

# the Hippo

JANUARY 7 - 13, 2021

NEW BBQ  
P. 24

HEALTHY  
SNACKING P.27

LOCAL NEWS, FOOD, ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

FREE



# WE TURN 20!

AND CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY  
WITH A LOOK BACK AT OUR FIRST YEAR

PLUS We kick off a month-long look at how  
the region has changed in the last two decades

**INSIDE: KEEPING THE MUSIC GOING**

## ••• Buying •••

- Antiques
- Jewelry
- Old Advertising Pieces
- Collectibles
- Gold Silver Coins

From Out Of The Woods Antiques  
Over 30 years buying locally

Donna  
603-391-6550

132106

## FREE JUNK CAR REMOVAL!

We will pay up to \$500  
for some cars and trucks.



Please mention  
this Hippo ad

55 Hall Rd.  
Londonderry  
425-2562

136273

## WE SELL PARTS!

SALEM  
CONTINUING EDUCATION

# Adult Basic Education & High School Equivalency

FREE REMOTE CLASS FOR  
STUDENTS 18+ TO IMPROVE  
MATH, READING, AND  
WRITING SKILLS.

CALL (603) 893-7074 TO  
REGISTER.



133031

STAFF WRITERS JODY REESE

## We're 20!



Twenty years ago Hippo published its first print issue — that's about 1,040 issues ago. At the time, we had an idea of what we wanted to do — publish a weekly paper that covered Manchester's food, arts, entertainment, culture and news. Central to that plan was to create a quality publication that we gave away.

Hippo started as a blog in the late winter of 2000 as a way for me, a reporter for the Union Leader at the time, to write those stories that didn't fit a daily newspaper. As I recruited fellow reporters to write for it, it became more like a local Huffington Post of its day. It didn't really have an editorial vision or focus. We just did it for fun.

That started to change in the spring of 2000 when Dan Szczesny, also a reporter at the Union Leader, joined me. He would edit the zine and I would try to figure out how to make it something that we could do for a living. Back then (and even now, locally) that meant publishing in print. Dan and I didn't have much money between us so we needed a partner who could finance us. Former gubernatorial candidate and radio host at the time Arnie Arnesen suggested I speak with Jeff Rapsis, a former publisher of "Little" papers, a group of weekly newspapers outside Manchester owned by Nackey Loeb. He was also a former reporter for the Union Leader, Keene Sentinel and Claremont Eagle Times. It turned out Jeff and I had worked for the Keene Sentinel 10 years apart. Jeff took a chance on Dan and me and invested in our vision for an arts and entertainment weekly. The three of us formed a partnership that exists to this day.

In the fall of 2000 we began assembling a group of volunteers, many our friends, who would help write and deliver Hippo in our first year. As we started putting that first issue together in late December 2000, businesses, events and nonprofits stepped up to advertise. We would not have survived that first year without all of that support.

Twenty years later, in the midst of a pandemic, we're still here, though we now cover all of central southern New Hampshire, and are still extremely lucky to get financial support from our readers and local nonprofits and businesses. That support enables us to continue to be New Hampshire's largest publication, the state's only arts and entertainment weekly and one the few remaining in New England. Thank you all. We're very grateful to have your continued support.

This week, I want to offer an inside look at Hippo's first year publishing, 2001, and at this past year, 2020 — our two most challenging years. What follows are my recollections, with excerpts from recollections of other people who were there for those two years.

See page 10 for the story. 🗨️



News and culture weekly  
serving Metro southern New Hampshire  
Published every Thursday  
(1st copy free; 2nd \$1).  
195 McGregor St., Suite 325,  
Manchester, N.H. 03102  
P 603-625-1855 F 603-625-2422  
hippopress.com  
email: news@hippopress.com

## EDITORIAL

### Executive Editor

Amy Diaz, [adiaz@hippopress.com](mailto:adiaz@hippopress.com)

### Managing Editor

Meghan Siegler,  
[msiegler@hippopress.com](mailto:msiegler@hippopress.com), Ext. 113

### Editorial Design

Tristan Collins  
[hippolayout@gmail.com](mailto:hippolayout@gmail.com)

### Copy Editor

Lisa Parsons, [lparsons@hippopress.com](mailto:lparsons@hippopress.com)

### Staff Writers

Angie Sykeny  
[asykeny@hippopress.com](mailto:asykeny@hippopress.com), Ext. 130  
Matt Ingersoll  
[mingersoll@hippopress.com](mailto:mingersoll@hippopress.com), Ext. 152

**Contributors** John Fladd, Jennifer Graham,  
Henry Homeyer, Michele Pesula Kuegler, Dave  
Long, Jeff Mucciarone, Eric W. Saeger, Michael  
Witthaus

### Listings

Arts listings: [arts@hippopress.com](mailto:arts@hippopress.com)  
Inside/Outside listings: [listings@hippopress.com](mailto:listings@hippopress.com)  
Food & Drink listings: [food@hippopress.com](mailto:food@hippopress.com)  
Music listings: [music@hippopress.com](mailto:music@hippopress.com)

## BUSINESS

### Publisher

Jody Reese, Ext. 121  
[jreese@hippopress.com](mailto:jreese@hippopress.com)

### Associate Publisher

Dan Szczesny

### Associate Publisher

Jeff Rapsis, Ext. 123  
[jrapris@hippopress.com](mailto:jrapris@hippopress.com)

### Production

Tristan Collins, Alex Kusnarowicz

### Circulation Manager

Doug Ladd, Ext. 135  
[dladd@hippopress.com](mailto:dladd@hippopress.com)

### Advertising Manager

Charlene Nichols, Ext. 126  
[cnichols@hippopress.com](mailto:cnichols@hippopress.com)

### Account Executives

Alyse Savage, 603-493-2026  
[asavage@hippopress.com](mailto:asavage@hippopress.com)  
Roxanne Macaig, Ext. 127  
[rmacaig@hippopress.com](mailto:rmacaig@hippopress.com)  
Tammie Boucher, support staff, Ext. 150

To place an ad call 625-1855, Ext. 126  
For Classifieds dial Ext. 150  
or e-mail [classifieds@hippopress.com](mailto:classifieds@hippopress.com)

Unsolicited submissions will not be returned or  
acknowledged and will be destroyed.  
Opinions expressed by columnists do not represent  
the views of the Hippo or its advertisers.



## ON THE COVER

**10 HIPPO'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY** We take a look back at the Hippo's two most challenging years — the first one (because starting a brand new paper is hard), and the most recent one (because global pandemic) — and we talk to some of the biggest proponents of the downtowns of Manchester, Concord and Nashua to see how far they've come in the past 20 years.

**ALSO ON THE COVER**, Milford has a new spot for Texas-style barbecue, p. 24. Whip up a caramelized onion dip that won't ruin your New Year's eat-better resolution, p.27. And, yes, there is still live music, all week long, p. 34.

## INSIDE THIS WEEK

### NEWS & NOTES

- 4 News in Brief.
- 6 Q&A
- 7 SPORTS
- 8 QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

### THE ARTS:

- 18 NEW FICTION  
New Hampshire author talks about his latest.
- 19 ARTS ROUNDUP  
The latest arts news.

### INSIDE/OUTSIDE:

- 20 GARDENING GUY  
Henry Homeyer offers advice on your outdoors.
- 21 KIDDIE POOL  
Fun for the family.
- 21 TREASURE HUNT  
There's gold in your attic.
- 22 CAR TALK  
Automotive advice.

### FOOD:

- 24 R&J TEXAS-STYLE BBQ ON WHEELS  
Trio's Cafe and Cantina; Weekly Dish; In the Kitchen; Try This At Home.

### POP CULTURE:

- 28 BOOK, MUSIC AND FILM REVIEWS  
Amy Diaz is wowed by animated movies *Soul* and *Wolfwalkers*.

### NITE:

- 32 BANDS, CLUBS, NIGHTLIFE  
Charlie Chronopoulos, Nite Roundup, Music This Week.
- 35 ROCK AND ROLL CROSSWORD  
Puzzle for the music-lover.

### ODDS & ENDS:

- 35 KENKEN, WORD ROUNDUP
- 36 CROSSWORD
- 36 SUDOKU
- 37 SIGNS OF LIFE
- 37 7 LITTLE WORDS
- 38 NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# 2021

*The year you*

# REDEFINE

*The way you age*



**The world of aesthetic medicine is constantly evolving.**

*Renew Medispa is at the forefront of that change, a center of excellence for the treatment of age related concerns both aesthetic and functional.*

Schedule your  
**FREE** head to toe  
consultation



Smartlipo<sup>®</sup> is coming soon!

**Featuring:**

- Dermal Filler and Sculptra
- Neurotoxins: Botox, Dysport, Xeomin
- Advanced Korean Thread Lifting
- Non Surgical Face Lift
- Vaginal Rejuvenation
- Treatment of Erectile Dysfunction
- Treatment of Stress Incontinence
- Body Contouring
- Skin Tightening
- IV Infusions
- Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement
- Anti-Aging Peptide Therapy
- Advanced Platelet Rich Plasma Procedures
- Medical Microneedling
- Cellulite Removal/ Cellfina
- Sun Damage and Rosacea Management
- Tattoo Removal
- Laser Assisted Liposuction
- Medical Grade Skin Care
- Chemical Peels
- Hydrafacial MD Elite



**Dr. Lisa Vuich**

Founder of Renew Medispa  
and Training Center

Aesthetic expert and  
Regenerative Medicine  
Specialist

Aesthetics Director,  
Specialty MED Training

**RENEW MEDISPA**

**603-894-0070 | RenewMediSpa.com**



## Covid-19 news

On Dec. 30, Gov. Chris Sununu issued Emergency Order No. 78, an order authorizing certain military service members and EMTs to obtain temporary statuses as licensed nursing assistants. The order comes less than three weeks after a similar order was issued allowing qualifying nursing students to obtain temporary licenses.

Also on Dec. 30, Sununu, along with the governors in each of the five other New England states and in New Jersey, issued a joint statement extending the suspension of all interstate youth hockey competitions for public and private schools through at least Jan. 31. A regional suspension had previously been in place through Dec. 31. The prohibition does not impact interstate collegiate, professional or national hockey team activities, according to the statement.

On Jan. 1, Sununu issued Executive Order 2020-25, extending the state of emergency in New Hampshire due to the pandemic for another three weeks through at least Jan. 22. It's the 14th extension he has

issued since originally declaring a state of emergency last March.

State health officials reported a record number of hospitalizations due to Covid-19 last weekend, with the number reaching 335 people on Jan. 2 before it fell to 325 people a day later. According to the state Department of Health & Human Services' overall summary report, as of Jan. 4, a total of 916 people have been hospitalized for Covid-19, or roughly 2 percent of all of the overall cases, since the start of the pandemic in March.

## Inauguration changes

Gov. Chris Sununu's 2021 outdoor inaugural ceremony has been canceled due to public safety concerns, according to a press release from the Office of the Governor. Instead, Sununu and the Executive Council will be sworn in during a small ceremony that will include the leaders of both houses of the legislature, while all other members will attend virtually.

"My first responsibility is ensuring the safety of my family and our citizens," Sununu said in the release. "For weeks,

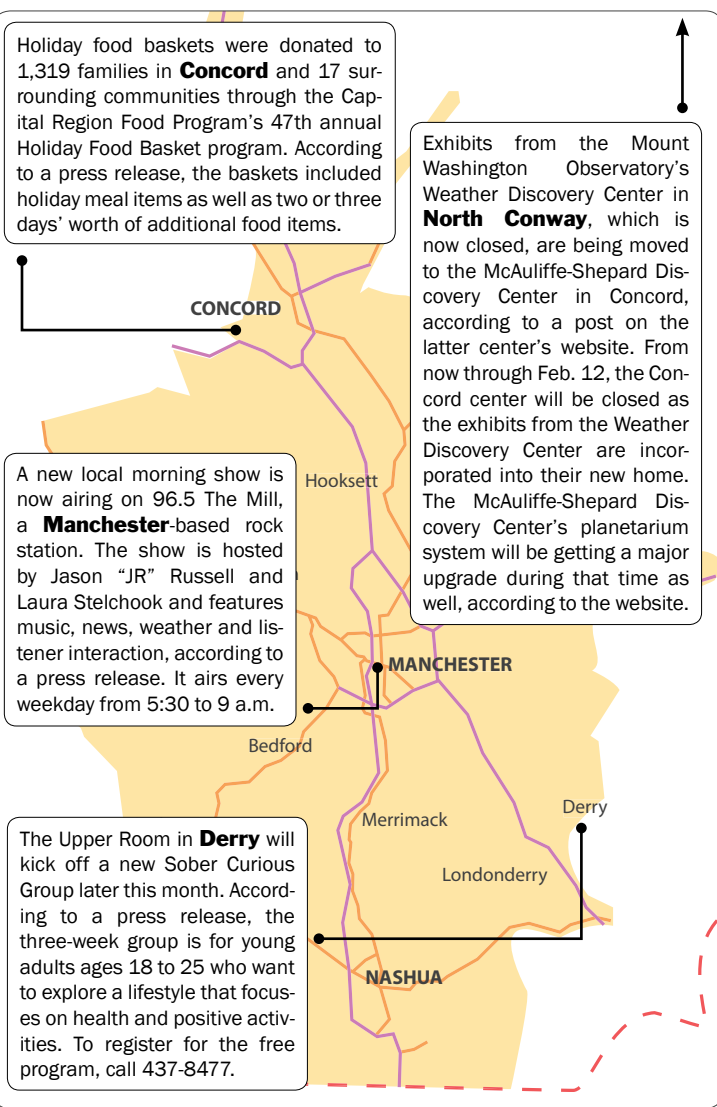
armed protesters have increasingly become more aggressive, targeting my family, protesting outside my private residence, and trespassing on my property — an outdoor public ceremony simply brings too much risk." In response to Sununu's announcement, Brennan Christen, one of the organizers of Absolute Defiance — the group leading the demonstrations at Sununu's house — sent an email to the media saying that Sununu is being misleading in his statement about armed protesters trespassing on his property. Christen said that the group has a "consistent track record of peaceful, non-violent, law abiding demonstrators on a small park across the street from his house." He wrote that there was one man who was lawfully carrying a concealed weapon and that he was on a public sidewalk at all times. "It is our belief that the Governor was concerned by a massive protest planned by COSNH, Reopen NH, and Absolute Defiance that sought to rally over a thousand people to protest his inauguration," Christen wrote. "We believe these distortions are a tactic for the Governor to avoid the pro-

Holiday food baskets were donated to 1,319 families in **Concord** and 17 surrounding communities through the Capital Region Food Program's 47th annual Holiday Food Basket program. According to a press release, the baskets included holiday meal items as well as two or three days' worth of additional food items.

A new local morning show is now airing on 96.5 The Mill, a **Manchester**-based rock station. The show is hosted by Jason "JR" Russell and Laura Stelchook and features music, news, weather and listener interaction, according to a press release. It airs every weekday from 5:30 to 9 a.m.

The Upper Room in **Derry** will kick off a new Sober Curious Group later this month. According to a press release, the three-week group is for young adults ages 18 to 25 who want to explore a lifestyle that focuses on health and positive activities. To register for the free program, call 437-8477.

Exhibits from the Mount Washington Observatory's Weather Discovery Center in **North Conway**, which is now closed, are being moved to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, according to a post on the latter center's website. From now through Feb. 12, the Concord center will be closed as the exhibits from the Weather Discovery Center are incorporated into their new home. The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center's planetarium system will be getting a major upgrade during that time as well, according to the website.



Covid-19 update	As of December 28	As of January 4
Total cases statewide	41,670	47,328
Total current infections statewide	5,508	6,200
Total deaths statewide	715	781
New cases	4,282 (Dec. 22 to Dec. 28)	5,658 (Dec. 29 to Jan. 4)
Current infections: Hillsborough County	1,908	2,358
Current infections: Merrimack County	609	693
Current infections: Rockingham County	1,264	1,265

Information from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

test in Concord, and to evade it by holding it at a more private location not accessible to the public." Sununu's inaugural address will be delivered live at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7.

## License renewal

The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles has released a new online driver license renewal portal, according to a

press release. Customers who have received a renewal identification number in the mail are encouraged to renew their license online at [dmv.nh.gov](http://dmv.nh.gov) for increased convenience and safety. Other DMV online services that customers can take advantage of include appointment scheduling, not guilty pleas, ticket pay and the REAL ID document checker. 📄

**New year, New Hair!**  
**CUT • COLOR\* • STYLE**  
**Only \$75.00**  
\*single process only  
**Hairpocalypse**  
**BARBERING & COSMETOLOGY**  
 Big city style at a great neighborhood salon  
[www.Hairpocalypse.com](http://www.Hairpocalypse.com)  
 Tues-Fri 'til 8PM  
**603-627-4301**  
 904 Hanover Street  
 Manchester NH

**Survival French**  
**Starting January 26th, 2021!**

**Register today at**  
**FACNH.com**

Follow us:

**Stay connected! Sign up for FAC eNews**

**FRANCO-AMERICAN CENTRE**  
*Live Free et parlez français!*  
 Proudly sponsored by  
**St. Mary's Bank**  
[www.stmarysbank.com](http://www.stmarysbank.com)  
 La Caisse Populaire Ste-Marie

**GRAINGER'S**  
*Deluxe*  
**ORGANIC VODKA**

&

*ChocoLat*  
*Deluxe*  
**CHOCOLATE LIQUEUR**

*Keep warm this winter with a delicious comfort cocktail featuring Grainger's Deluxe Organic Vodka and ChocoLat Deluxe Chocolate Liqueur!*



TASTING  
PANEL  
**90**  
POINTS

TASTINGS  
GOLD  
**90**



## *ChocoLat* *Martini*

**1 oz. Grainger's Deluxe Organic Vodka**

**1 oz. ChocoLat Deluxe Chocolate Liqueur**

**½ oz. Milk or Cream**

Shake with ice and strain into cocktail glass of choice. Garnish with chocolate shavings.



← SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE CAMERA for an instructional video on how to make this delicious cocktail!

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY GRAINGER'S DELUXE & CHOCO-LAT PRODUCTS, BOSTON, MA. ©2021. PLEASE ENJOY RESPONSIBLY.



# FOREVER THRIVING

NOW OFFERING VIRTUAL Y FITNESS OPTIONS

**\$0** membership join fee from December 14 through January 10. Register online or at any of our three YMCA of Greater Nashua branches!

## GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTH 100's of Program Options Available

At the YMCA of Greater Nashua we give you the support and encouragement you need to become a healthier, happier you. We offer a wide variety of programs and classes (many of them included with a YMCA membership), and a caring staff to help people of all ages, background and ability to develop a healthier spirit, mind and body.

### FOR KIDS

- Y Education Academy
- Early Education Program
- Private & Group Swim Lessons
- Small Group Dance & Sports Classes for Preschool and Youth Sports
- Jr. NBA
- Kidstop: Childcare While You Visit The Y

### FOR ADULTS

- NEW! Virtual Y On Demand Fitness Options
- Outdoor studio & class options
- Private & Group Swim Lessons
- Group Exercise
- In Person or Virtual Personal Training
- Adult Sports Leagues



Scan the QR Code with Your Phone's Camera to See Our COVID-19 Guidelines.

MERRIMACK YMCA | NASHUA YMCA | WESTWOOD PARK YMCA  
Learn more at [www.nymca.org/joinus](http://www.nymca.org/joinus)

132605

# New in town

## Jessica Martin joins Intown Concord

Jessica Martin is the new executive director of Intown Concord, a nonprofit organization that promotes and celebrates small businesses, arts and culture and community events in downtown Concord. She talked about why she took the position, the challenges that come with it during a pandemic and what Intown is planning for 2021.

**Q:** *What is your background in this type of work?*

I have a background in real estate. I was the executive director at the Greater Manchester/Nashua Board of Realtors for almost six years. I did all of their events — they had quite a few — and I really loved the event [planning] portion of that position. I ended up starting an event planning business on my own but kind of missed the normal 9-to-5, so I took a position at the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce as their events and marketing director for a year. ... I've also been working on my master's degree at UNH in community development and policy practice.



Jessica Martin. Courtesy photo.

PPE and a grant, and there's going to be a rollout of another stimulus package soon, so [the challenge is] wrapping my head around that process and making sure I understand all of that. And not only do I need to learn it for myself, but then I also need to share that information as quickly and accurately as possible with the businesses that could benefit from it.

**How are you handling those challenges?**

A lot of education, and making sure I'm getting information from accurate sources. I'm attending a lot of webinars. I have one next week called "The New Hampshire Non-profit Emergency Relief Fund Webinar." The Small Business Administration also has a wealth of knowledge about basically anything that you need assistance with related to Covid.

**What is Intown planning for this year?**

I'm optimistic that we'll be doing all of our events [in 2021]. They might look a little different. They might feel a little different. In what way? I'm not sure yet. ... We have to keep social distancing in mind. ... We're doing our winter festival at the end of January, since people can be outside for the majority of it and will be spread out. ... We also have to be strategic with the timing of [the events with] the vaccine and the weather. Usually our biggest event [Market Days] is in June, but does it make sense to keep it in June, or should we be talking about possibly moving it to August to allow for a little additional time for people to get vaccinated and feel comfortable with being in large groups again? We have to be really thoughtful about everything, more than in previous years ... and we have to be really clear about social distancing and masks and stuff whenever we're promoting an event so that people know we aren't just being reckless.

**What are you most excited about?**

I'm so excited about Concord in general. ... As I go to these places downtown, I'm just blown away by how much Concord has to offer — great restaurants, art, culture, hotels, so much stuff going on. It feels almost like a little hidden secret, and I just want to scream it from the rooftops. It's really easy to promote a city that has so many exciting things to promote. — *Angie Sykeny*

**What interested you in the position at Intown Concord?**

This is the most perfect job I could have ever imagined. I was looking for a position where I could use my event [planning] skills but also my background experience from the Board of Realtors. ... [As] a community organization that's advocating [for] and promoting small businesses and the community, [Intown Concord] fits within that. It's a marriage of events and marketing as well as the nonprofit management piece that I had done before and liked, so it checked all of the boxes for me.

**What does your job as director entail?**

Day-to-day is always different. I'm overseeing all of the events we're working on [including] Market Days ... and Midnight Merriment. We have one other staff person, Haylie Stoddard, who is our event coordinator and does a lot of our social media, and I manage the finances and anything that comes up with the businesses. I'm kind of the liaison between the businesses and our board of directors, working with them to make sure that we're fulfilling our mission. A lot of my job is also just getting our mission out there and making sure people understand it and how valuable it is.

**What are some of the biggest challenges coming into this new position right now?**

The finances, managing staff, marketing, events — that's all stuff I've done before, but [with Covid], this [job] is completely different. ... I wasn't [involved] when Intown Concord applied for [and] received

# NFL regular season wraps



It's Jan. 7 and the Patriots are already on vacation. But that's a problem to discuss another day. Instead we'll concern ourselves today with some of the more interesting stats, questions and happenings of the regular season just concluded and a look into the NFL playoffs as they get underway this weekend. We'll start with this: Can someone with an MIT degree in mathematics explain how a guy with league bests in TD passes (48), completion average (70.7 percent) and fewest interceptions thrown (a minuscule five) can be just the seventh-ranked NFL passer, as **Aaron Rodgers** was?

**Stat of the Year:** With strong competition from Tennessee freight train and my new favorite player **Derrick Henry** for having three 200-plus-yard rushing games and gaining 2,027 overall, it goes to Tom Brady. His second best in the NFL 40 TD passes were the second most in his career. How do you do that at 43? The only age-related thing that compares is 13-time 20-game winner **Warren Spahn** hitting his career high 23 at 42 in 1963.

**NFL 101:** This may be a little too easy, as if you've read about Henry's exploits the other seven players to rush for 2,000 yards in a season were likely mentioned. But if not, name the other seven to do it.

Much has been made of Miami yanking veteran **Ryan Fitzpatrick** in favor of rookie **Tua Tagovailoa** at their bye week. But while Fitz did rescue them in relief vs. Oakland, er, Las Vegas two weeks ago he was 4-3 as the starting QB, while it was 6-3 with Tua. I'd call that a win for this experience going forward.

Not that I'll be alone on this, but my vote for best game of the year was the one with the absolutely crazy fourth quarter on Monday Night Football a few weeks ago won by Baltimore 42-38 over Cleveland that saw TDs scored on the last three possessions.

But the absolute craziest final play in a major win was seeing Tennessee win the AFC South title with a 41-38 win over Houston as Covid-19-stricken **Steve Gostkowski's** desperation replacement **Sam Sloman's** about-to-choke 37-yard FG went doink off the upright and over the crossbar for the win. How the Texans allowed **A.J. Brown** to get the 52-yard reception to put them in position to win after tying the game with just 18 seconds left probably explains how they could finish 4-12 despite having a great QB in **Deshaun Watson**.

In case you're wondering: Brown, who had 10 catches for 151 yards and a TD on Sunday, was still on the board when Coach B took **N'Keal Harry** 32<sup>nd</sup> overall pick in the 2019 draft. He had 70 catches for 1,075 yards and 11 TDs in 2020 while for Harry it was 33, 309 and two TDs. Patriots Nation doesn't want to know the two-year totals. Bill also took **JoeJuan Williams**, who barely played this year, before Brown went

51<sup>st</sup> overall, and 30-catches-for-five-TDs-in-2020 Minnesota tight end **Irv Smith Jr.** went at 50.

Incidentally, if they expect to go anywhere, the Titans had better fix their D. It's given up 38 or more points in three of its last five games and the other two were against Jacksonville (10) and Detroit (25).

The biggest blame-it-on-anyone-else crybaby outside of Washington, D.C., this fall was benched Philly QB **Carson (wah) Wentz**. Word is that he wants to be traded because the relationship between him and the coach who helped him get his mammoth contract is broken. Here's a novel idea: If you want to play, stop being the worst player on the field.

Speaking of ingratitude, after he was cracking on the Pats' loss to Miami a few weeks back someone should remind **Kyle Van Noy** that Bill and the defensive coaches saved his career after he was a second-round bust with Detroit, which directly led to last winter's big payday.

Ditto for the ever barking **Asante Samuel**. I might listen to him if he hadn't dropped that sure pick on the final drive to blow the 2007 SB vs. the Giants and the undefeated season. And they still give **Bill Buckner** grief.

The biggest nitwit was ex-Washington QB **Dwayne Haskins**, whose unmasked strip club jaunt got him cut to cost him about \$2.5 million in guaranteed money. Hope the trip was worth it.

Tough call picking the MVP. My top three are **Pat Mahomes**, **Josh Allen** and Rodgers. But, in throwing for those 48 TDs, I pick the old guy because in leading the Pack to 13 wins he did more with less.

Easy call: **Baker Mayfield** repeatedly going through the Cleveland stadium metal detectors after leaving something in the locker room as the year's best commercial. He also gets best player/actor in any NFL commercial since **Pepton Manning**.

**NFL 101 Answer:** Members of the 2,000 rushing yards in a season club, from when it was first accomplished to most recently, are **OJ Simpson** (2,003 in 1973), **Eric Dickerson** (2,105 in 1984), **Barry Sanders** (2,053 in 1997), **Terrell Davis** (2,008 in 1998), **Jamal Lewis** (2,066 in 2003), **Chris Johnson** (2,006 in 2009) and **Adrian Peterson** (2,097 in 2012). Simpson is the only one to do it in a 14-game season and it also should be noted that if **Jim Brown** had hit his 133 yards per game from his 1,863 in a 14-game season over 16 games, he'd have run for a best-ever 2,129.

**Predictions for this Week:** NFC – New Orleans over Chicago, Tampa Bay downs Washington, Seattle beats L.A. AFC – Buffalo over Indy, Browns beat Pittsburgh. Even though I'm rooting for Henry, **Mike Vrabel** and **Malcolm Butler** – Baltimore over Tennessee in the best game of Round 1.

Finally, nice job by the Dodger and the brass for beating the odds to pull the season off in a high-contact sport with nothing seriously bad happening. Well done.

Email [dlong@hippopress.com](mailto:dlong@hippopress.com).

With Diane Davidson

# Good Deeds

And Bill Weidacher

Real Estate With a Mission

The Fine Homes Group International Podcast



Our team donates \$100 from every transaction to the FHG Scholarship Fund. When you do business with one of our team members, you are helping us help a young person further their education.



All episodes on demand at



"When selling your home, you only have once chance to make a first impression with a prospective buyer, so you want to make it a very good one."

Podcasts Include

- How Proper Property Preparation Makes You Money When Selling
- Low Inventory of Homes for Sale is Good for Sellers
- Market Update for Buyers and Sellers - Fall, 2020
- Proper Home Inspections Eliminates Unpleasant Surprises

## Here's the deal, home + auto = savings.

Combine home and auto and save an average of \$965\*. We're ready to help you get the right coverage at the right price. Call us for a quote.

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®



Rene C LeClerc Ins Agency Inc  
Rene LeClerc, CLU ChFC, President  
1100 Hooksett Road  
Hooksett, NH 03106  
[www.reneleclerc.com](http://www.reneleclerc.com)



Dick Lombardi, Agent  
1837 Elm Street  
Manchester, NH 03104  
Bus: 603-623-4675  
[dick.lombardi.gzi5@statefarm.com](mailto:dick.lombardi.gzi5@statefarm.com)

\*Average annual per household savings based on a 2020 national survey by State Farm® of new policyholders who reported savings by switching to State Farm.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company  
State Farm Indemnity Company  
State Farm Fire and Casualty Company  
State Farm General Insurance Company  
Bloomington, IL

State Farm County Mutual Insurance Company of Texas  
State Farm Lloyds  
Richardson, TX

State Farm Florida Insurance Company  
Winter Haven, FL

2001300

State Farm®



# nutritious nibbles

Plant based doesn't have to be complicated. These walnut and black bean tacos will add a lot of flavor and nutrition without taking time away from your busy day.

## Walnut and Black Bean Tacos

**Serves:** 4

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup Hannaford Chopped Walnuts
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 1/2 tsp. McCormick® 30% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1/2 cup Cedar's® Chipotle Hommus
- 4 corn tortillas
- 1 container Cedar's® Black Bean Salad
- 1/2 Avocado from Mexico, sliced
- 1/2 cup Fresh Express® Shreds!® Shredded Lettuce



### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large bowl, toss walnuts with olive oil and taco seasoning until well coated. Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment paper and put the coated walnuts on a single layer on the baking sheet.
2. Toast the walnuts in the oven for 5 to 10 minutes, or until they are lightly browned and smell toasted. Be sure to keep an eye on the walnuts, as they can burn quickly.
3. Divide the hommus and spread evenly on the corn tortillas. Divide the walnuts between tacos and top with black bean salad.
4. Add sliced avocado and a handful of shredded lettuce. Enjoy!

### Nutritional Information

Amount per serving (1 taco): Calories 432; Fat 32.5 g; Saturated Fat 2.5 g; Carbohydrate 28 g; Fiber 8 g; Protein 10.5 g; Sodium 554 mg

Source: Recipe adapted from cedarsfoods.com

Have questions about your health? Our team of registered dietitians offer free nutritional services online and in-store. Visit [hannaford.com/dietitians](http://hannaford.com/dietitians) to learn more.

Thank you to our sponsors for partnering with Hannaford to offer free dietitian services.

132514

## QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

### More turkeys, or just more people noticing turkeys?

The New Hampshire Fish & Game Department recently released the results of its 2020 Winter Flock Survey, which showed that there were 2,309 reported flocks totaling 40,476 turkeys statewide. According to a news release on the department's website, this was a significant increase over the 486 flocks totaling 9,833 turkeys reported in 2019. In 2018 there were 1,372 flock observations totaling 20,224 turkeys. "The increase in observations during the 2020 winter survey may be attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic," New Hampshire Fish and Game Turkey Biologist Allison Keating said in the news release. "With many people spending more time at home last winter there was an increase in backyard bird feeding as well as bird watching, which may have contributed to the uptick in reports."

**Score:** +1 (because yay for being closer to nature!)

**Comment:** *New Hampshire Fish & Game is asking the public to participate in the 2021 Winter Turkey Flock Survey at [wildnh.com/surveys/turkey.html](http://wildnh.com/surveys/turkey.html). The survey started Jan. 1 and runs through March 31.*

### Good and not-so-good pre-Covid health stats

The United Health Foundation's 2020 annual report, which examines 74 measures of health in each state, says that New Hampshire has improved its availability of mental health services, but it has also seen more premature deaths in recent years. According to a press release, *America's Health Rankings*, which was created in partnership with the American Public Health Association, highlights some of each state's health strengths and weaknesses, pre-Covid. In New Hampshire, two of the strengths that were highlighted were an increase in the number of active mental health providers, which went up 21 percent since 2016, and an increase in the percentage of residents who get enough exercise, which went from 21.4 percent of adults to 26.4 percent between 2017 and 2019. Some of the state's challenges, according to the release, are income inequality (the disparity between the highest and lowest income-earners has increased 10 percent since 2007), and premature death (recorded as deaths before the age of 75), which increased 22 percent between 2012 and 2018.

**Score:** 0

**Comment:** *Other positive highlights for New Hampshire include a low teen birth rate and a low prevalence of household food insecurity, while other challenges include a high percentage of housing with lead risk and a low percentage of fluoridated water, according to the report.*

### Saving New Hampshire's history

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, which supports the protection and revitalization of historic buildings and places, recently announced some of its stats from 2020 to highlight the work it has done throughout the year. According to a press release, the Preservation Alliance presented more than 30 public programs via Zoom, worked on more than 120 projects in more than 100 communities in the state and spent hundreds of hours coaching property owners and civic leaders by phone. Its Seven to Save program has "an impressive" 50-percent success rate, and it invested grant funding in more than 50 community landmarks. The barn tax incentive, which the Alliance helped develop to save old barns, is now used in 100 communities, where tax relief is provided to owners of historic agricultural structures.

**Score:** +1

**Comment:** *It's hard to look back on 2020 and see the positives, so QOL applauds the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance for recognizing that even during a challenging year lots of good people still made lots of good things happen for the long-term betterment of the Granite State.*

**QOL score:** 50

**Net change:** +2

**QOL this week:** 52

*With the new year, the QOL Index resets to 50.*

*What's affecting your Quality of Life here in New Hampshire? Let us know at [news@hippypress.com](mailto:news@hippypress.com).*



# Congratulations to the Hippo

on celebrating **20** years

Use code hippo20 to get **20% off**  
an Intro to Ski or Ride Package.

Visit [gunstock.com/hippo20](https://gunstock.com/hippo20) to learn more.



Offer valid January 7 – 14, 2021 for Intro to Ski Package or Intro to Ride Package (includes lift ticket, beginner lesson, rentals).

Must be purchased in-person at the Welcome Center or by calling 603.293.4341 ext 188.



[GUNSTOCK.COM](https://gunstock.com) | [@GUNSTOCKMTN](https://twitter.com/gunstockmtn) | 603.293.4341 | 719 CHERRY VALLEY RD GILFORD NH

133095



GIVE YOUR EMPLOYEES THE  
RIGHT INGREDIENTS TO UNLEASH THEIR

**SMILE POWER!**<sup>TM</sup>

With access to the nation's largest network of dentists, helping your team keep their smiles healthy is a cakewalk.

 **DELTA DENTAL**<sup>®</sup>

[NortheastDeltaDental.com](https://NortheastDeltaDental.com)

133030

# We're 20!

A look at Hippo's beginnings in 2001 and at Hippo in 2020

By  
Jody Reese  
Hippo Publisher



December 27, 2001



February 8, 2001



June 28, 2001



October 11, 2001

Once we committed to publishing our first issue on January 4, 2001, we had to figure out the nuts and bolts of publishing: what would we include in that first issue, how to design it, how to organize the ads, how would we make sure there were as few errors as possible. The whole process of publishing, we were learning that first year. (See my Granite Views column on page 2 for more on the Hippo's pre-print origins.)

**DAN SZCZESNY** (*Hippo editor at the time and co-owner*) Oh man, that first issue. What's easy to forget looking back is that we were all pretty new to Manchester. In January of 2001, I had only been in New Hampshire for two years, in Manchester for less than that. But things were happening. The hockey rink was getting built, anchor businesses like Margaritas were starting to turn the downtown vibrant. It just felt like Manchester was on the

move. So, deciding on that first cover and cover story, "Morning in Manchester," was a pretty easy call.

We didn't have a whole lot of space in those early days. Maybe 16 pages? So, the story was just a collection of things that made the city special, including some off the beaten path highlights. I remember writing about the Merci Boxcar up on the West Side, a block from where I was living.



January 4, 2001

We rented an office that was really just a closet in a downtown Manchester building. It was so small many of our meetings spilled into the hall. We placed two \$500 desktop computers, loaded with a borrowed publishing program, next to each other so we could easily coordinate as we laid out the first issues. I think it's fair to say we weren't really ready to publish that first issue. So that second one came up on us fast. Jeff had an idea.

**JEFF RAPSIS** (*Associate Publisher*) I had just seen a year-end news story about an etiquette expert who ranked America's 10 most polite cities. I was all about how good manners meant good business, especially in terms of visitors and conventions.

So, with the new arena under construction and Manchester preparing to welcome more visitors, I suggested a light-hearted look at how the Queen City's manners stacked up. With the clock already ticking for next week's deadline, no one said no. So the next thing I knew I was at Manchester Airport with a photographer friend named Al Belote, us both pretending to be clueless tourists trying to get a cab to 1000 Elm St. to see how we visitors were treated. The cabbie was very helpful at our inane questions, but the big moment came when he asked for the fare. As a test, I handed him five \$100 bills. He immediately handed back four of them and then carefully counted out \$85 change, thus passing with flying colors. Also, because etiquette includes helping others in need, we staged a stunt where I filled up a giant satchel with paperback books, and then I repeatedly dumped the whole load in the middle of an Elm Street crosswalk to gauge the reaction.

That got us through week two, but during the first year there were more than a few cases of a planned cover story falling through at the last minute, and I'd be dragooned into writing something. It was a wild time when we were doing anything we could think of to keep the paper compelling.



January 11, 2001

Being a shoestring operation we couldn't afford to hire reporters, so a lot of that first year was cajoling people to donate their time to write stories. The challenge with that is that publishing requires planning and deadlines and it's, understandably, hard to get people who are volunteering their time to do either.

**RAPSIS** What is startling to me is how much came to be just on a whim. You and Dan were looking for content... so I suggested rather than fill

opinion, you package perky insider commentary under a "Quality of Life" index, where we could quantify whether something was good or bad by adding or subtracting points. I'd seen a similar feature in one of the Philadelphia weeklies. And I remember this big serious discussion about how this would possibly work: who says start it at 50? Who decides how many points?

Roles in that first year were more blurred than they are now. In mid February 2001, I wrote a cover story about the dilapidated Valley Cemetery, which I lived across the street from at the time. It was and still is a beautiful example of cemeteries as a place for the living to enjoy. That story prompted a community group to form and raise funds to repair parts of the cemetery. We felt by telling these stories we were advocating for the city.



February 15, 2001

**RAPSIS** Another surprising, and gratifying, thing was to see a rich and vibrant city in the process of discovering itself. Few people realize that population-wise Manchester is the largest city in northern New England — much bigger than Burlington, Vermont, or Portland, Maine, or any other city north of Boston. And for years it had been home to a vibrant food and art scene that really hadn't been covered or pulled together in any way. Even the small scale of what Hippo did at first was enough to really open people's eyes to Manchester as a place that mattered. A lot of stuff was going on, all just waiting to be showcased in a publication intended to do just that. So for a while we ran extensive restaurant listings, just because that itself seemed newsworthy. And we'd hear about people like attorneys at Devine Millimet going on "Hippo lunches," visiting plac-

Thank you for



Tasty Years!

We'd just like to say  
Congratulations

to the Hippo on **20 YEARS**, as we celebrate our own **10 YEAR milestone!** Place your order today and let us thank you in the best way we know how... **With delicious Mac and Cheese!**



Order online at [mr-macs.com](http://mr-macs.com) or download the **NEW Mr. Mac's App** and get your Mac **FAST!**

We're still offering **drive-thru and curbside pickup!**

603-606-1760 | Order Online! | [mr-macs.com](http://mr-macs.com) | We Have Gluten-free! | 497 Hooksett Road, Manchester, NH

Manchester, NH | Portsmouth, NH | Tyngsboro, MA | Westford, MA

es they'd never heard of. Eventually, we started hearing from people who moved to Manchester in part because Hippo gave them confidence about the community's quality of life. To think that the Hippo could have that much impact on people, and the region as a whole, is really rewarding to contemplate and makes it all worthwhile.



April 9, 2001

Through all that, the Hippo we know today started to take shape.

**RAPSIS** Even the paper's name was a work in progress during the first year. It was originally called "HippoPress Manchester" (what a mouthful!) for most of the first year, then shortened to "HippoPress." But quickly people (including us) began naturally referring to it simply as "The Hippo." So in the fall of 2001 we changed the name on the front page to call it exactly that: The Hippo. So in a way, the community helped us find the publication's true name.

We wrote about local rock bands, the city's diners, neighborhood markets, places to hike, visual arts at the Currier, a new skate park, community singing groups, writer groups and anything else that told the story of Manchester.

**RAPSIS** It may seem unbelievable now, but at the time we started Hippo, Manchester was home base for not one but two full symphony orchestras: the professional New Hampshire Symphony Orchestra, and the New Hampshire Philharmonic, which gave talented amateurs a place to perform. (We also had two opera companies!) These institutions had been maintained for years by many of the city's leading families: long-established professionals and business



December 13, 2001

owners who would give generously to support outposts of high culture in the old mill town. As a classical music fan, I always thought this was a pretty cool aspect of the Queen City that was underappreciated. So in Hippo's first month, when we were still scrambling to find and pull together stories worthy of the cover, it turned out one of the orchestras was seeking a new conductor. So I put on my classical music hat and dove into the scene, attending pre-concert receptions in the North End homes of supporters such as David and Barbara Stahl, hobnobbing with the musicians, and generally meeting with disbelief that a publication called "HippoPress" was doing a story on classical music in Manchester. It was the cover of our fourth issue, and it caused enough of a stir to establish Hippo as the source of classical music info in Greater Manchester. (Not that this was too hard.) But it showed us the value of taking the art scene seriously, as this added readership, which added to our credibility with advertisers. It wasn't long before classical music became a regular beat in the early Hippo, which I covered like a sportswriter would cover the local baseball team — especially the New Hampshire Symphony's search for a new conductor, which became like a slow-motion reality show. It was enough to push me back into making music myself: first, as a stunt, I joined the chorus of a local production of the opera *Carmen*, which resulted in a cover story showing an insider's look at staging an opera at the Palace Theatre. To me, it was extremely gratifying to see Hippo's classical music coverage find an audience and be appreciated by local musicians. Eventually, the paper's coverage gradually broadened to include balanced coverage of all arts. We still report on classical music, but alas, the scene

changed over the years. The New Hampshire Symphony and Granite State Opera closed in 2008, while the New Hampshire Philharmonic moved to Salem. Of the big four, only Opera NH continues to give local productions.

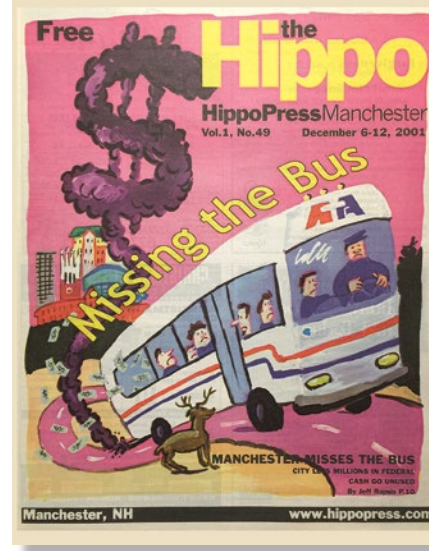
Though we focused on arts, food, entertainment and events, we also wanted to cover news that had fallen through the cracks of other media coverage. Jeff did this with a story on the Manchester Transit Authority.



January 25, 2001

**RAPSIS** This was one of our first actual attempts at "investigative" journalism, which showed clearly that each year Manchester's city government was leaving hundreds of thousands dollars of federal public transit money on the table — instead of bolstering Manchester's sorry bus system, it was going to North Country transport services because Manchester's aldermen were too cheap to kick in the 20 percent seed money for the 80/20 match that covered urban transit subsidies. Funny thing was, this wasn't intended as investigative journalism, but just as a look at the city's neglected bus system and how to get the most out of it. Instead, once I started research it was so glaringly obvious that Manchester was turning up its nose every year at big money, we just had to go with that angle. I think the Mike Flint painting used for the cover was pure genius: an MTA bus careening out of control, with dollar signs exploding out of its exhaust pipe—that told the story better than any writer could do.

Back then if you wrote for Hippo you also probably delivered issues. Everyone was out delivering papers Wednesday night and Thursday. This lasted for years until we could finally afford a profession-



December 6, 2001

al delivery staff. In the early days, John Fladd, an early Hippo writer, and current cocktail columnist, and friend, would help me with the downtown Manchester distribution. To do those deliveries you really needed two people — even in 2001. One would drive the car and count out the papers and the other would run the papers into the delivery location.

**FLADD** I jump out of the car and jog not-very-enthusiastically to the door of the bar. I go in and look around for a table near the back, without anyone sitting at it. I take three or four steps and drop the pile of papers on the table."HIPPO Press!" I announce, then turn to leave the bar, which has gone momentarily silent. "We love you guys!" a man shouts from the other side of the room.

As the weeks went on in 2001 it got easier for us to publish. We were developing ways to handle all of the information that went into each paper. We got ahead enough to create a college guide and to plan a photo essay. We still struggled with deadlines and my personal health suffered as the paper took over every bit of my life. I think I gained 30 pounds that year and got very little sleep. But it was really fun.

After that first year, the paper grew, changed over the years, added professional staff — but to some extent the focus stayed the same: covering arts, entertainment and quality of life. In our 20th year we suddenly found ourselves back in a situation like 2001 — almost having to start from scratch with what we were covering and how we covered it. By the middle of March the very things that we cover, arts, entertainment, theater, music, restaurants, and events, had ground to a halt. How do you publish an arts and entertainment magazine when there aren't a lot of arts and entertainment?



venues, closed venues and closures of school closings, we realized that the entire paper, which by Friday is pretty close to being what you see when it hits stands the next week, would have to be redone. Even stories that could still run had to be reworked to acknowledge that a performance had been postponed or that an event was moving online.



March 19, 2020

**SIEGLER** The March 19 paper was essentially created in two work days. We came up with a “Viral NH” cover story that included pieces like “Social distancing and beer” (from Jeff Muciarone) and “Self-isolation blues – and other local music to listen to at home” (from Michael Witthaus), plus a gigantic list of events that had been postponed or canceled that we had to keep adding to right up until we sent the paper to the printer.

**MATT INGERSOLL** (Hippo’s food reporter) Our annual coverage of New Hampshire Maple Weekend was the lead story in the Hippo’s food section when, seemingly overnight, the effects of the pandemic began to overspread the state. I received an email from my event contact on a Monday morning, the day before we were to go to print with that week’s issue, that Maple Weekend had been canceled. A complete rewrite of my story became necessary, with the focus switching from going out to enjoy a tour at your local sugarhouse to fun things you can do with local maple syrup in the safety of your own home kitchen.

Our advertising team faced the same challenge. We were past deadline when Gov. Chris Sununu issued a shutdown order that closed nearly 70 percent of the businesses, nonprofits and events that typically advertise. We started calling all of our advertisers asking them what they wanted us to do.

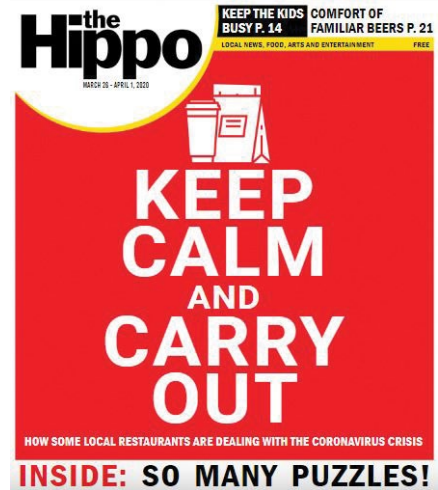
**CHARLENE NICHOLS** (Hippo’s advertising manager) It was the strangest feeling ... one minute I’m selling and building ads and the next I’m killing them. It seemed to happen all at once. As a consultant, I felt desperate to help my businesses, whether to rewrite their messages and plans or to pull their ads completely. I was so worried about how they’d survive and then, later, as a salesperson, um, what’s going to happen to me? The Hippo?

**DIAZ** I am extremely proud of how everybody at the paper, the editorial and production staff but also our colleagues in advertising and distribution, came together and worked so hard through that first anxious weekend to produce that “Viral NH” issue.

On the ad and revenue side it was a pretty big hit — 65 percent of our revenue disappeared instantly. I wondered, can we even keep publishing? Should we shut down? But the more I thought about and sought out counsel, the more I realized that if we could we must publish. We had a job to do and our readers needed us to continue.

**DIAZ** As a paper whose primary mission is to help you find things to do and places to go, what do we focus on when everything is canceled and nothing is open? I thought that, whatever we did and however we went with the flow of events, our core should continue to be connecting readers to the scenes that have always been the most important to our coverage — the visual and performing arts, classical and popular music, books and the literary scene, nightlife, outdoor activities and the local food scene. And food — restaurants and their survival — was about to become one of the biggest stories, not just locally but nationally, of the economic impacts of the pandemic. I think it’s fitting that after that first Covid issue, our next two issues — “Keep Calm and Carry Out” and “Meanwhile, on the Farm” — focused on the adaptations of different aspects of the local food economy.

**INGERSOLL** Food-focused events scheduled for April, May and into the summer were being canceled or postponed one by one, having a dramatic effect on our coverage. In place of a weekend food festival or a restaurant grand opening, I’d instead write about a virtual or stay-at-home event, or I’d be covering the fallout of restaurants.



March 26, 2020

**SIEGLER** It hasn’t been all bad. Having a smaller staff has forced us all to redefine our roles to some degree; for me, that means that for the first time in years I’m doing some writing. Over the summer, for example, Amy asked if I’d be willing to write a cover story about running, and at first I said no. I read words and I fix words, but I had my doubts as to whether I could still write words. But Amy knows I’m kind of obsessed with running, and she probably knew that I’d eventually say yes specifically for that reason, which I did — and I kind of loved the whole experience. As it turns out, I’ve missed writing. So while the past year has taken me out of my comfort zone, I definitely don’t regret experiences like that.

Like many organizations out there the pandemic made things that had been routine much more difficult. On the distribution side, the folks that get out the Hippo each week, many of our drop locations were suddenly closed. My distribution manager kept calling me and saying we have a real problem here. He put a plan in place in a few days that shifted more copies away from the closed restaurants and cafes and into the supermarkets and our street boxes.

I can look back on 2020 and say that was a really horrible year, and it was. We say our revenue declined 65 percent and we had to lay off wonderful people. But I also look at it and say we survived and I’m so very grateful that our staff kept focused on putting out the best Hippo we could. This was also the first time in our 20 years that we asked readers to help financially contribute to Hippo either through a membership or donation. And they did and have continued to do so.

I don’t know if I’ll be here for our 40th anniversary, but someone will be. Southern New Hampshire continues to need professional independent food, news, arts and entertainment coverage. And we at Hippo will continue to provide that with the support of our staff, our community and our readers. 🙌

# Downtown renaissance

Two decades of revitalization in Manchester, Concord and Nashua's downtowns

When the Hippo started in 2001 with the intention of highlighting Manchester's culture, well, there wasn't nearly as much going on then as there is now (or was, pre-pandemic, and will be again, soon...). In the first of a month-long series looking back at some of the subjects Hippo has covered over the years, former Mayor Bob Baines, real-estate developer Dick Anagnost and Mint Bistro owner Tim Baines look back at what they call the "renaissance" of downtown Manchester, while Tim Sink of the Concord Chamber of Commerce and Michael Herrmann, owner of Gibson's Bookstore, talk about how downtown Concord has changed, and Dan O'Donnell of Nashua's Great American Downtown shares his decades of experience in the Gate City's downtown.



Bob Baines. Courtesy photo.

## Bob Baines

Bob Baines was the principal of Manchester West High School for 20 years, then served as mayor of Manchester for six years starting in 2000. He's worked at Southern New Hampshire University and was president of Chester College for six years, and he continues to do education reform work, most recently with a program called Steam Ahead at West High School and McLaughlin Middle School. He's been on the board of the Palace Theatre for many years and is on the board of Manchester Public Television, and he recently joined the board of the Community College System of New Hampshire after serving eight years on the board of the University System of New Hampshire.

**How would you describe downtown Manchester 20 years ago? What was it like as a destination, as a place to work and as a place to live?**

During that time, when I became mayor there wasn't much going on in Manchester at all. We had suffered through hard times in the '90s and downtown was practically deserted. ... The city was in tough shape, and I was fortunate enough to get the support of the aldermen to do a lot of things with economic development downtown. ... When I was mayor there wasn't even any place to go to lunch in downtown Manchester. ... On Elm Street there were a lot of vacant buildings, a lot of rundown buildings, there wasn't any housing. ... Manchester is a totally different city than it was 20 years ago. ... The Palace Theatre ... had closed and went bankrupt. ... Manchester was not a destination — there really was no place to go. There was one restaurant on Lowell Street called Richard's Bistro, and that was about it.

## Bob Baines on the Hippo

I go back to when Hippo Press started ... Jody [Reese] and Dan [Szczesny] came to see me about this idea of launching this paper and they said it was going to be called the Hippo. I was sort of puzzled about the name; I remember when they left my office I ... called Jody and said, 'Are you sure you want to call it the Hippo?'

**What do you think the most significant changes were over the last 20 years?**

The three key kingpins of the economic renaissance of the city were the Palace Theatre [reopening], the Verizon Wireless Arena [now the SNHU Arena]... and the [Fisher Cats] baseball stadium. ... [Those three things] really put Manchester on the map. ... During that time period there was a lot of excitement about the Manchester public schools [too]. The buildings hadn't been touched in decades. ... There were so many issues. When I was high school principal, I was one of the big complainers ... saying we've got to spend some money to fix our schools. ... At that time they were renovating City Hall and committed to building an arena and I said that's all well and good that you're doing that, but our students deserve better, and we got the support of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to get a \$1.5 million bond passed to renovate all the schools in the city of Manchester, so that was a really big deal. Unfortunately as the years have gone on, the proper amount of money has not been invested into teaching and learning and technology and professional development. ... I'm very involved in an organization now called Manchester Proud ... and we've raised over a million dollars to develop a strategic plan for the district, and we're an active group still raising money to advance education in the city.

**What do you think the downtown will be like 20 years from now? What will the biggest challenges be over the next 20 years?**

I think good times are ahead despite the quagmire we're in right now. ... I hope [downtown is] still a vibrant part of the city. I think you're going to get more and more people looking for opportunities to live in the downtown or live in the millyard. ... They're still creating housing units in the millyard. I think downtown still has a lot of possibilities for other development ... to provide the kind of housing that people are looking for, especially young people. ... Young people who work in all these tech companies, a lot of them want to live downtown because they don't want cars. ... I think the future looks bright in the next 20 years. ... I think the biggest challenge is to get people to invest in the city, and I've always said you can't have a great city without a great public education system, and I think that has

been the challenge for decades in Manchester. ... We should have the very best public schools in the state of New Hampshire. ... I hope our city fathers recognize that we have to invest in our schools.



September 23, 2004



**What has been the most surprising thing about the way downtown has developed?**

The thing that surprised me when I was mayor was the willingness of local developers to get involved, people who grew up in Manchester, people like Dick Anagnost and [Arthur] Sullivan and his partners. A lot of the great things that happened in Manchester were the catalyst of people who grew up in Manchester and went to schools in Manchester. ... It was certainly indicative of the Manchester spirit that people who grew up in Manchester and are now doing well helped revitalize our city, and they continue to do it.

**What is your favorite spot to (eventually) hang out in downtown?**

[Laughing] Mint Bistro! [Ed note: Mint Bistro is owned by Baines' son, Tim Baines, who was also interviewed for this story.] ...

We really miss being able to go there. It's like not being able to see family. ... That's our favorite place, and hopefully in the not so distant future we'll be able to go back.



Dick Anagnost. Courtesy

## Dick Anagnost

Dick Anagnost was born and raised in Manchester and has been involved in real estate development in Manchester for decades; in the past 20 years alone, he estimates that his company has renovated nearly 40 buildings, put up close to 600 units of housing and created approximately 400,000 square feet of new commercial office space.

**How would you describe downtown Manchester 20 years ago? What was it like as a destination, as a place to work and as a place to live?**

It was a raceway. Most of the commercial buildings were boarded up and abandoned, there was nobody living there. ... The kids used to race up and down the streets and the police were tasked with trying to catch them. Downtown Manchester was pretty well abandoned. ... That was about the time that the City decided that

they needed to do something to bring back our downtown and millyard. ... I received tons of cooperation from the City and actually joint ventured a number of buildings with the City. The first renovation downtown was a building called the Chase Block, where Margarita's is. ... That was actually a joint venture with Anagnost and the City of Manchester.

**What do you think the most significant changes were over the last 20 years?**

The City and I began moving down the street, so from [the Chase Block] we went to the next corner south, which is 1015 Elm, we went to 844 Elm, we participated with Paul Smith at the corner of Amherst and Elm. I took on parts of south Manchester, so I had Market Basket [brought in]. Murphy's Tavern was another one of my deals. We started

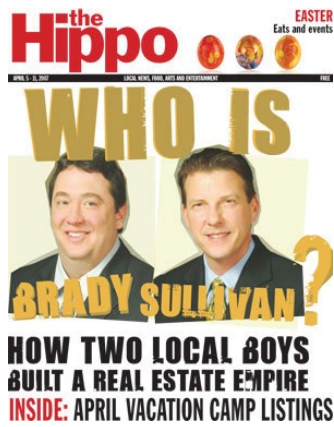
the milliard with 33 S. Commercial St. ... that whole development down there, Southern New Hampshire University is all me. We began marching through the rest of the city together and at about the same time Brady Sullivan started to see our success, and they started with the old gas company building and then they did a number of buildings downtown. ... They have a huge stake in the renovation and renaissance of downtown as well. It all started with the Chase Block, and about parallel with the Chase Block was the Verizon civic center decision. The civic center was a key player, the construction of the ballpark, the southern side of the milliard was a key construction project.

**What has been the most surprising thing about the way downtown has developed?**

The upper stories are still underutilized. When I was growing up the upper stories were filled with offices and residential tenants and all kinds of things, so the buildings were all full. We still have not addressed the issue of trying to make buildings from the 1800s meet the codes of this millennium, and until that happens the upper stories will remain sparsely occupied. I mean, I was able in my buildings to renovate the upper stories by coming up with innovative methods to coordinate and ... find

different solutions to [meet] the codes. For instance, when we did Paul Smith's building at Amherst Street, which [probably had] the best, most preserved original historic finishes from the 1800s, we ... came up with a way to ... [make] what was essentially a sprinkler system that created a safe corridor for people to get out of without having to tear out all of the historical things. At 1015 Elm St., which is where Baked is, we creatively put retail on the first floor, office on the second floor, residential units above it, but there was a fire egress issue ... they allowed us to put a double-wide staircase in the rear and keep the smaller historic granite and marble

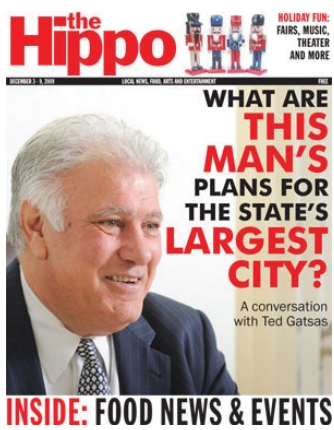
staircase in the front. ... It's cost-prohibitive to renovate the upper floors, but we're in such dire housing need, the upper floors of downtown would be the perfect opportunity to put in workforce type housing. We've now grown into a college town ... and they're always in a deficit for student housing. We could easily turn the upper floors ... into student housing and workforce housing. That would be the key in my opinion to bringing back downtown 100 percent to its most vibrant point, because those people wouldn't need vehicles, but ... because downtown is such a walkable area, they would be able to service and support all the businesses located in downtown. Which is how downtown used to be in the '60s and '70s when I grew up.



April 5, 2007



August 20, 2009



December 3, 2009

**What do you think the downtown will be like 20 years from now? What will the biggest challenges be over the next 20 years?**

I think it'll look a lot like it is now. You still have the traffic generators. When I started working in the milliard, it was 5 million feet with 90 percent vacancy and 10 percent occupancy. Your milliard today is probably 4.8 million feet and it's 93 percent occupied, so the milliard is a significant generator. The Verizon is a significant traffic generator. The ballpark is a significant traffic generator. All of the new housing that's coming in downtown, like the ones that are at the ballpark. The one finishing touch would be to [bring] the upper stories ... back to their usefulness, to making them mostly residential. ... There's a huge demand. Vacancy in the city is about 1 percent. That would be an easy place to put a whole lot of housing. ...

[The biggest challenge will be] the codes. ... In order to be code compliant, you need to spend too much money, more than [the] economic value of the property.

**What is your favorite spot to (eventually) hang out in downtown?**

My office, because I have to come here every day and I spend a significant amount of time here, so we've made it comfortable enough for us to hang out in for long periods of time. ... I've always kind of put my money where my mouth is, so I was one of the first people to move my main offices, first into the milliard when we were redoing the milliard,

# Two 20 year olds walk into a bar...

**COTTON AND HIPPO**  
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVING THE GRANITE STATE  
TIME TESTED. NO JOKE;-)



603.622.5488

Serving Dinner Tuesday - Saturday 4 - 8:30 PM

In the Historic Milliard District at 75 Arms St, Manchester, NH  
Reserve your table now online at [www.cottonfood.com](http://www.cottonfood.com)

CottonToGo is just a click away.

Order your favorite menu items, choose a pick-up time and we'll have it hot and ready for you.

# Timeless



## Making Life A Little Sweeter Since 1927

In Store Pickup and Online Ordering  
832 Elm St. • Manchester, NH • 603-218-3885  
13 Warren St. • Concord, NH • 603-225-2591  
[www.GraniteStateCandyShoppes.com](http://www.GraniteStateCandyShoppes.com)

downtown, and this [1662 Elm St.] is one of the buildings I renovated.

## Tim Baines

Tim Baines was born and raised in Manchester and is the owner of Mint Bistro on Elm Street, and he announced on Dec. 21 that he and two business partners will be opening Elm House of Pizza in January at 102 Elm St. Baines also served as alderman for Ward 3 for one term.



Tim Baines. Courtesy photo.



Michael Herrmann. Photo by Ryan Clark.



Tim Sink. Courtesy photo.

**How would you describe downtown Manchester 20 years ago? What was it like as a destination, as a place to work and as a place to live?**

Downtown Manchester 20 years ago was in a tough place (much of it abandoned) but there was hope on the horizon. The civic center, as it was referred to at the time, was a hotly contested issue in 1999 and 2000. It ultimately prevailed and was a part of a renaissance of sorts. There was probably one fine dining establishment and a few bars. There [were] a few solid anchor retail stores that brought people to the downtown on weekends, but it certainly was not a destination for most. Very few people were looking to live ... downtown at this time.

**What do you think the most significant changes were over the last 20 years?**

Over the past 20 years there has been strong leadership that has realized what a thriving downtown can do for a city, the tax base and the quality of life. Whether it was ensuring that the Palace Theatre stayed alive through tough times or [because of] investments [that were supported by] the government but executed by the private sector, Manchester's downtown grew and became a place that people wanted to be a part of. The condition of a downtown can truly make or break a city and we have

had leadership over these 20 years that [has] fostered this and understood this. With good governance comes private citizens and investors believing in it, and we have seen amazing investments in our downtown.

**What do you think the downtown will be like 20 years from now? What will the biggest challenges be over the next 20 years?**

I believe in my heart that leaders in this community will step up and make sure that all of our progress continues. I hope it's more walkable, I hope that businesses can control their sidewalks and I hope that we have more retail. It truly will come down to leadership and I am hopeful there are enough people out there that know that bringing people together is the way to make many of these things happen.

Smart, common-sense and decisive leadership will go a long way. The biggest challenge will be how we handle the issues of the day that are squarely in front of us. No successful or thriving city has all of the resources available for those suffering in the downtown. We have an obligation to help people and we need to, but attracting those suffering to an area with the temptations that our downtown has to offer continues to send us down the wrong path. A facility away from the downtown that offers services, counseling, detox [and] hope, and one that is well-funded, will go a long way. This will take political courage.

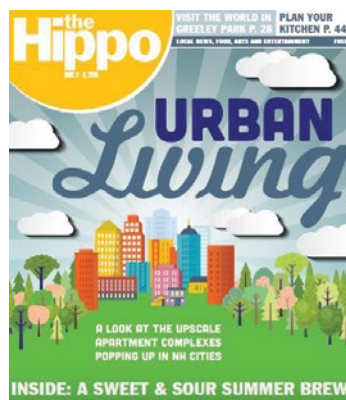
**What has been the most surprising thing about the way downtown has developed?**

It's a community. With a few glaring exceptions everyone cheers for each other and knows that the others' success is part of their own success. It's a beautiful thing. As far as surprising, I would have to say the lack of understanding by government officials as to what it takes to survive in the private sector. It has been discouraging to see leadership not understand the funda-

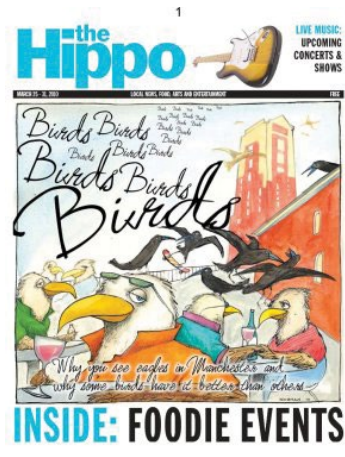
mentals of how A affects B and affects C. It has demoralized people.

**What is your favorite spot to (eventually) hang out in downtown?**

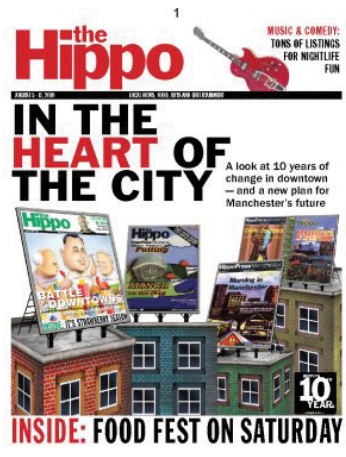
[They don't exist yet, but I would like to see] a few things: a movie theater, a beer garden and a community event that rivals what Riverfest used to be.



December 3, 2009



March 18, 2010



January 2010

## Michael Herrmann

Michael Herrmann has been the owner of Gibson's Bookstore in Concord since 1994, and he has served on the boards of Intown Concord and the Chamber of Commerce.

**How would you describe downtown Concord 20 years ago? What was it like as a destination, as a place to work and as a place to live?**

Concord has always been blessed to have

a thriving downtown, and even 20 years ago it was an attractive place to visit, with many interesting shops. It was starting to look tired, but there was a real community of shop owners and regular visitors, and it was fun to be part of it.

**What do you think the most significant changes were over the last 20 years?**

The downtown, certainly the Main Street redevelopment of 2016, and also the expansion of the downtown south of Pleasant Street.

**What do you think the downtown will be like 20 years from now? What will the biggest challenges be over the next 20 years?**

The rise of internet commerce has put all retail at risk, but I believe that people will continue to want to shop local and support institutions that make our city unique. The biggest challenge for downtown is to have businesses that are sufficiently capitalized so they can weather crises like the one we've seen this year.

**What has been the most surprising thing about the way downtown has developed?**

So many banks — some of my best friends are bankers, but these locations are like dead zones. The ground-floor spots on Main Street should be devoted to retail.

**What is your favorite spot to (eventually) hang out in downtown?**

I can't wait to spend too much money at all the restaurants downtown. For now, I'll just be buying gift cards and doing takeout.

## Tim Sink

Tim Sink has been the president and CEO of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce since 1992; for the last 10 years he's worked at its office on Main Street. He's lived in Concord for about 35 years and raised his family there.

**How would you describe downtown Concord 20 years ago? What was it like as a destination, as a place to work and as a place to live?**

Twenty years ago downtown Concord was in the beginning of a renaissance. Capitol Center for the Arts had just opened, Capital Commons was going up with a much needed parking garage and downtown festivals like Market Days were growing more vibrant. The downtown was starting to wake up.

**What do you think the most significant changes were over the last 20 years?**

The redevelopment and redesign of Main Street, Red River Theatres, Capitol Center for the Arts, Bank of New Hampshire Stage, expansion and relocation of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and Gibson's Bookstore, more public art

## Dick Anagnost on the Hippo

Every time I needed help persuading the aldermen to do something, Jody and the guys, you know, Jeff [Rapsis] ... and Dan [Szczesny], all jumped in and wrote things to get support and public opinion on my side. I have a long relationship with them; I was there when they went into business. ... You could actually attribute the Hippo to a lot of Manchester downtown's growth. They were the ones writing about the opening of Margarita's and the opening of this restaurant and the Palace Theatre renovations and all those things. They were pointing out all of the good things that were going on in Manchester. ... They were a break from reality. ... They thought outside the box. ... They brought forth the whole concept of, these are the things that are going on, these are the things you can do, that helped downtown particularly go through its renaissance. ... You asked a question, what were the most significant changes? One of them was HippoPress.



greater cultural diversity have all contributed to a much more vibrant, destination downtown.

**What do you think the downtown will be like 20 years from now? What will the biggest challenges be over the next 20 years?**

The boundaries of what we now consider downtown Concord will expand east [and] west and further south. The main gateway at Exit 14 will be vastly improved.

**What has been the most surprising thing about the way downtown has developed?**

The creativity and resilience of the retail, hospitality and dining sectors.

**What is your favorite spot to (eventually) hang out in downtown?**

Bicentennial Square



Dan O'Donnell. Courtesy photo.

numerous volunteers have spent enormous amounts of time, energy and capital in revisioning, revitalizing and recreating what I would call the rebirth of downtown Nashua. Today's downtown Nashua is a much more warm and inviting environment. It is once again the heart of the city and a special gathering place for residents and visitors ... [and] has the highest-quality restaurants, unique and specialized shopping venues, art galleries, live music venues and an upcoming Performing Arts Center.

**What do you think the most significant changes were over the last 20 years?**

I believe that the most significant change is that people realized the most important part of any community is its people. We live in an unbelievably fast paced, instant gratification world. Malls and box stores are sterile environments and have no socially redeeming benefits. Downtowns provide far more social interactions, give us personalized service, which we have been missing, and they provide a connection with our friends and community.

**What do you think the downtown will be like 20 years from now? What will the biggest challenges be over the next 20 years?**

We are currently in a new phase in Nashua where we are experiencing significant growth in inner city housing starts. As this continues we will see further growth and opportunities in downtown Nashua.

**What has been the most surprising thing about the way downtown has developed?**

The most surprising thing about the development of downtown Nashua has been the pace of the growth and outstanding support from the community at large.

**What is your favorite spot to (eventually) hang out in downtown?**

My favorite future spot will be the new Performing Arts Center as it is a long overdue need for our community. I think it will be a huge draw in the further rebirth and revitalization of our Great American Downtown. 🌈

**Dan O'Donnell**

Dan O'Donnell is the president of the Executive Board for Nashua's Great American Downtown. He was born and raised in Nashua, spent 40 years as an educator in the Nashua School District before retiring in 2015, and is now a Realtor with Keller Williams Gateway Realty in Nashua. He has been a member of numerous organizations in Nashua, such as the Jaycees, Masons and Lions Club. Though he now physically resides in Hollis, he continues to tell people the "lives" in Nashua and always will.

**How would you describe downtown Nashua 20 years ago? What was it like as a destination, as a place to work and as a place to live?**

Nashua's downtown has always been a great place to dine and shop. Back in the '80s as more and more box stores and big malls opened on the outskirts of Nashua, people drifted away to experience that newfound convenience shopping, but it always lacked the character, charm and personal service that downtown offered. Since then the City of Nashua, Downtown Merchants Association, Great American Downtown and



October 5, 2017



November 5, 2020

# Celebrating 12 years!

**Thank you to our customers for supporting us this far. We're looking forward to 2021!**

**Firefly**  
american bistro & bar

**Dine In • Take Out  
Local Delivery • Gift Cards**

**Call for Reservations**  
603.935.9740 | fireflyNH.com  
22 Concord Street, Manchester

**Congratulations on 20 years, Hippo! 30 more years and you'll catch up with us! 😊**

**50 Years in Business and STILL GROWING!**

**Granite State Naturals**  
Family owned since 1971

**Our NEW Expanded Location (right next door) OPENING SOON!**

**Your NEW Natural Superette**  
• Beer & Wine • Expanded Grocery Items  
• Fresh Produce • More NEW things to come!

Vitamins & Supplements • Bulk foods, Herb & Spices • Premium Natural Skincare

**Open Everyday in store shopping  
Curbside pick up available**

**Granite State Naturals**  
Family owned since 1971

**164 N. State St., Concord, NH (Just 1 mile N. of Main St.)**  
granitestatenaturals.com | (603) 224-9341

# Blast from the past

Robinson decries white supremacy, pays homage to the '80s in *Exo-Hunter*

By Angie Sykeny  
asykeny@hippopress.com

Science fiction, sociopolitical satire and 1980s nostalgia are the basis for Seacoast author Jeremy Robinson's newest novel *Exo-Hunter*, released last month.

*Exo-Hunter* follows a Black Marine known as Dark Horse in 1989 who, after a mission gone wrong, is launched with his team a millennium into the future. In the year 2989, humans have abandoned Earth and expanded colonization throughout the galaxy under the rule of a white supremacist government called The Union. Separated from his team and now the only Black man in The Union, Dark Horse takes control of a space vessel

and sets out to find his teammates, disguised as an Exo-Hunter, a space explorer seeking new planets for the Union to colonize.

Robinson said he had been contemplating a "sarcastic, fun, '80s sci-fi" while also reflecting on the racial tensions felt throughout the country over the last few years.

"I thought I'd kind of just mash all of that together," he said. "White supremacy ... is a serious topic, but I wanted to address it with a sense of humor, similar to how the movie *Jojo Rabbit* did with Nazi Germany — funny but also moving and revealing."

The humor in *Exo-Hunter* comes mostly in the form of sarcasm, Robinson said, with some sci-fi- and '80s-related jokes thrown in.

"I think sarcasm can be helpful for us now as we look back at 2020 and all the bad stuff," he said. "It's a good way to deal with it all."

The book also provides a comic look at the absurdity of a society without diversity.

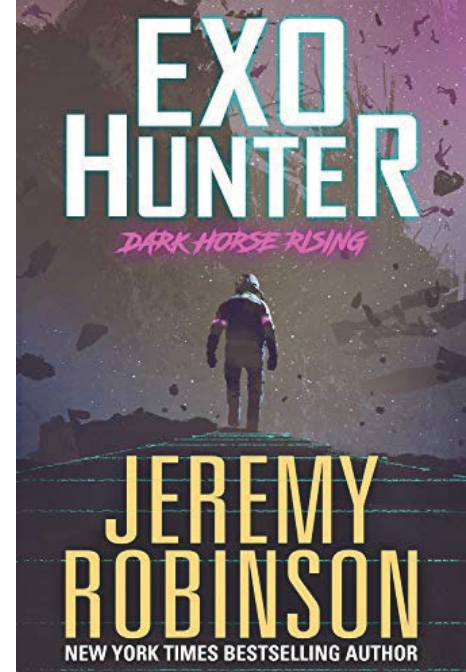
"I wanted to kind of poke fun at how weird and strange it would be and how dull life would be," Robinson said. "I guess the main moral of the story is, a world with diversity is just a better world."

Readers who lived through the '80s will get a healthy dose of nostalgia with refer-

ences to '80s pop culture, particularly sci-fi movies and new wave music. Additionally, Robinson created a playlist of the referenced songs as a musical companion to the book (available on his website) with hits like "Video Killed the Radio Star" by The Buggles, "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)" by Eurythmics and "Heroes" by David Bowie.

"A lot of the story hinges on these songs because they're applicable to what is happening and are just perfect for the situation," Robinson said, adding that pausing to listen to the songs as they are mentioned in the book can create a more immersive experience for the reader.

A New York Times and No. 1 Audible bestselling author, Robinson has written and published more than 70 books in a number of genres, including science fiction, action adventure, fantasy, post-apocalyptic, thriller and horror, as well as several comic books. Prior to writing novels he did primarily screenwriting, and he continues to write with the ultimate goal of getting his stories made into movies and TV series, he said. A couple of his books are currently in the process of being adapted for the screen, and a TV series based on one of his books has been in devel-



opment for the last five years. (He is not yet at liberty to say which books, he said.) As for *Exo-Hunter*, Robinson said, he is "absolutely" envisioning it as an action-packed movie for the big screen.

"It was written with that intention, as most of my novels are," he said. "[The production] would be really big and cost a lot of money, so [the book] will have to sell really well first for Hollywood to take the risk, but we'll see." 🍷

## Exo-Hunter by Jeremy Robinson

*Exo-Hunter* is available now on Amazon and Kindle and locally at Jetpack Comics in Rochester. The audiobook is set for release on Audible and iTunes in February. To learn more about the book, visit [bewareofmonsters.com/exo-hunter-dark-horse-rising](http://bewareofmonsters.com/exo-hunter-dark-horse-rising), and check out the companion playlist at [bewareofmonsters.com/playlist](http://bewareofmonsters.com/playlist).

## Art

### Call for Art

• **35TH ANNUAL OMER T. LASSONDE JURIED EXHIBITION** The New Hampshire Art Association seeks submissions of artwork from NHAA members and non-members. The theme is "Beyond the Boundaries." Submit up to three pieces. Open to all artistic media. Deadline is Fri., Feb. 5, by 5 p.m. Submission form available online. Call 431-4230 and visit [nhartassociation.org](http://nhartassociation.org).

## Exhibits

• **"THE COLORS OF GREY"** Theme art show presented by the Seacoast Artist Association. On display now through Jan. 30. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. Visit [seacoastartist.org](http://seacoastartist.org) or call 778-8856.

• **"A NEW DAY"** Exhibit features work by 35 new members of The New Hampshire Art Association. Viewable online, in the front windows at the NHAA's Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery (136 State St., Ports-

mouth) and at the gallery in person by appointment. On display now through Jan. 31. A virtual opening reception will be held on Thurs., Jan. 7, at 6 p.m., on Zoom. Call 431-4230 and visit [nhartassociation.org](http://nhartassociation.org).

• **"BRAVE NEW WORLD: RESILIENCE IN THE TIME OF COVID"** Outdoor public art display features paintings by 80 students from the Nashua School District that convey a message of hope and resilience amid the challenges of Covid-19. Amherst Elementary School (71 Amherst St., Nashua). On

display now through Feb. 14. An opening reception at the exhibit location to celebrate the student and teacher artists will be held on Friday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. Visit [sites.google.com/nsd42.net/bravenewworld/home](http://sites.google.com/nsd42.net/bravenewworld/home).

• **"THE VIEW THROUGH MY EYES"** The New Hampshire Art Association presents works by pastel artist Chris Reid. Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce Gallery, 49 S. Main St., Concord. On display now through March 18. Visit [nhartassociation.org](http://nhartassociation.org) or call 431-4230.

## Tours

• **NASHUA PUBLIC ART AUDIO TOUR** Self-guided audio tours of the sculptures and murals in downtown Nashua, offered via the Distrx app, which uses Bluetooth iBeacon technology to automatically display photos and text and provides audio descriptions at each stop on the tour as tourists approach the works of art. Each tour has 10 to 15 stops. Free and accessible on Android and iOS on demand. Available in English and Spanish. Visit [downtown-nashua.org/nashua-art-tour](http://downtown-nashua.org/nashua-art-tour).

## Theater

### Shows

• **WHERE DO I BEGIN?** New Hampshire Theatre Project's SoloStage program presents. Fri., Jan. 22, and Sat., Jan. 23, 8 p.m., and Sun., Jan. 24, 2 p.m. Performances held virtually and in-person at 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. In-person show tickets cost \$30, and virtual show tickets cost \$20. Call 431-6644 or visit [nhtheatreproject.org](http://nhtheatreproject.org).

More than 135 dealers of quality are represented in over 7,000 square feet of clean, well-lighted display space.



AMERICAN K9 COUNTRY

SALE!

JANUARY SAT/SUN  
DAYCARE ONLY  
\$10/DOG

Keep Your Dogs  
Conditioned, Fit & Trim

26' Indoor Heated Salt Pool &  
Aqua Paws Water Treadmill

336 Route 101, Amherst, NH | 672 8448 | [AmericanK9Country.com](http://AmericanK9Country.com)

TRAINING

DAYCARE

BOARDING

Multi Day Care Areas  
Tiny Tot Room & Access to  
Aquatic Fitness Room  
7 Days a Week!

- Pet Obedience
- Competitive Obedience
- Agility Training
- Rally Training
- Conformation Training

FREE DOG PARK

# THE ROUNDUP

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

• **Gallery goes digital:** Kelley Stelling Contemporary, an art gallery in Manchester that has been closed throughout the pandemic, announced in a newsletter that it will soon roll out a series of new digital programming, including artist talks, studio visits and home tours. Watch the gallery's social media @kelleystellingcontemporary for updates.

• **Drive-in singing:** The Nashua Choral Society has found a creative way to continue meeting during the pandemic while observing social distance, according to a press release from the chorus. With a new drive-in choir system, members can gather in person and, while remaining in their cars, sing together using wireless microphones tuned into the same radio station. NCS purchased the wireless microphones with a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The chorus had its first drive-in sing on Dec. 13, which is World Choral Day. "Seeing everyone in person, even through car windows, was a joyful event," the press release read. "NCS looks forward to hosting more socially distanced sings in the new year." The choir is also planning to hold in-person public performances this year as soon as it is safe to do so, according to the release. Visit [nashuachoralsociety.org](http://nashuachoralsociety.org)

• **Nature through the seasons:** The New Hampshire Art Association has an exhibition, "The View Through My Eyes," featuring the work of pastel artist Chris Reid, on view at the gallery in the Concord Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center (49 S. Main St.) now through March 18. Reid's pastels depict nature scenes from the four seasons, like emerging flowers and plants in the spring; gardens, farms and greenery in the summer; harvest landscapes and the changing colors of leaves in the fall; and the natural shapes formed by ice and snow in the winter. "My work is a conversation with nature," Reid said in a press release. "My paintings are more than simple depictions of place. Rather, they invite a choreographed dance of the eyes, where the viewer is invited to look deep into the depths of the work and see the subject's spirit and life-force." Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit [nhartassociation.org](http://nhartassociation.org) or call 431-4230.

• **Literary Zoom:** Gibson's Bookstore of Concord will host a virtual author event with Beverly Stoddart on Monday,



Art by Chris Reid, featured in "The View Through My Eyes" exhibition. Courtesy photo.

Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. Stoddart will present her new book *Stories from the Rolo-dex: Important Figures of Journalism in Their Own Words*, which includes a series of essays on local personalities from the golden age of journalism. She will be joined in conversation by local author (and Hippo associate publisher) Dan Szczesny. Then, on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m., Gibson's will virtually host poet Kyle Potvin, who will read from her new volume of verse *Loosen* (Volume XIV of the Hobblebush Granite State Poetry Series). Poet and executive director of The Frost Place Maudelle Driskell will join the reading and discussion. The events will be held on Zoom, and registration is required. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com) or call 224-0562.

• **A look at slavery in New England:** The Moffatt-Ladd House and Garden in Portsmouth kicks off its free public winter continuing education series with a virtual lecture and discussion, "Confronting Slavery in Early New England: History, Sources and Interpretation," led by Dr. Jared Ross Hardesty, on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Hardesty is the author of *Black Lives, Native Lands, White Worlds: A History of Slavery in New England* (2019), "the first comprehensive look at slavery throughout New England in more than 50 years," according to a press release from the Moffatt-Ladd House. The book explores the lives of enslaved people in New England, how New England became wealthy from the slave trade and the connection between slavery in New England and the Carribean. Registration is required. Email [education.moffatt.ladd@gmail.com](mailto:education.moffatt.ladd@gmail.com) to receive the link to the Zoom event. — *Angie Sykeny*

## Accomando Family Dentistry

Natalie Accomando, DMD \* Lynn Brennan DDS

We will create a dental experience that you will enjoy! Call us today  
603.645.8510



1361 Elm St., Suite 330 \* Manchester, NH

[www.accomandofamilydentistry.com](http://www.accomandofamilydentistry.com) \* 603.645.8510

We accept most insurance, including Delta Dental, MetLife, Guardian & Healthy Kids

SAVE  
\$14.58

Crest® 3D WHITE® Strips  
Dental Whitening Kit  
28 CT



SALE \$29.99  
(REG. \$44.57)

This sale is good through 01/31/21

Elliot Health System | 663-5678 • 175 Queen City Ave, Manchester NH  
Pharmacy | River's Edge | [ElliotPharmacy.org](http://ElliotPharmacy.org) • M-F 7am to 7pm, Sat. 8:30-5:00pm • Closed Sunday

STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

50 YEARS... SO FAR!



STONE CHURCH

NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE

# Save Our Stages

The second floor Attic Lounge is now open.

Visit [www.StoneChurchRocks.com](http://www.StoneChurchRocks.com) for upcoming shows, private parties and weddings.

## 2020 gardens

### What worked last year and what didn't

By Henry Homeyer  
listings@hippopress.com

#### — THE GARDENING GUY —

This past year was a tough one for many of us: isolation due to Covid-19, political turmoil, employment interruptions and more. But in the garden? For me, it was pretty good, overall. It was a very dry summer, but that meant that there were fewer fungal diseases on my tomatoes and phlox. Since a small stream passes through my property the water table is high, and my established plantings did fine with little supplemental watering.

Let's start in the vegetable garden. What tomatoes did best for me? For sheer production, it was one called "Big Mama." She is shaped like a plum tomato, but three times the size or more. Flavor-wise it was not spectacular for fresh eating, but it was great for making sauce. I got seeds from Burpee.

My best-flavored tomato? One I bought as a seedling called Hungarian Heart. It is a big, juicy tomato that makes any sandwich memorable. I ate them for breakfast, lunch and dinner when I had them. Seeds for this heirloom tomato are available from The Seed Savers Exchange or Burpee

seeds. And since it is an heirloom, you can save seeds from this year's harvest to use next year.

Equally tasty is a perennial favorite of mine, the Sun Gold cherry tomato — early, relatively disease-free, highly productive. It's a modern hybrid, so you'll need to buy seeds or plants every year. But buy them early: They sell out fast. They're great for snacking or in salads. I also dehydrate them by the hundred and use in soups, stews and salads all winter.

Best-looking early tomato? Blue Beauty. It starts out blue but ripens to be a red tomato with black shoulders. Very productive with six- to eight-ounce tomatoes and a nice flavor. Hybrid. Seeds available from Pine Tree Garden Seeds.

Best annual flowers? My wife Cindy ordered 18 dahlia tubers last winter, and we started them indoors last March in 12-inch pots. We grew them under lights until mid-June, when the soil was warm enough to please this heat-loving flower. They grew purple, pink and white six-inch blossoms on six-foot-tall plants. We had more dahlia plants than any normal people would want, and even after we gave away a few we had a forest of them.

These big plants had to be staked, and the only thing strong enough to support them were one-inch-square hardwood grade stakes, five-

or six-feet. We dedicated one eight-foot by three-foot flower bed to them and scattered a few plants elsewhere.

For years I have been trying to find the perfect spot for a nice flowering shrub called Carolina allspice or sweetshrub. I moved it this year for the third time, and finally found a good spot. About 10 years ago I planted it in full sun with moist soil, and the leaves burned. Then I put it in shade, and it didn't flower much. This year I moved it to a drier location in dappled shade under a pear tree. It grew well and appears to have settled in well.

Sweetshrub produces nice burgundy flowers in late June. Some varieties are very fragrant. Mine is not. (Note to self: Buy flowering plants when in flower if they are supposed to be fragrant.)

We had a fierce windstorm in 2020 and it partially tipped over a 15-foot catalpa tree that we'd had for three years. I was able to push it back up to vertical position but worried that it was unstable. I tied it to three stakes for a while. Then I had the idea to place a large stone over the root ball on the side that had lifted up. That really stabilized it, and I removed the ropes, which had begun to dig into the bark. So far, so good, despite strong winds this fall.

For years I have been frustrated by weeds that infested a walkway through a terraced area for flowers. Goutweed and creeping grasses were seemingly impossible to eradicate, especially



Calycanthus or sweetshrub is a shade-loving shrub I love. Photo courtesy of Henry Homeyer.

since the roots could hide under the large flat stones I had used as stepping stones. This year my wife, Cindy, decided to make it better.

First we removed all stepping stones and she dug out the weed roots. She hired three teenagers to wheelbarrow away the soil and help with the digging as she excavated the path. They dug out a pathway about eight inches deep, two to three feet wide and 80 feet

long. They then put down six inches of one-inch crushed stone and covered it with landscape fabric. Then they edged it with bricks standing on edge and filled it with rounded pea stones about half an inch across.

The project was a huge success: For the first time ever, we had no weeds in the walkway. Not one, all summer. Stone, with no soil mixed in, will not grow weeds and the bricks kept soil in the beds from getting into the pathway. We will be on the lookout for scraps of goutweed that might pop up at the edges of the walkway next year, but the landscape fabric will keep any scraps of root from sending up shoots.

Each year is different. Each year certain flowers or vegetables are supremely happy, and others sulk. That's part of the fun of gardening: remembering the good, learning from the bad, and looking forward to the next year. My best wishes to you all for 2021.

Email [henry.homeyer@comcast.net](mailto:henry.homeyer@comcast.net)



# Current oil/propane provider falling short? IT'S TIME FOR PALMER.

We're already in your community. We've been providing oil and propane to your friends, neighbors and co-workers for over 85 years. We warm your families, your schools, your churches and your local businesses. Make the switch.

FUEL DELIVERY | SERVICE | SALES | INSTALLATION

**FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED FOR OVER 85 YEARS!**

**Call 603-898-7986 for NEW competitive pricing.**

**Award Winning New Hampshire-Based Business**



**BUSINESSNH**  
**BUSINESS OF THE DECADE**  
**2020**



[www.PalmerGas.com](http://www.PalmerGas.com)

# KIDDIE — POOL —

Family fun for the weekend

## Math discoveries

Have “Phun With Math,” a virtual program from the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (2 Institute Drive, Concord) being presented on Friday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. Phun With Math is the theme for this month’s Super Stellar Friday event. STEM instructor and Discovery Center educator David McDonald will explore fun patterns and numbers in nature, explain what you could do with a rope that circles the Earth at the equator, and show you how to increase your chances of choosing the right door in “Let’s Make a Deal.” This event is free, but registration is required at [starhop.com](http://starhop.com).

## Library fun, at home

Many local libraries are closed or have limited hours and services, but they’re still offering plenty of fun for kids and families. The **Nashua Public Library** (2 Court St., 589-4600, [nashualibrary.org](http://nashualibrary.org)) has virtual story times posted on its website, along with monthly interactive virtual activities — January’s is “Case of the Missing Snowman.” The library also offers age-appropriate craft projects on the second Saturday of each month; materials can be picked up curbside.

At the **Manchester City Library** (405 Pine St., 624-6550, [manchester.lib.nh.us](http://manchester.lib.nh.us)) kids can find a new Messy Art project online each Wednesday afternoon. The projects can be done at home with items



around the house. The next new project will be posted on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 3 p.m. Also on Wednesdays starting Jan. 13, the library will host “For the Young & Young at Heart – Movement and Songs” via Zoom, starting at 10 a.m. Registration is required for the live, 20-minute program, which encourages all ages to get moving.

And at the **Concord Public Library** (45 Green St., 225-8670, [concordpubliclibrary.net](http://concordpubliclibrary.net)) parents can pick up craft kits for their kids (and, every other week, for themselves). On Monday, Jan. 11, the Fun Coloring Kit will be made available to kids, while supplies last. The library is also hosting Book Bingo, challenging readers of all ages to complete as many squares as possible by Feb. 26. Fill in the squares with the names of books you’ve finished, and every time you get five in a row you’ll earn a raffle ticket. Register online to have the game board emailed to you, or pick it up curbside.

To discover the virtual events and activities that are happening at your **local library**, visit its website — most town and city libraries have revamped their programming to offer safe, at-home fun for families. 🍷

## TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,  
For years I’ve been meaning to contact you regarding my curiosity about a basket that was found in an old late 18th-century house in Chichester. The basket was found in the mid 1970s and I bought it at a yard sale!

Thank you for any information that you can offer me!  
Lil



The form is similar to a funeral basket for flowers. If that is the case then the value would be under \$100. As I said, though, my view is based only on my own limited experience. Please let me know if you find out any more information!

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

Dear Lil,  
Baskets are tough for an appraisal and to know for sure when some of them were made. I think that my suggestion would be to see someone who has a lot of experience with baskets, such as Skinners in Bolton, Mass. You can send them a photo and they should be able to give you more information than I can. I would say it has an Asian look to it, which is another reason why it’s tough!

# SOUTHERN NH’S WINTER PLAYGROUND!



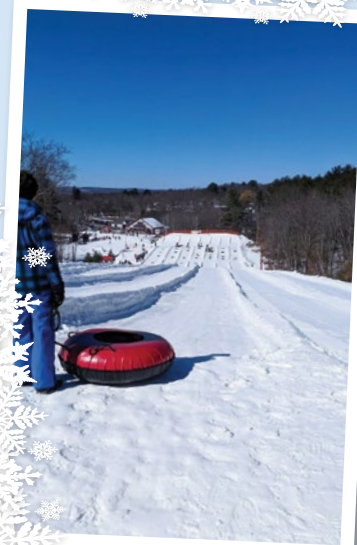
MAKE 2021 YOUR YEAR TO HAVE FUN WITH US!  
AT THE **BONNEVILLE & SON** FAMILY THRILL HILL

RIGHT IN THE HEART  
OF MANCHESTER



- ❄️ New Snowmaking and grooming equipment
- ❄️ 9 Trails varying in difficulty
- ❄️ 2 double chair lifts
- ❄️ Terrain Park with a giant bowl and a variety of rails and jumps
- ❄️ 10 lanes of tubing with magic carpet conveyor to the top
- ❄️ Rental & Retail Shop with tuning service

PLAY ALL YOU CAN,  
SKIING, SNOWBOARDING  
& TUBING  
ONE GREAT RATE  
ALL FOR \$38  
PER PERSON  
EVERY SATURDAY  
3:30-9PM



See our protocols and policies to keep your family and ours safe this winter  
[mcintyreskiarea.com/covid19/](http://mcintyreskiarea.com/covid19/)

Ski well,  
be well.

Open 7 Days • 622-6159 • Kennard Road, Manchester  
[McIntyreSkiArea.com](http://McIntyreSkiArea.com)

# Looking to replace '93 Wrangler for reliability



By Ray Magliozzi

*Dear Car Talk:*  
I am a proud owner of a 1993 Jeep Wrangler that I grew up with. It has 250,000 miles on it, and I love it to death. It fits in the tiny parking postage stamps in the city near me, it has enough clearance and four-wheel drive for the snowy winters and steep roads here, and best of all, it is so easy to work on (I do all my own mechanics). However, it's not really a friendly size for the family that I would like to start in a few years. And when I'm driving the interstate, I'm either holding up the truckers in the right lane or barreling along at 3,000 rpm while I panic internally that my engine will kick the bucket from the effort.

All of this is to say: I'm wracked with indecision. Drop a crate motor in or buy a new-ish car? Ray, what are your thoughts? What are the vehicles that fit the bill most closely? I am not super worried about reliability since I enjoy working on my vehicle (provided it's not catastrophic failure).

What vehicles are the easiest to work on nowadays? It seems like everything under the sun is jammed into the engine bay, and you're practically removing the motor to access the oil filter. Thanks.  
— Casidy

Oh, Casidy. You probably thought this was a car question, didn't you? I actually think it's more than that. I think it's about adulthood.

The '93 Wrangler represents your youth. You grew up with it. You had lots of adventures with it. It didn't matter if it broke down. So what? Another adventure! You had no responsibilities.

And now you are thinking about starting a family, and you fear that it's time

to — yikes! — get practical. And I think you're right. Unfortunately, nothing is going to be as easy to work on as a Jeep from 1993 (which was pretty similar to a Jeep from '83, a Jeep from '73 or a Jeep from '63).

But if you love the barbaric nature, unreliability and occasional roof leaks of your old Jeep, you can always get one of the newer, four-door Wranglers. But those are big money and not great for toting kids. So at least see how the other half drives before you buy another Wrangler.

There are a ton of rugged-looking crossovers these days that have all of the practical qualities you love about your Jeep — the all-wheel-drive, the ground clearance, the compact size. But what they also have is comfort, safety, good mileage, reliability, a quiet interior, good handling, and room for strollers and child seats. Oh, and they're all able to stay in their lane for more than a few seconds.

I'll list a few. You'll have to go on some test drives and see what appeals to you: Toyota RAV4, Subaru Forester, Ford Bronco Sport, Nissan Rogue, Hyundai Tucson, Honda CR-V, VW Tiguan, Jeep Cherokee, Mazda CX-5.

Given the rugged self-image you've gotten used to driving your Jeep, I'd start with the RAV4 and Bronco Sport and go from there. And if you want either of those to ride just like your Wrangler, put an extra 10 pounds of air in the tires.

And here's my final suggestion: Don't sell your '93 Wrangler. It's not worth a lot anyway. Instead, store it. It'll make this transition a little easier. Then, once your kids are screaming and driving you crazy, hand them over to your spouse for a few hours and go out and get your hands dirty working on the Wrangler.

It'll be an escape from the chaos of your future life. It'll remind you of the

freedom and adventures you've had. You can revel in that while turning your wrenches. And it'll become more important to your self-image once you graduate to that minivan, Casidy.

*Dear Car Talk:*

I have a 2005 Saturn Ion with 127,000 miles on it. It's in very good condition for its age. However, about a year ago, I was driving it at about 25 miles per hour when the power steering indicator warning light ("PWR STR") and the chime warning sound came on and the power steering stopped working.

At exactly the same time the transmission dropped down to and remained in low gear, and the speedometer stopped working. Also, at the same time, the check engine light came on, and when I pressed the brake pedal, there was a clicking sound.

After a short time, everything simultaneously went back to normal. The car was fine for about a year. Then it happened again. Now it's been happening intermittently over the past three weeks. The identical problems all come at the same time and later go at the same time. I took it to my mechanic who checked it for loose wires and loose connectors. He said he even disconnected and reconnected all the connectors at the car's computer but could find nothing.

At this time, the car has been fine for about a week. Any thoughts? — Dennis

Yeah. My first thought is to challenge your opening statement that this car is in very good condition for its age, Dennis.

I thought that perhaps some failing sensor put your car into "limp home mode." That's the same mode you go into after the neighbor kid leaves his bicycle out on the sidewalk, and you bang your shin on it. Limp home mode is designed to protect your car's catalytic converter.

If the computer gets a reading for one of the engine's sensors that suggests that harm may be done to your very expensive catalytic converter, it'll engage limp home mode, which reduces the engine's power dramatically, making it seem like you're in low gear. And that's usually accompanied by a low power light.

But you've got so many other warning lights on that I think your mechanic was on the right track to look for a more systemic electrical issue.

Normally, what we'd do in a case like this is something called a shake test. Basically, you grab onto every wire and connector you can find in the car and shake it, hoping that you can reproduce the problem and narrow down its source. And if you're really lucky, while you're yanking on all the wires, the car catches fire and that solves the problem.

There are so many things it could be: a corroded ground wire, a bad ignition switch, dirty connectors in a wire harness, a bad electronic control module (computer). Even a failing fuel pump could cause some of these symptoms.

I know you can't go to your local Saturn dealer anymore (RIP), but you might consider talking to someone at a friendly Chevy dealer, which serviced these cars after Saturn bailed.

Maybe they'll recognize the collection of symptoms and save you a few hundred hours of diagnostic detective work. If not, you can give your mechanic another crack at it and see if he finds a stored fault code in the computer this time or otherwise gets lucky.

And if that doesn't work, rest assured, Dennis, you've gotten your money out of this car. And if you decide it's time to move on — like Saturn did 10 years ago — nobody is going to think less of you. Good luck.

Visit [Cartalk.com](http://Cartalk.com). 🍌

## PRINTING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

### MAKE DIRECT MAIL WORK FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Let us handle your print needs,  
from design to delivery.  
Now with free business delivery  
for orders over \$50

Direct Mail Services | Mailing Lists  
Postcards | Letters & Envelopes



CALL OR EMAIL: 603.382.1380 | [printing@hippopress.com](mailto:printing@hippopress.com)

Make the weekend to work transition more **seamless.**

**NOW HIRING:** SERVICE PROFESSIONAL

- \$19.50/HR
- Company Truck
- Comprehensive Benefits Package



FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[jpestcareers.com](http://jpestcareers.com)

133063

Your Gateway from the City to the Seacoast.

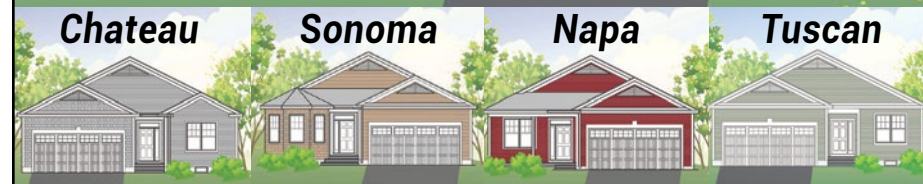


# BLACKSTONE RESERVE

AN ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITY IN RAYMOND, NH  
61 Lane Road Raymond, NH



The Grand Sonoma



Chateau

Sonoma

Napa

Tuscan

## MODEL HOME OPEN HOUSE

**WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY FROM 10 AM - 4 PM**

Blackstone Reserve is a luxurious, active adult community featuring a picturesque setting and 66 single-family detached condos. Located in Raymond, NH, halfway between Manchester and the New Hampshire seacoast. Residents will enjoy a low maintenance environment, community living and a physical environment to stay active and young.

**HOUSES STARTING AT \$402,900**

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



**CALL FRANK DIDONATO**  
**603.867.0328 (CELL)**

**fdidonato@kw.com | 603.232.8282 (office)**  
**blackstonereserve.com**

Exclusive listings of Frank DiDonato and Keller Williams Metropolitan

132158

133028



**FOR REGISTER SPRING 21!**

Make 2021 your year! Choose Nashua Community College for **workforce training** that fits your schedule, with flexible evening, Saturday, and online learning. Complete a **two-year degree** or one-year certificate to get ahead at work or prepare to transfer to a four-year program and beyond.

SEMESTER BEGINS  
**JANUARY 19!**

505 Amherst St. | Nashua, NH 03063 | 603.578.8908  
[nashua@ccsnh.edu](mailto:nashua@ccsnh.edu) | [nashuacc.edu](http://nashuacc.edu)

# FOOD

## Lone Star eats

Texas-style BBQ food truck opens restaurant space in Milford

### News from the local food scene

By Matt Ingersoll  
food@hippopress.com



Breakfast brisket burritos. Courtesy photo.



The inside of the new restaurant space. Courtesy photo.

By Matt Ingersoll  
mingersoll@hippopress.com

• **Salem market moves indoors:** The **Salem Farmers Market** will move indoors for the remainder of the winter beginning Sunday, Jan. 10, at a new location at 369 S. Broadway in Salem (the former location of Rockler Woodworking), according to a recent post on its Facebook page. The year-round market, which normally operates indoors from November through about April or May, has been outdoors at Salem Marketplace since this past March. According to Bonnie Wright of the market's board, limited hours of 10 a.m. to noon each Sunday will continue in the new location. Visit [salemhfarmersmarket.org](http://salemhfarmersmarket.org).

• **Blind wines:** Join WineNot Boutique (221 Main St., Nashua) for a **blind tasting of cabernet sauvignon wines** on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will taste nine wines, each of which will be hidden in brown bags, paired with varieties of cheese, chocolates and appetizers. After tasting each wine, you'll be asked to vote on your favorite. Separate tables and chairs will be set up for each attendee with its own individually prepared plate. The cost is \$40 per person and face masks are required when entering the store. Visit [winenotboutique.com](http://winenotboutique.com).

• **Get in the spirit:** LaBelle Winery recently unveiled a new line of **spirit infusion kits** under "The Winemaker's Kitchen" collection of handcrafted culinary products, according to a press release. Six natural flavors — juniper berry citrus, cinnamon vanilla, spicy bloody mary, triple citrus twist, vanilla bean old-fashioned and cranberry vodka — are included in the line, all of which are used to incorporate into a pre-existing alcoholic spirit of your choice. Simply add your favorite liquor to the infusion jar and let it rest for approximately a week. According to the release, kits are available to purchase online or by visiting LaBelle's Amherst location. Each kit includes one Ball jar with instructions and assorted herbs, spices and fruits for infusion. They can also be shipped or delivered locally. Visit [labellewinery.com](http://labellewinery.com).

• **Makris restaurant takes a break:** Concord's **Makris Lobster & Steak House** has temporarily closed its doors as of Jan. 1, according to a recent post on the restaurant's website attributed to the Makris family. "We have come to a last-minute hard decision, after some deep thought, that it is in our best interest to shut down for a couple months due to Covid restrictions and lack of staff," the post reads. "Our plan is to renovate and reopen stronger than before." The post goes on to say that a reopening date for the restaurant is "to be determined" sometime in the future. 🍷

Regina and Jeremy Davison gained a devoted following after the launch of their Texas-style barbecue food truck on Elm Street in Milford in late July. Now, after moving a few miles down the road, the couple is continuing that success at a brick-and-mortar location.

R & J Texas-style BBQ On Wheels, according to Regina Davison, will still be open outdoors as a mostly takeout operation. The new space, which opened last week in the former Pizza Top restaurant directly adjacent to the food truck, introduces indoor seating and expands the menu to include a wide variety of items not previously available, from breakfast options and weekly specialty burgers to mixed cocktails, spiked milkshakes and more.

Whether you order pulled pork or beef brisket on a sandwich or as a combo

plate — the meats are smoked overnight for 12 hours and 16 hours, respectively — you'll get a ton of it.

"Texas-style means a lot of fat, a lot of grease and a lot of food," said Regina Davison, a native of Dallas who came to New Hampshire about eight years ago. "What you would get at a normal restaurant, you get three times that much here. So you have enough for lunch, dinner and probably for lunch the next day."

An entree plate of brisket with either chicken, sausage, pulled pork or pork chops will come with three sides and a serving of cornbread. Davison makes all of her own sides from scratch, like baked beans that are prepared for six hours with pulled pork, bacon and brown sugar. Other sides include fresh collard greens, Gouda macaroni and cheese, chili cheese fries, grilled green beans with fried bacon, coleslaw, and potato salad with white or brown gravy.

Recently Davison has added items like

catfish, steaks and fried chicken; smothered chicken or pork chops with gravy, bell peppers and onions; and macaroni and cheese bowls topped with chili, brisket or pulled pork.

Breakfast is now available all day from the new location too.

"I'm creating my own hash that's going to be with brisket or pulled pork, and then I have what I call a Momma's breakfast burrito," she said. "We have pancakes and waffles as well."

Beginning this week Davison has introduced a "Wednesday Burger Madness" menu featuring a selection of specialty burgers only available on Wednesdays. They include options like the Davison Burger Extraordinaire, cooked medium and topped with bacon, two fried eggs, Gouda cheese, arugula, onions and a house sauce; and the Williams Beast Burger, which has pulled pork and pieces of ribs on top of a double meat patty, also with bacon, onions and a bourbon barbecue glazed sauce.

A drinks menu is also new for the indoor space, with a small selection of bottled beers, vanilla, chocolate or strawberry shakes (with the option to add a liqueur like Kahlua or amaretto), and mixed cocktails, like margaritas, mimosas, hurricanes and Texas rum punch.

In addition to keeping the truck open for takeout orders, Davison said it will remain available for event catering. 🍷



Brisket combo plate. Courtesy photo.

### R & J Texas-style BBQ On Wheels

**Where:** 183 Elm St., Unit 3, Milford  
**Anticipated hours:** Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 9 p.m., and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (breakfast is available all day)

**More info:** Visit [rjtxasbbqonwheels.com](http://rjtxasbbqonwheels.com), find them on Facebook or call 518-0186



# Southwest inspired

## Trio's Cafe & Cantina to open in Salem

By Matt Ingersoll  
mingersoll@hippopress.com

A new eatery coming to Salem later this month will offer family-sized meal kits, as well as other lunch and dinner items, with fresh ingredients and a unique Southwestern flair.

Trio's Cafe & Cantina, due to open in the Breckenridge Plaza on North Broadway in the coming weeks, gets its name from the owners — a “trio” of generations of the same family that includes general manager and Salem native Julie Manzer, her mother, Janet, and father, Paul, and her two daughters, Tanna and Keira Marshall.

Manzer, who previously owned the Purple Finch Cafe in Bedford, said she learned about the vacant restaurant space last August from her best friend in high school.

“My friend had wanted me to own something around here where I grew up, and so I ran it by my family and we decided to look into it,” she said. “Originally I was going to do breakfast and lunch, because that was kind of the world I was used to ... but with Covid it seemed to make more sense to focus on takeout and family meal deals.”

It's that concept, combined with Manzer's love of Southern California and Tex-Mex flavors, that sets the menu at Trio's apart. Meal kit options will include tacos, enchiladas or fajitas, with either chicken or steak and flour or corn tortillas; various soups and chilis

by the quart; and tray-sized or take-and-bake bowls, like a chili and macaroni and cheese bowl with sour cream and tortilla strips, a plant-based protein bowl with sweet potato, black beans and avocado, and a citrus chicken bowl with bacon, tomato, greens, cheddar cheese and onion.

There are several sandwich, burger and side options that you'll be able to order via either takeout or dine-in. The Southern “Steuben,” for instance, will feature barbecue pulled pork, coleslaw, melted cheddar cheese and ranch on grilled country white bread, while the Philly torta has steak, onion, bell peppers,



Left to right, are: general manager Julie Manzer, her father Paul Manzer, older daughter Tanna Marshall, mother Janet Manzer and younger daughter Keira Marshall. Photo by Matt Ingersoll.

queso, jalapeno, avocado and chipotle mayonnaise on a tolera roll. A “comfort kitchen” section of the menu has plated options like beer-braised steak or half-roasted chicken with veggies, pulled pork chipotle barbecue macaroni and cheese, and tempura-battered fish and chips with a lime cabbage carrot slaw.

Trio's is also rolling out a menu of Southwestern-themed house cocktails, in addition to some bottled beers, wines and seltzers, and white citrus or seasonal red sangrias with fresh fruit.

“I have a fresh-squeezed orange juice machine, so we'll have a house margarita that has a little bit of that in it,” Manzer said. “We'll also have bloody marys and marias, and mimosa flights.”

““ With Covid it seemed to make more sense to focus on takeout and family meal deals.”

**JULIE MANZER**

### Trio's Cafe & Cantina

An opening date is expected in the coming weeks. Visit their website or follow them on social media for updates.

Address: 264 N. Broadway, Unit 105, Salem  
Anticipated hours: Daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

More info: Visit trioscc.com or find them on Facebook and Instagram

**THE BAKESHOP**  
~On Kelley Street~

Call to pre-order your doughnuts for Saturday or Sunday!  
[www.thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com](http://www.thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com)

171 Kelley St., Manchester • 624.3500  
Tue-Fri 7:30-2 • Sat 8-2 • Sun 9-1 closed Mon

Winter Location Now Open!

**INDOOR PETTING FARM & PLAY AREA!**  
Farm store with our own fresh beef, pork & veggies!  
NH maple syrup & honey!

**J&F FARMS** Est. 1994

108 Chester Rd. Derry  
(603) 437-0535  
Weekdays: 10-6 (closed weds)  
Weekends: 10-5

“Do yourself a flavor have a Mack snack”

**Mack's Apples**

**FARM STAND**  
**OPEN DAILY 9AM - 5PM**  
**CLOSED MONDAYS**

LARGE ASSORTMENT OF APPLES,  
ALSO, LOCAL HONEY,  
MAPLE SYRUP,  
APPLEWOOD & MUCH MORE!

**OPEN ALL WINTER**

[www.macksapples.com](http://www.macksapples.com)  
230 Mammoth Rd. Londonderry  
Call our Hotline for info 603-432-3456

**Après Ski** Award Winning Brewery & Exceptional Dining

**20 Hand Crafted Beers on tap!**

**Rags to Riches NHIPA and Ragged Mountain Red Ale**

Available in 4 pack cans and on draft. Growlers available, too!

We're close to Ragged Mountain  
Just 1 mile off exit 11 on I-89

★ Dine in ★ Take-Out ★ Curbside Pickup Available

Call or order online  
Serving Lunch & Dinner Daily • [FlyingGoose.com](http://FlyingGoose.com)  
603.526.6899 • 40 Andover Road, New London, NH



**La Carreta**  
RESTAURANTE MEXICANO

Authentic Mexican Food  
Made to order...  
Just the way you like it!

Offering our complete menu!  
Visit our website for online ordering  
for Hooksett Rd, South Willow & Portsmouth!  
Specials on Facebook

1875 South Willow Street, Manchester, NH 603-623-7705  
139 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua 603-891-0055  
545 Daniel Webster Hwy, Manchester, NH 603-628-6899  
172 Hanover Street, Portsmouth, NH 603-427-8319

[www.lacarretamex.com](http://www.lacarretamex.com)

**\$3 OFF**  
Any Lunch Entrée OR  
**\$5 Off**  
Any Order Of \$30 Or More

With this coupon. One coupon per order. Cannot be combined with other offers or promotions. Curbside pickup or outside dining only. Exp 1/31/21. Valid only in Manchester and Portsmouth locations.



**Alley Cat**  
PIZZERIA

Authentic PIZZA NEW YORK

WINNER  
HIPPO BEST OF 2020  
READERS PICKS

Voted #1 Eighteen years in a row!  
New Owners, Same Great Pizza

486 Chestnut St., Manchester  
**669-4533**



**Giorgio's**  
RISTORANTE & BAR

**GIORGIO'S VALUE DAYS!**

**PIZZA & BEER MONDAYS**  
1/2 Price Pizza and Pints  
Dining In Only, Large Pizza Only

**2 FOR \$25 TUESDAYS**  
Any Two of our  
Parmesan Entrees for \$25  
Includes Tax and \$1 Donation to Boys and Girls Club

**HAPPY THURSDAYS**  
Serving our Happy Hour Menu All Day

[www.giorgios.com](http://www.giorgios.com) | Try one of our three locations!  
MANCHESTER | MILFORD | MERRIMACK  
We deliver with UberEats, GrubHub and DoorDash.

# IN THE KITCHEN

WITH MEREDITH TOUMA



Meredith Touma of Derry is the owner of Sal Terrae Seasonings ([salterraeseasonings.com](http://salterraeseasonings.com), and on Facebook and Instagram @salterraeseasonings), a company offering four hand-crafted spice blends using various herbs, salts, peppers and other ingredients. Named after the Latin translation of "salt of the Earth," Sal Terrae started last April as a grassroots project when Touma, a stay-at-home mom for 14 years, began sharing her spice blends with neighbors, friends and community members. Over the summer she brought her spices to farmers markets in Nashua, Bedford and Exeter. Sal Terrae's spice blends, each of which is prepared at Creative Chef Kitchens in Derry, are the Classic, with local lavender and fennel; the Italian, with herbs like rosemary, sage, thyme, basil and oregano; the Inferno, a hot, earthy blend with Trinidad scorpion and ghost peppers; and the Beach, which has cinnamon, oregano, clove, ginger, mace and smoked paprika. Four-ounce bottles of each of Touma's blends are available at The Grind in Derry, Mr. Steer Meats in Londonderry, the East Derry General Store and Donahue's Fish Market in Plaistow. Online ordering is also available.

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

I love to cook, and anyone who's always in the kitchen knows the importance of a good, sharp knife.

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

Just a regular simple broth fondue. We like to season that with the Inferno blend.

**What is your favorite local restaurant?**

I have a soft spot for the East Derry Tavern. The food is spectacular. I have known [owners] Sam and Lina Patel for years ... and they've done a magnificent job turning it into a gorgeous town gem.

**What celebrity would you like to see trying one of your spice blends?**

Definitely Gordon Ramsay. I know it's very cliché, but he's actually been a culinary inspiration of mine for 20 years. I've been following him even before he had all of his TV shows. We've eaten at The London in New York City, which is a stunning restaur-

rant. ... It would be an honor to be able to thank him for his inspiration.

**What is your favorite spice blend that you make?**

The Beach. I use it on everything from salmon to brisket and pork ribs.

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

Home cooking. People are forced to ... be creative in the kitchen and to make things at home they would normally eat while out. There are so many Zoom classes out there now that you can sign up for.

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

Coq au vin is probably my No. 1 go-to meal, especially in the winter season. I love cooking with chicken thighs. I give them a really hard sear and make them with tomatoes, carrots and tons of mushrooms.

— Matt Ingersoll

**Sal Terrae roasted corn and shrimp chowder**

From the kitchen of Meredith Touma of Sal Terrae Seasonings in Derry

- 1-pound bag frozen corn
- 1 can unsalted creamed corn
- 3 to 4 slices thick-cut bacon, chopped
- 2 pounds medium peeled and deveined shrimp (marinated in 1 tablespoon Sal Terrae Beach seasoning at room temperature for about 10 minutes)
- 1 package chicken sausage (Buffalo or sweet apple), sliced into coins
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 to 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 large carrot, grated
- 1 red pepper, julienned
- 3 to 4 cloves garlic, smashed
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy cream

Place frozen corn on a lined baking pan, toss with chopped bacon and roast in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes, until bacon is cooked entirely. Set aside. In a wide stock pan, sauté onion in olive oil for five minutes, until translucent. Add garlic, celery, carrots, sausage and red pepper. Sauté on medium-high until the sausages brown slightly. Add one tablespoon of Sal Terrae Inferno seasoning and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, stir in cream and add potatoes. Let simmer for 15 minutes, until the potatoes are tender. If you prefer a creamier chowder, use an immersion blender to break up the potatoes. Return to a rolling boil and add shrimp, creamed corn and roasted bacon and corn mixture. Cook until shrimp are cooked evenly (about 3 to 5 minutes), stirring occasionally. Remove from heat.



## TRY THIS AT HOME

# Keep-it-healthy caramelized onion dip

I'm not much of a chip person, but I know that for many people chips and dip are a top-of-the-list snack item. However, if you're trying to eat healthfully after a holiday season of indulgence (or a year of Covid-stress eating for that matter), chips may be on your "do not eat" list.

Let me offer an alternative. Rather than eating your regular but not-good-for-you French onion dip and potato chips, give this caramelized onion dip a try. It's full of onion flavor and is wonderfully creamy but still fairly healthy. If you serve it with the homemade lavash chips at the end of this recipe, you have a snack that's much, much healthier.

Like most healthy versions of recipes, the key to this is to set your expectations. This dip does not taste like store-bought French onion dip. However, it has its own flavor profile that is quite addictive. In addition to the abundance of onions, there is a nice tanginess from the goat cheese, as well as peppery notes from the thyme.

Don't deny yourself snacks while you're



Keep-it-healthy caramelized onion dip. Photo by Michele Pesula Kuegler.

working on your healthy eating; just a little bit of effort will provide a healthy appetizer to satisfy your cravings. Who knows? This caramelized onion dip and lavash chips could become your go-to snack.

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

### Keep-it-healthy caramelized onion dip

- 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/4 cup diced yellow onion
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, minced
- 3/4 cup Greek yogurt
- 2 ounces goat cheese, softened
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium-low heat.

Add onions and sauté, stirring occasionally, until the onions are softened and brown, about 20 minutes.

Add sugar and thyme and sauté for an additional minute.

Meanwhile, combine yogurt, goat cheese and salt, whisking until smooth.

Add sautéed onions to yogurt mixture, stirring well.

Season with pepper to taste.  
Can be served warm, or covered and refrigerated to be served cold.  
Serve with homemade lavash crackers (recipe below), or vegetables, such as carrots and celery.

### Homemade lavash chips

- 1 lavash sheet
- Water
- Salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.  
Sprinkle a teaspoon of water on lavash; using fingertips, spread water to coat.

Top with a pinch of salt.  
Bake on oven rack in middle of oven for 4 minutes.

Remove from oven, cool for 30 seconds, and then break into crackers.

### Food & Drink Farmers markets

- **Cole Gardens Winter Farmers Market** is Saturdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Cole Gardens (430 Loudon Road, Concord), now through mid-April. Visit [colegardens.com](http://colegardens.com).
- **Danbury Winter Market** is Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Blazing Star Grange Hall

(15 North Road, Danbury), now through April. Visit [blazingstar-grange.org](http://blazingstar-grange.org).

• **Deering Winter Market** is Fridays, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Deerish Fish & Game Club (Fish & Game Road, Deering). Find them on Facebook @[deeringwintermarket](https://www.facebook.com/deeringwintermarket).

• **Peterborough Farmers Market** is Wednesdays, from 3 to 5 p.m., at Peterborough Communi-

ty Center (25 Elm St., Peterborough). Find them on Facebook @[peterboroughnhfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/peterboroughnhfarmersmarket).

• **Rolling Green Winter Farmers Market** is on most Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Rolling Green Nursery (64 Breakfast Hill Road, Greenland). Upcoming market dates are Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 13 and Feb. 27. Visit [rolling-greennursery.com](http://rolling-greennursery.com).

# OPEN YEAR-ROUND

**MORE THAN JUST  
ICE CREAM**

- CHICKEN TENDER
- FRENCH FRIES
- HOT DOGS
- ONLINE ORDERING WITH THE HAYWARD'S APP
- DRIVE-THRU PICK UP (MERRIMACK)
- CALL AHEAD ORDERING AND LOTS MORE!

**STOP BY FOR  
LUNCH OR DINNER**



From our family to yours ☺



**Two Convenient Locations Open year round!**  
7 DW Hwy, So. Nashua | 11am to 9pm  
364 DW Hwy, Merrimack | 11am to 8pm  
[haywardsicecream.com](http://haywardsicecream.com)

**GIFT CARDS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.**

UNIQUE  
**Gift Baskets** SENT ANYWHERE IN THE U.S.  
FINE FOODS FROM LOCAL FARMS & AROUND THE WORLD  
**Cheese**  
CHEESES, SALAMIS, OLIVES, PATÉS & BREADS  
**Charcuterie**  
CUT TO ORDER FUN SELECTIONS  
**Pasta Wine**  
MENUS  
**TakeOut**

**ANGELA'S  
PASTA & CHEESE**



PERSONAL SHOPPING &  
CURBSIDE PICK-UP **603.625.9544**  
815 CHESTNUT STREET MANCHESTER  
[ANGELASPASTAANDCHEESE.COM](http://ANGELASPASTAANDCHEESE.COM)

## CDs pg28

• Laraaji, *Moon Piano* B

• Hunter, *1960* B+

## BOOKS pg29

• *Exercised* A

• **Book Notes**

Includes listings for lectures, author events, book clubs, writers' workshops and other literary events.

To let us know about your book or event, email [asykeny@hippopress.com](mailto:asykeny@hippopress.com).

To get author events, library events and more listed, send information to [listings@hippopress.com](mailto:listings@hippopress.com).

## FILM pg31

• *Soul* B+

Laraaji, *Moon Piano* (self-released)

In news from the weird, we present this New York pianist, an 80-year-old cult artist whose forte is sparse ambiance for New Agers who'd like their brains to kindly stop for a second. Apparently the big sell is that these slow, deserted improv pieces were recorded in a Brooklyn church, but quite honestly, that's an effect that could have come by way of a few decent knob twists on the part of an engineer, not to harsh anyone's mellow about it, particularly if you love whatever he's done before. I mean, a well-played acoustic piano is a sound to behold; my parents were both M.A. graduate pianists of New England Conservatory, so I was spoiled absolutely rotten in that regard, and therein lies my rub: This is, in the end, a one-man jam session focused on careful, reflective non-songs, largely minor key experimentations comprising various series of notes that will appeal to not overly cultured art-freaks. Nothing wrong with that, I suppose, but for me, regardless of this guy's training/pedigree/whatever, it's non-eventful. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Hunter, *1960* (self-released)

Hunter Stamas is a Portsmouth-by-way-of-Nashua singer who's led her band through a few albums now, this one being the latest. It's stunningly polite, this stuff, heavy on the guitar jangle, squeaky clean vocal tracks that could certainly amaze young YouTube addicts and the fedora-hatted denizens of your favorite bars and eateries (opening soon, I hope, dear God). To dispense with the vulgarities, the production values are decent (a lot more pro-sounding than most of the local material that gets flopped onto this desk) and the songs generally stick to a specific formula (ditto), making it something of a contender you might place in your SoundCloud queue between the first Miley Cyrus album and basically anything by Bonnie Raitt. I know that might sound a bit weird, but from my seat it's not unusual at all; Stamas is a commercial-oriented songwriter who's come close here; there's a '60s Yardbirds/girl-group vibe at work that's actually pretty unique. **B+** — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

In news from the weird, we present this New York pianist, an 80-year-old cult artist whose forte is sparse ambiance for New Agers who'd like their brains to kindly stop for a second. Apparently the big sell is that these slow, deserted improv pieces were recorded in a Brooklyn church, but quite honestly, that's an effect that could have come by way of a few decent knob twists on the part of an engineer, not to harsh anyone's mellow about it, particularly if you love whatever he's done before. I mean, a well-played acoustic piano is a sound

to behold; my parents were both M.A. graduate pianists of New England Conservatory, so I was spoiled absolutely rotten in that regard, and therein lies my rub: This is, in the end, a one-man jam session focused on careful, reflective non-songs, largely minor key experimentations comprising various series of notes that will appeal to not overly cultured art-freaks. Nothing wrong with that, I suppose, but for me, regardless of this guy's training/pedigree/whatever, it's non-eventful. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Hunter Stamas is a Portsmouth-by-way-of-Nashua singer who's led her band through a few albums now, this one being the latest. It's stunningly polite, this stuff, heavy on the guitar jangle, squeaky clean vocal tracks that could certainly amaze young YouTube addicts and the fedora-hatted denizens of your favorite bars and eateries (opening soon, I hope, dear God). To dispense with the vulgarities, the production values are decent (a lot more pro-sounding than most of the local material that gets flopped onto this desk) and the songs generally

## PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Way kool, everything's back to normal, with plenty of new albums coming out on Jan. 8! Or so I thought, it doesn't really look like a ton of stuff, but at least there's something, starting with the new album from **Barry Gibb**, called *Greenfields!* Gibb is, of course, one of the founders of that old disco band The Bee Gees. He was the pretty-handsome one who looked like God's idea of a male Farrah Fawcett, but now, guess what, he looks like a trucker who'd beat you up for driving a sissy electric car. But that's what happens to all of us, like one time years ago, my boy-ees and I were walking around near the Worcester Centrum, and these three girls came up to me and insisted I was Michael Hutchence from INXS, and it took forever to convince 'em otherwise, up to and including my refusal to speak in an Australian accent, but nowadays ... well, never you mind about nowadays, and that's what happens, so don't get old, I'm serious. Oh whatever, we're supposed to be talking about this old disco has-been, who became a "knight" in England, like, can you imagine if 10-foot-tall alien monsters landed here and demanded to fight our planet's "knights," so we had to trot out Paul McCartney, Elton John and this dude? We'd be doomed, just like this album's lead single, "Words Of A Fool," is doomed to be mistaken for a Matthew McConaughey cover of a Willie Nelson song. It sucks, let's move on.

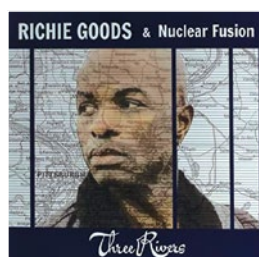
• Swedish post-punk ruffians **Viagra Boys** release their second LP, *Welfare Jazz*, any minute now. The single "Ain't Nice" is terrific, a grungy, messy soundsystem thing that crazy-glues Chainsmokers to Big Black. It's awesome.

• British folk-rock dude and former busker Michael Rosenberg goes by the stage name **Passenger** because he knows that no hipster kids would buy an album by someone with a ridiculous name like Michael Rosenberg, you know? I wonder how long the person-who-goes-by-a-band-name trend will continue, don't you? If it does continue for much longer, I hope these "bands" will start thinking of cool "band names," like if I were going to use a band name as my own name, I'd probably call myself, er, I mean my band, something like Tell Grandma It's Polka And Watch Her Epic Reaction When The Crazy Kicks In. Cool, huh? Oh, I don't care if you think that, and besides, that Van Halen tribute band I talked about forming a few weeks ago never materialized, so no bands for me, just writing in this latest column about this one-dude-band here and his new album, *Songs for the Drunk and Broken Hearted*. I'm watching the video for the tune "A Song For The Drunk And Broken Hearted," and it's pretty dumb, like he's sort of cosplaying as the Joaquin Phoenix version of The Joker, and the six or eight people in the crowd are razzing him, and then he launches into the song, a strummy, harmonica-powered ditty that sounds like Conor Oberst trying to sound like Bob Dylan. It is very "meh," if that's your thing.

• Lastly we have *Dangerous: The Double Album* from cowboy-hat singing dude **Morgan Wallen**, who got arrested for public drunkenness outside Kid Rock's gross bar in Nashville. On the title track he sings-raps like a total redneck, like the guy from Primus but not joking around. It's kind of cool I suppose. — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

## Retro Playlist

Jazz comes in all sorts of flavors, not that you're required to know even that much about the genre if you're a budding newbie aficionado of it. Sometimes jazz guys will throw different genres into their recipe, as I discussed six years ago, in January 2015, when I wrote about *Three Rivers*, an LP from **Richie Goods and Nuclear Fusion**. A Pittsburgh Jazz Hall of Fame bass player, Goods has toured with **Whitney Houston** and **Christina Aguilera**, which speaks to a pedigree he earned after studying under legendary Blue Note Records legend **Ron Carter** in New York. With regard to his own (original) stuff,

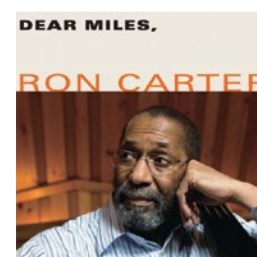


I'd anticipated mellow-ish fusion a la **Spyro Gyra**, but it was really more a modernized **Return to Forever**, although in some cases not so modernized when considering the outright hard rock workouts found in such tunes as the title track. There's definitely a heavy influence afoot here; album opener "Soul Glow" has, as I put it back then, "a suspend-

ed-animation riff that proves he can restrain himself from going all-out **Pelican-metal**, but the desire is there," as indicated by every plonk of his Rickenbacker, not to mention the grungy sounds of guitarist Ben Butler, "a real treasure who punches up every guitar sound from **Al di Meola** to **Blue Oyster Cult** on that one track

alone."

Speaking of **Ron Carter**, he released a full-length on Blue Note Records in 2007, *Dear Miles*, which was discussed in this space. With a resume packed with guest spots on — get this — over 3,500 albums, Carter had more than earned the right to rely on his past association with **Miles Davis**, who kept Carter on for most of his 1960s output. It was harmonically uncomplicated, I noted: "With Roger Squiterno on board strictly to fortify percussion, the only harmonic instrument within this outing's four-piece framework is the piano of Stephen Scott, who is kept crazy-busy with the job of re-creating various Miles Davis



grooves for this sort-of-tribute LP (ex: in order to shrink the big band sound of 'Gone' from the Evans/Miles *Porgy & Bess* collaboration into these confines, Scott takes on the horn parts)."

Obviously a great one for wonks of both Miles and bass in general.

*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 [esaege@cyberontix.com](mailto:esaege@cyberontix.com) for fastest response.* 🍷

**Exercised**, by Daniel Lieberman (Pantheon, 464 pages)

Your resolution is to exercise. Hasn't it always been? Harvard professor Daniel Lieberman, however, offers reasons to sit down and think about exercising before you actually do it.

Lieberman isn't an athlete or an exercise scientist, but a professor of human evolutionary biology. In his words, "I study and teach how and why the human body looks and functions the way it does." His Harvard lab is about skeletal biology and is well worth a visit just to see the image of a skeleton running there (projects.iq.harvard.edu/skeleton).

As such, Lieberman brings a fresh perspective to the business of exercise in his quest to understand what is normal, and what is abnormal, about contemporary human beings in motion. We all know what we've been told in recent years: that aerobic exercise can help stave off disease and lengthen lifespans, that too much sitting is deadly, that the slothful American lifestyle is an aberration of what the body is designed to do. Forget all that. We did not evolve to exercise, at least not in the way we think of exercise today.

Lieberman eviscerates some myths about exercise and confirms others as truths in his research of primitive societies like the Hadza tribe in Tanzania, the legendary Tamahumara long-distance runners of Mexico, and American extreme athletes, like those who participate in Ironman contests.

Along the way, he tackles the athletic compulsions (or lack thereof) of animals like gorillas and dogs, noting that unlike his dog, "I never see adults leap out of their cars ... and sprint as fast as possible until they gasp for air."

Studies of gorillas and chimpanzees — and also human beings in hunter-gatherer societies — show that they don't go out of their way to exert themselves, much like many Americans today.

"For most of the time, our closest ape relatives are sluggards that live a sort of perpetual Sabbath," Lieberman writes.

While demonstrably hard on the human skeleton, sitting still is "an ancient, fundamental strategy to allocate scarce energy sensibly" — and at times, long periods of sitting are good for us, as when we are able to sit quietly for a long time to focus on something important, like reading a book or playing chess. (The Germans have word for such periods of intense concentration: *sitzfleisch*, which crudely translates to "butt flesh," Lieberman writes.)

In fact, there is evidence that humans might have evolved to be "especially averse" to exercise, he says, noting that even when we

**Exercised**

Why Something We Never Evolved to Do Is Healthy and Rewarding



**Daniel E. Lieberman**

are sitting quietly our bodies are still at work, burning 70 or so calories an hour on internal processes such as digestion and moving blood around. Even people who are highly active burn more calories through basic body maintenance than through exercise, a man who weighs 180 pounds burning about 1,700 calories in 24 hours with no running, biking or squats.

That does not mean, however, that you can throw out the New Year's resolution, at least not if you want to feel good, be healthy and live long.

Lieberman himself runs, albeit slowly, and admits to doing so even during research in societies that look on any uncoerced physical activity with suspicion. "Why would anyone run if they didn't have to?" one of the Tarahumara runners asked him, incredulously. In fact, in many societies around the world, people would laugh themselves silly if confronted with the Spandexed American earnestly huffing on a city street, Peloton or treadmill. These people, while still enjoying plenty of leisure and sitting, move more than we do, whether just by walking to get to their destinations or chasing down goats on foot. In fact, most modern humans walk less than we used to, and when we walk we carry less stuff, Lieberman writes.

Having established himself as an expert on pretty much everything (even digressions into topics such as how different cultures sleep are engrossing), he goes on to weigh in on perennial questions such as can you really lose weight by walking more, is running bad for your knees, and, perhaps most importantly, how can we make ourselves exercise regularly? (Forget doing it for the endorphins; the runner's high, Lieberman says, likely evolved to increase sensory awareness in our ancestors who ran as they hunted, and not everyone experiences it anyway.)

Federal guidelines recommend 150 minutes of moderate exercise each week, which amounts to 21 minutes a day. That's one-sixth the amount of activity that people in non-industrial societies get.

Lieberman brings a keen wit to the subject and a seemingly limitless supply of contemporary analogies. (In memorable passages, he likens evolutionary trade-offs to the Jane Austen novel *Mansfield Park* and notes that most superheroes come by their powers indirectly, unlike Batman, who works out). He also draws from an extraordinary well of experiences, to include dogsledding through Greenland and participating in the man-versus-horse marathon in Arizona. This is a guy you want at the head of the table at your dream dinner party. Until that happens, consider him an erudite companion on the fascinating journey that *Exercised* provides.

▲ — Jennifer Graham

These are the **top** post-pandemic skill sets employers want:

Digital Transformation

Ecommerce

Mathematics

Information Technology

NHTI offers degree and certificate programs in

**EVERY SINGLE ONE.**

**Emerge Stronger.**

\*Research sources available at NHTI.edu/news.



Open Houses and Express Admissions Days now available. Visit **NHTI.edu/Admissions** for more info and dates. You belong here.

131678

**Happy 2021 from Laser Ink!**

**Goodbye...**

- Covid!!
- Elections!
- Wrinkles and pigment
- Dull aging skin!
- Unwanted Tattoos!
- Unwanted Hair!

**Now it's Time for You!**

**Call for your consult/appointment**



169 South River Rd. STE. 2  
BEDFORD, NH 03110  
(603) 232-7304  
[www.laserinknh.com](http://www.laserinknh.com)

133027

**Still waiting for your carrier to pick up your vehicle?**

**Call American - we'll get you to Florida NOW!**

★ **Guaranteed Pickup Date and Time**

★ **Guaranteed Prices**

**Fast • Reliable  
Safe • Convenient**

**\$100 OFF ON A ROUND TRIP**

Not valid on prior sales.

**Ship quickly Nationwide**

**The snowbird's favorite since 1980**

**Daily Trips to Florida**

USDOT #385723

**AMERICAN AUTO TRANSPORTERS, INC.**

1.800.800.2580 • shipcar.com  
1033 Turnpike St., Rte. 138 • Canton, MA  
Text- 617- shipcar (617-744-7227)

**THE BAR**  
Food & Spirits

Live Entertainment every Friday & Saturday

Check out our **Live Entertainment Schedule** on our Facebook Page!

Great hangout, great after work place, fantastic food & live entertainment on weekends!

2B Burnham Road | Hudson, NH  
(603) 943-5250 | www.facebook.com/TheBar.Hudson

Gift Cards available for all occasions!

**New Record Player?  
Over 5,000 New Vinyl Records in stock.**

Special ordering available.

**Music Connection**

OPEN 7 DAYS! [musicconnection.us](http://musicconnection.us)  
1711 South Willow St. Manchester | 603-644-0199

the YMCA

**\$20 UNTIL THE 21st**

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR MEANS A HEALTHY NEW YOU**

**JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 21** Savings up to **\$133!**

**Join the YMCA and pay only \$20!**

LIMITED TIME, DON'T MISS OUT! Offer expires 1/22/2021

GOFFSTOWN | MANCHESTER | PORTSMOUTH | ROCHESTER

[www.granitemymca.org](http://www.granitemymca.org)

**BOOK NOTES**

If you don't want to exercise but want to be healthier, happier or lose weight, there's only one option: change your diet. As always, there's a fresh crop of dieting books out this month to help with the post-holiday pounds. (Eventually, let's hope, the post-pandemic ones, too.)

Here are a few worth of attention:

**The Case for Keto**, by Gary Taubes (Knopf, 304 pages) — The author of *The Case Against Sugar* and *Why We Get Fat* wants us to eat fewer carbs and more fats.

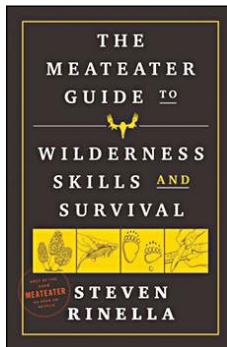
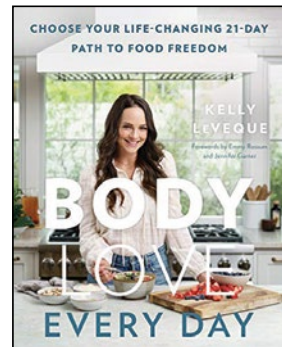
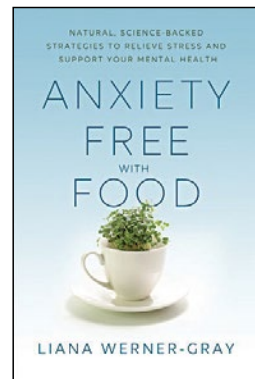
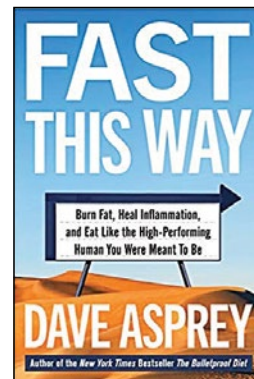
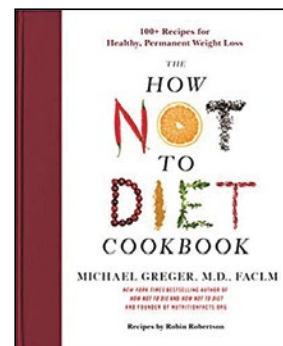
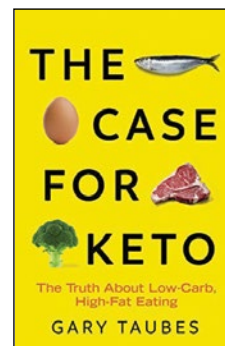
**The How Not To Diet Cookbook**, by Dr. Michael Greger (Flatiron, 256 pages) — Seriously, you had to know this was coming when Greger's first book, *How Not To Die*, was released.

**Fast This Way**, by Dave Asprey (Harper Wave, 288 pages) — A bullet-proof guide to becoming the high-performing human you were meant to be, the publisher promises.

**Anxiety-Free With Food**, by Liana Werner-Gray (Hay House, 352 pages) — On relieving stress, depression and anxiety by using food as medicine, like Hippocrates advised.

**Body Love**, by Kelly LeVeque (Morrow, 384 pages) — Journal your way to a healthy lifestyle in 12 weeks by focusing on "the fab four" — protein, fat, fiber and greens.

Finally, just in case 2021 is *not*, in fact, better than 2020, there's **The Meateater Guide to Wilderness Skills and Survival** by Steven Rinella (Random House, 464 pages). If nothing else, you'll want to read the introduction, titled "The Surprising Danger of S'Mores." — *Jennifer Graham*



**Books**

**Author events**

- **K WOODMAN-MAYNARD** Author presents graphic novel adaptation of *The Great Gatsby*. Hosted by Gibson's Bookstore in Concord. Online, via Zoom. Thurs., Jan. 7, 7 p.m. Registration required. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com) or call 224-0562.
- **REBECCA CARROLL** Author presents *Surviving the White Gaze*. Virtual livestream hosted by The Music Hall in Portsmouth. Tues., Feb. 2, 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5. Call 436-2400 or visit [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org).
- **DIANE REHM** Author presents *When My Time Comes*. Virtual livestream hosted by The Music Hall in Portsmouth. Tues., Feb. 23, 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5. Call 436-2400 or visit [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org).

- **SUSAN CONLEY** Author presents *Landslide*. Hosted by Gibson's Bookstore in Concord. Online, via Zoom. Thurs., Feb. 11, 7 p.m. Registration required. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com) or call 224-0562.
  - **THERESA CAPUTO** the star of TLC's *Long Island Medium* will present "Theresa Caputo: The Experience Live" at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St. Concord, [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com)) on Wed., April 7, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.75 (with option for a VIP Photo Op for an additional \$49.95).
- Book Clubs**
- **BOOKERY** Online. Monthly. Third Thursday, 6 p.m. Bookstore based in Manchester. Visit [bookerymht.com/online-book-club](http://bookerymht.com/online-book-club) or call 836-6600.

- **GIBSON'S BOOKSTORE** Online, via Zoom. Monthly. First Monday, 5:30 p.m. Bookstore based in Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com/gibsons-book-club-2020-2021](http://gibsonsbookstore.com/gibsons-book-club-2020-2021) or call 224-0562.
  - **TO SHARE BREWING CO.** 720 Union St., Manchester. Monthly. Second Thursday, 6 p.m. RSVP required. Visit [tosharebrewing.com](http://tosharebrewing.com) or call 836-6947.
- Language**
- **FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE CLASSES** Offering remotely by the Franco-American Centre. Six-week winter session runs Jan. 21 through Feb. 25, with classes held Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Spring session dates TBA. \$225. Visit [facnh.com/education](http://facnh.com/education) or call 623-1093.

**Soul (PG)**

**A middle-aged man hangs between life and “the Great Beyond” just as his dreams of being a working musician appear to be coming true in *Soul*, an animated movie from Pixar.**

Joe Gardner (voice of Jamie Foxx) teaches band to high school students, who have varying degrees of interest in his instruction, but his real passion is to get a full-time paying gig as a professional jazz musician. He has chased this desire, to much disappointment, for years. His mom, Libba (voice of Phylicia Rashad), urges him to quit chasing this dream and accept the teaching position (and its pension and health care and steady paycheck) permanently. But then Joe has an audition with Dorothea Williams (voice of Angela Bassett) for a position as a piano player in her jazz band. He gets a chance to play a gig with her that night that could put him in as a regular. So delighted is Joe as he walks down the street contemplating this new future that he doesn't realize there's an open pothole in his path until he's fallen into it.

He suddenly finds himself a bloop of glowy, vaguely person-shaped blueness, headed on a pathway through the stars up to what he's told is the Great Beyond. Joe is definitely not interested in the Beyond; he wants to go back to the city and play jazz. Luckily, the afterlife doesn't have the strictest security ever and he's able to stumble away from the path to the Beyond and into the Great Before, a sort of nursery area for new souls. He's mistaken for a mentor and is given new soul 22 (voice of Tina Fey) to mentor. His task is to help her find her “spark” and get her ready to go to Earth.



Soul

But 22 wants none of Earth and its whole “life and eventual death” thing. She's had lots of mentors — all of whom have given up in frustration at her lack of a “spark.” Joe sees an opportunity; he'll help 22 find her spark and earn the badge that lets her go to Earth and he'll take the badge to return to his body and she can stay in the soft new souls land forever. Thus do they set off to find 22's purpose.

Along the way, Joe and 22 do make it to Earth for a bit, though 22 winds up in Joe's body and Joe winds up in the body of an emotional therapy cat. That cat, who (as Joe) can talk (at least to 22) and do things like push elevator buttons, is the most actively kid-like element of the movie. Similar to how *Inside Out* used personifications of emotions and personality traits rendered as physical spaces, *Soul* gives dimension to spiritual elements —

for example, a place called “in the zone” where living people's souls go when they're playing a great basketball game or lost in a musical performance, and a variant of that location where souls go when they've lost connection to life and greater purpose. *Soul* is thoughtful and beautiful and I'm not sure I totally understand who this movie is for.

I mean, it really is beautiful — beautiful looking in how it blends the different visual ideas about an afterlife with the “real” world, beautiful sounding in its lovely score that mixes jazz and other musical styles. And it has some really beautiful ideas about life and what gives a person's life meaning. I recently finished a rewatch of the series *The Good Place*, so maybe I am particularly susceptible to big-picture “what does it all mean” ideas rendered with a bit of cartooniness. I liked

this movie and I think I would have liked it even more on a big screen, where I could have been even more enveloped in all the visuals. But where *Inside Out* was tethered to the kid-world by the girl the emotions operated in and the kid parts of her life experience, like imaginary friends, I'm not sure how kids connect to *Soul*. My younger kids saw parts and seemed to enjoy the music and the little soul blobs, but there is a level of zaniness missing here. (And the “lost souls” idea is expressed in a way that feels just disturbing enough that it would stick with younger kids, perhaps popping up in their brains at, like, 2 a.m.) I rewatched the movie with my elementary-aged kid and her interest seemed to wane as the movie went on. The idea that singular focus on your big break, the life milestone that will really “start” your life, will cause you to miss what your actual life is, for all its joy and heartbreak, is interesting to me. Do such concepts have any meaning to kids? I mean, my kid laughed at some of the butt jokes, so it wasn't a total loss.

This doesn't make the movie less successful as a, like, piece of film but as a PG movie on Disney+ it did make me wonder if when this movie goes on during family movie night, it will be the kids falling asleep and fiddling with an iPad while the parents are paying rapt attention. **B+**

*Rated PG for thematic elements and some language, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by Pete Docter and Kemp Powers with a screenplay by Pete Docter & Mike Jones & Kemp Powers, Soul is an hour and 40 minutes long and distributed by Disney. It is available on Disney+.* 🍷

## AT THE SOFAPLEX

**Wolfwalkers (PG)**

Voices of Sean Bean, Maria Doyle Kennedy. In 1650, young girl Robin Goodfellowe (voice of Honor Kneafsey) and her father (voice of Sean Bean) travel to Ireland on order of the Lord Protector (voice of Simon McBurney). He's tasked Papa Goodfellowe with killing all the wolves in the forests of Kilkenny to make it easier for woodsmen to cut down the trees. But these woods are inhabited by not just wolves but wolfwalkers, according to local legend, who are people that can turn into wolves while asleep and, in either form, communicate with other wolves. Robin, a plucky girl who wants to help dad in his work, happens to meet a wolfwalker, Mebh (voice of Eva Whittaker), a plucky girl not unlike herself. Because of a little misunderstanding involving Robin's pet bird Merlin and a trap Mebh had set to keep humans out of the forest, Mebh also bit but then healed Robin. The girls become friends, with Mebh explaining that the human form of her mother has been sleeping for a while,

with her mother's wolfy spirit somewhere unknown and the ever-shrinking woods full of increasingly hostile humans.

The animation here is truly lovely, an illustrated picture book of rich landscapes and vibrant wild areas, which contrast nicely with the gray and angular people and town under English control. Common Sense Media ranks the film at age 8+ and that's probably pretty accurate. Though I let my younger kids watch some of the less scary scenes, the movie does portray the bloodlust and general cruelty of the wolf-hunting (and Irish-oppressing) Lord Protector in some stark ways, getting across menace that is plenty frightening for all that it isn't openly gory. (Also, we might come to root for the wolves but they're still pretty wolf-y with their teeth and their growls.) The movie also does a good job at conveying the genuine sweetness of Robin and Mebh's friendship and the girls' blend of fear and bravery. This movie is co-directed by Tomm Moore, who also co-directed/directed the much lauded animated movies *The Secret of Kells* and *Song of the Sea*. The beauty and engaging storytelling of *Wolfwalkers* has me eager to check out those films as well. *Available on Apple TV+.*

**Film**

Movie screenings, movie-themed happenings & virtual events

**Venues**

**Chunky's Cinema Pub**  
707 Hulse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, chunkys.com

**Cinemagic**

with IMAX at 38 Cinemagic Way in Hooksett; 11 Executive Park Drive in Merrimack; 2454 Lafayette Road in Portsmouth; cinemagicmovies.com

**LaBelle Winery**

345 Route 101, Amherst 672-9898, labellewinery.com

**Red River Theatres**

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

**Wilton Town Hall Theatre**

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

**Shows**

- **Red River Virtual Cinema** Red River Theatres is currently offering indie, foreign language and documentary films via a virtual cinema experience. Recent additions include *City Hall*, a documentary about Boston city government. See the ever-changing lineup on the website.
- **Saved by the Bell Trivia Night** Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's Manchester, 21+. Reserve a spot by purchasing a \$5 food voucher per person.
- **Our Hospitality** (1923) silent Buster Keaton film accompanied by live music performed by Jeff Rapsis screens on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre. Admission is free but a \$10 donation is suggested.
- **The Storytellers** a week-long series of silent films accompanied by live music performed by Jeff Rapsis at Wilton Town Hall Theatre, Monday, Jan. 11, through Friday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. each night. Admission is free but a \$10 donation per person is suggested. Films: Monday is *Destiny* (1921) from director Fritz Lang; Tuesday is *Intolerance* (1916) from director D.W. Griffith; Wednesday is *Spiders* (1919) from Lang; Thursday is *Way Down East* (1920) from Griffith; Friday is *The Saphead* (1920) starring Buster Keaton.
- **Princess Bride Trivia Night** Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's Manchester, 21+. Reserve a spot by purchasing a \$5 food voucher per person.
- **Peter Pan** (1924) silent film accompanied by live music performed by Jeff Rapsis screens on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 2 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre. Admission is free but a \$10 donation is suggested.
- **Dawson's Creek Trivia Night** Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's Manchester, 21+. Reserve a spot by purchasing a \$5 food voucher per person.
- **Star Wars Trivia Night** Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's Manchester, 21+. Reserve a spot by purchasing a \$5 food voucher per person.

## Original music on tap

Lakes Region brewery hosts Charlie Chronopoulos

By Michael Witthaus  
mwitthaus@hippopress.com

• **Twang:** Enjoy country music from singer and guitarist **Jackie Lee**, who borrows nicely from Tammy Wynette, Loretta Lynn and others masters of the genre. She's a regular at this and other Lakes Region venues. Expect a setlist with classics like "Ring of Fire" — her version is a solid recreation of the June Carter Cash original — along with a few modern favorites. Thursday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., Tower Hill Tavern, 264 Lakeside Ave., Laconia. See [facebook.com/jackie.lee.967806](https://facebook.com/jackie.lee.967806).

• **Song:** A series of virtual concerts kicks off with **Natural Woman**, a tribute to legendary singer and songwriter Carole King. The evening of music, originally scheduled as a live audience show before the winter Covid-19 surge forced a change of plans, will focus on King's breakthrough album, *Tapestry*, which became a blueprint for multiple generations of female performers. Friday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m., the show is presented by the Palace Theatre. Stream tickets \$15 at [palacetheatre.org](https://palacetheatre.org).

• **Giggle:** Despite the challenges, comedy shows remain popular in the pandemic. Veteran **Steve Scarfo** performs two nights in the repurposed movie theater that's now home to the Headliners franchise. Born in Maine, Scarfo came up in the Boston club scene and once took part in a hilarious mashup of *Survivor* and *Last Comic Standing* that's worth checking out on YouTube. Friday, Jan. 8, and Saturday, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m., Chunky's Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Road, Manchester, tickets \$20 at [chunkys.com](https://chunkys.com).

• **Flame:** Tradition lives, even in these socially distanced days, as **Carl Solo** provides musical entertainment for the annual Christmas Tree Burning Party at an Auburn dining and drinking hub. It's the 25th year for the event, as pines go up in flames and a heartfelt goodbye is offered to the worst year ever (though music fans may argue for 2016), along with food and libations. Saturday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. Auburn Pitts, 167 Rockingham Road, Auburn, more at [facebook.com/Carl-Solo-105864034170907](https://facebook.com/Carl-Solo-105864034170907).

• **Lighten:** Arguably the hardest-working man in local music, **Brad Bosse** recently announced plans to scale back his performing schedule to weekends only and pursue a career in real estate, pivoting from rocking houses to selling them. Here's to the best for Brad, whose deep catalog of covers and regular venue selfies will be reduced but thankfully not extinguished for good. Monday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m., The Goat, 142 Congress St., Portsmouth, more at [facebook.com/Brad4Bosse](https://facebook.com/Brad4Bosse).

Amidst the challenges of 2020, Twin Barns Brewing Co. in Meredith continued to offer live music along with craft beer. That is scheduled to continue on Jan. 8 when singer-songwriter Charlie Chronopoulos appears, on the heels of a new album he released at year's end.

Chronopoulos said in a recent phone interview that the seven starkly rendered songs on *Chesty Rollins' Dead End* reflect daily life struggles he sees in his home state of New Hampshire.

"There's this backward narrative of poverty around this area," he said. "A lot of these are real stories that I wove into a record. ... I would call it northern rock and soul."

He carefully alludes to the shame and desperation of addiction on "Solomons" and "God In The Details," then confronts it head on in "Middlesex," a loping shuffle that recalls a former band member lost to heroin. "He went to Hollywood and found a rubber band," Chronopoulos sings. "Coming of age, it came and went."

Punctuated by deft fingerpicked guitar riffs, "Glass Factory" lays out the themes haunting the record. "I can tell you all about the fragile things we make," Chronopoulos sings in a near-wail. "They spend their lives about to break, should stay up on the shelf."

Much of the storytelling comes from his theater experience. Among other projects, Chronopoulos worked with American Repertory Theatre on *Witness Uganda*, which later went to Broadway as *Invisible Thread*.

"A lot of the cast overlapped with the team that worked on *Hamilton*," he said. "So I got to see that take off."

The raw honesty in his lyrics also reflects a decision to pursue an artist's life close to home — "a lounge singer, that's what I am, I'm not some touring national act" — and what he's been exposed to as a result.

"I play a lot of rural bars, and I see the other side of things," he said. "I'm not trying to take a political stance on it, but I see the humanity in a lot of the struggle. My mother's side of the family had a lot of death to heroin in the last few years and displaced family members hopping around. My little sister, she's on the spectrum, finding housing for her has been tough. All these things ended up coming out in the songs one way or another."

Its title is an amalgamation of a famous stripper — "she had 77-inch guns 'like deadly weapons' was the way they sold her" — his mother's maiden name, and Chronopoulos's early life experience.

"I realized that ... certain pursuits, things that I thought were the goal, were actually a dead end," he said. "I needed to tie them off. They weren't my path."

He played sparingly over the pandemic-scarred year.

"I called a few of the places that were still able to be open during the summer and told friends of mine that ran the bar that I'd play for free," he said. "They were working at half capacity with people still showing up expecting the same service and show; I knew they couldn't swing it."

With an open guitar case for tips, Chronopoulos played and sang.

"People wanted to help," he said, adding that the overall response to original music like his was heartening. "In the food industry, we want to eat a salad that's from the local farm, but for some reason music is supposed to just come out



Charlie Chronopoulos. Courtesy photo.

strictly for scale. ... I'm supposed to be counting streams, all that nonsense. That's what I've been railing against artistically for the last 10 years anyway; it's just self-sabotaging."

Chronopoulos looks forward to sharing his new material at Twin Barns.

"The place is great, they're such cool people," he said. "The beer's amazing [and] their protocol isn't insane — there's a lot of space and good ventilation. It's a cool old barn and it sounds amazing in there. When they invited me I said that regardless of Covid, we could probably do this safely and make it a good show." 🍷

### Charlie Chronopoulos

**When:** Friday, Jan 8, 5 p.m.

**Where:** Twin Barns Brewing Co., 194 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith

**More:** [facebook.com/twinbarnsbrewing](https://facebook.com/twinbarnsbrewing)

### Concerts

**Venues**  
**Palace Theatre**  
80 Hanover St., Manchester  
668-5588, [palacetheatre.org](https://palacetheatre.org)

**Stone Church**  
5 Granite St., Newmarket  
659-7700, [stonechurchrocks.com](https://stonechurchrocks.com)

### Shows

- **A Natural Woman (A Carole King Tribute)** Friday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m., virtual concert via Palace Theatre
- **SOUP (featuring members of Slack Tide and Clandestine)** Friday, Jan. 8, 8 p.m., Stone Church
- **Dave Gerard & Tim Theriault** Saturday, Jan. 9, 7

- p.m., Stone Church
- **Jeff Daniels with music from his album *Alive and Well Enough*** Tuesday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m., livestreamed acoustic concert via Palace Theatre
- **Brooks Play Brooks (Garth Brooks tribute)** Friday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m., virtual concert via Palace Theatre

- **Wood & Bone** Friday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m., Stone Church
- **A Night of JGB & The Dead** Saturday, Jan. 16, at 5 and 9 p.m., Stone Church
- **The All New Piano Men (hits from Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel, Elton John, Barry Manilow, Freddy Mercury & more)** Friday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m., virtual via

- Palace Theatre
- **Russ Condon & Tim Cackett of Town Meeting** Friday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m., Stone Church
- **Brian O'Connell Fellowship** Saturday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m., Stone Church
- **Dave Gerard** Thursday, Jan. 28, 6 p.m., Stone Church

### COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

**Venues**  
**Capitol Center for the Arts**  
44 S. Main St., Concord  
225-1111, [ccanh.com](https://ccanh.com)

**Palace Theatre**  
80 Hanover St., Manchester  
668-5588, [palacetheatre.org](https://palacetheatre.org)

**Chunky's**  
707 Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, [chunkys.com](https://chunkys.com)

**The Strand**  
20 Third St., Dover  
343-1899, [thestranddover.com](https://thestranddover.com)

### Shows

- **Steve Scarfo** Chunky's Manchester, Friday, Jan. 8, and Saturday, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m.
- **Jim McCue** Chunky's Nashua, Saturday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m.
- **Brian Glowacki** Chunky's Manchester, Friday, Jan. 15, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m.
- **Jim Colliton** Chunky's Nashua, Saturday, Jan. 16, 8 p.m.

- **Brian Beaudoin** Chunky's Manchester, Friday, Jan. 22, and Saturday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m.
- **James Dorsey** Chunky's Nashua, Saturday, Jan. 23, 8 p.m.
- **Comedy Nights (Best of Boston)** The Strand, Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.
- **Juston McKinney** Cap Center, Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m.
- **Howie Mandel** Palace Theatre, Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.





Dear Readers,

Now more than ever, Hippo depends on your financial support to fund our coverage. Please consider supporting our local food, music, arts and news coverage by becoming a sustaining member or making a donation online at [www.hippopress.com](http://www.hippopress.com) or by mail to **195 McGregor St., Suite 325, Manchester, NH 03102.**

Thank you and we are truly grateful for your support!

Sincerely,

*Jody Reese*  
Hippo Publisher



Community Supported

## Windows and Patio Doors!

BUY ONE,  
GET ONE

AND

# 40% OFF<sup>1</sup>

**\$0** Money Down, **\$0** Interest,  
**\$0** Monthly Payments for 12 months<sup>1</sup>

Minimum purchase of 4. Interest accrues from the date of purchase but is waived if paid in full within 12 months.



The Better Way to a Better Window<sup>®</sup>



**Offer Ends March 31**

Call for your **FREE** in-home consultation.



**855-557-5646**

133140

<sup>1</sup>DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 3/31/21. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Buy one (1) window or patio door, get one (1) window or patio door 40% off, and 12 months \$0 money down, \$0 monthly payments, \$0 interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or patio doors between 7/1/2020 and 3/31/21. 40% off windows and patio doors are less than or equal to lowest cost window or patio door in the order. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License MN:BC130983/WI:266951. Excludes MN insurance work per MSA 325E.66. Los Angeles License #992285. Orange County License #990416. MHIC #121441. VA License #2705155884. DC License #420215000125. All other license numbers available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. \*ENERGY STAR\* is a registered trademark of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. \*Renewal by Andersen\* and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. © 2020 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. RBA12288

\*Using U.S. and imported parts.

# MUSIC THIS WEEK

**Auburn**  
Auburn Pitts  
167 Rockingham Road  
622-6564

**Bedford**  
Copper Door  
15 Leavy Dr.  
488-2677

**Bow**  
Cheng Yang Li  
520 S. Bow St.  
228-8508

**Brookline**  
The Alamo Texas Bar-  
becue & Tequila Bar  
99 Route 13  
721-5000

**Concord**  
Area 23  
State Street  
881-9060

**Cheers**  
17 Depot St.  
228-0180

**Epping**  
The Community Oven  
24 Calef Hwy.  
734-4543

**Holy Grail**  
64 Main St.  
679-9559

**Telly's Restaurant &  
Pizzeria**  
235 Calef Hwy.  
679-8225

**Exeter**  
Sawbelly Brewing  
156 Epping Road  
583-5080

**Sea Dog Brewery**  
9 Water St.

**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle  
25 Main St.  
497-8230

**Hampton**  
Community Oven  
845 Lafayette Road  
601-6311

**CR's The Restaurant**  
287 Exeter Road  
929-7972

**The Galley Hatch**  
(Tino's Kitchen is  
upstairs)  
325 Lafayette Road  
926-6152

**The Goat**  
20 L St.  
601-6928

**Shane's BBQ**  
61 High St.  
601-7091

**Wally's Pub**  
144 Ashworth Ave.  
926-6954

**Londonderry**  
Coach Stop Restaurant  
& Tavern  
176 Mammoth Road  
437-2022

**Stumble Inn**  
20 Rockingham Road  
432-3210

**Manchester**  
Backyard Brewery  
1211 S. Mammoth Road  
623-3545

**Cercle National Club**  
550 Rockland Ave.  
623-8243

**Derryfield Country  
Club**  
625 Mammoth Road  
623-2880

**Fratello's**  
155 Dow St.  
624-2022

**Penuche's Music Hall**  
1087 Elm St.  
932-2868

**Salona Bar & Grill**  
128 Maple St.  
624-4020

**South Side Tavern**  
1279 S. Willow St.  
935-9947

**Meredith**  
Hart's Turkey Farm  
223 Daniel Webster  
Hwy.  
279-6212

**Twin Barns Brewing**  
194 Daniel Webster  
Hwy.  
279-0876

**Merrimack**  
Homestead  
641 Daniel Webster  
Hwy.  
429-2022

**Nashua**  
American Social Club  
166 Daniel Webster  
Hwy.  
255-8272

**Fratello's Italian Grille**  
194 Main St.  
889-2022

**Liquid Therapy**  
14 Court St.  
402-9391

**New Boston**  
Molly's Tavern &  
Restaurant  
35 Mont Vernon Road  
487-1362

**Newmarket**  
Stone Church  
5 Granite St.  
659-7700

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat  
142 Congress St.  
590-4628

**Rochester**  
Porter's Pub  
19 Hanson St.  
330-1964

**Salem**  
Copper Door  
41 S. Broadway  
458-2033

**Seabrook**  
Chop Shop Pub  
920 Lafayette Road  
760-7706

**Red's Kitchen + Tavern**  
530 Lafayette Road  
760-0030

**Stratham**  
Tailgate Tavern  
28 Portsmouth Ave.  
580-2294

## Thursday, Jan. 7

**Concord**  
Cheers: Team Trivia, 9 p.m.

**Epping**  
Telly's: Dave Gerard, 7 p.m.

**Exeter**  
Sawbelly: Chad Verbeck, 5 p.m.

**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle: Steve Butler, 6  
p.m.

**Hampton**  
CR's: Ross McGinnes, 6 p.m.  
Shane BBQ: Brad Bosse, 5 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
Stumble Inn: Lewis Goodwin,  
7 p.m.

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: Doug Thompson,  
5:30 p.m.  
Penuche's: EDM on Elm, 9 p.m.

**Meredith**  
Hart's Turkey Farm: Game  
Time Trivia, 7 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Phil Jakes, 5:30  
p.m.

**Nashua**  
Fratello's: Austin McCarthy,  
5:30 p.m.

**Newmarket**  
Stone Church: Dave Ogden, 6  
p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

**Seabrook**  
Red's: Max Sullivan, 7 p.m.

## Friday, Jan. 8

**Auburn**  
Auburn Pitts: Nicole Knox  
Murphy, 6:30 p.m. (country)

**Epping**  
Telly's: Brian Johnson, 8 p.m.

**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle: Ralph Allen, 6  
p.m.

**Hampton**  
CR's: Ross McGinnes, 6 p.m.  
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.  
Tino's (Upstairs at the Galley  
Hatch): Max Sullivan, 7 p.m.  
Wally's: Josh Waterman & Adam  
Fithian, 9 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
Coach Stop: Ted Solo, 6 p.m.  
Stumble Inn: Chad LaMarsh, 8  
p.m.

**Manchester**  
Backyard Brewery: Malcolm  
Salls, 6 p.m.  
Derryfield: Justin Jordan, 7:30  
p.m.  
Foundry: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.  
Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek, 5:30  
p.m.  
South Side Tavern: Jonny Fri-  
day, 8 p.m.

**Meredith**  
Twin Barns: Charlie Chronopo-  
lous, 5 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Dave Zangri, 5:30  
p.m.

**Nashua**  
Fratello's: Mark Lapointe, 5:30  
p.m.

**Newmarket**  
Stone Church: SOUP (members  
of Slack Tide, Clandestine), 8 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.

**Stratham**  
Tailgate: Elijah Clark, 7 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 9

**Bow**  
Chen Yang Li: Mikey G, 7 p.m.

**Concord**  
Area 23: Saturday Jam 2 p.m.  
Concord Craft Brewing:  
Dwayne Haggins, 4 p.m.

**Epping**  
Telly's: Jonny Friday, 8 p.m.

**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle: Brian James, 6  
p.m.

**Hampton**  
The Goat: Max Sullivan, 9 p.m.  
Wally's: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
Coach Stop: Joe McDonald, 6  
p.m.  
Stumble Inn: Chris Lester, 8  
p.m.

**Manchester**  
Backyard Brewery: Ryan Wil-  
liamson, 6 p.m.  
Cercle National Club: Joanie  
Cicatelli, 6:30 p.m.

**Derryfield**: Alex Roy, 7:30 p.m.  
**Foundry**: April Cushman, 6 p.m.  
**Fratello's**: Andrew Geano, 5:30  
p.m.  
**South Side**: Clint Lapointe, 8 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Mark Lapointe,  
5:30 p.m.

**Nashua**  
Fratello's: Tim Kierstead, 5:30  
p.m.  
**Liquid Therapy**: Amanda Van-  
tine, 6 p.m.

**New Boston**  
Molly's Tavern: Chad Verbeck,  
6:30 p.m.

**Newmarket**  
Stone Church: Dave Gerard &  
Tim Theriault, 7 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.

## Sunday, Jan. 10

**Bedford**  
Copper Door: Nate Comp, 11  
a.m.

**Brookline**  
Alamo: Justin Jordan, 4:30 p.m.

**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle: Bob Pratte, 3:30  
p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

**Salem**  
Copper Door: Phil Jakes, 11  
a.m.

## Monday, Jan. 11

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: Phil Jakes, 5:30 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Jon-Paul Royer,  
5:30 p.m.

**Nashua**  
American Social Club: bar  
bingo, 7 p.m.  
Fratello's: Ted Solo, 5:30 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Musical Nation  
Bingo, 7 p.m.; Brad Bosse, 9 p.m.

## Tuesday, Jan. 12

**Hampton**  
Wally's: Musical Nation Bingo,  
7:30 p.m.

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: Chris Lester, 5:30 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Matt Luneau, 5:30  
p.m.

**Nashua**  
Fratello's: Ryan Williamson,  
5:30 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

**Stratham**  
Tailgate: Musical Nation Bingo,  
6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Jan. 13

**Epping**  
Community Oven: Trivia Night,  
7 p.m.

**Hampton**  
Wally's: Chris Toler, 7 p.m.

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: Mark Lapointe, 5:30  
p.m.

**Meredith**  
Twin Barns: Trivia Night, 6 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Chris Gardner, 5:30  
p.m.

**Nashua**  
Fratello's: Phil Jakes, 5:30 p.m.

**Newmarket**  
Stone Church: Ryan Zimmer-  
man, 6 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

## Thursday, Jan. 14

**Concord**  
Cheers: Team Trivia, 9 p.m.

**Epping**  
Telly's: Tim Theriault, 7 p.m.

**Exeter**  
Sawbelly Brewing: Chad Ver-  
beck, 5 p.m.  
Sea Dog: Gabby Martin, 5 p.m.

**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle: Brad Bosse, 6  
p.m.

**Hampton**  
CR's: Steve Sibulkin, 6 p.m.  
Shane BBQ: Brad Bosse, 5 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
Stumble Inn: Eric Grant, 7 p.m.

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: Austin McCarthy,  
5:30 p.m.

**Meredith**  
Hart's: Trivia, 7 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Chris Lester, 5:30  
p.m.

**Nashua**  
American Social Club: Paul  
Lussier, 8 p.m.  
Fratello's: Matt Luneau, 5:30  
p.m.

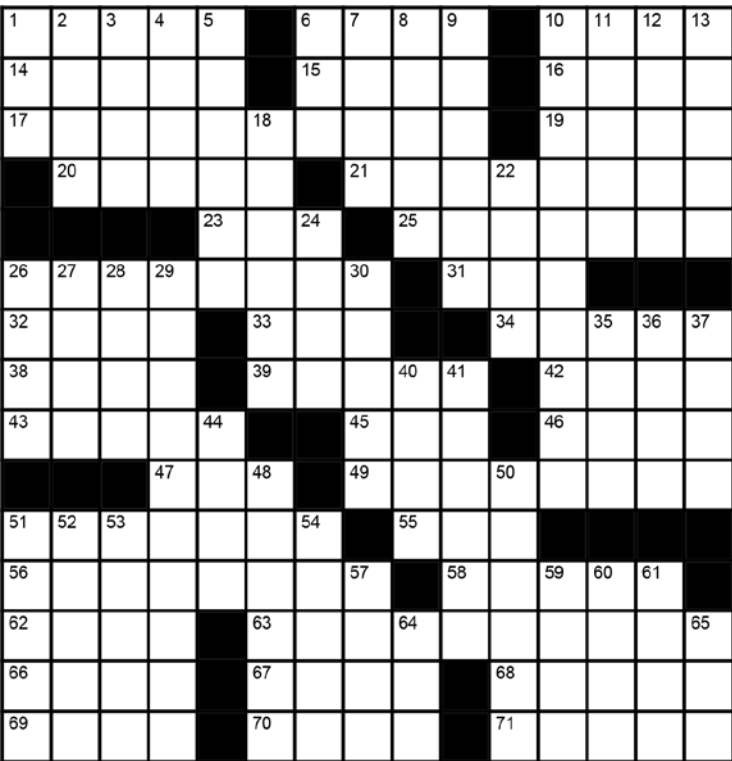
**Newmarket**  
Stone Church: George Brown,  
6 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

## Music plays on

These listings for live music are compiled from press releases, restaurants' websites and social media and artists' websites and social media. Call the venue to check on special rules and reservation instructions — and you may want to double check before you head out for the evening, as cancellations for weather or virus concerns are not uncommon. Get your gigs listed by sending information to [music@hippopress.com](mailto:music@hippopress.com).

# ALL THE VAMPIRES DOWN IN THE VALLEY



**Across**

1. A fearful Tom Petty will 'Change' these on his doors
6. '11 Chevelle album took its '\_\_\_ Off To The Bull'
10. Metallica 'For Whom The \_\_\_ Tolls'
14. Neil Young "There were peasants singing and drummers drumming and the archer \_\_\_ the tree"
15. 50 Cent band G-\_\_\_
16. Sleater-Kinney was skeptical with 'Was It \_\_\_?' (1,3)
17. Tom Petty's classic Byrds cover 'I'll \_\_\_ Lot Better" (4,1,5)
19. Wacky 'Unbehagen' singer Hagen
20. Jerry Lee Lewis misspelled 'Whole \_\_\_ Shakin' Goin' On'
21. Jack Johnson won and claimed 'The Horizon Has Been \_\_\_'
23. '\_\_\_ Ahh' is the gruntinspired Boyz II Men song
25. Smashing Pumpkins '95 album 'Melon Collie And The Infinite \_\_\_'
26. Beatles "Something \_\_\_ she moves, attracts me like no other lover" (2,3,3)
31. Fresh Prince Of Bel Air actress/music video director Long
32. Puddle Of Mudd were sarcastic with 'I'm So \_\_\_'
33. Kind of brew sold at show stand
34. All That Remains song you deleted?
38. Song concept or this
39. '94 Weezer smash 'Buddy \_\_\_'
42. Vertical Horizon bowed and sang 'You're \_\_\_' (1,3)
43. UK's Lightning \_\_\_
45. Might have to tell your wife one about your whereabouts, post-tour
46. Tina Turner's dude is a 'Typical' one
47. Manchester Orchestra turned into a jar part with 'I Was A \_\_\_'
49. '90 Hall & Oates album went from summer to fall with 'Change \_\_\_' (2,6)
51. Huge LA label founded in '42
55. Coldplay wants to play '\_\_\_ Kingdom Come'
56. 80s Tiffany hit 'I Think We're \_\_\_'

- (5,3)
58. Trapt song about accused's need
62. Flower that goes w/a gun while singing 'Sweet Child O' Mine'
63. Billy Vera & The Beaters hit song from Family Ties 'At \_\_\_' (4,6)
66. Tom Petty 'Christmas All \_\_\_ Again'
67. '04 Switchfoot egged us on with '\_\_\_ You To Move'
68. "Put me in \_\_\_" John Fogerty's 'Centerfield'

69. Ben Harper 'Burn To Shine' jam that was marked down?
70. '06 Three Days Grace album (3,1)
71. Rise Against 'Help Is \_\_\_ Way' (2,3)

**Down**

1. Kasabian's 1st top 10 song (abbr)
2. Syd Barrett compilation album about European car?
3. Letters To \_\_\_ 'Here & Now'
4. Bagpiper's wear
5. There is a bronze Phil Lynott one in Dublin
6. "Come again?" shout at loud show
7. What star might give from stage to wowed fan (1,3)
8. Led Zep 'Out On The \_\_\_'
9. Lessard of Dave Matthews
10. 80s 'Cruel Summer' female pop trio
11. Like successful rockers
12. '04 Sugarcult album 'Palm Trees And Power \_\_\_'
13. What soloist does in bridge section
18. 'White Room' guitar foot pedal creating voice-like tones (hyph)
22. The Cult 'Sonic Temple' power ballad about model Sedgwick
24. Symbol of goodness stars put on their head in court
26. Egyptian goddess-inspired Dylan song?
27. '89 Dead Or Alive album for the naked?
28. U2 'One \_\_\_ Hill'
29. Not the opening acts
30. 1985's 'Oh Yeah' band that rocked Ferris Bueller
35. Ramones were having fun with 'Life's \_\_\_' (1,3)
36. George Michael wasn't planning on going this while in Wham!, but he did
37. Guster song Adam & Eve like?

40. A rockin' song floats you up or gives you this (w/'a")
41. Melissa Etheridge 'If I Only Wanted To' album (3,1,2)
44. Show locale
48. '79 Tom Petty classic '\_\_\_ Me Like That' (4,2)
50. Crazy 1981 ZZ Top album? (2,4)
51. Chuck Berry classic named after a girl
52. Janet Jackson 'You'll Never Find (\_\_\_ Like Mine)' (1,4)
53. Fashion photog will do different posi-

- tions or these
54. Singer/actress Lindsay
57. Debut Mötley Crüe single 'Live \_\_\_'
59. Bruce Springsteen "Whooh-oh-oh \_\_\_ fire" (2,2)
60. Rolling Stones got 'Pretty \_\_\_ Up' when they got in the ring
61. Nine \_\_\_ Nails
64. '91 Red Hot Chili Peppers album 'Blood Sugar \_\_\_ Magik'
65. Tom Petty said '\_\_\_ Waiting' is the hardest part © 2020 Todd Santos

## WORD ★ Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

**Find and Circle...**

- Eight words related to trees
- Three five-letter mammals
- Comedy duo Bud and Lou
- He had wings made of wax
- Cat (six-letter answer)

Last Week's Answers: MOUNTAIN VALLEY RAVINE CANYON CLIFF RIDGE HILL / TWINGE FRINGE BINGE HINGE SINGE / GOLD BLUE TEAL TAN RED / TIGER / NEON

© 2021 Andrews McMeel Syndication

1/4

R	R	C	B	R	A	N	C	H	T	D	S
X	O	M	O	A	S	E	P	T	T	U	T
F	I	O	N	S	G	H	O	F	R	J	R
L	E	E	T	A	T	B	A	A	T	L	U
G	Y	L	I	L	B	E	C	D	E	K	N
H	L	L	I	A	L	I	L	M	E	R	K
H	O	K	H	N	P	V	A	L	J	A	X
F	H	O	R	S	E	C	J	H	O	B	C



THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

**EASY**

2 ÷	24 ×		3 -
	3		
1 -	3 -	6 +	
		2	

©2020 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

Workspace: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHALLENGING**

5 -		40 ×		8 +	
12 ×	4	18 ×	3 ÷		
		4	1 -		
20 ×	30 ×		2 ÷	4	
		2	2 ÷	2 -	2 ÷
	15 ×				

©2020 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

**RULES**

- 1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- 2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- 3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

6-23-20

**PREVIOUS ANSWERS**

5+	7+	6×	3
1	4	2	3
4	3	1	2
4×		3	2÷
2	1	3	4
3		3-	
3	2	4	1

©2020 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

# "Some Good Things From 2020" — it's been a tough year, but...

**Across**

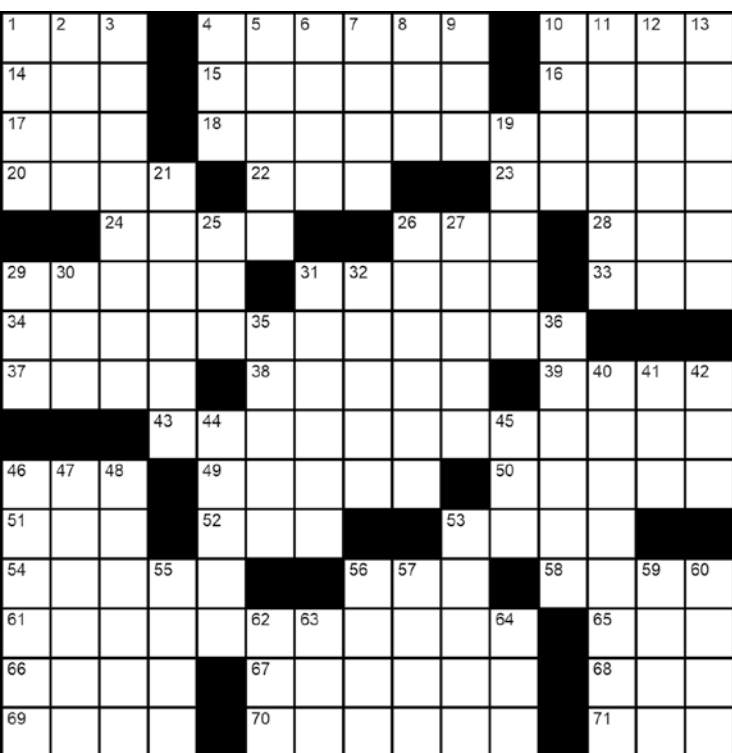
- 1 Time's 2020 Entertainer of the Year
- 4 Goose variety
- 10 Go without eating
- 14 Catch a bug
- 15 Cover-ups
- 16 Daily Bruin publisher
- 17 \_\_\_-Caps (candy for moviegoers, when we went out to movies)
- 18 Country singer who donated \$1

- million to Covid vaccine research
- 20 Warmonger
- 22 "Over here"
- 23 Ronan of The Irish Tenors
- 24 Programming language with a coffee-cup logo
- 26 Ewe in the movie "Babe"
- 28 Square root of 2, rounded down
- 29 "Gone With the Wind" surname
- 31 Give a big hand
- 33 Got hitched

- 34 Pioneering Vice President-Elect of the United States
- 37 Network (abbr.)
- 38 Digital watch maker
- 39 "That's a relief"
- 43 Show with an unprecedented sweep of seven Emmy Awards
- 46 "\_\_\_ longa, vita brevis"
- 49 Fine-tunes
- 50 Oven controls
- 51 "Cold Mountain" extra
- 52 Apple phone software
- 53 "It \_\_\_ what you think"
- 54 "Foundation" author Asimov
- 56 Evil-\_\_\_ (witch and ally of Skeletor)
- 58 Drive-\_\_\_ menu
- 61 Former British Army captain who walked laps for charity in April 2020, raising over 32 million pounds by his 100th birthday
- 65 Dull routine

- 66 Poet Pound
- 67 Noisy pig
- 68 "Death \_\_\_ Salesman"
- 69 Element #10
- 70 Buddhist temple
- 71 Initialism that became increasingly prevalent in 2020

- 19 Game maker since 1972
- 21 Units of purity
- 25 "Batman Forever" actor Kilmer
- 26 Deserves
- 27 Defunct Houston hockey team
- 29 Approvals
- 30 Bale stuff
- 31 Winter driving needs
- 32 Rash action
- 35 Outburst usually acknowledged by others
- 36 Run at full speed
- 40 London hub
- 41 "Electric" fish
- 42 Calendar units (abbr.)
- 44 A Marx brother
- 45 Floppy followers
- 46 Gotten up
- 47 Blow up, perhaps
- 48 Mall pizza eatery
- 53 How errors may be noted
- 55 Words with "early age" or "impasse"
- 56 Like some odds
- 57 "Oh \_\_\_!" (song from the "Imagine" album)
- 59 Elizabethan collar
- 60 Home of Arches and Zion National Parks
- 62 Swabbie's swabber
- 63 "Mamma \_\_\_!" (musical based on ABBA songs)
- 64 "Golden" time



**Down**

- 1 Shindig
- 2 "Bob's Burgers" daughter
- 3 Downtempo R&B songs
- 4 Callous fellow
- 5 Word on Hawaiian license plates
- 6 "Blue" or "White" river
- 7 Efficiently
- 8 Crafty initials?
- 9 "Cleopatra" animal
- 10 Boxer Tyson
- 11 "Don't hesitate!"
- 12 "Citizen Kane" actor Everett
- 13 Soaked up some sun

**R&R answer from pg 31 of 12/31**



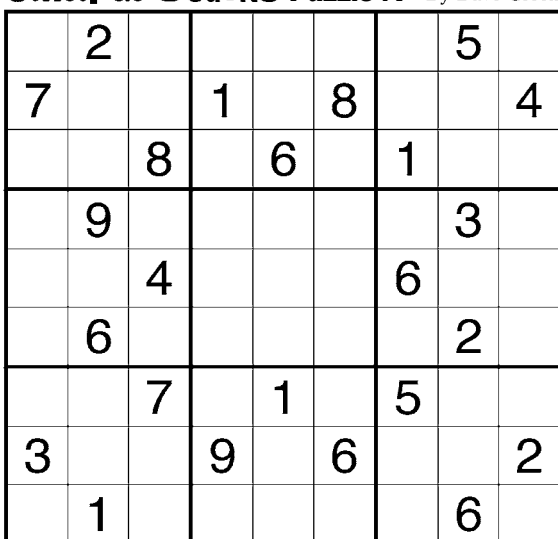
**Jonesin' answer from pg 32 of 12/31**



**NITE SUDOKU**

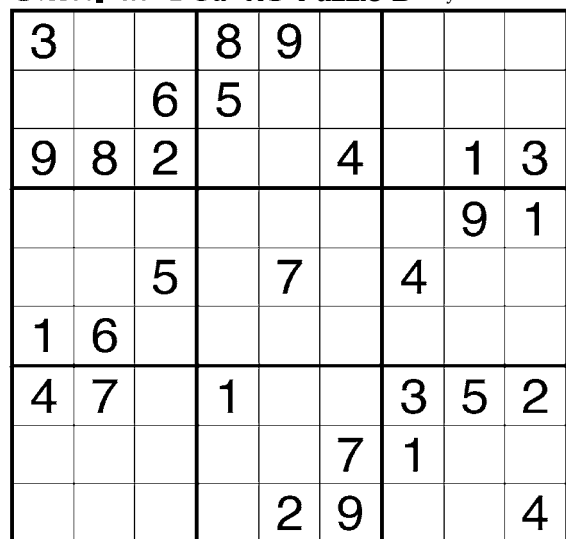
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. See last week's puzzle answers on pg 37.

**Conceptis Sudoku Puzzle A** By Dave Green



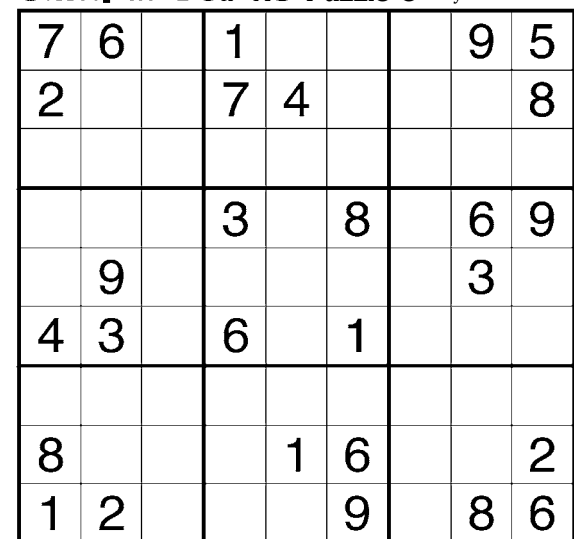
Difficulty Level ★★★★★

**Conceptis Sudoku Puzzle B** By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★

**Conceptis Sudoku Puzzle C** By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★

All quotes are from *Something New: Tales from a Makeshift Bride*, by Lucy Knisley, born Jan. 11, 1985.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)** *I found an apartment tiny enough to be freshly hilarious every time I came home, and worked hard to try to afford it. It's good to bring humor into your life!*

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** *My last book was about food and cooking, which I adore, but I could never be a professional chef. I watched my mother and her colleagues, pros all, for most of my life, and there ain't no WAY I'm staying up that late or dicing onions that precisely. You do what you can.*

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** *I retreated, as I often do in times of stress, to over-empathy with objects and serious attachment to metaphor. Keep it real.*

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** *There's also that ridiculous statistic about the percentage of income one is obligated to spend on an engagement ring. Oh, please. ... There are an awful lot of old rings going unworn and unappreciated. You can snag an antique ring from a vintage shop or online, or better yet, track down an old ring from family members that you might use. Or make your own out of yarn!*

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** *It seems strange to me to let someone you met online last week into your apartment, and I don't really like holding hands while walking, because I prefer to hold a sandwich. Even better: two sandwiches.*

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** *Diamond engagement rings didn't even become a real 'tradition' until 1938, when the De Beers diamond cartel began aggressively marketing them. It's possibly time for a new tradition of your own making.*

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** *Despite not having a cake, I wanted cute cake toppers. Go for it!*

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** *You can spend DAYS of your LIFE, wasting away, looking at DIY-wedding Pinterest boards. I found myself totally irritated and overwhelmed and, at the same time, completely sucked into the*

*pinning madness. Resist!*

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** *Before my wedding, I felt it was important to study the cultural significance of weddings in the most scholarly and journalistic form of research materials: MOVIES. Study up.*

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)** *Weird Wedding Facts Part 1: Emotion Edition ... The reason the bride carries a bouquet stems from ancient Roman tradition, where the smell of an herbal sachet was to ward away trolls and evil spirits. That's why flowers with strong scents are still commonly used today. If roses aren't working, try garlic.*

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)** *Why would people pay so much for a yard of TULLE? WHY? There is no explaining some things.*

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)** *For an American, I'm something of a purist and have a pretty narrow definition of what I consider to be 'real poutine.' The essentials are: (1) The cheese must be CURDS. Any other type of cheese constitutes cheese fries. (2) Vinegar must be available. Malt, preferably. (3) NO. WEIRD. ADDITIONS. No sausage gravy, no sauteed vegetables, no bacon, NO ICE CREAM — it's fine to pile on the extras, but then you are obligated to call it what it is: DISCO FRIES. Ice cream?? 🍷*

**Thank you for your support through 2020!**

**WE'RE HERE FOR (AND BECAUSE OF) YOU!**

**A HUGE THANK YOU to the**



**Live Music**

**Thurs. Jan. 7th 6-9 - Steve Butler**  
**Fri. Jan. 8th 6-9 - Ralph Allen**  
**Sat. Jan. 9th 6-9 - Brian James**  
**Sun. Jan. 10th 3:30-6:30 - Bob Pratte**  
**Acoustic Sessions**



**Indoor Dining • Take out is Always Available**

**25 Main St. Goffstown Village • 497-8230 • Specials posted on Facebook**



## 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 surrealist painter Salvador (4)	_____
2 erasable writing tool (6)	_____
3 equine footwear (9)	_____
4 Arctic marine mammal (6)	_____
5 oral hygiene tool (10)	_____
6 light cover (9)	_____
7 stately (8)	_____

HOR

US

HOE

IM

PEN

PSH

PER

DA

OT

TO

LR

ADE

CIL

HBR

USH

SES

LI

IAL

LAM

WA

Last Week's Answers: **SSL 2 CARELESSLY 3 COPIOUSLY 4 HUMOROUSLY 5 FEARLESSLY 6 JOYOUSLY 7 WORDLESSLY**

© 2021 Blue Ox Family Games, Inc., Dist. by Andrews McMeel

### PRINTING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

#### WINDOW CLINGS

Call for Pricing!

Clear & White Available  
Custom Sizes Available  
Single Sided Only

Allow us to handle all your printing needs. We will design and print. Shipping is free!

**hippo prints**

CALL OR EMAIL:  
603.382.1380 | printing@hippopress.com

## PUBLIC AUCTION

1st Priority Auto & Towing, LLC will be auctioning for non-payment, impounded/abandoned vehicles per NH Law RSA 262 Sec. 36-40. To be liquidated:

2000 Toyota Camry	JTBG22K2Y0513687
2013 Jeep Patriot	1CANJRF6BPD616415
2003 Ford Ranger	1FTYR14U73P854843
1998 Ford Ranger	1FTYR14U5WTA80091
2007 Chevy HHR	3GND13D07S622501
1999 Honda Civic	2HGEJ6679XH594041
2015 Dodge Journey	3C4PDDGG5F725473
2001 Mercedes E320	WDBJF82J11X059444
2019 Chevy Sonic	1G1JF5S85K4126440

Vehicles will be sold at Public Auction Jan. 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM at 26 Mason St., Nashua NH. We reserve the right to refuse/cancel any sale at any time for any reason.

**IFPA** INDEPENDENT FREE PAPERS OF AMERICA

**CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!!** All Makes/Models 2002-2019! Any Condition. Running or Not. Top \$\$\$ Paid! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: 1-888-985-1806

**GENERIC VIAGRA and CIALIS!** 100 Pills \$99.00 FREE Shipping! 100% guaranteed. 24/7 CALL NOW! 888-889-5515

Stay in your home longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bathtub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-855-481-3969 or visit [www.walkintubquote.com/national](http://www.walkintubquote.com/national)

HughesNet Satellite Internet - 25Mbps starting at \$49.99/mo! Get More Data, FREE Off-Peak Data. FAST download speeds. Wifi built in! FREE Standard Installation for lease customers! Limited Time, Call 1-855-973-9254

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-402-0373

Cross country Moving, Long distance Moving Company, out of state move \$799 Long Distance Movers. Get Free quote on your Long distance move. 1-844-452-1706

Call Empire Today® to schedule

**DIRECTV** - Every live football game, every Sunday - anywhere - on your favorite device. Restrictions apply. Call IVS - 1-855-781-1565

Need IRS Relief \$10K - \$125K+ Get Fresh Start or Forgiveness Call 1-877-378-1182 Monday through Friday 7AM-5PM PST

Thinking about installing a new shower? American Standard makes it easy. FREE design consultation. Enjoy your shower again! Call 1-855-337-8855 today to see how you can save \$1,000 on installation, or visit [www.newshowerdeal.com/cadnet](http://www.newshowerdeal.com/cadnet)

GENERAC Standby Generators. The weather is increasingly unpredictable. Be prepared for power outages. FREE 7-year extended warranty (\$695 value!) Schedule your FREE in-home assessment today. Call 1-855-447-6780 Special financing for qualified customers.

The Generac PWRcell, a solar plus battery storage system. SAVE money, reduce your reliance on the grid, prepare for power outages and power your home. Full installation services available. \$0 Down Financing Option. Request a FREE, no obligation, quote today. Call 1-866-586-7248

DISH Network \$59.99 For 190 Channels! Add High Speed Internet for ONLY \$19.95/month. Call Today for \$100 Gift Card!

## FOR RENT

### 1 Bedroom Apartment In Derry, Nh 900<sup>00</sup> Monthly

Includes Electricity & Heating / Washer & Dryer Second Floor / Private, Quiet Area

**603-552-3295**

## Dental Insurance

Get dental insurance from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company to help cover the services you're most likely to use -

✓ Cleanings ✓ X-rays ✓ Fillings ✓ Crowns ✓ Dentures

**1-877-308-2834**

Call now to get this FREE information kit!  
[dental50plus.com/cadnet](http://dental50plus.com/cadnet)

## Satellite Internet That is Unlimited With No Hard Data Limits!

- ✓ 25 Mbps Download Speed (3Mbps download and 1Mbps upload)
- ✓ No Hard Data Limits
- ✓ Wi-Fi Built-In (Connect your wireless devices at home)
- ✓ Call For Special Offers In Your Area (only where it applies)

CALL TODAY - LIMITED SPECIAL OFFERS IN YOUR AREA!  
**1-855-973-9254**

**HughesNet**  
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Best Value & Technology. FREE installation. Call 1-855-837-9146 (some restrictions apply)

Wants to purchase minerals and other oil and gas interests. Send details to P.O. Box 13557 Denver, Co. 80201

Reader Advisory: The National Trade Association we belong to has purchased the above classifieds. Determining the value of their service or product is advised by this publication. In order to avoid misunderstandings, some advertisers do not offer employment but rather supply the readers with manuals, directories and other materials designed to help their clients establish mail order selling and other businesses at home. Under NO circumstance should you send any money in advance or give the client your checking, license ID, or credit card numbers. Also be aware of ads that claim to guarantee loans regardless of credit and note that if a credit repair company does business only over the phone it is illegal to request any money before delivering its service. All funds are based in US dollars. Toll free numbers may or may not reach Canada.

**Sudoku Answers from pg32 of 12/31**

**Puzzle A**

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

Difficulty Level ★

**Puzzle B**

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

**Puzzle C**

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

## Bright idea

Acting on an anonymous tip, authorities in DeKalb County, Alabama, raided the Rainsville Wastewater Treatment Plant on Dec. 17 and discovered a large illegal winemaking operation that appeared to have been in operation for a long time, reported WHNT. The next day, plant supervisor Allen Maurice Stiefel, 62, of Fyffe, was charged with unlawful possession of illegally manufactured alcohol and suspended without pay, according to Rainsville Mayor Rodger Lingerfelt. The operation was found in a little-used building at the plant, where, Lingerfelt said, "Things happen like that." The sale of alcohol had been illegal in Rainsville until the city council passed an ordinance approving it in September.

## High anxiety

As Delta Flight 462, en route to Atlanta, began to taxi away from the gate at La Guardia Airport on Dec. 21, passenger Brian Plummer noticed a man and woman with a service dog changing seats several times on the less-than-full plane, he told The New York Times, and heard the man say, "If I sit down, I'll freak out." Plummer soon felt the plane come to a stop, and flight attendants revealed why: The man, Antonio Murdock, 31, of Florida, had forced open an emergency exit door, causing a slide to activate, and picking up the dog, slid down to the ground

with the woman, Brianna Greco, 23, according to a complaint filed in Queens Criminal Court, where the two were arraigned on a number of mischief and endangerment charges. "This doesn't happen every day at the airport," said Leni Valens, a spokesperson for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. No one was injured in the incident, but the flight was delayed for hours.

## Awesome!

Didn't get what you wanted for Christmas? The North Carolina Department of Transportation put nine vintage train cars up for auction on Dec. 15 that it purchased from the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus after it ceased operation in 2017, the Raleigh News & Observer reported. NCDOT bought the cars for \$383,000 to refurbish for use between Raleigh and Charlotte, but federal grants have enabled the department to buy new cars instead. "These cars have a great and amazing history," said Jason Orthner, director of the NCDOT rail division. Bidding continues until Jan. 4, but at press time, there were no bids on the cars.

## Surprise!

Andrea Ellis of East Moline, Illinois, was wrapping presents on Dec. 19 when she opened a package of garden flags she intended to give her grandmother and noticed something extra in the bottom of the pad-

ded envelope. It turned out to be a biohazard bag containing a Virginia woman's Covid-19 test. Ellis told the Quad City Times that when she failed to reach the woman, she called police, who sent an officer to retrieve it, but 15 minutes later, he returned with the bag, saying, "I was told to bring it back to you." A representative of the Rock Island County Health Department picked up the sample the next day and will try to return it to the Virginia patient. Ellis has also heard from a vice president at Kohl's, where she bought the flags, who said the company is working hard to find out what happened and prevent it from happening again.

## Perspective

Rajan Zed, president of the Universal Society of Hinduism, is asking luxury goods company Louis Vuitton to stop selling a yoga mat made partially of leather, calling the product "hugely insensitive" because Hindus regard cows as sacred. In a Dec. 22 statement, Zed said the idea "of yoga ... being performed on a mat made from a killed cow is painful." The Associated Press reported. The mat retails for \$2,390 online; Paris-based Louis Vuitton has not responded.

## Great art

French artist Gaetan Marron presented a new performance piece in December titled "Non-Essential," in which he locked him-

self for 10 days inside a clear Plexiglas cube at a shopping mall in Marseille. Eurone- ws reported the artist described his work as an attempt to "bring culture, which clearly saved us during this lockdown, back to the center of the subject." The cube, large enough for Marron to stand up in, also contained a few nonessential items, including a TV and coffee machine; Marron left the cube to use the restroom. "I have the feeling that ... we miss what is really the real human contact ... we have really lost social links in this period," Marron said.

## Sounds like a joke

Micheline Frederick of Queens, New York, is still recovering from the wounds she suffered in what she described as a brawl with a squirrel on the front stoop of her home just before Christmas. "This was an MMA cage match!" she told WLNY. "And I lost!" Several neighborhood residents have reported run-ins with aggressive squirrels, including Vinati Singh, whose husband has been attacked twice, and Licia Wang, who was bitten on the arm while walking home. A trapper has been hired to capture the rodents, and while squirrels are rarely found to have rabies, according to the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Health is advising victims to contact their doctor if they've been bitten.

Visit [newsoftheweird.com](http://newsoftheweird.com).

# A Smarter Way to Power Your Home.

Power your home, save money and be prepared for utility power outages with the PWRcell, a solar + battery storage system.



**GENERAC PWRCELL**  
SOLAR + BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!

## ACT NOW TO RECEIVE A \$300 SPECIAL OFFER!\*

| (877) 500-6719

\$0 DOWN FINANCING OPTIONS!\*\*

\*Offer value when purchased at retail. \*\*Financing available through authorized Generac partners. Solar panels sold separately.

# American Standard

150 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

NEW SHOWER DESIGN



SAVE \$1,000<sup>00</sup>

EXCLUSIONS APPLY

## ENJOYING A NEW SHOWER IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK



FREE IN-HOME DESIGN CONSULTATION CALL TODAY

newshowerdeal.com/hippo | 877-738-9020

\*Offer valid only while supplies last. Limit one per household. Must be first time purchase. Minimum spend amount applies. Financing subject to third party credit approval. Some financing options cannot be combined with other offers and may require minimum monthly payments. All offers subject to change prior to purchase. See [AmericanStandardShowers.com](http://AmericanStandardShowers.com) for other restrictions and for licensing, warranty, and company information. CSLB B982796; Suffolk NY: 55431H; NYC HIC 2022748-DCA. Safety Tubs Co. LLC does not sell in Nassau NY, Westchester NY, Putnam NY, Rockland NY.

THERE'S ONLY 1 THING BETTER THAN MUSIC...

# Live music

## SATURDAY JAM SESSION

2-5PM

BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS OR PLAY ONE OF OUR HOUSE INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE.



THE MUSIC NEVER STOPS AT AREA 23!



JOIN US!  
LIFE IS BETTER WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

COME FIND OUT WHY WE WERE VOTED THE BEST IN SIX CATEGORIES.



NO COVER CHARGES. NO RESERVATIONS. FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.



INDOOR SEATING & TAKE OUT

Craft beer, cider, a small but comprehensive liquor selection, and pub grub.

254 North State St., Unit H, Concord NH | Thearea23.com

132783

# TUESDAYS ARE... Date Night

## At the Range

5pm-8pm

Get all "FIRED UP" in this exhilarating night of range shooting!

LIMITED LANES AND RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE, CALL TODAY!

**\$79.95**  
per couple

(Tuesdays 5pm-8pm)

- 1 hour reserved lane for two
- One 9mm handgun or rifle
- 50 rounds of ammunition
- 2 targets
- Eye protection
- Ear Protection
- **TWO ANYTIME TICKETS TO CHUNKY'S CINEMA PUB!**



Must arrive 30 mins prior to lane time.  
Valid government issued photo ID required.

**\$124.95**  
per couple  
(with Instructor)

(Tuesdays 5pm-8pm)

- 30 minute personal instruction
- MFL decal for first time shooters
- 1 hour reserved lane for two
- One 9mm handgun or rifle
- 50 rounds of ammunition
- 2 targets
- Eye protection
- Ear Protection
- **TWO ANYTIME TICKETS TO CHUNKYS CINEMA PUB!**



Premier Indoor Shooting Range,  
Training Facility and Gun Shop



2540 Brown Avenue - Manchester, NH 03103  
603-668-9015 • www.gunsnh.com

133092

# LeafFilter®

GUTTER PROTECTION

## CLOG-FREE GUTTERS OR YOUR MONEY BACK GUARANTEED!

BEFORE LeafFilter | AFTER LeafFilter

**15% OFF**  
YOUR ENTIRE LEAFFILTER PURCHASE\*  
Exclusive Offer - Redeem By Phone Today!

ADDITIONALLY

**10% OFF SENIOR & MILITARY DISCOUNTS**

MADE IN THE USA

PLUS!

THE FIRST 50 CALLERS WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL <b>5% OFF**</b> YOUR ENTIRE INSTALL!	FINANCING THAT FITS YOUR BUDGET! <small>*Subject to credit approval. Call for details.</small>
--	---

\*\*Offer valid at estimate only

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

**1-844-302-3713**

Promo Code: 285

Mon-Thurs: 8am-11pm, Fri-Sat: 8am-5pm, Sun: 2pm-8pm EST

133142

\*The leading consumer reporting agency conducted a 16 month outdoor test of gutter guards in 2010 and recognized LeafFilter as the #1 rated professionally installed gutter guard system in America.™ CSLB# 1035795 DOPL #10783658-5501 License# 7656 License# 50145 License# 41354 License# 99338 License# 128344 License# 218294 License# 603 233 977 License# 2102212986 License# 2106212946 License# 2705132153A License# LEAFFNW822J2 License# WV056912 License# WC-29998-H17 Nassau HIC License# H01067000 Registration# 176447 Registration# HIC.0649905 Registration# C127229 Registration# C127230 Registration# 366920918 Registration# PC6475 Registration# IR731804 Registration# 13VH09953900 Registration# PA069383 Suffolk HIC License# 52229-H

# New Year, New Home!



## LOFTS AT MILL WEST



## Your tour, your way!

Contact us for daily in person and personal video tours- even apply online, all without leaving home!

## Our lofts have it all!

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1-4 Bedroom lofts      | Community game room       |
| Pet friendly           | Community gathering room  |
| In-unit washer/dryer   | Indoor putting green      |
| Central air            | On-site storage available |
| On-site fitness center | On-site parking           |
| Theatre room           | Walk to downtown!         |

Move in to any 1-2 BR with just a

# \$500

security deposit!\*

Our leasing office is open Monday - Saturday 8:30am-6:00pm, Sunday 12:00pm-6:00pm  
195 McGregor St., Manchester, NH | 603-945-5702 | [loftsatmillwest.com](http://loftsatmillwest.com)

\*\$500 security deposit on any 1-2 BR unit with your good credit. Limited time offer, subject to change. New tenants only, not transferable.