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One of my favorite childhood memories is of those family Thanksgiving dinners when, after everyone had finished the meal, the adults sat around the table tell-

ing stories and just reminiscing. For some reason, I enjoyed especially hearing about family events that took place before I was born. After hearing such stories, I admit, I looked differently at my aunts and uncles as I now saw them as characters in a larger family drama that extended many years earlier. As I grew older, I often found an opportunity to ask them for further details. Taken together, these stories and their subsequent developments grounded me in a way I didn't understand at the time.

Now fast forward many years and the young people are my own adult children. The same phenomenon seems to be repeating as they ask their mother and me about details of our childhood, college years, times before we met, and subsequent events before they were born. What has helped greatly in the occasional telling of our family story is the journal I've kept for more than 50 years. While not replete with details, it does record events large and small that complement my own memory of the past. And now, as I read back through them, I appreciate even more my record of some of those post-Thanksgiving dinner story sessions of my childhood and can share them. They help me satisfy what seems now to be an apparently inherited curiosity about our family's past.

Across society these days, curiosity about family history takes many forms, from the popular PBS program Finding Our Roots and the NBC series Who Do You Think You Are? to such widely used genealogical tools as Ancestry.com or 23 and Me. Templates for making a family tree are plentiful and becoming easier to populate thanks to online access to a trove of databases. And if you think journaling is a quaint custom of earlier days, Google "journals" and you will find websites that will sell you a book in which to record your experiences or even how to get started. Storyworth, an online facility, sends the subscriber a prompt each week to write a family story and then collects and prints them in a book at the end of the year.

With the recent death of my last surviving uncle, I have now become the eldest of my family generation. So it is not surprising that now it is my turn to encourage the younger generation to begin adding to our family's growing storybook.

Might it be your turn to do something similar?

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And in this week's food section, Matt Ingersoll looks at two upcoming events: Friday's Crafts, Drafts and Barrels event in Concord (page 26) and Saturday's Mardi Gras wine festival in Derry (page 27).

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## **NEWS & NOTES**

#### First in the nation

The New Hampshire Senate voted to approve various bills on Feb. 9, including SCR 1, which affirms the General Court's support for New Hampshire to remain first-in-the-nation primary state. "The first-in-the-nation primary has been a tradition and a responsibility that our residents have always treated with the respect and seriousness it requires," the Senate Democratic Caucus wrote in a statement. "We look forward to continuing to work with our colleagues from across the aisle to protect our status of going first and ultimately protect the diverse array of candidates, from across the nation and the political spectrum, the New Hampshire primary creates and welcomes." The Senate also voted to approve SB 114-FN, which permanently codifies the state's responsibility of contributing 7.5 percent to the New Hampshire retirement system for teachers, firefighters and law enforcement; and SB206, which prohibits corporal punishment in child daycare agencies. Corporal punishment now meets the definition of abuse in New Hampshire's child care regulations and statutes. "Previous standards were not keeping children safe, allowing individuals to violate the boundaries of the children within their care," state Sen. Sharon Carson said in a press release. "Granite State children will no longer fall victim to this abuse, and parents can take comfort in knowing that justice will be

#### **Airport bomb threat**

delivered if/when it does."

The Manchester-Boston throughout the state. Accord-Regional Airport Communica- ing to a press release, multiple

tions Center received a phone call on Saturday, Feb. 11, about 10:50 a.m., reporting an alleged bomb threat aboard Spirit Airlines Flight 2025 destined for Tampa, Florida. According to a press release, investigators from the Londonderry Police Department led the investigation, with assistance from resources from the Division of State Police, including the Bomb Squad, which responded to the threat, and from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, which actively monitored the situation while it was ongoing. Law enforcement searched the flight, re-screening all passengers and baggage and having K9 units sweep the aircraft and terminal building, and determined that there was no security risk. Airport roads reopened and normal operations resumed by afternoon, and no injuries related to the threat were reported. Manchester-Boston Regional Airport released the following statement: "Safety is always our top priority. MHT would like to thank our passengers and guests for their patience and understanding during this incident. The Airport also extends its deep appreciation to law enforcement, airline and mutual aid partners for their assistance in bringing a safe resolution to this incident."

#### **Walmart bomb threat**

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the New Hampshire Department of Safety announced that it was actively monitoring multiple bomb threats reported in a number of phone calls placed to Walmart stores throughout the state. According to a press release, multiple state agencies assisted local law enforcement agencies in responding to and investigating the calls. The New Hampshire Information and Analysis Center shared information with local, state and federal agencies, and the investigation revealed that other Walmart stores across the country had also received bomb threats. All threats are believed to have been a hoax.

#### **Student protest**

Hundreds of students at Milford High School staged a walkout on Friday, Feb. 10, in protest of a new bathroom policy, WMUR reported. The school board voted on Monday to start enforcing a limit on the number of people allowed in a restroom that is equivalent to the number of available stalls in the restroom. Protesting students, who were joined by some teachers and administrators, argued that the policy makes it difficult for students to use the bathrooms in an efficient and timely manner, particularly the students using the male restrooms, in which the urinals have reportedly been covered up with trash bags. The policy was drafted in response to a proposal recently presented to the board to change the school district's current bathroom policy in regard to gender, from permitting students to use whichever bathroom aligns with their gender identity, to requiring students to use the bathroom that aligns with their gender assigned at birth. The next school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 20.

#### **Grant for arts group**

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded a \$1,620 grant to the Manchester-based a public informational meeting on Wednesday, March 1, at 6 p.m. at the **Meredith** Community Center (1 Circle Drive, Meredith) to discuss a culvert replacement project in Meredith. According to a press release, the proposed project would involve a stone culvert with causeway replacement on Meredith Neck Road, a crossing that is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

CONCORD

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human

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Goffstown

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation will host

Holman Stadium, home of the Nashua Silver Knights collegiate baseball team, will soon be a stop on the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. According to a press release, a plaque will be unveiled at the stadium this spring to honor African American baseball players Roy Campanella, a Hall of Fame catcher, and Don Newcombe, a Cy Young Award-winning pitcher, who were signed to play with the Nashua Dodgers in 1946.

and better ways than before," the group stated in the release. "By closely working with the community and partner organizations, Queerlective is able to respond to community needs and provide opportunities for more impactful gatherings." The grant follows a recent announcement by Kimball Jenkins, a community arts and cultural center in Concord, that it had partnered with Queerlective as a fiscal sponsor. Visit queerlective.com.

Services' Manchester District

Office, on Perimeter Road in

Manchester, has reopened

after being closed for repairs

caused by burst pipes earlier

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this month.

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community organization Queer-lective. According to a press release, the funds will be used to kick-start community events and programming centered around Queerlective's mission to create and promote inclusive environments for the queer, BIPOC and underserved communities in New Hampshire with a focus on utilizing art for personal and community growth. "With support like this, Queerlective can continue to support the community in bigger

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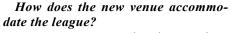
**NEWS & NOTES** Q&A

## **Card members**

Merrimack Cribbage League moves to larger venue

For more than two decades, the Merrimack Cribbage League has provided opportunities for local cribbage enthusiasts to get together and play four-person and partner cribbage. The group, which currently has about 40 members, moved its weekly games to a larger venue last month and is looking for new players to join the fun. Co-organizer Scott Mortimer answered some questions about the card game and the league.

What kind of game is cribbage? Cribbage is a game that combines both skill and luck, yet requires more skill than other card games. Luck is needed for the cards you are dealt; skill is needed for the cards you discard and the order they are played. All that is needed to play is a deck of cards and a cribbage board with four pegs. The object of the game is to score 121 points before your opponents. Without getting into detail, points are scored two ways: pegging and counting.



In January, we moved to the American Legion in Merrimack. The new location will allow us to increase our membership. We now have the capacity to grow well beyond 50 players.

#### How does a league game night work?

Game night has each team playing 10 games. Games move along efficiently, and each game lasts about 15 minutes. Winning teams for the evening are determined by the total score after completing 10 games.

### Describe the atmosphere at a league

We are a casual cribbage league. The word "league" is not meant to be intimidating. There can be a little nervousness starting out, but our newest members will tell you it is a relaxed environment.

#### **Merrimack Cribbage League**

Who: The league is open to all. Interested players who are unable to commit to a full season or just want to try it out are welcome to play as a substitute. League organizers help to pair up players without partners.

Where: Second floor of the American Legion, 43 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack

When: Weekly, on Wednesday, starting

Cost: \$5 per weekly play, with payouts for top-scoring teams, and a "quarter cup" awarded for any hand that scores zero points.

More info: Find the group on Facebook at facebook.com/merrimackcribbage, or email co-organizer Scott Mortimer at merrimackcribbage@gmail.com.



Scott Mortimer. Courtesy photo.

#### What is membership your demographic?

We are a very diverse group. People ages 22 to 92 have played in our league. Teams are made up of family members, friends or random players we pair up. The game has a mass appeal because of the strategy, excitement and the stroke of luck with each hand.

#### Is the league casual or competitive? Or are there opportunities for both kinds of play?

Can I call it casually competitive? We do award small weekly cash prizes for top-scoring teams, yet it is encouraged to assist opponents when it comes to mentioning missed points when scoring.

#### Is cribbage growing in popularity?

We like to think so! There are a few leagues in the area, as well as some local microbreweries that have monthly cribbage tournaments. With some practice, cribbage can be a challenging and fun card game for all ages and abilities while having lots of fun playing. Cribbage is an excellent game for grade-school children to learn as it combines simple math, guessing the odds and predicting outcomes. In fact, there is a fifth-grade teacher in the Merrimack School District who teaches cribbage to his students.

#### Why should cribbage players consider joining a league?

If you are someone who has played in the past with family or friends and you want to get out and meet new people ... or if you are someone who plays online or on a smartphone app and you want something a little more challenging, then our league is a good fit.

— Angie Sykeny 🧢

### The week that was



quite the Patriots coming back in dramatic fashion to beat Atlanta in SB 51. But given that it ended with a game-winning field goal kicked in the waning seconds after a frenetic second-half comeback led

by a gritty, bloody sock-like star (for the second straight game), it's fair to say SB 57 goes into the books as one of the Top 10 Super Bowl games. Though Kansas City's 38-35 win over the Philadelphia Eagles does not make the Mahomes Chiefs a dynasty, as the Boston Globe's Ben **Volin** said they were on Monday. At least not yet. To be that they need to win two or three more times and hang around the top of the league's contenders for another 10 years. For now let's just celebrate the two-time champs' admirable win and give a shout out to Philadelphia for fighting the good fight and just coming up short in a great game.

Thumbs Up: To LeBron James for breaking Kareem Abdul Jabbar's all-time NBA scoring record of 38,387 set in 1984. Say what you want about LeBron, and my only issue is how he unethically got around tampering rules to get Anthony Davis to quit on his teammates in mid-season to make him a Laker. Beyond that he always puts the team first, plays hard and almost always shows up to play. Along with talent, durability and effort are the prime factors for someone to break a record that takes as long as it does to become the NBA's all-time scoring leader. Well done, young man.

Thumbs Down: To the bloated monstrosity the Super Bowl has become. Born simply as the NFL/AFL championship game, it has become an "all things to every possible aspect of society" attempt to cram as many eyeballs in as possible to maximize TV ratings. It leaves us with ridiculous sights like jamming what seemed like 110,000 people around the mid-field coin toss, including kids from NFL PR/marketing programs no one ever heard of or cares about; worthy people being used in transparent "Hey Aren't We Great, Guys?" PR ploys, and a 40-minute half-time distraction with a person wearing a bright red outfit that made it look like one of those high-flying objects the Air Force shot down last week had avoided detection and landed on the half-time show stage, followed by about 200 people filling in divots kicked in by said show on a field that already had people slipping far more than players should for a game of this magnitude. All of which makes the actual purpose for the massive production (the game) a sideshow. Sorry to those insulted by this "get off my lawn" rant, but I'm a frustrated guy who just wants to watch the freaking AFL/NFL championship game devoid of all the other crap.

Sports 101: How many of the seven other people who at one time held the all-time NBA scoring record can you name? Hints: One guy's son later played in the league and another played com.

The Big Story: It wasn't for the Celtics before he took over the lead for a short time.

> News Item - NBA Trading Deadline a Doozy: Can't remember as active a trade deadline as last week. The dual big stories were the Nets scrapping the plan that almost everyone (except me) said would lead to multiple championships in Brooklyn and their star Kevin Durant landing in Phoenix. It makes them more dangerous for sure, but it did strip a weak bench of its best guy (Cam Johnson). Though the pick-up of Terrence Ross after a buyout in Orlando was a nice helpful addition. The two other biggest winners were, with LeBron leaving the GM-ing to the brass for once, the Lakers coming away with three nice additions to their bench while dumping ill-fitted Russell Westbrook's gargantuan contract (and ego) and the Nets, who'll be better than you think, starting over with a zillion unprotected first-round picks, a better team-oriented point guard and three more solid wing players to give trade flexibility this summer. Finally Jae Crowder going to Milwaukee makes them tougher vs the Celtics because he's a lot better than Grayson Allen.

> And then there's the they'll-never-learn chatter that teaming Kyrie Irving with Luka Doncic will make Dallas a legit contender. SPOILER ALERT: That's what they said about the KD-KI pairing, which ended in disaster, just like it will in Dallas.

> Do The Math: in case you are interested in the final Durant/Irving Tally in Brooklyn, it went like this: Durant played in 114 games out of 300 they played when he was a Net, while for Kyrie it was 143 in 300 as they went 159 and 141 (53 percent) while going one and done in the playoffs twice and losing in Round II the other time.

> Not to mention Brooklyn let two inmates run the asylum, leading to the firing of three coaches in three years, Kenny Atkinson (totally undeserved), Jacque Vaughn (the first time when he was passed over 'cause Durant and Irving didn't approve) and the disrespected all-timer Steve Nash (deserved). All for the bargain basement price of \$22.9 million.

> Sports 101 Answer: The NBA all-time leading scorer parade started with Piston George Yardley, followed by George Mikan, the traded-for-Bill Russell Easy Ed Macauley, Dolph Schayes, whose son Danny was an NBA'er, first 20,000 point career scorer Bob Pettit, Wilt Chamberlain and Jabbar.

> Finally, Greg Olsen doesn't have the star power of future No. 1 Tom Brady, but Fox hit a homer with its new-for-now lead analyst. He was on all year with useful insights and thinking ahead strategies, like saying two plays before it happened KC runners should get down before the end zone to run out the clock before kicking the winning field goal. Not sure I agree, but it gave viewers something to consider, which is what a good analyst should do. And since Harrison Butker hit the FG the strategy worked too.

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## **QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX**

#### **Test for lead**

**NEWS & NOTES** 

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health Services has released some concerning data about the rates of testing lead levels in young children in the state. Its latest annual report, 2021 Lead Exposure in New Hampshire Data Brief, revealed that between 2019 and 2021 the number of children who had their lead levels tested at the ages of 1 and 2 as required by New Hampshire's Universal Testing Law had dropped by 25 percent, likely due to the pandemic. "Childhood lead exposure is a significant issue in New Hampshire because of the large number of older homes that contain lead-based paint, the main source of exposure in children," Dr. Jonathan Ballard, chief medical officer NH DHHS, said in a press release. "Now is the time for parents to play catch-up if their children missed important doctor's visits. Parents with children under 6 years of age who have not had two lead level tests in their lifetime should schedule an appointment to be tested."

OOL score: -

Comment: Lead in the blood, even at low levels, has been shown to negatively affect a child's ability to think, learn and behave and could result in permanent effects if the poisoning is not caught and stopped early, the release said. Visit dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/environmental-health-and-you/lead-poisoning-prevention-program.



A loon rescued by the Loon Preservation Committee looks back at LPC senior biologist John Cooley before heading out to the open ocean for the winter. Courtesy photo.

#### **Helping the loons**

Biologists from the Loon Preservation Committee carried out a successful rescue mission on Feb. 6 and Feb. 7 for seven loons that became trapped on Newfound Lake and Lake Winnipesaukee when extreme cold temperatures caused the lakes to ice over. According to a press release, adult loons typically migrate to the ocean for the winter, at which point they molt their feathers, which leaves them flightless for four to six weeks while their new feathers grow in.

Some loons, however, become flightless before making it to the ocean and end up stranded on the frozen lakes, where they may starve or become prey.

Tuftonboro Fire Department assisted the biologists, providing an airboat and three firefighters to help with the rescue mission. The loons were treated and rehabilitated at VCA Capital Area Veterinary Emergency and Specialty and Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation for a couple of days, then released at the ocean off the New Hampshire coast.

QOL score: +1

Comment: The biologists attached colored bands to the rescued loons' legs for possible tracking. Six of the ten banded loons that were rescued in a rescue mission in January 2022 were later identified on New Hampshire lakes, and four of those six were in breeding pairs.

#### What is "cheer on the local student?"

Caleb Richmond, a Georgetown University student from Bedford and *Jeopardy!* Teen Tournament semifinalist in 2018, will return to *Jeopardy!* for the "High School Reunion Tournament," a 14-day event that airs Monday, Feb. 20, through Thursday, March 9, according to a press release from the show. Caleb is slated to make his first appearance in this tournament on Thursday, March 2.

QOL score: +1

**Comment:** Jeopardy! airs weekdays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. on WBZ-TV CBS, according to jeopardy.com where you can also find the 2018 episodes (see Caleb in episodes labeled "Game #2" and "Game #7").

QOL score: 50 Net change: +1 QOL this week: 51

What's affecting your Quality of Life here in New Hampshire? Let us know at news@hippopress.com.

## THIS WEEK BIG EVENTS FEBRUARY 16 AND BEYOND

#### Thursday, Feb. 16

Join the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry; aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820) for a program about the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II today at 7 p.m. Bob Sheppard will speak about his father, James Sheppard, an aviation mechanic assigned to the 100th Fighter Squadron, based at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama, according to a press release. He was reassigned to the 301st FS and shipped to the European theater, where he was promoted to crew chief, and was honorably discharged after the war as a staff sergeant, the



1944 photo of James Sheppard preparing to fly reconnaissance mission with the British Royal Air Force from Italy as a flight engineer. Courtesy

release said. Bob Sheppard will show part of his video Reflections of a Tuskegee Airman and answer questions, the release said. Tickets (which can be purchased at the door or reserved by calling 669-4877) cost \$10 per person.

#### Thursday, Feb. 16

Anheuser-Busch (221 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack) is hosting a beermaster tour today starting at 11 a.m. The tour will give visitors a chance to see behind the scenes how Budweiser is made, as well as enjoying a brew of choice.

Tickets cost \$40 and can be purchased at budweisertours.com.

#### Friday, Feb. 17

Tonight is the opening night for Leading Ladies at the Majestic Theatre (880 Page St., Manchester; majestictheatre.net, 669-7469). The

actors as they try to lay claim to the inheritance of a recently deceased old lady. The catch? The men must disguise themselves as her precious British nieces, according to the website. Tickets start at \$15 and curtain time is at 7 p.m. The show also runs Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 18

The Derry Frost Fest will take place today from noon to 3 p.m. with free family-friendly events throughout Derry including ice sculptures on the patio at Sabatino's; a puppet show at the Parks and Recreation office (31 W. Broadway) at noon and 1 p.m; food trucks B's Tacos and One Happy Clam at Benson's Lawn, and Frosty the Snowman walking along West Broadway, according to derrynh.org/parks-recreation. Find more ideas for family fun in our Kiddie Pool column on page 21.

#### Saturday, Feb. 18

The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover

comedy follows two Shakespearean St. in Manchester; palacetheatre. org) presents Who's Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute tonight at 7:30 p.m. All of the king of pop's greatest hits will be performed at this high-energy show, according to the theater's website. Tickets start at \$35.50.

#### Sunday, Feb. 19

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The World Was Yours, a play by William Ivers that includes bickering artists Salvador Dali, Andy Warhol and Bob Ross watching three living artists vying for a grant, will finish its run at the Hatbox Theatre (270)Loudon Road in Conhatboxnh.com, 715-2315) with a show at 2 p.m., according to Hatbox's website. The show will also run Friday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$22 for adults and \$19 for seniors and students.



#### Save the Date! Saturday, March 18

Pick a side, police or firefighters, at the annual Battle of the Badges Hockey Championship on Saturday, March 18, at 1 p.m. at the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester). The two sides will battle it out on the ice, with proceeds from the game being donated to the kids and families of Dartmouth Health Children's. Online game tickets cost \$15 for ages 6 and up, day-of game tickets are \$20 for ages 6 and up, with kids 5 and younger free. Visit getinvolved.dartmouth-hitchcock.org.



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## LOCAL SHELTERS TALK ABOUT THEIR DOGS, CATS AND OTHER PETS LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES









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Looking for a new animal companion? We spoke with local shelters and rescue leagues about the work that's involved in bringing dogs, cats, rabbits and other animals to their forever homes. The shelters also describe a few of their pets that (at least as of presstime) are looking for new families.

## Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire

545 Route 101, Bedford, 472-3647, rescueleague.org

Serving more than 2,000 pets a year, the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire was incorporated in 1904, making it one of the longest-running animal-focused nonprofits in the area. Its first shelter facility opened in a renovated home in Goffstown in 1942. The ARLNH is now in its 25th year of operation in its current facility in Bedford, which opened in 1998, according to chief executive officer Marianne Jones.

"We specialize in helping ... companion animals, so cats, dogs [and] small animals like hamsters, rabbits and gerbils," Jones said. "We offer many community-based programs. We'll help folks with adoption [or] if they need to surrender an animal. We also have resources like a pet food pantry, human education and low-cost spay and neuter clinics. The list goes on and on."

Jones said a regularly updated adoption page

on the ARLNH's website provides the details on currently available animals.

"We encourage people to look on the website, read [the animals'] bios to see if they may potentially be a fit for them, and then if they feel that it would, to give us a call to speak further and assess a fit," Jones said. "We are appointment-only right now, usually in the afternoons because we clean all morning. ... We're here seven days a week."

Appointments are usually booked within a day or two, but never more than 48 hours, according to the ARLNH's website, in order to not hold any animals back from other adoption opportunities. Those who already have resident dogs are encouraged to bring them if they are adopting an additional dog. Some animals can go home the same day if they are perfect fits, while others may need additional time. Adoption fees do vary, depending on the type of animal and the animal's age.

"We certainly want everyone to have the best animal for them, but we always welcome the animal back," Jones said.

Adoptable pets from the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire:

- Bashful and Lover Boy: This pair of 15-year-old domestic shorthair cats is looking for a kind and patient human to help them break out of her shell. Due to their age and medical concerns, they would do best in a home without any dogs.
- Eugene: Eugene is a 2-year-old bearded dragon who came to the shelter after his previous owners realized they didn't have as much time to take care of him as they used to. He's

looking for an adopter who has experience with bearded dragon ownership, diet, care and the appropriate environments for him to live a happy and healthy life.

- Jo: Jo is a 4-year-old female Angora mix rabbit who was surrendered to the ARLNH after her owners realized it was too much to take care of her with all her hair. She prefers to live without any other rabbits as she can be territorial of her space if they are around. Those interested in adopting her should learn about her overall hair and upkeep needs.
- Mami: Mami is a 4-year-old domestic shorthair cat who found her way into the shelter after her previous owners discovered that a home with kids was less than ideal for her. She's known for being a very playful, active and affectionate companion once she is comfortable around her humans.
- Nike: Nike is a 3-year-old female German shepherd who enjoys being active and hopes to find a home where she can continue to be. She's a bit of a drama queen especially when she gets excited to go for a walk and would do best in a home with teenagers and adults, without other animals.

#### **Darbster Rescue**

Doggy: 109 Dover Road, Chichester, 635-4495, darbsterfoundation.com

Kitty: 332 Kelley St., Manchester, 856-9233, darbsterfoundation.com

Darbster started out as a cats-only shelter after founder Ellen Quinlan was encouraged to find pets for friends and family when she moved to Florida. Quinlan said that friends would go to New Hampshire-based animal shelters and



Jo

not be able to find any cats, but they were practically crawling across her new state.

"Our mission as a rescue is to reduce euthanasia rate of animals," Quinlan said. "Lots of animals are getting put down in southern states."

New Hampshire, the second of two states to pass no-kill laws for shelters, was the perfect place for Darbster Kitty and, later, Darbster Doggy. Located in Manchester and Chichester, respectively, the two shelters also offer transport service, and have a home base in South Beach, Florida.

Quinlan said that she'll transport dogs and cats by car from Florida, Georgia and other surrounding states twice a month. She flies small dogs from Los Angeles to Boston before coming to New Hampshire.

Adoptable pets from Darbster Doggy:

• Angela: Angela is a 4-year-old female hound mix who is currently in foster care. This sweet and adorable dog has a great personality and gets along well with cats and children, as







Tandy





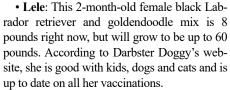


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Artley Plum
well as other dogs. She is spayed and house trained, and is up to date on all of her current vaccinations.



- Pascal: This 5-year-old terrier mix has been available since the beginning of February. He would be fine in a house with other dogs but doesn't do well with cats or children. He is fully grown, at 17 pounds, and has all of his shots. He is also neutered and house trained.
- **Sparrow**: Sparrow is an 11-month-old Belgian Malinois mix. Right now he weighs 53 pounds, but he has the potential to grow bigger. He is good with cats, dogs and kids, has all of his vaccinations, and is neutered.
- **Tandy**: A 2-year-old mixed breed female, Tandy is currently 47 pounds and has both a playful and a more relaxed personality. She's in foster care right now and would do well in a house that didn't have any cats. She is spayed and up to date on her vaccinations.

Adoptable pets from Darbster Kitty:

• Artley: This 2-year-old female tabby is both extremely affectionate and high-ener-

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Licorice

gy. She will also give head butts and meander around people's legs. She isn't sure of other cats and would do best as an only pet. She is spayed and up to date on all her shots.

- Belle: This is the second time this 6-yearold girl has found her way into Darbster Kitty, through no fault of her own. She is a playful cat that would do well with others. She is spayed and up to date on her shots.
- Blue: This little 8-month-old tuxedo kitten is the life of the party at his foster home. He loves cardboard scratchers, balls, feather wands and his favorite, the cat dancer. He doesn't have any experience with children yet, but he gets along well with the other dogs and cats in his foster home. He is up to date on his vaccines and is neutered.

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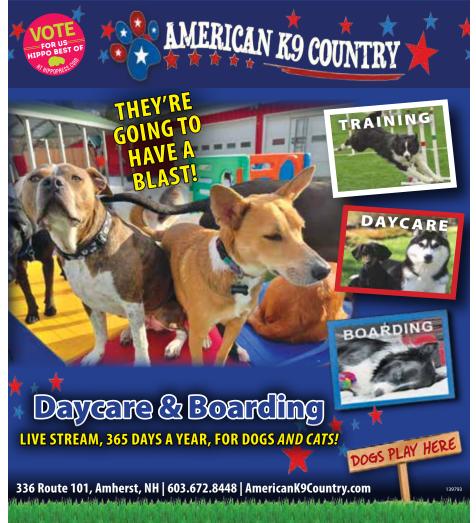
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· Licorice: Found abandoned in an apartment complex, this 2-year-old gray and black tabby cat hasn't had the easiest life. He is recently recovered from surgery but is ready to find his forever home. He is good with other cats, is neutered, and is up to date on his shots.

• Plum: This little 8-month-old tuxedo cat loves to play with any toy he can get his paws on. He is also infatuated with lap naps and will curl up while watching TV. He does well with cats, both young and older, but doesn't have experience with children or dogs. He is up to date on his vaccines and is neutered.

#### **Greater Derry Humane Society**

East Derry, 434-1512, derryhumanesociety.

Marty and Paula Dunladey, the president and chair of the Greater Derry Humane Society, respectively, said there are a lot of logistics that come into play when there isn't a brick-andmortar shelter to rely on.

"The thing about foster situations [is] our animals aren't displayed, but they're learning how to live in a home and are much less stressed than animals in a shelter," Paula Dunladey said. "[Shelters] are stressful for people and for the animals in them."

The Society has approximately 40 homes fostering animals at a time, but that isn't usually enough for the number of dogs and cats they know need care. Marty Dunladey said the Society works hard to keep the number of animals they take in in proportion to the number of homes available for fostering.

"We get surrenders and take in strays," Marty Dunladey said. "We get animals from Animal Control in Derry, and cats especially. Most of what we do is getting them veterinary care. That's our biggest thing."

Marty Dunladey suggests that people looking for a new pet adopt some that are older. While puppies are new, he said that older dogs are just as fun and loving.

"Senior dogs are tougher to get adopted," he said. "We just adopted a 14-year-old dog. We know he doesn't have long but we don't want to see any dog spend last years not at home."

Adoptable pets from the Greater Derry Humane Society:

• Andy: This 11-year-old chihuahua loves curling up on laps and receiving belly rubs. He's good with new people and other dogs, but hasn't been exposed to cats while being fostered.









Millie

• Emma: Emma is a 2-year-old corgi mix who was brought up from Georgia. She is a very affectionate and athletic girl who is good with other dogs in the family, but does have a tendency to be skittish around men. She loves sleeping on laps and beds, but she is only crate trained.

• Finnegan: This 3-year-old chihuahua mix is good with other dogs, but not so great with kids and cats. He's up to date on his vaccinations and is neutered. He's a very snuggly guy, even though he's still struggling with potty

• Katana: This American pit bull terrier and Shar-pei mix has traveled from Texas to find a forever home in New Hampshire. He is good with other dogs and kids, but not so much with cats. He is just over 2-and-a-half years old and is neutered and up to date on all of his vaccinations.

• Rafael: This almost 2-year-old Boston terrier and rat terrier mix is a sweet dog with a huge heart. Because he is cautious with new people, the Greater Derry Humane Society does not recommend him for families with children.

#### **Happy Tails Pet Rescue**

14 Pine Road, Hudson, 595-7387, happytailspetrescue.org

Happy Tails Pet Rescue is a cat-only shelter run exclusively by volunteers and on donations.

"We started ... just to help the cats in the area that the larger humane societies couldn't help, like the hard-to-adopt animals [and] the cats with special needs," said April Guilmet, one of the shelter's board members.

Located in Hudson, the shelter usually has around a dozen cats on average, taking them in from kill shelters in New York City and Florida as well as surrenders. Animals who come to the shelter are also available for adoption at PetSmart locations in Plaistow and Chelms-

Adoption applications can be found on the rescue's website, and prices vary depending on the age of the pet — they range from \$120 for senior cats over the age of 10 to \$220 for kittens under 6 months old. Interested applicants also have opportunities to volunteer at the shelter or foster available cats.

"There's so many different personality types," Guilmet said. "A cat's a great pet for evervone."

Adoptable cats from Happy Tails Pet Rescue:

- Artemis: Artemis is a 3-year-old domestic shorthair mix. She is very timid and shy, but with love and proper care will show how sweet and loving she likely is.
- Mama Sue: This 1½-year-old cat is now an empty nester who would do well in a quiet home without dogs or little kids. According to her foster parent, she doesn't enjoy being picked up, but does love to play with wand toys.
- Millie: At 2 years and 9 months old, Millie has had a tough start to her life. She is often overlooked due to her shy and timid nature, but shows a strong desire to trust people, as she is learning to do every day. It would benefit Millie to be adopted along with one of her current roommates at the shelter, or go to a home that has a friendly cat who can help her adjust.
- Sasha: Sasha is a 3-year-old domestic shorthair mix. It is assumed she had a tough life before coming to the shelter, but she is learning to trust people. She is gradually coming out of her shell and loves to play. Sasha would do best in a quiet home with a patient parent so she is able to warm up to her new home.

#### **Hearts and Tails Animal Alliance**

Weare, heartsandtails.org

About five years ago Cathy Bailey and her partner were vacationing in Puerto Rico when a stray black dog started following them around.

"As soon as I saw him I broke into tears. ... He had ticks all over his face and he couldn't walk on his back right leg," Bailey said.

The couple went to a nearby store to pick up dog food, but when they came back to where they had encountered the dog, it was nowhere to be found.

"We had this great itinerary planned for our two-day vacation and we did none of it," she said. "All we did was look for this dog, and we never found him."

Bailey would return home to New Hampshire, but the thought of the stray dog never left her mind. A few weeks went by, and she decided she needed to return to Puerto Rico to find it.

"We looked and looked and we couldn't find him. I was so discouraged," she said. "So then I saw a black dog and a white dog laying on the sidewalk and I said, 'Well, I'll just go ahead and feed these dogs, at least.' My boyfriend let me out and he started driving away and then I just started screaming, 'It's him, it's him!""

They took the dog to a local vet, where it tested positive for ehrlichia, anaplasmosis and heartworm disease. The dog was ultimately able to get into the hands of a local shelter.

"We started making all kinds of contacts and finding out just how bad the problem is," Bailey said. "By then we had decided that we wanted to start rescuing more dogs."

That, Bailey said, was how Hearts and Tails Animal Alliance, a volunteer-run nonprofit dedicated to preventing the euthanization of adoptable dogs, was born. Today she rescues dogs from several states across the Southeast and has partnered with other adoption agencies and organizations like Darbster Doggy in Chichester and the Humane Society for Greater Nashua.

Adoption applications can be filled out online and visits are by appointment. Bailey said the adoption fees range from \$450 to \$650,











Honey Pie



who don't have prior veterinary references are required to get pet insurance.

"All of the money that we get from the adoptions ... includes [the] spay or neuter [procedure], the microchip, all of your required vaccines and then we give three days of food, a small leash and a martingale collar," Bailey said.

Adoptable dogs from Hearts and Tails Animal Alliance:

- Billy: Billy is a 4-year-old Catahoula Leopard dog who loves to go out for walks and is great on a leash. He was brought into an animal control facility in South Carolina as a stray before making his way up to New Hampshire. He is house trained and crate trained, neutered and microchipped, and has all his required vaccinations.
- Honey Pie: A terrier mix, Honey Pie is approximately 2 years old, described by her foster mother as the "most perfect house dog." She arrived at the shelter after wandering in for a visit to the town's local library. The staff had been hoping she would be reunited with her owner but no one showed up to claim her. Honey Pie walks well on a leash and does always have some energy to burn, so an active family or a fenced yard where she could run would be best for her.
- Tango: Tango is a 1-year-old Plott Hound mix who is good with other dogs and absolutely loves people. He came to New Hampshire from a foster home in North Carolina, and is neutered and up to date on all his required vaccinations.

## **Humane Society for Greater**

24 Ferry Road, Nashua, 889-2275, hsfn.org The Humane Society for Greater Nashua has animals of all shapes and sizes, ranging from

depending on the age of the dog, and those dogs, cats and bunnies to guinea pigs, parakeets and hedgehogs. They usually receive new dogs from places like Texas and Arkansas every two to three weeks, and have two rooms dedicated to cats. The shelter also has a vet space that gives people access to low-cost vet care, offering services like emergency surgeries, spaying and neutering, dental care and more. There is also a dog trainer at the shelter.

> "[We are] able to provide certain services so that families can make sure that they're getting quality ... medical care for their pets. It's what we're here for," said Jennifer Adams-LeBlanc, the shelter's director of partnerships and corporate gifts.

> Adams-LeBlanc also noted that adopting a pet is a long-term commitment, and it all comes down to one's own lifestyle.

> "[These] animals ... have already had their lives disrupted [and] that's traumatizing for [them]," she said. "So we want to make sure if we're sending the dog home that we're not disrupting their life again."

> Anyone interested in adopting any of the animals at the shelter can go on the website and print out an adoption application to bring with them to the shelter.

> "You'll meet with an adoption counselor that will talk with you about all the different [animals]," Adams-LeBlanc said.

> During this process, one can inquire about the adoption cost, or visit their website for a list, since the price depends on the age of the pet.

> "The goal is to do an adoption and make it last," Adams-LeBlanc said.

> Adoptable pets from the Humane Society for Greater Nashua:

- Pebble: At 10 years old, cat Pebble has an independent personality, striking green eyes and a face that's half gray and half beige. She has had a tough time finding home so far, but is still looking for a family of her own.
  - · Potato and Chad: Potato and Chad are

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Wednesday













a friendly guinea pig duo looking for a hap-

py home. They are a bonded pair and must be

adopted together. The 3-year-old guinea pigs

would love to go to a home where they can

have time to roam outside of their enclosure

• Sargent: Sargent is a 6-year-old hound

mix looking for his forever family. "He's super

friendly [and] loves long walks," said Nichole

Marcoux, an animal care associate and adop-

tion counselor at the shelter. "He loves sniffing

around and just being outside, [and] he's super

snuggly." Sargent is good with kids but would

• Wednesday: Wednesday is a 2-year-

old bunny who has been at the shelter since

December. She is very sweet and affectionate

and loves her lollipop hay toys. "She is peo-

ple-friendly and will come up to the cage to say

hello and to be pet," Jennifer Adams-LeBlanc,

the shelter's director of partnerships and corpo-

490 Dunbarton Road, Manchester, 628-

For more than two decades the Manchester

Animal Shelter has sheltered, provided medical

care and spayed or neutered more than 25,000

animals since its founding. Volunteer coordina-

tor Alie Perkus said that this is one of the best

"Shelters are so important because if it

wasn't for shelters all these animals would be

on the streets," Perkus said. "A lot of times,

people worry about animals in shelters getting

[the] right care. We have a full-time staff and

**Manchester Animal Shelter** 

3544, manchesteranimalshelter.org

parts of working at the shelter.

rate gifts, said in an email.

do best in a family without other dogs.

and receive lots of love and attention.

cats a forever home. These cats are adopted and made a part of a barn ecosystem, keeping pests like mice away from horses.

"A lot of these animals have never had a loving home," Perkus said. "Given that opportunity, they become totally different animals than in the shelter. It really is getting a friend or companion and adding someone to your family."

Adoptable pets from the Manchester Animal Shelter:

- Bruin: This 2-year-old German shepherd mix is a good boy who is still working on his behavior. He would do well in a family with only one human who is experienced with dogs. While he is shy to start, once he accepts his human into his circle, he'll become a cuddle
- Diamond: This 7-year-old pit bull mix is an affectionate and adventurous girl who loves going for walks as much as showing off how smart she is with commands. Diamond would be fine in a home with other dogs but would prefer one without kids.
- King: This 6-year-old brindle mix breed dog is friendly, athletic and affectionate. He loves to play with kids but isn't a big fan of cats. He would be happiest in a home with an active person who will support his love of fetch, tugof-war, scritches and peanut butter.
- Panda: This 1-and-a-half-year-old pit bull mix is full of energy. She would make a great hiking or running partner for her future human. Because she's young and energetic, she's still working on her manners and would do better in a house without young kids or cats.
- · Sonny: This beautiful orange mediumlength-fur cat was first adopted from the shelter in 2016 and has now been returned. He was a very friendly cat before, but now is shy and hard to get out of his shell. He needs a calm home and a patient human to help him feel safe and loved again.

• Zeke: This sweet 9-year-old pit bull terrier is excellent with other dogs but doesn't do too well with kids or cats. He is a quiet senior who loves going for walks and wading through streams. He's also an absolute cuddler and loves taking time to rest and relax after his adventures.

#### **Motley Mutts Rescue**

14 Londonderry Turnpike, No. 4, Hooksett, motlevmuttsrescue.org

Motley Mutts Rescue works with animal rescue partners in the South, primarily in rural Mississippi, to transport homeless dogs to New Hampshire, where they're taken in by volunteer foster homes until they're found a forever home. The rescue takes in dogs of all breeds, sizes and ages and provides them with veterinary care, including vaccines, preventatives and spaying and neutering procedures.

"Since our inception in 2020 we have been able to successfully adopt out close to 2,000 dogs," said Katie Hyatt Milewski, vice president on the board.

Adoption fees range from \$500 for adults and \$600 for puppies, though there are occasionally adult dogs who are sponsored or senior dogs available for lower fees.

Hyatt Milewski said prospective adopters should watch the rescue's Facebook page facebook.com/motleymuttsrescue — and submit an application on the rescue's website when they see "a dog that sparks their heart."

If there is a possible match, the rescue will arrange a meet-and-greet between the dog and prospective adopter.

Adoptable dogs from Motley Mutts Rescue:

- · Cassidy: Cassidy is a happy, sociable 6-month-old pooch, guessed to be a retriever mix, who gets along well with other dogs.
- · Gargamel: Gargamel is a Jack Russell terrier mix, around 10 years old, who is looking for a quiet home without younger dogs where

he can enjoy being spoiled and being the center of attention.

- Hanes: Hanes is around 11 months old and guessed to be a retriever mix. He loves to play, crates well and would enjoy the company of another playful pup.
- Thad: This sweet 2-year-old Boston terrier mix loves to play with other dogs.
- Tipsy: Tipsy is a sweet and playful 4-month-old mixed-breed pup.

#### **New Hampshire SPCA**

104 Portsmouth Ave., Stratham, 772-2921, nhspca.org

The New Hampshire SPCA celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2022 and serves more than 120 communities across New Hampshire, southern Maine and northern Massachusetts.

"Our adoption center receives nearly 2,500 unwanted, neglected or abused animals from our region each year," Rich Hegarty, NHSP-CA's annual fund and digital marketing manager, said in an email. "We provide each one with a warm bed, medical care, nutritious food and the time it takes ... to place them in the best possible new home."

The NHSPCA is an open-admission, unlimited-stay facility, meaning there is no time limit associated with animals finding their new homes. Animals can range from dogs, cats, birds, guinea pigs and rabbits to horses, donkeys, pigs, goats and sheep.

Adoptions, Hegarty said, are conducted on a first-come, first-served basis with an approved application. All adopters must be at least 18 years old and have a valid photo identification with the current address and knowledge and consent of all adults living in their household. The adoption center has open hours every day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on Wednesdays.

"We strongly encourage folks to visit in advance to get pre-approved, as some of our

dedicated volunteers until they're able to be adopted out." Manchester Animal Shelter's Fix-a-Pit program has led to more than 1,000 of Manchester's pit bulls being spayed and neutered, while another program, known as Barn Cats, is designed to get scared, angry and mistrusting























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Tucker and Bentley

animals ... are in very high demand," Hegarty said.

Adoptable pets from the New Hampshire SPCA:

- Annie: Annie is a 22-year-old thoroughbred mare who is adoptable by companion only. She has been great with other horses during her time at the New Hampshire SPCA. She has a crooked mouth, which causes her tongue to stick slightly out on one side, but this does not cause her any pain or issues chewing. She is up to date on vaccines and is microchipped.
- Bandit: This adorable male American foxhound puppy is curious, sweet and always following his nose. He is young — less than a year old — so he is working on his manners, but is very eager to learn. He loves snacks and running as fast as he can in the yard. Though he doesn't need to go home with another dog, he would love to have a doggie friend to play with.
- Doodles and Snickers: Doodles and Snickers are a pair of bunny companions. They both arrived at the shelter after their owner became allergic. Doodles does tend to be elusive, but would do best if she and her brother, Snickers, are housed together in a closed room. Both are also big foodies, enjoying carrots, blueberries, apples and other treats.

#### **Pope Memorial SPCA**

94 Silk Farm Road, Concord, 856-8756, popememorialspca.org

Pope Memorial SPCA is dedicated to protecting and advocating for abandoned and homeless pets and promoting the humane treatment of all animals. Qualified staff medically and behaviorally evaluate all animals that come to the shelter, provide veterinary care and work closely with prospective adopters.

Development coordinator Beth Nemchick said the shelter currently has 60 animals in its care, though it averages around 100. Those animals include dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, hamsters and birds.

Adoption fees range from \$25 to \$400, depending on the type of animal and the animal's age.

To begin the adoption process, prospective adopters can fill out an application online or visit the shelter during walk-in hours, Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m., and fill out a paper application.

"Please be prepared to answer questions about your life, your home and how you plan to care for your pet," Nemchick said. "This information assists us in matching you with a pet that is sure to become a beloved family member and companion."

Adoption counselors review applications and contact adopters when they identify a possible match. Applications are kept on file for several months and re-reviewed as new animals arrive.

Adoptable pets from Pope Memorial SPCA:
• Banks: This 2-year-old neutered male







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"We operate solely for charitable purposes, 449 Joe English Road, New Boston, 854and we bring education and awareness to the 1690, secondchanceranchrescue.com issues ... of animal welfare and neglect," said

Established in 2017 by Kristin Morissey and Laurie Gouley, who oversees social media and Cameron Jordan, Second Chance Ranch aims to give lost, misunderstood or forgotten dogs a After filling out an application online, poten-"second chance" at a forever home. Much of tial adopters will receive a call to set up a meet the focus is also placed on dogs that have othand greet with the dog they were interested in. er dog issues, such as reactivity and aggression, All dogs cost a one-time fee of around \$450 and working through those issues to help sucand come up to date on shots — they're also cessfully rehome them. sterilized and fully vetted with a New Hamp-

**Second Chance Ranch Rescue** 

Depending on the dog, the adoption timeline can last about one to two weeks for adult dogs, although for puppies it can be much faster.

"With our adoption process, specifically with those dogs that we're working with that have those issues with other dogs, it will be a much longer process, because we really want to get to know them," Second Chance Ranch lead kennel worker Paige Armitage said. "We put in so many hours of work, especially Kristin, and she's been teaching me all of the exercises to do with those specific dogs ... to really make sure they are learning them, so that we can put out reliable dogs back into our community."

Adoptable dogs from Second Chance Ranch are listed on Petfinder, Facebook and Instagram, and often, Armitage said, they will share short videos on their progress. All who are interested in adopting are required to fill out an application and go through a background check before meeting the dog onsite, which is by appointment only inside of a small barn.

"We place ... smaller amounts of dogs, so that we can have those extra hours to focus on what the dog needs," Armitage said. "Ninety-five percent of the job is really just making sure that the dog gets love ... and just making sure that they know how to live in a home."

If it's a good fit and the dog clears all its health requirements, Armitage said the dog can go home in as soon as 48 hours. Adoption fees vary depending on the age of the dog, but range from \$400 for senior dogs ages 8 and up to \$600 for puppies up to 12 months old.

Adoptable dogs from Second Chance Ranch Rescue:

• Bentley: This 8-year-old pit bull-boxer mix was fostered by his emergency doctor, then adopted when the rescue in charge had elected to euthanize him. Bentley is diabetic and requires insulin injections twice daily. Although he would do best in a home with no other animals, Bentley is great with children his current owner has three young boys - and







pointer mix would prefer a home with no cats or children under the age of 8. He is active and exuberant and would make a great hiking pal.

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- Bentley and Tucker: Twelve-year-old Bentley and 6-year-old Tucker aren't biological brothers, but they are brothers in spirit. These neutered male cats would enjoy a quiet home with no dogs or children under the age of 12 where they can lay around and snuggle.
- Cooper: Cooper is a 6-year-old neutered male Labrador retriever mix who loves kids. But cats? Not so much. This outgoing goofball spends most of his time playing with toys and chewing on bones.
- Gihan: Gihan is an 11-year-old neutered male American Staffordshire terrier mix who is looking for a low-key retirement home without cats or children under the age of 8, where he can be free to be a couch potato.
- Milkshake and Boba: This pair of female guinea pigs loves fresh veggies, playtime and lots of attention. They would prefer a home without children under the age of 8.

#### **Salem Animal Rescue League**

4 SARL Drive, Salem, sarlnh.org

Since 1992 the Salem Animal Rescue League has been taking in cats and dogs in need of homes and giving them a second chance.

It all started with a goal of rescuing 50 stray and unwanted animals in the Salem area. The goal was quickly surpassed, with a total of 157 rescues during that first year. Now the shelter adopts nearly 800 dogs and cats every year.

The rescue generally has upwards of four to five dogs and 20 to 25 cats at any given time.

Anyone interested in adoption can visit their website, view the animals currently at the shelter, fill out an application, and get a response to set up an appointment within 24 hours.

"This is kind of just a preemptive way for us to see what they are interested in and temperament, and just [the] overall lifestyle of

the animal," said the shelter manager, Hannah Kinsey. "That way we can also see what kind of environment the animal is going into, [and then] we can make better recommendations and we know which animals would do best in said place."

Prices vary depending on the age of the animal and whether you're choosing a dog or a cat.

Adoptable pets from the Salem Animal Rescue League:

- Kato: Kato is a striking 14-month-old Siberian husky mix who, while very sweet, can be a bit timid when you first meet him. Once he is comfortable with you, he comes right out of his shell. He walks great on the leash and loves the outdoors. He has also lived with cats in the past and has done fine with them.
- Rico: This 10-month-old domestic shorthair mix was adopted and then left behind, as his family was moving and did not want to take him along with them. He loves attention from humans and especially loves playing with his toys. He will do best with someone who is willing to spend lots of time playing with him.
- Tiana: Tiana is a 2-year-old domestic shorthair mix who was found living outside trying to keep her babies and herself fed. She was not sure how she felt about humans when she arrived, but is much more relaxed knowing they are caring for her. She will need an adopter who has experience with cats and will give her the time she needs to feel safe in her new home. She is a very social cat who enjoys being around people, but also loves to just sit in her

#### **Sato Heart Rescue**

Milford, satoheartrescue.org

Sato Heart Rescue is made up of a team of volunteers who dedicate their time to rescuing stray dogs by working with Second Chance Animal Rescue in Villalba, Puerto Rico, to find

to be timid and wary, but they eventually grow comfortable once they realize they are safe.

"We always have to have the application

done first because we kind of have to ... vet

who's adopting," Gouley said. "We try to lessen

the chances of these dogs being brought back to

us because they've already been through a lot

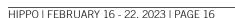
of trauma. So we try to match the best family

Upon arriving at the shelter, the dogs tend

with the dog and the dog's personality."

Adoptable dogs from Sato Heart Rescue: • Electra and Volt: Electra and Volt are two

- athletic Labrador retriever mixes who were rescued in September. Despite being found together in an abandoned garage, they are both friendly, curious and loyal. Although they were found together in Puerto Rico, the two are available separately for adoption.
- Mildred: Mildred is a shar-pei and black mouth cur mix who was just 4 months old when she was rescued last fall. Friendly, affectionate and playful, she would be good in a home with other dogs. Mildred is house-trained and walks great on a leash. She is also spayed and up to date on vaccinations.
- Skky: A basenji mix, Skky was rescued in July when she was 6 months old. X-rays show that she was likely from an abusive situation, as she had a fractured leg that has since healed. Friendly and smart, she does well with other dogs. "She's just a happy puppy," Gouley said. "She is wary of new people, which, if she did come from an abusive situation [then] that is understandable."
- · Wally: Wally, a medium-size adult Labrador retriever mix, was found behind a dumpster along with his brothers. He was very fearful of people upon arriving at the shelter but has come a long way with his foster family, according to Gouley. Once he grows to trust you, he is incredibly sweet and affectionate.









loves walks and short runs, in addition to snuggling up on the couch.

- Chance: Chance is an approximately 11-month-old pit bull terrier who came to the ranch from Atlanta as a stray. He is described as a "goofball who loves to play, zoom and fly through the yard," with high intensity and friendliness around other dogs. However, he has not met cats and prefers to stay away from them. Chance is crate-trained and is not much of a barker but does need a lot of regular exercise.
- Cricket: This female 10-month-old pit bull terrier comes from a family in the military, who unfortunately just had way too much on their plate to have a dog. She loves kids and other dogs, and would be perfect for a family who is active and enjoys the outdoors. She isn't

spayed yet, but would go home under the shelter's "spay and neuter" program, in which the adopter signs a contract and collects a deposit that is refunded when they provide proof of being spayed within six months of adoption.

• Ralph: Ralph is an approximately 1-yearold black Labrador retriever mix who is highly affectionate with humans. He is also very good with other dogs and would prefer to co-exist with a good mix of gentleness and playfulness. Ralph has been at the shelter for several weeks now and has steadily improved on his training and skills. He is, however, still working on getting comfortable with his humans closing his crate, and will require a family who will work on managing his guarding behaviors. For this reason, the shelter recommends he be in a house without children.

#### **Tailgait Transport and Rescue**

Manchester, 785-7662, tailgaitrescue.org Despite not having their own shelter location yet, Tailgait is hoping to make that they're over-burdened and can't always help change sooner rather than later.

"It's definitely still in the talks," said chester-based transport service. "Real estate is coming down and [factors into] the whole thing. We had a successful fundraiser in the fall, and a few more going on right now, but we are definitely moving in that direction."

Kehas said it was traveling to Texas for work as a nurse that showed her exactly how dire the situation for animals can be. She said that everywhere she looked, she saw "no dumping pets" signs as often as she saw "no littering" signs in the Granite State. She said that she felt she had to do something.

"These dogs suffer," she said. "They go starving, get hit by cars ... and [for] shelters, every dog."

Currently, Tailgait makes trips monthly Stephanie Kehas, the founder of the Man- from Massachusetts to Maine, moving animals to give them a better chance at finding a forever home. Every few months or so, Kehas will travel to the South, usually one of the Carolinas, to transport as many shelter dogs as possible.

> Kehas said her biggest hope is for people to realize that they can find purebred dogs, like German shepherds or Labrador retrievers, at many different shelters. If they are determined enough, Kehas said that future owners could even find rescues that deal with only specific breeds.



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### RTS

## **Even closer to opening night**

Nashua Community Arts receives another gift

By Katelyn Sahagian ksahagian@hippopress.com

With the smell of sawdust lingering in the air and the first layer of flooring and drywall up, the Nashua Center for the Arts is physically constructed.

While the project was in talks for the better part of a decade, and ground broke almost five years ago, seeing the modern building design, the 750-seat theater and the lights and sound systems being installed makes the project much more real.

Construction, according to Nashua Mayor Jim Donchess, is due in large part to Bank of America and the generous gift of \$250,000 they gave in 2022. On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the bank has matched that amount, to give a total of half a million dollars for the project. "When [Bank of America] stepped up for

Winnie the Pooh

Where: Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St.

When: Thursday, April 6, and Friday, April

7, at 6 p.m. **Price:** \$39 to \$69

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\$250,000 and became a donor of a lobby ... that really showed the community that there is a lot of interest," said Richard Lannan, the president of Nashua Community Arts. With the new donation, the theater in the Nashua Center for the Arts will be called the Bank of America Theater, said Lannan.

Lannan said he has been a champion for this project from the start, helping conceive the idea 10 years ago when Nashua Community Arts first pitched the prospect of a state-of-the-art theater in the downtown area. Lannan said a survey was conducted to ask members of the community if they wanted to see a theater built and if they thought it would be a good thing for downtown. With much positive feedback, the project was decided.

Choosing architects and contractors and designing the theater took two years, Lannan said. Construction began in 2020.

Now, only eight weeks from completion, Lannan is amazed that the project is so close to being finished.

"I'm in here every week," said Lannan. "Even with that, I'll be wondering, 'Oh wow, when did they do that?' It's awesome." For now the stage is just concrete, the



There won't be a bad seat in the house at the Nashua Center for the Arts. Photo by Katelyn Sahagian.

seats are in storage, and the reception area is matching shades of off-white walls and gray base layer flooring, but the image of a theater with state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems and a special type of floor that can hold seats or be used as a function hall, a standing-room-only pit or even a banquet area is coming to fruition.

"We are a destination now," said Wendy Hunt, president of the Nashua Chamber of Commerce. "I personally cannot wait for April 1. [Visitors are] going to find out that we are state of the art in so many ways. Really, Nashua has it all."

April 1 will be the official opening reception for the Nashua Center for the Arts, ahead of the first show coming to the theater, *Winnie the Pooh*, opening on April 6. Not all the shows will be plays, with a magician coming, several concerts, and a ballet rendition of *Beauty and the Beast*.

The reception is completely sold out.

"It feels good to come in and see things happening," Lannan said, looking around the soon-to-be-filled theater. "I've been involved since the beginning. I can't wait to start coming to shows."

#### Ar

#### vents

• THE SECRETIVE AND MYS-TERIOUS ORDER OF THE CRIMSON SPARROW The Two Villages Art Society (Bates Building, 846 Main St. in Contoocook; twovillagesart.org) will present a new show - the work of The Secretive and Mysterious Order of the Crimson Sparrow - running through Sunday, Feb. 19. The gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. On Saturdays Feb. 18 and Feb. 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. the gallery will also host concerts featuring light refreshments (donations will be accepted at the door), the release said. The schedule includes The Honeybees (Mary Fagan and Chris O'Neill with original songs, 1930s era jazz, Western swing, folk-rock and Americana) on Feb. 18.

• SOGGY PO' BOYS Support the Andres Institute of Art (106 Route 13 in Brookline; andresinstitute.org, 673-7441) with a night of music from the Soggy Po' Boys on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Institute's welcome center. General-admission tickets cost \$25; a five-seat table in the first row costs \$200 per table, according to a press release. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served before the show and a cash bar will be available, the release said.

#### **Exhibits**

• "MULTI-MEDIUMS" exhibit featuring works on canvas and panel, wall reliefs in ceramic and metal and sculptures in stone and wood is open now at the Art 3 Gallery (44 W. Brook St. in Manchester; 668-6650), according to a press release. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and a virtual exhibit should be available soon, the release said

NICKOLAY MANULOV Moscow-born Nickolay Manulov, 88, now a resident of New Hampshire, will have his works and pieces by his wife, Ludiya Kirillova, displayed at the Mariposa Museum (26 Main St. in Peterborough; mariposamuseum. org), which is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Manulov's art, and that of his late wife, was illegal during the time of Stalin and wasn't allowed to be exhibited in official venues even after Stalin's death, according to a press release. Manulov emigrated during the Russian invasion of Crimea, bringing his and his wife's work with him, the release said.

• "LOVE, PASSION & CHOC-OLATE" The Lakes Region Art Association's exhibit will run through Friday, Feb. 25, at the Lakes Region Art Gallery (120 Laconia Road, Suite 300, in the Tanger Outlets, Tilton). See LRAANH.org.
• "BEGINNINGS," the first

group show at the art studio Girl from Mars (135 Route 101A in Amherst), will feature 14 local artists showing 24 pieces of new work. The show will run through the end of February. The Gallery's hours are Thursday through Saturday by appointment. Visit marsartstudio.weebly.com.

• KATE HIGLEY New Hampshire Art Association fine printmaker Kate Higley will have her work on display at the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center (49 S. Main St., Suite 104, in Concord) through Friday, March 3; Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Theater

#### Shows

• THE WORLD WAS YOURS a play from Lend Me A Theater Productions, will run at the Hatbox Theatre (270 Loudon Road in Concord; hatboxnh.com, 715-2315) through Sunday, Feb. 19, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets cost \$22 for adults and \$19 for seniors and students.

• MAN OF LA MANCHA The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St. in Portsmouth; seacoastrep. org, 433-4472) through Sunday, March 5. Tickets start at \$35 and can be purchased at seacoastrep. org. The show runs on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 & 7:30 p.m.

• CIRCUS WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS The High Mowing School middle schoolers (Pine Hill Campus, 77 Pine Hill Drive in Wilton; highmowing.org/hilltop, 654-6003) will present Circus with a Chance of Meatballs Thursday, Feb. 16, at 4 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults, \$5 for childrens

• LEADING LADIES The Majestic Theatre (88 Page St. in Manchester; 669-7469, majestictheatre.net) will present this comedy Friday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.; Satur-

day, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 to \$20.

• BREADCRUMBS a play by Jennifer Haley, will be presented by Theatre Kapow at Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com) on Friday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. In-person tickets cost \$28 for adults, \$23 for students (plus fees); livestream tickets will also be available.

• MONTAGUE + CAPULET Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative (belknapmill.org/powerhouse-upcoming-productions) presents a staged reading of an original sequel to Romeo and Juliet at the Belknap Mill (25 Beacon St. in Laconia) on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets to that show cost \$10.

#### **Auditions**

• NOT A WORD The Community Players of Concord are holding open auditions for their May show Not A Word, a new comedy. The show will feature a cast of nine. The auditions are scheduled for Monday, Feb. 20, and Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Players Studio (435 Josiah Bartlett Road in Concord). Rehearsals begin in March; see the script, character list, audition information at community-playersorconcord.org/auditions.

#### Classical

#### Events

• WINTER SERENITIES at Sei-



The **Peking Acrobats** featuring the Shanghai Circus will come to the Stockbridge Theatre (5 Pinkerton St. in Derry; pinkertonacademy.org/stockbridge-theatre) on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for youth and \$5 for Pinkerton students, according to the website, which describes the performers as pushing "the limits of human ability, defying gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility and control." *Courtesy photo.* 

## ROUNDUP

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

- Schedule change: The Community Players of Concord's production of The 39 Steps originally slated to run at the Concord City Auditorium this weekend has been postponed to Friday, Feb. 24, through Sunday, Feb. 26, due to an illness within the company, according to a Players press release. The show will go on Friday, Feb. 24, and Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m., with tickets purchased for the original show dates valid for the same day of the week. Tickets are on sale for the new dates at communityplayersofconcord.org. Ticket holders who want a refund or to change the day of the week can contact box office chair David Murdo at 344-4747 or nhdm40@comcast.net, the
- New at the Currier: The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier. org, 669-6144) will kick off a new series of discussions with the museum's educators and curators this Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. with a tour led by museum director Alan Chong, according to the website. The tour is part of the museum's weekly Art After Work program, when admission is free from 5 to 8 p.m and the evening includes tours and live music (this week: Hickory Horned Devils), the website said.

While at the museum, check out the newly acquired painting "Black Men and Women in a Tavern," which was painted in Antwerp around 1650 and "produced in the circle of the Flemish artist David Teniers the Younger," according to the website. It is one of the "earliest depictions of free Black people in Europe," the website said. The painting is on view in the European gallery, the website said.

• Exploring memory: Theatre Kapow will present *Breadcrumbs*, a play by Jennifer Haley, for the next two weekends with shows at Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com) on Friday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m.

Performances on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. will be livestreamed from Theatre Kapow's studio, the website said. "A reclusive fiction writer diagnosed with dementia must depend upon a troubled young caretaker to complete her autobiography," according to a press release. The Sunday show will be followed by a discussion with representatives from community organizations who will answer questions tion of \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

fert Performing Arts Center (44

Geremonty Drive, Salem; 893-

7069) will run Sat., Feb. 18,



Hickory Horned Devils.

about Alzheimer's and resources for patients and caregivers, the release said. In-person tickets cost \$28 for adults, \$23 for students (plus fees). Live stream tickets cost \$15 per device and are available at tkapow.com.

- · Music from the Black church to popular culture: Author Vaughn A. Booker, a professor of religion at Dartmouth, will lead the virtual program "Lift Every Voice and Swing" hosted by NH Humanities on Friday, Feb. 17, at 5 p.m., according to a NH Humanities newsletter. Booker, whose 2020 book is called *Lift Every Voice and Swing*: Black Musicians and Religious Culture in the Jazz Century, will discuss "how the religious beliefs of popular jazz musicians like Ella Fitzgerald, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington and Mary Lou Williams shaped their music" the newsletter said. Go to nhhumanities.org to register for the program.
- Winter concert: The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra will present "Winter Serenities" featuring "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis" by Ralph Vaughn Williams, the Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra by Eugene Goosen and "Symphony #1" by Gustav Mahler this Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. Both shows will be presented at the Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremonty Drive in Salem; 893-7069). Tickets cost \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors, \$8 for students and \$5 for K-through-12 Salem students, according to nhpo.booktix.com.
- A second chance at beautiful music: The Manchester Community Music School's faculty performance of "Chanson d'Amour" featuring Harel Gietheim on cello and Piper Runnion on harp has been rescheduled (it had been slated for Jan. 19) for Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at the school, 2291 Elm St. in Manchester, according to a press release. Admission is free but pre-register at mcmusicschool.org to attend in person or online.
- The kid circus: The High Mowing School middle schoolers (Pine Hill Campus, 77 Pine Hill Drive in Wilton; highmowing.org/hilltop, 654-6003) will show off their circus skills with their show Circus with a Chance of Meatballs Thursday, Feb. 16, at 4 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. Admission is a suggested dona-

19, at 2 p.m. Featuring Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis (by Vaughn-Williams). Presented by New Hampshire

Philharmonic Orchestra. Tickets range from \$5 to \$30 for in-person seating. Visit nhpo. booktix.com.

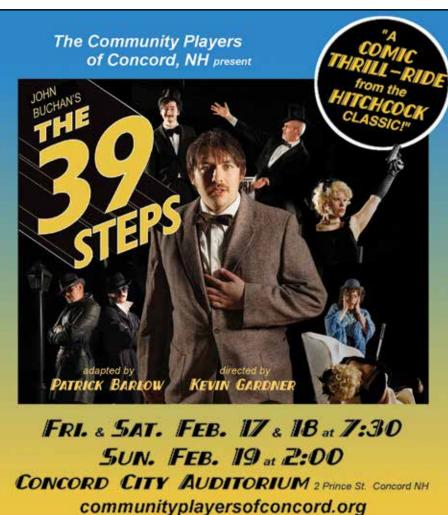


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## INSIDE/OUTSIDE

## Building a simple plant stand It starts with a trip to the lumber yard

By Henry Homeyer listings@hippopress.com

As I write this, the wind chill factor is well below zero, and summer seems a lifetime away. But if you are thinking about

starting seeds indoors this year, this would be a good time to build a simple wooden plant stand. You don't have to be a carpenter to build this, or have expensive power tools. Your local lumber yard will cut the pieces you need.

Mine is a simple A-frame, with one shelf, and the space for more plant flats on the floor. It stands about 4 feet tall, is 5 feet wide from end to end, and 2 feet from front to back at the base. It has space for four or five flats or trays, each of which will hold at least 32 plants — more if you buy the smaller six-packs that I avoid (some flats can hold 48 to 72 plants). And if at a later time you want to grow more plants, you can put another four flats or more on the floor and add lights above them.

The lumber for this cost me about \$50 and the light fixture — a simple shop light with two 4-foot LED bulbs and a plug-in cord — cost

\$62, although often they are more expensive. Looking at catalogs, I see that one can easily spend much more for a pre-made plant stand. If you decide you like starting plants in the house, you could buy the extra lights next to illuminate more flats on the floor.

Here is what you need to buy for the mod-

Four pieces of 1"x3" pine, 4 feet long Four pieces of 1"x3" pine, 5 feet long

Two pieces of 1"x3" pine, 16" long, for cross

One piece 1/4-inch plywood, 18"x4' (you can use thicker plywood if you have some)

One pair 3-inch strap hinges

4 feet of 1/4-inch jack chain for hanging the lights and two small cup hooks to hang the chain

One 4-foot shop light with LED bulb and a plug-in cord

30 sheet rock screws (11/4" long)

Tools: portable drill with magnetic bit to fit the screws, and a measuring tape

Most lumber yards will cut all your materials to size for you but do not have small sheets of plywood. I found that Home Depot does have plywood in 2-foot by 4-foot sheets, and they cut mine to give me a piece 18" by 4' for the shelf. You will need to ask them to cut the 1×3

pine boards as follows: four 60-inch pieces, four 48-inch pieces, and two 16-inch pieces.

Start by making two legs for your plant stand. Lay the 4-foot pieces end to end on the floor. Do it on your deck if possible, or next to a wall so that you can get them in a straight line by lining them up with something that is straight. Lay the hinges in place so that you will be able to fold them closed (most hinges only close one way). A cordless drill with a magnetic bit for Phillips screws will make your work much easier. To start the small screws on the hinges, make a hole first with a nail or awl, or a tiny drill bit.

Next close up the hinged legs and place them 5 feet apart on the floor. Place two of the 5-foot pieces on top of the first side. One should be screwed right at the top, one 24 inches from that. Flip over the stand, and do the same on that side. Stand it up, and spread the legs 2 feet apart at the bottom. Then add a cross brace on each end of the A-frame just below support pieces for your shelves.

Lastly you need to hang the light. Mine came with S-hooks and chain, which made hanging the lights easy. If yours do not, you will have to buy them. Most shop lights have slots and holes on the back side so that you can slip in S-hooks easily to hang them. You can also open



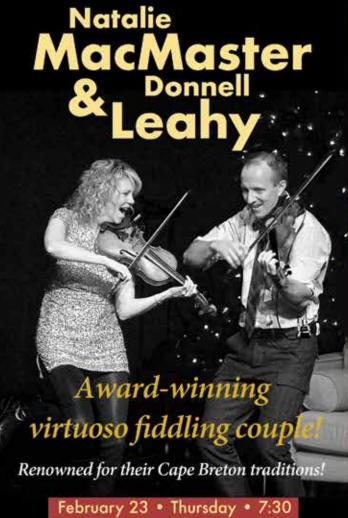
The finished plant stand. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

a link of your jack chain and fit it in without an S-hook — just use two pairs of pliers to bend a link open. Screw two small cup hooks into a top cross piece and attach the jack chain. The chain will allow you to raise or lower the light — lights should be about 6 inches above the plants.

Starting seedlings indoors is miraculous for - even after doing it for decades. I hold my breath waiting for germination, and fuss over the seedlings like a mother hen. And when I bite into my first tomato in August, I have the added satisfaction of knowing I brought that tomato into my world — with lots of help from Mother Nature.

Henry is the author of four gardening books. Reach him at PO Box 364. Cornish Flat, NH or by email at henry.homeyer@comcast net







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Family fun for whenever

#### Night out

• Parents can get a night to themselves while kids enjoy activities like theater games, movie time and karaoke dance party at the **Peacock** Players (14 Court St. in Nashua; peacockplayers.org) on Friday, Feb. 17, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., according to the Peacock Players website. Kids will be entertained by the Players' staff of performing artists and educators, the website said. The cost is \$25 per child. Reserve a spot online for this Friday or for Friday, March 10.

#### **Showtime**

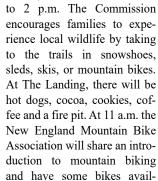
- · See Gnomeo & Juliet (PG, 2011) at all three area Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham) as part of the "Little Lunch Date" series on Friday, Feb. 17, at 3:45 p.m. Admission is free but reserve a seat with a \$5 food voucher.
- The Palace Youth Theatre is putting on a kid-friendly version of the Tony award-winning musical 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester). The show follows the lives of young competitors at their spelling bee and the lives they lead in and outside the competition. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at palacetheatre.org

#### Noonan's new book

• Illustrator and artist Peter Noonan is the featured author for the **storytime and crafts** event at Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 11:30 a.m. He'll read The Bike Bus: Adventures in the Queen City, which he both wrote and illustrated. The event is free; reserve a spot online.

#### Winter fun

- The YMCA of Greater Londonderry will hold its second annual Winter Fest on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at LaBelle Winery in Derry (14 Route 111). The day will feature snowshoeing, snow golfing, arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt and more, according to the YMCA's Facebook post. The event is free; donations to the YMCA of Greater Londonderry's annual giving campaign will be accepted, the post said.
- The Londonderry Conservation Commission is hosting a family-friendly Musquash Field Day on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m.



able for people to check out. Use the Hickory Hill Road entrance (12 Hickory Hill Road) to get to the field day. See londonderrytrails.org/ musquash-conservation-area.



#### Vacation camp

The USA Ninja Challenge February break clinic starts on Monday, Feb. 27, at 9 a.m. Kids will learn the basics of balancing, gymnastics and parkour along with building their confidence at USA Ninja Challenge (444 E. Industrial Dr. in Manchester). One day costs \$55, three costs \$160, and the full five costs \$225 for members, \$250 for nonmembers. Visit ninjamanchesternh.com to register.

#### **INSIDE/OUTSIDE** TREASURE HUNT

Hello, Donna.

Can you help identify my glasses? They were at our table growing up. I now have inherited them. Any input helpful.



Donna

ory as well.

always, though, condition

is important. No scratch-

Thanks for sharing and

reminding me of a mem-

ing, chips or cracks.

Dear Norm, Your glasses are called Georgian glassamber. They were popular in the 1970s. A few different companies produced this thumbprint pattern in a few colors. Being very thick, a lot of them made it to now.

You can purchase today a reproduction line of them as well. Older is always better and has a story to tell.

The value on your dark green ones would be in the range of \$12 each. As

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

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## Newer cars not neutral on safety — even at the car wash



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

I recently purchased a Lincoln Corsair. The owner's manual says to put the transmission in the Neutral Mode before entering a car wash. When I do this,

the display screen message is, "30 Minute Neutral Mode Enabled. Not a Tow Mode."

I've never seen this on any of my previous cars. What is the Neutral Mode, and what is its purpose? — William

There's a safety feature on your car that automatically puts the car in Park when you open the driver's door, William. Why? So, you don't accidentally run yourself over. Believe it or not, it happens. A little too frequently.

People are distracted, they stop the car to get out and open a garage door or get the mail, and they forget to put the car in Park. And as they're getting out, the car rolls and ... bad things happen.

To prevent this type of accident, your car (along with some other new cars) is designed to automatically shift the transmission into Park when you open the driver's door.

So, if you go to one of those car washes

that requires you to get out of the car during the wash, you'd be in trouble, right? You'd your car wouldn't move. And five people waiting in line behind you would be honking at you with malice aforethought.

So, Lincoln added a Neutral Mode just for this purpose. You press the Neutral button twice, and it engages "Neutral Mode" for up to 30 minutes, and allows you to exit the car while leaving the transmission in Neutral.

If you're using a car wash in which you stay in the car, just putting the car in Neutral normally will work. And the reason a warning comes up to tell you that it's not a tow mode is because ... it's not a tow mode.

When you have an all-wheel-drive car towed, you want to disengage all four wheels, so your transmission doesn't get damaged. And since this mode only lasts 30 minutes, and then reverts to Park, it would be a poor choice for towing. At the 30-minute mark, the tow truck driver would suddenly wonder why the Corsair he's towing is skidding all over the road.

For towing, there's a cable you pull behind a small cover on the lower dash. The instructions for that are in your owner's manual, too, William. I'd tell you more about it, but I don't want to spoil it for you.

Dear Car Talk:

Can you explain how the thermometers in put the car in Neutral, get out of the car, and cars (the ones that show the outside ambient temperature) avoid being influenced by the heat coming off the engine? — Matthew

> The sensors for ambient, outside temperature are all located in front of the radiator, Matthew.

> And they mostly avoid being affected by engine heat because the sensors are directional. They're pointed away from the engine and toward the air in front of the car.

The wind has no effect on measured temperature your car has no skin, so it's not subject to the wind chill factor. So, the sensor just picks up the temperature of the air in front of the car as you drive through it.

There are some circumstances under which the reading can be affected by a few degrees. If it's a really hot day, and you're running the air conditioner and sitting in stop-and-go traffic, the heat from your engine — or even the engines of surrounding cars in city traffic - may nudge the reading up by a few degrees.

But generally, once you start moving, it becomes accurate again.

Dear Car Talk:

I read your column about EV car batter-

ies and their rare metals values. Are you from another planet or something? Your metal prices certainly are. If Ni goes for \$22,000 an ounce, I'm going to sell our 5-gallon water jug full of nickels and retire! — Tony

Correction time, everybody. I recently wrote about what would happen to electric vehicle batteries when those cars eventually go to the crusher. I said the batteries. even worn-out, old batteries, had significant value due to their rare metals.

I would have been fine if I left it there, but then I went on to move the decimal point several digits to the right. Fortunately, before Tony and his pals could run down to the recycling plant with their roll of Reynolds Wrap and buy a tropical villa, several alert readers reported the error.

I stand corrected on the metal prices. But, the overall answer is still correct. EV batteries maintain a lot of value there are companies being set up just to recycle old EV batteries — so they will definitely be removed for reuse before a car is crushed.

Thanks to everybody who wrote in to flog me. I appreciate it.

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## ON THE JOB

## **JESSICCA MAHONEY AND SONIA VIRGUE**

#### MEMORIAL AND GRAVESITE CARETAKERS

Jessicca Mahoney and Sonia Virgue are the co-owners of Stone Stylist (see "Stone Stylist" on Facebook, 781-692-5300, stonestylist.nh@gmail.com), a Northwood-based business that provides memorial and gravesite cleaning, maintenance and decorating services throughout southern New Hampshire.

We provide care keeping services to memorial sites and gravesites, and we maintain cleanliness and beautification for eternal resting places in the most respectful manner possible.

Explain your job and what it

How long have you had this job? We started Stone Stylist on Nov. 1, 2022.

## What led you to this career field and your

We wanted to offer respectful maintenance and care for the eternal resting places of loved ones lost. We have seen unmaintained gravestones being left for long periods of time with existing decaying items, and we wanted to offer a more personalized, caring approach.

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

We have done research and spo-

to cemetery professional caretakers on how to care for gravestones.

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

We wear casual attire as we are a new company. We are spired clothing.

What is the most challenging thing

Feeling sympathetic to everyone we

What do you wish you had known at

How much work it actually takes to start

What do you wish other people knew

It is not just pressure washing — we do

not pressure wash ever — and how reward-

ing it is when you hear that sigh of relief

from someone who needed you because

a small business, and how hard it is to

advertise for something that is so delicate.

speak to and hearing the sadness, but we

try to help them find peace in that we are

there to help and we also care.

the beginning of your career?

about your job?



Jessicca Mahoney and Sonia Virgue. Courtesy photo.

they just could not get to the gravesite.

What was the first job you ever had?

Mahonev: worked at a pizza place when I was 14.

Virgue: I worked as a babysitter.

What is the best currently working on setting up logo-in- piece of work-related advice you have ever received?

> If someone is willing to teach you something, take your time to learn it.

— Angie Sykeny 🦱

### about your work, and how do you deal

Favorite book: Mahoney: The Secret by Rhonda Byrne. Virgue: The Cabinet of Curiosities by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child.

Favorite movie: Mahoney: Man on Fire — anything with Denzel Washington. Virgue: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.

Favorite music: Mahoney: Country and hip-hop. Virgue: Everything.

Favorite food: Mahoney: Chicken alfredo. Virgue: Italian.

Favorite thing about NH: Mahoney: When the foliage changes colors in the fall, because even while something is ending, it can still be beautiful. Virgue: The tranquility of the woods.

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#### News from the local food scene

By Matt Ingersoll food@hippopress.com

- Diner days: Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord) welcomes longtime New Hampshire radio personality and author Mike Morin on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m to present his newest book, If These Walls Could Talk: Celebrating 100 Years of the Red Arrow, America's Most Beloved Diner. Released Nov. 1, the book chronicles the 100-year history of the Red Arrow Diner, originally founded by David Lamontagne as a tiny lunch cart in October 1922 on Lowell Street in Manchester, where it continues to operate today as a full-service diner. No admission to the event is required, and for those who can't make it, signed copies of If These Walls Could Talk may be ordered at gibsonsbookstore.com.
- For the sweet tooth: Oddball Brewing Co. (6 Glass St., Suncook) is partnering with the Little Vintage Venue of Pembroke for its second dessert board and beer night in two weekends, happening on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will be guided through the process of how to create their own dessert-themed charcuterie board while enjoying a craft beer pairing from Oddball Brewing Co. The cost is \$100 for up to two guests per board and will include all the necessary materials and ingredients to put it together, along with two beers. Boards are courtesy of Red-Tailed Creations of Suncook, and wrap will be available for those who would like to take their ready-to-eat creations home. See littlevintagevenue.square.site for more details or to purchase tickets.
- Coffee break: A new shop due to open in Manchester this weekend will offer a full lineup of espresso-based drinks using locally roasted beans, in addition to a food menu of breakfast and lunch wraps and sandwiches, soups, grab-and-go pastries and more. Cool Beans Cafe — the brainchild of owner Kris Gabbard, whose daughter Madilyn picked the name — will hold a grand opening on Saturday, Feb. 18, according to a recent announcement on its Facebook page. The Queen City storefront is located in the former home of the Siberia Food Market at 100 Willow St., a stone's throw away from the fork between Willow and Pine streets. Visit coolbeanscafe603.com or check out our story about the shop on page 22 in the Jan. 12 issue of the Hippo. Find the e-edition at issuu.com/hippopress.
  - A bakery farewell: Dulces Bak-

### **FOOD**

## From the heart, for the heart

Crafts, Drafts & Barrels tasting benefit returns to Concord

By Matt Ingersoll mingersoll@hippopress.com

February is American Heart Month, a time to raise awareness of cardiovascular health nationwide. In New Hampshire it also marks the return of a special tasting benefit for the cause.

The fifth annual Crafts, Drafts & Barrels, happening on Friday, Feb. 17, at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, will bring together local restaurants, drink purveyors and other organizations together for a night of bites, pours, live music, raffles and a silent auction, all to raise funds for Concord Hospital's Cardiovascular Institute.

The event had previously taken place in March, according to Concord Hospital Trust philanthropy officer Moriah Billups, but the decision was made to move it up by a month this year to take advantage of the Valentine's Day holiday the same week.

"It's a great opportunity for attendees to taste beer, spirits or wine, but there are also a lot of other things to do," Billups said. "I think, with it having a lot of opportunities for so many attendees, we thought it would be a good way to pair it with Valentine's Day. ... You can go out with friends or family. It doesn't have to be a spouse or a loved one. It can be anyone."

Organizers are taking over the entire space of the Discovery Center for the duration of the event, giving attendees full access to all its exhibits with the exception of the planetarium. Billups added that, weather permitting, the center's observatory will also be open for viewing.

Admission also grants attendees access to all of the food and beverage samples provided by the vendors. Those who purchased VIP tickets can get into the event an hour earlier than gener-

#### Fifth annual Crafts, Drafts & Barrels

When: Friday, Feb. 17; general admittance is from 7 to 9 p.m., and VIP admittance begins at 6 p.m.

Where: McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, 2 Institute Drive, Concord

Cost: \$75 per person general admission; \$125 VIP admission and \$175 Libation Education admission, which includes access to an exclusive 45-minute beer and wine food pairing class with Concord Craft Brewing Co. and Martignetti Companies of Northern New England, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available both in advance online and at the door the night of.

More info: Visit ch-trust.org, find the event page on Facebook @craftsdraftsbarrels or call

Event is 21+ only. Each attendee also receives a \$15 gift card to T-Bones Great American Eatery and a chocolate chip cookie. All attendees will receive access to exhibits at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. Depending on weather conditions, the center's observatory may also be open for viewing.



The Crafts, Drafts and Barrels tasting benefit for Concord Hospital returns on Friday, Feb. 17. Courtesy photo

al admission ticket holders — at 6 p.m.

"We try to make sure that every group brings something a little different, so that there aren't three tables with the same thing," Billups said of the benefit's participating vendors. "I'm very excited about Live Juice — they're going to be bringing some vegan and heart-healthy options. They'll have a curried chicken salad, some cheese and cracker samples and then a vegan dessert option. ... They'll be located in an area of the Discovery Center that will be focused on hydroponic growing ... so we're doing that to just kind of bring awareness to eating your vegetables and making sure that you're doing what you can to keep your heart healthy."

Other eateries will include The Common Man, which will have their house-made chips and French onion dip; O Steaks & Seafood, serving their own macaroni and cheese; and Bone Daddy's, a Bedford-based barbecue competition and catering team that will serve pork sliders. As has been the case during previous years, Billups added, all attendees will receive a \$15 gift card to T-Bones Great American Eatery and a chocolate chip cookie.

Wine and spirits will be provided by Martignetti Companies of Northern New England, with craft beer coming from New Hampshire Distributors — both will offer a diverse range of selections, Billups said. New this year will be mocktails offered by Wood Stove Kitchen, a producer of small-batch all-natural drink mixers in a variety of flavors.

Libation Education ticket holders will attend a special 45-minute class beginning at 5:30 p.m. that will be taught by representatives of Martignetti Companies and Concord Craft Brewing Co. The theme is "He Said Beer, She live a better life."

Said Wine," and the class will focus on different food pairings for beer and wine. Billups said those who participate can then join VIP attendees around 6:15 p.m.

Live music will be provided by The Lone Wolf Project during the tasting, while a silent auction will be available to all attendees. Billups said most of the prizes are experiential — there will be chances to win everything from four tickets to an upcoming New Hampshire Motor Speedway race in 2023 to a four-course chef's tasting with Corey Fletcher of Revival Kitchen & Bar. Bidding begins at 6 p.m. and continues until about 8:20 p.m., in order to give general admission ticket holders enough time to see all the available items.

"We have a sparkling raffle which is called 'Date Night for a Year,' and so it includes essentially 12 different date night ideas ... or they could be during the day too," Billups said. "Some of those include a one-night stay at the Hotel Concord and some ski passes to Pats Peak."

Crafts, Drafts & Barrels raised nearly \$85,000 last year. Billups said the goal is to at least exceed that amount this year. All proceeds benefit the hospital's Cardiovascular Institute, a one-door access service combining cardiac and vascular care that's also available at Concord Hospital's locations in Laconia and Franklin.

"Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women, and so we aim to bring awareness to the cause as well as raise funds," Billups said. "Last year we raised funds for a new operating room ... dedicated to the cardiovascular suite. ... So it [supports] different resources and equipment for our doctors ... and also just programs that help our patients

#### **Participating food and beverage purveyors**

- Bone Daddy's Competition BBO (@bdbbq)
- Coca-Cola (cokenortheast.com)
- The Common Man (thecman.com)
- · Concord Craft Brewing Co. (concordcraft-
- Concord Food Co-op (concordfoodcoop.coop)
- Concord Hospital Catering Services (concordhospital.org)
- Gibson's Cafe (gibsonsbookstore.com/cafe)
- Granite Restaurant & Bar (graniterestaurant. Wood Stove Kitchen (woodstovekitchen.com)

- Live Juice (liveiuicenh.com)
- Martignetti Companies of Northern New England (nhwines.com)
- New Hampshire Distributors (nhdist.com)
- · New Hampshire Doughnut Co. (nhdoughnut-
- O Steaks & Seafood (osteaksconcord.com)
- T-Bones Great American Eatery (t-bones.com)

## **Local pours**

#### Mardi Gras wine festival returns to Derry

By Matt Ingersoll mingersoll@hippopress.com

Early in the fall of 2021, the Rev. Chris Gaffrey of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Derry attended a wine tasting at LaBelle Winery — and he left feeling

"The next day I was talking to some parishioners about it and one of them said, 'Oh, we should do a wine tasting here," Gaffrey said. "I said, 'Even better: why don't we get a whole bunch of wineries [to] come together and do a wine tasting here? We can turn it into a fundraiser."

The idea sparked so much interest among the church community that they would end up celebrating Mardi Gras the following February with an inaugural wine festival. The event was a resounding success. Two of the five participating wineries, Gaffrey said, would sell out of product before the night was even over.

"Every one of the vendors said to us afterward, 'Are you doing this next year? Please invite us," he said. "We had food, music, prizes [and] games. ... Everybody seemed to have a good time."

Indeed, the festival, set to return for a second year on Saturday, Feb. 18, will feature all five of the wineries from the first event, in addition to a few new faces. It's happening inside the church's Aquinas Center and will include a night of wine sampling along with a variety of home-cooked food options, raffle and door prizes, games, live music

"It's just a great wholesome cultural event ... that also highlights our blossoming New Hampshire wine industry," Gaffrey said. "I'm really excited that it's basically a pretty good cross-section of New Hampshire winemaking. ... We've got two from the Lakes Region that are coming down and then one that's coming from the White Mountains."

Tickets are available both in advance online and at the door. If you buy them online you also have various add-on options, from Mardi Gras beads and masks to up to four wine glasses. If you like what you try during

#### **Second annual Mardi Gras wine** festival

When: Saturday, Feb. 18, 6 to 9 p.m. Where: The Aquinas Center at St. Thomas Aguinas Catholic Church, 26 Crystal Ave.,

Derry

Cost: \$40 per person, or \$70 per couple; tickets are available at the door or in advance online

More info: Visit stthomasderry.org or see "A Mardi Gras Wine Festival" on Facebook Event is 21+ only. Smart casual or business casual attire are recommended. Mardi Gras masks are optional.



Last year's Mardi Gras wine festival at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Derry. Courtesy photo.

the evening, there will also be the option to buy bottles of it on site.

"The attractive thing about this for the wineries ... is that unlike [at] some other fundraisers or church events, we're actually able to offer them the capacity to sell," Gaffrey said. "So if somebody makes a purchase in the wine festival area, either one of the wineries will have a runner or we'll have somebody helping out to take the purchased bottle to a table ... for pickups at the end of the evening or when people leave."

As for food, Gaffrey said several church members are contributing everything from assorted meats and cheeses to Italian wedding soup and some Cajun dishes like jambalaya — he himself is planning to cook a shrimp gumbo. Frank Howard of the church's Lazarus Ministry of Praise will provide live music, and attendees will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win special baskets that the participating wineries are putting together.

Proceeds from the festival, Gaffrey said, benefit some ongoing church renovation projects, in addition to some outreach programs and initiatives, like its food pantry.

#### **Participating wineries**

- · Alpine Garden Winery (Bartlett, alpinegardenglamping.com/ag-winery)
- · Appolo Vineyards (Derry, appolovineyards.com)
- · Flag Hill Distillery & Winery (Lee, flaghill.com)
- · Gilmanton Winery (Gilmanton, gilmantonwinery.com)
- Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery (Meredith, hermitwoods.com)
- · LaBelle Winery (Derry and Amherst, labellewinery.com) · Meadow Vineyards (Derry, cask.life/
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Justin O'Malley is the chef de cuisine of Greenleaf (54 Nashua St., Milford, 213-5447, greenleafmilford.com), a seasonally inspired farm-to-table restaurant that opened in May 2019. O'Malley grew up in Lowell, Mass., getting his start in the restaurant industry at age 16 as a dishwasher. It was while working at Papa Razzi in Burlington, Mass., that he first met Greenleaf owner and founder Chris Viaud. After graduating from the Culi-



Justin O'Malley, chef de cuisine of Greenleaf in Milford. Courtesy

nary Institute of America — and completing an externship cooking in the owners' suite of Fenway Park in Boston — O'Malley worked at North Andover Country Club for about a year before coming to New Hampshire to join the staff of Greenleaf in August 2021. There he worked his way up the ranks, assuming the role of chef de cuisine in January.

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

It's probably the Vitamix [blender], with all of the purees and different things that I like to do.

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

I would go with a traditional omakase, which is basically like a chef's table for sushi.

#### What is your favorite local restaurant?

Probably the Nashua Garden. Every time I've been there, they make a solid sandwich.

#### What celebrity would you like to see eating at Greenleaf?

Kid Cudi [rapper Scott Mescudi].

#### What is your favorite thing on your menu?

Duck in general is one of my favorite things to mess around with. It goes really well with sweeter flavors

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

I think I've seen a short rib [dish on] every menu [at every restaurant] that I've been out to.

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

Usually something pretty simple. Fried rice is always nice — it's quick and easy, it's just kind of tossing everything in a pan.

— Matt Ingersoll 🦛

#### Roasted garlic mashed potatoes

From the kitchen of Justin O'Malley, chef de cuisine of Greenleaf in Milford

For the roasted garlic:

1 bulb garlic

1 teaspoon olive oil

1 pinch each salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut the top off the bulb of garlic, exposing the cloves. Place the bulb on a sheet of aluminum foil and season with olive oil, salt and pepper. Wrap the bulb tightly in foil and roast in the oven until soft and well browned (about one hour).

For the mashed potatoes:

2 pounds russet potatoes

1/4 cup unsalted butter

2 cups warm milk 1 bulb roasted garlic Salt and white pepper to taste

Peel the potatoes and cut them into 1-inch pieces. Place the potatoes into a pot with enough cold water to cover. Season the water with a heavy pinch of salt and place on the stove set to high heat. When the water starts to boil, reduce the heat to medium. Simmer until soft (about 15 minutes). Strain the potatoes and return them to the pot. Place the pot back on the stove over medium-low heat to dry the potatoes (about one to two minutes). Add the butter and roasted garlic. Mash using your favorite method (a potato masher or fork will work). Slowly add the milk until your desired consistency is reached. Season with salt and white pepper to taste. Serve immediately.











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## DRINKS WITH JOHN FLADD

## The remedy for February

By John Fladd food@hippopress.com

"Hi," the lady in the apron says to me.

I look up from a pile of tangerines. "Hey. How are vou?"

"I'm good. You?"

I fall back on my stock answer when I don't really want to think too much about how I actually am: "You know how it is the power, the money, the respect, the women. Frankly, it would crush a lesser man."

"I can imagine. Are you finding what you want?"

And that's when it hits me: What do I want? I have no problems that a rational man would complain about. And I realize that she's almost certainly talking about my produce needs, not my emotional ones.

And yet-

What do I want?

I'm overwhelmed by an image. I'm on a bamboo veranda, overlooking the dark cyan\* waters of the South China Sea. (\*I looked it up later on a paint chip.) An overhead fan whooshes. A gentle breeze carries the scent of salt and white ginger. I'm reclining on something made out of teak.

This is all a bit much to lay on my new friend of 35 seconds, so I ask her where the macadamia nuts are.

Sill distracted by my tropical vision, I end up buying pineapple juice and paper umbrellas. It's February. It's time for pancakes and

The pancake part is easy.

Pancake batter should be thinner than you think, as should the pancakes themselves. Fluffy pancakes are a false standard put forth by Big Pancake; go with the thin ones. You



The Singapore Sling. Photo by John Fladd.

absolutely will not regret it.

The syrup is up to you, but there should be a small pitcher of melted butter. As for the cocktail -

#### **Singapore Sling**

2 ounces dry gin

½ ounce kirsch (cherry brandy)

1/4 ounce cognac

2 ounces pineapple juice

3/4 ounce fresh squeezed lemon juice

11/4 ounces cherry syrup from a jar of maraschino cherries

1 to 2 dashes Peychaud's

bitters

1 to 2 dashes orange bitters

2 ounces plain seltzer

Add all ingredients except the seltzer with ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake until the ice starts to break up.

Pour, with your now-cracked ice, into a tall glass — the type is up to you. A tiki mug would work well. So would a Pilsner glass. You could make a case for a clean peanut

Top with the seltzer and stir gently. Garnish with at *least* five maraschino cherries.

The first sip of a proper Singapore Sling is deceptive. You will wonder if you forgot an ingredient. Considering the pineapple and cherry juices, you'd think it would be sweeter. Should it be *this* pink?

Do you know what puts negative thoughts like that in the front of your brain?

Stress and anxiety. Also, February.

By your third sip, do you know what are losing their grip and slipping down your cerebral cortex? The Negativity Triplets.

This is what you need.

John Fladd is a veteran Hippo writer, a father, writer and cocktail enthusiast, living in New Hampshire. 🖛

#### **Weekly Dish**

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for its nearly two dozen flavors of tres leches cake cups, permanently closed its doors on Feb. 10 after nearly a decade in business. "It is with great sadness to have to post this," read a recent Facebook post from the bakery owners announcing the closure. The post includes thanks to the families and customers of own- Colombia and Jose's native Puerto Rico.

ery, a Manchester shop perhaps best known ers Jose and Angela Mojica for their support. Dulces Bakery was on Amory Street on the Queen City's West Side from 2015 to 2017 before moving to the larger space on Chestnut Street. The shop took its name from the Spanis word meaning "sweets" and featured a mix of traditional baked goods from Angela's native

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## POP CULTURE

MUSIC, BOOKS, MOVIES AND MORE

**Dudes, Eternal Is The Fruit (Dudes Music)** 



OK, so I wasn't even aware there was any such thing as a "Scandirock scene," which is no surprise, given that I've never been to any of those countries. But it's a thing, at least to those people, and a little digging reveals Norwegian glam-punk band Turbonegro as a leading light of this nonsense, fronting their classic hit "All My Friends Are Dead" as the sound's gold standard (it's like Kiss meets Anthrax, but emo, and with blazey guitar solos).

These guys (Dudes) are heavy into that band and, they claim, The Hives, but this is a different kind of spazz-rock, like AC/DC welded to *Animal Boy*era Ramones. I mean, these guys really want their minions to break stuff, as they bring a sense of eastern-European folk-metal into the mix but leave a Hives element in there to make it more or less dishwasher-safe. American bands should really be doing this kind of thing, given the dystopian circumstances, let's be real. A — *Eric W. Saeger* 

#### Florencia & the Feeling, Birthday (self-released)



Pop-funk fusion with fourpart harmonies, hints of jazz, and Latin roots is the skinny on this one, released by a five-piece band led by singer-guitarist Florencia Rusiñol, who was raised in East Tennessee by Argentine parents who "instilled in her a love of Latin American music from an early age." Comparison bands include Vulfpeck, Stevie Wonder and Steely Dan, the latter of which is definitely the closest as far as what I heard; there's

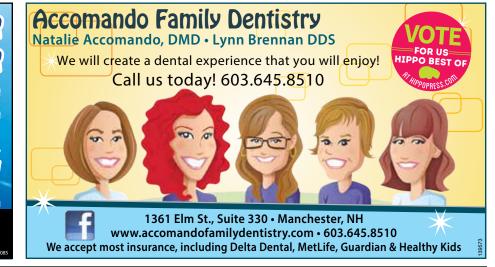
a lot of gently tendered, lazy syncopation over which Rusiñol practices her vaguely Natalie Merchant-ish mid-range-soprano, to no really thrilling effect, not that it's bad or anything. The rub is that these jumpy songs were written while Rusiñol was working through a nasty breakup, which results in an odd combination of lines like "I can erase your pictures from the internet but not from my head" being sung over phoned-in Spyro Gyra semi-jazz. Best case, they wind up opening for some 70-year-old superstar in Las Vegas, is what I think. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger* 

#### **PLAYLIS**

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

- Friday, Feb. 17, is on the way, and so is a plethora of new music albums, which I only mention because I've never used the word "plethora" in the multiple-award-winning column prior to today! In hot news, Dallas, Texas-based alternative rock bros Secret Machines are releasing their fifth studio LP, The Moth, The Lizard, And The Secret Machines, this week, and it will probably be big in the U.K., because that's where they're really popular, which explains why you've never heard of them. Actually they're more of a progressive-ish rock band, not wildly technical but just enough to impress Kerrang! writers, you know, how bands like Marillion used to get popular for being sort of like Genesis, like, not really progressive but not fun bands like Slade and all those guys. But here I am droning on about something I know nothing about, because, like you, I know these guys exist but for all I know they play nursery rhymes on kazoos. So the task at hand is to try to find out what they sound like, and we'll do that right now by surfin' over to YouTube to give a listen to the band's new single, "There's No Starting Over." It's really slow and draggy, but somewhat interesting. OK, you know what this song is, it's something that was inspired by M83 when these fellas went on tour with them. Like, the tune is epic in some ways and just awkward and weird in others, and the synth layers give it a good amount of heft. Matter of fact, after it gets going it's pretty good, with some big vocal layers, some noisy percussion and such and so, but the bottom line is that it's totally like M83, kind of "Kim and Jesse"-ish. Nothing wrong with that, other than the fact that a lot of writers who are much meaner than me will write it off as derivative. Anyway, OK, very good, moving on.
- One pop diva I've never really paid any attention to is **P!nk**, mostly because she makes me think of lady wrestlers. Her new album is *Trustfall*, her first since 2019's *Hurts 2B Human*, but she's apparently pretty busy all the time, doing non-diva stuff like writing music; for example, she wrote the songs "I Walk Alone" and "Lie to Me" for Cher's 2013 album *Closer to the Truth*, which I didn't know, did you? Anyway, her new single "Never Gonna Not Dance Again" sees her entering the out-of-ideas phase of her career; the tune is a half-formed bubblegum radio bit that everyone will think is Kesha probably, and the hook sucks. Other than that I love it.
- According to this web thingie here, **Anna B Savage** is a London singer-songwriter whose songs are "stark, skeletal paintings of moods and reflection, using a palette of mainly voice and guitar. Most prominent is her voice strong and sonorous, yet with a vulnerability that feels as if she's in the same room as you." What does this mean in actual words? Well, to me it means she's more annoying and unintelligibly hyperbolic than Ani Difranco, meaning no, I don't own any of her albums by choice. Her second album, in|FLUX, follows her 2021 debut, A Common Turn, and the title track is crummy Nintendo-techno with her creepy voice singing creepy words about sex. I really dislike it.
- And finally we have funny-looking Canadian folk-pop dude **Ron Sexsmith**, hawking his 17th full-length, *The Vivian Line*. In 2010, Paperny Entertainment made a documentary about this guy, called *Love Shines*, about his attempt to gain worldwide fame for an album that was produced by Bob Rock; apparently it didn't work because this is the first I've heard of him. "Diamond Wave" is a good song, '70s-radio-ish a la Jim Croce, something like that. It's decent. *Eric W. Saeger*





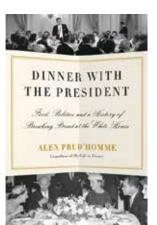
Dinner with the President, by Alex Prud'homme (Alfred A. Knopf, 400 pages)

Before this week, if you'd asked me to share a single detail of the presidency of William Howard Taft, I would have struggled to come up with anything other than that he was also a chief justice and was said to have gotten stuck in the White House bathtub.

The bathtub story isn't true, so I only would have gotten one thing right.

But having read Alex Prud'homme's delightful Dinner with the President, I can now riff on obscure presidents with the ease of Doris Kearns Goodwin. That's because Prud'homme has figured out how to make American history fascinating: tell stories connecting it to food. If my old high school history textbook, The American Pageant, is still in use, Dinner with the President should replace it immediately.

Subtitled "Food, Politics, and a History of Breaking Bread at the White House," this is really a foodie's guide to American history, and despite the suggestion otherwise, it's not all about the meals served at 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue. Instead, Prud'homme, the great-nephew of Julia Child (and co-author of her autobiography My Life in France) takes readers from George Washington spooning mutton stew into his almost toothless mouth in Valley Forge in 1777, to Rosalyn Carter getting tense Israeli and Egyptian diplomats to mingle at Camp David in 1978 by putting elaborate



desserts in different rooms, to the hearty homemade soups that Ronald Reagan shared at his California ranch with Nancy.

"Hardly frivolous, a meal at the White House is never simply a meal: it is a forum for politics and entertainment on the highest level," Prud'homme writes.

Prud'homme Smartly, begins at "the dinner table where it happened" — the famous repast Thomas Jefferson arranged to soften tensions

between Alexander Hamilton and James Madison as they fought over the structure of the new government. The underpinnings of the Compromise of 1790 were already in the works, but Prud'homme describes in mouth-watering detail the fabulous meal that significantly contributed to saving the still vulnerable republic. (It wasn't just "sausage being made" as the *Hamilton* musical says.)

Jefferson, Prud'homme notes, had been the ambassador to France and was "a skilled host who understood how to use food and drink to build political consensus." He was both a foodie and an oenophile, and presided over a multi-course meal that included truffles simmered in chicken stock, white wine and cream; beef braised in wine, brandy, tomatoes and herbs; a green salad dressed in wine jelly; and vanilla ice cream (a rarity at the time) in puff pastry — and of course several bottles of fine wine and Champagne.

The men could "barely look at each other"

when the night began, but they stood no chance of remaining angry after a palate cleanser of meringues and macaroons; really, who could? Similarly, nearly 200 years later, Ronald Reagan dined privately with Mikhail and Raisa Gorbachev to develop a friendly rapport two years before he said, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall" at the Berlin Wall and the two men signed the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Not every administration gets the attention given to Reagan, Carter, Kennedy and the first presidents. Of 46 presidents, just 26 are featured, because they had the most compelling anecdotes, Prud'homme says.

And some who were included got short shrift: George H.W. Bush, for example, is allotted just four pages and a paragraph, some of it a tad disdainful, as Prud'homme chastises the elder Bush for his famous diatribe against broccoli ("Not only did Bush send a message to the children that vegetables are not important, but outraged broccoli farmers sent ten tons of their crop to Washington D.C. in March 1990") and suggests his penchant for pork rinds and beef jerky might have been politically calculated to win working-class voters.

When researching this book, Prud'homme had ample resources, including his great-aunt's 1968 TV special White House Red Carpet with Julia Child and detailed journals of the Founding Fathers. Curiously, it was more difficult to get information from recent White House occupants; no living president or former president or first lady agreed to talk about food, and Henry Haller, the chef for five presidents between 1966 and 1987, died while Prud'homme was writing the book, during the pandemic.

Regardless, the book is richly detailed all the way from Washington's lodge at Valley Forge to Donald Trump's 2019 fast-food banquet for the Clemson University football team, which won the NCAA championship that year and was fed Domino's, Wendy's and McDonald's at the White House. While Trump was excoriated on social media, Prud'homme wrote, "The president had divined something primordial: we humans are wired to feel kinship with people who like to eat the same things we do."

What then, should we make of Dwight Eisenhower, who once made a stew of squirrel meat, potatoes and beans on a camping trip; and Taft, who liked turtle soup and roasted possum?

Well, they were products of their time, and let's be thankful that time has passed, and that the cold and hungry members of the Continental Army for the most part stayed loyal to Washington in that miserable winter of 1777 when they survived on something they called "fire cakes" — "patties of flour and water with a dash of salt, if they could find it, formed into sticky cakes, smeared over stones, and baked in glowing embers."

The foodie history of America, in other words, wasn't all wonderful when it came to the actual food. But Prud'homme's account is as engrossing a history book as you'll likely read. Also, there are recipes, including Andrew Jackson's inaugural orange punch (which resulted in drunken revelers surging through his house), Woodrow Wilson's morning health tonic (grape juice and raw eggs) and Abraham Lincoln's gingerbread men, also called ginger crackers. Bon appetit. A+ — Jennifer Graham

#### Author events

• ELISSA R. SLOAN, author of the new novel *Hayley Aldridge is* Still Here, will appear in a virtual new book The Bike conversation via Gibson's Book- Bus: Adventures in store (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore. com) on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. Registration is required.

• PETER NOONAN, illustrator

Elm St. in Manchester; and illustrated). The event

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bookerymht.com) Saturday, Feb. 18, at 11:30 a.m. to read his the Queen City (which Noonan wrote is free: register online.

Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss his book Code Gray, a memoir about his life in medicine.

 REBECCA MAK-KAI will discuss her

and artist, will be at the storytime NAHVI, an ER physician at new novel, I Have Some Quesand crafts event at Bookery (844 Concord Hospital, will be at tions For You, at The Music Hall

org) on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at and include a signed book and nost-show meet-and-greet.

CAROL PHILLIPS will discuss her book Stop Struggling: Give Yourself the Gift of Healthy Living at Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 5:30

Lounge (131 Congress St., Ports- • MIKE MORIN will discuss mouth, 436-2400, themusichall. his new book If These Walls Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Con-Could Talk: Celebrating More 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 plus fees than 100 Years of the Red Arrow, America's Most Beloved at 6:30 p.m. Diner at Gibson's Bookstore • JOSEPH MONNINGER will (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on to Clocks Ticking: How We Live Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

MAJKA BURHARDT a world-famous ice climber, will discuss her new book More: com) on Wednesday, March 8, at Life on the Edge of Adventure 6:30 p.m.

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## Magic Mike's Last Dance (R) Channing Tatum's Mike takes his skills to London in Magic Mike's Last Dance, a movie about abs.

Sure, there's other stuff: A romance between Tatum's character and Salma Hayek Pinault's character that never has quite as much charm and chemistry as their little pre-movie "thank you for watching this movie" message. A plot that feels like somebody watched part of an early *Ted Lasso* episode and said how about we do a little of that, sorta. A show within a show, to give us the big dance finale we bought our tickets to go see. Some impressive biceps, some (clothed) butts. But, like, if I had to sum it all up: abs, this movie is about really chiseled abs.

Narration — delivered by Zadie (Jemelia George), the bored teenage daughter of Maxandra (Hayek Pinault) — explains that Mike Lane (Tatum) lost his furniture business in the pandemic, which is why he is bartending at a fancy party in Miami. He runs into Kim (Caitlin Gerard), a woman whose bachelorette party he danced at back in the 2012 original Magic Mike movie. Now a lawyer for Maxandra, the woman throwing the fancy party Mike is working, Kim tells the divorcing and unhappy Maxandra about Mike's past occupation. Max calls him into her house after the party and offers him \$6,000 for a dance. He delivers and then some, which is how they end up in bed with Max offering to take him to London. She has a job for him — not that that will require him for a month, after which she will pay him \$60,000. He agrees, which is how he finds himself at a historic theater which has been presenting a fusty play.

Max got control of the theater as part of her divorce — mostly out of spite because her ex-mother-in-law loves it — and, after being



Magic Mike's Last Dance

danced on by Mike, decides that what she most wants is to bring the passion of that experience to the London stage. She asks Mike, with his male entertainer background, to direct this new production. She also declares that there will be no more romance between them; he declares that he will not dance in this production. Guess what happens!

The day I saw this movie, I consumed a fair amount of Magic Mike content. I finally saw 2015's *Magic Mike XXL* and I listened to the *This Had Oscar Buzz* podcast episode about that movie (featuring hosts Joe Reid and Chris V. Feil with their Oscar-nominated buddy Pamela Ribon as guest). That episode was a delight, as was *XXL* — all goofy buddy energy and lots of dudes gyrating while trying to make flustered ladies feel sexy. It's fun! It's, as the podcast observed, all fun, with none of the more serious elements of the original movie.

I bring all this up because if that's where you're coming from, the "Woo-hoo! Pony!" vibe of XXL, Last Dance isn't going to quite live up to that abs-tastic joyfulness, with Jada Pinkett Smith calling the female audience queens and Joe Manganiello being a loveable goof. The remaining Kings of Tampa are mostly absent in this third outing. Instead, we get a lot of relationship-building between Mike and Max, most of which happens with Mike talking and not dancing. There is also stuff about Max's struggles to be a mother to Zadie and her difficult divorce — and, sorry to Hayek Pinault, but I didn't care about any of that. Zadie, sassy teen, can be a fun balance to the sometimes kooky dreams of Max, and she and Max's butler (Ayub Khan-Din) have a nice brothers-in-arms sort of friendship, but generally all of that stuff felt a bit like spinning our wheels waiting for dancing, which this movie felt rather light on. There is a cute

sequence about halfway through that blends dance and caper, a director Steven Soderbergh specialty, and I wish the movie had done more of that, had more of that energy, lightness and general glee.

Overall, *Magic Mike's Last Dance* is an OK amount of fun, a **B** maybe or a B- when compared to the top-notch "ladies make some noise" delight of *Magic Mike XXL*, which is a solid **B+**. And, for the record, *This Had Oscar Buzz* in general, and this episode in particular, are always an **A+**.

Rated R for sexual material and language, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by Steven Soderbergh with a screenplay by Reid Carolin, Magic Mike's Last Dance is an hour and 52 minutes long and distributed in theaters by Warner Bros.

Want more Magic Mike? The original movie is currently streaming on HBO Max, if we're still calling it that, and is available for rent or purchase. Magic Mike XXL is also streaming on HBO Max and Hulu (where it's labeled TBS on Demand) and is available for rent or purchase.

This Had Oscar Buzz is available where ever you get your podcasts and is an absolute must for movie nerds, especially during Oscar season.

Pamela Ribon, a one-time Television Without Pity writer, writer on a bunch of TV and movie stuff including Ralph Breaks the Internet and a co-host of the Listen to Sassy podcast (also excellent), is nominated for an Oscar in the animated shorts category for the movie whose title got a little moment when Riz Ahmed read it — starts with My Year of and if you Google it you can probably still find it to watch via Vimeo. Watch it, it's great! (Decidedly not for kids but great!)

#### Film

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- A Man Called Otto (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 4 & 7:15 p.m.
- 80 for Brady (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Feb. 16, at

- 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 17, through Monday, Feb. 20, at 1:45, 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 23, at 4:15 & 6:46 p.m.
- 80 for Brady (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Park Theatre in Jaffrey through Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m.
- Ant Man and the Wasp: Quantumania (PG-13, 2023) a 21+ screen at all three area Chunky's on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. with themed food and cocktail specials.
- Gnomeo & Juliet (PG, 2011) will screen at all three area Chunky's as part of the "Little Lunch Date" series on Friday, Feb. 17, at 3:45 p.m. Admission is free but reserve a seat with a \$5 food voucher.
- Oscar nominated shorts animated (NR, 2022) a 95-minute presentation of the animated short films nominated for an Oscar this year will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord Friday, Feb. 17, at 1:30 & 6:15; Saturday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m; Sunday, Feb. 19, at 1:30 & 6:15 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m.
- Oscar nominated shorts live

- action (NR, 2022) a 110-minute presentation of the live action short films nominated for an Oscar this year will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord Friday, Feb. 17, at 3:45 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 p.m; Sunday, Feb. 19, at 3:45 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 20, at 1:30 & 6:16 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 23, at 3:45 p.m.
- Oscar nominated shorts documentary (NR, 2022) a two-hourand-45-minute presentation of the short documentaries nominated for an Oscar this year will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord Saturday, Feb. 18, and Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:15 p.m.
- Reality Check movie series at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey, a "free series on addiction, recovery and mental health to help raise awareness around issues impacting our communities" according to the theater's website. The films all start at 6 p.m. The schedule is My Emotional Life shown in three parts on Feb. 13, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27; and Hidden in Plain Sight shown in two parts on March 20 and March

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screen on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. The film is about 90 minutes and will be followed by a panel discussion. Admission is free but go online to reserve tickets. According to the film's website, this documentary tells a story of college basketball: "In 1963, at the height of the civil rights movement, the Lovola Ramblers of Chicago broke racial barriers and changed college basketball forever. Now, nearly 60 years later, this legendary team is reexamined by Loyola basketball player and co-captain, Lucas Williamson. Woven together with archival footage and modern day interviews, this captivating story continues to provide inspiration in the fight for equality," according to theloyol-

• The Loyola Project (2022) will

- equality," according to theloyolaproject.com. Feb. 20
  • Oscar nominated documentary shorts (NR, 2022) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m.Oscar nominated animated



Ant Man and the Wasp: Quantumania.

- day, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.
- Oscar nominated live action shorts (NR, 2022) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.
- Oscar nominated documentary shorts (NR, 2022) will screen at Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m.
- NH JEWISH FILM FEST Tickets are on sale now for the 15th annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, which will run Thursday, March 16, through Sun-

day, March 26, at locations in Manchester, Bedford, Keene, Concord, Portsmouth and Hooksett. The festival will include 11 feature-length films and a five-film shorts program, according to nhjewishfilmfestival.com, where you can purchase tickets for individual shows (\$12) or for an all-access package (\$200). Of the features, six will be screened in theaters and five can be streamed at home, the website said. From Monday, March 17, through Sunday, April 16, four of the films shown in theaters will be available to be viewed at home. See trailers for the feature films and the shorts on the festival website.

- *Home* (PG, 2015) will screen at all three area Chunky's as part of the "Little Lunch Date" series on Friday, March 17, at 3:45 p.m. Admission is free but reserve a seat with a \$5 food voucher.
- *Hop* (PG, 2011) will screen at all three area Chunky's as part of the "Little Lunch Date" series on Friday, April 7, at 3:45 p.m. Admission is free but reserve a seat with a \$5 food youcher.

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By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

- Border rock: One of the quirkier hits of the early 1990s was Crash Test Dummies' "Mmm Mmm Mmm," though it didn't even make the top 10 in the band's home country, Canada. Later, their cover of XTC's "Ballad of Peter Pumpkinhead" was well-suited to the Dumb and Dumber soundtrack. They stopped touring near the end of the decade, returned to the road in 2018 and are releasing new music this year. Thursday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$40 and \$45 at tupelo-
- Helpful fun: The second annual Manchester Kiwanis Comedy Night is an all-local affair, with headliner Drew Dunn, Paul Landwehr and Ryan Chani providing the laughs. Dunn is returning from a month of touring, including a West Coast run with a stop in his old stomping ground, Seattle. Landwehr is a naturally funny comic who memorably proposed to his now-wife on stage, and Chani is a New Hampshire native. Friday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m., Backyard Brewery & Kitchen, 1211 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester, \$25 at eventbrite.com.
- Triple treat: An evening of song provided by tribute act Shades of Bublé answers the musical question of what would happen if Michael Bublé's style were an elephant and three blind singers touched it from different places. There's the pop hitmaker behind gems like "Haven't Met You Yet," the interpreter of rock and soul smashes — a tribute within a tribute — and, finally, a modern-day Sinatra, crooning the standards. Friday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, \$39 at palacetheatre.org.
- Horn kings: In the late 1960s a new breed of bands including Tower of Power brought brass front and center to rock music. Beginning with East Bay Grease and its single "Sparkling in the Sand," the Northern California group was one of the genre's defining acts, churning out hits like "You're Still a Young Man" and "What is Hip?" Original members Emilio Castillo, Stephen "Doc" Kupka and David Garibaldi are still touring. Saturday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m., Colonial Theatre, 609 Main St., Laconia, \$50 to \$100 at etix.com.
- Stripped tribute: Every summer, Badfish – A Tribute to Sublime returns to Casino Ballroom, and Brett Wilson opens the show with his band Roots of Creation. Wilson is keeping the warm-weather vibe alive playing acoustic versions of Sublime songs around his home state, including a free show just a stone's throw from the currently chilly coastal waters. He'll tour with Badfish beginning in March. Sunday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m., Wally's Pub, 144 Ashworth Ave., Hampton Beach, 21+. See facebook.com/ BrettWilsonMusic.

## Finding her way Hard work and tenacity define Jordan Quinn

By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

Settling behind an electric keyboard to play covers for the dinner crowd at Fratello's in Manchester on a frigid Saturday night, Jordan Quinn is logging a few more of the 10,000 hours that Malcolm Gladwell wrote about in his book Outliers. Since mid-2021 the 23-year-old singer has done more than 300 gigs, and her calendar remains packed.

Most sets are like this one, with lots of soulful ballads — Whitney Houston is a favorite. She'll make multiple tables look up and take notice when she hits the key change on her rendition of "I Will Always Love You." Quinn also can make a song all her own. Her take on Al Green's playful "Let's Stay Together" is reinvented as a plaintive plea to a distancing lover.

Occasionally, like during a recent set with her band at Hennessy's in Boston, Quinn will dip into a growing catalog of originals that started with the easygoing "Dream World" about a year ago. Her latest, "Can We Become Friends," shows Quinn's growing maturity as a songwriter. It's a response to the war in Ukraine, but addresses problems closer to

Inspired by Michael Jackson's "Earth Song," it's boosted by an angelic choir that's almost entirely Quinn. "I was supposed to have a few buddies in the studio to do the choir part and everyone canceled on me," she

#### **Jordan Quinn**

Next show: Saturday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m. Where: Homestead Restaurant & Tavern, 641 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack Full calendar: facebook.com/jordan. quinn.7106

said in a phone interview. "So it's actually 13 tracks of just my voice, with the exception of one, which is my bass player."

Quinn released the video for the song early, spurred by a recent shooting outside a Manchester nightclub; the victim was a casual friend of hers. "To just see that some random person was able to take his life so easily, it just really affected me," she said. "This needs to be done, the whole violence thing ... life is precious."

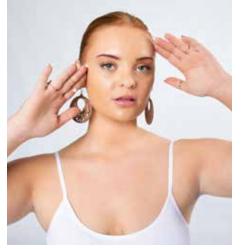
The title cut of her debut album in progress is about striving to become and belong. Quinn wrote "Somebody" while in Los Angeles preparing to meet with a potential manager.

"I've had a lot of hard times with self-confidence, figuring out the path that I want to be on," she explained. "This was a reminder to myself that everything will work out you're where you're supposed to be, things will get better. Then I was like, why not share this message with other people? Because I know I'm definitely not the only person that feels this way."

Quinn penned a lot of songs on that West Coast trip. She found being in a place where so many performers are looking for a foothold very inspiring.

"I definitely liked being out there and seeing all the talent and everything; it motivated me to just push," she said. "All these people are trying to be somebody ... it doesn't need to be the entire world, where everyone knows your name. Just one little thing to make a difference."

Born in Manchester, Quinn relocated to Connecticut with her mother while in fourth grade. "This whole time, my dad still lived in New Hampshire," she said. "I would do the trip twice a month to see him on the weekends." After high school, she went to South



Jordan Quinn. Courtesy photo.

Carolina for a year, then returned to move in with him and enroll in the theater program at

Her father encouraged his daughter's creative urges, taking steps to help her find her

"My dad is the sole reason that it all happened," she said. "He knew [local musician] Chad LaMarsh and kind of took it upon himself to see what would happen if he introduced us.... I've been on this path ever since."

She eschews many modern artists, calling her singing range similar to Ariana Grande's, but adding that she's not a fan of her music. "I used her vocals as influence for mine," Quinn said, but "instrumentally, I'm really into rock like Queen, and then Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston. I try to incorporate their styles along with everyday pop."

She's sung "Somebody to Love" with tribute act Queen Flash on a few occasions, and will open for them later this year.

For now Quinn stays on her Gladwell path, night after night. "My goal is to continue to find myself," she said. "Testing my abilities ... seeing how far I can go. I don't really have any career goals [beyond] improving who I am as an artist, and really seeing what I'm capable of."

#### COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

#### Venues

Chunky's

707 Huse Road, Manchester; Lakeport Opera House 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 781 Union Ave., Laconia chunkys.com

Colonial Theatre

609 Main St., Laconia 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.

The Flying Monkey 39 Main St., Plymouth 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.

Headliners Comedy Club DoubleTree By Hilton, 700 Elm St., Manchester headlinerscomedyclub.com

LaBelle Winery Derry 14 Route 111, Derry

672-9898, labellewinery.com

150 Bridge St., Pelham; 519-7506, lakeportopera.com

McCue's Comedy Club at the Roundahout Diner 580 Portsmouth Traffic Circle, Portsmouth

Murphy's Taproom 494 Elm St., Manchester 644-3535, murphystaproom.

mccuescomedyclub.com

The Music Hall Lounge 131 Congress St., Portsmouth 436-2400, themusichall.org

**Rex Theatre** 

23 Amherst St., Manchester 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

#### **Tupelo Music Hall**

10 A St., Derry 437-5100, tupelomusichall. 18, 8:30 p.m.

#### **Events**

- Bored Teachers Comedy Tour Colonial, Friday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.
- Paula Poundstone Flying Monkey, Friday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
- Kerri Louise & Friends Rex, Friday, Feb. 17, 7:30
- Paul Gilligan, Jason Merrill, Jason Cordova Tupelo, Friday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m.
- Bill Simas Chunky's Manchester, Friday, Feb. 17, and Saturday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m.
- Jim McCue McCue's, day, Feb. 18, 8 p.m.

- Caitlin Peluffo Music Hall Lounge, Saturday, Feb.
- Amy Tee Headliners, Saturday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m.
- Marty Caproni Chunky's Manchester, Saturday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m.
- Amy Tee Music Hall Lounge, Thursday, Feb. 23,
- Kelly MacFarland & Friends Rex, Friday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.
- · Amy Tee Chunky's Manchester, Friday, Feb. 24, and Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m.
- The Irish Comedy Tour 6:30 p.m. Flying Monkey, Saturday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.
- Steve Donovan Murphy's Taproom, Saturday, Feb. 25, 8 p.m.
- Mark Scalia Headliners, Friday, Feb. 17, and Satur- Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m.
  - Mark Riley Chunky's



Manchester, Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m.

- Ben Pratt Chunky's Manchester, Tuesday, Feb. 28,
- Jimmy Dunn LaBelle Derry, Thursday, March 2,
- Mark Scalia Chunky's Manchester, Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4, 8:30 p.m.

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**Bedford Bedford Village Inn** 2 Olde Bedford Way 472-2001

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

**Bow** Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St.

228-8508

224-5669

856-7614

Concord **Hermanos Cocina** Mexicana 11 Hills Ave.

Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square

Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road 226-8667

Deerfield The Lazy Lion 4 North Road 463-7374

Derry Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946

Dover

Restaurant 11 Fourth St. 343-4390

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

**Epsom** Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Dover Road 736-0027

Francestown **Toll Booth Tavern**  Crotched Resort 740 Second NH Turnpike 588-1800

Gilford Patrick's 18 Weirs Road 293-0841

Goffstown Village Trestle 25 Main St. 497-8230

Cara Irish Pub & Hampton Bogie's 32 Depot Square 601-2319

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

The Goat 20 L St. 601-6928

L Street Tavern 603 17 L.St. 967-4777

Shane's Texas Pit

Mountain 61 High St. 601-7091

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

Whym Craft Pub & Brewery 853 Lafayette Road 601-2801

Hudson The Bar 2B Burnham Road

Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road 943-7832

Jaffrey Park Theatre 19 Main St. 532-9300

Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125 369-6962

Laconia Belknap Mill 25 Beacon St. E., No. 1 524-8813

Fratello's 799 Union Ave. 528-2022

**Tower Hill Tavern** 264 Lakeside Ave. 366-9100

Londonderry **Coach Stop Restaurant** & Tavern 176 Mammoth Road

Stumble Inn 20 Rockingham Road 432-3210

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

City Hall Pub 8 Hanover St. 232-3751

Crown Tavern 99 Hanover St. 218-3132

**Currier Museum of Art** 150 Ash St. 669-6144

Derryfield Club 625 Mammoth Road 623-2880

Fratello's 155 Dow St. 624-2022

Elm House of Pizza

102 Elm St.

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50 Commercial St.

232-5522

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McIntyre Ski Area 50 Chalet Ct. 622-6159

Murphy's Taproom 494 Elm St. 644-3535

Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St. 624-4020

Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St. 625-0246

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

Stark Brewing Co. 500 Commercial St. 625-4444

Strange Brew 88 Market St. 666-4292

> To Share Brewing 720 Union St. 836-6947

Wild Rover 21 Kosciuszko St. 669-7722

Meredith Giuseppe's Webster 312 Daniel Hwv. 279-3313

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

Merrimack Homestead 641 Daniel Webster Hwy. 429-2022

**Tortilla Flat** 595 Daniel Webster Hwy. 424-4479

Milford Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon St. 380-3480

Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square 213-5979

Nashua Fody's Tavern 9 Clinton St. 577-9015

Raga 138 Main St. 459-8566

San Francisco Kitchen 133 Main St. 886-8833

Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse 48 Gusabel Ave.

882-4070 **New Boston** Molly's Tavern

Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road 487-1362

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

Northfield Boonedoxz Pub 95 Park St. 717-8267

**Penacook** American Legion Post

#### Thursday, Feb. 16 Bedford

Copper Door: Charlie Chronopoulos, 7 p.m.

Concord

Area 23: Karaoke with DJ Dicey, 8 p.m.

Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.

**Derry** 

Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.

Epping

Telly's: Lewis Goodwin Duo, 7 p.m.

Gilford

Patrick's Pub: Sev and Company, 6 p.m.

Goffstown

Village Trestle: D-Comp, 6 p.m.

Hampton

CR's: Just the Two of Us, 6 p.m. Whym: music bingo, 6 p.m.

Hudson

Lynn's 102: karaoke w/ George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston

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

Laconia

Fratello's: Eric Grant, 7 p.m. Tower Hill: karaoke w/ Luke Skyrocker, 8 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: The Drift Duo, 7 p.m.

Manchester

City Hall Pub: Phil Jacques, 7 p.m.

Currier: Hickory Horned Devils, Shorty's: Jordan Quinn, 6 p.m. 5 p.m.

Elm House of Pizza: Jonny Friday, 6 p.m.

Foundry: Paul Driscoll, 5 p.m. Fratello's: Lou Antonucci, 5:30

The Goat: Sugah Rush, 9 p.m. Strange Brew: Jon Ross, 8 p.m.

Meredith

Giuseppe's: Joel Cage, 5:30 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Dave Zangri, 5:30

Tortilla Flat: Justin Jordan, 7 p.m.

Milford

Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.

Nashua

Fody's: DJ Rich karaoke, 9:30 p.m.

Country

Newmarket

The Stone Church: Rockingham Groove, 8 p.m.

**Portsmouth** 

The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Copper Door: Chad LaMarsh, 7 p.m.

Seabrook

Backyard Burgers: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Strafford

Independence Inn: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17

Alton

Foster's Tavern: Justin Cohn, 6

Concord

Area 23: Joe Messineo & Taylor Hughes, 7 p.m.

Telly's: Mugsy, 8 p.m.

**Epping** 

**Francestown** Crotched

Mountain: Paul Driscoll Duo, 7 p.m.

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Harpo and Frankie, 6 p.m.

Hampton

CR's: Steve Sibulkin, 6 p.m. The Goat: Alex Anthony, 8 p.m. Wally's: The Pop Disaster, 8 p.m.

Hudson

Lynn's 102: karaoke w/ George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: Jonny Friday, 8 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello's: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Tower Hill: Alex Cohen, 9 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Joe McDonald, 6 p.m.

Stumble Inn: Another Shot, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m. Bonfire: Chase Clark, 9 p.m.

Derryfield: Dancing Madly Back-

wards, 8 p.m. Fratello's: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m. The Foundry: Chris Lester, 6 p.m. The Goat: Amish Outlaws, 7 p.m. Shaskeen: Gaviiformes, 9 p.m.

South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke,

Strange Brew: Wiki 3, 9 p.m. To Share: Ian Galipeau, 6:30 p.m.

Meredith

Giuseppe's: Michael Bourgeois, 6 p.m.

Twin Barns: Michael McAuther, 5 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh, 6

Milford

Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.

Nashua

Millyard Brewery: Corey Zwart, 6 p.m. San Francisco Kitchen: Tyler

Levs, 6:30 p.m.

Newbury Mount Sunapee: Andrea Paquin,

**New Boston** Molly's: Matt Bergeron, 7 p.m.

Northfield

Boonedoxz Pub: karaoke night, 7 p.m.

Penacook

American Legion Post 31: JMitch Karaoke, 7 p.m.

**Portsmouth** 

Gas Light: Krystian Beal, 9:30

The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m. Mojo's: Ralph Allen, 7 p.m.

Luna Bistro: David Corson, 6 p.m.

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DARK SARCASM FROM THE **CLASSROOM** Teaching is a noble profession, but it can also be a

deeply hilarious one. Just ask The Bored Teachers, whose latest sketch-comedy extravaganza rolls into the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia: 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.com) on Friday, Feb. 17, at 7 and 8:45 p.m. Tickets range from \$39 to \$59, plus fees.

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427-9197

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530 Lafayette Road

760-2581

**Independence Inn** 6 Drake Hill Road 718-3334 Red's Kitchen + Tavern

760-0030

**Strafford** 

Tilton **Pour Decisions** 500 Laconia Road 527-8066

Tilton

Pour Decisions: Charlie Chronopoulos, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Alton

Foster's Tavern: Henry Laliberte, 6 p.m.

Bow

Chen Yang Li: Dusty Gray, 7

Concord

Area 23: Andrew North & The Rangers with Paulie Stone, 8 p.m. Downtown Farmers Market: Eyes Of Age, 9 a.m. Hermanos: Colin Hart, 6:30 p.m.

Telly's: Pete Peterson, 8 p.m.

Epsom

Hill Top Pizza: JMitch Karaoke, 7 p.m.

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Acoustic Moxie, 6 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: Up-Beat w/J-Dubz, 9 Wally's: The Amish Outlaws, 8

Whym: KOHA, 6 p.m.

Hopkinton Two Villages Art Society: The Honey Bees, 4 p.m.

**Jaffrey** 

Park Theatre: Bernie & Louise Watson, 5:30 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: Nighthawk, 8 p.m.

Laconia

Tower Hill: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: Point of Entry, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Justin Cohn, Bonfire: Fat Bunny, 9 p.m.

Derryfield: Mo Bounce, 8 p.m. Fratello's: Dave Clark, 6 p.m. Foundry: Mikey G, 6 p.m.

The Goat: Brooks Hubbard musical brunch, 10 a.m.; Closing Time,

McIntyre: Chris Fraga, 5:30 p.m. Jam, 7 p.m.

Smuttynose: music bingo, 6 p.m. Shaskeen: Franz Nicolay of the To Share: open mic, 4 p.m. Hold Steady, 9 p.m.

Strange Brew: Soup Du Jour, 9

Wild Rover: George Barber, 5 p.m.

Meredith

Giuseppe's: Bob Kroepel, 6 p.m. Twin Barns: Andrea Paquin, 5

Merrimack

Homestead: Jordan Quinn, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Liquid Therapy: Shane Scarazzini, 6 p.m.

Millyard Brewery: Charlie Chronopoulos, 4 p.m.

**New Boston** 

Molly's: Robert and Rich, 7 p.m.

Newmarket

The Stone Church: Truffle's Partygras, 8 p.m.

Newbury

Mount Sunapee: Sam Hammerman, 3 p.m.

Northfield

Boonedoxz Pub: live music, 7

**Portsmouth** 

Gas Light Pub: Jonny Friday, 9:30 p.m.

The Goat: Mike Forgette, 9 p.m.

Salem

Luna Bistro: Liz Ridgley, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 19 **Bedford** 

Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 6

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Bob Pratte, 3:30

Hampton

CR's: Rico Barr Duo, 11 a.m. L Street: Up-Beat w/J-Dubz, 9

Wally's: Brett Wilson, 8 p.m.

Laconia

Belknap Mill: open mic, 2 p.m. Tower Hill: karaoke w/ DJ Tim, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Bonfire: Line dancing, 6 p.m. Foundry: Joe Gattuso, 10 a.m. The Goat: Mike Forgette, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Strange Brew: One Big Soul

41 S. Broadway

Milford

Riley's Place: open mic w/ Blues Jam, 1 p.m.

Newmarket

The Stone Church: lough/O'Neill, 8 p.m.

**Northfield** 

Boonedoxz Pub: open mic, 4

**Portsmouth** 

Book & Bar: Michael McArthur w/ Kimayo, 7 p.m. The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

Copper Door: Nate Comp 11 a.m. Luna Bistro: Steve Aubert, 4 p.m.

Tilton

Pour Decisions: Eric Lindberg, noon

Monday, Feb. 20

Dover

Cara Irish Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Gilford

Patrick's Pub: open mic w/ Paul Luff, 6 p.m.

Hudson

The Bar: karaoke with Phil

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Lisa Guyer, 7 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m. The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation,

Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Meredith

Guisseppe's: Lou Porrazzo, 8:30 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Lapointe, 5:30

Nashua

Fody's: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.

**Portsmouth** 

The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.

Seabrook

Red's: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 Concord

Area 23: Mardi Gras celebration with Georgia's Northside, trivia, music and more, 5 p.m.

Hermanos: Paul Bougelais, 6:30 Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

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Luna Bistro

11 Via Toscana

Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton

Shane's: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Clint Lapointe, 5:30

The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 8 p.m. KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.

Strange Brew: David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

Guisseppe's: Michael Bourgeois, 8:30 p.m.

Nashua

Raga: karaoke, 7:30 p.m.

The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Seabrook

Backyard Burgers: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m. Red's: country night, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Concord

Hermanos: Craig Fahey, 6:30 p.m. Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m. Uno Pizzeria: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.

Derry

Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Hampton

Bogie's: open mic, 7 p.m. L Street: karaoke with DJ Jeff, 9

Kingston

Manchester

Derryfield: Pete Peterson, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek, 5:30

The Goat: Mike Forgette, 7 p.m. Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8

Strange Brew: open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Rebecca Turmel, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8

Newmarket The Stone Church; Cozy

**Portsmouth** 

Throne, 8 p.m.

The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.

Rochester

Porter's: karaoke night, 6:30 p.m.

BVI: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23 Bedford

Copper Door: Jordan Quinn, 7

Concord

Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30

Derry Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.

**Epping** 

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.

Telly's: Henry Laliberte, 7 p.m.

Hampton

CR's: Steve Sibulkin, 6 p.m. Whym: music bingo, 6 p.m. Hudson

Lynn's 102: karaoke w/ George Bisson, 8 p.m.

**Kingston** 

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

Laconia

Fratello's: Eric Grant, 7 p.m. Tower Hill: karaoke w/ Luke Skyrocker, 8 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Mugsy Trio, 7 p.m.

Manchester

City Hall Pub: The Latch Key Gang, 7 p.m. Currier: Isha from the 978, 5

Elm House of Pizza: Dave Clark,

Foundry: Ariel Strasser, 5 p.m. Fratello's: Sean Coleman, 5:30

The Goat: Sugah Rush, 9 p.m. Strange Brew: Mike Sudderth,

To Share: Miketon Graton, 6:30

Merrimack

Homestead: Ralph Allen, 5:30 Tortilla Flat: Clint Lapointe, 7

Milford Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.

Nashua

Fody's: DJ Rich karaoke, 9:30 San Francisco Kitchen: Kimayo,

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Meredith

Merrimack Homestead: Dave Clark, 5:30 p.m.

**Portsmouth** 

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

Saddle Up Saloon: Musical



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#### Weekly

- Thursday trivia at Station 101 (193 Union Sq., Milford, 249-5416) at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday trivia at Great North Aleworks (1050 Holt Ave., Manchester, 858-5789, greatnorthaleworks.com) from 7 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday trivia at Yankee Lanes (216 Maple St., Manchester, 625-9656, yankeelanesentertainment. com) at 7 p.m.
- Thursday Kings trivia at Game View Dr., Londonderry; 216-1396, gamechangersportsbar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.
- First Thursday of every month

#### Concerts

#### Venues Bank of NH Stage in Concord

16 S. Main St., Concord 225-1111, banknhstage.com

#### **Capitol Center for the Arts**

Chubb Theatre44 S. Main St., Concord; 225-1111, ccanh.com

#### Colonial Theatre

609 Main St., Laconia 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.com

#### Dana Center

Saint Anselm College 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, anselm.edu

#### The Flying Monkey

39 Main St., Plymouth 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com

#### LaBelle Winery

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

#### LaBelle Winery Derry

14 Route 111, Derry 672-9898, labellewinery.com

#### Palace Theatre

80 Hanover St., Manchester

#### trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua; fodystavern.com) at 8

- Friday Team Trivia at Cheers (17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com) from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the lounge.
- Monday trivia at Crow's Nest (181 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 817-6670, crowsnestnh.com) at 8 p.m.
- Tuesday trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St. in Warner, 456-2143, reedsnorth.com) from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday trivia at Fody's (187 Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946, fodystavern.com) at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday trivia at Area 23 (254 N. State St., Concord, 881-9060, thearea23.com) at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday trivia at Lynn's 102 Tav-Changer Sports Bar (4 Orchard ern (76 Derry Road, Hudson, 943-7832, lynns102.com), at 7 p.m.
  - Tuesday Geeks Who Drink trivia at Peddler's Daughter (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, theped-

668-5588, palacetheatre.org

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5 Granite St., Newmarket 659-7700, stonechurchrocks.com

#### Tupelo Music Hall

10 A St., Derry 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com

#### The Word Barn

66 Newfields Road, Exeter 244-0202, thewordbarn.com

#### Shows

- · Mike Dawes Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- Crash Test Dummies Thursday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- · Jimmy Kenny Band Friday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m., LaBelle Derry
- The Wolff Sisters/Caroline Cotter Friday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- Idlewild (Allman Brothers tribute) Friday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m., LaBelle Derry
- Shades of Buble: A Three-Man Tribute to Michael Buble Satur- p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord

- dlersdaughter.com), from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- · Wednesday trivia at Main Street Grill and Bar (32 Main St., Pittsfield; 435-0005, mainstreetgrillandbar.com) at 6:30 p.m.
- · Wednesday trivia at Popovers (11 Brickyard Sq., Epping, 734-4724, popoversonthesquare.com) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- · Wednesday Kings Trivia at KC's Rib Shack (837 Second St., Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack. net), sponsored by Mi Campo, in Manchester 7 to 9 p.m..
- · Wednesday trivia at Millyard Brewery (125 E. Otterson St., Nashua; 722-0104, millyardbrewery.com) at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday trivia at The Bar (2b Burnham Road, Hudson, 943-5250) at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua, fodystavern. com) at 8 p.m.

day, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m., Palace

- Classic Stones Live Friday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- Fling/lowfalutin Friday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m., Stone Church
- Who's Bad (Michael Jackson tribute) Saturday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m and 7:30 p.m., Palace
- · Tower of Power Saturday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., Colonial
- Damn Tall Buildings Saturday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m., Word Barn
- Truffle's Annual Party Gras Saturday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m., Stone Church
- · Killough/O'Neill Sunday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m., Stone Church
- John Lodge Sunday, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- Takin' It to the Streets (Doobie Brothers tribute) Thursday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m., LaBelle Amherst
- Sara Evans Thursday, Feb. 23,
- 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey Rebirth Brass Band Thursday,
- Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m., Palace • Natalie MacMaster and Don-
- nell Leahey Thursday, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m., Dana Center
- · Marshall Tucker Band Thursday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m., Tupelo
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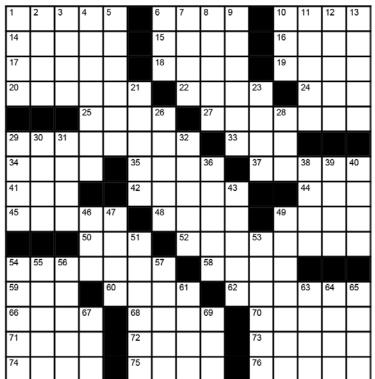
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#### Across

- 1. Symphony X singer Russell
- Rocker Bomb
- 10. TriBeCa neighbor Phil Lynott went 'Solo' in
- 14. 'I Dreamed A Dream' Susan
- 15. ELO & KT Oslin songs w/same title
- 16. Like worst seats
- 17. Don Henley '\_\_ Not Go Quietly'
- 18. Concrete Blonde smash with man's name 19. 'Mighty Quinn' Manfred
- 20. Fountains Of Wayne girl song that's not Stacy
- 22. 'Distance' Christina Perri/Jason
- 24. Repeated word in 'Iris' band name
- 25. Seal digs the '\_\_ Lisa' painting
- 27. '83 Whitesnake album ' In'
- 29. Isaac Brock band Ugly
- 33. 'Berlin'/Velvet Underground's Reed
- 34. Frankie Valli 'Walk Like
- 35. Ed Sheeran will build a 'House' w/this plastic construction toy
- 37. '15 Bea Miller album wasn't sorry on 'Apology'
- 41. Prince band he did 'Cream' with
- 42. Frenchman Johnny Hallyday's ' casser' means "break everything" in English
- 44. Fat Freddy's Drop 'Based True
- 45. Louis Armstrong/Mill Bros "You'll find out just what love \_\_ about"
- 48. "Meet you all the way, Rosanna" band
- 49. Green Day song for sitter's
- 50. Bob Seger did 'The Horizontal 52. Ray LaMontagne 'God Willin' And
- The Creek 54. Dinosaur Jr leader
- 58. '11 Strokes single 'Taken Fool'
- 59. Solos make you ooh and this

- 60. Self-producing might be working without
- 62. George Harrison hit 'When We'
- 66. Steely Dan released a 'Royal' one in '76
- 68. Canned, as a member
- 70. Bill Withers-inspired Hinder song?
- 71. 'A Million Ways' OK Go album
- 72. 80s 'Puttin' On The Ritz' one-hitter
- 73. Gloria Estefan & Sound Machine
- 74. Silent acceptances between mem- 47. Ricky Martin 'Livin' La Vida \_\_'

Find and Circle...

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Two five-letter fish

John

CD:

- bers auditioning new guy
- 75. Cornershop's "There's dancing behind movie scenes" song 'Brimful
- 76. David Letterman/Ace Frehley drummer Fig

#### Down

- 1. Placed on ebay for guitar
- 2. 'Cruel To Be Kind' Nick
- 3. Ain't no way to hide these kinds of 63. Musical achievement is considered 'Eyes' to Eagles
- 4. 'If I Can't Have You' Yvonne
- 5. Hall Of Famer Ricky
- 6. Pink hears electro-spins from above on 'God Is
- 7. Death metal focus
- 8. Kevin of Soft Machine
- 9. John & The Bluesbreakers
- 10. Meat Loaf 'Lucifer \_\_\_'
- 11. Doors 'To Come
- 12. Glam band Rocks 13. Europe is coming 'Ready'
- 21. OMD 'Gay'
- 23. '13 Hillsong United album named for Jerusalem, synonymously
- 26. 'Magpie & The Dandelion' brothers
- 28. Two musicians is this
- 29. Ray LaMontagne '\_\_ Stay'
- 30. Stacked on stage for guitars
- 31. Killswitch Engage "The unfolds, the legends of old will guide us all"
- 32. Nothin' But Time
- 36. '84 Ratt album '\_\_ The Cellar'
- 38. 'American Doll Posse' Amos
- 39. Whose 'Song' it was, to Silverchair
- 40. fun. singer Ruess
- 43. Haircut 100 caught a thief then sang

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- 'Where Do You Run \_\_?'
- 46. Levon Helm '300

WORD ★Roundup

Last Week's Answers: CLOONEY KEATON KILMER BALE WEST / TURTLE LIZARD SNAKE / LOBSTER SHRIMP CRAB / STEPHEN KING / MAPLE LEAF

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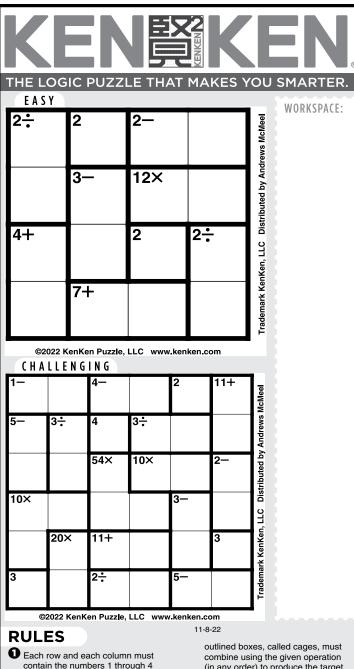
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- 49. Pretenders classic 'Pocket'
- 51. Sponge hit a Mexican 'Rotting' one
- 53. You might suffer this when your
- favorite band cancels
- 54. Honky Tonky Crabb
- 55. Village People '\_\_ Man'
- 56. Paul McCartney will 'Shake \_\_' when meeting a fan
- 57. Pat Benatar '\_\_ A Weapon'
- 61. Tour guitar expert

- a great one, at times
- 64. Great batch of songs is this to fire at public's ears
- 65. Phil Collins 'You'll My Heart'
- 67. Major London nightclub (abbr) 69. Foo Fighter song that died in an
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ambulance?

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(easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging)

2 The numbers within the heavily

ithout repeating

(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.

1+ **5** 

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## the Wurst Way"— find the missing links.

- 1. Aromatic ointment
- 5. Fitzgerald forte
- 9. Like some doors
- 13. "Superfood" berry
- 14. Approximately
- 15. Put on the hard drive
- 16. Flagship brew of what's now 39. Web connection co. Spoetzl Brewery, named for the 40. Invoice words before a date town in Texas
- 18. ACL's joint
- 19. Tea holder
- 20. Sweater style
- 22. Tongue-in-cheek entertainment
- 24. "The game is
- 25. Side-to-side skid

- 29. Surpass in smarts
- 32. Shaw on the jazz clarinet
- 33. Peculiarity
- 35. Suffix with ethyl and propyl
- 36. Pager sound
- 37. Like some 1940s pinups
- 38. Clamors

- 41. Assume as a fact
- 42. Not these or those
- 44. Circle segments, in some circles
- 46. Peeved
- 48. Do some karaoke
- 49. Term for a long streak of championships (last achieved in major

- pro sports by the 1980s New York Guinea Islanders)
- 52. Deeply dismayed
- 56. Kadabra (enemy of the Flash)
- 57. 1977 four-wheel drive coupé that sorta resembled a pickup
- 59. Type of skateboarding that includes inclines
- 60. Birthplace of the violin
- 61. Egg, in Paris
- 62. "Game of Thrones" heroine Herman Stark
- 63. Foam football brand
- 64. Knit material

#### Down

- 2. Bruise symptom
- 3. Cafe au
- 4. Ice cream flavor that's usually green or white
- 5. Blood relation, slangily
- 6. "Peter Pan" critter
- 7. African capital on the Gulf of isle, for two

- 8. Become... something
- 9. Beginning of a JFK quote
- 10. Former Sleater-Kinney drummer who also worked with Stephen Malkmus and the Shins
- 11. "Voulez-vous coucher moi?"
- 12. Smell real bad
- 14. Espresso foam
- 17. Bring delight to
- 21. "The Caine Mutiny" author
- 23. Arouse, as one's interest
- 25. Italian model who graced many a romance novel cover
- 26. "\_\_\_ my case!"
- 27. Superstar who holds records for Pooh" specials that predated text most three-pointers in a career, season, and NBA finals
- 28. Pyramid-shaped Vegas hotel
- 30. Belly button type
- 31. Students' challenges
- 34. New York college and Scottish

- 37. Brings en masse to an event, maybe
- 38. Pillsbury mascot (whose name is Poppin' Fresh)
- 40. Roller coaster feature
- 41. Stop-motion kids' show set in Antarctica
- 43. Literary misprints
- 45. Daily record
- 47. Pan-fry
- 49. Broad bean
- 50. "Remote Control" host Ken
- 51. Ski resort transport
- 53. Rectangle calculation
- 54. Dino's end?
- 55. Initialism from "Winnie the messages
- 58. TV alien who lived with the Tanners
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#### R&R answer from pg 35 of 2/9



#### Jonesin' answer from pg 36 of 2/9



#### **NITE SUDOKU**

Difficulty: ★

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

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Difficulty: ★★★									

King Classic Sudoku **Puzzle C** 8 4 2 5 1 7 4 2 9 8 1 5 2 8 4 5 4 9 2023

Difficulty: ★★★★

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#### SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *The Measure of a* cool dictionaries out there. Man, by Sidney Poitier, born Feb. 20, 1927

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) If you walk down the street and someone is with you, he'll adjust to your pace or you to his, and you'll never be aware of it. There's no effort. It simply happens. And the same thing can happen with the rhythm of your life. Keep walking.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) The lights of Broadway kept drawing me. On a Saturday night you got dressed and you went downtown, you know? - drawn by the busyness of it. You just walked around and — well, you got addicted to the electricity. Keep it simple.

when I experience anger in life. It's called

been in my character's shoes, in real life, and ... nothing. ... So what am I doing with what would I have done? Truth is I'm not my time? Not watching TV, that's for sure. altogether sure where I would have come

down. Try to take a broader perspective.

Cancer (June 21 - July **22)** As for the craft itself, I've never worked with a good actor from whom I didn't learn something useful. Listen and learn.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) When I commit to a job, I go into a kind of hibernating mode. I start with the script. I read it. And I don't just lie around and skim it, mind you; I read it with no distractions, in a very quiet place. Commit and focus.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) But the fact of the matter is I'm not Paul Newman. Don't cry about it.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. **22)** Louise taught me much, not the least of which was to appreciate how much a greater command of the language can enrich one's life. There are some really

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) There are different kinds of strength, you know? And different kinds of strength training.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) But when I got to New York, and when I got to Hollywood, for whatever reason ... I was given the tremendous opportunity of doing work that could reflect who I was. Knock, knock.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Did I misjudge this new culture? Should all the glitter that now seemed only inches beyond my reach have been taken with a grain of salt? Maybe natural balances weren't that easily found amid so much concrete and steel. Find a tree to sit under.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) It's late at night as I lie in bed in the blue glow of the Taurus (April 20 - May 20) When I television set. ... I scroll up again, chanplay anger in a scene, it's different from nel by channel, from bottom to top. But already I've given it the honor of going from 1 to 97, and already I've found noth-Gemini (May 21 – June 20) Now, if I'd ing. This vast, sophisticated technology

## LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses  $\frac{1}{8}$ 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.

#### **SOLUTIONS** CLUES

- 1 daily information source (9)
- 2 mouth-watering list (4)
- 3 rarely read reference (6)
- 4 flyer (8)
- 5 Glamour, for example (8)
- 6 tome from Sears (9)
- **7** essential element in library (4)

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61/7 4. RETIRE 5. PAST 6. PERSIST 7. UNWELL
61/7 4. RETIRE 5. PAST 6. PERSIST 7. UNWELL

#### Sudoku Answers from pg 36 of 2/9

#### Puzzle A 9 4 7 6 5 8 3 2 2 8 3 9 4 1 7 6 5 5 7 6 8 3 2 9 4 1 4 1 9 5 7 6 2 8 3 3 2 8 1 9 4 5 7 6 6 5 7 2 8 3 1 9 4 9 4 1 6 5 7 3 2 8 3 2 4 1 9 6 5 7 7 6 5 3 2 8 4 1 9

#### Puzzle B

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7	9	4	6	8	5	2	3	1
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6	8	5	3	1	2	4	7	9
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#### Puzzle C

7	5	3	2	4	9	8	6	1
4	2	9	6	1	8	3	5	7
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2	9	4	8	6	1	7	3	5
6	8	1	3	5	7	4	9	2
5	3	7	9	2	4	1	8	6
8	1	6	7	3	5	2	4	9
3	7	5	4	9	2	6	1	8
9	4	2	1	8	6	5	7	3
Difficulty: ★★★★ 1-3								1-28



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#### Wait, what?

A couple in Etobicoke, Toronto, left on an extended business trip in January 2022, CTV News reported. When they returned home months later, they were stunned to realize that their house had been sold and the new owners had moved in. Police said a man and woman impersonated the owners, hired a real estate agent and listed the property using fake identification. Police are still looking for the imposters. — CTV News, Jan. 5

#### Size matters

Momo the lar gibbon, who lives at the Kujukushima Zoo and Botanical Garden Mori Kirara in Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan, delivered a baby in February 2021, which surprised zookeepers, since Momo lived in her own enclosure with no males around. She was very protective of the offspring, United Press International reported, so it wasn't until two years later that handlers were able to collect DNA from the youngster to determine who the father was. As it turned out, a 34-year-old agile gibbon, Itou, was the baby daddy. Zookeepers found that a partition between Momo's exhibit and Itou's off-display area had a perforated board with holes about 9mm in diameter, and they believe the two were able to mate through one of those holes. The perforated board was replaced

with a steel plate, but Momo and Itou will be introduced properly to each other so that they may live as a family. — *United Press International, Feb. 3* 

#### **Bright idea**

Jose Ruben Nava, former director of the zoo in Chilpancingo, Mexico, is under fire after officials learned that he slaughtered four pygmy goats to serve at the zoo's year-end dinner, MSN reported. Fernando Ruiz Gutierrez, director of wildlife for the state's environment department, said serving the goat meat "put the health of the people who ate them at risk because these animals were not fit for human consumption." Nava is also accused of trading a zebra for tools. He was let go from his position in January after the death of a deer at the zoo. — MSN, Feb. 2

#### **Great art!**

Marcelo "B-boy" De Souza Ribeiro of Sao Paolo, Brazil, is known as the most modified man in the world, with 1,500 tattoos covering his skin and now, a new transformation: a "devil hand." The Daily Star reported that Ribeiro did a lot of research before undergoing the procedure, which split his hand between the middle and ring fingers. "I began to see the possibility of making an opening ... through the middle where you can have opening and

closing movements and a firmer folding of the hand," he said. Over the years, he's spent about \$35,000 on his modifications, which also include a split tongue. Ribeiro said he thinks of his body as an "art exhibition." — *The Daily Star, Feb. 9* 

#### Irony

A 61-year-old butcher working at the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse in Hong Kong died at the hands — er, hooves — of a pig he was trying to slaughter on Jan. 20, CNN reported. The unnamed man was knocked to the ground by the struggling pig, which had revived after a shot from a stun gun, and suffered a wound from a meat cleaver. Strangely, police said, the man's wounds were to his hand and foot; a cause of death had not been released. The Labour Department extended its "deepest sympathy to his family." — CNN, Jan. 20

#### **Animal antics**

The Wyandotte (Michigan) Police Department opened an investigation in January after an officer was suspected of stealing another officer's lunch while he was out of the room. The "Today" show reported that Officer Barwig was called away from the break room to assist in the jail; when he returned, K-9 Officer Ice was seen licking his chops, and Barwig's sandwich was nowhere to be seen.

"Officer Ice has invoked his Fifth Amendment right to remain silent and quite frankly is not cooperating with the investigation," the department posted on its Facebook page. Later, dozens of attorneys offered to represent Ice in court, but the department decided not to pursue discipline or criminal charges.

— The "Today" Show, Jan. 23

#### Can't possibly be true

Jesse and Deedee O'Dell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, normally spend around \$10 for their Starbucks coffees, but on Jan. 7, their bill was considerably more, KOKI-TV reported. A few days later, when Deedee tried to use the same card at a mall, it was declined. That's when the couple discovered that Starbucks had given itself a \$4,444.44 tip on their \$10.90 bill. They contacted the district manager, who said there'd been an "issue" with the network, and they received two checks to cover the enormous gratuity but both checks bounced. While they wait for replacement checks, they've had to cancel a family vacation, "and the tickets are nonrefundable," said Jesse. A Starbucks representative said new checks are on the way and the mistake was caused by "possible human error." — KOKI-TV. Jan. 7

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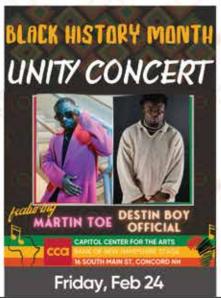






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