig told me. 'The teacher's planning some behavioral study.' ... Craig covered the bucket for the night. Around two in the morning I heard a pot lid clanking to the floor, and frogs croaking. The frogs have their own ideas.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) 'I'm not going to play with that crow anymore,' she said. 'He takes all my toys.' Who needs a greedy playmate?

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) The little raccoons could climb up trees, but they couldn't climb down. ... [Their mother] loped up the tree, grabbed one by the scruff of its neck, and dropped it to the ground with a

thud. Then she dropped the other one, hurried down the tree, and stood over them while she scolded them with snarls. Baby raccoons are not known for planning ahead.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) People see the world from an earthbound level. But ah, the bird. From the top of the roof, trees, and telephone poles, Crowbar got a bird's-eye view of the world. He saw the entire neighborhood as well as what went on inside our house. From the trees he peered down at us through the windows. It's a good time to recalibrate your perspective. And get a wheel alignment.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) Weasels sleep as hard as they play. Play hard, sleep hard.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) The next day Twig and Luke came running to the sunporch, where I worked and kept my typewriter, library, plants, bugs, and other things pertinent to raising children and writing nature books. It's a sunporch and an office!

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) 'Yammer [the owl] loves Road Runner,' Twig said, and dashed to the TV.... A chord of music sounded, lights flashed, and all eyes — particularly Yammer's — were riveted on that zany bird running on and off the screen. Enjoy a riveting performance.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) My first pet was a baby turkey vulture, a carrion eater fit for witches and monsters.... He was a work of art. I loved him on sight. You never know who you'll connect with.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 Rooney and Rourke (7)	_____
2 braying creatures (7)	_____
3 rode in the Kentucky Derby (8)	_____
4 playing (around) (9)	_____
5 Pacific salmon species (7)	_____
6 thingamajigs (10)	_____
7 Big Ten football team (8)	_____

EYS	JO	EYE	KEYS	DO
CK	NG	YI	ED	BUCK
MICK	EY	SOCK	ICK	NKE
DON	EYS	EYES	MO	OH

Last Week's Answers: 1. ENDURES 2. PESTERS 3. IMITATES 4. DEFAITS 5. STRUGGLES 6. DECEIVES 7. WALLOPS

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Sudoku Answers from pg 32, June 25

Puzzle A

9	2	1	3	6	5	7	8	4
7	6	4	9	2	8	1	3	5
3	5	8	4	7	1	9	6	2
1	7	2	5	9	3	8	4	6
5	8	3	6	1	4	2	9	7
6	4	9	7	8	2	3	5	1
4	1	5	2	3	9	6	7	8
8	3	6	1	5	7	4	2	9
2	9	7	8	4	6	5	1	3

Puzzle B

5	7	4	8	1	6	9	2	3
1	8	9	3	7	2	6	5	4
2	6	3	5	4	9	7	1	8
6	5	1	9	2	3	4	8	7
9	4	8	7	6	5	1	3	2
7	3	2	4	8	1	5	6	9
8	2	5	1	9	7	3	4	6
3	9	6	2	5	4	8	7	1
4	1	7	6	3	8	2	9	5

Puzzle C

5	9	7	2	3	6	1	8	4
4	2	6	5	8	1	3	7	9
8	3	1	4	7	9	5	2	6
2	7	9	8	6	3	4	1	5
3	6	8	1	5	4	7	9	2
1	4	5	7	9	2	6	3	8
9	5	3	6	2	7	8	4	1
6	1	2	3	4	8	9	5	7
7	8	4	9	1	5	2	6	3

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Complaint department

Car buyer Da Tong Yang of Richmond, British Columbia, became so frustrated with his local Mercedes-Benz dealership that in January he flew to the company's headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany, to seek help. Yang bought his wife, Guifang Huo, a brand-new S550 in 2017, partially because he believed the \$155,000 car to be one of the safest vehicles available, but a year later, the couple claimed, the steering wheel locked, causing the car to nearly crash into a concrete wall. Mercedes-Benz said an "internal electrical issue" was at fault and assured the couple it was fixed. Yang wasn't convinced, demanded his money back or a replacement car, then sued the company when it declined. The case has languished in court, prompting Yang's trip to Stuttgart in early June "to find justice, not only for him but also for other drivers," he told the Richmond News. Despite his personal appearance, litigation is still underway.

No good deed...

An unnamed 66-year-old woman in Ewing, New Jersey, gave \$1 to a man begging in a drugstore parking lot on June 18 and became the victim of a carjacking, according to the Associated Press. Ewing police said Tomasz Dymek, 31, of Queens, New York, "was not satisfied with the dollar, so he forced his way into the victim's vehicle and drove from the lot, sitting on top of

her in the driver's seat." Witnesses alerted police, who followed Dymek into Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, where the car broke down and officers arrested him.

Bright idea

Bradley Bell, head writer for *The Bold and the Beautiful*, told the New York Post the show is experimenting with using blowup dolls in love scenes as the daytime soap, in hiatus since March, resumed taping on June 17. Challenged to adhere to COVID-19 protocols, Bell said, "We put our heads together trying to figure out a way to make these scenes work without breaking the 8-foot (distancing) rule ... and we brought out a doll we used years ago as a corpse." The result, he said, "was very convincing ... We'll be using her with hair and makeup as a stand-in to match some of our leading ladies." The show has also recruited some of the actors' spouses as body doubles. "We've had stunt doubles before," Bell said, "but this is the first time we've had kissing doubles."

Ambitious criminals

• Donovan Russell Jester, 28, of Largo, Florida, was arrested on June 18 for grand theft of a vessel — a \$900,000, 46-foot-long yacht. The Tampa Bay Times reported the theft took place March 20 at Thunder Marine, where Pinellas County deputies said the 2019 Jeanneau Leader was stolen

and driven into four channel-marker pilings, doing about \$60,000 worth of damage, before being abandoned to drift in an oyster bed. Investigators found Jester's thumbprint on a cabin door; he was held at the Pinellas County jail on \$50,000.

• At 1:28 a.m. on June 20, airport air traffic control in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, contacted police about a distress call coming from an aircraft. Officers already at the airport trying to locate a car they believed had been stolen from Daytona Beach found Robert Stienstra, 22, of DeBary, Florida, sitting in the airplane on the airport apron, according to an arrest report. Stienstra asked an officer whether he knew how to fly a plane, the report stated, then explained that he had recently purchased the aircraft (valued at \$1 million) for \$20,000 and needed to fly to California to take marijuana and meet his girlfriend. The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported that along with a bag of weed, Stienstra had in his possession a glass pipe with remnants of methamphetamine and other drug paraphernalia. New Smyrna Beach police charged Stienstra with grand theft over \$100,000; he was also wanted by Daytona Beach police on charges of grand theft of a motor vehicle.

Sounds like a joke

After falling asleep following a 10-bottle beer-drinking binge, and failing to heed nature's call for 18 hours, a 40-year-old Chi-

nese man identified as Mr. Hu was diagnosed with a burst bladder, the New York Post reported on June 23. The man appeared at Zhuji People's Hospital in Zhejiang, China, complaining of searing abdominal pain, and doctors discovered three tears in his bladder, one of which had caused his intestines to spill into the bladder. Mr. Hu underwent emergency surgery and was able to recover. Zhuji officials said while bladder rupture is rare, they see at least one such patient every year.

The litigious society

The Tampa Bay Times reports that Kris Hedstrom of Odessa, Florida, filed suit against her neighbor, Heather Dayner, in late May, demanding a paternity test for the five goats she purchased from Dayner or a full refund. Hedstrom bought the five Nigerian Dwarf goats — Bella, Gigi, Rosie, Zelda and Margoat — in December, paying \$900, and expected to register them with the American Dairy Goat Association, according to the lawsuit. Registered goats have higher value than nonregistered goats. But the ADGA denied Hedstrom's application because Dayner is not a member of the organization, and Dayner now accuses Hedstrom of trespassing on her farm and harassing her with calls to the police. "She's been a nightmare of a neighbor," Dayner said. Dayner plans to represent herself in court in July.

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Across

1 Second half of a ball game?

- 5 Used (to)
- 15 She uses a bird to sweep the house
- 17 Computer overhaul
- 18 Arian Foster stats
- 19 Little sip
- 20 Gold, to Guatemalans
- 21 "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?" network
- 22 Bodybuilder's units
- 24 Word before Earth or City, in computer games
- 27 Drab shade
- 29 She was Dorothy on "The Golden Girls"
- 30 Org. that listens for alien signals
- 31 It's obsolete
- 35 Jovial question from someone eager to help
- 36 It covers Miami, Montpelier and Montreal
- 37 SOPA subject
- 38 Opera follower?
- 39 New Year's, in Hanoi
- 40 Mandolin relative
- 41 Nancy Grace's network
- 42 Southwest sch. whose mascot is King Triton
- 44 Daily grind
- 45 Homey
- 46 "___ Ho" (Best Original Song

- Oscar winner of 2008)
- 47 The D in OED
- 50 Easy lunch to prepare
- 56 Insider's knowledge
- 57 Viktor Bout or Adnan Khashoggi
- 58 Dark form of quartz

Down

- 1 Off-kilter
- 2 Messed with the facts
- 3 World Series precursor, for short
- 4 "As I see it," in chatrooms
- 5 Tack on
- 6 Shorten nails
- 7 Smoke
- 8 Palindromic prime minister of the 1940s-60s
- 9 Leather sharpener
- 10 Old rulers
- 11 Chemist Hahn
- 12 Oneself, cutely
- 13 Roxy Music name
- 14 Room for board games, perhaps
- 16 Person with a booming voice, often
- 21 Donut shop option
- 22 Upgraded
- 23 Fail spectacularly, like a skateboarder
- 24 British structure of WWII
- 25 "No need to pay"
- 26 Bishops' wear
- 27 Grain alcohol
- 28 Put someone in their place
- 29 Some hats worn on The Oregon Trail
- 30 Lose your composure, in junior high-speak
- 31 "Anchors ___"
- 32 Senator Jake who flew on the Space Shuttle Discovery
- 33 The plate
- 34 Ophthalmologist's concerns
- 42 Implored
- 43 Richard who played Don Barzini in "The Godfather"
- 44 Vacation time, in slang
- 45 ___ the Younger (Arthurian knight)
- 46 Director Campion
- 47 Zoologist Fossey
- 48 Disgusting
- 49 Cereal with gluten-free varieties
- 50 Org. that bestows merit badges
- 51 "Love, Reign ___ Me" (The Who)
- 52 420, for 20 and 21: abbr.
- 53 "Just as I suspected!"
- 54 "On the Road" protagonist ___ Paradise
- 55 "Never heard of her"

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