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Wonder, I wonder

The rain had been heavy through the night, but the morning dawned with brilliant sunshine, so I decided to have my morning meditation out on the porch. The breeze was light, just gently rustling the leaves, when a diamond caught my eye. Actually, it was a single leaf, wet from the rain, twinkling down at me from the tree opposite. It so arrested my attention that I marveled at the simplicity of its beauty and its mesmerizing effect on me. And then, I looked down to my meditation prompt, a poem titled "Presence," by the Irish writer John O'Donohue. He'd written "Take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention." Clearly this little leaf was one of those quiet miracles, posing unwittingly as a diamond.

O'Donohue writes frequently about "wonder" and its power to take us out of ourselves and to lead us to frontiers of awareness. How rare such moments are in my own life, I realized with embarrassment. This experience of unexpected beauty stimulated so many related reactions. And then, from the other room, came the all-too-familiar sound from my smartphone that a text had arrived. It almost pulled me back into that world, but I resisted and stayed in my chair.

So much of the time, as O'Donohue notes, we run along the "rail tracks of purpose." Routines and schedules, obligations, and responsibilities: These all cause us to be productive, no doubt, but perhaps they also keep us so directed that our sense of wonder — that capacity we see so much in young children — is frustrated.

So, then my meditation turned to the tension that exists between the openness to wonder and the distraction, the control imposed by the very technologies that purportedly make our lives better. Efficient? Yes. Richer? I doubt it. And now comes AI, with its great promises. No Luddite, I, but still I wonder, how wonder will survive. AI may be able eventually to replicate human reasoning, but I rather think the gift of wonder will always be uniquely our own.

Noah benShea wrote, "Eternity is any moment opened with patience." Patience and wonder in tandem. Not a bad start to my day!

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ON THE COVER

10 We recognize that summer, in the calendar sense, might not be over but Labor Day does feel like the conclusion of the summer vibe. So in this week's paper we look at a few of the events that made this mild, sometimes sunny, frequently rainy, summer unique. On the cover and above, kids attending the Currier Museum of the Art's Summer Block Party in July get their faces painted by young artists from Manchester Central High School. Photo by Morgan Karanasios courtesy the Currier Museum.



ALSO ON THE COVER It's a long weekend, make the most of it with live music at area restaurants. Find our Music This Week listing on page 32. Concord is trying to make downtown the place to be on the first Fridays of each month (see page 24). Find some mystery and some family fun at the UFO Festival in Exeter (page 18).

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NEWS & NOTES

Peaches in 2024?

Severe winter freezes have decimated New Hampshire's peach crop this year, prompting growers to innovate. According to a press release from the NH Fruit Growers Association, Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, which faced a complete peach loss due to the cold snap in February, is now importing peaches from New Jersey to meet customer demand, noting the freshness and cost-effectiveness compared to California imports. While some growers like Alyson's Orchard are focusing on immediate solutions, others, like Rich Leonard of Miller Farm in Durham, are rehabilitating their farms and preparing for next year's crop. New Hampshire hosts 114 farms that cultivate peaches, covering approximately 83 acres. Residents can find local orchard offerings at nhfruitgrowers.org/find-an-orchard.

Max on the move

Max the Moose, a life-sized stuffed animal, has relocated to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) offices in Concord for a temporary stay. Originally created by the Stuffed Animal House in 2000 to be showcased at the Eastern States Exposition, Max was meant to give visitors a sense of the real size of a moose. Over the years, he has traveled extensively throughout New Hampshire and even to New York City and Boston as a goodwill ambassador



Max the Moose. Courtesy photo.

for the state. "Max has served as a fantastic ambassador for New Hampshire for more than 20 years, encouraging people of all ages to learn more about the state," Sarah L. Stewart, DNCR commissioner, said in the release. "That's why it's so fitting that he'll be spending some time at the Department of Education." Those interested in seeing Max can arrange a photo-op by contacting the NHED at comms@doe.nh.gov.

Lotto win

In Fiscal Year 2023, the New Hampshire Lottery achieved record sales of \$603 million, marking a 12 percent increase from the previous year, according to a press release. This led to a historic contribution of \$187 million to New Hampshire public education. Mega Millions and Powerball jackpots played significant roles in this surge, with sports betting via DraftKings also adding considerable momentum, accounting for over \$883 million in wagers and contributing \$35.6 million to the state's education fund.

School breakfast

NH Hunger Solutions is collaborating with UNH Extension and the New England Dairy Council for the 2023 School Breakfast Challenge beginning on Sept. 5. Currently, New Hampshire ranks 47th in school breakfast participation among the 50 states. By joining the challenge, schools can help improve this ranking. The school showing the most improvement will receive the Elaine VanDyke School Breakfast Champion Award, with a press conference to announce the victory. Visit nhhunger-solutions.org or email rcorr@nhhungersolutions.org to learn how to get your local school involved.

Donations

St. Mary's Bank has distributed \$20,000 among four nonprofit organizations, with each receiving \$5,000. According to a press release, the beneficiaries are NHSPCA, CASA of New Hampshire, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and New Hampshire Food Bank. The donations stem from the 603 Account initiative launched in September 2022, where St. Mary's Bank donates \$0.0603 to a chosen nonprofit category whenever account holders make a purchase with their debit card. The initiative is set to continue, emphasizing high-impact areas to enhance community welfare and environmental health.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, the New Hampshire Department of Safety announced it had been informed about an aerial stunt involving a hot air balloon set to occur, weather permitting, that day around 5:30 p.m. over **Laconia** and **Sanbornton**. According to a press release, emergency services were briefed about the stunt to prepare for possible calls about the activity. Organizers later confirmed that the stunt had been postponed.

The Glen Lake Swim, "Viva Las Glennie," was held in **Goffstown** on Aug. 13, according to a press release. Celebrating the 1960s, the event featured a special performance by Elvis tribute artist Mark Shelton, and swimmers participated in races. Winners included Michael Dowd, Brenna Dowd and Eric Nilsson. The event was livestreamed by Goffstown Television.

Rockingham Choral Society in **Exeter** will hold open rehearsals on Tuesdays, Sept. 5 and Sept. 12, at Exeter High School for new and returning choral singers. According to a press release, the Society offers membership to individuals age 16 and up and has more than 95 members. A placement audition is required for newcomers but demands no preparation. Dues for high school and college students are waived. Individuals can pre-register via the Society's website or Facebook page.

Grant

Canterbury Shaker Village in New Hampshire has been awarded a \$210,998 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to fund a three-year project for collections inventory and cataloging. According to a press release, this grant will facilitate the Village in inventorying, cataloging and preserving its Shaker-made and Shaker-used

objects, estimated to be around 40,000 items. The project will enhance both physical and intellectual control over the collection, benefiting staff and researchers of Shaker history. Canterbury Shaker Village, established in 1792, is among the best-preserved Shaker Villages. The Village is also a part of the NH Heritage Museum Trail, a network connecting New Hampshire's heritage institutions. Visit shakers.org.

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Remote care

Telemonitoring patients at home

Granite VNA, New Hampshire's leading home health care provider, has launched a telemonitoring program for patients with chronic illnesses. Leveraging advanced tech tools, the program aims to empower patients to proactively monitor their vital signs. Suzanne Olszak, RN, who has more than 30 years of experience in home health care and manages the program, discussed its impact, benefits and future.

Q: *Can you provide an overview of your program and its significance in the context of home health care?*

We operate a telemonitoring program at Granite VNA, having launched it almost a year ago in October. With my 30 years in home care and a decade in telemonitoring with other agencies, this new program encompasses 50 telemonitoring units. ... We provide these patients with a tablet, scale, blood pressure cuff and pulse oximeter for home use. They're trained to daily monitor and record their weight, blood pressure and oxygen levels. The tablets, equipped with Bluetooth, transmit this data directly to our telemonitoring nurse's computer. This allows for immediate tracking, enabling us to detect any detrimental trends. ... Typically, we monitor patients for approximately 60 days. ... If any alarming trends emerge, we communicate with both the patient and their health care providers to proactively intervene and adjust their care plan, to prevent potential hospitalizations.

Who is this program specifically designed to serve and support?

Our focus is on high-risk patients with chronic diseases such as congestive heart failure (CHF), COPD, and high blood pressure, particularly those with medication changes or frequent rehospitalizations. ... We solely cater to patients from Granite VNA who have been recommended for skilled nursing or physical therapy. This telemonitoring service complements the assistance provided by their home care nurses and therapists.

What is the primary purpose and intended outcome of this program for high-risk patients?

Our goal is twofold: reduce hospitalizations and empower patients to be more engaged and informed about their health. ... The objective is to instill in these high-risk patients — CHF, hypertension, COPD patients — the significance of daily vitals monitoring. We educate them about diet



Suzanne Olszak works with a care provider, managing Granite VNA's telemonitoring program. Courtesy photo.

and the critical aspects of their specific condition. Ultimately, we want patients to become autonomous in managing their health, particularly in identifying when they need medical attention. ... Our hope is that with this knowledge and monitoring, patients can become more proactive and independent in managing their conditions.

How are the patients adapting to using this technology?

Many patients initially feel nervous about using the new technology, primarily because the majority of our users are elderly. However, they adapt surprisingly well. We provide hands-on guidance, having them practice while we're present in their homes. The process is relatively simple for most — stepping on a scale or using a pulse oximeter. The biggest challenge tends to be the blood pressure cuff, as it requires positioning the arm correctly and tightening the loop, but we've designed it to be as user-friendly as possible.

Does this program help in freeing up time for the nurses?

Absolutely, it does. Instead of requiring multiple weekly visits for nurses to see a patient, the frequency can be reduced to once a week or even every other week. This is possible because a nurse constantly monitors the vitals, and this data is transferred to the patient's matrix care chart, which is their home care record. ... Additionally, patients appreciate this setup since they don't have to always wait for a nurse to visit, yet they're reassured that someone is monitoring their vitals throughout the program duration.

Do you plan to extend the program to other medical conditions or broaden its reach in any way?

The decision is primarily made on a case-by-case basis. If a nurse reaches out to me about a patient with a complex situation whom they believe would benefit from this technology, I'm fully on board with setting it up in their home. — *Angie Sykeny*

Betts big in Fenway return



The Big Story: It was the return of **Mookie Betts** at Fenway. He picked up right where he left off by going 7-15 with two doubles, a homer, four RBI and five runs scored.

Sports 101: Name the two players who share the single-season record for hitting the most home runs in September.

Thumbs Up – Fenway Faithful: For the well-earned warm welcome back those on hand gave to Betts on Friday.

News Item – Pundits Drool Over Doug-las and Boutte: It's weird to have pundits drooling over a rookie wide receiver this late into Patriots camp. Let alone over two of them. But many still are over **Demario Douglas** and **Kayshon Boutte**. And some of the comments are over the top. Like **Greg Bedard** of the Boston Sports Journal saying he sees flashes of **Tyreek Hill** in Douglas, while ESPN's **Ryan Clark** says Boutte could be the "steal" of the entire draft if he re-finds the Top 10 level talent he took to LSU when they recruited him. But I'm a "believe it when I see it" type over hype from a pretty dismal camp overall. The most telling thing will be seeing what role each has in the game plan in Week 1 vs. Philly. That will tell you what the coaches think of them.

The Numbers:

2 – wins needed by Cardinals hurler **Adam Wainwright** to reach 200 for his career as he enters September, which doesn't seem too tough, except at 41 he's 3-9 with an ERA of 8.67 so it's likely now or never for him.

24 – season-high number of hits for the Red Sox in Thursday's 17-1 skunking of Houston when they had six doubles and three homers as the Astros used catcher **Martín Maldonado** to pitch the final two innings.

50 – doubles Dodgers slugger **Freddie Freeman** already has in 2023 after getting three more at Fenway last weekend to keep him on pace to be the first player to get 60 in a season since Famers **Charlie Gehring-er** (60) and **Ducky Medwick** (64) last did it in 1936.

'Of the Week' Awards

Defensive Play of the Week – Garrett Whitlock: It goes to the heads-up play made by the Sox reliever, the kind of play pitchers never make — a running, sliding on his back catch of a foul ball 30 feet behind home plate after catcher **Connor Wong** became entangled with the batter at home

plate. It kept Houston at bay in an eventual 7-5 win in 10 innings on Wednesday.

Lead-off Hitter of the Week – Alex Verdugo: For doing what no Red Sox player and only two others in history have done: leading off three straight games with homers, vs. Houston and L.A. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Random Thoughts:

Granted the offensive line play was just awful, but after a 30-of-51 for 253 yards pre-season, who still thinks **Bailey Zappe** should be the Pats' starting QB?

I'm glad the lovable, **Casey Stengel**-led 1962 Mets will remain the most hapless team in baseball history. Oakland would have to finish 1-31 and even they're not that bad.

Sports 101 Answer: The all-time one-season September home run champs are **Babe Ruth** and **Albert Belle** with 17. Ruth did it 1927 on his way to hitting a then record 60, while Belle did it as he closed out his spectacular 1995 season when he became the first player in history to have 50 doubles and 50 homers in the same season.

Final Thought: Two days ago was the 61st anniversary of the first pro game I ever went to. It was a thrilling day that started with the rarity of me spending half a day at my dad's office in Manhattan, then it was a subway ride up to the Bronx and Yankee Stadium.

The first vivid memory was the vibrant color bursting out at us as we left the darkness of the tunnel to see the field. It was like when *The Wizard of Oz* goes from black and white to color as Dorothy opens the cabin door after landing in Oz and the color just jumps out at you.

My favorite guy, **Mickey Mantle**, had two hits and made a nice shoestring catch in center. The only downside was Cleveland won 3-2 after **Terry Francona's** father, the original Tito, knocked in the winning runs with a two-run single during a game the box score reminds me only took 2:33 to play.

I also saw something that day I haven't seen since. It was when Cleveland right-hander **Gary Bell** threw an overhand curveball to pinch hitter **Yogi Berra** that bounced a good 6 feet in front of the plate. I can still see how calm Yogi was patiently staying on the ball before ripping a line drive over the second baseman's head into right for a single with a picture-perfect level swing after it bounced up belt-high right off the ground.

A glorious day.

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NEWS & NOTES

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Kids in flight

The "Young Eagles" program, organized by EAA Chapter 106 from Lawrence, Massachusetts, recently provided 37 youngsters with a unique experience of flying in an airplane. According to a press release, the event was part of the annual PlaneFest! celebration held by the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire at the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport on Aug. 19. For many participants, this flight marked their first experience in a small aircraft. The program, which started in 1992, has been dedicated to offering children aged 8 to 17 their first free airplane ride, aiming to inspire them about the world of aviation.



"Young Eagles" program gives kids airplane rides. Courtesy photo.

ing to inspire them about the world of aviation.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *The event coincided with the birth anniversary of aviation pioneer Orville Wright.*

Money for animals

The New Hampshire Liquor Commission (NHLC) raised \$60,000 for local animal rescue and therapeutic organizations through its inaugural "Allies for Animals" Scotch whisky raffle. According to a press release, the raffle prize included almost 35 rare Scotch whiskies valued at over \$10,000. The beneficiaries of the raffle were The Animal Rescue League of NH, Friends of the Manchester Animal Shelter, and Back in The Saddle Equine Therapy Center, each receiving \$20,000. NHLC has raised \$3.6 million for various nonprofits over the last eight years.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *Kathrine Lacey of Meredith won the raffle and received the whisky collection, mileage reimbursement, a two-night luxury hotel stay and a \$200 dining gift card.*

Help for moms-to-be

AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire, a managed care group serving local Medicaid recipients, recently hosted a Community Baby Shower at its Wellness & Opportunity Center in Manchester. According to a press release, the event attracted more than 50 expectant mothers, offering them access to essential tools and community support resources for healthier childbirth experiences. The gathering included activities, raffles and practical demonstrations like baby swaddling.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *With an 8.8 percent preterm birth rate in Manchester and New Hampshire's infant mortality rate at 4.3 per 1,000 live births, AmeriHealth aims to enhance care and health outcomes for mothers and babies, according to the release.*

QOL score: 86

Net change: +3

QOL this week: 89

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THIS WEEK

BIG EVENTS

AUGUST 31 AND BEYOND

Thursday, Aug. 31

The **Hopkinton State Fair** starts today at 905 Park Ave. in Contoocook. The fair is open from 5 to 10 p.m. today; 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, through Sunday, Sept. 3, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 4. A five-day pass costs \$39. A general admission day pass costs \$14 (with discounts for youth and seniors). A Megapass, which includes admission all five days and unlimited access to mechanical rides, costs \$45, according to hsfair.org, where you can purchase fair tickets as well as tickets for the demolition derby (Saturday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 3, at 6:30 p.m.; tickets cost \$25 in advance, \$29 at



the fair) and the monster truck show (Thursday, Aug. 31, and Friday, Sept. 1 — gates open at 5 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m.; see the website for ticket packages). In addition to the midway full of rides and games and the fair food offerings, the Hopkinton State Fair features agricultural exhibits and events such as livestock and horse shows, pulling competitions, a great pumpkin weigh-off, displays in the home arts building, a 4-H show and auction, educational exhibits, Charmingfare Farm petting zoo and a farmers market, the website said. The fair also features live music, including Rumboat Chili (Thursday, Aug. 31, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.), as well as magic and comedy performances.

Monday, Sept. 4

Start your morning with **Pac-Man and Galaga at Funspot** (579 Endicott Road in Laconia; funspot-nh.com). The “largest arcade in the world” continues its summer hours — 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, and until 11 p.m. on Saturdays — through today, Labor Day. (During the off season the arcade is open noon to 10 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.)

Monday, Sept. 4

Milford celebrates **Labor Day with a parade!** The parade will

step off at 1 p.m. and head from Milford High School at West Street to the Milford Oval, around the Oval and then to the Harley Sanford VFW, according to milford.nh.gov. This year’s theme is “Celebration of Sports,” the website said. 🗨️



Save the Date! Sunday, Sept. 24

The Beaver Brook Association (Maple Hill Farm, 117 Ridge Road in Hollis; beaverbrook.org) will hold a **full moon hike** on Sunday, Sept. 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. Enjoy that crisp fall evening air while a naturalist guides the group through the trail, highlighting seasonal changes and local animals, according to the website. Registration costs \$22 plus fees. Find this and other fall programming at beaverbrook.org.

Thursday, Aug. 31

Kick off your Labor Day weekend with some art and music. The **Currier Museum of Art’s** (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144) Art After Work program — when admission is free from 5 to 8 p.m. — will feature a performance by J Street Extension this evening

(this central New Hampshire band describes its style as blues-rock-funk-country). The museum will be open through the holiday weekend, including Monday, Sept. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission costs \$20 for adults, \$15 for 65+ and students, and \$5 for ages 13 to 17 (12 and under get in free).

Saturday, Sept. 2

Head to Elm Street in downtown Manchester for the 22nd annual **Cruising Downtown** car show held by the Manchester Rotary Club today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find live music, vendors, food and cars competing in several categories. See cruisingdowntownmanchester.com.



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Summer Scrapbook

A SEASON IN PICTURES

Summer, at least in the unofficial vibe-y sense, comes to something of a close with Labor Day weekend. As we all enjoy a weekend of sun (maybe) and heat (possibly), here's a look at some of the happenings over the past several months.

Performers at the We Are One Festival in downtown Manchester on Saturday, Aug. 19. Photo by Cindy Telley.



Frozen at the Palace Theatre's Summer Children's Series. Photo courtesy of the Palace Theatre.



Music-lovers gather for Music on the Green at the Canterbury Shaker Village, which runs Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. through Sept. 17. Photo courtesy the Canterbury Shaker Village.



Pottery tent at the League of NH Craftsmen's Fair, held at Mount Sunapee Resort Aug. 5 through Aug. 13. Photo by Alicia Bergeron courtesy the League.



Delta Dental Road Race in downtown Manchester on Aug. 10. Photo by Cindy Telley.



At the July 15 Summer Block Party at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, Rachael Kane, Currier curator of education & interpretation, hangs flags created as part of the community art project "The Wishing House" by Vermont-based artist Mark Ragonese. Photo by Morgan Karanasios courtesy the Currier Museum.



The Humane Society of Greater Nashua at the Nashua Pride Festival on June 24. Photo is from the organization's Facebook posts of the event.



Summer Stage Theater Camp in Merrimack. Courtesy photo from Merrimack Parks & Recreation.



33rd American Independence Festival was held on July 15 at the American Independence Museum in Exeter, commemorating the day the Declaration of Independence arrived in New Hampshire (July 16, 1776). Courtesy photo.



Vivian Rosalee at the Greeley Park Art Festival in Nashua Aug. 19 and Aug. 20. Photo by Judd Duclos.



Fairytale Festival on July 29, part of the calendar of SummerFun events in Nashua. Courtesy photo.



Polish sculptor Anna Rasinska stands next to her sculpture "The Window of Change" at the Nashua International Sculpture Symposium with David Tiller, board member, and Jim Larson, another of this year's four sculptors and the Artistic Director. This year's pieces were unveiled June 3. Courtesy photo.



Fourth of July in Merrimack. Courtesy photo from Merrimack Parks & Recreation.



The New England Wine Spectacular, held June 15 in Manchester. Courtesy photo.

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Naticook Day Camp in Merrimack. Courtesy photo Merrimack Parks & Recreation.



Concord Market Days in downtown Concord June 20 through June 22. Photo by Cindy Telley.



The Sunflower Festival at Coppal House Farm in Lee ran July 29 through Aug. 6. Photo by Cindy Telley.



Kevin Pollak at the Manchester International Film Festival. Courtesy photo.



Pembroke-Allenstown Old Home Days on Aug. 26. Photo by Cindy Telley.



Suncook Valley Rotary Hot Air Balloon Rally in Pittsfield was Aug. 4 and Aug. 5. Photo by Cindy Telley.



Laconia Motorcycle Week ran June 10 through June 18. Photo by Cindy Telley.



We Are One Festival in downtown Manchester on Aug. 16. Photo by Cindy Telley.



Shakespeare on the Green outside the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College presented *Romeo & Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* the last two weekends in July. Courtesy photo.



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THE ROUNDUP

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

• **Singing for the holidays:** The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus will hold open auditions for its holiday concert series called "Holly, Jolly, Folly" starting Sept. 5. The auditions, which are open to new singers, will be held at the First Congregational Church (508 Union St. in Manchester) on Tuesday, Sept. 5; Tuesday, Sept. 12, and Tuesday, Sept. 19, all from 6:30 to 7 p.m. A full chorus rehearsal will follow the first two audition times at 7 p.m. and a tenor rehearsal is at 7 p.m., according to a press release. The chorus is open to men over the age of 18 (gay, straight or male-identifying) who enjoy singing in four-part harmony, the release said. "Auditions are quick, private and easy. You don't need to have any material or music prepared," the release said. See nhgmc.com.

• **September at Andres:** The Andres Institute of Art (106 Route 13 in Brookline, andresinstitute.org) will hold a



New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus.

"Mindful Outdoor Experience" featuring a trail walk and more with Heather Sweeney, certified Kripalu Mindful Outdoor Guide, on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., according to the website. The cost to register is \$25.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, Andres will kick off its annual International Sculpture Symposium, when artists create new sculptures to add to Andres' trails, with an opening ceremony at 1 p.m.; the public is invited to this free event. On Friday, Sept. 22, there will be a ticketed, catered barbecue with the symposium artists — Ivona Biocic Mandic from Croatia, Finn Cosar from Australia and Renubala Kashyap Rajput from India, the website said. The public can learn more about the artists at a Symposium Artist Showcase on Saturday, Sept. 23. A lobster boil dinner with the artists (also a ticketed event) will take place on Friday, Sept. 29, at 5 p.m. A panel dis-

ussion with Symposium Alumni Artists is slated for Saturday, Oct. 7. The closing ceremony for the symposium is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m. View the artists' pieces as they work on them at the Studio, Monday through Friday between Sept. 24 and Oct. 4, the website said.

The Institute's 12 miles of trails, which feature more than 100 sculptures, are open daily from dawn to dusk, the website said.

• **Poems and prose:** Rebecca Kaiser Gibson, who runs The Loom poetry reading series in Harrisville (theloompoetry.com) and is the author of books including the novel *The Promise of a Normal Life* and the poetry collection *Girl as Birch*, has several events in September. She will discuss her experience teaching poetry in Hyderabad, India, in the presentation "The Gods Next Door, a Glimpse into India" on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library (64 E Broadway in Derry; derrypl.org, 432-6140); go online

to register. On Sunday, Sept. 17, at 1:30 p.m. she will be at Del Rossi's Trattoria (73 Brush Brook Road in Dublin) with Oliver De La Paz. See rebeccakaisergibson.com for more on the author.

• **September at Balin:** Balin Books (375 Amherst St. in Nashua, 417-7981, balinbooks.com) has author events on the schedule for September. New Hampshire author Paul August will discuss his novel *The Canaries* on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. On Tuesday, Sept. 12, Melanie Brooks will read from her memoir *A Hard Silence* and discuss it with author Suzanne Strempek Shea, according to a social media post from the bookstore. See melaniebrooks.com for more on the author and her book. (Brooks will also be at the Bookery in Manchester on Sept. 14, Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough on Sept. 16 and Gibson's in Concord on Sept. 20.) On Saturday, Sept. 23, at 2 p.m. catch the return of naturalist author Sy Montgomery and wildlife artist Matt Patterson, this time with their book *Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell*, which is slated for release Sept. 19. The duo were at Balin earlier this year for *The Book of Turtles*. See symontgomery.com for more on all of Montgomery's works. 🐢

Art

Events

• **ART 'ROUND TOWN GALLERY WALK** The Portsmouth downtown area hosts the Art 'Round Town gallery walk on the first Friday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. (14 Market Square). Explore the art scene in this creative historical community by visiting different art galleries downtown. Visit artroundtown.org.

Exhibits

• **"THE COMPLEXITIES OF PRESENTATION"** Kim-

ball Jenkins (266 N. Main St. in Concord; kimballjenkins.com, 225-3932) has partnered with the Greater Manchester Chamber (54 Hanover St. in Manchester; manchester-chamber.org) to present the show "The Complexities of Presentation" at the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Boardroom at the Chamber offices, running through the end of August, according to a press release. The show will feature the works of artists Sylvan Dustin and Leaf Comstock, the release said. The gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **"IN FULL BLOOM: FLO- RAL 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, 673-8499) through Thursday, Aug. 31. The gallery is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **"NEST"** exhibition at Twigg's Gallery (254 King St., Bosca- wen), on view through Sept. 1. Juried by Pam Tarbell, this showcase features the works of New Hampshire artists exploring the literal

and metaphorical dimensions of the concept of "NEST." The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Call 975-0015 or visit twiggsgallery.org.

• **"SALON DE CINQ, SO LONG"** a show paying tribute to a 20-year gathering of a group of artists, is at Two Villages Art Society (846 Main St. in Hopkinton; twovillagesart.org) through Saturday, Sept. 2. "Salon de Cinq was started by Pat Palson, a nationally famous weaver and fashion designer. Joining in the exhibit

are her husband, realist painter Eric Palson; polymer clay artist Kathleen Dustin; textile artist Annie Frye; wood turner Steven Frye; and potter Nancy Brown," according to a press release. The gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays, noon to 4 p.m.

• **"CHEF'S KISS"** Kimball Jenkins (266 N. Main St. in Concord; kimballjenkins.com, 225-3932) will present a multi-artist summer show that will run from through Tuesday, Sept. 12, with gallery hours Monday through Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• **THE LIVING FOREST: UYRA** is on display at Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144) through Sunday, Sept. 24. "The exhibition features a comprehensive selection of photographs and videos encompassing Uyra's entire artistic trajectory, with work from many of their past performances and recent appearances," according to the website. The Currier is open Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

KICKING OFF SEASON 9



Hatbox Theatre (Steeplegate Mall, 270 Loudon Road in Concord; hatboxnh.com, 715-2315) will kick off its 9th season with Phylloxera Production's *Stage Struck*, a "wild comedic thriller" according to a press release. Robert, a former stage manager in London's West End, is now a house-husband for famous actress wife Anne, whose therapist threatens to upset the balance of Robert's life of dalliances in this play from playwright Simon Gray and directed by Gary Locke, the release said. The play contains adult language and violence and is not recommended for children, according to the press release. The production runs through Sunday, Sept. 24, with shows Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$22 for seniors and students.



OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

Tickets are on sale now for *The Wizard of Oz* at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org, 668-5588). The show, which boasts the familiar songs performed by the cast and a live orchestra and "masterful special effects," opens the 2023-2024 St. Mary's Bank Performing Arts Series, according to a video posted on the Palace's social media. This professional production runs Friday, Sept. 8, through Sunday, Sept. 24, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays as well as Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$49 for adults, \$28 for 12 and under and \$33 for seniors, according to the website.

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All things extraterrestrial

Annual UFO Festival celebrates the "Incident at Exeter"

By Mya Blanchard
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It has been 58 years since the Incident at Exeter, when 18-year-old Norman Muscarello saw an unidentified flying object, described as being about the size of the car with flashing red lights, on his way home one night in Kensington. The incident has been celebrated for the past 14 years with the annual Exeter UFO Festival. This year's event will be held from Saturday, Sept. 2, to Sunday, Sept. 3.

The Exeter Kiwanis Club took over the event as a fundraiser from Dean Merchant in 2014, according to Bob Cox, the president of the organization. All of the profits go to children's charities and programs and community programs.

"At the time it was only speaking events," Cox said. "We took [it] on and expanded it to include the whole family [with] arts and crafts and food. ... Each year we keep growing."

Among the 10 speakers at the town hall will be award-winning documentary filmmaker Jennifer Stein, who will give her presentation on Sunday. She is involved with the Mutual UFO Network in Pennsylvania and Arizona, and has been in the UFO field for 25 years. This year Stein will take her audience on a virtual journey through the Sacred Valley of Peru, focusing on Cusco, Sacsayhuaman, Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu, where, she says, some of the most interesting and significant megalithic architecture exists.

"Ollantaytambo is a megalithic site that sits high up on top of a plateau ... and it shows



Courtesy photo.

huge megalithic blocks of stone that really defy explanation of how they got there," Stein said. "On the underside where they are not eroded by sun and weather, some of them have smooth granite blocks. They're huge, as big as semi trucks. How the heck did they get there and who put them there and why?"

Another mystery is the nazca lines in southern Peru. These massive illustrations seem to depict monkeys, humans, lizards and scorpions among other images that can only be fully viewed from an aerial perspective.

"Many people think that it would be impossible for us to build them and they kind of say maybe an earlier culture that wasn't from Earth built them," she said. "Erich von Daniken was one of the first people to bring attention to the amazing enigmas of Peru ... and [to] coin the phrase 'ancient aliens.' ... He claimed in his [1968] book, *Chariots of the Gods?* that these things had to be built by a culture that had aerial abilities."

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Museum weekend

• **McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center** (2 Institute Drive in Concord; starhop.com, 271-7827) is open daily through Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (After Labor Day, the center returns to its Wednesday through Sunday schedule). The outdoor Science Playground can be accessed from inside the Discovery Center and is open through October from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is included in admission to the center, which costs \$12 for adults, \$9 for ages 3 to 12 and \$11 for ages 13 through college and for seniors, according to the website. Planetarium shows cost an additional \$6 per person.

• The **SEE Science Center** (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; see-sciencecenter.org, 669-0400) is open daily through Labor Day — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. (The center will be closed Mondays starting Sept. 11.) Admission costs \$12 for ages 3 and up. Register now for an event on **Thursday, Oct. 5**, when admission to the museum is free from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (registration is required), according to the website. At this family fun event, guests can explore the exhibits, view demonstrations and participate in science drop-in activities, the website said.

• The **Children's Museum of New Hampshire** (6 Washington St. in Dover; childrens-museum.org, 742-2002) is open daily through Saturday, Sept. 2, with sessions from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. and then Sunday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, and then the museum will be closed for its annual 13-day maintenance period. The museum (which is closed Mondays as well as for afternoon sessions on Sundays and Tuesdays) will reopen Saturday, Sept. 16, and will hold **Toddlerfest**, its annual celebration of the littlest museum-goers featuring special activities and events, Tuesday, Sept. 19, through Saturday, Sept. 30, including a reading of Eric Carle's *A Very Hungry Caterpillar* with a visit from the Caterpillar (Sept. 29 and Sept. 30), a celebration of the museum's 40th birthday on Sept. 23 and a *Frozen* dance party on Sept. 22. 🍌

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The values are tough. Antique rockers are not in high demand in this generation. The

value should be in the range of \$50. — Donna
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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Other speakers include paranormal researcher and investigator Mike Stevens, paranormal adventurers and authors Paul and Ben Eno, and ufologist Peter Robbins.
Other happenings include kids' activities such as face painting and rock painting, an alien costume and alien pet parade contest, a souvenir shop, an opportunity to meet the speakers, food concessions, and trolley rides to the site of the incident.

"One of the favorite things for the kids and the Exeter community are those trolley rides," Cox said. "Last year we had only one trolley ... and they made four or five trips. It was so popular, we got a lot of feedback that we should have more this year, so we're having two trolleys on Saturday and one trolley on Sunday to try to respond to their interests and requests, so that's a big growth [opportunity] for the festival." 🍌

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Hydrangeas: You always win

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My PeeGee Hydrangea always puts on a good show. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

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Unlike the games of chance at our local fair, you always win when you buy a hydrangea. They generally bloom their fool heads off every year, even if you have poor soil and a poor track record in the garden. When I was a boy I noticed that every cemetery had hydrangeas, so I called them cemetery bushes (my parents knew few names of plants). Now is the time they are blooming, so it is time to go to your local, family-owned garden center and buy one — or more than one.

If you want a tall plant with instant curb appeal, buy what is called a hydrangea “standard.” A standard is a shrub that has been grafted onto a tall stem, usually about 5 feet tall. Hydrangeas start out low and often wide, but if you get a standard, you get something that looks a bit like a lollipop — or an instant small tree.

I have six different hydrangeas, each differing in bloom time, color, size of blossom and shape of blossom. Two of mine are standards and are about 25 years old. Each is 15 to 20 feet tall and wide.

The first standard I planted is what’s called a “PeeGee” hydrangea. PeeGee is shortened from the Latin name, *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora* (which means large flower head). This is the classic cemetery plant, one that has been around since it was imported from Japan in 1862.

My PeeGee hydrangea has blossoms

of various sizes, from 5 inches across to 8 inches or more across. Most blossoms are roughly globular, but some are a bit elongated, especially toward the top of the plant. The panicles are a mixture of fertile and showy infertile florets. The blossoms start out a green-tinged white, transforming to white, then pinkish and finally brown after frost. If you pick the blossoms before frost and put them in a dry vase, they will stay looking pinkish all winter and beyond.

I love my “Pink Diamond” hydrangea; it is also a *H. paniculata grandiflora*, and lives up to its name even better than a PeeGee. Its uppermost flower panicles can reach 12 inches long and 8 inches wide. The woody stems are thicker and stronger than on most hydrangeas, so they do not flop the way some others do when wet from rain. The pink panicles are a delight to behold.

There is one native hydrangea, called smooth hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*). It stays small, only 3 to 6 feet tall and wide. It does well in partial shade but is intolerant of dry soils. It will tolerate full sun only if the soil stays moist. ‘Annabelle’ is commonly sold in the nursery trade but I can’t imagine why. Yes, it does have huge panicles, but it has flimsy stems so the panicles droop or flop onto the ground.

According to the Mt. Cuba research station, the best hydrangea for pollinators is the smooth hydrangea called ‘Haas Halo,’ a native one. I planted several for a client one fall and they were immediately consumed by deer. But they came back the following spring

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Climbing Hydrangea on the north side of my barn. Photo by Henry Homeyer.



'Quick Fire' has a nice mix of pink and white florets right now. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

There are now other blue hydrangeas sold, and some may be OK for our climate.

My favorite hydrangea is the climbing hydrangea, *H. anomala* subspecies *petiolaris*. Climbing hydrangea is usually sold as a small vine in a one-gallon pot. It takes a long time to get to blooming size — often five or six years. Then it takes off and grows rapidly. The great thing about this vine is that it will bloom in full shade — I have it on the north side of my barn. It will attach to stone or brick surfaces but not wood, though it can climb trees. As it started growing it up my barn I attached it to the barn with a special plastic chain designed for staking young trees. Then later it grew through cracks in the boards and now needs no support — and usually blooms inside my barn! Like all hydrangeas, its flowers stay on and look interesting most of the winter.

So if you like the look of hydrangeas, go get one. I think most are wonderful.

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and I surrounded them with wire fencing to keep the deer away. In Year 3 they are blooming nicely. The center of each flat flower head is full of small, fertile flowers surrounded by larger white flat, infertile florets.

Another favorite of mine is called 'Quick Fire.' Now in Year 5 for me, it is a shrub about 4 feet tall and wide; it is loaded with 4- to 5-inch flower heads. It opens greenish white, then turns white, then pink. The pink color comes on ear-

lier than most others, hence the name. What I like about it is that it keeps a nice mix of white and pink panicles. I am now pruning it yearly to keep it at its current size. It blooms on new wood, so I won't lose any blossoms if I prune it now or even in the early spring.

Many New England gardeners would like to be able to grow blue hydrangeas, so they buy them and find they really only perform well for one year. A variety called 'Endless Summer' came out

in the '90s with much fanfare, claiming it would do as well here as it does in the mid-Atlantic region. But it didn't do well. Most buds are set the year before, and winter tends to kill them.

Readers often write me asking how to get the numerous blue panicles in years 2, 3 and beyond. I tell them to treat them as expensive annuals. Dig them up and throw them on the compost if they don't succeed. Instead of Endless Summer, I call them Endless Disappointment.

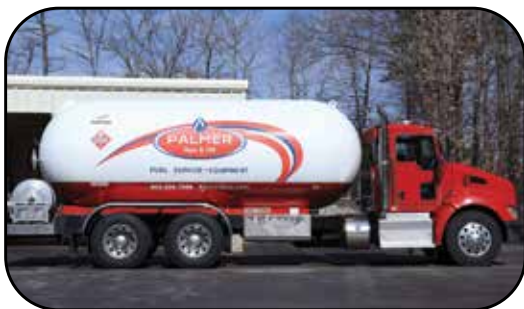


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Greatest casualty of fuel faux pas is your wallet



By Ray Magliozzi
my car? — Sarah

*Dear Car Talk:
I accidentally put diesel in my gasoline engine. I drove about 50 miles before bad things began to happen.*

Will this destroy

injectors — and flush that, too.

There's undoubtedly some diesel fuel inside the cylinders at this point, too. To get the bulk of that out, he can remove the spark plugs and crank the engine — blowing it out the spark plug holes. And once he gets the fuel injectors spraying pure gasoline again, running the engine should push the rest of the diesel out of the cylinders.

The other possible casualty is your catalytic converter. It'll probably be OK, but it's not designed to handle diesel fuel, so time will tell.

The biggest casualty, Sarah (other than your ego)? Your wallet. This is a time consuming, messy job. Removing the fuel rail, in particular, can be difficult on lots of cars. So, expect to spend many hundreds of dollars.

The good news is that the more you spend, the less likely you are to ever do this again. And I'm guessing this'll be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for you, Sarah. So take pictures.

*Dear Car Talk:
Can you recommend a good com-*

pression test gauge for a shade tree mechanic? — Kevin

Interestingly, I can't even remember the last time I used a compression tester, Kevin. So, if you can find mine, you can have it.

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sion, you remove the spark plugs and thread the compression gauge into one of the spark plug holes. Then you crank the engine, as if you were starting it, and check the reading. And you do that for each cylinder.

A compression gauge doesn't have to be a precision instrument, because what you're really looking for is a big difference between the cylinders. So if three cylinders are at 150 pounds and one is at 80 pounds, you know there's a problem. If the absolute numbers are off a bit, it hardly matters.

If you go online, or to your local auto parts store, Kevin, you should see a wide selection of compression gauges for sale. You really don't need to spend more than \$30 or \$40 to get one that'll do the job.

Look for one with a hose, which makes it a little more versatile and easier to use. And then, once you've checked your own compression, your wife's, and your father-in-law's, maybe you can put up a yard sign that says "free compression tests" and make some new friends.

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Food truck Fridays

Intown Concord sponsors food trucks for First Friday

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News from the local food scene

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• **Try gourmet kettle popcorn and handmade wine:** Visit Averill House Vineyard (21 Averill Road, Brookline) between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, and Saturday, Sept. 2, for gourmet popcorn paired with handcrafted wine. From mango maple moscato, strawberry zinfandel and black currant wine to sweet caramel and brown sugar and garlic pepper and rosemary popcorn, there is a combination for everyone. Tickets start at \$20 and can be purchased through eventbrite.

• **Bourbon, wine, golf:** Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown (161 Gorham Pond Road) hosts Bourbon, Wine & Nine on Friday, Sept. 8, from 2 to 9 p.m. Sample wines, bourbons and scotches and enjoy food from Drumlins Restaurant. Festivities include a nine-hole scramble tournament, a putting contest, live music and chances to raise funds for The Liberty House Charity for Veterans and win prizes. Golf registration starts at 2 p.m. and tee-off is at 3 p.m. The tasting tent opens at 5 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$60 and can be purchased via eventbrite.

• **Meet Austrian winemaker and try his wines:** Stop by Wine on Main (9 N. Main St., Concord) on Friday, Sept. 8, between 5 and 7 p.m. to meet Austrian winemaker Paul Direder and try his wines.

• **Launch party for Botanica #9:** Enjoy brunch, gin cocktails, music, a flower steam bar and more at Manchester Distillery's (284 Manchester St., Manchester) Gin & Jam launch party for Botanica #9. The free event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with an official toasting at 9 a.m.

• **Medium reading and wine tasting:** Psychic medium Jessica Moseley will hold a group medium reading at Averill House Vineyard (21 Averill Road, Brookline) on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Guests 21 and older will be offered a complimentary wine tasting flight of four vintages or a single glass of wine. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased on explore-tok.com.

• **Hampton Beach Seafood Fest:** Don't miss the 34th Hampton Beach Seafood Festival from Friday, Sept. 8, through Sunday, Sept. 10. More than 50 local food vendors and 70 local

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This past May, Intown Concord started a new tradition with First Friday. On the first Friday of every month, businesses in downtown Concord are encouraged to stay open until 8 p.m. or later. Each month, Intown Concord sponsors one food truck to attend, previously Wicked Tasty Food Truck and The Sleazy Vegan. Next up, on Friday, Sept. 1, is One Happy Clam.

"In the past, people have made comments about Concord closing up early and how there wasn't much to do in the evening here, so we thought to focus on an effort to get the businesses to do something special once a month to encourage people to come downtown," said Jessica Martin, the executive director for Intown Concord. "We have been sponsoring a food truck to come ... and we're hoping long-term that more food trucks will come down."

Derry native Rick Metts, who has been in the restaurant business for 50 years, established One Happy Clam in September 2021. He started out at McDonald's in 1974 and worked there through high school and into college. Twelve years later Metts, along with a friend, bought Clam Haven in Derry, where he worked for 33 years along with his wife, daughters and grandson.

"I had always dreamed of owning a diner, and the food truck craze was starting [around] 2015, 2016, so I put that in the back of my mind to maybe pursue when I got out of Clam Haven," Metts said.

In 2020 when he sold the restaurant, that's exactly what he did with his wife, daughters and grandchildren. He bought a pre-built truck in August 2021, bought and sold the necessary equipment, and a month later, One Happy Clam was on the road. Along with seafood, they also serve hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches and more. Due to his time at Clam Haven, he already had a reputation in the community.

"They knew what we served at the restaurant, so I try to use the same suppliers and the same menu items," he said. "There's a consistency, so they know if it's me this is what they're going to get."

Unable to attend First Friday in July because the truck needed a new transmission, Metts is eager to be involved in



Courtesy photos.



September.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "It's a little different market. They don't know who I am up there, some might, most don't, so we get a chance to make a good first impression."

Martin says there's been a great response from the downtown businesses, Gibson's Bookstore, Homebody and Achromatic being among the ones that have taken part in the later hours.

Revelstoke has been having a DJ, Wine on Main has done a free wine tasting and Spruce Home has even given out free iced coffee and doughnuts.

"It's been a little bit of a slow burn but we're gaining momentum," Martin said.

First Friday

When: The first Friday of every month. The next event is Friday, Sept. 1

Where: Downtown Concord

Cost: Free

This month's First Friday is being billed as "Dogapalooza" highlighting the dog-friendly nature of downtown, according to an Intown newsletter which include

a list of businesses that allow dogs either inside the business or outside leashed as well as which businesses offer treats or water.

Also this Ryan Deachman (pictured bottom right) from 6 to 7 p.m. at Bicentennial Square.

"We're trying to put some sort of musical act near the food truck so it's kind of a nice vibe, people get their food, they can sit there and eat and listen to some entertainment at the same time." 🍷

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WITH HEIDI PIOTROWICZ



Heidi Piotrowicz and her family in Aruba. Courtesy photo.

Heidi Piotrowicz created 603 Perfect Blend, a loose-leaf tea and spice company, two years ago with her husband, John, when they wanted to find healthy alternatives to soda and sugary drinks for their three kids, who also have roles in the business. They started by offering 15 teas and have expanded to more than 40 different tea blends, flavored sugars, rubs and spice blends. The blends change depending on the season but include flavors like alpine apricot tea, classical creme brulee tea, ginger snap and apple fritter sugar. You can find them at the Milford, Bedford, Candia, Hooksett and Church Street (Deerfield) farmers markets. They will also be at the Deerfield Fair from Thursday, Sept. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 1.

What is your must-have kitchen item?

Our must-have kitchen item is our glass mason jar steeping pitcher for hot and iced tea. We love to cold-steep iced tea and you can always find several of these pitchers steeping in our refrigerator.

What would you have for your last meal?

A nice rib-eye steak with Big Fripp Coffee Rub and fresh pasta with our Italian Pesto Blend Seasoning served with a big glass of sangria.

What is your favorite local eatery?

We are a huge breakfast family and hands-down Tucker's is our favorite local restaurant to visit for breakfast. When we travel we always find ourselves comparing other breakfasts to them.

Name a celebrity you would like to see trying your blends?

Martha Stewart and of course Snoop Dogg. We would love to serve them up some tea-inspired cocktails and a sangria

603 Perfect Blend White Tea Sangria
From the kitchen of 603 Perfect Blend

4 Tablespoons loose-leaf white tea
4 cups boiling water or cold water
1 bottle white wine (750 ml)
2 cups white grape or white cranberry juice
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
1 cup fresh or frozen strawberries
1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries

In a teapot or mason jar, cover the tea leaves with 4 cups of boiling water and steep for 4 to

using Snoop Dogg's wine.

What is your favorite thing on your menu?

Our family's favorite tea blend is Wicked Pissah Supa Tea, which has notes of acai, elderberry and blackberry. This tea is delicious both hot and iced, but we prefer it as iced tea.

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

In the tea industry, boba has become a huge trend alongside the popularity of mocktails.

What is your favorite thing to cook at home?

John is the cook in our family. When we're not at an event or market, he loves to make big pots of chili and comfort foods. He has an award-winning chili recipe from our chili cook-off days that is unique and very delicious. 🍷

7 minutes. Strain tea leaves and let tea cool. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight.

OR

Cover tea leaves with 4 cups of cold water and steep in the refrigerator overnight. Strain out tea leaves or remove tea steeper.

Combine all ingredients in a large pitcher. Add the fruit of your choice. Chill in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 hours to let all the flavors combine. Serve over ice and add fruit from the sangria for garnish.

Weekly Dish

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artisans will be displaying and selling their products, such as home decor, honey and hot sauce. More than 15 performances will take place over the course of the weekend on two stages, featuring The Great Escape, Maddi Ryan, Being Petty and Brandy Band

among others. Festival events include a cornhole tournament, a 5K, a lobster roll eating contest, live culinary demonstrations, a mini air show, an art gallery and auction, and fireworks. Tickets are \$10 per day. Visit seafoodfestivalmh.com. 🍷

FOOD



DRINKS WITH JOHN FLADD

Labor Day refreshments

You promised your therapist that you would try to take better care of yourself. And you really meant to. But the kids had camp, and then your sister had a fight with her boyfriend and showed up at your house with *three* suitcases. And then the weekend you thought you might actually get away, the dog came down with food poisoning, and then all the water in the faucets turned rusty.

With one thing or another, you never got to sit in a cabaña, sipping umbrella drinks and making small talk with attractive strangers.

And now summer is over. This is deeply unfortunate.

I hesitate to give you unsolicited advice, but your sister is *still here* and there are at least three movies that the kids want to see, so maybe:

1. Do what you have to do to grab two or three hours to yourself. Spring for movie theater popcorn, if you must.

2. Put on a playlist of Harry Belafonte and Don Ho.

3. Drink one — or both — of these Decadent Vacation Cocktails:

Rum Runner

1 ounce white or silver rum – Because this is a strongly flavored drink, you probably won't want to use your best rum for this; any subtle nuances will be overwhelmed. Don't use the ultra-discount-bottom-shelf stuff, but you don't need to sweat finding really good rum for this. Captain Morgan or Bacardi would be fine.

1 ounce dark rum – Again, don't let this stress you out; I like Myers' Dark for tropical drinks.

1 ounce crème de banana
½ ounce blackberry brandy

2 ounces pineapple juice – I like to buy the little 6-ounce cans of juice for this; you don't end up with a giant, half-empty can slowly going bad in your refrigerator.

1 ounce fresh squeezed lime juice
½ ounce grenadine

Pour all ingredients over ice in a cocktail shaker, then shake thoroughly. Strain over fresh ice in a large glass. Garnish or not, depending on your mood; too many cherries might be nice. Again though, the key here is to avoid stressing out over sub-crisis decisions.

This is a classic fruity, boozy Attitude



Rum Runner and Bahama Mama. Photo by John Fladd.

Adjustment Tool. The rums play well with pineapple juice — why would they not? Pineapple juice gets along with everyone. The lime juice adds a touch of acid, and the grenadine — which is pomegranate syrup, if that's weighing on your mind — adds color and rounds off the juices, keeping them from being *too* acidic.

Bahama Mama

1 ounce coconut rum – the sweet kind
1 ounce dark, overproof rum – the kind you remember from college as “151”

½ ounce coffee brandy
2½ ounces pineapple juice
¾ ounce fresh squeezed lemon juice

Again, pour all ingredients over ice in a cocktail shaker, shake, and strain into another large glass — or the same one; there's no one around to make pointed comments — over fresh ice.

On the face of it, these ingredients do not seem like a great match. Pineapple juice and *coffee*? But I stand by my previous comment about pineapple juice going with anything. Rum — the friendliest alcohol — has already been making sustained eye contact with the lemon juice and trying to organize a limbo contest.

Either — or both — of these drinks will improve your attitude. When your children return from the movies, call them Lola and Sergio regardless of what their actual names are. This will freak them out enough that you will be able to demand that they bring you Cheetos®, and they might actually do it.

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

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Beth Bombara, *It All Goes Up* (Black Mesa Records)



This Missouri-based singer-songwriter's trip tacks to a yodely Sarah MacLachlan-by-way-of-Christine McVie angle: really pretty Americana-tinged songs with a mature, astute, well-settled vibe that will surprise you if you're inquisitive enough to seek her out (with so many choices out there, I'm trying to save you some time here). If she'd appeared in the '60s, begging the same audience as Joni and Carole and whatnot, you'd know her name like the back of your hand, but it's current-year and all that, so unfortunately you're left with hacks like me trying to nudge you in

her direction. As you can see, unlike so many critics who try to show off their knowledge of one-off SXSW obscurities, I do aim for the more general audience this would appeal to, although in the meantime there's some subtlety afoot that's assuredly indie, mostly taking the form of Wilco-infused, murkily rendered guitar arpeggios, which I'm a sucker for (who isn't?). Well worth a listen. **A+** —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

Jonathan Scales Fourchestra, *Re-Potted* (self-released)



Some of you already know that I'm pretty particular about my island-vacation vibe, like I absolutely cannot stand Jimmy Buffett, and so on. No, if you've ever gotten to a club or two in Costa Rica or whatever, you know that steel pan drums, timbales and all that stuff are omnipresent, at least in the places where the more adventurous tourists dare to tread (doffs cap). So this is that vibe in stripped-down form: Scales handling the steel pan drums, E-Lon JD on bass and Maison Guidry on the drum kit. I haven't name-checked Weather Report's *Night Passage* album in (hopefully) a

couple of months, but the feel here is exactly that, sans a sax and Joe Zawinul of course, but in order to bring it into current-year, there's some Eminem-style rapping during the closer track "Gravitropism," and it fits perfectly. JD's bass is busier than Mother Teresa making the rounds at Leper Triage Central; it carries this release to a major extent. **A+** —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Oh, no, please tell me it's not happening already, it can't be September already, but it is, the list of new CD releases for Friday, Sept. 1, is right there, staring me in the face! Let's start with **The Pretenders**, led as always by Chrissie Hynde, who, last we knew, had fallen victim to some cancel culture stuff that we can skip for now, being that it barely made a dent in her rep (she basically ignored it, which is precisely what you're supposed to do if you find yourself getting yelled at by a ridiculously large number of people online), and besides, I've totally forgotten what it was all about; I mean, I'm no right-wing dude at all, I assure you, but if you're keeping a complete chronological history of it all, you're trying too hard; at this point no good will ever come from it. Either way, Chrissie is my goddess. Did you know she did some stuff with The Damned back in the early Mesozoic Era? OK, where were we, oh yes, the band's new album is called *Relentless*, and it is their 12th, which does seem something of a low number, wouldn't you say? Chrissie and her — I mean, the *band's* guitarist, James Walbourne, wrote all the songs by collaborating remotely, which has become more and more of a thing, not just with bands but with workplaces in general. The whole album is available to listen to now on YouTube (you know what to do if you want to rip it to your MP3 player, right friends? Don't do it, though), but for our purposes we'll check out the leadoff single "Let The Sun Come In." Ack, it's a slow-ish rocker that sounds like a team-up between Chrissie and something like Hall & Oates. I am not prepared for this. Someone say it isn't so.

• British dreampop band **Slowdive** named themselves after a Siouxsie and The Banshees song, a practice I've always thought was, like, really stupid, but I can't have everything go my way I guess. The band's 1993 album *Souvlaki* is widely considered to be one of the greatest shoegaze albums of all time, but that brings us to now, and their fast-approaching new full-length, *Everything Is Alive*, so we'll just see about all this "Slowdive is awesome" jibber-jabber, now, won't we. Come to think of it, I don't think I've properly covered a shoegaze album in months now, mostly because no new ones have come out as far as I know. So the new single, "Skin In The Game," is certainly My Bloody Valentine-ish in its way, very '80s, for instance the dude singer takes a whispering-for-the-sake-of whispering vocal approach, blah blah blah, but wait, there are art rock guitars, which is mildly interesting. The only thing I can definitely predict is that there surely must be far better songs on this album, that's really it.

• Aside from weird devil-metal bands with band logos that are completely unreadable, the only bands that are allowed to become famous in Sweden are electro-pop bands, everyone knows that. Why, look at this duo over here, **Icona Pop**, composed of — oh forget it, I'm not going to try typing these weird Swedish names, whoever they are, they're about to release their new album, *Club Romantech*, in just a few minutes, literally! Huh, look at that, they're on Ultra Records, the old house/trance label that has all the big Armand van Helden-clone DJs and whatnot, this is going to be good, let's vitit YouTube and see! Yup, the single "Where Do We Go From Here" is mindless dance fun, not too strange, just dancey and sexy, you'd like this.

• Finally let's look at Northampton, Mass., indie-rockers **Speedy Ortiz**'s new LP, *Rabbit Rabbit*. Huh, the single, "Plus One," is '90s riot-grrrl-grunge but with an interesting time signature. These people are OK! —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

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Slow AF Run Club, by **Martinus Evans** (Avery, 239 pages)

“Finally! A book that centers on the nontraditional athlete,” writes Alison Mariella Desir, one of the authors who wrote a jacket blurb for *Slow AF Run Club* by Martinus Evans.

Desir must not get to the library much, because there’s actually no shortage of books in this genre, from 2007’s elegant *Strides* by Benjamin Cheever (John Cheever’s son) to *A Beautiful Work in Progress* by Mirna Valeria, published in 2017.

But Evans does bring something new to the table, which is a willingness to use the F-word frequently (very popular in publishing these days), and also, he has run eight marathons (including Boston) as a 300-plus-pound athlete, a truly admirable feat. His book promises to be “the ultimate guide for anyone who wants to run,” and by “running” he doesn’t set the bar too high.

Apparently Merriam-Webster defines running as “to go faster than a walk.” So, “As long as your legs are moving faster than when you are walking, then you are running,” Evans says. He believes that the biggest thing keeping people from running is not the physical work of exercise but the mental roadblocks. So he spends the first part of the book offering a sort of runner therapy, with mantras such as “Not everything you think is true, and not everything you feel is real” and “The body you have today is the body that you have today.” He’s also a fan of affirmations, such as “You can do hard things” and “I love hills!!!”

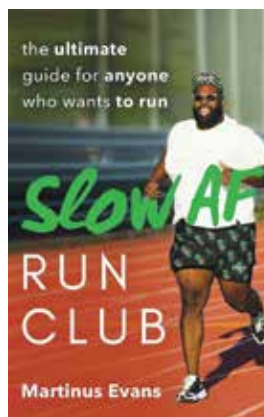
Admittedly, it’s cheesy sometimes. But Evans does offer some more serious self-coaching advice. For example: Delusional self-belief, he says, is what inventors have until they invent something that no one believed possible. At one point, no

one thought a four-minute mile possible, or a marathon under two hours. And when Evans weighed 360 pounds and was told by a condescending doctor “lose weight or die,” he had delusional self-belief when he announced he would run a marathon and bought running shoes later that day.

As Evans makes clear, the physical challenges of running a marathon at his size are subordinate to the psychological ones. In one story, he talks about being harassed by a van driver who is on the course to pick up people who can’t keep running. It was his first marathon, in Detroit. Although Evans repeatedly says he is fine to continue, the driver keeps coming back to him, urging him to get in the van and quit, saying things like, “Hey, big man, you’re starting to slow down. Hop in, I’ll take you to the finish line” and “I’m just doing my job, I can’t help it that you’re fat and slow.”

The driver continued badgering him until Evans was less than a mile from the finish line, which rightly infuriated him. What’s worse is that it almost worked — at one point, Evans hobbled to the van and almost got in before realizing that he could push past the pain and keep going. He did finish, and wrote of the moment, “I felt like I could literally do anything. I’ll never forget that moment, and everything that had come before it, not for as long as I live.”

With stories like this, it’s understandable that Evans feels the need to curse, a lot. And he is a reliable narrator when it comes to the difficulties of running while fat (his choice of word) and he gives decent advice on practical things such as how to deal with chafing, what to wear, what to carry on a long run, how to stretch, and so forth. He also has a rath-



er heartbreaking chapter on “Running While Black,” in which he wrote, “The murder of twenty-five-year-old runner Ahmaud Arbery in 2020 damn near broke me. I almost hung up my running shoes for good because of it.”

But much more of his experience has been positive. In fact, scared as he was to run his first 5K in

Cromwell, Connecticut — “a fat Black man wearing a bright orange shirt and shoes ... getting ready to run a race in a sea of fit white people” — it turned out great, and he wants everyone to do it.

“Running,” Evans writes, “is a struggle of the mind.” That’s true for thin runners as well as overweight ones. But large runners do face an obstacle that thin runners don’t — judgment — judgment of ourselves, and the judgment of people who see us out on the road. In the face of this struggle, mindset is everything, he says. “Because let’s face it, people be judgin’.” Haters are going to hate. There’s always going to be someone telling you to get on the bus.”

That’s a great line, and there are plenty in this book, but it is folksy to a fault, unfortunately. The expletive works in the title and in the running club he founded, but the constant repetition in the book becomes tiresome, as do some of the self-help exercises. (“Write down a habit that you would like to create a ritual for.”)

But I’ve been running for 30 years and am somewhat cantankerous, so maybe that’s great advice for others. Evans is an inspirational runner who has built a strong online community; he has 94,000 followers on Instagram, where he goes by “300poundsandrunning.” He’s a terrific role model for anyone, regardless of age or weight. **B-** —Jennifer Graham

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• **JILLY GAGNON** brings her new thriller, *Scenes of the Crime*, to Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss with Hank Phillippi Ryan (author of *The House Guest*).

• **ANTHONIA NEALE**, a local author, will read from and sign copies of her

new book *Catharine, Queen of the Tumbling Waters*, on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Manchester (1741 S. Willow St., 668-5557).

• **PAUL AUGUST**, a local author, will talk about his novel *The Canaries* on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, 417-7981, balinbooks.com).

• **NICK FULLER GOOGINS** will discuss his novel *The Great Transition* at Water Street Bookstore (125 Water St., Exeter, 778-9731, waterstreetbooks.com) on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 3 p.m.

• **CAROL SOULE** of Miles Smith Farm in Loudon will discuss her new book *Yes, I Name Them: A Memoir*

at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

History, stories & lectures

• **12,000 YEARS AGO IN THE GRANITE STATE** presented by Robert Goodby at Abbot Library (11 Soonipi Circle, Sunapee, 763-5513) on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m. See nhhumanities.org.

• **JENNIE POWERS: THE WOMAN WHO DARES** presented by Jennifer Carroll, hosted by the Woman’s Service Club of Windham, at the Presbyterian Church (1 Church St., Windham) on Wednesday, Sept.

6, at 12:30 p.m. See nhhumanities.org or call 434-4775.

Poetry

• **HYLA BROOK READING SERIES** at Robert Frost Farm (122 Rockingham Road, Derry, 432-3091, roberfrostfarm.org) brings poets reading their work on various Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Featuring Oliver de la Paz on Thursday, Sept. 14.

• **NATE GRAZIANO and TODD HEARON** will be at the Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 5 p.m. to read from their respective poetry collections, *Born on Good Friday* and *Crows in Eden*. Register online.

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You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah (PG-13)

Two lifelong besties do the kind of brutal (psychological) violence to each other that only two middle school girls can do in *You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah*, an Adam Sandler family production.

The girl having the titular bat mitzvah in her friend group's season of bar and bat mitzvahs is Stacy Friedman, played by Sunny Sandler, the younger of Adam Sandler's two real-life daughters. His older daughter Sadie plays Ronnie Friedman, Stacy's older sister, and their genuine sibling chemistry — unwavering support while also threatening to murder each other — is one of many endearing elements of this comedy. Stacy and Lydia Rodriguez Katz (Samantha Lorraine) have long been best friends, planning their spectacular “today you are a woman” bat mitzvah parties for years. But then, as can happen in the seventh grade, there are shake-ups in friendships. Lydia becomes friendly with a group of popular girls. She doesn't seem to think much of it but Stacy becomes both jealous and eager to get herself included, especially since those popular girls hang out with Andy Goldfarb (Dylan Hoffman), the boy who makes the world go slow-mo for Stacy.

At first Stacy and Lydia seem to fit in, but then Stacy has a menstrual product mishap in front of the whole popular-girls-and-cute-boy crowd that Lydia seems to join the populars in laughing at. Horrified, Stacy declares her love for Andy dead — but not so dead that she doesn't become enraged when she sees Lydia kissing him later. This does Stacy shout to Lydia the movie's title: “You are so not invited to my bat mitzvah.” This seeming break in their friendship does not, however, lead to an end of hostilities between Lydia and Stacy, with Stacy eventually (accidentally) burning it all down over her hurt at what she sees as Lydia's betrayal.

Adam Sandler plays the Friedman girls' father, Danny, with his *Uncut Gems* wife Idina Menzel playing Bree, Danny's wife and the girls' mother. Rounding out the Sandler



You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah.

family on screen is Adam Sandler's real-life wife, Jackie Sandler, who plays Lydia's mother, Gabi, in the midst of a divorce from Lydia's father, Eli (Luis Guzmán). With fun small roles — Sarah Sherman as Rabbi Rebecca and Ido Mosseri as DJ Schmuley, the must-have party DJ — the movie has an overall chummy feel. Lots of good-natured yuks and a general sense of good will toward all. Which is sort of your standard Adam Sandler Netflix fare, except for the young-teen-girl on young-teen-girl angst and destruction and love and loyalty. Those elements have some surprising sharp edges that can take you right back to the lunch room and the kids who are too cool and the close friends with whom there's been a falling out. And even though the movie knows we know how not a big deal in the scheme of one's whole life the slights and upsets that torment Stacy are — and how ridiculous her response is — the movie doesn't belittle the bigness of these kids' emotions.

You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah is a charmer of a gentle growing-up comedy with just enough “thank God I'll never be 13 again” tartness to give it some genuine emotional moments. **B+**

Rated PG-13 for some crude/suggestive material, strong language and brief teen drinking, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by Sammi Cohen with a screenplay by Alison Peck and Fiona Rosenbloom, *You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah* is an hour and 43 minutes long and is streaming on Netflix. 🍷

Film

• *Barbie* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 4:15 & 7 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 1, through Monday, Sept. 4, at 1:30, 4:15 & 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 5, through Thursday, Sept. 7, 4:15 & 7 p.m.
• *Golda* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 1, through Monday,

Sept. 4, at 1:15, 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 5, and Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m.
• **Summer Movie Express Series**, a schedule of family-friendly movies, will screen at Regal Cinemas in Concord (282 Loudon Road, Concord, regmovies.com) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for \$2 per ticket, often at 2 p.m., *Despicable Me 3* and *Spirit: Untamed on* Sept. 5 and Sept. 6.
• *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red

River Theatres (11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m.
• **Nashua's SummerFun “Pic in the Park”** at the Bandshell at Greeley Park (100 Concord St. in Nashua) On Friday, Sept. 8, it's *National Treasure*.
• *Scaramouche* (1923) a silent film presented with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis will screen on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey (39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com)

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• **Al fresco blues:** A summer concert series ends with the **Eric Lindberg Band**, led by a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. He's joined by Aaron Jones (kids' music's "Mister Aaron") on bass and 13-year-old drumming phenom William Lindberg. The twilight show will be rich with down-home blues and Americana rock. Thursday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m., Butler Park, 17 W. Main St., Hillsborough. See facebook.com/ericlindbergofficial.

• **Down-home sound:** Sip a glass of craft cider and enjoy **Eyes of Age** playing harmony-rich folk songs. Hancock duo David Young and Susan Lang are joined by bass player Rob Clemens for an after-work set that's sure to have a few Grateful Dead tunes as well. Friday, Sept. 1, 5 p.m., Contoocook Cider Co., 656 Gould Hill Road, Contoocook. See facebook.com/eyesofage.

• **All day music:** Dozens of regional acts play on multiple stages at the **Keene Music Festival**. It's all about discovery, and a visit to the fest's Facebook page is a good place to start. It includes quick profiles of many performers, like blues rockers Dragon Bone Jam, traditional Irish band O'Hanleigh, "eclectic funk addicts" Whalom Park and the boisterous, female-fronted metal group Vale End. Saturday, Sept. 2, 10:30 a.m., Downtown Keene. See facebook.com/KeeneMusicFestival.

• **Four-band show:** Four area alternative rock bands gather for **DankFest**, as Area 23 prepares for a move from its current home in Concord's Smokestack Center to an as-yet undisclosed location. The last day for live music is Sept. 30, with an afternoon Acoustic Circle and an evening performance by Professor Harp scheduled. DankFest is named for host band Dank Sinatra; also appearing are Wired for Sound, Buster and Kuusi Palaa. Saturday, Sept. 2, 8 p.m., Area 23, 254 N. State St., Unit H, Concord, thearea23.com.

• **Heavy times two:** Nine bands, two stages and the admonition to "leave nothing left standing" mark **Distressfest**, a metallic knockout of a show. Appearing are No Bragging Rights, Mouth for War, Downswing, Your Spirit Dies, Ratblood, Cannabis Crypt, Fishface, Heavyweight and Iron Gate, the latter a Manchester act that formed when its singer asked online for anyone looking "to play heavy, ignorant music." Sunday, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m., Jewel Music Venue, 61 Canal St., Manchester, \$20 and up at eventbrite.com. 🍷

NITE

Playing the dream

Brooks Young counts his wins ahead of Thorogood tour

By Michael Witthaus
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Most people who meet their musical idols are grateful if they get a bit of face time and an autograph, but Brooks Young aims higher. Beginning with B.B. King, whom he met as a teenager, the fiery blues guitarist has shared the stage with a still-growing list of performers that includes Bryan Adams, Los Lobos, The Wallflowers and Huey Lewis & The News.

Last year he received a personal invitation from Sammy Hagar's management and flew out to the Midwest to play solo for stadium-sized crowds ahead of the Red Rocker's band The Circle, a supergroup that includes Jason Bonham and Van Halen's Michael Anthony.

"It was quite a rush ... very surreal," Young said by phone recently. "You walk out there holding a piece of wood with six strings on it and 20,000 people in front of you, what are you going to do?"

Young's success has come from a combination of talent and tenacity.

"Keep pushing forward and the things that you love in life will come to fruition," he said. "That's all I care about — just stick with things." His latest triumph is a tour with George Thorogood & the Destroyers that begins Oct. 21 in Pennsylvania and winds its way through the South, ending Nov. 10 in Mobile, Alabama.

Thorogood was also part of the Hagar run, and the two connected during the brief tour.

"We just became friendly with each other," Young said. "It spurred George to ask me to come out on tour this fall." The nearest show is in New York, a four-hour drive from his home town of Concord, but fans will have an opportunity to catch



Brooks Young. Courtesy photo.

a full Brooks Young Band show at Penuche's Ale House on Sept. 1.

"I'm really excited about that," Young said. "I'm going to be out there on the road, in a bunch of places that I don't know, with a bunch of people I don't know around me, and I want to leave home feeling good." He'll also play a few solo gigs before heading out, including one at Foster's Tavern in Alton Bay on Sept. 15.

His Penuche's full band set will feature material from *Supply Chain Blues*, a solo blues album released last October. It has a mix of originals, like the title track and "Working Man," along with several tasty covers — Freddie King's "Going Down," Howlin' Wolf's "Forty-Four," "Ventilator Blues" from the Stones' *Exile on Main Street*, and Buddy Guy's "Five Long Years," the musical twin of Derek & the Dominoes' cover of "Have You Ever Loved a Woman."

He's working on a follow-up to the record, which garnered a burst of attention when it came out. For a while, *Supply Chain Blues* was No. 1 on the iTunes blues charts, sitting atop Buddy Guy. "The day I woke up and saw that, I thought, 'Oh my gosh,'" Young said. "I pinched myself and went, 'I'm sorry, Buddy, it won't be very long; maybe a week or two.'"

Now 41, Young is no less giddy than when he was starting out and meeting Ben Folds in the hall of a Manchester hotel elevator was a cool moment. These days there are bigger achievements, like recording Eric Clapton's song "Promises" with his daughter Ruth and attending Clapton's Boston Garden show courtesy of the legendary guitarist's management.

"I'm so thankful that after all these years this guy from New Hampshire that's not even close to all these other folks is part of that circle," he said. "Guitar icons like B.B. King and Robert Cray and Jimmy Vaughn and Eric Clapton, playing with them, or going out and hanging out with them, was a dream of mine since I was a kid growing up in Concord, and I decided this is what I'm going to do. I'm going to stick with it until the day it doesn't work; it still gets better every year." 🍷

“Keep pushing forward and the things that you love in life will come to fruition ... That's all I care about — just stick with things.”

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Brooks Young Band

When: Friday, Sept. 1, 8 p.m.

Where: Penuche's Ale House, Bicentennial Square, Concord

More: brooksyoung.com

MUSIC THIS WEEK

Alton Bay Dockside Restaurant 6 East Side Drive, 855-2222	Bow Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St., 228-8508	Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669	404-6946	Dover Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390	Patrick's 18 Weirs Road, 293-0841	61 High St., 601-7091	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962	Londonderry Stumble Inn 20 Rockingham Road, 432-3210
Foster's Tavern 403 Main St., 875-1234	Brookline The Alamo Texas Barbecue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13, 721-5000	Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square, 856-7614	Epping Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225	Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230	Smuttynose Brewing 105 Towle Farm Road	Wally's Pub 144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954	Laconia Anthony's Pier 263 Lakeside Ave., 527-8345	Manchester Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545
Auburn Auburn Pitts 167 Rockingham Road, 622-6564	Averill House Winery 21 Averill Road, 371-2296	T-Bones 404 S. Main St., 715-1999	Epsom Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Dover Road, 736-0027	Hampton Bernie's Beach Bar 73 Ocean Blvd., 926-5050	Whym Craft Pub & Brewery 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801	Hudson The Bar 2B Burnham Road	Bernini Pizzeria and Wine Bar 1135 Union Ave., 527-8028	Bonfire 950 Elm St., 663-7678
Bedford Copper Door 15 Leavy Dr., 488-2677	Candia The Barnyard / Town Cabin Pub 285 Old Candia Road, 483-4888	Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667	Exeter Sea Dog Brewing Co. 5 Water St., 793-5116	Bogie's 32 Depot Square, 601-2319	Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900	The Bar 2B Burnham Road	Fratello's 799 Union Ave., 528-2022	CJ's 782 S. Willow St., 627-8600
Murphy's Carriage House 393 Route 101, 488-5875	Canterbury Canterbury Farmers Market 9 Center Road	Contoocook Contoocook Farmers Market 896 Main St., 746-3018	Shooters Pub 6 Columbus Ave., 772-3856	CR's The Restaurant 287 Exeter Road, 929-7972	Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832	Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900	Naswa Resort 1086 Weirs Blvd., 366-4341	City Hall Pub 8 Hanover St., 232-3751
Pressed Cafe 216 S. River Road, 606-2746	Concord Area 23 State Street, 881-9060	Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811	Farmington Hawg's Pen 1114 Route 11, 755-3301	The Goat 20 L St., 601-6928	T-Bones 77 Lowell Road, 882-6677	Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900	T-Bones 1182 Union Ave., 528-7800	Currier Museum of Art 150 Ash St., 669-6144
T-Bones 169 S. River Road, 623-7699	Cheers 17 Depot St., 228-0180	Deerfield The Lazy Lion 4 North Road, 463-7374	Gilford Beans and Greens 245 Intervale Road, 293-2853	Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage Events are on southern stage	Jaffrey Park Theatre 19 Main St., 532-9300	Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900	Tower Hill Tavern 264 Lakeside Ave., 366-9100	Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880
Boscawen Avaloch Farm 16 Hardy Ln., 796-2270	Courtyard by Marriott Concord 70 Constitution Ave.	Derry Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road,		Sea Ketch 127 Ocean Blvd., 926-0324	Kensington The Farm at Eastman's Corner 224 Amesbury Road, 347-1909	Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900	The Wreck Yard 322 Lakeside Ave.	Firefly 21 Concord St., 935-9740
				Shane's Texas Pit				The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925
								Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022

Thursday, Aug. 31																											
Auburn Auburn Pitts: open jam, 7 p.m.	Bedford Copper Door: Sam Hammerman, 6 p.m. Murphy's: Pete Massa, 5:30 p.m. Pressed Cafe: Halley Neal, 6 p.m. T-Bones: John Stanley Shelley, 6 p.m.	Brookline Alamo: open mic with Travis Rollo, 6 p.m.	Candia Barnyard: Nicole Knox Murphy, 6 p.m.	Concord Area 23: karaoke, 6 p.m. Cheers: Dave Clark, 6 p.m. Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.	Deerfield The Lazy Lion: 4 North Road, 463-7374	Derry Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.	Epping Telly's: 21st & 1st Duo, 7 p.m.	Epsom Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.	Farmington Hawg's Pen: open mic, 7 p.m.	Goffstown Village Trestle: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.	Hampton Bernie's: Adam Luffkin, 7 p.m.; Crooked Coast, 8 p.m. CR's: Just the Two of Us +1, 6 p.m. The Goat: Taylor Hughes, 8 p.m.	Hillsboro Butler Park: Eric Lindberg Band, 7 p.m.	Hudson Luk's: Dillan Welch, 7 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m. T-Bones: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/DJ Jason, 7 p.m.	Laconia Fratello's: Eric Grant, 6 p.m. Naswa: MacKenzie Lee, 5:30 p.m. Tower Hill: karaoke w/ Luke Skyrocker, 8 p.m.	Manchester Cactus Jack's: Jake Bartolin, 6 p.m. City Hall Pub: The Latchkey Gang Band, 7 p.m. Currier: Chris Hernandez Trio, 5 p.m. Derryfield: TMFI, 6 p.m. Firefly: Caylin Costello, 5 p.m. Foundry: Hank Osborne, 5 p.m. Fratello's: John Chouinard, 6 p.m. Goat: Cox Karaoke, 8 p.m. KC's Rib Shack: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m. Murphy's: Casey Roop, 5:30 p.m. Strange Brew: Lisa Marie, 8 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m. Tortilla Flat: KOHA, 6 p.m.	Milford Pasta Loft: musical bingo, 6:30 p.m.	Mason The Range: Jamdemic, 4 p.m.	Meredith Giuseppe's: Paul Hubert, 5:30 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m. Tortilla Flat: KOHA, 6 p.m.	Milford Pasta Loft: musical bingo, 6:30 p.m.	To Share: Ramez Gurung, 6:30 p.m.	Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.	Nashua Fody's: DJ Rich Karaoke, 9:30 p.m. Pressed Cafe: Halley Neal, 6 p.m.; Casey Roop, 6 p.m. Shorty's: Chad LaMarsh, 6 p.m.	Northwood Northwoods Brewing Co.: David Corson, 6 p.m.	Pittsfield Over the Moon: open mic, 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 adiaz@hippypress.com.



BANDING TOGETHER

The Boston Americana supergroup **Whiskey Treaty Roadshow** released their debut album, *Band Together*, in January 2020. More than three years and one global pandemic later, they're finally able to tour behind it. Don't miss their upcoming appearance at Word Barn (66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com) on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$14 to \$30, plus fees.

The Goat 50 Old Granite St.	Stark Brewing Co. 500 Commercial St., 625-4444	Merrimack Homestead 641 Daniel Webster Hwy., 429-2022	Nashua Casey Magee's Irish Pub 8 Temple St., 484-7400	Stella Blu 70 E. Pearl St., 578- 5557	Portsmouth Cisco Brewers 35 Corporate Dr., 380- 7575	Luna Bistro 254 N. Broadway, 458- 2162	760-0030
The Hill Bar & Grille McIntyre Ski Area 50 Chalet Ct., 622- 6159	Strange Brew 88 Market St., 666- 4292	Tomahawk Tavern 454 Daniel Webster Hwy., 365-4960	Fody's Tavern 9 Clinton St., 577-9015	New Boston Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362	The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430- 9122	T-Bones 311 South Broadway, 893-3444	Somersworth Earth Eagle North 350 Route 108, 841- 5421
KC's Rib Shack 837 Second St., 627- RIBS	To Share Brewing 720 Union St., 836- 6947	Tortilla Flat 595 Daniel Webster Hwy., 424-4479	Millyard Brewery 125 E. Otterson St., 722-0104	Northfield Boonedoxz Pub 95 Park St., 717-8267	The Goat 142 Congress St., 590- 4628	Tuscan Village 9 Via Toscana, 212- 9650	Strafford Independence Inn 6 Drake Hill Road, 718-3334
Murphy's Taproom 494 Elm St., 644-3535	Wild Rover 21 Kosciuszko St., 669- 7722	Milford The Pasta Loft 241 Union Square, 672-2270	Pressed Cafe 108 Spit Brook Road, 718-1250	Northwood Northwoods Brewing Co. 1334 First NH Tpk., 942-6400	Mojo's West End Tav- ern 95 Brewery Lane, 436- 6656	Seabrook Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760- 2581	Sunapee The Livery in Sunapee Harbor 58 Main St., thelivery. org
Pizza Man 850 E. Industrial Park Drive, 623-5550	Mason The Range 96 Old Turnpike Road, 878-1324	Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon St., 380-3480	San Francisco Kitch- en 133 Main St., 886-8833	Penacook American Legion Post 31 11 Charles St., 753- 9372	Press Room 77 Daniel St., 431-5186	Beach Deck Bar & Grill 207 Ocean Blvd., 814- 1562	Tilton Pour Decisions 500 Laconia Road, 527-8066
Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St., 624- 4020	Meredith Giuseppe's 312 Daniel Webster Hwy., 279-3313	Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square, 213- 5979	Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse 48 Gusabel Ave., 882- 4070	Sky Meadow Country Club 6 Mountain Laurels Dr., 888-9000	Rochester Porter's 19 Hanson St., 330- 1964	Chop Shop Pub 920 Lafayette Road, 760-7706	Windham Old School Bar & Grill 49 Range Road, 458- 6051
Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246	Twin Barns Brewing 194 Daniel Webster Hwy., 279-0876	Moultonborough Buckey's 240 Governor Went- worth Hwy., 476-5485		Pittsfield Over the Moon 1253 Upper City Road, 216-2162	Salem Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458- 2033	Red's Kitchen + Tav- ern 530 Lafayette Road,	

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Johnny Angel, 2 p.m.; Rob & Jody Duo, 7 p.m.
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Jon Paul Royer, 5 p.m.
T-Bones: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.
Tuscan: Fred Ellsworth, 6 p.m.

Seabrook
Backyard Burgers: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.
Red's: Groovy Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Somersworth
Earth Eagle: open mic w/Dave Ogden, 6 p.m.

Tilton
Pour Decisions: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 1
Alton Bay
Dockside: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Foster's Tavern: Dakota Smart, 7 p.m.

Bedford
Murphy's: Patrick Synan, 6 p.m.

Boscawen
Avaloch Farm: Priya Darshini and Max ZT, aTonal Hits, David Marks, Rasa String Quartet, 7:30 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Robert Allwarden, 6 p.m.

Concord
Area 23: NH Music Collective presents Gustavo Moradel, 8 p.m. and Slim Volume, 9:30 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Eyes of Age, 5 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Radio Daze, 8 p.m.

Exeter
Shooters: Chris Bartell & Joe Leweck, 6 p.m.

Gilford
Beans and Greens: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.
Patrick's Pub: Sweetbloods, 6 p.m.

Goffstown
Stonebridge: Neon Wave, 7 p.m.
Village Trestle: Rose Kula, 6 p.m.

Hampton
Bernie's: Luffkid, 8 p.m.
CR's: Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Russ Six, 8 p.m.
L Street: live music, 8 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Alex Roy, 1 p.m.; Chris Perkins, 8:30 p.m.
Sea Shell: Sweep the Leg, 7 p.m.

Smuttynose: Tim Theriault Band, 6:30 p.m.
Wally's: Chris Toler, 3 p.m.; 7 Day Weekend, 9 p.m.
Whym: Sam Hammerman, 6:30 p.m.

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

Laconia
Anthony's Pier: D-Comp, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m.
Naswa: Mix 94.1, 4 p.m.; DJ Terry, 5 p.m.

Litchfield
Day of the Dead Taqueria: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Swipe Right Duo, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: Tom

Boisse, 6 p.m.
Derryfield: Two For the Road, 6 p.m.; Kitchen Party, 6 p.m.; Last Kid Picked, 8 p.m.

Firefly: Liz Ridgley, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.
The Foundry: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m.

The Hill: Doug Thompson, 5:30 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: George Barber, 6 p.m.

Murphy's: Dave Clark, 5:30 p.m.; Amanda Dane Band, 9:30 p.m.

Pizza Man: Nicole Knox Murphy, 6 p.m.
Shaskeen: Marianne Toilet & The Runs, 8 p.m.
South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Bob Kroepel, 5:45 p.m.
Twin Barns: The Hart of Sound, 6 p.m.

Milford
Pasta Loft: Travis Rollo, 8 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.

Moultonborough
Buckey's: Eric & Cliff, 7 p.m.

Nashua
Millyard: Paul Driscoll, 6:30 p.m.
San Francisco Kitchen: Scott King, 6:30 p.m.
Sky Meadow: MB Padfield, 4 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Clint Lapointe, 6:30 p.m.

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

Penacook
American Legion Post 31: Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

A TRIP ACROSS THE POND

If you love The Beatles, Queen, David Bowie and other British rock, you'll want to check out **The Brit Pack**. This fab four pays tribute to the greatest bands to come out of London and beyond. They drop in to the Lakeport Opera House (781 Union Ave., Laconia, 519-7506, lakeportopera.com) on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$400, plus fees.



COME ON FEEL THE NOISE

In 1983, **Quiet Riot** topped the pop charts with heavy metal anthems like "Bang Your Head." Forty years and 15 million albums later, the quartet have become elder statesmen of the glam metal scene. They drop in to Tupelo (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com) on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$45 to \$50, plus fees.



Portsmouth

Gas Light: Ralph Allen, 2 p.m., Truffle Band, 7 p.m.; Andrew Geano, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.

Salem

Luna Bistro: Bella Perrotta, 7 p.m.

Seabrook

Chop Shop: The Strip, 8:30 p.m.

Sunapee

The Livery: Peter Mulvey, 7:30 p.m.

Tilton

Pour Decisions: Luciano Monzione, 6 p.m.

Bow

Chen Yang Li: Andrea Paquin, 7 p.m.

Concord

Area 23: acoustic circle with John Farese, 2 p.m.; Dankfest with Dank Sinatra, Wired For Sound, Buster, Kuusi Palaa, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: live music, 6:30 p.m.

Contoocook

Cider Co.: Dakota Smart, 4:30 p.m.
Contoocook Farmers Market: Audrey Drake, 9 a.m.

Epping

Telly's: MB Padfield, 8 p.m.

Epsom

Hill Top: HiJack Blues Band, 7 p.m.

Gilford

Beans and Greens: Brooks Young, 5 p.m.
Patrick's Pub: Holy Cow!, 6 p.m.

Hampton

Bernie's: MB Padfield, 1 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Ricky Lauria, 1 p.m.; Lewis Goodwin, 8:30 p.m.

Sea Shell: Cirque du Hampton Beach, 7 p.m.

Smuttynose: Malcolm Salls, 1 p.m.; Dancing Madly Backwards, 6:30 p.m.

Wally's: Russ Six, 3 p.m.

Whym: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.

Kensington

The Farm at Eastman's Corner: Four Piece Suit, 2 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello's: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m.
Naswa: Paul Nelson Band, 4 p.m.; Marlena Phillips, 5:30 p.m.
Tower Hill: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: The Slakas, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Mikey G, 6 p.m.
Derryfield: Heartbeat City, 8 p.m.
Firefly: Mark Lapointe, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: live music, 6 p.m.
Foundry: Kimayo, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Musical Brunch with Brooks Hubbard, 10 a.m.
KC's: Matt Bergeron, 6 p.m.
Murphy's: Jae Mannion, 5:30 p.m.; Alex Roy, 9:30 p.m.
Shaskeen: Human Flight Committee reunion, 8 p.m.

Strange Brew: live music, 9 p.m.

Meredith

Twin Barns: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: Quinton Center, 8 p.m.

New Boston

Molly's: Mark Lapointe, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth

Cisco: Mattson, 4 p.m.
Gas Light Pub: David Corson, 2 p.m.; Now is Now, 7 p.m.; Scotty Cloutier, 7:30 p.m.;
Goat: Mike Forgetting, 9 p.m.

Salem

Luna Bistro: Joey Canzano, 7 p.m.

Tilton

Pour Decisions: karaoke, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3

Ashland

Cold Springs: D-Comp Band, 7:30 p.m.

Bedford

Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 11 a.m.

Murphy's: Tim Kierstea, 1 p.m.; Dave Zangri, 5 p.m.

Brookline

Alamo: Jady Arpin, 4 p.m.

Concord

Cheers: Clint Lapoint, 5 p.m.

Contoocook

Cider Co.: Alex Cohen, 1 p.m.

Gilford

Beans and Greens: Topper and Fed, 4 p.m.

Hampton

The Goat: Justin Jordan, 1 p.m.;
Sea Ketch: Ray Zerkle, 1 p.m.;
 Lewis Goodwin, 8:30 p.m.
Sea Shell: South Street Band, 7 p.m.
Smuttynose: Johnny Angel, 1 p.m.
Wally's: MB Padfield, 2 p.m.

Hudson

Lynn's 102: Papa Deux, 4 p.m.

Kensington

The Farm at Eastman's Corner: Mike Gruen Trio, 2 p.m.

Laconia

Bernini: Don Severance, 5 p.m.
Fratello's: Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m.

Naswa: DJ Terry, 3 p.m.; Marlena Phillips, 5:30 p.m.

T-Bones: Chris Perkins, 4 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Diversity Duo, 4 p.m.

Manchester

Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh, 5 p.m.
Firefly: Chuck Alaimo, 11 a.m.
Foundry: Brad Myrick, 10 a.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgetting, 10 a.m.
KC's: Joanie Cicutelli, 3 p.m.
Murphy's: live music, 3 p.m.
Strange Brew: live music, 7 p.m.

Mason

The Range: Leadfood Sam, 3 p.m.

Milford

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

Nashua

Stella Blu: Casey Roop, 3 p.m.

New Boston

Molly's: Eyes of Age Duo, 1 p.m.

Northfield

Boonedoxz Pub: open mic, 4 p.m.



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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Sam Hammerman, 2 p.m.; Dis n Dat, 7 p.m.; Alex Cormier, 7:30 p.m.
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Steve Prisby, 11 a.m.
Luna Bistro: Lilly Innella, 4 p.m.

Seabrook
Beach Deck: Chris Michaels, 4 p.m.

Windham
Old School: Whiskey 6, 2 p.m.

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

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Johnny Friday, 2 p.m.; Jodee Frawlee, 7:30 p.m.
The Goat: Good Thomas's musical bingo, 7 p.m.; Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 5
Bedford
Murphy's: Chris Lester, 5:30 p.m.

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

Hampton
Bernie's: Chris Toler, 7 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 9 p.m.
Shane's: music bingo, 7 p.m.
Wally's: Mike Forgette, 3 p.m.; musical bingo, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Jonny Friday, 4 p.m.; Mokey Knife Fight Lite, 9 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Jodee Frawlee, 5:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Lewis Goodwin, 7:30 p.m.
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 8 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 6
Bedford
Murphy's: Casey Roop, 5 p.m.

Canterbury
Farmers Market: Pau Luff &

Tim Gurshin, 4 p.m.
Concord
Area 23: open mic with Andrew North and the Rangers, 7 p.m.
Courtyard Marriott: Brad Myrick, 5 p.m.
Hermanos: live music, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.

Derry
Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Hampton
Bogie's: open mic, 7 p.m.
The Goat: Justin Jordan, 8 p.m.
Wally's: Jonny Friday Duo, 3 p.m.; live band karaoke, 8 p.m.

Hudson
Lynn's 102: Carter on Guitar, 7 p.m.

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

Manchester
Derryfield : Dave Clark, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Colin Hart, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Joe Birch, 4 p.m.; line dancing, 7 p.m.; Mike Forgette, 10 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Don Bergeron, 5:45 p.m.

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

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

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Pete Peterson, 7:30 p.m.
Press Room: open mic, 5:30 p.m.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: DJ Manny awesome DJ event, 7:30 p.m.



Public Events

August

- 24TH - DERRY** Crush: A Tribute to the Dave Matthews Band
- 31ST - DERRY** Fleetwood Macked: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute

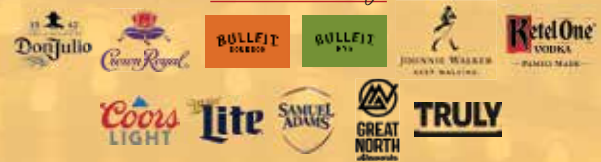
September

- 7TH - DERRY** Moondance: The Ultimate Van Morrison Tribute Show
- 13TH - AMHERST** LaBelle Wine Club Sip & Social
- 14TH - AMHERST** Vynatge Skynyrd: Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute Concert
- 16TH - DERRY** Donut and Wine Pairing Event
- 20TH - DERRY** Meet the Artists Gallery Reception
- 20TH - AMHERST** Cooking with Wine Class: Greek Recipes
- 21ST - AMHERST** Lenny Clarke Comedy Show
- 27TH - DERRY** Paint and Sip Class: Watercolor Florals
- 28TH - DERRY** Living on a Bad Name: Bon Jovi Tribute Show

October

- 1ST - AMHERST** 'Walks in the Vineyard' Wine Class: Harvest Season
- 5TH - DERRY** Green River: Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute Show
- 11TH - DERRY** Halloween Candy & Wine Pairing Class
- 19TH - AMHERST** Halloween Candy & Wine Pairing Class
- 26TH - AMHERST** Comedians Kelly MacFarland and Carolyn Plummer

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Are you feeling anxious? Prone to twirling spells? Craving the mellow music of an ethereal Laurel Canyon-via-London quintet? If you feel a Fleetwood Mac attack coming on, get thee to the **Fleetwood Macked** show at LaBelle Winery (14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, labellewinery.com) on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7:15 p.m. Tickets cost \$40, plus fees. *Photo by Scott Vincent.*



PRESENTS

SEPTEMBER



THURSDAY 7



FRIDAY 8

SAT 9	American Elton	7:30PM
WED 13	Lauren Rainbow & Cindy Kaza: An Evening with Spirit	7:30PM
THUR 14	An Evening with Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root and Dirk Miller	7:30PM
FRI 15	Comedy at the Rex with Tony V and Friends	7:30PM
SAT 16	A Celebration of the Allman Brothers Band with Idlewild	7:30PM
FRI 22	Comedy at the Rex with Brian Glowacki and Friends	7:30PM
SAT 23	Marshall Crenshaws 40 years in Showbiz Tour	7:30PM
WED 27	Silent Film with Live Music: SEVEN CHANCES	7:00PM
FRI 29	Robert Dubac's THE BOOK OF MORON	7:30PM
SAT 30	An Evening With The Mallett Brothers Band	7:30PM

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In his brief career so far, comedian **Pete Andrews** has played storied venues like the Comedy Studio, Cabot Theatre, and the Portland Comedy Festival in Maine. He returns to Kathleen's Irish Pub (90 Lake St., Bristol, 744-6336, kathleensirishpub.com) on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$20, plus fees.

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

- **Pete Andrews and Cottage Comedy** Kathleen's Irish Pub (90 Lake St., Bristol, 744-6336, kathleensirishpub.com), Saturday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m.
- **Nick Callas** Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusicall.org), Saturday, Sept. 2, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- **Josh Day/Kathe Farris** Word Barn (66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com), Thursday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.
- **Tony Deyo** Rex (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org), Friday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.
- **Amy Tee** Headliners (DoubleTree By Hilton, 700 Elm St., Manchester, headlinerscomedyclub.com), Saturday, Sept. 9, 8:30 p.m.
- **Tony V & Friends** Rex (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org), Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Demetri Martin** Chubb Theatre (Cap Center, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com), Saturday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.
- **Lenny Clarke** Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey, 532-9300, theparktheatre.org), Saturday, Sept. 16, 8 p.m.
- **Skip Daniels** Headliners (DoubleTree By Hilton, 700 Elm St., Manchester, headlinerscomedyclub.com), Saturday, Sept. 16, 8:30 p.m.
- **Colin & Brad: Scared Scriptless** Rex (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org), Sunday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.
- **Pinky Patel** Music Hall (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusicall.org), Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- **Bob Marley Flying Monkey** (39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com), Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- **Jonathan Van Ness** Chubb Theatre (Cap Center, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com), Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- **Lenny Clarke** LaBelle Amherst (345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labelewinery.com), Thursday, Sept. 21, 8 p.m.
- **Brian Glowacki & Friends** Rex (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org), Friday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m.
- **Henry Rollins** Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com), Friday, Sept. 22, 8 p.m.
- **Harrison Stebbins** Averill House (21 Averill Road, Brook-



Tony Deyo

Trivia

Events
• **Arrested Development** trivia 21+ **trivia night** Thursday, Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester; chunkys.com). Reserve a seat with a \$5 food voucher.

Weekly

• **Thursday** trivia at Station 101 (193 Union Sq., Milford, 249-5416) at 6:30 p.m.
• **Thursday** music trivia at Day of the Dead Taqueria (454 Charles Bancroft Hwy. in Litchfield, 377-7664) at 6:30 p.m. with DJ Brian.
• **Thursday** trivia at Great North Aleworks (1050 Holt Ave., Manchester, 858-5789, greatnorthale-

works.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** Opinionation by Sporcle trivia at Uno Pizzeria & Grill (15 Fort Eddy Road in Concord; 226-8667) 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

line, 371-2296, averillhousevineyard.com), Saturday, Sept. 23, 5:30 p.m.
• **Nurse Blake** Chubb Theatre (Cap Center, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com), Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.
• **Mother of a Comedy Show** Colonial (609 Main St., Laconia, 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.com), Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.
• **Paula Poundstone** Tupelo (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusicall.com), Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.
• **Kyle Crawford** Headliners (DoubleTree By Hilton, 700 Elm St., Manchester, headlinerscomedyclub.com), Saturday, Sept. 23, 8:30 p.m.
• **Robert Dubac** Rex (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org), Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m.



Arrested Development

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.
• **Tuesday** trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St. in Warner, 456-2143, reedsnorth.com) from 6 to 8 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia at Fody's (187

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

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Concerts

- **The Whiskey Treaty Roadshow** Thursday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m., Word Barn (66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com)
- **Fleetwood Macked** Thursday, Aug. 31, 7:15 p.m., LaBelle Derry (14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, labellewinery.com)
- **Seth Glier** Thursday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org)
- **Rigometrics/Dave Gutter/The Button Men** Thursday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m., Press Room (77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186, pressroomnh.com)
- **Joss Stone** Thursday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, 929-4100, casinoballroom.com)
- **Robert Cray Band** Friday, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com)
- **One Night of Queen** Friday, Sept. 1, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, 929-4100, casinoballroom.com)
- **Zac Brown Band** Saturday, Sept. 2, and Sunday, Sept. 3, 5 p.m., Bank of NH Pavilion, Gilford (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com)
- **Kassi Valazza** Saturday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m., Word Barn (66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com)
- **Quiet Riot** Saturday, Sept. 2, 8 p.m., Tupelo (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com)
- **The Brit Pack** (British Invasion tribute) Saturday, Sept. 2, 8 p.m., Lakeport Opera House
- **Gimme Gimme Disco** Saturday, Sept. 2, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, 929-4100, casinoballroom.com)
- **Sway Wild** Sunday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m., Word Barn (66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com)
- **The Righteous Babes** Sunday, Sept. 3, 8 p.m., Music Hall (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-

2400, themusichall.org)

- **Lucy Wainwright Roche & Suzzy Roche** Wednesday, Sept. 6, and Thursday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m., Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org)
- **Joe Louis Walker** Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Noah Kahan** Thursday, Sept. 7, and Friday, Sept. 8, 6 p.m., Bank of NH Pavilion, Gilford (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com)
- **Jamie Lee Thurston/Shana Stack Band** Thursday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m., Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com)
- **Ruthie Foster** Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com)
- **John Pousette Dart Trio** Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m., Rex (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org)
- **Damien Jurado** Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m., Press Room (77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186, pressroomnh.com)
- **George Thorogood and the Destroyers** Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, 929-4100, casinoballroom.com)
- **The Bacon Brothers** Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m., Tupelo (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com)
- **Moondance** (Van Morrison tribute) Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry (14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, labellewinery.com)
- **Phil Vassar** Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashuacenterforthearts.com)
- **Pantera** Friday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m., Bank of NH Pavilion, Gilford (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com)
- **Grateful Dub** (Grateful Dead reggae tribute) Friday, Sept. 8, 7
- **Wednesday** trivia at Millyard Brewery (125 E. Otterson St., Nashua; 722-0104, millyardbrewery.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at The Bar (2b Burnham Road, Hudson, 943-5250) at 7 p.m.
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p.m., Cisco Brewing (35 Corporate Dr., Portsmouth, ciscobrewersportsmouth.com)

- **Damien Jurado w/Lilly Miller** Friday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m., Word Barn (66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com)
- **The Soul Rebels** Friday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Phil Vassar** Friday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey (39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com)
- **The Wailers** Friday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., The Range (96 Old Turnpike Road, Mason, 878-1324, therangemason.com)
- **Blue Skies on Mars/Love-sick** Friday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 766-3330, 3sarts.org)
- **Full Moon Fever** Friday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester, 335-1992, rochesteroperahouse.com)
- **Journeyman** (Eric Clapton tribute) Friday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com)
- **Sarah Evans** Friday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., Tupelo (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com)
- **Let's Sing Taylor** (Taylor Swift tribute) Friday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., Music Hall (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org)
- **Guy Davis** Friday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org)
- **Watkins Glen Revisited** Saturday, Sept. 9, 5 p.m., The Range (96 Old Turnpike Road, Mason, 878-1324, therangemason.com)

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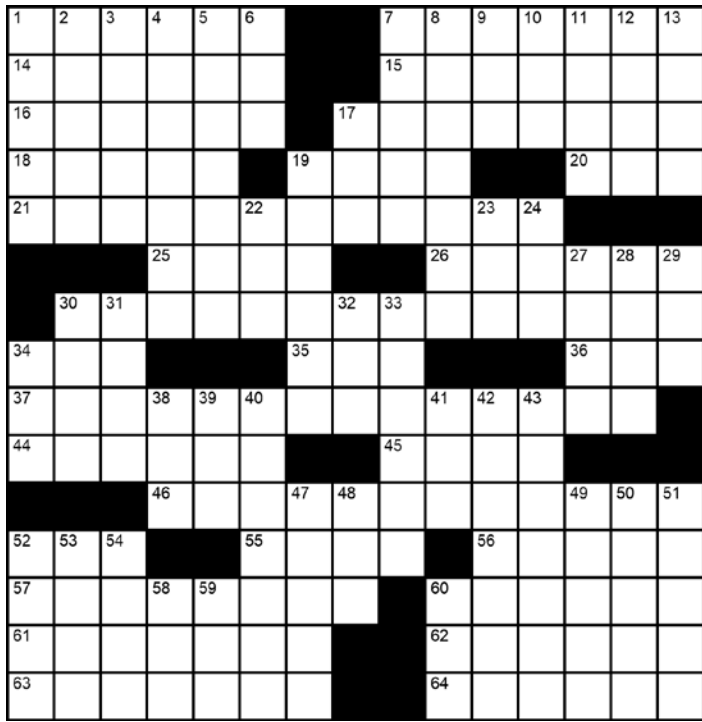
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“Conventional Wisdom”—six across answers hide a figure.



- poser Antonio Carlos ____
- 4. Overshadow, in a way
- 5. 401(k) alternative named for a senator
- 6. Tennis partners?
- 7. Japanese car brand that somehow gets a long vowel in Australian ads
- 8. Maneuver delicately
- 9. “ER” setting
- 10. What an opener opens
- 11. Foot support
- 12. River at Khartoum
- 13. Water testers
- 17. “Jaws” sighting
- 19. Bush Sr.’s chief of staff John
- 22. “Ladders to Fire” novelist Anais
- 23. Mountain suffix
- 24. “Do the ____” (soft drink slogan)
- 27. Untidiness
- 28. Point of view
- 29. Singer Rita
- 30. Dove shelter
- 31. A property may have one on it
- 32. Prefix with fiction
- 33. Hand towel users
- 34. Broadband initials
- 38. Wedding promise
- 39. Penultimate day
- 40. What gibberish makes
- 41. Diesel of “Guardians of the Galaxy”
- 42. Knowledgeable
- 43. Went back (on)
- 47. Put in the effort

- 48. Do a mukbang, e.g.
- 49. Not as healthy
- 50. Sponge by 3M
- 51. “10/10, no ____”
- 52. Iowa State’s location
- 53. Garamond, for one
- 54. Word before builder or pillow
- 58. ____ de plume
- 59. Debunked spoon bender Geller
- 60. Handheld Sony console of the mid-2000s

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Across

- 1. Formally renounce
- 7. “Supposing unavailability ...”
- 14. Apply messily, as sunscreen
- 15. 2015 crime film with Emily Blunt and Benicio del Toro
- 16. Blue Ribbon beers
- 17. Parent’s much cooler kid-spoiling sibling, maybe
- 18. “All in the Family” character
- 19. Venti or XXL, e.g.
- 20. “____ dead, Jim”
- 21. Go without being played, at the end of some board games
- 25. Happy expression
- 26. Give the appearance of
- 30. Garment parents want to make sure their kids always have on, lest they be embarrassed
- 34. “But what ____ know?”
- 35. Neither partner
- 36. Music genre that asks you to “pick it up pick it up”
- 37. Cartoon title character seen with Diamond, Amethyst, and Pearl
- 44. Chinese laptop brand
- 45. Ireland, on old coins
- 46. Big company in 19th-century communications
- 52. Andrews or Maxwell, for short
- 55. Notable periods
- 56. AC ____ (auto parts manufacturer)
- 57. Frank Zappa’s daughter
- 60. Character that visits Owl
- 61. Back, as a candidate

- 62. Remington played by Pierce Brosnan
- 63. Confounded
- 64. Martinez and Pascal, for two

Down

- 1. “____ your instructions ...”
- 2. Piece of grass
- 3. “The Girl From Ipanema” com-

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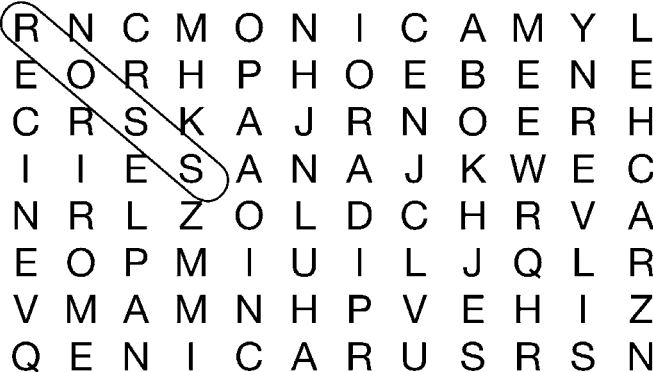
by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

- Six “Friends” characters
- Four Italian cities
- ____ noodle ____
- Two two-syllable metals
- He had wings made of wax

Last Week’s Answers: GLADIATOR CHICAGO AMADEUS ROCKY CRASH ARGO / SUBARU TOYOTA FORD / LIBYA KENYA / NORTH SOUTH / QUEEN KING

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EASY

7+		2÷	
2-	8x		24x
		4	
2	2-		

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CHALLENGING

30x		1-		2÷	
3÷	12x	6	6+		20x
		3-	3	48x	
2-					3
	5	5+	10x	2÷	5-
2÷					

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RULES

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

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

1-	3	4	1	2
3+	1	3	2	4
2÷	2	1	4	3
4	4	2	3	1

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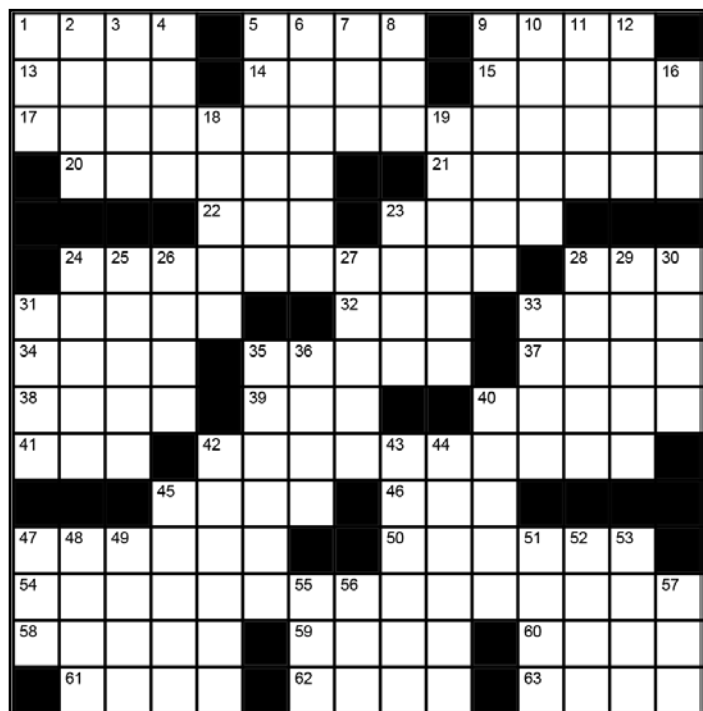
Across

- 1. Brand New keeps a caught frog 'In ___'
- 5. 'Love Shack' ___-52s
- 9. Blueswoman Popovic and Matronic of Scissor Sisters
- 13. Bowie "I'm tethered to the logic of ___ Sapien, can't take my eyes from the great salvation"
- 14. English rockers that wore angel's headwear?
- 15. Modern Family actress Vergara that comes from Colombia w/ Aterciopelados
- 17. Barenaked Ladies song for vacation memories mailed home on a picture?

- 20. Aerosmith 'Falling In Love (___ On The Knees)'
- 21. Bon Jovi drummer Tico
- 22. Highball ingredient for backstage bar
- 23. Repeated word in Tommy James & The Shondells smash
- 24. Slithering Kings Of The Sun rocker?
- 28. 'Don't Ask Me' John Lydon band (abbr)
- 31. 'Mama Weer All Crazee Now' ___ Boys
- 32. Paul Carrack 70s band
- 33. Like Third Eye Blind's 'Charmed Life'
- 34. Happened 'In The Life' of

- John and Paul
- 35. Mike Chapman's co-writer/producer Chinn
- 37. 'A Change Is Gonna Come' Redding
- 38. Metal band named after Cairo's river
- 39. Dedicated lines
- 40. "That ___ black magic woman, she's tryin' to make a devil out of me"
- 41. Collective Soul "Let's mingle, and make it well" song
- 42. Demonstrators publicly objecting to music
- 45. 'Piano Man' Billy
- 46. Norah Jones asks 'What Am ___ You?'
- 47. George Strait said "___ My Heart" and hope to die
- 50. 'Shine' Daniel that produces U2 also
- 54. Santana "Ain't got nobody" song
- 58. Ted Nugent, when spotting a target
- 59. Ska punkers ___ Big Fish
- 60. 'Bat Out Of Hell' producer Rundgren
- 61. New Zealand reggae artist Tigilau
- 62. Drifters/solo soul singer ___ King

- 63. Charge card for Amazon albums Taylor song?
- 25. Metallica debut 'Kill ___'
- 26. Actress/standards singer Martha
- 27. Musical term for silence
- 28. Guitar great Green
- 29. Phish "So many moments that we should have shared, ___ you"
- 30. Singer Marie Presley
- 31. Smash Mouth 'Why Can't We Be Friends?' album 'Fush Yu ___'
- 33. London part Phil Lynott went 'Solo In'
- 35. Cage The Elephant 'Ain't ___ For The Wicked'
- 36. Former Generation X, then solo 'Dancing With Myself' singer Billy
- 40. 'Mind, Body, & Soul' Joss
- 42. Not-that-good show-offs
- 43. Dexy's Midnight Runners told her to 'Come On'
- 44. Set list song that's a mainstay
- 45. 'She's A Lady' Tom
- 47. Morcheeba 'Rome Wasn't Built ___ Day'
- 48. Bob Dylan "She dropped a ___ into the cup of a blind man at the gate"
- 49. Morcheeba '___ Wasn't Built In A Day'
- 51. Your video gets played ___
- 52. Bryan Adams "Everything ___ do it for you"
- 53. Spear Of Destiny '___ Law' was for backyard turf pieces, perhaps
- 55. Trippy/ambient UK pioneers, (w/"The")
- 56. Randy Rhoads 'Blizzard Of Oz' instrumental
- 57. Non-disclosure agreement (abbr)



R&R answer from pg 40 of 8/24



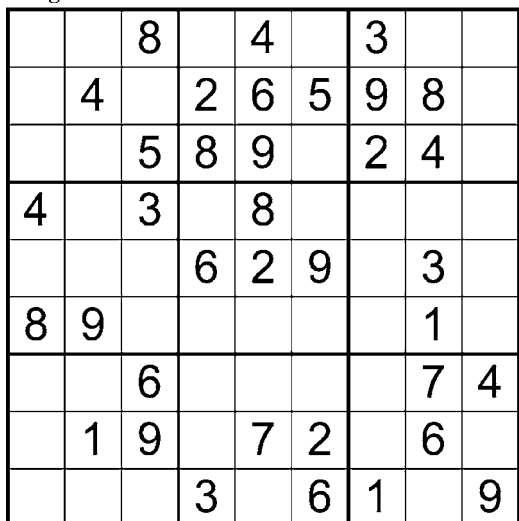
Jonesin' answer from pg 39 of 8/24



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 41.

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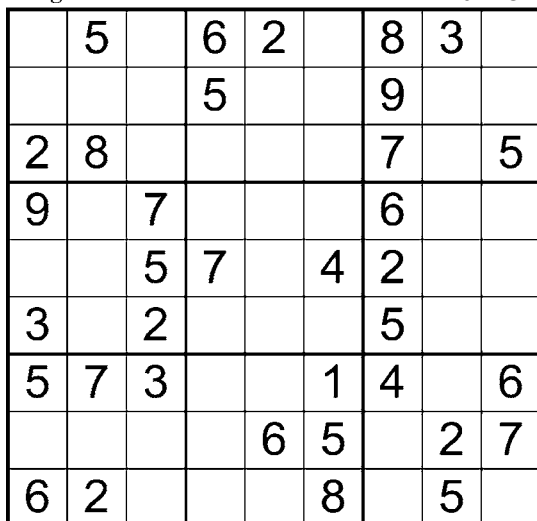


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Puzzle A

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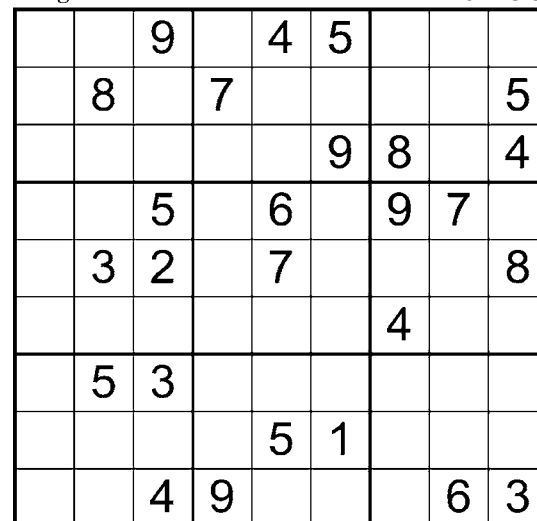


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Puzzle B

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Puzzle C

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Artificial Condition*, by Martha Wells, born Sept. 1, 1964.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *The leisure to sort through everything and get it organized, and give it my full attention ... was still something I was getting used to. Use color-coded folders.*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *I realized I had been trapped into this conversational dead end, with the transport pretending to need this explained in order to get me to articulate it to myself. Know why you're talking.*

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *Part of my job ... was to give clients advice when they asked for it.... Not that a lot of them had asked for it, or had listened to me. Not that I'm bitter about that, or anything. You do what you can.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Maro threw a look around and said, 'We shouldn't talk here, maybe. Is there someplace else we could go?' It had been stressful enough getting here, I didn't want to have to go anywhere else right now. Wherever you go, there you are.*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *Fortunately I remembered that nobody expected me to be compelled to answer all questions immediately. Think it over.*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *I didn't react visibly, because I'm used to clients making bad decisions, and I was getting a lot of practice at controlling my expression. If you don't have something nice to say....*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *Rotating the map to look at it from every angle didn't jog anything in the fragments of memory I had of that time. You might need a different map.*

Aries (March 21 – April

19) ... hundreds of hours of media, serials, books, music, including some new shows I had just picked up on the way through the transit mall, in exchange for a ride. A good deal.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *Fortunately, the humans and augmented humans were too busy trying to get wherever they were going or searching the feed for directions and transport schedules. You get a break when everyone's busy.*

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) ... I had been a free agent among humans for less than seven cycles ... and I already needed a vacation. Blast the Go-Go's and go.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) ... transport boxes don't have padding, so traveling in comfort was still a novelty. Wear comfortable clothes.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *I started sorting through the new media I'd downloaded on the transit ring. It had some entertainment channels that ... included a lot of new dramas and action series. Try a new series!*

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

- overjoyed (8)
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Last Week's Answers: 1. STREEP 2. WATSON 3. FLORENCE 4. LAURA 5. SAOIRSE 6. SCANLEN 7. GERWIG

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Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★★

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Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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Puzzle C

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

Difficulty: ★★★★

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It's Come to This

United Airlines pilot Kenneth Henderson Jones, 63, told police that he had "hit his breaking point" on Aug. 2 after he took an ax to an employee parking lot gate at Denver International Airport, Denver7-TV reported. Video of the incident showed Jones hacking away at the gate with little effect, until he realized the sheath was still on the blade. With about 15 more seconds of striking it with the sharp blade, the gate broke. Jones then returned to the parking lot with a security guard in pursuit. After a brief struggle, Jones was detained in a nearby field by police officers. He was charged with misdemeanor criminal mischief and later released; United said he was "removed from the schedule." Jones told deputies was "trying to get rid of issues for everyone waiting" in the exit lines. *Denver 7, Aug. 21*

Crime Report

Porch pirates, meet your leader. Robin Swanger of Arco, Georgia, was charged with felony theft after he allegedly stole an entire porch from a neighbor's yard, Fox News reported on Aug. 22. The 8-by-10-foot wooden porch was left on the property when the house was moved

away, but investigators said Swanger ignored "no trespassing" signs and removed the "very well-constructed" structure. "Some people may shrug their shoulders and say it's not a big deal," said county investigator Chris Stapler, "but when you take someone's property without their consent and the value of this porch is \$3,000, you can't just go and take stuff off someone's property." *Fox News, Aug. 22*

Bad Dog

Magda Mazri and Donato Frattaroli of Boston are set to tie the knot on Aug. 31 in Lake Garda, Italy, Fox News reported, with almost 100 guests in attendance. But on Aug. 17, as the couple dined out to celebrate getting their wedding license, their golden retriever, Chickie, chewed up Frattaroli's passport. "I can't be mad at Chickie because I'm the idiot who left the passport out where she could get it," Frattaroli said, adding that he can't sleep. Mazri jumped into action, contacting local officials and the passport agency. "It's been a complete whirlwind," she said. While they're hopeful that a new passport can be issued in time, Frattaroli is prepared for the worst. "Tell everybody that's

going to have a great time enjoying the beautiful event that Magda spent the last 18 months planning. I'll see everybody when they get back," he said. *Fox News, Aug. 22*

News That Sounds Like a Joke

Dog ownership in Iran is frowned upon in many circles (dogs are considered "unclean"), but authorities took their biases to another level after a couple transferred the title to their apartment to their little white dog, Chester. The couple have no heirs, and Chester "signed" with an ink-covered paw. Yahoo! News reported that on Aug. 19, Iranian police "arrested the head of the real estate agency and shuttered the firm," according to deputy prosecutor general Reza Tabar. The sale "seeks to normalize the violation of the society's moral values" and "has no legal basis." *Yahoo! News, Aug. 20*

News You Can Use

Along with all the other natural oddities going on this summer, people are



reporting exploding watermelons, NBC New York reported. What? "My melon was on the counter and it must have already been bad when I got it and the next day I came down to an awful smell and rotten melon everywhere,"

one person commented on a Facebook post about the phenomenon. Keith Schneider, professor in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department at the University of Florida, said the explosions are "probably due to the heat. The fruit, if slightly damaged, can begin fermenting. If enough fermentation occurs, which produces gas, enough internal pressure may build up for the watermelon to crack or pop." And don't eat it! "The watermelon is undergoing decay, so it's best to bring it back to the store and get a replacement or just toss it," Schneider added. Put that melon in the refrigerator before and after cutting it, experts advise. *NBC New York, Aug. 18*

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