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ON THE COVER
10 RENEWABLE ENERGY Does Earth Day (Saturday, April 22) have you thinking about renewable energy? This week's cover story takes a look at how to hook up to solar and gives you the basics on other forms of renewable power, such as hydroelectric, wind, biomass and geothermal energy. And if you think your next car might charge up rather than fill up (or charge up and fill up), check out the rundown of events showcasing electric vehicles.

ALSO ON THE COVER Saturday, April 22, is also Record Store Day. See the plans for this year in the story on page 18. Michael Witthaus previews Langhorne Slim and John Craigie's upcoming show at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord on Monday, April 24 (page 31). And find out about the southeast Connecticut-style pizza at The Ricochet in Derry (page 24) and the birria menu at Alas de Frida Mexican Restaurant & Bar in Manchester (page 25).

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NEWS & NOTES

Art school leaves Manch

New England College will be relocating its Institute of Art and Design program from Manchester to its main campus in Henniker starting in the fall of 2023. According to a community update from NEC President Wayne Lesperance posted on the college's website, the consolidation is part of the school's efforts to create a more integrated campus community and to offer students greater access to the resources available on its main campus. "Covid-19 depressed participation in the arts and arts education nationally," Lesperance said in the update. "Unfortunately, NEC was not immune to this downward trend. With this move to unify our academic offerings in Henniker, NEC re-doubles its commitment to its art and design students and faculty, and the arts generally, by dedicating facilities and creating new opportunities in a welcoming setting." NEC's Institute of Art and Design is the successor to the New Hampshire Institute of Art (NHIA), which merged with the college several years ago. A new "Art Village" on the Henniker campus will provide dedicated spaces for art and design students to work and collaborate, as well as a new theater in NEC's Putnam Center for the Performing Arts for students studying performing arts. NEC will continue to hold events at its galleries and assembly space at French Hall in Manchester, according to the update.

Bio-pest control

The University of New Hampshire's team of New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station scientists has published research in Environmental Entomology on the role of annual insectary plants as

habitats for syrphid flies. According to a press release, the team studied flowering plants grown to attract, feed and shelter syrphids, also known as hover or flower flies, which are known to act as biological pest controls, consuming large numbers of common pests, like aphids. The research revealed that sweet alyssum, a low-growing cool-season annual in the Brassicaceae plant family, as well as buckwheat, dill and cilantro attracted and maintained significant numbers of syrphid flies. "We'll use this information as a springboard to study the behavior and life histories of the key players in our vegetable agroecosystems, which will lead to better landscape management techniques and more sustainable pest management down the line," Anna Wallingford, NHAES scientist, research assistant professor in UNH's agriculture, nutrition and food systems department and co-author of the published article, said in the release. The team is considering further study to investigate if and how native perennial plants could be used to attract syrphids.

Autism Acceptance month

Applied ABC, an ABA autism therapy company in Manchester, invites the public to its Autism Acceptance month celebration at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, home of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats Minor League Baseball team, on Saturday, April 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. The free event will feature booths set up across the stadium and field as well as ABA games and activities that promote social, cognitive and motor skills in children with autism, according to an email from the organizer. Visit appliedabc.com or call 403-3741 to learn more.

New Chair

Greater Nashua Mental Health has named James Jordan its new Chairman of the Board of Directors. According to a press release, Jordan has been a New Hampshire resident for more than 25 years and has decades of business experience, including having worked for Verizon Communications for 31 years before starting his own telecommunications consulting business. He currently runs Adaptive Techniques & Concepts, a consulting firm for large to mid-size companies across the country.

Drug take-back

The DEA's bi-annual National Drug Take Back Day is happening on Saturday, April 22. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., New Hampshire town and city police departments will be hosting collection sites across the state for people to drop off their unused, unwanted or expired prescription medications, which can pose public safety risks such as accidental poisoning, overdoses and abuse when not properly discarded. The DEA will accept pills, patches and vaping devices and cartridges, but not liquids, needles, sharps or devices with lithium batteries. For a collection site locator to find a drop-off point near you, visit dea.gov/takebackday.

Looking for lead

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission and the Loon Preservation Committee are calling for anglers in the Nashua Region to check their tackle boxes for illegal lead tackle and dispose of it responsibly at the Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to noon, at 25 Crown St., in Nashua. The use of small lead tackle has been banned in New

Road work is underway on Interstate 93 between **Concord** and **Chichester**, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation announced, which includes ramps for exits 1, 2 and 3 and will require intermittent lane closures this summer. The work is part of a \$500,000 sign replacement expected to be complete by mid-October. Real-time traffic news can be found at newengland511.org, and travelers can sign up for "My511" alerts to stay informed about incidents and construction work.

Manchester Community College (1066 Front St.) is holding an open House on Thursday, April 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. Prospective students are invited to visit the campus, meet with faculty and staff, and learn about financial aid and transfer opportunities with the New Hampshire Dual Admission Program. Attendees are encouraged to bring their transcripts to have previous credits evaluated for transfer. Visit mccnh.edu/admissions/openhouse or call 206-8000.

United Way of Greater Nashua is inviting people to dispose of their unwanted electronics at its e-recycling event, United w(E)-Recycle, Friday, April 21, through Sunday, April 23, at its location at 20 Broad St. in **Nashua**, with drop-off times Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. According to a press release, proceeds support the Greater Nashua School Supply Pantry. Email info@unitedwaynashua.org or visit unitedwaynashua.org for a list of accepted items and suggested donation amounts for their disposal.

Hampshire due to its negative impact on the threatened loon population; according to a press release, lead tackle ingestion is the primary cause of documented adult loon deaths and accounted for 38.5 percent of documented adult loon deaths in the state between 1989 and 2022. There are a number of tests that can be done to identify tackle that is made of lead: according to Harry Vogel, LPC's Senior Biologist and Executive Director, "When rubbed on paper, lead will leave a gray mark. Lead is soft, so lead tackle can be easily dented with a fingernail or with pliers." If in doubt, consider the age of the tackle, Vogel added; tackle bought in

2010 or before is likely to be made of lead. The Household Hazardous Waste Event is open to residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham, with a fee of \$15 per vehicle. Find a list of accepted items at nashuarpc.org/hhw. Additionally, LPC and the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game are offering a Lead Tackle Buyback Program in which anglers who turn in one ounce or more of illegal lead tackle at participating local tackle shops can receive a \$10 voucher for that shop. For a list of participating shops, visit loonsafe.org.

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The historical record

New state archivist wants to make the past accessible

Meet Ashley Miller, who was recently appointed as New Hampshire's new state archivist.

Q: *How did you become the state archivist?*

I did my undergrad at Penn State, where I got my degree in history. After graduating, I knew I wanted to continue [in history], but not be a history teacher. I had worked in the preservation, conservation and digitization department at Penn State in their archives, and I absolutely loved it. I moved to New Hampshire and started working at Concord Public Library as an archivist, reference and outreach coordinator and commuting down to Boston for grad school, where I pursued a master's in archival management and a master's in history at Simmons University. Then, this past October, I learned that the state archivist — my predecessor — was retiring. That day, I sent a very bold email to the Secretary of State, David Scanlan, saying, 'Hey, here's my resume, and here's why I think I would be a good fit.' Two months later I had an interview, and the rest is history.



Ashley Miller. Courtesy photo.

Any other interesting or surprising finds?

We have a copy of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the ratification documents that were rediscovered here in the Statehouse in 1978. They're displayed in our front lobby. How cool is it that we have those? As for other surprising finds, I can't say I've come across anything too out of the ordinary. But I've only been on the job for about a month and a half, and we have 98,000 boxes in our archives, so there could very well be something shocking that I haven't discovered yet.

What would you like to accomplish as state archivist?

One of my big goals is to make our records more accessible to the public, which is going to be a matter of scanning — we will really have to double down on our scanning efforts — and getting the software to be able to host browsable [archival materials] on our website, as well as [writing] descriptions and all that. I also want to do more outreach, whether that's visiting local schools and their history departments or even just posting on social media. I want people to know that we're here and that we have these resources available. We are the custodians and the caretakers of these records, but they belong to the people. They are meant to be seen and used by the people. ... The accessibility of these records will make things much easier for genealogists, school groups, history departments, historians, researchers and students, and hopefully get more people interested in our history.

What do you enjoy about working in archives?

I've always loved history, since I was a little girl. It's part of the reason I wanted to move to New England. Getting to work with primary source records and literally hold history in my hands is a fascinating experience for me. How can you not get excited about history when it's right in front of your face?

What significance do archives have for the people of today?

There's a great quote I learned in library school: 'Archives are arsenals of accountability.' They're a record of who we are, what we've done and where we've been, and that is hugely important. — *Angie Sykeny*

What does it entail?

Right now I'm doing a lot of planning for what I want to do over the next 18 months, but once I'm into the grind of the job, the essential functions are handling research requests, managing records for state agencies, providing transportation and storage for records, [conducting] polls and refiles for agencies and the general public and preserving the documentation of New Hampshire history. I'm also responsible for the management of the building we're in.

What kinds of materials do you work with?

We have so much. We have records of state agencies, like the Department of Health and Human Services, which aren't accessible to the public, but when [a department] needs their records, we're the ones who pull them and transfer and store them. We also have original town charters, probate records, legislative histories, original bills, records of governor.

Where do they come from?

State agencies, past legislators and sometimes just donors — people who discover things in their attics or they have things that were passed down to them.

What is the oldest item in our state archives?

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as the best record ever guarantees nothing in the playoffs. The 2015-2016 Golden State Warriors can tell you that, as they got beat in the Finals by **LeBron James** and Cleveland after their record-setting 73-win season. Ditto for the **John Havlicek-Dave Cowens** Celtics, who won a franchise-best 68 games (against 14 losses) in 1972-73, but got beat (much to my delight) in Game 7 by the archrival Knicks in the Eastern Conference Final.

So it's a whole new season that got started this week vs. the Florida Panthers.

But it doesn't mean the playoffs don't begin with great promise and high expectations. They just have to back it by keeping the train rolling into June.

Sports 101: Fourteen is the record for most home runs in April. Name the two players who share that record.

News Item – Casas Not Living Up to Hype: Those over-the-top notions that **Triston Casas** is the next **Lou Gehrig** (OK, slight exaggeration), pushed by Red Sox brass to get people to buy tickets, aren't looking so good. After 13 games he was hitting .123 with 2 homers and 7 RBI. That after a .196 September in 27 games last year. The power numbers, though, actually aren't that bad, as 7 homers and 19 RBI in 40 games projects to 28 and 76.

News Item – NBA Hits Mavs with Big Fine for Tanking: Some will think the \$750,000 fine the Dallas Mavericks got for sitting all their key players to ensure they lost to miss the playoffs was stiff. But we're guessing owner **Mark Cuban** isn't one of them. Because if they won them, they'd have lost the protected top 10 first-round pick they owed the Knicks for their long ago **Kristaps Porzingis** trade. Instead they'll now draft a player for next year's team. So instead of likely losing their one play-in game and having no pick (made more important since Porzingis lasted just two years in Dallas) Cuban likely sees the dough as investment in 2023-24 and not a punishment.

New Item – Xander Bogaerts Update: The ex-Red Sox shortstop was hitting .333 with 3 doubles, 4 homers, 12 RBI and 10 runs scored in his first 12 games with San Diego.

By contrast, replacement **Trevor Story** likely won't play until June due to a severe elbow injury the brass knew he had when they let Bogie walk, while Story's fill-in, **Kiké Hernández**, was hitting .083 with 2 homers and 4 RBI in his first 11 games.

Thumbs Up – Minnesota Timberwolves: For doing the right thing by suspending ornery **Rudy Gobert** for throwing a punch

at teammate **Kyle Anderson** during a game even though it caused him to miss their winner-take-all play-in game vs. the Lakers on Tuesday — which they lost. It said something about the team culture they want.

Thumbs Down – Major League Baseball: Thanks to the new speeding-up-baseball rules, with games quicker, beer sales are down. So their cutoffs have been extended to the eighth inning, which will likely send lubed up fans into traffic sooner than when the seven-inning rule, uh, ruled.

Quote of the Week – Snoop Dogg: After being asked who in today's NBA reminds him most of **Kobe Bryant**, Snoop eventually said **Steph Curry** because "he's never considered the best, but he's always the best when it's time to be the best."

Random Thoughts:

Earth to **Joe Mazzulla:** **Grant Williams** should be in the rotation over **Sam Hauser**. He's a better, more versatile defender and rebounder and according to the stats not all that much different a 3-point shooter (41.2 – 39.5).

Celtics should hope **Jaylen Brown** makes one of the three All-NBA teams. Not for the individual honor, but if he does, it makes him eligible for a \$290 million contract extension to increase the likelihood he re-signs with the C's after next year, because that's \$70 million more than he can get elsewhere.

The Numbers:

7 – Major League homers hit by **Rafael Devers** 14 games into 2023, which projects to 81 if he remains on the same pace.

11.75 – earned run average for one-time Sox ace **Chris Sale** after his first three 2023 starts. If **Don Meredith** were still around you wonder if he'd be singing his favorite tune, "The Party's Over," on the career for Sale.

13 – tied for most ever consecutive wins to start a season for the Rays after sweeping four from the Red Sox last week to become the first team since the 1987 Brewers (13-0) to start a season with a double-digit win streak. A string where they led the majors with 31 homers and outscored their opponents by an incredible 101-30 margin. It ended on Friday in Toronto.

30.1 – points per game averaged by **Jayson Tatum** in the just completed NBA season to make him the first Celtics player ever to average 30 or more points a game.

Sports 101 Answer: The April record of 14 homers is shared by **Albert Pujols** (2006) and **Alex Rodriguez** (2007).

Glossary: Don Meredith: QB in the 1960s as the expansion Cowboys were on their way to becoming America's team who next teamed with **Frank Gifford** and **Howard Cosell** in the ABC booth when Monday Night Football was a national sensation. Dandy Don would sing "the party's over" when the game was out of reach.

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Woo-hoo, NH robotics teams!

Five student robotics teams from New Hampshire have qualified to compete in two upcoming world robotics championships in Texas. The robotics team from Spark Academy in Manchester and Awesome Potatoes, a team from Great Brook Middle School in Antrim, will head to the VEX World Championship in Dallas from April 25 through May 4. The Blue Box team from Windham Middle School and Windham High School, the Lakerbots from Inter-Lakes Middle High School in Meredith and Chop Shop 166 from Merrimack High School are competing in the 2023 FIRST Championship in Houston from April 19 through April 22.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *All teams currently have GoFundMe campaigns to help them raise the necessary funds for the trip.*

Help for the helpers

Elementary and early childhood educators in New Hampshire who are enrolled in the Lexia LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) one- and two-year training programs will be eligible to receive a stipend upon achieving a mastery level score of 80 percent, among other program completion requirements, according to a press release from the New Hampshire Department of Education. Gov. Chris Sununu and the Executive Council approved \$956,340 in federal funds to be distributed as stipends to qualifying educators in the amounts of \$1,000 for elementary educators and \$500 for early childhood educators. "These educators are working diligently to empower our youngest children to read proficiently, and they are spending their valuable free time advancing and integrating the science of reading so that New Hampshire can accelerate literacy learning for all students," New Hampshire education commissioner Frank Edelblut said in the release.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *Around 2,468 individuals have enrolled or pre-enrolled in the Lexia LETRS program since it was made available to educators in New Hampshire in November 2022. The program will continue to be offered through September 2024. Visit lexialearning.com/newhampshire-letrs to learn more and to register.*

Funds for the trail



Photo courtesy of Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

Merrimack County Savings Bank has contributed \$10,000 to the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, an initiative to create a continuous, off-street paved trail following the Merrimack River from Pembroke to Boscawen. According to a press release, the funds will support the development of Phase 2, a recreational trail to be built by

the City of Concord this year as part of the Merrimack River Recreation and Open Space Corridor, extending from the northern end of Terrill Park's wetland to Loudon Road's cornfields.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *When complete, the trail will be approximately 13 miles long and accessible to individuals with mobility challenges, according to the release. Visit merrimackrivergreenwaytrail.org.*

QOL score: 69

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BIG EVENTS APRIL 20 AND BEYOND



Friday, April 21

The beloved rock opera *Rent* is opening tonight at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) at 7:30 p.m. The show, loosely inspired by the opera *La Bohème*, follows a group of artists and friends as they try to survive in New York's Alphabet City while

the HIV/AIDS epidemic rages around them. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased at palacetheatre.org. The show runs through Sunday, May 14, with shows Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. as well as Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 21

Girl Named Tom is coming to the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.) today at 8 p.m. The band is siblings Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liech-

ty, and is the only group to ever win NBC's *The Voice*. Tickets to the show are \$29 to \$69 and can be purchased at nashuacenterforthearts.com.

Saturday, April 22

See the '80s glam rock cover "hair band" **Mullet** today at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord) today at 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. The band is known for putting on shows covering classic rock 'n' roll artists like Van Halen, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Journey and Poison. Tickets cost \$30.75 and can be purchased at ccanh.com.

Saturday, April 22

Celebrate all things Scottish with the **New Hampshire Indoor Scottish Festival** at Salem High School (44 Gernemonty Drive) today from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The festival will have competitions in Highland dance, bagpipes, Scottish snare, tenor and bass on stage. There will also be history talks, clan registrations, vendors, food trucks and more. Visit nhssa.org for more information.

Sunday, April 23

Shop for special antiques at the **Spring Vintage and Collectibles Sale** at the Timeless Toy Box (25 Elm St., Peterborough) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors will be set up to sell vintage toys, collectibles and more. Visit facebook.com/TimelessToyBox for more information.

Wednesday, April 26

Today is the opening day of the **Manchester Spring Carnival** at the JFK Arena parking lot (303 Beech St., Manchester), with

the gates opening at 5 p.m. The carnival will run through April 30 and will have a variety of tasty food, exciting games and thrilling rides. Entry costs start at \$30 online, \$35 on site. Visit fiestashows.com.



Save the Date: Thursday, April 27

The **Concord Multicultural Festival Latin Night** is tonight at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com) at 6 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. The show, presented by Barranquilla Flavor and the Concord Multicultural Festival, will have performances, dance demonstrations and South American cuisine. Tickets cost \$50 per person.

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HOW TO HOOK IN TO SOLAR POWER
AND OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES
PLUS WHERE TO CHECK OUT ELECTRIC CARS

By Mya Blanchard
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Tyler Costa hasn't had regular electric bills since 2021. Instead, he has lease payments of less than \$150 a month thanks to solar panels installed on the roof of his Nashua home.

"I decided to get solar panels as I believe in renewable energy sources and wanted to reduce my carbon footprint," Costa said.

While production is reduced during the winter months, any accumulated snow on the roof comes off fairly easily due to the dark, slippery surface of the panels, which warm up faster than shingles. "Lucky for me, I produce more than I consume, and the money I make comes back to me to make up [for] the small differences during the winter months," Costa said.

This past year, utility costs skyrocketed to all-time highs in New Hampshire. This increase was in part due to our reliance on natural gas.

"In New England we rely heavily on natu-

ral gas to generate electricity," said William Hinkle, media relations manager for Ever-source, New Hampshire's largest utility. "When the price of natural gas changes, we also see significant impacts to electric supply prices through New England, and that's what we saw last year."

One way to combat this is through the use of renewable energy sources.

What is renewable energy?

According to Rebecca Beaulieu, communications director and an organizer of 350 New Hampshire, renewable energy is defined as energy that is able to be harnessed continuously.

"Specifically, we mean clean renewable energy," she said. "Ones where they're not generating large amounts of waste or putting carbon dioxide, methane or other harmful chemicals into the air."

Examples of such sources include solar and hydropower, and wind, biomass and geothermal energy.

"New Hampshire ... is really far behind on renewable energy production," Beaulieu said of New Hampshire compared to other New England states.

According to the New Hampshire Department of Energy, more than half of the energy generated in the state comes from nuclear power. In 2021, renewable energy sources accounted for 16 percent of our in-state electricity generation, compared to Maine at 72 percent, and Vermont at nearly 100 percent, according to data from the Energy Information Administration. (More than half of Vermont's power comes from out of state, with the largest share coming from hydroelectric power, much of which is generated in Canada, according to the EIA.)

One of the most accessible forms of renewable energy for homeowners is solar power.

Around the sun

Solar power is sunlight converted by technology such as solar panels into electricity, as explained by the U.S. Department of Energy.

While it may have only accounted for 1



Photo courtesy of Merrimack Solar.

percent of the state's total net generation, according to the EIA, Beaulieu points out that "most of New Hampshire's solar energy production right now comes from households having solar panels on their roofs."

Getting solar panels installed on your house is a three- to four-month process with dozens of steps, only four of which the customer is involved in. The first step is contacting a solar installation company and working out a house's needs and space for solar panels.

"We very specifically design a system to that customer's usage and that customer's house and the angles on the roof and the position it sits facing the sun," said Mark Robichaud, founder of Merrimack Solar, a solar panel installation company that services New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Next is a site survey. Trained engineers come to your home and assess whether or not your house can support a solar system by looking at the condition of the roof, the structure and the electrical system to see if it is susceptible to damage.

The third step is getting approval from your town. Not only are towns usually happy to approve of solar panel installation, but having solar panels installed on your house can increase your home's value.

"The data bears out that houses with solar installed on them are making 4.1 percent more in sale and selling 16 percent faster than houses that do not have solar," Robichaud said.

Lastly, before the installation process can begin, the customer needs to obtain permis-

sion from their utility company. This involves the company installing the solar panels writing up details along with a computer-aided design drawing to send over to the utility company.

"The utility makes that final determination of whether or not we can move forward," Robichaud said.

Overall pricing, Robichaud said, comes down to the size and power of the system. He said a general rule of thumb is about \$4 per watt, meaning a 5-kilowatt system runs about \$20,000.

When going through Merrimack Solar, you can finance your solar system or agree to a power purchase agreement, where the customer doesn't pay for installation, but for the electricity, at a lower price.

"If you go ... ownership overall, you're saving upward of \$40,000 over your lifetime by going solar, because once a solar system is paid for, you don't pay for electricity anymore in most cases," Robichaud said. "We effectively become your power company."

According to Robichaud, 95 percent of Merrimack Solar's panels are made from recyclable material and are designed to last 40 years.

"Instead of using gas, coal and oil and falling victim to whatever they're charging for those, you're taking something that's free, the sun, and converting it into electricity onsite and using it at your house," Robichaud said. "You go from having no control over what you're paying for your electricity to having complete control."

Local solar installation companies

Here's a list of southern New Hampshire-based companies that work to install solar panels on residential and commercial buildings.

- **603 Solar** (24 Charter St., Exeter, 570-2607, 603solar.com)
- **Granite State Solar** (15 Ryan Road, Bow, 369-4318, granitestatesolar.com)
- **Merrimack Solar** (12 Madison Lane, Merrimack, 978-645-1261, merrimacksolar.com)
- **New England Solar Pros** (60 Blossom St., Nashua, 318-3232, nesolarllc.com)
- **Seventh Gen Solar** (814 Route 3A, Bow, 731-4777, seventhgensolar.com)
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- **Sunup Solar** (Auburn, 860-2509, sunup-solarnh.com)

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Plug-in rides

Electric vehicle showcases for Earth Day and beyond

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Jon Gundersen grew tired of making constant trips to the gas station during his long commutes to and from work. In 2011, he purchased his first electric car — a plug-in hybrid Chevrolet Volt — and he hasn't looked back.

"I've been driving electric vehicles ever since," he said. "My wife has a gas vehicle, so I've still pumped gas, but sometimes I'll go several months before I visit a gas station now."

Today, Gundersen is a member of the New England Electric Auto Association and volunteers with Drive Electric NH, a coalition promoting the adoption of electric vehicles in the Granite State. He has been involved in several EV showcases across southern New Hampshire, which offer opportunities for attendees to meet owners and ask questions about their cars.

One such showcase is happening at the Nashua Public Library on Saturday, April 22, as part of the city's inaugural Sustainability Fair and Earth Day Celebration.

Electric vehicles are on the rise in New Hampshire and nationally. According to a June 2022 report from the Edison Electric Institute, more than 26 million EVs are expected to be on U.S. roads by the year 2030 — that's up from the projected 18.7 million in its 2018 report. More than 65 different EV models are on the market today, and the EEI projects that number will grow to nearly 140 by 2024.

In the Granite State, there are more than 180 public EV charging stations statewide, according to Drive Electric NH, from the Massachusetts border stretching all the way up to the Great North Woods town of Colebrook.

The obvious perk to driving an electric vehicle, Gundersen said, is not having to pump gas. Instead, he has his own 220-volt charger in his home that, when plugged into the car's port overnight, fills its energy to capacity. Most EVs on the market, he said, can last anywhere between 250 and 350 miles on a full battery.

"Although electricity has gone up over the years, it's still not too bad. For me, at least, it's been pretty consistent," Gundersen said. "When I first got an EV, it was costing me \$30 a month in electricity, but at that time I was spending \$300 a month on gas. So that was a huge difference ... and even today it's still a little over a third of the cost of driving with gas, for my car anyways. It would be like buying a car that's like 80 miles to a gallon."

Another one of Gundersen's favorite things about EVs is their ability to generate instant torque.

"In an EV, the acceleration from zero to 60 [miles per hour], or even from 30 to 60, is incredibly quick," he said. "You touch the gas [pedal] and you can feel yourself push back in the seat, it takes off that fast. There's no waiting for a transmission to shift. It's



Rivian R1T. Photo by Jon Gundersen.

instantaneous. ... I like being able to step on the gas and instantly pass a truck on the highway or whatever."

Then there's a featured mechanism called regenerative braking, which feeds energy back into the car's battery simply by using its brakes.

"What happens is that when you take your foot off the gas, the electric motor acts sort of like a generator," Gundersen said. "It's generating power in a different way, creating a force that helps slow down the car ... [and] while you're slowing down the car is gaining energy in its battery."

Gundersen will be at the Nashua Sustainability Fair on April 22 with the EV he currently drives, a 2017 Chevrolet Bolt. His will be among at least eight registered models that will be on display in the library parking lot during the event, which will also feature local vendors, an electric yard equipment showcase, games, crafts, food trucks, raffle prizes, a bike repair clinic and a fashion show at noon.

"Some of the EV owners have owned one for years, and some of them are brand new to owning one, even maybe just within the last few months," Gundersen said. "Some of them will offer test drives, so they can take you around the block or just on a short little trip so that you can get a feel for what driving an electric car is like."

Where to go check out electric vehicles

Source: driveelectricearthday.org

Nashua Sustainability Fair & Earth Day Celebration

When: Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Nashua Public Library parking lot, 6 Hartshorn Ave., Nashua

Cost: Free admission

Visit: nashualibrary.org/attend/sustainability-fair

Co-sponsored by the City of Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services and the Nashua Public Library, this free community event will bring together dozens of local exhibitors to celebrate Earth Day, including nonprofits working in different areas of sustainability like clean energy, farming and environmental justice. There will also be an electric vehicle showcase with

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◀ PLUG-IN RIDES CONTINUED FROM PG 11 more than half a dozen makes and models, whose owners may offer test drives or rides at their discretion, plus an electric yard equipment showcase, games, crafts, food trucks, raffle prizes, a bike repair clinic and a thrift fashion show at noon.

Gilmanton Earth Day Celebration

When: Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Gilmanton Year Round Library, 1385 Route 140, Gilmanton
Cost: Free admission
Visit: gyrla.org

In partnership with the Gilmanton Energy Committee, the Gilmanton Year Round Library, New Hampshire Sierra Club, Univix Power Solutions and the New Hampshire Electric Co-op, this free event will feature an electric vehicle showcase, solar panel and energy storage tours at the library, and a 2 p.m. all-ages hike on the nearby trails.

Durham Earth Day Celebration and EV Showcase

When: Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: 66 Main St., Durham
Cost: Free admission
Visit: ci.durham.nh.us

The town of Durham's annual Earth Day celebration will feature a showcase of more than 15 electric vehicles by local owners, including some of the latest models. Some may even offer test drives or rides to attendees. There will also be displays supporting sustainable agriculture, plus information on home energy improvements and rebates, and details promoting composting as a means to reduce landfill waste.

Drive Electric Expo at the Monadnock Earth Day Festival

When: Saturday, April 22, noon to 4 p.m.
Where: Whitney Brothers parking area (adjacent to the Monadnock Food Co-op), 93 Railroad St., Keene
Cost: Free admission



Zero electric motorcycle. Photo by Jon Gundersen.

Visit: monadnockfood.coop

The Drive Electric Expo is happening as part of the Earth Day festival hosted by the Monadnock Food Co-op, the future site of southwestern New Hampshire's first public electric vehicle fast chargers. Attendees will have the chance to see more than a dozen EVs, representing several different automakers and ranging from sub-compact cars to sedans, SUVs and trucks. Vehicle owners will be on hand to share their knowledge and enthusiasm and answer questions. Many also offer test drives and rides. A series of five-minute mini-talks is scheduled throughout the afternoon, covering everything from home and public charging to long road trips with an EV, electric police vehicles and financial incentives to reduce EV costs. There will also be informational literature to pick up and a free drawing for a chance to win prizes.

Lowell Drives Electric

When: Saturday, April 29, noon to 4 p.m.
Where: Heritage Farm Ice Cream, 163 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell, Mass.
Cost: Free admission
Visit: facebook.com/lowelldriveselectric

Just over the state line in Lowell, Mass., Heritage Farm Ice Cream on Pawtucket Boulevard will be the site of an electric vehicle showcase with more than two dozen makes and models to check out. Vehicle owners will be on hand to answer questions from attendees about their experiences, and some may offer to take their cars for test drives.

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Other renewable energy sources

Besides solar, other common forms of renewable energy include hydropower, wind power, biomass and geothermal energy.

Hydropower takes the energy from falling water and converts it into electricity via a generator. This energy source was responsible for 7 percent of New Hampshire's total net generation in 2021, according to the EIA.

The Boscawen-based Granite State Hydropower Association has 50 small power plants across 35 towns in New Hampshire.

"If you look at some of the states with a high percentage of hydropower ... they have some of the cheapest rates in the nation," Association president Bob King said. "Hydropower ... has no fuel cost, so it is not susceptible to the incredible increase in natural gas prices that is

felt in the wallets of every ratepayer in New Hampshire."

Not only is hydropower emissions-free, but it also helps clean out bodies of water in the process by sifting out debris and trash as the water flows through a screen.

A turbine converts the kinetic energy of falling water into mechanical energy, which is then converted into electricity by a generator. For every 100 units of falling water kinetic energy, King said this produces about 80 to 90 units of electricity.

"It's clean, it's simple, it's efficient," he said.

When it comes to **wind energy**, EIA data shows that it made up 3 percent of New Hampshire's in-state electricity generation. That could rise in the future with the Gulf of Maine wind farm, a project that New Hampshire is part of a task force for. According to the Gulf of Maine Association, this "sea within a sea" covers 36,000 square miles of ocean and has 7,500 miles of coastlines, bordering New Hampshire,



Photo courtesy of the Granite State Hydropower Association.

Massachusetts, Maine and parts of Canada.

“There are areas that have been designated in the Gulf of Maine and will continue to be refined for renewable energy and for offshore wind,” said Rob Werner, the state director for the League of Conservation Voters.

The Gulf of Maine receives some of the most powerful and consistent winds in the world, according to the Natural Resources Council of Maine. To best capture this power, the wind turbines, which would be positioned on floating platforms, will likely be positioned 25 to 50 miles from the coast. Harnessing the wind energy from the Gulf of Maine has the potential to serve not only Maine but New Hampshire and Massachusetts, according to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Biomass is defined as fuel that comes from organic materials like wood and wood processing waste, agricultural crops and waste, sewage and animal manure. Converting such materials into energy prevents greenhouse gasses from entering the atmosphere during decomposition, according to the U.S. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Wood seems to account for most of New Hampshire’s biomass, according to the EIA, which reports that it accounted for 6 percent of the state’s total net electricity generation in 2021. Eighty-six percent of this came from the forest industry. The use of biomass is important to the forest industry as well as to landowners, said Jasen Stock, the director of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, as it gives another purpose to trees that are unsuitable for lumber.

“We have trees and we have a need to do forest management and so biomass is a great fit for managing land and at the same time making some renewable power,” Stock said. “You don’t get much more homegrown than that.”

Geothermal energy uses the heat flowing from the interior to the surface of the Earth. Wells are drilled into the earth to capture steam and hot water that can be used for electricity as well as heating and cooling.

In New Hampshire, the most commonly used type of geothermal system is referred to as an “open-loop” system, according to the state Department of Environmental Services. Groundwater is pumped out of the well and circulated through the building’s heat pump, where heat is extracted from or transferred into

the water. That water is then re-injected either into the same well or a separate well dedicated to re-injection.

Used less frequently, according to the department, is what’s called a “closed-loop” system, by which an antifreeze solution or refrigerant is circulated through an installed pipe in the drilled well.

The carbon dioxide emissions from geothermal energy are just one-sixth the amount from natural gas power plants, according to the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy. Despite the high upfront costs, this energy source is cost-effective, can operate in high capacity and is not affected by or dependent on weather.

Closer to a renewable future

While New Hampshire may be behind its New England neighbors, the state is taking steps to catch up. The state’s Renewable Energy fund projects that by 2025, 25.3 percent of the state’s electricity will come from renewable energy sources.

“We do have the technology that we need to move to renewable energy and prioritize our communities over [the] fossil fuel industry,” Beaulieu said.

One recent example Beaulieu mentioned is a 3.3-megawatt solar array in Manchester, unveiled last year at a former Dunbarton Road landfill. According to a press release from Boston-based Kearsarge Energy, which has partnered with the City of Manchester to complete the project, the electricity produced by the more than 8,000 solar modules is enough to power hundreds of homes annually across the Queen City.

In December, Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig announced that the city exceeded its initial projections for electricity produced from the array by 15 percent, generating about 4.37 million kilowatt hours of energy.

Beaulieu says that with solar and wind energy getting cheaper, the transition to renewable energy is becoming more feasible economically.

The environment has the ability to restore itself, she said, if we begin to take better care of it.

“There are a lot of individual people and businesses and legislatures moving this work forward,” Beaulieu said. 🍌

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The art of the can

Local printing company celebrates creativity of craft beer labels

By Katelyn Sahagian
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On Thursday, April 20, printing company Amherst Label in Milford will display the art of the beer can label with a showcase called “Canvas,” featuring artwork from 18 craft beers brewed in New England and New York.

“We’re always about shelf appeal and asking, ‘How do you tell your story,’” said Amherst Label’s president, Nye Hornor. “These breweries have knocked it out of the park.”

Hornor and his team will welcome 150 guests at the opening show. At the time of reporting, approximately half of the slots

Canvas

Where: Amherst Label, 15 Westchester Drive, Milford

When: Thursday, April 20, from 2 to 6 p.m.

More info and to RSVP: www.amherstlabel.com/canvas-rsvp

had been filled for the opening.

The plan is to have the artwork on display for a year, Hornor said. He hopes to either have private showings for small groups or have another larger gathering later in 2023 to continue celebrating the artwork.

This is not the first art show Amherst Labels has hosted, Hornor said. For the company’s 40th anniversary it hosted professional artists. A few years later, before the pandemic, it held small shows of artwork by employees and their family members.

With this year being Amherst Label’s 45th anniversary, Hornor wanted to do something special.

“We have a passion for breweries,” he said, noting that labels tell a story. “Breweries make a story on their can and we have put it in a gallery.”

Hornor and Ruth Sterling, who is the marketing manager at Amherst Labels, reached out to their clients and had them choose the 18 label designs that would be featured in the show. Five of those designs

come from New Hampshire breweries, including a design from Nashua’s Rambling House Food and Gathering and one from Concord’s Feathered Friend Brewing.

The artwork is set up with a 11- by 14-inch print of the artwork on the can, the can itself, and a quote from the artist telling the story behind the design. Visitors can scan a QR code to see more information about each of the artists and the art on display.

In addition to looking at the cans, visitors will be able to taste the beers that are displayed, have some tasty snacks and take a tour of the printing facilities.

While the show highlights the artists who design the cans, Hornor said it was important to recognize all the skill and effort that go into making each beer look perfect.

“Press men are artists,” said Hornor. “We have artists in house that work on artwork on a daily basis to ... match up what the artwork is meant to look like and have it at the end of the press as art.”



Courtesy photo.



The label for Formation 3 by Feathered Friend. Photoshop image by Tucker Jadcak.

Art

Exhibits

• “CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: AN IMMIGRANT’S JOURNEY IN DETENTION”

by New Hampshire photographer Becky Field is on display at Manchester Community College, Student Center Upper Level (1066 Front St. in Manchester; mcen.edu), through Thursday, April 20. The exhibit follows the life of an asylum seeker called Antony (a pseudonym) and features Field’s photographs as well as Antony’s artwork and poetry, according to a press release.

• **LOVE OUR PLANET** The Manchester Artists Association has original art works on display in the exhibit “Love Our Planet” at the New Hampshire Audubon Massabesic Center (6 Audubon Way in

Auburn) through Saturday, April 29, from noon to 5 p.m. on days the center is open, according to a press release. Artists will exhibit more than 30 original works in oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, mixed media and photography, and the works will be available for purchase, the release said. See manchesterartists.com.

• **“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) through Sunday, April 30, 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.

• **“TRASH TO TREASURE”** The

Mosaic Art Collective (66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester; mosaicartcollective.com) is exhibiting “Trash to Treasure” in partnership with the New Hampshire Art Association. “This environmentally conscious show invites artists to reimagine their recyclables, giving new life to objects in unexpected ways,” according to a press release. The exhibit will be on display through Sunday, April 30. See the website for hours or information on making an appointment or to see the exhibit digitally.

• **NATALIA YURESKO-BELOUS** The Gallery at West Pearl Street (100 W. Pearl St. in Nashua; HollisArtsSociety.org) will feature an exhibit from Ukrainian guest artist Natalia Yuresko-Belous, a new member of the Hollis Arts Society who works in landscapes, still

life, portraits and mural paintings, according to a press release. The exhibit, her first major exhibition in America, will be on display until Tuesday, May 30, the release said. The gallery will be open Thursday, April 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 15, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, April 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 22, from 3 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 29, from 2 to 4 p.m..

• **“SEEING IS NOT BELIEVING: AMBIGUITY IN PHOTOGRAPHY,”** has opened at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144). “This exhibition explores photographs that make us question what we are looking at. Still lifes, abstract images, and manipulated photographs heighten our sense of wonder,” according to the Currier’s website. The Currier is open Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (with Art After Work, when admission is free, between 5 to 8 p.m.), and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **“A GARDEN STORY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT”** The New Hampshire Audubon’s McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road in Concord; nhaudubon.org) will display “A Garden Story Photography Exhibit” through July 5. The center is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **“HEART MATTERS”** New Hampshire resident and scenic designer Hannah Joy Hopkins will have her paintings on display at the New Hampshire Art Association’s Art Center Dover (1 Washington St., Suite 1177, in Dover; [\[nhaudubon.org\]\(http://nhaudubon.org\), 978-6702\) in the exhibit “Heart Matters” through Sunday, April 30. “Hopkins crafts her paintings on canvas using acrylic, ink, and paper collage. The multilayered result, which resembles encaustic wax paintings, displays a variety of fruits and flowers that symbolize the emotional matters of the heart,” according to the press release. The gallery is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.](http://nhartasso-</p>
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• **“HEAD’S UP: THE MANY HATS WOMEN WEAR”** The Women’s Caucus for Arts’ NH Chapter will present the exhibit “Head’s Up: The Many Hats Women Wear” at Twigg’s Gallery (254 King St. in Boscaawen; 975-0015, twiggsgallery.org) through Saturday, May 27. “The hat theme is expressed in a wide variety of works that include paintings, sculptures, one-of-a-kind artist books, small installations, photography and mixed media pieces,” according to a press release. The gallery is open Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

• **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 emigrat-

ed during the Russian invasion of Crimea, bringing his and his wife’s work with him, the release said.

• **“WHERE PAINTERLY ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONVERGE”** at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust (321 Main St. in New London) features 15 paintings and one sculpture displayed with photographs used as reference images, according to a press release. The exhibit will hang at Bar Harbor Bank for three months and will feature the works of 12 painters and four photographers, the release said.

• **“MEMOIRS OF A GHOST GIRLHOOD: A BLACK GIRL’S WINDOW”** In the exhibit on display at the Currier Museum of Art (50 Ash St. in Manchester; 669-6144, currier.org), “artist Alexandria Smith has created an immersive multimedia environment using wallpaper, paintings on wood, found objects and sculpture. It will be accompanied by an original site-specific composition, // windowed// by Liz Gre,” according to the website. Museum admission costs \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors age 65 and up, \$10 for students, \$5 for youth ages 13 through 17 and is free for children age 12 and under and museum members. Current museum hours are Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Monday through Wednesday. • **“IN FULL BLOOM: FLOREAL STILL LIFE & GARDEN PAINTINGS FROM THE 19th CENTURY TO THE PRESENT”** is on display at the New Hampshire Antique Co-op (323 Elm St. in Milford; nhantiquecoop.com,

A SHOW OF FRIENDS

“all my friends are in This show” is the name of the exhibit, curated by Yasamin Safarzadeh, at the Carolyn Jenkins & Jill C. Wilson Galleries at Kimball Jenkins (266 N. Main St. in Concord; kimballjenkins.com, 225-3932) Thursday, April 20, through July 7. A public reception for the show will be held Saturday, April 22, from 7 to 9 p.m., featuring music from Cozy Throne and Gemma Soldati. The show is described as an “inclusive, interactive, engaging and bold curation of innovative artists who actively shape their communities as educators, organizers, activists and facilitators,” according to the website.

Find gallery hours, which vary weekly, on the website.

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THE ROUNDUP

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

• **Member appreciation:** The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144) is celebrating Member Appreciation Week, with special tours, discounts and more for museum members. Membership costs \$50 for an individual and \$80 for a household and includes free admission for members to the museum, passes for guest admissions and discounts, according to the website. Perks this week include a free drink ticket at the Thursday, April 20, Arts After Work and a member scavenger hunt on Friday, April 21; on Saturday, April 22, there will be a member-only tour of the new exhibit "Seeing is Not Believing: Ambiguity in Photography," and there's a discount for brunch on Sunday, April 23, the website said.

• **Ballet:** Safe Haven Ballet will present its production of *Beauty and the Beast* on Saturday, April 22, at 4:30 p.m. at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St. in Nashua; nashuacenterforthearts.com, 800-657-8774). Tickets cost \$45, \$40 for seniors and children. The production is described as fit for the whole family, according to the website. For more on Safe Haven Ballet, see safehavenballet.org.

• **Photography contest:** Merrimack County Savings Bank is holding its annual community photo contest. Through Wednesday, May 31, send up to five entries of color photography for the calendar and five entries for digital use on the bank's social media pages, with winning photos awarded \$100 for the photographer, according to a press release. "To be considered, photos should depict aspects of community life in New Hampshire, with a special focus on the unique character and charm of Merrimack, Hillsborough and Rockingham counties," the release said. Go to themerrimack.com/community-photo-contest for the rules and how to enter.

• **100 years of music:** Symphony NH will celebrate its centennial with "Symphony NH: Momentum! 100 year anniversary Concert" on Saturday, April 29, at 4 p.m. at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St. in Nashua; nashuacenterforthearts.com, 800-657-8774). The concert will feature two pieces played at Symphony NH's first concert 100 years ago — a movement from Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony* and Strauss' "On the Beautiful Blue Danube," according to the website, as well as Dvorak featuring cellist Amit Peled and Brahms. Tickets for adults start at \$39; tickets for 65+ start at \$34, ages 12 to 17 cost \$12 and kids under 12 get in for free, the website said.

• **Poetry month finale:** Poets Katie Farris and Ilya Kaminsky will read from their works at the Community Church of Harrisville and Chesham in Harrisville on Sunday, April

30, at 4:30 p.m. as part of The Loom poetry series. Farris will read from her latest book, *Standing in the Forest of Being Alive*; Kaminsky, who was born in Odessa, Ukraine, is best known for his book *Deaf Republic*, according to a press release. See TheLoomPoetry.com. The event is free and open to the public.

• **New England joy:** The 37th annual Omer T. Lassonde Exhibition at the Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery (136 State St. in Portsmouth; nhartassociation.org) is "uncaged joy" featuring 70 works from New England artists in various media, according to a press release. The exhibit will be on view through Sunday, April 30; the gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

• **Find the rest/ROOM:** The New Hampshire Art Association's Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery (136 State St. in Portsmouth; nhartassociation.org, 431-4230) will host the exhibit "rest/ROOM," the first exhibit in the micro in the W.C. Gallery, through July 2. The gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

• **Magnificat poetry:** New Hampshire poet Russell Rowland will present his second full-length volume of poems, *Magnificat*, at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St. in Concord; 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Thursday, April 27, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

• **Reggae Festival:** The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire (222 Court St. in Portsmouth; 570-8469, blackheritagetraillnh.org) will hold its Reggae Festival on Saturday, June 17, one of the Trail's new events in celebration of Juneteenth, according to a press release. The festival will take place at the park at Strawberry Banke Museum (14 Hanover St. in Portsmouth) from noon to 10 p.m. — the lineup so far includes Marcia Griffiths, Glen Washington, Brigadier Jerry, Nadine Sutherland, Lady G and Onyx Brown, all accompanied by Derrick Barnett and the Statement Band, the release said. Tickets purchased by April 30 cost \$30; starting May 1, tickets cost \$60. VIP tickets, which include a whiskey tasting, priority access seating and a VIP Tent, cost \$100. Children ages 6 to 10 cost \$10. See blackheritagetraillnh.org/reggae-festival.

• **Virtual visit:** Gibson's Bookstore in Concord will take part in a virtual author event on Wednesday, May 3, at 7 p.m. with Kat Howard, whose latest book is *A Sleight of Shadows*. The book continues the story begun in *An Unkindness of Magicians*, according to a press release. See gibsonsbookstore.com for registration for this Zoom event and for ticket and book packages.

• **Horror night:** Horror author Cassandra Khaw will visit Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St. in Concord; gibsonsbookstore.com, 224-0562) on Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss her new novella *The Salt Grows Heavy* 📖

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Call for art

• NEST Twiggs Gallery (254 King St. in Boscawen; 975-0015, twiggs-gallery.org) is inviting New Hampshire artists to enter works inspired by nests or nesting in the Twiggs summer juried exhibition "NEST," according to a press release. The deadline to enter is Sunday, April 23; visit the website for the information about submitting works.

Workshops and classes

• CRAFTSMEN WORKSHOPS The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org) is partnering with the League of NH Craftsmen for a series of workshops with local master craft artists, according to a Currier email. The workshops will take place on the second Saturdays of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Classes include "Basket Weaving" with Ruth Bolton on Saturday, April 8; "Jewelry Making" with Paulette Werger on Saturday, May 14, and "Soft Leather Cuff Bracelets" with Diane Louise Paul on Saturday, June 10, according to the website.

• KIMBALL JENKINS (266 N. Main St. in Concord; kimballjenkins.com, 225-3932) has several adult and teen classes on the schedule in the coming months. Classes range from one-day workshops to month-long or longer classes. The schedule includes wheel throwing (with classes for beginners and intermediate), Modern & Contemporary Dance (for teen, ages 11 and up, and a class for adults), Medieval Illumination, Introduction to Adobe Lightroom, watercolor classes, Fundamentals of Printmaking, Painting in Oil or Acrylic, Life Drawing, Non-Toxic Etching and more. See kimballjenkins.com/adultclasses for class schedules and links to class descriptions, material requirements and registration.

• ART CLASSES Art classes for teens and adults, including Pottery, Stained Glass, Intermediate Watercolor and Clay Hand Building. Studio 550 Art Center (550 Elm St., Manchester). Five-week sessions. Classes met for two hours a week. Call 232-5597 or visit 550arts.com for the full schedule and cost

details.

• DRAWING & PAINTING

CLASSES Art House Studios, 66 Hanover St., Suite 202, Manchester. Classes include Drawing Fundamentals, Painting in Acrylic, Drawing: Observation to Abstraction, Exploring Mixed Media, and Figure Drawing. Class sizes are limited to six students. Visit arthousestudios.org or email arthousejb@gmail.com for more information.

• GENERAL ART CLASSES

Weekly art classes offered for kids and adults of all skill levels and cover a variety of two-dimensional media, including drawing and painting with pastel, acrylic, watercolor and oils. Classes are held with small groups of students. Diane Crespo Fine Art Gallery (32 Hanover St., Manchester). Kids classes, open to ages 10 and up, are held on Thursdays and Fridays, from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Adult classes are held on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuition is pay-as-you-go at \$20 per student per class, due upon arrival. Call 493-1677 or visit dianecrespofineart.com for availability.

Theater

Shows

• RENT the rock musical will run at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org, 668-5588) Friday, April 21, through Sunday, May 14. Showtimes are Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 to \$51.

• PAIN/TJ by Will Murdock, about an artist who suffers an accident that prevents him from painting, continues at The Players' Ring (105 Marcy St. in Portsmouth; playersring.org, 436-8123) this weekend with shows Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. The play continues through Saturday, April 22. Tickets cost \$27, \$24 for students and seniors.

• ANIMAL CIRQUE ALFONSE "reimagines Quebec folklore" with acrobats, musicians, dancers and more at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College (100 Saint Anselm Drive in Manchester; tickets.anselm.edu) on Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$45.

• SHE KILLS MONSTERS produced by Dive In Productions will

run Friday, April 28, through Sunday, May 14, with show times at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets cost \$22, \$19 for seniors and students.

• PINOCCHIO, a Palace Youth Theatre vacation camp production performed by student actors in grades 2 through 12, will play at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org, 668-5588) on Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m. Tickets cost \$12 to \$15.

• THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME will be presented by Actorsingers Friday, May 5, through Sunday, May 7, at the Keefe Auditorium (117 Elm St. in Nashua). See actorsingers.org.

Classes/workshops

• CAMP ENCORE The Prescott Park Arts Festival in Portsmouth has announced the dates and productions for its three multi-week summer camp sessions. Session 1, Theatre Creatures, will run three weeks, Monday, June 19, through Sunday, July 9, and feature Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids and The Aristocats Kids with public productions Saturday, July 8, and Sunday, July 9, at 11 a.m. Session 2, Stage Folks, runs two weeks, Monday, July 10, through Sunday, July 23, with productions on Saturday, July 22, and Sunday, July 23, at 11 a.m. Sessions 1 and 2 are open to ages 7 to 17. Session 3, Prescott Teens (Teen Musical Theatre Intensive), runs two weeks, Monday, July 24, through Sunday, Aug. 6, with shows Saturday, Aug. 5, and Sunday, Aug. 6, at 11 a.m. See prescottpark.org.

Classical

• UKULELE The Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group will hold its ninth annual Fundraising Luau on Saturday, April 22, at 4 p.m. at Austin 17 House in Brentwood (263 Route 125), according to a press release. The event will feature ukulele groups including Steve Roy, The Silver Tones, The Unlikely Strummers, Desperate Strings Trio, A&W Ukulele Players and Uke Pitt as well as an appearance by hula dancer Atsuko Nemoto, the release said. Tickets cost \$20 (plus fees) and are available at snhugluau9.brownpapertickets.com. The event will include food, a cash bar, raffles and play-alongs. Proceeds benefit Ukulele Kids Club. See snhug.wordpress.com.

PART OF YOUR WORLD

The Anselmian Abbey Players will present Disney's *The Little Mermaid* at the Dana Center, Saint Anselm College (100 Saint Anselm Road in Manchester; tickets.anselm.edu, 641-7700), on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, at 7 p.m. as well as Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$20, \$8 for youth and \$17 for seniors.



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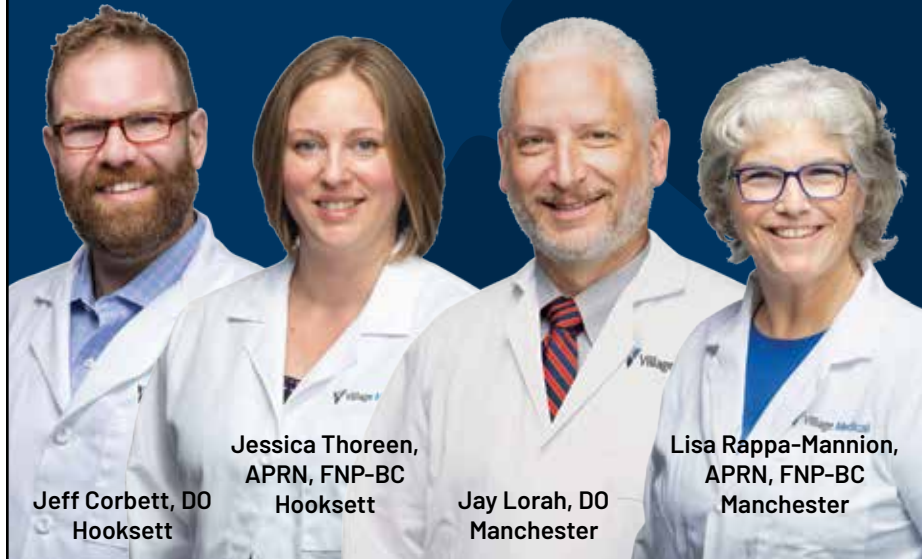
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In record time

Celebrate music with Record Store Day

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Special releases and pressings of records will be gone before consumers know it on Record Store Day.

Across the country and the world, millions of people will go to record stores to snatch up limited-edition vinyls.

“There’s about 500 titles this year, which is a lot less than they’ve had in the past,” said Bill Proulx of Metro City Records in Manchester. “There are lots of limited-edition records that don’t go on sale until that day. Usually, every-

thing sells out in half an hour to an hour.”

One of the biggest titles coming to the day will be a special pressing of Taylor Swift’s album *Folklore* that will have never-before-featured music and audio. Swift’s album had been produced during the pandemic and in complete isolation. This special edition, called *Folklore: The Long Pond Studio Recording*, has 115,000 copies going on sale around the world on Record Store Day, with 75,000 going on sale in the States.

Other titles stores are excited about include a release from Billy Joel before he was popular, singing covers of Elton John and other influences in the piano man’s music. There will also be

a multi-record release from Van Halen and live recordings from Pearl Jam and Grateful Dead concerts.

“The growth of physical music sales, like CDs, bottomed out and vinyl has been a straight growth since Record Store Day started,” said Chris Brown, vice president of finance for Bull Moose Music, which has a store in Salem. “Now it’s crazy. Probably more records will sell on this one day than [sold in] all of 2007; it’s that big.”

Brown had been the head of the coalition that founded Record Store Day. He said that it was something that everyone in his group felt was doable, combining special releases of records with local live bands performing, and other little perks the stores felt they could pull off.

On the first year of Record Store Day in 2008, Brown hadn’t expected much to happen. He said the group had anticipated 200 stores across the country to participate, and to amass a small following of hardcore record collectors. Instead, the day was more successful than he’d thought it would be.

“Something like 600 stores participated that year, and that was really just in the U.S.,” Brown said. “Way more people showed up than we thought. The vibe was wonderful. It changed the mood in the music industry.”



Brown noticed that there’s a change in Record Store Day’s participating artists. Instead of being focused more on classic rock bands from the 1970s, there’s a growing number of groups from the late 1980s and 1990s. Even modern bands and musicians other than Swift, like The 1975 and Post Malone, are participating in the day.

“The trends look like [Record Store Day is] trying to get new people in stores,” said John Benedict, the owner of Music Connection in Manchester. “The focus seems to be on things that kids might buy today. [The records] are not appealing to me as much anymore.”

Benedict said that he’s happy to see vinyl still being celebrated and having younger generations love it the way he had. He said that, to him, records represented more than just a physical copy of music, it’s the only way music was accessible for his generation.

“Most customers have maybe 25 to 50 records tops,” Benedict said. “Their collections don’t get into hundreds anymore.” 🍌

Record Store Day participating stores

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Metro City Records

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Music Connection

1711 S. Willow St., Manchester, 644-0199, musicconnection.us

Newbury Comics

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• See the 26th annual **Model Train and Modeling Show** on Sunday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at David R. Cawley Middle School (89 Whitehall Road, Hooksett). The show will have vendors, demonstrations, a white elephant table, raffles and more. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6 to 12; children 5 and younger are free. Visit trainweb.org/cmrc.

Celebrate the Earth

• The Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover) is hosting an **Earth Day Celebration** on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be a planting activity, art crafts with recycled materials, an Earth Day-themed scavenger hunt and more. Sessions cost \$12.50 for adults and children older than 1 year, \$10.50 for seniors, free for children younger than 1 year. Visit childrens-museum.org.

• **Celebrate Earth Day** and learn about animals at the Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way, Auburn) on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be guided nature walks, animal ambassador demonstrations, gardening demonstrations, children's story time and crafts. The cost is \$10 for a

family of four members, \$15 for a family of four non-members. Visit nhaudubon.org.

• Head to The Educational Farm at Joppa Hill (174 Joppa Hill Road, Bedford) for **Earth Day Fun at the Farm** on Saturday, April 22, from noon to 1:30. There will be a family-friendly hike, a lesson with Miss Jen on recycling and composting, and an Earth Day-themed craft. Tickets cost \$20 per family. Register in advance at educational-farm-at-joppa-hill.square.site.

April vacation camps

• Kids ages 6 to 14 can keep practicing their soccer skills at the **Seacoast United April Vacation Camp** at the New Hampshire Technical Institute (31 College Drive, Concord) running April 24 through April 28. The camp will have lessons for kids of all skill levels, and there are half- and full-day options, from 9 a.m. to noon or from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Half-day for the week costs \$165, full day costs \$240. Visit seacoastunited.com.

• Get ready for **Flower Power!** April vacation camp at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester) running April 24 through April 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp is grouped by age: ages 6 and 7, ages 8 through 10, and ages 11 through 14. Cost is \$350 for non-members, \$315 for members. Visit currier.org to register.

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• Merrimack Parks and Recreation Department is holding a daily **April vacation program** starting on Monday, April 24, for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade. Kids will play games and sports and do crafts outside at Wasserman Park (116 Naticook Road). Kids who attend more than one day must be registered for each day. The cost for one day is \$60 for a single child, each additional child is \$55. Visit merrimack.recdesk.com.

INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,
I was wondering if you have any information on this item that was my parents'. I believe it is made from heavy tin or something similar. It has a beautiful floral picture on it. I hope you might know something.

Thanks,
Joanne



about \$20.

I hope this was helpful, Joanne, and you still have a use for your piece.

Thanks for sharing.

Donna Welch has spent more than 30 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing, and recently closed the physical location of From

Out Of The Woods Antique Center (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com) but is still doing some buying and selling. She is a member of The New Hampshire Antiques Dealer Association. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna at footwdw@aol.com, or call her at 391-6550 or 624-8668.

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Things to try — or not!

One option: grow a lot of something you love

By Henry Homeyer
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— THE GARDENING GUY —

Are you in a rut? Spring is here, but most of us cannot plant anything outdoors due to cold nights or wet ground. Yes, you can plant seeds indoors and baby them until early summer, but that requires a place to grow them and lights to keep them happy. So maybe you should put on your thinking cap and decide what you want to do later on, and do some research.

For starters, you could join a plant society, of which there are many. If you love daylilies, join the American Hemerocallis Society. You will find people who love daylilies, too, but have much more knowledge than you ever will. You will learn how to collect seeds and to hybridize daylilies of new colors.

Or what about the International Aroid Society? The Arum genus has a diverse collection of plants from skunk cabbage to philodendrons to Colocasia yams. The Plumeria Society of America is focused solely on the 11 species of plumeria, known as frangipani in English. Hostas? Wildflowers? Boxwood or bonsai? There are societies for each and every group.

An easy project indoors would be to start an avocado tree. Avocados ripen in California starting in spring and going through summer. Winter avocados won't usually sprout from their seeds — they have been in cold storage too long. The classic method is to perch a seed in a glass of water using three toothpicks to keep its bottom just kissing the water. Put the point end up and the fat end down. I cut one open recently, and it was already sprouting! So I planted it in a mixture of potting soil and compost. I let the sprout just peek out above the soil line.

I have grown many avocado trees over the years, generally by recognizing the shiny leaves in my compost pile. So I know that you don't have to suspend the seed in water — they will be glad to grow in compost. When I lived in West Africa I was able to buy avocados for a penny or two apiece, and often fed them to our cats. Cats love them because of their oil content. I have a 5-foot-tall avocado tree growing in a 12-inch pot that lives as a house plant in winter and goes out on the deck in summer. It started life in the compost pile.

Try to remember the favorite flowers of your grandparents, or your parents. This would be a good time to ask your mom, for example, what did her mom really love? My grandmother, who died in 1953, loved peonies. My mother, may she rest in peace, dug up one of her mom's peonies and moved it from Spencer, Mass., to Woodbridge, Connecticut, and grew it for decades before I came along and divided it in the early 1980s and brought a part of it to Cornish Flat, where I live. The peony I



Oaks are pretty for us and food for caterpillars and wildlife. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

got is 'Festiva Maxima,' a highly fragrant double white with splotches of red inside — blood from a fairy princess, I think.

If your Grammy loved roses, study your yard and figure out where one could go in loving memory of her. And do a little research now if you have never grown roses. Roses are easier to grow now than they were 40 or 50 years ago when Grammy was growing them. I love the 'Knockout' series of roses. The Knockouts are not fragrant, so they do not attract Japanese beetles, and they bloom for months.

Think about planting an oak later in the month. Many gardeners don't think of planting oaks, saying they get too big or grow too slowly. But it has been proven that oaks are the No. 1 best plant to support our birds, pollinators and mammals. And you can even plant a sprouting acorn now.

Oaks probably grow faster than you think. I planted several bare-root oaks in the spring of 2021. They were as thick as a pencil and only a foot or two tall. In two years many of them have taken off and are 3 feet tall or more, and they will be 10 feet tall in less than five years.

Want a fast-growing flowering tree? Plant a catalpa. They are native and the flowers are amazing. Fragrant, attractive. The leaves are huge — big enough that Native Americans used them for diapers for babies, I've read. I bought a 10-footer five years ago and now it is already a shade tree — 25 feet tall with a 20-foot-wide crown.

What else can you do? Grow a lot of something you love, starting from seed. I love rosemary, and recently bought a packet of seeds and planted 50 seeds. If all goes well, I will have plenty to share.

I will grow them on an electric heat mat (designed for use with seeds) as they germinate best at temperatures in the 70s. Once they have germinated I will grow them under very bright LED lights and will transplant them into rows in my vegetable garden in mid-June. Of course I will keep some in pots, and grow them on the deck.

Lastly, plan on growing a vegetable you have never grown before. You might try tiny decorative pumpkins, or huge ones. Or rutabagas. Dreaming big is part of being a gardener.

Henry is the author of four gardening books. He lives in Cornish Flat, N.H. Reach him by email at henry.homeyer@comcast.net.

In relationships, money can't compare to contentment



*Dear Car Talk:
I love your column for the entertainment as well as to learn more about cars!*

My companion, Randy, owns a 1996 Lincoln Town Car that has 136,000 miles on it. He often gets asked if he wants to sell it. He always says he will for the right price. A guy asked him about selling it just yesterday. Randy told him to think about what he'd be willing to offer for it.

Ray, this has been a very good car for him. It has only needed cosmetic maintenance and light repairs done to it in the eight years Randy has owned it. The most expensive thing it needed was a brake job.

I can't imagine this guy will offer him anything close to what he would need to buy a good used car to replace it. I'm afraid if he sells it to this guy who makes an offer, Randy will end up regretting making the sale.

What do you think? Should Randy hold on to this car and continue to bet that it won't need any major repairs done soon, or should he sell it?

Randy is 69 years old, by the way, so it's possible that this car could last him the rest of his driving years. Please share your thoughts.
— Laurie

I'll give you two different answers, Laurie. From an economic point of view, it probably makes sense to keep the Town Car. He knows the car, he presumably has a mechanic who knows it, and it's almost always more expensive to buy a new car than it is to keep an old one.

Now, it is an old car. So, the engine could seize up tomorrow. And there's safety equipment on newer cars he's missing. But assuming he's confident it's in good condition, the economics probably point to keeping it.

But here's the more important answer, Laurie: Let him decide.

It's always good for people in relationships to have self-determination over at least some parts of their own lives. There are lots of things that you decide together — where to live, whether to have kids, what to watch on Netflix, tacos or Chinese food tonight. And those decisions often involve compromise.

It's nice when each partner has at least a few things in life that they get to decide on their own. Even if they make dumb decisions.

So, I'd say, it's his car. If he still loves it and wants to keep it, he should keep it. If he's bored with it or is tired of having to find two adjacent parking spaces for it at the mall, he should sell it and get something he likes better.

The money is insignificant in comparison to his happiness, and his contentment being

in a relationship with you.

So, I'd say, "Randy, I love that car. But it's your car, so do whatever you want. And we're getting Chinese tonight."

Dear Car Talk:

Some weeks ago, you published a letter from a reader about excessive oil use in their 2012 Equinox four-cylinder.

I have the same car and experienced the same oil usage until Chevrolet recalled the car about two years ago to replace a faulty sensor. Since then, oil usage has stopped. I also clean the PVC regularly now. Thanks.
— Steve

You're lucky, Steve.

There were several problems with this generation of Equinox.

It sounds like you had the one that was easiest to fix. Whatever good karma you've been generating in life (helping little kids learn to read, helping people in their 60s work their TV remotes), keep it up.

I don't remember a recall — more likely a non-mandatory Technical Service Bulletin — on a sensor that relates to oil leaks on this car. But perhaps you had a leaky oil pressure switch.

That sensor screws into the side of the engine block, on or near the oil filter housing.

If that was leaking, that could explain your oil loss.

But if that was Other Steve's (the original reader) problem, I think his mechanic would have noticed it.

A leaky oil pressure switch makes an enormous mess. There would be oil all over the subframe and probably dripping on the ground, too.

So, I suspect any good mechanic, when changing his oil, would have said, hey, wait, what the heck is all this, and do the Saudis know about it yet?

If it wasn't your oil switch, it could have been a clogged PVC valve — since you mention that you now clean it. There was a bulletin on that; it can cause the rear main seal to leak or be damaged.

But I think Original Steve was not leaking oil. He was burning oil. And in that case, it was probably the faulty piston rings that Chevrolet ultimately agreed to replace in a class action suit — but which Original Steve was too late to claim.

It can't hurt to check, though. So, if he hasn't had his mechanic check his oil switch, his PVC and his rear main seal, he certainly should. I'm just not optimistic he's going to get off as easily as you did, Steve.

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ON THE JOB

CHRIS CONROY

VIDEO PRODUCTION CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Conroy is president and creative director of Heartwood Media, a video production company in Manchester.

Q: *Explain your job and what it entails.* the finishing touches on our production.

My official title is Creative Director at Heartwood Media, a video production company. But I'm really a storyteller. I help businesses reach new customers and attract new employees, help organizations raise money for good causes, and I help brands improve their visibility, all through the magic of video. Heartwood handles all aspects of video production from planning to delivery. In pre-production, I work directly with clients, their staff and customers to visualize and plan a project. Great visuals are essential to a successful video, so during production I direct the crew, work with talent and conduct interviews. In post-production ... I work with our team — editors, graphics artists, animators — to put

How long have you had this job?
Twenty-seven years. I started when I was 10.

What led you to this career field and your current job?

I've always been involved in creative activities. I was in band, chorus and drama club in school. I signed up for a radio and TV course in college. I enjoyed it, and I was good at it. It seemed like a natural fit.

What kind of education or training did you need?

New York Institute of Technology, my college, had a daily news program where students filled the roles of reporters, camerapeople and

editors. ... It was great training for the real world. I started working in news right after graduation for an all-news station on Long Island. Shooting one-and-a-half-minute stories daily really helped to hone my skills. I worked at CNN for a while as an editor and cameraman. Then I moved into syndicated TV before moving to New Hampshire. As I moved on and up, I wore a lot of different hats — camera, sound, editor, grip, PA, producer — I've been there, done that, and I have the T-shirt for just about every role on a production. I even do a little makeup on our shoots.



Chris Conroy. Photo by Rosemary Conroy.

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

I will always be learning.

What do you wish other people knew about your job?

How interesting it is. I have to understand a client's story, product or service before I can tell it for them in a video. ... Through my work, I know a little bit about so many different things.

What was the first job you ever had?

I delivered papers for Newsday.

What is your typical at-work uniform or attire?

Typical director wear — jodhpurs, riding crop and monocle. Kidding! Usually khakis or jeans and a button-down shirt.

What is the most challenging thing about your work, and how do you deal with it?

Staying on top of changes and working with our clients to find the best fit for them. For example, during the pandemic we outfitted some clients with tripods and ring lights and trained them so they could record good-looking video. In some instances it makes sense for our clients to film things themselves and use our expertise in storytelling to edit a final video.

What's the best piece of work-related advice you've ever received?

Sometimes understanding what not to do is more important than learning what to do.

— Angie Sykeny 🍌

Five favorites

- Favorite book:** *Stop That Pickle!*
- Favorite movie:** It's impossible to pick just one film.
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News from the local food scene

By Matt Ingersoll
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• **Gyros to go:** Join St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral (650 Hanover St., Manchester) for **A Taste of Glendi**, a gyro drive-thru event happening on Saturday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For \$10, you can get a bagged meal featuring a ground lamb gyro with herbs and spices, a bag of chips, a soda and water. Orders are drive-up and cash only. Glendi, the three-day Greek food festival and 40+ year tradition at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, is due to return in mid-September. See stgeorghen.org for more details.

• **A fruitful discussion:** Learn how to grow a healthy fruit crop during a free outdoor workshop at King Street Vineyards (25 King St., Milford) on Wednesday, April 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Topics to be covered will include establishing goals and setting expectations for your fruit harvest this season, as well as proper feeding and watering requirements and how to identify and address pests that may threaten your crop. As the event takes place outdoors, bringing your own lawn chairs is recommended. Opening day at the nursery, meanwhile, is slated for Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — according to its website, families visiting with children on opening day can take home two New England strawberry plants per child. Space is limited for the April 26 workshop so register early online at kingstreetvineyards.com.

• **Get ready for ribs:** Tickets are on sale now to this year's **Great American Ribfest & Food Truck Festival**, a three-day event slated to return to Anheuser-Busch Brewery (221 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack) from Friday, July 21, through Sunday, July 23. In addition to eats from a wide array of barbecuers and food trucks, the outdoor festival boasts a full schedule of live performances throughout the weekend. New this year will be an expanded children's area and a People's Choice rib sampler. The event will kick off with a concert on Friday night, followed by two days of festivities, all to take place rain or shine. Advance admission is \$32.50 for adults and \$14.50 for kids ages 10 to 16 for the Friday night concert; and \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors over 60 and military service members for Saturday and Sunday (kids ages 26 ▶

FOOD

Pies, greens and submarines

The Ricochet opens in Derry

By Matt Ingersoll
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Derry native Joey McCarran fondly remembers Romano's Pizzeria, a town institution for nearly two decades. After several years spent on the West Coast post-college, McCarran and his wife, Lauren, are now back in his hometown — they're known as "Jo and Lo," and they've just opened a new restaurant together in the same storefront he used to frequent growing up.

The couple's own experiences traveling across the country and returning home, McCarran said, inspired the name of their new eatery: The Ricochet. Gourmet pizza pies, calzones and hot subs are among the stars of the menu, which also features appetizers, salads, craft beers and cocktails.

"We like to say that the whole thing about this place and what we tried to do here is that it's a feeling," he said. "You're going to ricochet off the walls here but at the end of the day you'll end up where you're supposed to, and that's kind of what we were thinking we did. ... We were here, there and everywhere. We hadn't really planned on moving back to New Hampshire, but I grew up here, my family is still around, and I wanted our daughters to be able to come back."

The couple took over the space last July and have been hard at work ever since on renovations and menu development. Ricky Alback, who McCarran said had been an employee at Romano's at the time of the ownership change, has stayed on to serve as The Ricochet's head chef.

"Ricky and I, we've been working tirelessly over here, just to make sure that we have something that we really like and that we can share with everybody," he said. "It's been fun to hear all of the feedback. Some days everybody orders all of our sandwiches, and we're like, 'Wow, I guess we were a sub shop today!' ... Then we might have a pizza day, and all of the pizzas will be gone."

McCarran also recently started a company called Little Wild, which aims to provide locally grown hydroponic produce for area restaurants and other wholesale customers.

"I've got an investment down at a farm in Haverhill, Massachusetts, that's going to [have] 30,000 square feet of hydroponic pro-



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duce production," he said. "All that produce will be coming to The Ricochet. ... The idea is that ... a restaurant like ours can really benefit from a local supplier that is consistent and can keep delivering, so customers will want to come back."

The Ricochet boasts a unique aesthetic McCarran likened to a zen garden, with low lighting and plenty of vibrant plants. While it has been somewhat heavy on the takeout clientele at least to start, he said he has steadily noticed a surge in the volume of dine-in customers as of late.

Pizzas, McCarran said, feature a thin crust reminiscent of a southeastern Connecticut style.

"My wife is actually from the Mystic area, and so we really like that style of pizza," he said. "We do a small and a large, and then any of our pizzas can also be a calzone."

Among the several fan favorite pies out of the gate have been the El Jefe, featuring local pulled pork, barbecue sauce, red onions, pineapple and bacon; the Reaper, a spicier pizza with ghost pepper cheese, chorizo and hot honey; and the Figgy P, which has fig jam, Gorgonzola cheese, fresh mozzarella, thinly sliced prosciutto and a balsamic drizzle.

Subs feature rolls McCarran picks up fresh every day at Tripoli Bakery, just over the state line in northern Massachusetts. Many of the tried and true classics are represented, from a house meatball sub with marinara and provolone cheese, to a BLT, a chicken Parm and a steak bomb.

Salads, meanwhile, start with a garden or romaine base before they can be built in all



kinds of different ways with proteins, toppings and dressings. There's also a modest selection of made-to-order appetizers, like onion rings, crispy cut fries, chicken tenders and wings.

The Ricochet is also fast becoming known for its beverage program, which includes a rotating lineup of craft beers and creative cocktails. McCarran has even partnered Ali and Rob Leleszi of Rockingham Brewing Co. to brew a house Mexican-style cerveza, which he calls "the perfect pizza beer." It's available on tap now and will soon come canned when the second batch is ready.

"The beer is called Cerveza de Lechuza, and Lechuza was the beach [where] we would be pretty much every day when we lived out in Malibu," McCarran said. "It directly translates to 'owl beer,' and so that's how we always talk about it. Like, 'Hey, come sit with us and have an owl.'"

Despite its small space, The Ricochet features a small stage in the corner of its lounge space for live performances. McCarran is also working on adding outdoor seating at the end of the plaza. 🍷

The Ricochet

Where: 35 Manchester Road, Suite 10, Derry
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More info: Visit ricochet.pizza, find them on Facebook @thericochetderry and on Instagram @lovethericochet, or call 434-6500

Mexican eats downtown

Alas de Frida now open in Manchester

By Matt Ingersoll
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Since 2015, Maricela Cortes and her husband, Isaac Sacramento, have been serving up authentic Mexican cuisine at El Rincón Zacatecano Taqueria in Manchester. A new restaurant now open just a few blocks north on Elm Street is serving as the couple's sister establishment, introducing an eclectic menu of items not available at El Rincón, in addition to a larger bar space.

It's called Alas de Frida Mexican Restaurant & Bar, and it's the newest dining spot to debut downtown. The eatery and bar has taken over the old space of The Birch on Elm, as that restaurant continues renova-

Alas de Frida Mexican Restaurant & Bar

Where: 931 Elm St., Manchester

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tions in its new home in the former Noodz storefront across the street.

Alas de Frida gets its name from the famous late Mexican painter Frida Kahlo. Artwork and quotes from Kahlo are displayed throughout the restaurant and bar's interior.

"I read a lot about her and [she's] my inspiration," Cortes said.

The menu features options that are all fresh and authentic, but it's nearly completely different from what you'll find at El Rincón. Perhaps one of the more notable changes is the addition of birria, an item Cortes said she is frequently asked about by customers.

"Over there [at El Rincón], a lot of people are always asking, 'Do you have birria,' and I say 'No,' and so I wanted to have birria because it's very popular," she said.

In fact, the menu includes almost an entire page dedicated to birria dishes. Although traditionally served in Mexico as a goat meat-based stew, Alas de Frida's birria features slow-simmered barbacoa beef, with onion, cilantro and a cup of consommé, or the stewed broth, for dipping. You can get them as tacos, or try birria-inspired dishes like birria plates with rice and beans,



Photos courtesy of Alas de Frida Mexican Restaurant & Bar in Manchester.



loaded birria nachos or even noodle bowls of birria.

Cortes, who comes from the east-central Mexican state of Puebla, has also added several native dishes to the menu. The mole poblano, for instance, features grilled chicken covered in a mole sauce and roasted sesame seeds and served with a side of rice and corn tortillas. There's also an appetizer called the Mexican wings, which are tossed in a spicy house sauce made with charcoal-grilled serrano peppers, tomatoes and garlic.

Alas de Frida is open six days a week for lunch and dinner — its lunch specials run the gamut from huevos rancheros and scrambled egg burritos to flautas (filled flour tortillas), quesadillas, enchiladas and fajitas.

Tacos, meanwhile, are served with blue corn tortillas, another new feature Cortes

said is exclusive to Alas de Frida. Ground beef, shredded beef or chicken tacos are available a la carte, while other options served three per order include al pastor (marinated pork and grilled pineapple pieces), carnitas (slow-cooked seasoned pork) and vegetarian, with grilled mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, zucchini and squash. Cortes is also working toward soon adding trompo tacos al pastor, featuring meat that's shaved off a rotating vertical spit.

Alas de Frida's bar is much larger than its sister restaurant, enabling Cortes to offer an expanded menu of specialty cocktails. There's a selection of more than a dozen house margaritas, in addition to domestic and imported beers, and pages' worth of tequilas to choose from. Scratch-made horchatas are also available, as well as a few creative takes on mocktails. 🍹



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IN THE KITCHEN WITH GABY MAROUN



Gaby Maroun, head chef of Sevmar Mediterranean Bistro in Salem. Courtesy photo.

Gaby Maroun is the head chef of Sevmar Mediterranean Bistro (401 Main St., Unit 108, Salem, 870-0018, sevmarbistroh.com), which opened inside the town's 97 Shops Plaza in January. Co-owned by Maroun's daughter, Jocelyn, Sevmar gets its name by combining the family's last name with that of Kelvin Severino, owner of the national demolition company ADEP Group and Jocelyn Maroun's business partner. The restaurant features traditional Mediterranean appetizers, entrees, salads and other items with a modernized twist, along with a full bar, a Sunday brunch menu, catering options and more. Maroun immigrated to the United States from Lebanon in the 1980s and has been involved in cooking authentic Lebanese cuisine ever since. In addition to Sevmar, his recipes have set the tone for other successful eateries in town, like Jocelyn's Mediterranean Restaurant & Martini Lounge on Route 28, as well as Salem Kabob and Cedar's Mediterranean Food.

What is your must-have kitchen item?
An infrared grill. I even put one in my house.

What is your favorite thing on your menu?
The marinated grilled chicken.

What would you have for your last meal?
I like a good lasagna.

What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire right now?
People like to eat fresh food and real ingredients. Every restaurant has hummus now.

What is your favorite local restaurant?
Trattoria Amalfi [in Salem].

What is your favorite thing to cook at home?
I like to cook any food from my garden, [like] green beans, cucumber tomato salads, eggplant and grape leaves.
— Matt Ingersoll 🍷

Taboule
From the kitchen of Gaby Maroun of Sevmar Mediterranean Bistro in Salem

1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil	2 ounces freshly chopped mint (or 1/2 teaspoon dry mint)
3 Tablespoons lemon juice	Pinch of salt, pepper and allspice
1/4 cup extra fine bulgur wheat	
2 bunches parsley (about 2 cups, chopped)	
2 firm chopped tomatoes	Mix all ingredients in a bowl until well combined.
1 chopped red onion	

Weekly Dish

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16 and under get in free per paid adult). Free entry for all attendees is available on Saturday, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and on Sunday, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. See great-americanribfest.com to purchase tickets.

• **Meals on Wheels purchases old Blake's:** Local nonprofit Meals on Wheels of Hillsborough County has purchased the former Blake's Restaurant & Creamery storefront at 353 S. Main St. in Manchester, which closed in January. "This is part of a larger plan to increase our capacity to produce meals for our Meals on Wheels and Community Dining programs," reads an announcement in its April newsletter. "The new building will enable us to improve efficiencies and offset the rising costs of food and gas." The announcement goes on to say that the nonprofit's long-term plans include reopening the building as part of its Dine Out Club program, which provides donation-based meals for people ages 60 and over. On April 3, Meals on Wheels of Hillsborough County hosted its first open house in the new location, which was attended by several of its board and staff members. Updates on the building's renovations are expected soon. Visit hcmow.org or follow them on Facebook @hcmow or Instagram @hmealsonwheels. 🍷



TRY THIS AT HOME

Cornmeal cookies

Cornmeal may not be an ingredient you consider when making cookies. However, after trying a cornmeal cookie on a trip to Kentucky, I was hooked and knew I needed to create my own version. Think of these cookies as short, sweet corn muffins that have a nicely crisp edge. Enjoyed with a cup of coffee or glass of milk, they are a delicious treat.

The majority of the ingredients in this recipe are straightforward with only two notes. If you are a regular reader, you will notice that I specified the type of salt. Although it's a small amount, the taste of the cookie can be altered by the salt. If you use kosher salt, you will need a pinch more. However, kosher salt is a bigger crystal, which may mean that there will be tiny pockets of saltiness in the cookies. That isn't necessarily a bad thing, but it is worth nothing. With smaller crystals, table salt guarantees even distribution of salt.

The other ingredient of note is the cornmeal. I recommend using medium grind, as I think it adds a nice amount of crunch to the cookie. You can use coarse grind, but that may make the texture almost pebble-like. Fine grind is an acceptable substitute, but that does mean you will lose some of the crunchiness.



Cornmeal cookies. Photo by Michele Pesula Kuegler.

Make a batch for your next gathering. I am pretty sure you will be the only person who brings cornmeal cookies. You may even get requests for the recipe!

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

Cornmeal cookies

Makes 4 dozen

- 1 cup unsalted butter softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups medium-grind cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon table salt

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Combine butter and both sugars in a bowl.

Beat on a medium-low speed, using either the paddle on a stand mixer or a hand mixer, for 4 minutes.

Add eggs one at a time, beat after each addition, scraping sides to combine.

Add vanilla to dough, and mix until combined.

Add flour, cornmeal, baking soda and salt, stirring until combined.

Line a baking sheet with a piece of parchment paper, then scoop heaping tablespoons of dough onto the prepared tray.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until the edges are golden brown.

Allow to cool for 4 minutes, then transfer to a baking rack to cool completely.

Food & Drink

Local farmers markets

• **Contoocook Farmers Market** is Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon, inside Maple Street Elementary School (194 Maple St., Hopkinton). Find them on Facebook @ [contoocookfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/contoocookfarmersmarket).

• **Danbury Winter Farmers Market** is Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Blazing Star Grange Hall (15 North Road, Danbury), through May. Visit blazingstar.org.

stargrange.org.

• **Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market** is Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon, at 7 Eagle Square in Concord, through April. Visit dewfm.squarespace.com.

• **New Ipswich Farmers Market** is Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the parking lot of New Ipswich Town Hall (661 Turnpike Road). Find them on Facebook @ [newipswichfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/newipswichfarmersmarket).

• **Peterborough Farmers Market** is Wednesdays, from 3 to 6 p.m.,

out on the lawn of the Peterborough Community Center (25 Elm St.). Find them on Facebook @ [peterboroughnhfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/peterboroughnhfarmersmarket).

• **Salem Farmers Market** is Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at LaBelle Winery Derry (14 Route 111). Beginning May 7, the market will move outdoors at The Mall at Rockingham Park (77 Rockingham Park Blvd., Salem) between Dick's Sporting Goods and the Cinemark movie theater. Visit saalemnhfarmersmarket.org.

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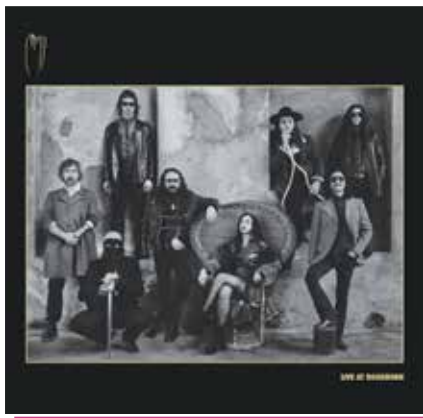
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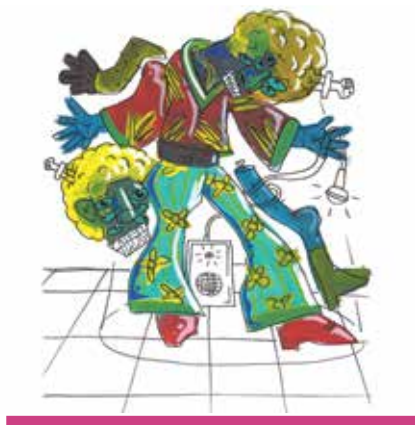
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Messa, *Live At Roadburn* (Svart Records)

Meanwhile, back in the doom-metal sphere, we have this new four-song LP from an Italian crew whose unlikeliest press quote came by way of Spin magazine: "If you've ever longed for an album that could reconcile Stevie Nicks at her witchiest with the sublime gloom of How the Gods Kill-era Danzig, this is the LP of your dreams." Anyhow, these guys have a girl singer, which works when the (always slow) music is new-age-y or folksy, but when it goes more in the direction of raw, blissed-out, Candlemass/Kyuss-tinted doom metal, it's a bit of a reach, at least with her vocals, which, although strong overall (she sounds more like Florence Welch than Stevie Nicks, point of order), sound a little overwhelmed in the context. I'm sure she'd rather be in a Nightwish-type epic-metal band, but she'll figure that out at some point. It's a different kind of trip, I can assure you of that. **A** — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

Ric Wilson, Chromeo, & A-Trak, *Clusterfunk* (Free Disco Records)

Collaborative, highly accessible nine-song EP from a bunch of guys I remember covering (or ignoring) during my days covering velvet-rope club techno back in the mid-aughts. And that was probably to my detriment; I keep hearing about this or that going on with A-Trak and Wilson, but I don't like Chromeo, as you may have noticed in these pages, and probably never will. Suffice to say, though, that this record is a pretty big deal, there are lots of semi-famous names on board this often catchy funk/hip-hop/spoken-word fricassee, such as King Louie (who tables some cool weirdo-rap on the '90s-prostrating "Whisky In My Coffee"), Felicia Douglass of Dirty Projectors (in the Kool & The Gang-sounding "Everyone Moves To LA"), STIC.MAN of Dead Prez (on the record's most fascinating dance-funk track, "Git Up Off My Neck"), Kié-la Adira and Mariame Kaba, whose spoken-word rant on the criminal justice system is pretty priceless. **A** — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• This Friday is April 21, which means we're pretty much done with this stupid delayed-action winter, unless Mother Nature has plans to dump 20 feet of snow on us just to see if we're paying attention. Ha ha, remember in January, there was no snow, and it was kind of warm, and everyone was like, "yeah, wow, talk about a lame winter" but suddenly in March (my least favorite month to begin with) good old "MoNat" (that's the celebrity hip-hop name for Mother Nature) realized she'd lost all track of time playing Candy Crush, and she suddenly turned into Oprah Winfrey, yelling "Yikes, here you go, you get a driveway covered in a foot of frozen vanilla Slushy, and you do too" and whatnot, and all that massively heavy, dense-packed hatefulness sent 8,000 people to the hospital with chest pains and dislocated elbows? Well, folks, it's almost over, it *almost* is, but first we must talk about a few albums that will be streeting this week. I've decided that we'll start the week with *Atum*, a new album from comically overrated '90s band **The Smashing Pumpkins**, because that's what's crackalackin', home skilletts, look at the '90s rebirth that's happening all around us, it's all that and a bag of chips, I tell you! Can you even believe it, a new Pumpkins platter, and the band is still fronted by that Uncle Fester dude. I keep seeing all kinds of tweets and stuff saying, "Man, I loved the Pumpkins back in the shizniz, they were so fly, booyah," and no one gets into an argument with them because they feel so sad for them. Anyway, I'll bet this music will be absolutely awful if it's anything like old Pumpkins, so I suppose I should trudge off to the YouTube box and see what the new single, "Beguiled," is about. OK, here's the video, and the tune is pretty much like Megadeth-metal at first, and ha ha, look at Billy Uncle Fester, all dressed up like the crazy dream-villain from that Jennifer Lopez movie *The Cell*, but it's 100 times worse than ever before, like he's *really* trying to channel that *Cell* dude. You shouldn't let your kids watch this video. Huh, now there are ballerinas doing Swan Lake stuff, in Uncle Billy's creepy *Cell* world. The song is OK if you like mid-tempo '90s metal. Hm, now a bunch of people are doing fancy modern dances and stuff. One of the guys looks like Jim Carrey's alter ego from *The Mask*. The '90s are coming back, folks, there is no escape. Pray for us all.

• No way, a new album from **The Mars Volta**, with their most transgressive title yet, *Que Dios Te Maldiga Mi Corazon*, which translates to "May God curse you my heart." Lol whatever, I've made fun of — um, I mean, reviewed some of their previous albums, like, their music has always struck me as freeze-dried low-grade prog-rock that's missing its flavor packet, but let's not go there, I'll go have a listen to the title track and be normal. Wow, it sounds like Latin-radio stuff, which is a lot better than anything these guys have ever done. Maybe there's hope, fam.

• Frenetic and spazzy flamenco guitar duo **Rodrigo y Gabriela** are releasing their new album, *In Between Thoughts A New World*, this week. Hopefully it won't be a bunch of metal covers again, please oh please oh please. OK, the single, "Descending To Nowhere" is normal, but then a bunch of spiffy Spyro Gyra layers appear and it starts to sound like polite Weather Channel jazz. Kinda dumb but it's OK.

• Lastly, it's '90s-radio-poppers **Everything But The Girl**, with their newest full-length, *Fuse*. The rope-in track is "Nothing Left To Lose," a trippy, percussive, trance-pop dealie that sounds like Roxy Music reborn as afterparty patter. It's perfectly fine. — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

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Reading the Glass, by Elliott Rappaport (Dutton, 322 pages)

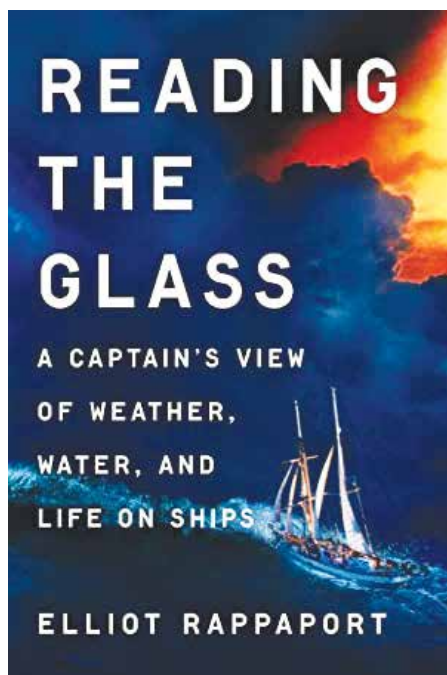
Have you ever felt the urge to throw everything away for the love of a good boat and a life at sea? Me neither. But there are people who not only feel the urge, but obey it, who consider “life ashore” boring and “hard to reconcile.”

Part-time Maine resident Elliott Rappaport is one of those people and with his new book he promises “a captain’s view of weather, water, and life on ships.” For those whose knowledge of seafaring comes from Carnival cruises and watching *The Perfect Storm*, *Reading the Glass* might be a rough slog. Who knew that boat captains, always portrayed as blue-collar and salty, could be so erudite? Who knew that their memoirs would read like high school science books? *Reading the Glass* is eye-opening in this respect, as modern mariners apparently talk more like learned meteorologists than pirates of the Caribbean.

But Rappaport brings a dry sense of humor to the task and works to break up long professorial descriptions of weather with elegant descriptions of life at sea. “Below the surface,” he writes, “are things seeable only when the sea is calm — the dolphins, grazing whales, sharks, and mola, ocean sunfish as big as car hoods. Once a giant leatherback turtle, four feet across with long triangular flippers and drooping dinosaur eyelids. I’ve seen their babies on a beach in Mexico racing toward the surf, identical but small as silver dollars.”

Rappaport has been a ship’s captain for 30 years and teaches at the Maine Maritime Academy, a small public college in Castine, Maine, that trains ships’ officers and engineers. (If you have a driftless kid, send them there — the school says 90 percent of its graduates have jobs within three months of graduation.)

Whatever the seafaring equivalent of a public intellectual is, that’s what Rappaport is. He can wax eloquently about where New England’s summer air originates (“the subtropics, carried along by the southerly winds at the the edge of the Bermuda-Azores High and moistened by the warm waters of the Gulf Stream”) and about atolls, the “recipe for



shipwreck” created by submerged islands that present “an opportunity to run aground without ever seeing land.”

He can smartly and simply explain weather phenomena we so often hear about in forecasts, such as jet streams, El Nino and the ever popular polar vortex. And you will learn so much about clouds that you didn’t retain from middle school. “There’s a lot going on inside a cloud, most of it poorly understood by the average person,” Rappaport writes. “Or, fairer to say, it’s not a priority for most people to understand.” For example, one misconception is that most people think clouds are composed only of water vapor, which can’t be true since water vapor is invisible. “Clouds are in fact clusters of of water droplets and ice crystals spawned by condensation or deposition the process whereby water vapor converts directly to ice.”

That’s clear enough, but many of his explanations aren’t quite as simple; it would have taken me two years to finish the book if I’d looked up every word I didn’t know (“Taxonomically the bora and mistral are *katabatic* (downhill) winds...”) and it is not by coincidence that the first glowing Amazon review I saw for this book was written by someone who included at the end of his name “Ph.D.”

For those of us with B.A.s, it’s more of a struggle to enjoy this book, but it’s possible if you focus on Rappaport’s stories, which are wide-ranging like his travels, and vividly memorable. He’s sailed all over the world, and for every place he hasn’t been, he’s seemingly talked to someone who has. He can tell you about the port in Tahiti where the tattoo artists are so good that the crew requires time off for appointments, and explain the origins of a microburst from a personal encounter with one at sea.

For those interested in maritime disasters, he is an encyclopedia of knowledge, not only of long-ago tragedies with no survivors, but also of contemporary battles of human vs. sea. Describing the type of offshore cyclone that can suddenly roil the ocean without warning, he writes of a discussion he had with a friend about a storm in 1990: “‘A giant hole opened up in the ocean,’ he told me, ‘and the ship fell in.’”

It was, Rappaport writes, “an image I have not forgotten,” and neither will we.

Nor will we forget his funny description of the Beaufort scale of wind force (which includes “Force 6: Umbrellas ruined” and “Force 10: Don’t go out”) or the image he paints of himself making his way through suburban Washington, as off-kilter as most of us would be at sea.

“It is May, the trees already a deep summer green and the sky boiling with clouds that would alarm me if I were at sea.” He vaguely knows the direction of the Metro station, but the battery has died on his phone, and “I have no chartroom to visit, no swarm of seabirds flying helpfully in the right direction.” He is wearing the orange rain slicker he wears at sea, its pockets filled with “old bits of twine and candy wrappers.” Finally he finds something by which he can navigate: a Starbucks in the distance, where the well-dressed professionals are “mysteriously dry.” Perhaps they’ve read the forecast, he quips.

It’s that kind of writing and imagery that makes *Reading the Glass* pleasurable for those without Ph.D.s.

But truthfully, a Ph.D. would help. **B+** — *Jennifer Graham* 🍷



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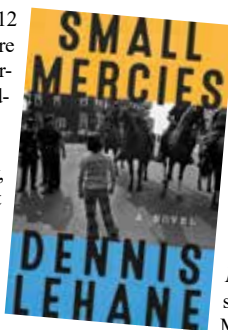
Books

Author events

• **MATTHEW HONGOLTZ-HETTLING** will be at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St. in Concord; gibsons-bookstore.com) on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss his new book *If It Sounds Like a Quack...: A Journey to the Fringes of American Medicine*.
• **LITA JUDGE** discusses her new book *Dogs: A History of Our Best Friends* on Saturday, April 22, at 11 a.m. at Toadstool Bookshop (12 Depot Square in Peterborough; toadbooks.com, 924-3543).
• **ANDREW WICHLAND** will be at Bookery (844 Elm

St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) on Saturday, April 22, at 4 p.m. to launch his new novel *Once Upon a Time*. The event is free; register online.
• **DENNIS LEHANE** will discuss his newest novel *Small Mercies* as part of a virtual author event with indie bookstores with Gillian Flynn on Tuesday, April 25, at 8 p.m. (sign up online for this ticketed virtual event) via Gibson’s Bookstore in Concord, gibsons-bookstore.com.
• **ALAN F. RUMFILL** will discuss his new book *Monadnock Originals: Colorful Characters from New Hampshire’s Quietest Corner* at Toadstool

Bookshop (12 Depot Square in Peterborough; toadbooks.com, 924-3543) on Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m.
• **JIM POLUS** will be at Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) on Saturday, April 29, at 4 p.m. to discuss his historical novel *Portsmouth*. The event is free; register online.
• **KEITH GENTILI** will be at



Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) on Saturday, May 6, at 3 p.m. to discuss his book *White Mountains State*. The event is free; register online.
• **KEITH GENTILI** will discuss his book *White Mountains State* at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m.
• **JUSTIN CRONIN** will discuss his novel *The Ferryman* at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gib-

sonsbookstore.com) on Wednesday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Poetry

• **MATTHEW E. HENRY** will be at Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) on Wednesday, April 19, at 4 p.m. to talk about his book of poetry *The Colored Page*. The event is free; register online.
• **MEG KEARNEY, KEVIN MCLELLAN & CHARLES KELL** will read and discuss their poetry at Toadstool Bookshop (12 Depot Square in Peterborough; toadbooks.com, 924-3543) on Sunday, April 23, at 1 p.m.

Renfield (R)

Dracula's familiar would like to reevaluate his toxic work situation in *Renfield*, a gore-filled and yet very cute comedy.

Renfield (Nicholas Hoult), he of the bug-eating and the “yes, master”-ing, is sick of working for Dracula (Nicolas Cage), a total diva of a boss who makes Renfield bring him people to eat. And, much in the manner of Miranda Priestly demanding very specific coffee from Starbucks, Dracula can be picky about the quality of the humans he’s offered. Dracula is also sort of low on funds after centuries of having to make getaways when his bloodlust is found out, so Renfield has to take care of an injured and slowly recovering Dracula in an abandoned hospital in New Orleans. And to procure these people for which he is shown little appreciation, he has to eat bugs, which give him a shot of Dracula strength.

Perhaps it’s good that Renfield has found a support group for people who are also in toxic relationships. He can listen to other people talk about how hard it is to stand up to the people who have power over them — and he can go find those bullies and drag them to Dracula, which makes Renfield feel like all his murder isn’t, you know, *all bad*.

But a complainy Dracula sends Renfield out to find a better group of people for his boss to eat — nuns or cheerleaders or something, Dracula says, with much the same energy of a louche aging rock star demanding a better class of groupies. Renfield heads to a club to do just that but ends up in the middle of a gangland hit. Tedward Lobo (Ben Schwartz — just 100 percent doing Jean-Ralphio from *Parks and Recreation*), son of Lobos gang head Bellafrancesca Lobo (Shohreh Aghdashloo), is there with a bunch of goons to kill Rebecca Quincy (Awkwafina), a police officer who is determined to bring down the Lobos (who killed her police officer father). Rebecca doesn’t blink when Tedward holds a gun to her head, instantly dazzling Renfield with her strength and bravery. Thusly he finds a bug to eat and helps her defeat the Lobos. Of course the Lobos don’t love this, so they go looking for Renfield just as Renfield



Renfield

starts to make a serious attempt to break away from Dracula, getting his own studio apartment and buying some pastel sweaters from Macy’s.

Renfield is good-naturedly silly — a good-naturedly silly movie where sometimes dudes get their arms torn off. It keeps the vampire lore to a minimum, goes easy on the quip-piness (it’s there but it’s not wall to wall) and offers plenty of opportunities for Nicolas Cage to just take center stage and do his thing. And does he! He dives in with enthusiasm and fully commits to every increasingly hammy bit of Dracula-ness. I’ll bet those spiky teeth he has to wear were unpleasant to have in his mouth but he really does make every moment count with his open-mouth hisses and big vampire smiles. Everything about him, from the increasingly slicked back hair to his specific style of imperious whining, is just note-perfect. **B-**

Rated R for bloody violence, some gore, language throughout and some drug use, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by Chris McKay with a screenplay by Ryan Ridley, Renfield is a brisk hour and 33 minutes long and distributed by Universal Studios.

The Pope’s Exorcist (R)

Russell Crowe eagerly tucks into the plate of spicy meat-ah-balls that is his Italian accent in *The Pope’s Exorcist*, which is based on the real life of the Rev. Gabriele Amorth — have fun with that Wikipedia page.

Crowe’s accent is great in the sense that he seems to be having a great time with it. I mean, does it have a stagey quality that reinforces my theory that this movie is a low-key comedy? Sure, but the kid with the veiny skin and the devil voice is pretty standard-issue possession movie stuff, why not have a little fun with it.

The Rev. Gabriele Amorth (Crowe) is a noted exorcist in the Catholic Church. He is also, as we witness in his opening exorcism, a guy who appreciates that sometimes what people need isn’t an exorcism but to believe they’re getting an exorcism. As he explains to a skeptical panel of Vatican dudes later, 98 percent of his cases need doctors or therapists. The other two percent are E-vil, much in the style of the Paramount + TV show *Evil*, which is a giddy delight particularly if you’ve ever spent any time in CCD as a kid.

Meanwhile, it’s the latter half of the 1980s and a widowed mom, Julia (Alex Essoe), moves with her two kids — angry teenager Amy (Laurel Marsden) and traumatized little brother Henry (Peter DeSouza-Feighoney) — to a castle/former abbey in Spain that is her late husband’s sole asset of value. The plan is to renovate and flip this property to raise some cash to take back to the U.S. Neither kid is happy about moving to Spain — not Amy, who flips her mom the bird when she’s not ignoring her, and not Henry, who has been silent since he saw his father killed in a car accident.

Very quickly, though, they figure out that this ancient church structure in Spain is not a particularly happy place to have moved (once you see it you’ll think that it would have been more shocking if an ancient evil *didn’t* dwell in its crumbling walls). Naturally, one of the children is quickly possessed and, because it’s more disturbing for younger kids to say sassy things to priests in a deep voice, Henry is the child who wins the demon lottery.

Eventually, Gabriele is sent by the pope (Franco Nero) to Spain to investigate Henry’s situation. There, Gabriele teams up with the Rev. Esquibel (Daniel Zovatto), who was told during his initial evaluation of the demon-Henry that he’s the “wrong priest.” It seems that whatever evil entity that has possessed Henry has a plan that involves Gabriele.

As I said, this movie has a strong ribbon of goofiness that runs throughout — from Crowe’s accent to Gabriele’s little Ferrari scooter to the vein-y stage-blood-heavy representation of the demon to Gabriele’s own jokiness. Some of this comedy is intentional, is what I’m saying. The rest of it — eh, I don’t think the movie minds if you find some of its lore cornball, particularly with the very “episode one” way that it ends. The idea that your child would be in the grip of something no one can diagnose and that is clearly killing him is terrifying. But this movie doesn’t really lean much on that, even though it is probably the chilling element of the movie, and as a result the movie isn’t really scary as much as it’s a kind of non-scary gothic horror that at times almost tips into camp. That said, this movie also isn’t quite as goofy as I would have wanted either, which I say as someone who, again, loves the cheeky *Evil*.

The Pope’s Exorcist doesn’t do anything you haven’t seen before but it lets Crowe’s Gabriele have just enough lightness to make it a basically entertaining endeavor. **B-**

Rated R for violent content, language, sexual references and some nudity, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by Julius Avery with a screenplay by Michael Petroni and Evan Spiliotopoulos, The Pope’s Exorcist is an hour and 43 minutes long and distributed in theaters by Columbia Pictures.

Film**Venues**

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

Fathom Events
Fathomevents.com

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

Milford Drive-In
531 Elm St., Milford
milforddrivein.com

O’neil Cinemas at Brickyard Square
24 Calef Hwy., Epping, 679-3529,

oneilcinemas.com

Park Theatre
19 Main St., Jaffrey
theparktheatre.org

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

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

Wilton Town Hall Theatre
40 Main St., Wilton, wilontown-
halltheatre.com, 654-3456

• *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* (PG-13, 2003) an extended 20th anniversary

screening with an additional short preceding the film, will screen on Wednesday, April 19, with showtimes around 7 p.m. at Cinemark Rockingham in Salem and Regal Concord via Fathom Events.

• *Decision to Leave* (NR, 2022) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord in the Simchik Cinema on Thursday, April 20, at 3:45 & 6:45 p.m.

• *Paint* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, April 20, at 4:15 p.m.
• *Air* (R, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, April 20, at 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, at 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Sunday, April 23, at 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Thursday, April 27, at

4:30 p.m.

• *Chevalier* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m.; Friday, April 21, through Sunday, April 23, at 1:15, 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Thursday, April 27, at 4 & 6:45 p.m.

• *The Big Lebowski* (R, 1998) will screen as part of a 25th anniversary celebration via Fathom Events on Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m., at O’neil Cinemas in Epping, Cinemark Rockingham Park in Salem and AMC Londonderry.

• *Lorax* (PG, 2012) will screen at all three area Chunky’s as part of the “Little Lunch Date” series on Friday, April 21, at 3:45 p.m. Admission is free but reserve a seat with a \$5 food voucher.

• **Milford Drive-In** is now open for the season, according to the website, with double features on two screens Friday and Saturday evenings. Admission costs \$32 for a car of up to 6 people; \$5 for each additional person. See the website for the weekend’s lineup.

• *How to Blow Up a Pipeline* (R, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord in the Simchik Cinema on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, at 1:30, 4:15 & 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 23, at 3 & 5:45 p.m.; Thursday, April 27, at 4:15 & 7 p.m.

• *Lights of Old Broadway* (1925) a silent film starring Marion Davies, will screen Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre featuring live musical accompani-



Chevalier

ment by Jeff Rapsis. Admission is free; \$10 donation suggested.

• *Polite Society* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, April 27, at 7:15 p.m.

• *Speedy* (1928) the final silent feature starring Harold Lloyd, will screen on Sunday, April 30, at 2 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre featuring live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis. Admission is free; \$10 donation suggested.

THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **String power:** With each of its three members established solo artists, a new album from **Nickel Creek** is a happy surprise. The catalyst for the aptly titled *Celebrants* came during an interview with NPR that noted it had been 20 years since their debut release. Made in the process of “spending almost every minute of every waking hour together,” according to fiddler Sara Watkins, the new disc is a solid entry into the canon of a band that helped redefine roots music. Thursday, April 20, 7:30 pm., Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, \$53.75 and up at ccanh.com.

• **Blood harmony:** The first band to ever win *The Voice*, in 2021, **A Girl Named Tom** is a family affair, siblings Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liechty. Urged on by their mother, the three dropped plans to attend medical school to form a group. The project was planned to last a year, but the fates had other ideas. Victory on the singing competition show came via their gorgeous harmonies covering hits like Joni Mitchell’s “River” and Fleetwood Mac’s “The Chain.” Friday, April 21, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St., Nashua, \$29 and up at etix.com.

• **Blues bonding:** A summit gathering of blues power, **Blood Brothers** is the duo of Mike Zito and Albert Castiglia. The two have worked together over the years on a variety of projects — Zito produced Castiglia’s album *Masterpiece* and released it on his Gulf Coast Records label. Released on St. Patrick’s Day, their debut effort, wrote one critic, “spotlights everything cool about Zito and Castiglia without ever turning into a battle between two successful bandleaders.” Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$30 at tupelohall.com.

• **California thing:** With a lead singer drawing comparisons to Alison Krauss, **AJ Lee & Blue Summit** are being called the new torchbearers for bluegrass by many. In her early years, Lee worked with fellow California-based roots superstar Molly Tuttle before striking out on her own. Her first gig was at the fabled Kate Wolf Festival. The group has released two albums. The *San Francisco Chronicle* praised their “deft, tasteful playing; and tight, intricate arrangements.” Sunday, April 23, 7 p.m., Press Room, 77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, \$10 at Eventbrite.com.

• **Fab Freddie:** Last year Gary Mullen & The Works celebrated 20 years of **One Night of Queen**, a tribute show that does a very convincing job of recreating the classic rock act’s majestic stage show, with Mullen as front man Freddie Mercury. The effort began after Mullen won the British television talent contest *Stars in Their Eyes* in 2000 for his portrayal of the kinetic singer, easily doubling the runner-up, the largest number of votes in the show’s history. Wednesday, April 26, 8 p.m., Colonial Theatre, 609 Main St., Laconia, \$30 and up at etix.com. 🍷

NITE

Rhythmic raconteur

John Craigie and Langhorne Slim co-bill in Concord

By Michael Witthaus
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Every John Craigie concert has two sides. His songs are sweet, lingering earworms, with lyricism that’s soothing, provocative and often hilarious. The latter trait is the other part of experiencing Craigie; his comedy talent has earned him comparisons to Mitch Hedberg, even though he’s a storyteller and Hedberg was an absurdist with a skill for the one-liner.

Both share a beat poet delivery. Marry that jazzy cadence to Arlo Guthrie’s breeziness and perhaps feed it an edible, and you’ll have a sense of why fans love Craigie, and the reason other musicians tend to find ways to work with him, such as Jack Johnson, Mary Chapin Carpenter and, most recently, Langhorne Slim.

The two met at last year’s Newport Folk Festival. Craigie played two sets that weekend. The second was a last-minute addition when another artist canceled their appearance. Billed as John Craigie & Friends, it consisted of Beatles songs. He’d just recorded *Let It Be Lonely*, the latest in a series of live Fab Four cover records; *Revolver* will be next.

Slim joined him for “I Dig a Pony,” and the two were quickly smitten. “We had mutual friends,” Craigie said by phone recently. “I’d never met him before, but

we started talking and he agreed to do that one song with me, and it was really fun.” A short tour, stopping in Concord April 24, resulted.

“I’m really excited to have our crowds mix together and kind of bounce off each other,” Craigie continued. “He’s got a great stage presence, as you probably know. At the end of the night, we’ll do a handful of stuff together for sure.... I think the audiences really like that, because you get something that really makes the show unique.”

Layered with electric texture, Craigie’s studio albums are the opposite of his live shows. For example, “Microdose,” which leads off 2022’s *Mermaid Salt*, ends with a jazzy dreamscape of multiple guitars. That’s not happening when Craigie hits the stage. On tour, it’s typically just him and his instrument, which suits him fine.

“You’re still very free, and you can talk just as long as the crowd will have you, but when there’s four or five people, kinda twiddling their thumbs behind you, I’m not quite as relaxed,” he said, adding, “my audiences have never said to me, like, ‘Where’s the band?’ It seems to me that what they want is what I’ve been giving them.”

Born in Southern California, Craigie found his musical voice while attending UC Santa Cruz, a few hundred miles north. “L.A. felt very particular and precious; I didn’t feel very free to sit and play my guitar casually,” he said. In the laid-back beach town, “music felt like a much more natural thing ... to sort of practice to an audience of people that was very nice, forgiving and pleasant.”



John Craigie. Photo by Keith Berson.

There’s a lot of religious skepticism in Craigie’s lyrics. “It’s a war of the gods ... I never picked a side,” he sings at one point. “Is this the Rapture or just the first wave?” is his refrain on “Laurie Rolled Me A J,” one of the best depictions of lockdown neurosis to come out of the pandemic.

Some of this can be attributed to his attending parochial school in a milieu where “there was no way for them to shield us from anything,” he said. “A vague Christianity was how I like to call the way that the Catholics raised me.”

The ‘90s milieu offered a weird melting pot of belief and non-belief systems, Craigie continued.

“Kids at that time were going through this born-again thing, so I was meeting hardcore Christians, getting that sort of window ... meeting Mormons, people like that,” he said, “All that coming together gave me an understanding, while the society I was in was also heavily rejecting Christianity. I think it was a combination of all that stuff.” 🍷

Langhorne Slim & John Craigie

When: Monday, April 24, 8 p.m.

Where: Bank of NH Stage, 16 S. Main St., Concord

Tickets: \$30.75 and \$53.75 and up at ccanh.com

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Venues

Capitol Center for the Arts — Chubb Theatre
44 S. Main St., Concord
225-1111, ccanh.com

Chunky’s
707 Huse Road, Manchester;
151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua;
150 Bridge St., Pelham;
chunkys.com

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

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

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

headlinerscomedyclub.com

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

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

Murphy’s Taproom
494 Elm St., Manchester
scampscmedy.com/shows

The Music Hall
28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth
436-2400, themusichall.org

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

Palace Theatre
80 Hanover St., Manchester

668-5588, palacetheatre.org

Park Theatre
19 Main St., Jaffrey
theparktheatre.org

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

Ruby Room Comedy
909 Elm St., Manchester
491-0720, rubyroomcomedy.com

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

• **TTTom Clark** Music Hall Lounge, Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.
• **Rafi Gonzales** Rex, Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.
• **Steve Trevino** Colonial, Friday, April 21, 8 p.m.

• **Marty Caproni** Chunky’s Manchester, Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, 8:30 p.m.

• **Tig Notaro** Chubb Theatre, Saturday, April 22, 7 p.m.

• **Elisabeth Wykert** Music Hall Lounge, Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

• **Chris Zito** Headliners, Saturday, April 22, 8:30 p.m.

• **Darren Rivera** Chunky’s Manchester, Saturday, April 22, 8:30 p.m.

• **Whose Line Live?** The Music Hall, Sunday, April 23, 7 p.m.

• **Kerri Louise and Friends** Rex, Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

• **Dave Russo** Chunky’s Manchester, Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29, 8:30 p.m.

• **Garrison Keillor** Park Theatre, Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.

• **Kyle Crawford** Headliners,



Tig Notaro.

Saturday, April 29, 8:30 p.m.

• **Johnny Pizzi** Chunky’s Nashua, Saturday, April 29, 8:30 p.m.

• **Tim McKeever** Chunky’s Nashua, Saturday, April 29, 8:30 p.m.

• **Hari Kondabolu** Music Hall Lounge, Wednesday, May 3, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

• **Alex Giampapa** Murphy’s Taproom, Thursday, May 4, 8 p.m.

MUSIC THIS WEEK

<p>Alton Foster's Tavern 403 Main St., 875-1234</p> <p>Alton Bay Dockside Restaurant 6 East Side Drive, 855-2222</p> <p>Auburn Auburn Pitts 167 Rockingham Road, 622-6564</p> <p>Bedford Copper Door 15 Leavy Dr., 488-2677</p> <p>Bow Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St., 228-8508</p> <p>Brookline The Alamo Texas Barbecue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13, 721-5000</p> <p>Concord Area 23 254 N. State St., 552-0137</p>	<p>Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669</p> <p>Penuche's Ale House 16 Bicentennial Square, 228-9833</p> <p>Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square, 856-7614</p> <p>Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667</p> <p>Contoocook Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811</p> <p>Deerfield The Lazy Lion 4 North Road, 463-7374</p> <p>Derry Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946</p> <p>Dover Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390</p>	<p>Epping Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225</p> <p>Epsom Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Dover Road, 736-0027</p> <p>Exeter Sawbely Brewing 156 Epping Road, 583-5080</p> <p>Gilford Patrick's 18 Weirs Road, 293-0841</p> <p>Goffstown Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230</p> <p>Hampton Bogie's 32 Depot Square, 601-2319</p> <p>CR's The Restaurant 287 Exeter Road, 929-7972</p>	<p>The Goat 20 L St., 601-6928</p> <p>L Street Tavern 603 17 L St., 967-4777</p> <p>Shane's Texas Pit 61 High St., 601-7091</p> <p>Wally's Pub 144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954</p> <p>Whym Craft Pub & Brewery 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801</p> <p>Hudson The Bar 2B Burnham Road</p> <p>Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900</p> <p>Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832</p> <p>Jaffrey Park Theatre 19 Main St., 532-9300</p>	<p>Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962</p> <p>Laconia Belknap Mill 25 Beacon St. E., No. 1, 524-8813</p> <p>Fratello's 799 Union Ave., 528-2022</p> <p>Tower Hill Tavern 264 Lakeside Ave., 366-9100</p> <p>Londonderry Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern 176 Mammoth Road, 437-2022</p> <p>Stumble Inn 20 Rockingham Road, 432-3210</p> <p>Manchester Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545</p> <p>Bonfire 950 Elm St., 663-7678</p> <p>City Hall Pub 8 Hanover St., 232-3751</p> <p>Currier Museum of Art 150 Ash St., 669-6144</p>	<p>Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880</p> <p>Elm House of Pizza 102 Elm St., 232-5522</p> <p>Firefly 21 Concord St., 935-9740</p> <p>The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925</p> <p>Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022</p> <p>The Goat 50 Old Granite St.</p> <p>Great North Aleworks 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789</p> <p>Hop Knot 100 Elm St., 232-3731</p> <p>KC's Rib Shack 837 Second St., 627-RIBS</p> <p>Murphy's Taproom 494 Elm St., 644-3535</p> <p>Penuche's Music Hall 1087 Elm St., 932-2868</p> <p>Pizza Man 850 E. Industrial Park</p>	<p>Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St., 624-4020</p> <p>Sam Adams Brewhouse at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium 1 Line Drive, 641-2005</p> <p>Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246</p> <p>South Side Tavern 1279 S. Willow St., 935-9947</p> <p>Stark Brewing Co. 500 Commercial St., 625-4444</p> <p>Strange Brew 88 Market St., 666-4292</p> <p>To Share Brewing 720 Union St., 836-6947</p> <p>Wild Rover 21 Kosciuszko St., 669-7722</p> <p>Meredith Giuseppe's 312 Daniel Webster Hwy., 279-3313</p> <p>Lakeview Tavern 7 Main St., 677-7099</p> <p>Twin Barns Brewing 194 Daniel Webster</p>	<p>Merrimack Homestead 641 Daniel Webster Hwy., 429-2022</p> <p>Tortilla Flat 595 Daniel Webster Hwy., 424-4479</p> <p>Milford The Pasta Loft 241 Union Square, 672-2270</p> <p>Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon St., 380-3480</p> <p>Station 101 193 Union Square, Station101nh.com</p> <p>Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square, 213-5979</p> <p>Nashua Boston Billiards 55 Northeastern Blvd., 943-5630</p> <p>Fody's Tavern 9 Clinton St., 577-9015</p> <p>Haluwa 44 Gusabel Ave., 864-8348</p> <p>Raga 138 Main St., 459-8566</p>
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Thursday, April 20

<p>Auburn Auburn Pitts: open jam, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Bedford Copper Door: Charlie Chronopoulos, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Brookline Alamo: open mike with Travis Rollo, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Concord Hermanos: Paul Bourgelais, 6:30 p.m. Penuche's: Andrew North & The Rangers, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Derry Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Epping Telly's: Lewis Goodwin, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Gilford Patrick's Pub: Don Severence with Chris Noyes, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Goffstown Village Trestle: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hampton Bogie's: live music, 7 p.m. CR's: Dog Fathers, 6 p.m. Whym: music bingo, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hudson The Bar: Nicole Knox Murphy, 6 p.m. Luk's: Brother Seamus, 7 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/ George Bisson, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke with</p>	<p>DJ Jason, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Laconia Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 7 p.m. Tower Hill: karaoke w/ Luke Skywalker, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Londonderry Stumble Inn: 21st & 1st, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Manchester City Hall Pub: Steve Prisby, 7 p.m. Currier: Hickory Horned Devils, 5 p.m. Elm House of Pizza: Dave Clark, 6 p.m. Foundry: Ken Budka, 5 p.m. Fratello's: Lou Antonucci, 5:30 p.m. Strange Brew: Jon Ross, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Meredith Giuseppe's: Joel Cage, 5:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Merrimack Homestead: Joanie Cicatelli, 5:30 p.m. Tortilla Flat: George Barber, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Milford Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Nashua Fody's: DJ Rich Karaoke, 9:30 p.m. San Francisco Kitchen: live music, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Portsmouth The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Salem Copper Door: Clint Lapointe, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Seabrook Backyard Burgers: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Strafford Independence Inn: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Auburn Auburn Pitts: live music, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Brookline Alamo: Matt Bergeron, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Concord Area 23: Rev. Todd Seely, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Epping Telly's: Chuck 'n' John Duo, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Epsom Hill Top: Chris Powers, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Goffstown Village Trestle: Jordan and Clint, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Hampton Bogie's: live music, 7 p.m. CR's: Dog Fathers, 6 p.m. The Goat: Alex Anthony, 8 p.m. Whym: Chris Cavanaugh, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Hudson Luk's: Tom Rousseau, 7 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/ George Bisson, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: Cory Malm, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Laconia Fratello's: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Londonderry Coach Stop: Joe McDonald, 3 p.m. Stumble Inn: Jonny Friday, 8 p.m.; Rob & Jody, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Manchester Backyard Brewery: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m. Bonfire: Eric Grant Band Derryfield: D-Comp Trio, 8 p.m. Fratello's: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m. The Foundry: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m. Pizza Man: Eddie Sands, 6 p.m. Shaskeen: Evanoff, 9 p.m. South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m. Strange Brew: Michigan Avenue, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Meredith Twin Barns: Jud Caswell, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Merrimack Homestead: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Milford Pasta Loft: The Slakas, 8 p.m. Station 101: The Garrett Partridge Acoustic Triune, 5 p.m. Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.</p>
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AMERICA'S HUSBAND

Comedian **Steve Trevino** has set a high standard for husbands across the country with his hilarious Netflix specials and appearances on *The Late Late Show*. His latest tour takes him to the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia; 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.com) on Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$29 to \$59, plus fees.

Friday, April 21

Alton
Foster's Tavern: Senie Hunt, 6 p.m.

Music, live and in person

These listings for live music are compiled from press releases, restaurants' websites and social media and artists' websites and social media. Call the venue to check on special rules and reservation instructions. Get your gigs listed by sending information to adiatz@hippopress.com.

San Francisco Kitchen 133 Main St., 886-8833	487-1362	95 Park St., 717-8267	The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122	Press Room 77 Daniel St., 431-5186	Salem Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033	Seabrook Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760-2581	530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030
Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse 48 Gusabel Ave. 882-4070	Newfields Fire and Spice Bistro 70 Route 108, 418-7121	Penacook American Legion Post 31 11 Charles St., 753-9372	The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628	Thirsty Moose Taphouse 21 Congress St., 427-8645	Luna Bistro 254 N. Broadway, 458-2162	Chop Shop 920 Lafayette Road, 760-7706	Strafford Independence Inn 6 Drake Hill Road, 718-3334
New Boston Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road,	Newmarket Stone Church 5 Granite St., 659-7700	Portsmouth Clipper Tavern 75 Pleasant St., 501-0109	Mojo's West End Tavern 95 Brewery Lane, 436-6656	Rochester Porter's Pub 19 Hanson St., 330-1964	Smuttynose 11 Via Toscana	Red's Kitchen + Tavern	Tilton Pour Decisions 500 Laconia Road, 527-8066

Nashua
Boston Billiards: Max Sullivan, 5 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Ralph Allen, 7 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Stone Dead 2 Night Run, 8 p.m.

Northfield
Boonedoxz Pub: karaoke night, 7 p.m.

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

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Dave Clark, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Kick Band, 9 p.m.

Salem
Luna Bistro: Bella Perrotta, 6 p.m.
Smuttynose: music bingo, 6 p.m.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Platinum Thrill, 6:30 p.m. (hard/modern rock)

Tilton
Pour Decisions: Tom Boisse, 7 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: The Incidentals, 6 p.m.
Bow
Chen Yang Li: Andrea Paquin, 7 p.m.

Concord
Area 23: acoustic circle with Mikey G, 3 p.m.; Secret Army & Faith Ann Band, 8 p.m.
Downtown Farmers Market: Brian Booth, 9 a.m.
Hermanos: John Franzosa, 6:30 p.m.
Penuche's: No More Blue Tomorrows, 8:30 p.m.

Deerfield
Lazy Lion: live music, 7 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: The Drift, 8 p.m.

Epsom
Hill Top Pizza: live music, 7 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Chris Powers, 6 p.m.

Hampton
Bogie's: live music, 7 p.m.
L Street: Up-Beat w/J-Dubz, 9 p.m.
Whym: Clint Lapointe, 6 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's: Acoustically Speaking, 7 p.m.

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

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: Time Bandits, 8 p.m.

Laconia
Tower Hill: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Joanie Cicatelli, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Bite The Bullet, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: April Cushman, 6 p.m.
Bonfire: The EXP Band
Derryfield: Mo Bounce, 8 p.m.
Fratello's: Chris Tylor, 6 p.m.
Foundry: Karen Grenier, 6 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: Max Sullivan, 3 p.m.
Shaskeen: The Gobshites, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Mica's Groove Train, 9 p.m.
To Share: Paul Nelson, 5 p.m.
Wild Rover: Ralph Allen, 5 p.m.

Meredith
Lakeview Tavern: Nicole Knox Murphy, 6 p.m.
Twin Barns: Rebecca Turmel, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Dave Zangri, 6 p.m.

Milford
Pasta Loft: Jamdemic, 8:30 p.m.

Nashua
Haluwa: Woodland Protocol, 8:30 p.m.
San Francisco Kitchen: Kimayo, 6:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Joe Birch, 7 p.m.

Northfield
Boonedoxz Pub: live music, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Doug Thompson, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 9 p.m.

Thirsty Moose: Maddi Ryan, 9 p.m.

Salem
Luna Bistro: Ryan Williamson, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Back in the Day, 6:30 p.m. (glam rock/hair metal)

Sunday, April 23
Alton Bay
Dockside: Sunshine Street, 4 p.m.

Bedford
Copper Door: Lilly Innella, 11 a.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Jared Rocco, 4 p.m.

Contoocook
Cider Co.: live music, 2 p.m.

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

Hampton
Bogie's: live music, 7 p.m.
L Street: Up-Beat w/J-Dubz, 9 p.m.
Whym: Duo with Anthony Lipetri, 1 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: live music, 2 p.m.
Lynn's 102: Carter on Guitar, 4 p.m.

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

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Chad Lamarsh, 3 p.m.

Manchester
Foundry: Nate Comp, 10 a.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 10 a.m.
Murphy's: live music, 11:30 a.m.
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: open mic w/ Lou Porrazzo, 5:45 p.m.

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

Northfield
Boonedoxz Pub: open mic, 4 p.m.

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

Salem
Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 11 a.m.
Luna Bistro: Nate Comp, 4 p.m.

Monday, April 24
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: David Campbell, 8 p.m.
Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Henry Laliberte, 5:30 p.m.

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, April 25
Concord
Hermanos: Chris Peters, 6:30 p.m.
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: Justin Jordan, 5:30 p.m.
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.

Merrimack
Homestead: Lou Antonucci, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua
Raga: karaoke, 7:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
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, April 26
Concord
Hermanos: Brian Booth, 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 p.m.
Wally's: Chris Toler, 7 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Derryfield: Dave Clark, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Rebecca Turmel, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 7 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Jeff Lines, 5:45 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Sean Coleman, 5:30 p.m.

Milford
Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Portsmouth
The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.
Press Room: open mic, 5:30 p.m.

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



BLUES LEGEND

Though **Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson** died at the end of 2022, his legend lives on among the blues community of the Granite State. The Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey; 532-9300; theparktheatre.org) has gathered an all-star lineup of Johnson's students and bandmates to raise money for the Gtr Jr Memorial Scholarship. The show takes place on Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m., and tickets cost \$45 plus fees.

Trivia

Events

• **Dazed & Confused** trivia 21+ on Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com). Reserve a seat for \$6.

• **Family-friendly Harry Potter** trivia on Monday, April 24, at 6 p.m. Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com). Reserve a seat for \$6.

• **Austin Powers** trivia 21+ on Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com). Reserve a seat for \$6.

Weekly

• **Thursday** trivia with Game Time Trivia at Mitchell BBQ (50 N. Main St., Rochester, 332-2537, mitchellhillbbq.com) at 6 p.m.



Dazed and Confused

• **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 with Game Time Trivia at Hart's Turkey Farm (223 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Yankee Lanes (216 Maple St., Manchester, 625-9656, yankeelanesentertainment.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Thursday Kings** trivia at Game Changer Sports Bar (4 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry; 216-1396, gamechangersportsbar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.

• **First Thursday of every month** trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua; fodystavern.com) at 8 p.m.

• **Friday Team Trivia** at Cheers (17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com) from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the lounge.

• **Friday** trivia at Gibb's Garage Bar (3612 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, gibbsgaragebar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.

• **Monday** trivia at Crow's Nest (181 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 817-6670, crowsnestnh.com) at 8 p.m.

• **Monday Trivia at the Tavern**

at Red's (530 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, 760-0030, redskitchenandavern.com), signup at 8:30 p.m., from 9 to 11 p.m. Hosted by DJ Zati.

• **Tuesday** trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St. in Warner, 456-2143, reednorth.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 Tavern (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, thepeddlersdaughter.com), from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Community Oven (845 Lafayette Road, Hamp-

ton, 601-6311, thecommunityoven.com) at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Smuttynose (105 Towle Farm Road, Hampton, 436-4026, smuttynose.com) at 6 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** The Greatest Trivia in the World at Revolution Taproom and Grill (61 N. Main St., Rochester, 244-3042, revolutiontaproomandgrill.com/upcoming-events/) at 6:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday Kings Trivia** at KC's Rib Shack (837 Second St., Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net), sponsored by Mi Campo, in Man-

chester 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 with Game Time Trivia at The Thirsty Moose (21 Congress St., Portsmouth, 427-8645, thirstymoosetaphouse.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at The Bar (2b Burnham Road, Hudson, 943-5250) at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at City Hall Pub (8 Hanover St.; 232-3751, snhhg.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday World Tavern Trivia** at Fody's Tavern (9 Clinton St. in Nashua, fodystavern.com, 577-9015) at 8 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at the Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey; 532-9300, theparktheatre.org) at 8 p.m.

Concerts

Venues

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

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

Capitol Center for the Arts
Chubb Theatre, 44 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, Man-
chester
anselm.edu

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

Franklin Opera House
316 Central St., Franklin
934-1901, franklinoperahouse.org

Fulchino Vineyard
187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis
438-5984, fulchinovineyard.com

Great Waters

54 N. Main St., Wolfeboro
569-7710, greatwaters.org

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

Jewel Music Venue
61 Canal St., Manchester
819-9336, jewelmusicvenue.com

Jimmy's Jazz and Blues Club
135 Congress St., Portsmouth
888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncon-
gress.com

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

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

Lakeport Opera House
781 Union Ave., Laconia
519-7506, lakeportopera.com

The Music Hall
28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth
436-2400, themusichall.org

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

Nashua Center for the Arts

201 Main St., Nashua
800-657-8774, nashuacenterforth-
earts.com

Palace Theatre
80 Hanover St., Manchester
668-5588, palacetheatre.org

Park Theatre
19 Main St., Jaffrey
532-9300, theparktheatre.org

Pasta Loft
241 Union Square, Milford
pastaloft.com/live-music

Press Room
77 Daniel St., Portsmouth
431-5186, pressroomnh.com

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

Rochester Opera House
31 Wakefield St., Rochester
335-1992, rochesteroperahouse.
com

The Spotlight Room
96 Hanover St., Manchester
668-5588, palacetheatre.org

SNHU Arena
555 Elm St., Manchester
644-5000, www.snhuarena.com

Stone Church

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

The Strand
20 Third St., Dover
343-1899, thestranddover.com

3S Artspace
319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth
766-3330, 3sarts.org

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

The Word Barn
66 Newfields Road, Exeter
244-0202, thewordbarn.com

Shows

- **The Dead Tongues** Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- **Nickel Creek/Gaby Moreno** Thursday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre
- **The Nighthawks** Thursday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Tiffany** Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge
- **The Hip Abduction** Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage
- **Dopapod** Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
- **Diaspora Radio: Masters of Reality** Thursday, April 20, 9 p.m., Press Room
- **Anna Tivel & Jeffrey Martin** Friday, April 21, 7 p.m., The Word Barn
- **Proelium** Friday, April 21, 7 p.m., Strand
- **Steven Bernstein's Millennial Territory Orchestra** Friday, April 21, 7 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Eaglemania** (Eagles tribute) Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- **Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson** Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Park Theatre
- **Tusk** (Fleetwood Mac tribute) Friday, April 21, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Journeyman** (Eric Clapton tribute) Friday, April 21, 8 p.m., Bank



Tiffany

of NH Stage

- **Girl Named Tom** Friday, April 21, at 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
- **Brian Dunne** Saturday, April 22, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- **Will Evans** Saturday, April 22, 7 p.m., Press Room
- **Nate Smith** Saturday, April 22, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Simone Porter with the Great Bay Philharmonic Orchestra** Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., The Music Hall
- **Journeyman** (Eric Clapton tribute) Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Rex
- **Nate Smith** Saturday, April 22, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Blood Brothers** Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **The Eagles Experience** Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m., Lakeport Opera House
- **Mullett: 80s Rock Experience** Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Bank of NH Stage
- **Capital Jazz Orchestra** Sunday, April 23, 4 p.m., Chubb Theatre
- **AJ Lee and Blue Summit** Sunday, April 23, 7 p.m., Press Room
- **Langhorne Slim & John Craigie** Monday, April 24, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage
- **David Howley** Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- **Early Times/The High Rollers** Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Artrageous** Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre
- **One Night of Queen** Wednesday, April 26, 8 p.m., Colonial
- **Bush** Wednesday April 26, 8

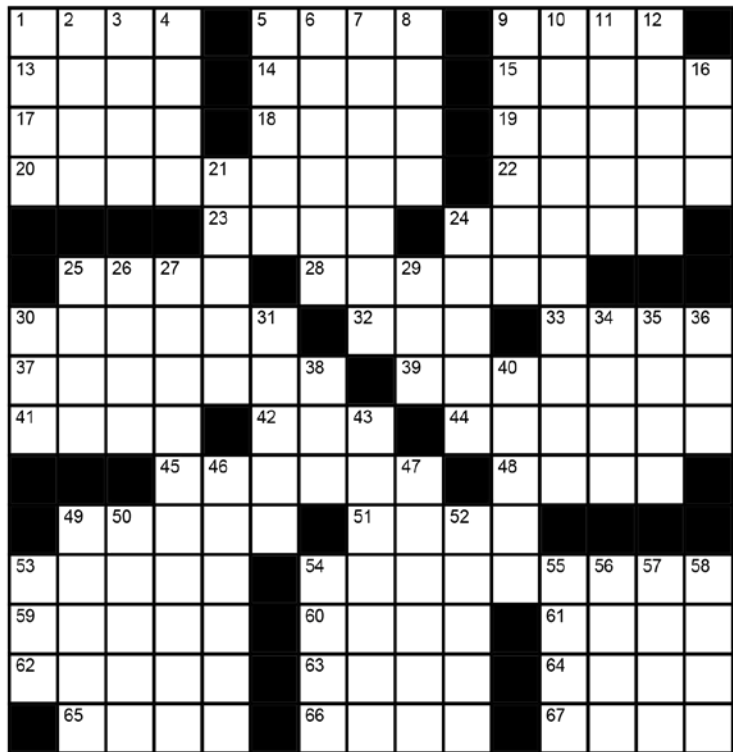
- **Ali McGuirk** Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- **Kenny Garrett** Thursday, April 27, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Marco Benevento** Thursday, April 27, and Friday, April 28, 9 p.m., Press Room
- **Selwyn Birchwood** Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Will Dailey** Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge
- **Dueling Pianos** Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Bearly Dead** Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace
- **Low Lily** Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage
- **One Night of Queen** Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Marco Benvenuto** Saturday, April 29, noon, Press Room
- **Bones & Arrows** Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m., Stone Church
- **Capital Jazz Orchestra featuring John Pizzarelli and Ken Pelmowski** Sunday, April 29, 4 p.m., Chubb Theatre
- **Swing Into Spring** Saturday, April 29, 6 p.m., LaBelle Winery, Derry
- **Michaela Anne** Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- **New Legacy Swing Band** Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m., Strand Theatre
- **Cormac McCarthy** Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m., Press Room
- **Beatejuice** (Beatles tribute) Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., Rex
- **Sweet Seasons** (Carole King tribute) Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Opera House
- **Motor Booty Affair** Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House
- **April Lapell** Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge
- **Pinback/Disheveled Cuss** Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace
- **The Scott Spradling Band** Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m., Rex
- **Mr Aaron Band** Sunday, April 30, 3:30 p.m., LaBelle Derry

PORTLAND PAIR

Two of Portland, Oregon's most acclaimed singer-songwriters, **Anna Tivel** and **Jeffrey Martin**, have joined forces for their first national tour. They touch down at the Word Barn (66 Newfields Road, Exeter; 244-0202, thewordbarn.com) on Friday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$20, plus fees.



Jah provide the bread



66. Bob Marley “__ of people would run away”
 67. Filter song for medicinal amount
- Down**
- Rap rudely about enemy, slang
 - Paul Westerberg just needs “__ minutes of silence”
 - What tribute singer will do with original artist’s moves
 - “Always said you were a youthquaker __” Cult
 - Crowd will do this in unison
 - Aerosmith ‘__ My Soul’
 - Collected
 - McLean and Felder
 - Black Keys album ‘El __’
 - Bob Marley song about the first ones
 - English ‘Black Metal’ band
 - Guns N’ Roses ‘Sweet Child __’
 - Paul Carrack 70s band
 - Neko Case ‘A Widow’s __’ does one with a drink at a funeral
 - An ocean- bound Harry Nilsson uses a makeshift ‘Blanket For __’
 - Like only original member
 - Like crowd at killer show
 - Reunited, as with bad breakup
 - Counting Crows ‘__ Angeles’
 - Treasured album
 - CA ‘Headstrong’ rockers
 - Said at end of gospel show, perhaps
 - ‘Luka’ singer Suzanne
 - Iconic ‘Before And After Science’ producer/artist Brian
 - Joseph Arthur went ‘Out __ Limb’
 - Giver of instrument to charity
 - Genesis ‘__ Alien’
 - Tool song off AEnima, similarly enough

- New Order’s Peter Hook’s 90s band
- ‘The Con’ __ And Sara
- Country gal Cochran
- ‘02 Vanessa Carlton album ‘__ Nobody’
- Legendary 30s actress/singer West
- ‘99 Offspring hit ‘Why Don’t You __ Job’
- Nailed, as with audition
- Ned’s Atomic Dustbin ‘You

- Don’t Have __ That’
 57. They are stacked against struggling artists
 58. ‘Big Mouth’ Martha

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Across

- Concert broad or this
- Nickelback’s Kroeger
- St Louis rockers
- “__ been a rich man’s son (pay me my money down) I’d sit on the river and watch it run”
- Schürzenjäger ‘__ Erectus’
- CA ‘Kill The Headlights’ nu- metal band
- Like Third Eye Blind’s ‘Charmed Life’
- Keyman of The Animals Price
- ‘This Is My Truth Tell Me Yours’ __ Street Preachers
- Candy-coated Yes song
- One Direction “And now __ step closer to being two steps far from you”
- ‘That’s How Strong My Love Is’ Redding
- John Frusciante song for newborn’s need
- Hall & Oates classic ‘__ Smile’
- Stars Ozzie And Harriet
- Liz Phair ‘Whip-Smart’ song to travel left to?
- Foo Fighter song that’s toast by the hospital
- Wakeling of General Public/English Beat
- Dance music Kraftwerk inspired
- Not full-time members of band
- Beatles classic ‘Love __’
- ‘Not So Soft’ DiFranco
- Supremes “Baby, baby where did our __”
- Metalers __ Death
- ‘99 Red Balloons’ band
- Musical term for silence
- Eels ‘Hombre __’
- Will Smith movie/#1 song ‘__ Black’

- ‘87 Yes album ‘Big __’
- Like Peter Criss?
- ‘Stuck In The Middle With You’ co-writer Joe
- Zep’s last album
- ‘86 David Lee Roth album ‘__ And Smile’ (3,2)
- Mexican food ‘Satan Gave’ Beck
- ‘Romancing The Stone’ reggae guy Grant
- Zoe song for nothing

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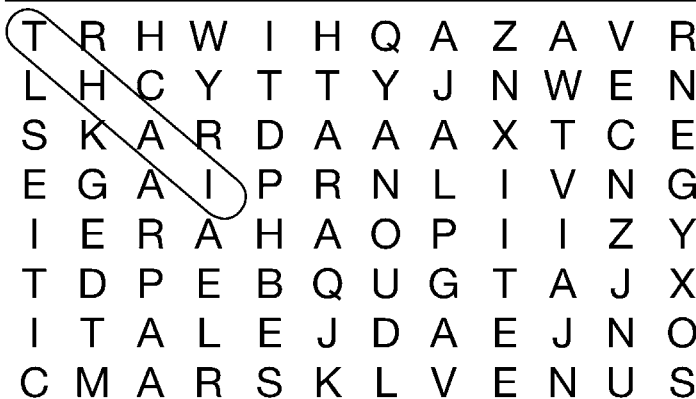
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Find and Circle...

- Four languages
- Four planets
- The H and O in H₂O
- Two three-syllable fruits
- Dickens novel: “A ____ of Two ____”

Last Week’s Answers: COAX JINX HOAX LYNX FAUX MANX / CANOE BARGE FERRY SKIFF / IRON LEAD GOLD / KENNEDY TRUMAN / SAHARA GOBI

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2	3	1	4	

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“Running Free”— more words, words, words.

Across

- 1. Gemini star
- 7. Tour guide
- 14. “Is Anybody Goin’ to San ___?” (1970 #1 country hit)
- 15. Like 18K or 22K, relatively
- 17. It’s sung in French and set in Spain
- 18. Fenced
- 19. Language spoken in “The Passion of the Christ”
- 21. Suffix with Senegal or Sudan
- 22. Hardware acronym
- 23. C8H17 radical
- 24. Uracil carrier
- 26. “___ good you let him know” (Hamlet quote)
- 28. Lindsey of “Pretty Little Liars”
- 29. Alaska natives
- 31. Hill affirmations
- 32. It branches into Ulster and Dublin accents
- 35. Lasso handler?
- 37. They come to a point near your field of vision
- 38. Etonic rival
- 39. Corrupt
- 40. Undisputed
- 44. Subject of some terraforming proposals
- 46. Actor Sheridan who plays Cyclops

47. Word after rap or flow

- 48. “Tarzan” actor Ron
- 49. Role, figuratively
- 51. Silence, in a way
- 53. Costal enclosures
- 56. Rabbit creator
- 57. Mars option
- 58. Decreasing figure?
- 59. Hohe ___ (Cologne shopping locale)
- 60. Devices that displayed numbers

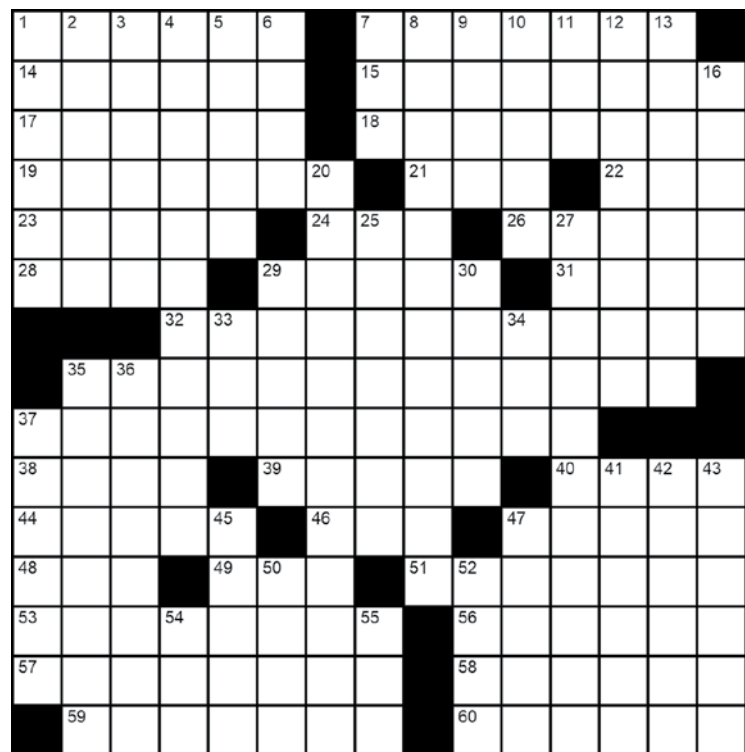
11. Gym instructor’s deg.

- 12. Musical character who sings “I swear on all my spores”
- 13. One of Chaucer’s Canterbury pilgrims
- 16. Involve
- 20. Some strength-training enthusiasts
- 25. “Whenever”
- 27. Throws a sleeper then touches the ground, essentially
- 29. Went for the silver, perhaps
- 30. Canon, to Link
- 33. Family surname in current TV
- 34. “... the giftie ___ us”: Burns
- 35. Field items that follow an arc
- 36. Barely
- 37. Underground experts
- 41. Add new padding to
- 42. “Mr. Belvedere” costar Bob
- 43. They’re real knockouts
- 45. Zulu warrior king
- 47. Toyota model rebooted in 2019
- 50. Forever and a day

52. Laugh line

- 54. “Proud Mary” band, briefly
- 55. Dir. from Iceland to Ireland

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Down

- 1. Tropical beans
- 2. Revolting type, old-style
- 3. Levels
- 4. Director with a memorable Mark
- 5. “You Can’t Stop the Reign” rapper
- 6. Santoni who played Poppie on “Seinfeld”
- 7. Abbr. on bottles of beer
- 8. Times associated with availability
- 9. Those, in Toledo
- 10. Black listing

R&R answer from pg 39 of 4/13



Jonesin’ answer from pg 40 of 4/13



NITE SUDOKU

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

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle A

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

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Difficulty: ★

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle B

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

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Difficulty: ★★★

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle C

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

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from Clint Howard, born April 20, 1959, in *The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family*, by Ron Howard & Clint Howard.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) I picked up my acting chops and on-set savvy by osmosis. There's so much to pick up.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) How do you get a bear to kiss you? Simple. Put an orange-flavored Life Savers candy in your mouth and pucker up. No American black bear will be able to resist planting his snout smack upon your lips. Caution: Do not try this at home. Do you really want to try it anywhere?

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) As someone who has made a lot of B-grade movies, I can tell you that no director actually sets out to make one. Think on that for a bit.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Ron could easily have become a head basketball coach at the high school or college level. But he did something else instead.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) In the days before copying machines and printers, everything had to be done manually, including addressing and stamping business envelopes. Lots of big companies contracted out this task to freelancers, paying a penny an envelope. It was tedious work, but Mom and Dad needed the cash. A penny an envelope adds up.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) We never heard 'Dopey Opie!' or 'Where's your bear?' on the court during Hurricanes games or in the three-on-three pickup games we played at the rec center. Darn right.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) The first short [film] we did was called The Ball Game. It was simply a dramatization of a Wiffle Ball game. They can be pretty dramatic.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) At first I was just

an extra, but then the writers developed a running bit for my 'character,' such as he was, named Leon. Such as he was.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) We never pretended to be anything other than what we were advertised as, family entertainment. Don't pretend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) You name it, we played it at recess: softball, basketball, kickball, dodgeball. I never understood the appeal of dodgeball. Kinda puts square dancing in perspective.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) We also dined out a fair amount, too. The local Sizzler, part of a chain that had only been founded a few years earlier in Culver City, was a go-to spot. Pick a spot!

Aries (March 21 – April 19) When Bruno [the bear] went on a break, he liked the air-conditioning so much that he refused to leave, even with the trainers gently coaxing him with doughnuts. Hm, doughnuts? Or air-conditioning? Doughnuts, air-conditioning, doughnuts, air-conditioning.... 🐻



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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 "Dancing With Myself" singer (4)	_____
2 voice of Mike Wazowski (7)	_____
3 "Sabrina" director (6)	_____
4 "Caribbean Queen" singer (5)	_____
5 "Outa-Space" creator (7)	_____
6 lead of Smashing Pumpkins (6)	_____
7 Duke Ellington collaborator (9)	_____

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4. ENDEMIC 5. ENDGAME 6. ENDURING 7. ENDEAVORS
Last Week's Answers: ENDANGER 2. ENDOWED 3. ENDEARMENTS

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Sudoku Answers from pg40 of 4/13

Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★

Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★

Puzzle C

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

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Awesome!

Student journalists at the Booster Redux, Pittsburg (Kansas) High School’s newspaper, uncovered a scoop that rocked the educational community there, NBC News reported. Amy Robertson, who was hired to be the principal on March 6, was the subject of a routine interview for the paper, but the students were stymied by Robertson’s claim that she had earned degrees from Corllins University. When they dug deeper, they learned that the institution was not accredited by the U.S. Department of Education, had no actual address and, in fact, had been identified as a diploma mill. Robertson said her degrees “have been authenticated by the U.S. government” and the students’ concerns were “not based on facts.” However, she resigned on April 4. Emily Smith, PHS’s journalism adviser, said she was “very proud” of her students. “They worked very hard to uncover the truth.” *NBC News, April 5*

It’s come to this

New York City Mayor Eric Adams named former schoolteacher Kathleen Corradi to a new position on April 12, United Press International reported. Corradi is the rat czar (officially, director of rodent mitigation) of the Big Apple. Adams said it was “clear we needed someone solely focused on leading our rat reduction efforts across all five boroughs.” In 2022, rat sightings

in the city increased by 74 percent over the previous year. Requirements for the job included being “highly motivated and somewhat bloodthirsty” with a “swashbuckling attitude, crafty humor and general aura of badassery.” “I look forward to sending the rats packing,” Corradi said. *UPI, April 13*

Eyewitness news

Although he is no longer governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger still performs his civic duty — in this case, filling a huge pothole in his Brentwood neighborhood with concrete. The Associated Press reported that on April 11, the Terminator himself, along with a helper, used a shovel and packaged concrete to fill a hole in the street. “Today, after the whole neighborhood has been upset about this giant pothole that’s been screwing up cars and bicycles for weeks, I went out with my team and fixed it,” he tweeted. “This is crazy. For three weeks I’ve been waiting for this hole to be closed.” Arnold’s heroics may have been misguided, however; according to a statement from SoCalGas, the “pothole” actually was an active work trench for a project to be completed in May. *Associated Press, April 12*

Cleaning up

Police in Boardman, Ohio, are still on the lookout for a robber who broke into a Bed Bath & Beyond store early on April 8,

WFMJ-TV reported. Surveillance cameras captured a “stocky male” throwing a rock through a window at the store, then heading to a stockroom in the back, where he filled four shopping carts with 33 Dyson vacuum cleaners. The vacuums were valued at between \$500 and \$750 each, for a total loss of \$17,000. Because there are no surveillance cameras outside the store, authorities didn’t get a picture of the getaway vehicle. *WFMJ, April 11*

Recent alarming headline

In 2008, an enormous sinkhole appeared in Daisetta, Texas, NPR reported. At that time, it grew to a cavity about 900 feet across and 260 feet deep, then stabilized. Over the years, it became a sort of recreational area, where people fished and alligators lazed. But on April 2, the hole began expanding. “My neighbor came over and said he kept hearing popping sounds like a gunshot,” said Tim Priessler. “We went to the backyard, and there were buildings falling in. It was like a movie. You can see cracks forming in the ground.” Since then, a vacant building and several storage tanks have sunk. The EPA and city officials are working to find out what has caused the sinkhole to shift, but as of April 10, no evacuation orders had been issued. *NPR, April 11*

News you can use

Darryl Pitt, chair of the meteorite division at the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum in Bethel, has an offer Mainers won’t want to refuse: If you’re the first to find a big (the size of a softball or bigger) space rock from a recent meteorite crash, the museum will pay you \$25,000. The fireball was seen in the sky around noon on April 8, and NASA reported that “signatures consistent with falling meteorites” were registered by radar. The rocks probably fell to Earth in a remote wooded area near the border with Canada; NASA estimates the largest specimens will be found near Waite, Maine. Good luck! *AP, April 12*

Good grief!

Bayley, a mini “sheepadoodle” dog with her own Instagram account, is famous because she looks remarkably like Snoopy, the cheeky beagle in the comic strip “Peanuts.” Bayley has more than 240,000 followers on social media, People reported. Bayley’s black eyes, nose and big, floppy ears make her a dead ringer for the beloved comic character, even though they are not the same breed. Now Bayley’s owner just needs to get a small, yellow bird to round out the cast. *People, April 12*

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