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## ON THE COVER

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**ALSO ON THE COVER** Symphony New Hampshire performs the music of video games in "Game Over(Ture): A Symphonic Journey Through the Music of Video Games" which will be performed this weekend (page 16). Check out our listing of Easter-related food specials — from places to dine in on the day (Sunday, March 31) to places offering special eats to go. (And speaking of Easter, check out the rundown of egg hunts starting on page 20.) And add your laughs when comedian Mike Koutrobris records his comedy special on Saturday at the Nashua Center for the Arts.

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# Embracing Rose as a Four-Season Sipper

by Chris Riendeau

Living in New Hampshire, you get used to the changing of each season, and with it, changes in wardrobe, activities, sports, celebrations, and meals. Rose, in my experience, has yet to transcend the seasons and become the go-to glass, like its red and white wines counterparts. Its appearance is attributed to the length of time the grape skins and juice remain in contact with each other. Celebrated as the quintessential summer wine, rose is full of charm and versatility that can be enjoyed anytime. Wine lovers will be rewarded with an elevated experience of rose's kaleidoscope of hues (very pale pink to almost electric violet), textures, flavors, and over the top pairing possibilities.

Rose caters to various palates and occasions. From delicate notes of strawberries and raspberries to hints of citrus with floral undertones, each sip is nuanced and inviting. Whether enjoyed as a standalone sipper, or paired with a wide range of global dishes, rose's diverse flavor profile ensures there's a bottle suited for every palate preference and meal choice. The New Hampshire Liquor Commission's stores have a global set of roses guaranteed to suit the consumer's every preference and budget. Offerings from France, and Spain to New Zealand, and the United States, they've got you covered.

Rose's refreshing character makes it an ideal and dependable companion for warmer seasons. It's light body, crisp acidity, and subtle sweetness provide a cooling sensation on hot summer days, making it a staple for picnics, beach outings, and al fresco gatherings. Sipping on a chilled glass of rose under the rays of a warming sun is the epitome of summer relaxation. Rose can have a similar effect in the cooler months as well, rose bubbles in February are the perfect way to celebrate with your sweetheart. In November rose is the perfect partner for the cornucopia of flavors on the indulgent Thanksgiving



table. Exploring roses throughout the year allows the wine lover to explore a diverse range of styles and origins.

A rose that sips seamlessly through the seasons is **NH Code: 29538 Forever Young Rose \$21.99 retail/\$17.99 Sale.** This new rose from Provence France will begin its journey in select New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlets this April. Forever Young is a collaboration between two influential and accomplished women, Bethenny Frankel and Valerie Roussele. Bethenny Frankel is an international entrepreneur, reality tv star, and influencer who created, developed, and then sold Skinny Girl Beverage Company. Valerie

Roussele is owner and proprietor of Chateau Roubine (Family owned and operated since 1307) in Provence, France. She is also Chairperson of the Organization International du Rose'.

Forever Young Rose is composed of 100% estate grown fruit, which is sustainably grown and made (certified practices and vineyards since 2017). A blend of 55% Grenache, 40% Cinsault, and 5% Syrah. The nose is alive with notes of crisp and vibrant, perfectly ripened strawberries and grapefruit. The palate is balanced and juicy with light tannins, the wine pops flavors of red fruit, white peaches and citrus. It finishes clean with mineral notes of chalk and fresh acidity.

A celebration of versatility, flavor and enjoyment, rose drinkers can realize the best of both worlds, the refreshing allure of summer and the comforting warmth of winter- all within a single glass. As we look forward to the warmer months ahead, let's live in the moment with a glass of rose. Cheers and remember to enjoy responsibly!

**Other worthy roses to check out: NH Codes 24004 Gerard Bertrand Cote des Roses, 33538 Ultimate Provence Rose, and 34956 Justin Rose.**

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Bears are back

The Granite State's black bears are appearing from their winter dens and starting to search for any available food sources, according to a press release from New Hampshire Fish and Game on March 14. Bears will be attracted to a wide array of human food sources, such as bird feeders

Dan Bailey, Bear Project Leader for the New Hampshire Fish and Game, explained in a statement that "bears denned rather late last fall due to a plentiful amount of natural foods and they then remained inactive almost all winter despite fairly mild temperatures. However, spring has arrived a few weeks early, and bears are becoming active in various areas of the state. This is a common sign of spring in New Hampshire and should not be a cause for concern to residents. It simply means that it is time to prepare for foraging bears and remove or secure all backyard food sources."

In the same press release, state officials asked the New Hampshire public to take down bird feeders no later than April 1 in all areas of the state, or earlier if bears are already present. They mentioned that backyard farmers should protect poultry, livestock and bees with electric fencing, and to remember this when acquiring new chicks this spring. Additionally, the release said residents can help prevent attracting bears by securing dumpsters and garbage cans as well as storing grills, pet food and animal feed indoors.

"Building good bear-human relationships is far more successful when people are proactive,

and it is easier to avoid a conflict than resolve one," Bailey said in the statement. "Bears have an extremely acute sense of smell, long memories, and high intelligence. We really need the help of residents to inhibit emerging bears from returning to locations where they have been previously successful in finding backyard food sources. Largely, the public can control bear behavior and activity by controlling food attractants around their homes. Human responsibility and awareness are the most important tools for preventing conflicts with bears."

Twenty-five percent of annual bear-human encounters are directly caused by bird feeders, the release said. The same release noted that since food is plentiful for birds in the spring and summer, people should consider bird baths or flowering plants to attract birds instead.

Other top bear attractants include unprotected chickens and other poultry, and unsecured garbage cans and dumpsters, the release said.

"If the public would be willing to address these three common attractants, we could quickly reduce annual bear-human encounters by more than 80%, which would be tremendous," said Bailey.

For more information, call 888-749-2327 (1-888-SHY-BEAR), which is coordinated jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department or visit [nhfishgame.com](http://nhfishgame.com)

## Moose hunt lottery

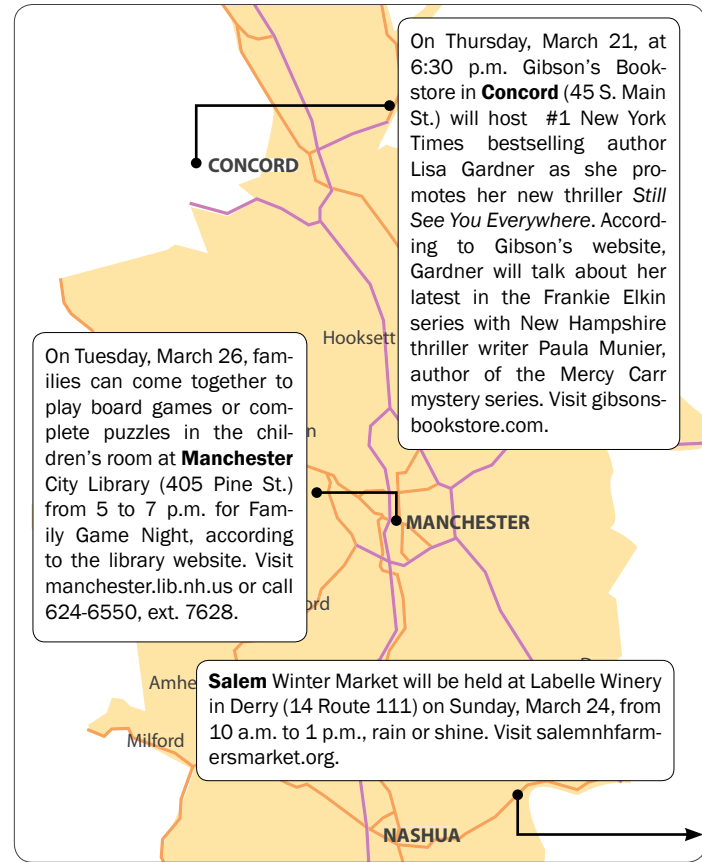
New Hampshire's 2024 moose hunt lottery is open, according to a March 13 press release from New Hampshire Fish and Game. There is entrance fee of \$15 for New Hampshire residents and \$25 for nonresidents, with applications online or available at any Fish and Game license agent, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department headquarters, and Fish and Game regional offices.

The same release said moose hunt lottery applications for 2024 must be postmarked or submitted online by midnight on Friday, May 31, and can also be delivered to the Licensing Office at New Hampshire Fish and Game Department headquarters (11 Hazen Dr. in Concord) before 3:45 p.m. that day. Winners of the 33 permits are selected through a computerized random drawing and will be announced on Friday, June 21.

According to New Hampshire Fish and Game, the current moose population in New Hampshire is around 3,000 animals. This year's hunt will run from Oct. 19 to Oct. 27. Visit [wildlife.nh.gov/hunting-nh/moose-hunting-new-hampshire](http://wildlife.nh.gov/hunting-nh/moose-hunting-new-hampshire).

## Conservation grants

The New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation is accepting proposals for the 2024 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant, which is funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service to provide financial assistance to local units of government and is administered by the Department



of Natural and Cultural Resources and Division of Parks and Recreation, according to a press release. The LWCF program funds projects to develop, renovate and acquire public outdoor recreational spaces. It was recently approved for funding picnic area constructions, development of the new Canal Street Riverfront Park in Concord, and the replacement of playground facilities, among other projects, according to the same release. The application deadline is Friday, June 7. State Parks will determine eligibility. Visit [nhstateparks.org/about-us/community-recreation/land-water-conservation-fund-grant](http://nhstateparks.org/about-us/community-recreation/land-water-conservation-fund-grant).

## Wetland restoration

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will hold a virtual office hour on Friday, March 22, at 10 a.m. for interested applicants to learn about the more than \$5.5 million available for wetland and stream restoration through the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund for five watersheds: the Merrimack River, Pemigewasset-Winnepesaukee River, Saco River, Salmon Falls-Piscataqua River and Lower Connecticut River service areas. Pre-proposals are due May 31. Visit [des.nh.gov](http://des.nh.gov) or email [des.arm@des.nh.gov](mailto:des.arm@des.nh.gov). Register at [atdes.nh.gov/news-and-media/more-55-million-available-wetland-and-stream-restoration](http://atdes.nh.gov/news-and-media/more-55-million-available-wetland-and-stream-restoration). 🐟



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# Future nurses

## Nashua HS program offers experience

Lori Chisholm, Program Head of Nashua High School Careers and Technical Education – Health Occupations program, on the donation of eight Stryker Hospital beds through continued partnership with Southern New Hampshire Health.

**Q:** *Can you describe how this partnership changes or enhances the current health educational program at Nashua High School?*

Southern and Nashua High have been kind of partnered throughout the years on different levels. Over the last year or so they have actually financially helped us with donations for some of the supplies we use as well as our pinning ceremony at the end of the year. This year they were actually able to donate eight Stryker hospital beds.

We had been replacing our beds one by one with our Perkins grant that we get through the school because they are quite costly. We have two labs, and each lab has five beds in it, so that was a huge help, for the students to actually have beds that work.

Laura Forgione [executive director of inpatient nursing, professional practice, and Magnet Program at Southern New Hampshire Health] ... has been coming out every year and speaking to the students as well about their programs. Integrating them into the license nursing assistant part of the hospital as well as medical assisting and then on to nursing if that's the way they choose to go. So it's good for them to come into the school as well just to let us know about the programs that they are offering over there.

### *What is the student response?*

One of my students that graduated from this program last year ... went on to be accepted into the Rivier School of Nursing. At the beginning of this calendar year

he actually asked for a recommendation for an LNA job at Southern. I do know that one of our students is actively working there, to the best of my knowledge. I think it just allows them to have information about different avenues that they can pursue and what the hospitals have to offer. Unfortunately, the State of New Hampshire and all the other states require that all the clinical hours the students get [are] in long-term care facilities. Which is unfortunate because I do think they would gain great experience being able to do that in the hospital as well. It restricts us a little bit in being able to even further the partnership with having students go there for clinicals because it is not approved by the board of nursing by the State of New Hampshire.

### *How important is hands-on experience for health care professionals?*

Hands-on experience is extremely important. We actually start it with our students in the first year of the program, which is their junior year, typically, in our Health Science 1 class. Both the Health Science 1 and Health Science 2 class have full functioning labs that look like, in each room, five different hospital bed areas with curtains and blood pressure cuffs and side tables and overbed tables. We actually work on skills with them for their whole junior year as well as their senior year because in their senior year they actually go out and they take care of real people. They help them get showered, they help them if they can't go in the shower, you know, get washed up in bed, get them dressed, help them to go to



Lori Chisholm. Courtesy photo.

the bathroom, their hair, their teeth. So, they really are hands-on right from the get-go when they go out into the clinical environment. The lab environment is very important because it allows them to practice on each other before they actually touch people that rely on them to be able to help safely transfer them out of bed into a wheelchair.

### *What is the process of entering the program and how hard is it to get in?*

It's an awesome program. We allow area students to come that don't have programs like this. We have students from Hollis, Brookline ... Milford, Merrimack .... Obviously North and South, even though the actual program is at the South location of the high school. It not only benefits just the Nashua kids but the surrounding towns. So it depends upon the year, to be quite honest. When I had worked part-time in 2007 they had actually added a third teacher, and I was it, because the enrollment was so high. They are approved by the Health Science 1 teacher and the head teacher. If they have any questions they obviously come to me as well. Since Covid, the numbers have been down until this past year. Health Science 1 started with about 65 students. The most we can take in Health Science 2 is 48 because

once we get out into the clinical environment I have one other instructor that I work with and we can each only take eight students at a time, and that is per the board of nursing of the State of New Hampshire.

For different reasons people drop out of Health Science 1. It wasn't what they thought it would be, they aren't performing as well as they thought they would. Next year I think I'll have about 40-ish students. They can also do other tracks. Most of our students do the LNA track. I have a few kids that are doing physical therapy. I have two that are on our dental track. We are trying to get Pharmacy. Years ago we were able to let them go out into a clinical environment, into an actual pharmacy and work with a pharmacist and a pharmacy tech to see if that's something they are interested in, but it is being held up at the pharmacy level because they have to get approval.

Not all of the students come out as LNAs. Some of them in Health Science 1 decide they want to be physician assistants, which, really, going into college they don't need my program, the Health Science 2 program. They really would benefit from heavy loading on the sciences in their high school journey.

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# Time to dance



## The Big Story – The NCAA Basketball Tournament:

The overall top seed is defending champion UConn, who begin that defense at the TD Garden in Boston in a regional that oddly

has three of last year's Final Four teams in San Diego State, Florida Atlantic and aforementioned UConn. Overall it's 68 teams playing at four sites around the country. Let the mayhem begin for what is the best four-day extravaganza American sports has to offer.

**Sports 101:** From the all-time leader to fifth, who are the top five career scorers in the NCAA Basketball Tournament history?

**News Item – Are Pats Preparing to Tank?** The new people in charge of Patriots personnel have been underwhelming so far. Which means after re-signing their own free agents from a 4-13 team, they'll leave free agency with the exact three needs they had when it started: a big play receiver, a left offensive tackle and a real starting QB, not a one-year place filler with a career record as a starter of 18-30.

**News Item – Proposed Trade:** Given how obvious the Patriots issues are, drawing up the plan doesn't seem that hard. It's a two-year rebuild at best, so we'll let the QB wait till next year and attack it via a trade down from the third overall pick. The following example (not real) illustrates the concept: Pats give up third overall pick to Minnesota and their third-round pick in 2025 for the 11th and 23rd picks this year, Minnesota's 2025 first-round pick and receiver **Jordan Addison**. (90 catches for 911 yards and 10 TDs), then use the first-round picks on a O-tackle and big play guy. Then fill the next biggest needs, a guard and run-stopping D-lineman.

**News Item – Red Sox Spring Update:** You can't count on spring training records, but the 14-9 start is encouraging. The two most interesting questions so far: (1) Will gifted rookie **Ceddanne Rafaela** win the CF job or be sent back to AAA? He's currently tied for the team lead with four homers while hitting .273 with 8 RBI in 43 at-bats; (2) Will they finally put **Tanner Houck** in a starting role where he belongs? He's off to a 2-0 start with a 2.40 ERA and 0.87 WHIP in 15 innings.

**News Item – Rick Pitino:** From his days complaining about no fan support at BU to his excuse-filled stint as Celtics

coach to his "it wasn't my fault" major rule violations that led to his being fired at Louisville, little Ricky is still whining after all these years. This time over 20-13 St. John's not making the NCAA tournament and then petulantly refusing to play in the hometown NIT.

## The Numbers

**10** – magic number for the Celtics to clinch home court throughout the NBA playoffs.

**Thumbs Up – Celtics:** True, the Utah Jazz aren't very good. But considering the obstacles faced, the Celtics' 123-107 win over Utah last week earns a shoutout, as (a) it was the final of a five-games-in-eight-nights road trip covering 3,400 miles and (b) it came on Game 2 of a back-to-back, (c) after arriving from Portland, Oregon, at 3 a.m. while also losing an hour due to time zone hopping, and most importantly (d) three of their top six players, **Al Horford**, **Kristaps Porzingis** and **Jaylen Brown**, sat out with injuries. They stayed focused and finished off the road trip with a business-like win.

**Sports 101 Answer:** With 407 points Duke's **Christian Laettner** is the Tournament all-time leading scorer. He's followed by **Elvin Hayes** (358), **Danny Manning** (328), **Tyler Hansbrough** (325) and **Oscar Robertson** (324).

**Final Thought – A Little History – What a Game!** Saturday (March 23) is the 50th anniversary of the most monumental college basketball game in history.

No, not **Bird vs. Magic** in 1979. That had big TV ratings but the game was boring as Indiana St. was barely in it, Bird played terribly and **Gregory Kelsner** was MVP, not Magic.

This was five years earlier, where UCLA's never-to-be-matched streak of winning seven straight NCAA titles was ended by NC State in an epic double-OT battle.

With all due respect to Magic and Larry, this game's stars were better college players, and both played big as UCLA's **Bill Walton** went for 29 points and 18 rebounds while **David Thompson** scored 28 points for NC State. The Bruins let big leads slip away in the final minutes of regulation and the second OT. But after UCLA's frantic four-shot last gasp, NC State hung in to win 80-77 as the streak finally was ended.

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## NEWS & NOTES

# QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

### Warmest winter

This has been New Hampshire's warmest winter on record. As reported by New Hampshire Public Radio on March 12, the winter season was 9 degrees warmer than usual on average. According to NHPR's report, at the National Weather Service's climate site in Concord the temperature never dropped below 0 degrees, something that has only happened twice since 1868, when weather records started being kept in the state.

**QOL score: -1** for the general weirdness of it all

**Comments:** According to a March 17 story by WMUR, as of Sunday afternoon, March 18, Lake Winnepesaukee is completely ice-free, again setting a new record.

### Household bills above average here

According to a recent report, Manchester residents pay \$5,547 more per year on their household bills — about 22 percent more — than the national average. According to the 2024 U.S. Household Bill Pay report by Doxo, a bill-paying smartphone app, the average American household spends around \$2,126 each month on its most essential household bills, and the average Manchester household pays \$2,588, or approximately 42 percent of its household income. These bills run the range from rent or mortgage to cable bills to life insurance. According to the same report, things look better for New Hampshire as a whole.

**QOL score: -1**

**Comments:** The average monthly cost of bills statewide was \$2,052, about 4 percent lower than the national average, the report said.

### Missing something?

According to a March 15 Facebook post, a brewer at To Share Brewing Co. in Manchester found something unexpected as he was processing the grain for a batch of smoked IPA last Wednesday: a wedding ring. Brewery co-owner Aaron Share reports that he found the ring as he was straining out the grain from the beer he was brewing, and was briefly afraid that the ring was his, but his own ring was still on his finger.

**QOL score: -1** for some anonymous grain malter

**Comments:** According to the Brewery's Facebook post, To Share has reached out to its suppliers to try to track down the ring's owner, but at this point it is still a mystery.

### A dramatic rescue

A worker at a construction site on Canal Street in Manchester was rescued after he became trapped under an excavator last Tuesday, March 12. As reported on March 12 by Manchester Ink Link, Manchester fire companies responded to an accident on the worksite and found an excavator upside down in a trench, with its operator pinned on the underside. According to a March 12 from the Fire Department, Manchester crews performed a technical rescue that involved "stabilizing, lifting, cribbing and shoring up the machine." The fire companies used hydraulic rams, high-pressure airbags and hand tools to free the worker, who was transported to Elliot Hospital with what the Union Leader's story about the event described as serious injuries.

**QOL score: +1** for the rescue, and hopefully a speedy recovery for the worker

**Comments:** The department's press release described the rescue as a "high-risk, low-frequency event" and noted, "A successful extrication under the circumstances requires a well-trained, highly focused, and professional team working in a complex and dynamic environment."

**QOL score: 63**

**Net change: -2**

**QOL this week: 61**

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# THIS WEEK

## BIG EVENTS

### MARCH 21 AND BEYOND

#### Sunday, March 24

Manchester's annual **St. Patrick's Parade** steps off today at noon and runs down Elm street from Salmon to Center streets. The parade will include fire trucks, pipe and drum bands, mounted police officers, marching bands, Irish dancers, therapy dogs and more according to [saintpatsnh.com](http://saintpatsnh.com).



weekend at Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett (311 W. River Road, [tri-townicearena.com](http://tri-townicearena.com), 485-1100). Admission is free for spectators. For a schedule of events, see [blacicepondhockey.com](http://blacicepondhockey.com).

#### Saturday, March 23

The **Great New England Fine Craft and Artisan Show** takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Capital City Sports & Fitness Complex (10 Garvin Falls Road in Concord, just off Exit 13 of Interstate 93). There will be 100 exhibitors, live music, free parking, food trucks and an appearance by the Easter Bunny. Tickets are \$5; see [gnecraftartisanshows.com](http://gnecraftartisanshows.com).

#### Saturday, March 23

**Spyro Gyra** brings their 50th Anniversary Tour to the Tupelo Music Hall in Derry (10 A St. in Derry, [tupelomusic hall.com](http://tupelomusic hall.com), 437-5100) tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$57.

#### Saturday, March 23

The Currier Museum's (150 Ash St. in Manchester, 669-6144, [currier.org](http://currier.org)) "**Looking Together**" series takes close looks at particular work of arts, guided by a docent. Today the painting will be "Fishwives" (1883) by Winslow Homer. Tomorrow's session (March 24), will examine "The Family" (1963) by Marisol. Looking Together takes place at 11 a.m. and noon. These sessions are included with the purchase of a museum general admission ticket. Participants should meet in the lobby.

#### Wednesday, March 27

The Walker Lecture

Save the Date!

#### Thursday, April 4

**New Hampshire Craft Beer Week** is a 10-day celebration of the craft beer scene across New Hampshire.

The highlight of the week will be New Hampshire Pint Days, from Sunday April 7, through Saturday, April 13, when breweries across the state feature special events and promotions. Visit [nhbrewers.org](http://nhbrewers.org).



#### Thursday, March 21

**The Prom** begins its final weekend at Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; 668-5588, [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)) tonight at 7:30 p.m. Other shows this weekend are Friday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 23, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.. Tickets cost \$38 to \$59.

521-7625) will hold a "**Shamrocks and Shenanigans**" 21+ Zumba party and wine tasting tonight from 6 to 8 p.m., with a high-energy Zumba session from 6 to 7:30 p.m. featuring Irish tunes. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a wine-tasting. This event open to members and non-members. Admission costs \$15.

#### Friday, March 22

The 13th annual **Black Ice Pond Hockey Championships and Winter Festival** starts today and continues through the

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Spring is full of awesomeness.

Spring officially began March 19 and unofficially ends Memorial Day weekend when we start to slide into summer mode. Between now and then there are oodles of fun indoor, outdoor, artsy, music-y, foodie, bookworm-ish things happening. Here are 99 to consider putting on your calendar.

**1 Golf!** In a Facebook post last week, Derryfield Golf Course & Country Club (625 Mammoth Road in Manchester; derryfieldgolf.com, 669-0235) announced that nine holes would open on March 18. Call or go online to book a tee time.

**2 Watch some indoor hockey action at the Black Ice Pond Hockey Championships** Friday, March 22, through Sunday, March 24, at Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett. The games are free to watch. See blackicepondhockey.com and the event's Facebook page for schedule updates.

**3 Skate!** Kick off your weekend at Remix Skate & Event Center (725 Huse Road in Manchester; skateremix.com, 912-7661), which offers all-ages roller skating from 3 to 8 p.m. and 18+ Friday Night Flashbacks from 8:30 to 11 p.m., with a DJ — on Friday, March 22, the scheduled DJ is DJ Steve Fox, according to the venue's Facebook page. Tickets for the adult portion of the evening cost \$20 (which includes skate rental). See the website for tickets and for the rest of the week's schedule.

**4 Get kooky at the Pinkerton Players production of *The Addams Family*** at the Stockbridge Theatre (44 N. Main St. in Derry; stockbridgetheatre.showare.com) on Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.

**5 Root for the lacrosse teams at Southern New Hampshire University.** The men's team's next home game is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at 1 p.m. at Mark A. Ouellette Stadium on the SNHU campus (the stadium is on Victory Lane in Hooksett) versus American International College. The women's next home game is Friday, March 22, at 5 p.m. versus Franklin Pierce University. Regular season games are free

to attend; see snhupenmen.com for the full schedule.

**6 Get more maple. Ben's Sugar Shack** (8 Webster Hwy. in Temple; bensmaplesyrup.com) continues its tours of the syrup operation on Saturday, March 23, and Sunday March 24, as well as Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the website.

**7 Catch Rivier Raiders men's baseball** on Sunday, March 30, when they play a doubleheader against Norwich at noon and 3 p.m. at Historic Holman Stadium (67 Amherst St. in Nashua). The **women's softball** team plays at Raider Diamond and their first home games will be against Fitchburg State on Saturday, March 23, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Games are free to attend. See rivierathletics.com.

**8 Cheer the Rivier College Raiders men's and women's lacrosse teams.** The next home game for the men's lacrosse team will be Saturday, March 23, at noon, on Joanne Merrill Field at Linda Robinson Pavilion when they face Dean College. The women's team's next home game is Saturday, March 30, at noon when they face New England College. The games are free to attend. See rivierathletics.com.

**9 Watch the Southern New Hampshire University Penmen baseball team** play the Saint Anselm Hawks at Penmen Field on Wednesday, March 27, at 3 p.m. The **women's softball** team will play a doubleheader against Mercy University at home on Saturday, March 23, with games at noon and 2 p.m. at the SNHU Softball Field (on Eastman Drive). The women will then play American International College on Sunday, March 24, at noon and 2 p.m. See snhupenmen.com for the schedule.

**10 Catch *Avenged Sevenfold with special guests Poppy and Sullivan King*** on Saturday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St. in Manchester; snhuarena.com). Tickets cost \$34.95 through \$129.95.

**11 Laugh at the Mike Koutrobis Comedy Special Recording** on Saturday, March 23, at 8 p.m. at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.; nashuacenterforthearts.com). Tickets cost \$27. See the story on page 36.

**12 Hear the Sounds of Seattle**, a show featuring Five Against None (a Pearl Jam tribute band) and Song Garden (a Chris

Cornell tribute band) on Saturday, March 23, at 9 p.m. at Angel City Music Hall (179 Elm St. in Manchester; angelcitymusic hall.com). Tickets cost \$10 for this 21+ show. See the website for Angel City's full line-up this spring, including Legends of Rock night on Saturday, April 27, featuring tributes to AC/DC, Social Distortion and the Ramones.

**13 Keep the St. Patrick's Day spirit going at the Manchester St. Patrick's Day Parade** on Sunday, March 24, at noon on Elm Street stepping off from Salmon and Elm streets and heading to Central and Elm streets, according to saintpatsnh.com. The Citizens Shamrock Shuffle, a 2-mile run/walk on Elm Street, starts at 11 a.m. (with a Lil' Leprechaun Run for ages 8 and under at 10:30 a.m.); see millenniumrunning.com/shamrock for details on the race and to register.

**14 Listen to author Chris Bohjalian** discuss his works including his newest book *The Princess of Las Vegas* in conversation with NHPR's Rick Ganley on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com). Tickets cost \$39 for one person and one hardcover copy of *The Princess of Las Vegas* or \$49 for two admissions and one book. Author **Julia Alvarez** will also appear on the BNH Stage this spring on Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. In the Chubb Theatre, also part of the Capitol Center for the Arts' stages, author **David Sedaris** will talk on Sunday, April 21, at 7 p.m. and author **Erik Larson** will discuss his work on Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

**15 Enjoy "An Evening of A Capella with Tonehenge and the Afternotes"** on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord; theaudi.org). Admission is free, doors open at 7 p.m. Other shows at the Audi this spring include **William Florian in Concord** on April 13 and **The Shana Stack Band** on April 24.

**16 Read readers' picks! Hippo's Best of 2024** is slated to hit streets next week, Thursday, March 28. Get all the winners in categories like best pizza, best margarita, best doughnut and some things that have nothing to do with food.

**17 Thou shalt check out Cecil B. DeMille's first crack at *The Ten Commandments***, the 1923 silent film that blends the story of Moses with a modern

(1920s modern) story, which will screen with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis on Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester; palace theatre.org). Tickets cost \$10.

**18 Watch the movies of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival** on Friday, March 29, with a reception at 6 p.m. and screening at 7 p.m. at the BNH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com). See the website for different ticket packages including an online-only option.

**19 Put on your fuzzy ears and your unicorn horn for a presentation of *Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn*** by the book's author Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham, creators of the Kitty-Corn series, on Friday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St. in Concord; gibsonsbokstore.com). Other author events this spring include **Howard Mansfield** for his book *I Will Tell No War Stories* on April 25 and **Jilly Gagnon** with her book *Love You, Mean It* on May 7.

**20 Shop Concord's Giant Indoor Yard Sale** on Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord), according to the arena's schedule of events.

**21 Get some Saint Anselm College Hawks lacrosse.** The women's team's next home game is Saturday, March 30, at noon against the D'Youville University Saints. The men's team will play its next home game on Saturday, March 30, at 3:30 p.m. versus the Bentley University Falcons. Both games take place at Grappone Stadium on the Saint Anselm College campus in Manchester. See saintanselmhawks.com. Games are free to attend.

**22 Cheer on the Saint Anselm College Hawks baseball team**, whose upcoming home games include Saturday, April 6, and Sunday, April 7, at noon, both at Sullivan Park on the Saint Anselm College campus in Manchester. The **women's softball team** will play their next home games on Saturday, March 30, at noon and 2 p.m., both against the Assumption Greyhounds, at the South Athletic Fields on the Saint Anselm College campus. See saintanselmhawks.com. Games are free to attend.

**23 Root for your faves at *Road to WrestleMania*** on Saturday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St. in Manchester; snhuarena.com). Tickets cost \$30 to \$125.



**24** Enjoy a chocolate bunny or a full brunch buffet with the many **Easter eats** offerings. Easter Sunday is March 31; check out all the dine-in and takeout food offerings in this week's Hippo on page 26.

**25** Laugh with the **Queen City Improv** troupe. They will perform on Monday, April 1, at Stark Brewing Co. (500 Commercial St. in Manchester) from 7 to 9 p.m. Or catch them at Chunky's (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com) on Friday, April 19, at 8 p.m., where tickets cost \$20. See all of their upcoming shows at queencityimprov.com.

**26** Listen to a conversation between writers **Joe Hill** and Michael Koryta, who writes under the name **Scott Carson**, on Monday, April 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St. in Nashua). Tickets cost \$10 for general admission, \$39 for admission and a book. See nashualibrary.org.

**27** Try new brews during **NH Craft Beer Week 2024**, running Thursday, April 4, through Saturday, April 13. The week will feature more than 120 events throughout New Hampshire, according to nhbrewers.org, where you can check back for updates of events including Pint Days (April 7-13).

**28** Watch lots of movies at the **New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival**, which will run April 4 through April 14, with a bonus week of virtual screenings through April 21. The festival kicks off on Thursday, April 4, with a reception at 5:15 p.m. at the Spotlight Room at the Palace Theatre in Manchester followed by a screening at 7 p.m. of *Remembering Gene Wilder*. Events take place at theaters and locations throughout the state. See 2024nhjff.eventive.org for this year's line-up of films and events and the available film ticket packages.

**29** Meet Robert Frost when actor Gordon Clapp performs as the poet in **Robert Frost: This Verse Business** on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Theatre (44 N. Main St. in Derry; stockbridgetheatre.showare.com). Tickets cost \$25 and \$30.

**30** Catch **Club D'Elf** on Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com). Tickets cost \$30.75 in advance, an additional \$5 at the door. The BNH Stage will feature several other concerts this spring including **Senie Hunt** (in the Cantin Room) on April 7, **Mullett** on May 18 and the **Granite State Blues Challenge** on May 19.

**31** See **Rufus Wainwright** perform on Thursday, April 4, at 8 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; tupelomusicahall.com), one of the venue's many standout shows this spring. Tickets cost \$54 or \$59. Other shows on the schedule include

**Spyro Gyra's** 50th Anniversary tour (March 23 at 8 p.m.), **comedy night** on April 13, **Tusk** (Fleetwood Mac tribute) on April 20 and more.

**32** Meet **Pete the Cat at the Books Alive!** event at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St. in Dover; childrens-museum.org) on Friday, April 5, at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. and Saturday, April 6, at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. On both days, play sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. (the Friday also features "First Friday" play time from 4:15 to 7 p.m.). Admission costs \$12.50 for adults and kids over 12 months old, \$10.50 for 65+.

**33** Shop the **Made In NH "Try It & Buy It Expo"** scheduled for Friday, April 5, from 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Center of New Hampshire Expo Center, DoubleTree By Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel. Admission costs \$8 for adults, \$7 for 65+, and is free for kids under 14, according to businessnhmagazine.com/events/made-in-nh-expo, where you can purchase tickets.

**34** Sing "bum bum BUM" when **So Good: the Neil Diamond Experience** tribute show comes to the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palace-theatre.org) on Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$29 to \$39.

**35** Hear the **American Spiritual Ensemble**, described as featuring singers, an accompanist and an African drummer having a "repertoire ranging from spirituals to classical to jazz and Broadway numbers highlighting the Black experience" on Friday, April 5, at 8 p.m. at the Capitol Center for the Arts' Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com). Tickets cost \$43.75. The show is one of many concerts at the Cap Center this spring including **Buddy Guy** on April 12, **Gregorian: Pure Chants in Concert** on April 20, **Straight No Chaser** on their Yacht Rock Tour on May 5, and **Kansas** on May 10.

**36** Find new reads, meet authors and get tips for writing your own book at the **Derry Author Fest** on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry, 432-6140, derrypl.org), which will feature workshops, panels and networking for aspiring authors and dabblers. Attendees can stay all day or just drop in for a session. Book sales and signings are interspersed between workshops. The day begins with a keynote address from Virginia MacGregor. See derryauthorfest.wordpress.com/schedule for a detailed schedule.

**37** Shop the **Capital City Craft Festival** on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, from 10



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**38** Get literary at **Exeter Litfest**, a free event (donations welcome) on Saturday, April 6, at Exeter Town Hall (Front Street) and Exeter Library (4 Chestnut St.). A kick-off party will be held Friday, April 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Exeter Public Library with a free concert by Sharon Jones. Events on Saturday include a Crime and Mystery Brunch at Sea Dog restaurant, tickets required; an event with children's authors Matt Tavares and Suzanne Slade at the Exeter Public Library at 11 a.m.; poetry readings, writers' panels and author talks during the afternoon; a book-swap table; and a keynote address with Andre Dubus III at 4 p.m. at Exeter Town Hall. See [exeterlitfest.com](http://exeterlitfest.com).



**39** Get a taste of the classical music of Spain and Spanish composers at **Bolero!**, a concert from the New Hampshire Philharmonic on Saturday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremonty Drive in Salem). Tickets cost \$5 to \$35 and the Sunday show has an online option. See [nhphil.org](http://nhphil.org).

**40** Watch **The Peking Acrobats** on Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m., one of several shows coming to the Nashua Center for the Arts this spring. Tickets cost \$29 to \$59. See [nashuacenterforthearts.com](http://nashuacenterforthearts.com) for more on this and other shows such as **Preacher Lawson** (April 6), **Adam Ezra Group** (April 20), **Rodrigo Y Gabriela** (May 5) and more.

**41** Get eye protection. There's going to be a **total solar eclipse** on Monday, April 8, and the Granite State will have a good view of it (weather permitting). Northern New Hampshire will see the sun completely blocked, while the rest of the state will see it mostly blocked. Get your eclipse glasses before they sell out, if you want to look at the sun during the eclipse. Regular sunglasses are not good enough.

Then, check out one of these pre-eclipse events. On Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m., the New Hampshire Astronomical Society presents "What to Expect from a Solar Eclipse" at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry, [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org), 432-6140); register to attend at the library's website. See [nhaastro.com](http://nhaastro.com) for more events from the Astronomical Society. On Tuesday, April 2, from noon to 1 p.m. Plymouth State University professor and planetarium director Dr. Brad Moser presents a "Lunch and Learn" at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester; tickets cost \$15 per person, which includes a lunch buffet

and a pair of solar eclipse viewing glasses. Get tickets at [plymouth-usnh.nbsstore.net/lunch-and-learn-eclipse](http://plymouth-usnh.nbsstore.net/lunch-and-learn-eclipse). And on Wednesday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. the UNH Department of Physics and Astronomy welcomes the public to a free informal all-ages event, "The Science of Solar Eclipses," on the UNH Durham campus. See extension.[unh.edu/eclipse](http://unh.edu/eclipse) for details and lots of eclipse-related resources.

If you want to go up north for eclipse totality, check out [visitnh.gov/solareclipse](http://visitnh.gov/solareclipse) for viewing tips, event listings, and lodging information to make a night of it.

On eclipse day here in southern New Hampshire, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord (2 Institute Dr., 271-7827) will have eclipse activities included with general admission from noon to 5 p.m., such as making a pinhole camera, eclipse puzzles and lunar phases wheels. As of March 14, eclipse glasses were still available in the Center's store, \$2.50 per pair. See [starhop.com](http://starhop.com) for details and eclipse info. And in Manchester, SEE Science Center will host an eclipse viewing event at Arms Park from 2 to 4:30 p.m. with music from WZID and activities to explain eclipse science. Visit [see-science-center.org](http://see-science-center.org) for eclipse simulation videos and more. SEE's gift shop has eclipse glasses for \$2 per pair.

**42** Buy your peanuts and Cracker Jack as the **Fisher Cats** hit the field for the first home game of the season on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:35 p.m. for the first of six games against the Somerset Patriots. On the schedule for the first games: The first 500 fans at Tuesday's and Wednesday's games get a magnet Fisher Cats' schedule, mascot Fungo will get a birthday celebration on Friday (April 12), Saturday's game (April 13, 4:05 p.m.) will celebrate the team's 20th anniversary and Sunday's game (April 14, 1:05 p.m.) will include "Kids Run the Bases" after the game. Other promotions include: Copa La Diversión when the team becomes the Gatos Ferooces de New Hampshire (April 25 at 6:35 p.m.); Wizards & Wands on May 9 at 6:35 p.m.; and the Manchester Chicken Tenders night (when the team is briefly rebranded) on May 11 at 4:05 p.m. See [milb.com/new-hampshire](http://milb.com/new-hampshire) for the schedule and tickets.

**43** Laugh with the **comedy of Bob Marley**, who will perform five shows at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)) Thursday, April 11, through Sunday, April 14. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. every day except Saturday, when shows are at 5:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$43.50.

**44** Get poetic at the **Nossrat Yassini Poetry Festival**, a free weekend of readings, workshops, performances and prize

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winners hosted by the UNH English Department Friday, April 12, through Sunday, April 14, at the UNH Durham campus. Get the details at unhpoeetry.com/about.

**45** See the Majestic Theatre's production of the comedy *Birthday Club*, described as "Five women get together for their birthdays, each with her own story, to drink, celebrate, commiserate and support each other," on Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 13, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre (880 Page St. in Manchester; majestictheatre.net). Tickets cost \$15 to \$20.

**46** Enjoy another installment of "A Distant Conversation," a series looking at the works of two artists, when "**Filippo de Pisis and Robert Mapplethorpe: A Distant Conversation**" opens on Saturday, April 13 (it runs through Monday, Sept. 2), at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org). April 13 is also the Second Saturday, when admission is free for New Hampshire residents, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**47** Find comics at the **Little "Giant" Comics Old School Comics Show** (oldschoolcomicsshow.com) on Saturday, April 13, at Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord). Tickets cost \$15 for general admission, \$50 for VIP admission (an hour early at 9 a.m. plus a red carpet entrance and a goodie bag), and for \$125 admission that includes a dinner on Friday, April 12, with Jim Steranko (described as "one of the most prolific artists in the history of comics"), according to the website. The show features comic book vendors and comic book artists, including what the show is billing as Venom-poolooza, a line-up of artists who have worked on Marvel's Venom comics.

**48** Celebrate Earth Day with the **Stonyfield Earth Day 5K** on Saturday, April 13, at 9 a.m. The race begins and ends at Londonderry's West Soccer Complex, near the site of the **Stonyfield Earth Day Fair**. The day will also include a kids' fun run, vendors, games, a beer garden for ages 21+ and more, according to millenniumrunning.com/stonyfield5k, where you can register.

**49** Take the kids to the Nashua Chamber Orchestra's **free family concert** on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St. in Nashua). Kids can get an up-close look at the instruments, according to nco-music.org.

**50** Catch one or both of the **Candlelight concerts** at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org) on Wednesday, April 17. At 6 p.m. it's "Vivaldi's Four Seasons and More" and at 8:30 p.m. the show is "A Tribute to Adele." Tickets to either show cost \$43 to \$60.

**51** Join **New Hampshire Roller Derby** by checking out the

Rookie Camp Meet and Greet on Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Manchester Ballers Association (3 Sundial Ave. in Manchester), according to a post on the organization's Facebook page. No experience is necessary. New Hampshire Roller Derby begins its lineup of home games with a mixed public scrimmage on Saturday, May 11, at 5 p.m. at JFK Memorial Coliseum (303 Beech St. in Manchester). See nhrollerderby.com.

**52** See *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, which will run at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org) Friday, April 19, through Sunday, May 12, with shows on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$28 to \$49.

**53** Rediscover vinyl on **Record Store Day**, Saturday, April 20, when participating stores will have special releases. Locally, participating indie stores include Metro City Records in Manchester, Music Connection in Manchester, Pitchfork Records in Concord, Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough and Bull Moose in Salem, according to recordstoreday.com, where you can find more about the offerings.

**54** Search for treasures at the **Granite State Trading Cards & Collectibles Show** on Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord). Admission costs \$5, free for 12 and under. See jimmysplacesportscards.com.

**55** Celebrate **Earth Day at the New Hampshire Audubon's** Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way in Auburn; nhaudubon.org) on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The schedule includes a bird walk, amphibian exploration, a wildlife photography tour, the "Where Does It Go" game show, Raptor Encounter, a Caterpillar Lab presentation and an afternoon nature hike as well as attractions throughout the day such as a master gardener, composting demonstrations, upcycled crafts and seed giveaways, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets for \$15 for a family of four. The Walking Gourmet food truck is also scheduled to attend.

**56** Discover **Discover WILD New Hampshire Day** hosted by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (11 Hazen Drive in Concord) on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free family event features live animals, big fish, trained falcons, archery, bb gun shooting, retriever dog demonstrations, kids' crafts, hunting and fishing gear and more, according to wildlife.nh.gov/event/discover-wild-new-hampshire-day-2024.

**57** Get a view of history when Howard Mansfield discusses his book *I Will Tell No War Stories: What Our*

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**Fathers Left Unsaid About World War II** on Saturday, April 20, at 2 p.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Somerset Plaza, in Nashua; balinbooks.com). Other author events at Balin this spring include Maggie Thrash on April 27 and Karen Eber on April 28.

**58** Listen to Symphony NH's presentation "New World: Dvorak and Sparr" featuring Antonin Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9 in E Minor 'New World'" and the world premiere of composer D.J. Sparr's "Extraordinary Motion: Concert for Electric Harp" with poet/co-creator Janine Joseph and harpist Rosanna Moore, on Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Keefe Center for the Arts (117 Elm St. in Nashua). Tickets cost \$10 to \$63.

See symphonynh.org.

**59** Picture it: Nashua. Sunday, April 21. **Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue** comes to the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.; nashuacenterforthearts.com) on with shows at 2 and 7 p.m. See goldengirlstour.com for a peek at the show. Tickets cost \$52 to \$72. The show will also be at the Capitol Center for the Arts' Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com) on Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.

**60** Shop the **spring fair at the Craftworkers' Guild** in Bedford (3 A Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, at the bottom of the hill in the library parking lot; thecraftworkersguild.org) Thursday, April 25, through Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fair features crafters working in a variety of media; items are also available to see and purchase online.

**61** Load up on books on Saturday, April 27, **Independent Bookstore Day**, when participating bookstores hold events and have special offerings. See indiebound.org/independent-bookstore-day and check with your favorite bookstore for updates.

**62** Watch **Glitches in Reality**, a magic show starring Simon Coronel, on Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. at Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester; palace-theatre.org). Tickets cost \$39 to \$49.

**63** Learn some important comics history at **Portsmouth Mini-Con 40** on Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, an event celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Dover-born Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles featuring Turtles creator Kevin Eastman and other creators and artists including from Mirage Studios. See portsmouthminicon.com for ticket package options.

**64** Eat as many tacos as you can handle at the **Taco Tour Manchester 2024** on Thursday, May 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. More than 60 restaurants will serve tacos for \$3 each (bring cash), according to tacotourman-

chester.com, where you can find information on parking and street closures, and a tour map.

**65** Nosh for a cause at **Taste of the Towns** on Thursday, May 2, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Sheraton Nashua (11 Tara Blvd. in Nashua), where attendees will enjoy food and drink from area restaurants, distilleries and more. Tickets cost \$75 and help support Nashua Center. See nashuacenter.org/taste-of-the-towns.

**66** Get a spoof of Broadway when **Forbidden Broadway** comes to the Stockbridge Theatre (44 N. Main St. in Derry; stockbridgetheatre.showare.com) on Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 and \$45. See a trailer at forbiddenbroadway.com.

**67** Laugh with **Kevin Nealon**, who comes to the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; tupelomusicall.com) on Thursday, May 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 to \$60.

**68** Dream big outdoor dreams at the **New Hampshire Farm, Forest & Garden Expo** on Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Deerfield Fairgrounds. The event will feature industry experts, barnyard animals, a kids' ag discovery zone, 4-H and FFA competitions, workshops and more, according to nhfarmandforestexpo.org, where you can purchase tickets for \$10 per person, ages 12 and under get in free.

**69** Catch one of the **New Hampshire Fiddle Ensemble** spring concerts in New Hampshire: Friday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St. in Rochester); Saturday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Interlakes High School Auditorium (1 Laker Lane in Meredith); Saturday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Exeter Town Hall (9 Front St.) and Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. at the Derryfield School (2108 River Road in Manchester). The ensemble features fiddles, guitars, banjos, mandolins, basses, harps, cellos and more, according to a press release. See nhfiddleensemble.org for tickets.

**70** See **Wheatus**, the band known for its 2000 release "Teenage Dirtbag," on Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m. at Jewel Music Venue (61 Canal St. in Manchester; jewelmusicvenue.com). Tickets cost \$20; find a link to purchase tickets on the venue's website.

**71** Enjoy some Jane Austen live when the Community Players of Concord present **Pride & Prejudice** on Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord). Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$17 for 65+ or 17 and under; see communityplayersofconcord.org.

**72** Take in a classic when the Nashua Theatre Guild presents Thornton Wilder's **Our Town** on Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. at the Court Street Theater (14

Court St. in Nashua). For tickets see nashuatheatreguild.org.

**73** Get your free comics on Saturday, May 4, **Free Comic Book Day**, the annual celebration of comics featuring specially published books handed out at area comic book shops. See freecomicbookday.com for a peek at some of the comics that will be on offer and for participating shops in your area such as Merrymac Games & Comics (550 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack; merrymacgc.com) and Collectibles Unlimited (25 South St. in Concord; collectiblesunlimited.biz). Both **Double Midnight Comics** (252 Willow St. in Manchester; 341 Loudon Road in Concord, dmcomics.com) participate in the day; in years past, Manchester's store has hosted costume contests and other events. (See the website for updates.) In Rochester, **JetPack Comics** (37 N. Main St.; jetpackcomics.com) is billing this year's townwide celebration as the final Rochester Free Comic Book Day Festival, with comics available at locations throughout downtown Rochester, an event hall with vendors and guests, a costume contest and more.

**74** Go outdoors to **shop the farmers markets**. Farmers markets return to the outdoors starting in May, with the Concord Farmers' Market slated to return to its spot next to the Statehouse on Saturday, May 4, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and the Salem NH Farmers Market heading back to the Mall at Rockingham Park on Sunday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See agriculture.nh.gov for a listing of markets.

**75** Run or walk the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire's **Run the Rail Trail 5-Miler** on Saturday, May 4, at 9 a.m. beginning and ending at the museum, 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry. See aviationmuseumofnh.org to register.

**76** Shop the **Squam Lake Vintage & Makers Market** at Cottage Place at Squam Lake (1132 Route 3 in Holderness; cottagelaceonsquam.com) on Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Admission is \$5. The market will feature vendors, live music, food and a mobile bar, according to an email.

**77** See cats compete at the **Seacoast Cat Club's Cat Show** on Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord). Tickets cost \$10 for adults and ages 12 and up, \$8 for seniors, veterans and ages 5 to 12, according to a post on the group's Facebook page. The event also features cat coloring books for the first 50 kids, vendors for cats and pets, a concession stand and more, the post said.

**78** Catch one of the four scheduled spring concerts — titled **Putting It All Together** — of the **New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus**. The first show is scheduled

for Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church (3 Lutheran Drive in Nashua). The Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester; rextheatre.org) has the show on its schedule for Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m. (tickets cost \$25). Other shows are scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. at locations to be announced. See nhgmc.com for updates.

**79** Run the **Camienne Financial Cinco De Miles 5K** on Sunday, May 5, at 9:15 a.m. at a race that begins and ends near Bedford High School. After the race, 21+ racers can enjoy a Modelo Oro or Teremana Small Batch Tequila Margarita, according to millenniumrunning.com/cinco, where you can register.

**80** Join **Lyle Lovett and Lisa Loeb: In Conversation and Song** on Monday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.; nashuacenterforthearts.com). Tickets cost \$79 to \$149.

**81** Run or walk in the **Rock 'N Race 5K Race/Walk** on Wednesday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Statehouse Plaza in Concord. The event, which benefits Concord Hospital Payson Center for Care Care's HOPE Resource Center, according to concordhospital.org, where you can register to run. In addition to the race, the event features food, live music and more.

**82** Get caffeinated at the **Northeast Coffee Festival** taking place Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11, at locations in Concord. On Friday a market and live music will run from noon to 8 p.m. on South Main Street, with a workshop series on the BNH Stage. On Saturday the market and music run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with workshops from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a Latte Art Throwdown at 4 p.m., according to northeastcoffeefestival.com, where you can purchase passes.

**83** Watch the magic at the Peacock Players' teen mainstage production of **Godspell** Friday, May 10, through Sunday, May 19, with shows at 7 p.m. on Fridays and at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets cost \$15 to \$18 for adults, \$12 to \$15 for seniors and students. See peacockplayers.org.

**84** See **Catch Me If You Can The Musical** presented by the Actorsingers on Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 12, at 2 p.m. at the Keefe Center for the Arts (117 Elm St. in Nashua). Tickets cost \$20, \$18 for seniors and students. See actorsingers.org.

**85** Ready thyself for the **New Hampshire Renaissance Fair**, taking place Saturday, May 11, and Sunday May 12, and then Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, in Fremont. See nhrenfaire.com for details and updates.

**86** **Load up on plants**. Spring is garden club sale season, when you check out plant offerings and get tips from local gardeners. The Amherst Garden Club



(amhrestgardenclub.org) will hold its plant sale on Saturday, May 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wilkins School (80 Boston Post Road). The Colonial Garden Club of Hollis (hollisgardenclub.org) will hold its plant sale on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at Lawrence Barn Field on Depot Road. The May Plant Sale for the Bedford NH Garden Club (bedfordgardenclubnh.org) is Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bedford Village Common (15 Bell Hill Road). The Nashua NH Garden Club (sites.google.com/view/nashuanhgardenclub) is also scheduled to hold its sale Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Nashua Historical Society. Know of an upcoming plant sale? Let us know at [adiaz@hippypress.com](mailto:adiaz@hippypress.com).



**87** See the **Flying Gravity Circus**, featuring performers ages 10 to 18, on Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 11, at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts (56 Mont Vernon St. in Milford; [amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company](http://amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company), 672-1002). See [flyinggravitycircus.org](http://flyinggravitycircus.org) for tickets.

**88** Enjoy a comics and pop culture convention geared to younger fans at **Kids Con New England**, which will take place Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord). Tickets for kids ages 5 and up cost \$15; tickets for a family of four cost \$55. The day features comic and children's book creators; superheroes and other costumed characters; creative workshops; Jedi and superhero training; magic shows; face painting; video and tabletop games; a scavenger hunt, and more, according to [kidsconne.com](http://kidsconne.com), where tickets are on sale now.

**89** Enjoy a **Mother of a Comedy Show** featuring comedians Kelly MacFarland, Christine Herley and Kerrie Louise at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester; [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)) on Saturday, May 11, at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$30.

**90** Hear **French Fantasies, a concert from the NH Philharmonic** focusing on the masterworks of French Romanticism, on Saturday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 12, at 2 p.m. at Sainte Marie Roman Catholic Church (378 Notre Dame Ave. in Manchester). Tickets cost \$5 to \$35. See [nhphil.org](http://nhphil.org).

**91** Catch comedian **Ace Aceto** Saturday, May 11, at 8:30 p.m. at Headliners Comedy Club at the DoubleTree in downtown Manchester. Tickets cost \$20 at the door and at [headlinersnh.com](http://headlinersnh.com), where you can see the full lineup of comedians performing at Headliners' weekly shows.

**92** Plan that **Mother's Day meal**. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12, and some restaurants are already taking reserva-

tions. At the Bedford Village Inn, for example, they're offering a three-course Mother's Day dinner with seatings from 2 to 7 p.m. ([bedfordvillageinn.com](http://bedfordvillageinn.com)). Keep an eye on Hippo's food section for more meals for mom. Know of a big Mother's Day to-do? Let us know at [adiaz@hippypress.com](mailto:adiaz@hippypress.com).

**93** Have fun at the **Kiwanis Club of Concord's Spring Fair**, scheduled to run Thursday, May 16, through Sunday, May 19, at the Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord), according to the arena's spring schedule. See [concordkiwanis.org](http://concordkiwanis.org) or find them on Facebook for updates.

**94** Eat at the **Greek Food Festival** at St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church (500 W. Hollis St. in Nashua; 889-4000, [nashuagreekfestival.com](http://nashuagreekfestival.com)) on Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18. Keep an eye on the website for details on when and how to load up on delicious gyros, pastries and more.

**95** Introduce kids to a classic story and to the stage with the Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts' production of **Stuart Little** on Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 18, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre (880 Page St. in Manchester; [majestictheatre.net](http://majestictheatre.net)). Tickets cost \$10 to \$15.

**96** Shake off all the liars and the dirty dirty cheats at **Shake It Off! A (Taylor's Version) Tribute** featuring the Swiftie Tribute Band playing the music of Taylor Swift at three shows at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)) on Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 18, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 to \$40.

**97** See a New Hampshire premier production of the musical **Between the Lines** presented Friday, May 17, through Sunday, May 19, by Riverbend Youth Company at Amato Center for the Performing Arts (56 Mont Vernon St. in Milford; [amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company](http://amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company), 672-1002).

**98** Buckle up for **Slabfest III**, a two-day celebration of heavy noise and experimental and electronic music, at Jewel Music Venue (61 Canal St. in Manchester; [jewelmusicvenue.com](http://jewelmusicvenue.com)) Saturday, May 18, at 4 p.m. through Sunday, May 19, at midnight, according to a post on the venue's Facebook page. Check back for ticket information; the post lists 32 bands slated to perform. See [slabfestnh.com](http://slabfestnh.com) for more on the event and bands.

**99** Embrace neo-swing with **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**, who will perform on Saturday, May 18, at 8 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; [tupelomusic-hall.com](http://tupelomusic-hall.com)). Tickets cost \$45. 🍷



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# ARTS

## Classical video games

### Symphony NH performs Game Over(ture)

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For many years, video game companies operated like old-school movie studios. Everything was done in-house, including the music. That began to change in the late 1990s, a shift that would impact the life of Austin Wintory, a young composer studying at USC. A lifelong gamer, Wintory had always been intrigued by the scores of *Final Fantasy* and *Legend of Zelda*, but he had no interest in working 9 to 5 at a tech company.

"The whole appeal of being a composer is you make your own hours," he said in a recent phone interview. "You pursue your own opportunities ... perpetually take swings and gambles, and bet on yourself. It's an entrepreneur-type path, like running a small business."

One day, a fellow student invited him to work on a game he was developing. Wintory recalls it as "very humble, tiny little project" that itself went nowhere, "but it led to him introducing me to some of his classmates ... in particular was this guy named Jenova Chen, who was working on his master's thesis video game project."

*Flow*, the game Chen was develop-

ing and recruited Wintory for, became an online hit in 2006. Its success led Sony to hire them to code a version for the PlayStation, which had more music composed by Wintory. It became a hit on that platform, as did a sequel (that he didn't work on).

In 2009, the team reunited to make *Journey*, a game that "exploded beyond anyone's wildest imagination," Wintory said. "It essentially made me a so-called video game composer, even though I've never seen myself that way... I was always passionate about games, and always wanting to be a composer. In hindsight ... they were always on a collision course."

*Journey* became the first video game to be nominated for a Grammy, shoehorned into the "Score Soundtrack for Visual Media" category. Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross's score for *Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* took the prize, but Wintory set a precedent that led to the creation of a video game category 10 years later. He's been nominated both years it's existed.

He responds with humility at the notion that he's some kind of trailblazer.

"I honestly find it baffling; I don't claim to be the one who should have been the first," he said. "Many iconic scores came before me that simply weren't nominated."

Over the years, Wintory has become friendly with Symphony NH Music Director Roger Kalia, and on March 23 and March 24 he'll guest conduct music from *Journey*, along with the *Final Fantasy Seven's* climactic finale "One Winged Angel," a piece he sheepishly requested Kalia let him lead at the concert.

"It's always fun to conduct more than just my own music, but I am the guest, it's Roger's show; I'm not trying to pull focus



Avatar of Austin Wintory created by Angela Bermúdez. Courtesy photo.

Kalia, he continued, has conducted *Journey* himself several times — on the West Coast where Wintory lives, and with the Evansville Symphony Orchestra. Wintory considers the *Game Over(ture)* concert, which will also include music from *Legend of Zelda*, *Super Mario Brothers* and *Prince of Persia*, an ideal way to help expand the reach of classical music.

"What I love about these kinds of shows is they're a real celebration of ... cultural touchstones that people are likely to be imminently familiar with," he said. "I'm a believer in the preservation of the classical repertoire, and the solemn duty orchestras consign themselves to. Making sure that this massive, particularly orchestral canon is well looked after, taken seriously, performed and continuously exposed to new audiences."

Beyond that, though, is a need for "showcasing the music audience members are likely to have some kind of contact with or familiarity with on a day-to-day basis; not just appeal to so-called classical music lovers. Roger has a very similar mind and is a great advocate of that sort of programming. I'm incredibly lucky and grateful to be a periodic beneficiary of it." 🍓

### Game Over(ture)

**When:** Saturday, March 23, 8 p.m.

**Location:** Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord

**Tickets:** \$20.75 and up at [symphonynh.org](http://symphonynh.org)

Also Sunday, March 24, 3 p.m., Keefe Center for the Arts, 117 Elm St., Nashua (\$10 and up)



## ANASTASIA

The Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway in Derry) will be hosting The Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts as they present *Anastasia The Musical: Youth Edition* Friday, March 22, through Sunday, March 24. Majestic's production will star the children and teens of The Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts under the direction of Collette Foley with musical assistance by A. Robert Dionne, according to a press release. The show transports its audience from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past, the release said. Show times are Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 23, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and above, and \$12 for youth 17 and under. Tickets can be purchased by visiting or calling the box office at 669-7469, online at [www.majestictheatre.net](http://www.majestictheatre.net) or at the door prior to the performance.

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- **THE PROM** runs through Sunday, March 24, at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org), 668-5588) Tickets cost \$28 to \$49. The show runs Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 & 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m.
- **INTO THE WOODS** will be presented by Peacock Players as their spring youth mainstage production at the 14 Court St. Theater in Nashua through Sunday, March 24. See [stockbridgetheatre.showare.com](http://peacock-</a></li></ul><ul><li>• <b>THE ADDAMS FAMILY</b> presented by Pinkerton Players at Stockbridge Theatre (5 Pinkerton St. in Derry; <a href=)) on Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.
- **ALL SHOOK UP** from BYPC on Friday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 23, at 1:30 & 7:30 p.m. at The Derryfield School in Manchester. See [bypc.org](http://bypc.org).



# THE ROUNDUP

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

• **Artist receptions:** The Chapel Art Center at Saint Anselm College (100 Saint Anselm Drive in Manchester) opened its spring season with "The Intimacy of Seeing, Elsa Voelcker – A Retrospective." On Friday, March 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. the Chapel Art Center will host an opening reception, with the artist in attendance. Voelcker is a veteran member of the college's Fine Arts faculty, whose teaching and mentoring in the realm of film and digital photography has benefited generations of students at Saint Anselm College, according to a press release. The exhibition includes more than 60 works and spans her entire career; it includes a selection of black & white and color prints, as well as some of her handmade photography books. The gallery is free and open to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 4 to 7 p.m.

An artist's reception will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the New Hampshire Audubon McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road in Concord) for Jackie Hanson's show titled "Human/ Nature," which runs until Friday, May 17. The show features a unique view of landscapes through pastels by Hanson, who is a recent graduate of New England College and a New Hampshire artist. See [nhaudubon.org](http://nhaudubon.org).

• **Printmaking workshop:** The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester) is hosting a one-day workshop titled "Creative Exploration: Printmaking & Collage Inspired by Raphaël Barontini with Rachael and John O'Shaughnessy" on Saturday, March 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Currier website describes this workshop as a unique opportunity for adults to learn more about the artist and his ideas while they work with dyed papers, collage and intaglio printmaking techniques to create their own works of art; prior classes and experience are not required, and materials will be provided. Registration is \$175 for non-members and \$157.50 for members. Visit [currier.org](http://currier.org) or call 518-4922.

• **Online art chat:** You can virtually meet with the Currier Museum's education team for "Art Conversations from Home." These are informal facilitated conversations over Zoom about the Currier's collection and exhibitions, with a different focus each week, according to their website. Each session is free and lasts 30 minutes. They take place every Wednesday at 1 p.m. until

April 24. The conversation on Wednesday, March 20, will be on Andrew Wyeth's "Day Dream," 1980, which is from a private collection. Attendance is limited and registration is required, accepted through noon on the day of the event. Visit [currier.org](http://currier.org).

• **Pottery sale:** Studio 550 Art Center (550 Elm St. in Manchester) is holding a Spring Cleaning Pottery Sale from Monday, March 25, to Saturday, March 30, noon to 8 p.m. each day, selling pottery, glass and other handmade goods to benefit the International Institute of New England, the Clay for Kids Fund and local artisans, according to a press release. Visit [550arts.com](http://550arts.com).

• **Kids perform Elvis:** The Bedford Youth Performing Company (BYPC) will be performing *All Shook Up!* an homage to Elvis Presley, at the Derryfield School Theater (2108 River Road in Manchester) on Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 23, at 1 and 7 p.m. According to a press release, the performers will take you on a ride into a world of rock 'n' roll and hijinks in this action-packed musical. Tickets are \$17.50 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. Visit [bypc.org](http://bypc.org) or call 472-3894.

• **The Phil performs Bolero, Hagen performs Double Bass:** The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra at the Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremonty Dr. in Salem) will be performing Maurice Ravel's "Bolero" and more on Saturday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m. Renowned double bass soloist Susan Hagen, who has been an extra player for the Boston Symphony Orchestra for 18 seasons and who became the first female principle double bassist of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, will be performing Simón García's Double Bass Concerto, according to a press release. Mark Latham, Music Director of the NH Philharmonic Orchestra, said in a statement that "her talent and passion for the double bass are truly exceptional, and we are honored to have her join us for what promises to be an unforgettable evening of music." The concert will feature Rimsky-Korsakov's virtuosic Capriccio Espagnol and music of de Falla and Mozart will be performed as well, according to the same release. Livestreaming will be available for the Sunday performance. Tickets range from \$5 to \$35. Visit [nhphil.org](http://nhphil.org).

• **Celtic Woman in Concord:** The Capitol Center of the Arts' Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St in Concord) will host the 20th anniversary tour of Celtic Woman on Friday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. Celtic Woman brings a blend of traditional and contemporary Irish music with dancers, bagpipers and traditional Irish instruments like the bodhrán, tin whistle and uilleann pipes, according to a press release. Tickets range from \$54.25 to \$86.25. Visit [ccanh.org](http://ccanh.org)

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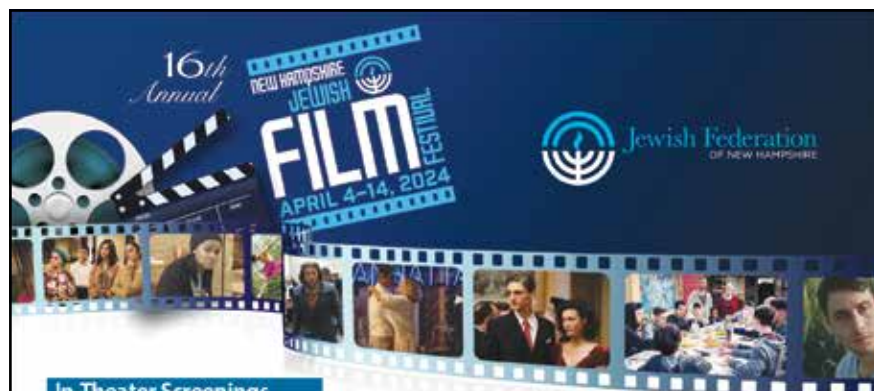
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Sunday, April 7, 10:00 AM  
The Way to Happiness  
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Sunday, April 7, 3:00 PM  
PJ Library Free Event  
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Sunday, April 7, 4:00 PM  
Children of Nobody  
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Sunday, April 7, 6:30 PM  
Special Free Event: The Boy  
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Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM  
All About the Levkoviches  
Peterborough Community Theatre  
Peterborough, NH  
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Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM  
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Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM  
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Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM  
Call Me Dancer  
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Sunday, April 14, 1:00 PM  
The Monkey House  
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

Sunday, April 14, 3:30 PM  
Matchmaking  
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Sunday, April 14, 5:30 PM  
Wrap Party  
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

### Virtual Screenings

Thursday, April 4 – Sunday, April 21

The following films will be available for 18 days, except 999 (see below).

999: *The Forgotten Girls of the Holocaust*  
(only available April 11–April 14)

*Home Rabbi on the Block*  
*The Story of Annette Zelman*

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### Virtual Post-Film Discussions

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM

*Rabbi on the Block*  
Live Zoom discussion with Rabbi Tamar Manasseh and director Brad Rothschild

### Virtual Screenings Bonus Week

Sunday, April 14 – Sunday, April 21

*All About the Levkoviches*  
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*Call Me Dancer*  
*Children of Nobody*  
*Matchmaking*  
*The Boy*  
*The Monkey House*  
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**ARTS**

# Buy stuff, make stuff

## Classes on offer at the Manchester Craft Market

By Zachary Lewis  
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Jessica Moores has created a bazaar of locally sourced and handcrafted goodies at the Mall of New Hampshire.

“This is our eighth year,” Moores said. “We started just as a craft fair with different tables all throughout the mall or we had an empty store for about nine weeks where 20 people sat at their tables to sell what they’d made.”

It was a good start, but Moores was encouraged to grow.

“Someone said to me, ‘This is great, but I don’t want to sit here all day. I want to put my stuff on a shelf, and you sell it for me.’ So I came back a few months later and I told the mall I want to give people a spot to sell their stuff on a shelf and see how that goes.”

After she spruced up an old pet store she had been allocated by the mall, business continued to grow.

“We decided we needed a bigger store,” Moores said. Manchester Craft Market then moved to the space next door. This was the location where Moores started curbside pickup during the Covid years, which allowed her business to thrive, although it was an austere road at first.

“I did it all without any loans or credit cards in the beginning. I didn’t pay myself for a couple years and kept putting my money into the business, like free displays. This one here I got like seven years ago for free,” Moores said as she pointed to a glass display cabinet right next to the cash register. “I still use it. It makes me a ton of money.”

Manchester Craft Market had its first million-dollar year just a couple of years ago.

“A million dollars of New England-made products only. That was 2021,” she said.

“In 2023, in September, we moved into this space.... We grew from about 170 makers to 250. We also have a classroom space for workshops and classes,” Moores said.

The classes are a big draw for crafters and patrons alike.

“We’ve done a couple ceramic classes with fairy houses or polymer clay. People are hand-building their own mugs. Cookie decorating classes. It’s kind of its own sepa-



Workshop space at Manchester Craft Market. Courtesy photo.

rate little thing back there,” Moores said.

A calendar of classes and workshops can be found on their website but one does not need to be a seller here to be allowed to teach.

Another fun edition is the window display.

“I work really hard on my window display, which seems to really attract people. With our winter display people would stand out there and take pictures like it was Macy’s in New York, so that was really fun.” Moores said

How did Moores get started with this whole enterprise?

“I was a stay-at-home mom trying to pay off some student loans and I started making my own stuff,” Moores said. “I said, ‘I really need a place to sell this. Where do I sell it?’ I was walking through the mall one day and there were a bunch of empty stores at that point. I said, ‘I should do a craft fair in the mall.’ So I went to a local, like, Facebook moms group and said, ‘What do you guys think about this? Would you go?’ and they were all like, ‘Yeah, we would totally go.’ And now some of them are our regular customers....”

The support from the community allows Moores to celebrate the handmade wares of local makers, which she describes as “anything altered, designed, or with additional components. Generally, that gives our makers leeway to design an image and have it printed elsewhere to be a sticker or print. It allows them to buy different jewelry findings and assemble them to make something different. I am not asking them to silver-smith, although some do.”

Moores reiterated that without the enthusiasm of these craft makers her business would not be possible.

“Every little spot in every corner in here is a different maker. It is 250 individual businesses that we are supporting. Some of them pay for their chemo meds with it, some of them pay their mortgage with it, some of them just make it for fun and make a couple bucks off of it. It is all local New England. We just have fun with it.”

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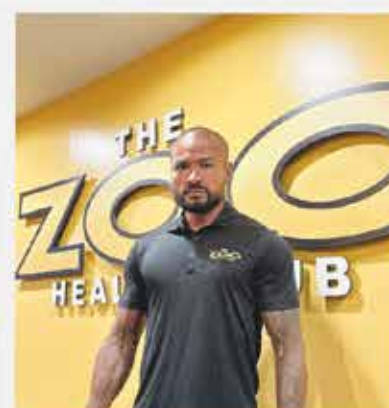
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# INSIDE/OUTSIDE

## Egg-citing

Where to find egg hunts and Easter Bunny visits

By Zachary Lewis  
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If Santa spans the globe by reindeer-powered sleigh, and the Tooth Fairy has her wings, then how exactly does the Easter Bunny travel? By airplane, of course. On Saturday, March 23, at 9 a.m., the **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire in Londonderry** (27 Navigator Road) welcomes the Easter Bunny into the Granite State as he lands a two-seat light sport aircraft, an RV-12iS, constructed by students from the Manchester School of Technology.

"We're thrilled the Easter Bunny has chosen to arrive in an airplane built by students right here in New Hampshire," said Jeff Rapsis, the museum's executive director. "It's a great honor to have such an important celebrity make use of this aircraft [and] not just have him hop around but arrive in spectacular fashion."

The Manchester Airport Fire Department will create a grand water arch to greet the plane. In the event of inclement weather, the Easter Bunny will meet families and

friends inside the museum's workshop.

During the visit, the Easter Bunny will take photos with visitors and hand out candy. The Granite State Candy Shoppe has "donated lots of chocolate," Rapsis said. The Common Man Roadside will provide free apple cider, coffee and other treats.

From 9 to 11 a.m., museum entry will be free with activities where kids can design hot air balloons and create pilot licenses, and there will be areas for coloring and Legos. The museum asks that families arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. to be able to park and safely make it to the landing on time.

Around 11 a.m. the Easter Bunny will ride off in a Manchester Airport Fire Department fire truck.

After 11 a.m., regular admission applies to the Aviation Museum: \$10 for ages 13 and up; \$5 for ages 6 to 12 and ages 65 and up, and veterans/active military; kids 5 and under are free. Visit [aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://aviationmuseumofnh.org)

Here are some more Easter-related area events:



The Easter Bunny at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire. Courtesy photo.

- An Egg-Citing Egg Hunt will be hosted at **Charmingfare Farm in Candia** (774 High St.) on Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24, as well as Saturday, March 30, and Easter Sunday, March 31, with various times between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Children age 2 to 12 will have the chance to hunt for a dozen eggs, each filled with fun surprises and perfect for taking home after a day of fun. See [visitthefarm.com](http://visitthefarm.com).

- Another Egg-citing Egg Hunt will be

hosted at **Joppa Hill Farm in Bedford** (174 Joppa Hill Road) on Saturday, March 23, at two ticketed time slots, 10 a.m. and noon. Visitors may gather 15 eggs containing nut-free candy and toys. According to the website, participants have a chance to find a golden egg that grants a special prize as well as getting to meet and take a picture with the Easter Bunny. Tickets are \$20 for ages 1 through 12. There is no fee for

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# If you give a mouse an M&M, it may find new ways into your car



By Ray Magliozzi

*Dear Car Talk:  
Someone wrote to you recently about some mice that got into his car and selectively ate his peanut M&Ms. He wanted to know how they got in.*

*You said the only way into the passenger compartment is through the cowl, where fresh air comes in below the windshield. Couldn't they have gotten in through the "air extractors" under the rear bumper?* — Michael

I'd never heard of air extractors behind the rear bumper before, Michael. So after I read your letter, I moseyed next door to my friend Leo DeLeo's autobody shop and

asked him.

"Oh, sure," he said. "I'll show you." He takes me over to an older car in his shop with its bumper removed and points to the back corners under where the bumper had been. And lo behold, there are two small sets of flaps!

They have several purposes. Primarily, they release air from the car when you close the doors, so you don't build up too much pressure. Modern cars are well-sealed — for noise reduction, comfort and fuel economy — and that means there's no easy way for air inside the car to escape.

So, if you get in the car and pull the door closed and the air pressure goes up, that can be uncomfortable for, say, your ears, like when you're in an airplane. It can also make

it hard to close the door or make it hard to close the door easily. In fact, some years ago, BMW had a system that automatically lowered the window a skosh as you closed the door, and then immediately closed the window again once the door was shut. I assume that was another way to address the air pressure.

The other purpose of these flaps is to increase the flow of fresh air through the vehicle. The fresh air comes in the front, and as air escapes out back through these flaps, fresh air moves more easily throughout the car.

When I went back to my shop to share this epiphany with the other knuckleheads I work with, one of them said, "Oh yeah. Actually, I remember once I rested a huge

iced coffee on top of the sunroof as I was getting out of a car, and when I shut the door, there was so much pressure in the car, the sunroof actually lifted up a little bit. It sent iced coffee everywhere."

Almost all cars now have these air escape flaps hidden behind the rear bumper. I don't know if that's how the mice got into letter-writer Doug's car and devoured his peanut M&Ms. I still think it's more likely that they sought out the leftover heat from the engine and found their way in from the cowl. But it's certainly possible they used the back door. If we find a Chilton's Repair Manual in their nest, open to the bumper removal page, then I'll concede the point, Michael. In the meantime, thanks for the education. Visit [Cartalk.com](http://Cartalk.com).

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adults. See [theeducationalfarm.org](http://theeducationalfarm.org).

• The Governor's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the **Statehouse Lawn in Concord** on Saturday, March 23. Mr. Aaron performs live from 10 to 11 a.m. There will also be face painting, balloons, prizes, refreshments, the Easter Bunny and his friends, and lots of fun, according to a press release. The Egg hunt begins exactly at 10 a.m. The governor asks that you please bring your own basket.

• The Well Church's annual free Easter egg hunt will be held at **Greeley Park in Nashua** (near the bandstand, 100 Concord St.) on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. Their website welcomes participants to see the Easter Bunny, hunt some eggs, and enjoy face painting, among other festivities. The Well Church asks that participants bring their own baskets, only reserve tickets for children, and notes that certain times are only for younger kids only. Visit [thewellnh.org/egghunt](http://thewellnh.org/egghunt).

• The 32nd annual Easter egg hunt for Merrimack residents at **Wasserman Park**

in **Merrimack** (116 Naticook Road) is happening on Saturday, March 23. Their events page mentioned a total of 6,500 Easter eggs ready to hand out between five different egg hunt groups. Times are: special needs at 10:10 a.m.; ages 1 to 3 at 10:30 a.m., ages 4 and 5 at 10:50 a.m. ages 6 and 7 at 11:10 a.m., and ages 8 to 10 at 11:30 a.m. They ask that children bring their own baskets. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos at the basketball court from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This free event is open to Merrimack residents only. Visit [merrimackparksandrec.org/easter-egg-hunt](http://merrimackparksandrec.org/easter-egg-hunt).

• The Salem Community Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Rockingham Christian Church will take place at **Hedgehog Pond in Salem** on Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bags will be provided for the two egg hunts. The first is at noon for kids 5 and under and the second at 12:30 p.m. for kids 6 to 11. The Rockingham Christian Church mentioned on their event page that the event will be a day of egg hunting and activities for the family like face painting, crafts, raffles, pictures with the

Easter Bunny, and a visit from the Salem Fire Department. They ask participants to register for the event to give them a head count. Parking is located next door at the Bus Company or across the street at the Ice Center. Visit [rccsaalem.com/events](http://rccsaalem.com/events) or email [Jenny@RCCSalem.com](mailto:Jenny@RCCSalem.com).

• The Saint Anselm College Alumni Association invites Granite Staters to its 28th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at **Saint Anselm College** (100 Saint Anselm Drive in Manchester) on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 12:30 p.m. Registration opens at 11 a.m. and the Easter egg hunt commences exactly at 12:30 p.m. Admission is \$25 per family, which includes a \$5 donation to the Saint Anselm Fund. The website mentions that there will be snacks, coffee, a petting zoo, crafts for kids, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Visit [alumni.anselm.edu/annual-easter-egg-hunt](http://alumni.anselm.edu/annual-easter-egg-hunt).

• The Easter Bunny Party is back at **Carriage Shack Farm in Londonderry** (5 Dan Hill Road) on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors can spend time with the Easter Bunny and friendly

farm animals. There is an Easter Bunny trail where kids can collect Easter egg treasures. There will be opportunities for Easter egg decorating, dancing and bubbles, and the Olde Schacht's Mining area will be open for additional fun, according to the website. The animals at Carriage Shack Farm include a Tibetan yak, bearded dragons, baby doll sheep and a 100-pound Sulcata Tortoise named Homer. Tickets are \$12.95 for ages 16 and over, \$11.95 for seniors and military, \$10.95 for ages 15 and under. Children 1 and under are free. Adults must be accompanied by another adult or child. No pets of any kind are allowed, for the safety of the farm's animals. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. Visit [carriageshack-farmllc.org](http://carriageshack-farmllc.org).

• **Hudson's Best Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, March 30, at Inner Dragon Martial Arts (77 Derry Road in Hudson) with times at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon featuring more than 5,000 eggs, pictures with the Easter Bunny and more. Reserve a spot at [funnels.hudsonmartialart.com/egg-hunt-2024](http://funnels.hudsonmartialart.com/egg-hunt-2024).

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## Playing inside

• *The Addams Family* is presented by Pinkerton Players at Stockbridge Theatre (5 Pinkerton St. in Derry; stockbridgetheatre.showare.com) on Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15. This School Edition version of *The Addams Family* offers a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family and features an original story where Wednesday Addams, a princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family, according to their website. Now, the whole family must host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents. Oh, the horror!

• *The Rainbow Fish* is presented by Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia at Stockbridge Theatre (5 Pinkerton St. in Derry; stockbridgetheatre.showare.com) on Tuesday, March 26, at 10 a.m. The play introduces the most beautiful fish in the sea, whose scales shimmer in all the colors of the rainbow, according to their website, and finds the courage to explore the deep unknown sea full of wonderful sights and friendly creatures, in a visually striking production that makes the pages of the storybooks come to life. Tickets cost \$12.

## Playing outside

• Granite State Kids Community Tennis Association is starting its 24th season

of tennis at the Legacy Park Tennis Courts (230 New Boston Road in Bedford). The GSK is part of the United States Tennis Association and has provided junior tennis instruction and competitive junior team tennis for 23 years, according to their website. All levels of ability can participate, and they use modified equipment for beginner and younger players to allow kids to play quickly. Their Spring 2024 Tennis Programs has slots for children age 10 and younger and for kids age 11 and older on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Monday cohort runs from Monday, May 13, to Monday, June 17, and that includes Memorial Day. The Wednesday cohort runs from Wednesday, May 15, to Wednesday, June 17. Register soon if you are interested; the Monday section for children age 10 and under is already full. Cost is \$125 per child. Visit [granitestatekids.com](http://granitestatekids.com).

## Playing in outer space

• The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (2 Institute Drive in Concord), open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., has a **planetarium show** that is perfect for astronauts in training. *3-2-1 Liftoff!* is an animated film about a gifted hamster scientist named Elon, who after finding a robot that's crash-landed in his dump yard garden must use his courage and wits to get the robot back to a rocket leaving for Mars in three days, according to their website. Will he succeed? Head to the Discovery Center to find out. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of this or any planetarium show. Seating occurs 10 minutes before each show, at which time tickets will no longer be available. *3-2-1 Liftoff!* is recommended for ages 4 and older. Tickets are \$7 in addition to admission but free for members and children under 2. Visit [starhop.com](http://starhop.com) or call 271-7827. 🍷

## INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,  
OK, can you help me figure this out? It says Ralston on it. It's also marked "Eat Ralston Daily."

Can you help?  
Jake



Dear Jake,  
I'm not quite sure how it works but it somehow tells time. When you hold it up to the sun it can turn and give you time.

It's a Ralston cereal toy (premium). The company produced cereal from the late 1800s to the 1990s. The name probably seems more familiar as Ralston Purina.

I can remember when I was younger begging my mom to buy any cereal with a good toy in it. Premiums are collectible and range

from a dollar to very high values, depending on what it is, from what cereal, how many were produced and condition.

The value of yours, Jake, is in the \$40 range to a collector. So a nice little premium find.

Hope this was helpful, Jake.

*Donna Welch has spent more than 35 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing. Her new location is an Antique Art Studio located in Dunbarton, NH where she is still buying and selling. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna at [footwdw@aol.com](mailto:footwdw@aol.com), or call her at 391-6550. 🍷*

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# ON THE JOB

**CATHY HILSCHER**  
**OWNER OF CATS KINGDOM**

Cathy Hilscher is the owner of Cats Kingdom (679 Mast Road in Manchester, catskingdomonline.com).

**Explain your job and what it entails.**

I am the owner of Cat's Kingdom.

**Q:** I am all about the food and holistic care. I am passionate about what I bring into the store and what I sell to people.

I help people on an individual basis when they have problems with their cats because a big portion of it has to do with the foods that they eat.

**How long have you had this job?**

Nine years.

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

Pierre, one of my cats, got sick from kidney disease and I realized there wasn't a lot of education out there for cats and supportive food measures, and here I am nine years later.

**What kind of education or training did you need?**

I come from a background of retail. I've owned a few small businesses and I kind of put them together and collectively came up with this.

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

You're looking at it. Tie-dyed, sweat-shirt, casual.

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

Money coming in and money coming out and keeping things going is challenging. That's the biggest thing. And getting noticed. Whatever you say out there, get me out there. Getting noticed and getting recognized online.

**What do you wish other people knew about your job?**

How much goes into keeping a store in a state in a small environment with everything that is going on in the world. Keeping it afloat and getting the support locally to keep things afloat.

**What was your first job?**

A diet aide at a nursing home in New York, which is where I come from.

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

Don't take things so personally.  
 —Zachary Lewis 🐾



Cathy Hilscher. Courtesy photo.

**Five favorites**

**Favorite book:** I don't do a whole lot of reading. I don't really have one.

**Favorite movie:** I am a sappy person, so anything Lifetime.

**Favorite music:** '70s genre all the way.

**Favorite food:** probably Italian

**Favorite thing about NH:** It is very similar to where I come from, a small town in central New York, outside of Albany. Small, quaint — I am not a big-bustling-type person, so it's perfect. Love the seasons. Everything.



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# Ham & chocolate bunnies

Where to find your Easter eats

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**News from the local food scene**

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• **Truffle class:** On Thursday, March 21, from 5:15 to 7 p.m., Dancing Lion Chocolate (917 Elm St. in Manchester; dancinglion.us, 625-4043) will hold a class called Down and Dirty Truffles. Participants will make chocolate ganache for truffles, temper chocolate for enrobing, scoop and decorate finished truffles. The class costs \$125 per person; register on Dancing Lion's website.

• **Trivia at the tavern:** The Barley House Restaurant & Tavern (132 N. Main St. in Concord; thebarleyhouse.com, 228-6363) will host Geeks Who Drink, a two-hour trivia competition, on Thursday, March 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be seven rounds of audio, visual, and live-hosted trivia. Teams are limited to six people.

• **Win candy:** Chunky's (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com) will hold a family-friendly theater candy bingo night on Friday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. Reserve a seat for \$10 each, which also gets you a food voucher for that night and a box of theater candy to go in the pot.

• **Learn how to pair wine with cheese:** On Wednesday, March 27, at 6 p.m., LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101 in Amherst; labellewinery.com, 672-9898) will host a Wine and Cheese Pairing class. Sommelier Marie King will lead participants through a tasting of five LaBelle wines, each paired with a cheese. She will discuss why certain wines taste better with some cheeses and not with others. Participants will leave the class with a beginning knowledge of how to make pairings of their own. Registration costs \$40.

• **Pair wine with cookies:** Wine On Main (9 N. Main St. in Concord; wineonmainnh.com, 897-5828) will hold a spring cookie decorating session with Kate Pop from Confections by Kate on Wednesday, April 3, at 6 p.m. Learn techniques for piping icing and more and taste wine while you work, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets for \$65. 🍪

It's almost Easter and the time to place orders or reservations is fast approaching. Looking for food not made by you to enjoy over the weekend? There are many, many local restaurants, bakeries and specialty food businesses that are ready to take on some or all of the work for you. All dine-in options are for Sunday, March 31 (Easter) unless otherwise noted. Know of an eatery not mentioned here? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com.

• **110 Grill** (875 Elm St., Manchester, 836-1150; 27 Trafalgar Square in Nashua, 943-7443; 110grill.com) will serve special brunch menu features from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in addition to its regular menus. Options will include steak and eggs Benedict, chicken and waffles, crab cakes Benedict and several assorted brunch cocktails.

• **Airport Diner** (2280 Brown Ave. in Manchester, 623-5040, thecman.com) will be open during its regular business hours on Easter Sunday (from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.), serving its daily menus with specials.

• **Alan's of Boscawen** (133 N. Main St. in Boscawen, 753-6631, alansofboscawen.com) will serve a special Easter brunch buffet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., which will include fresh fruit, assorted cheeses and crackers, Danishes and breads, and carving stations featuring roast leg of lamb, sliced tenderloin and Virginia baked ham. After 3 p.m., an Easter dinner will be served, featuring roast spring leg of lamb, prime rib, and tomahawk swordfish chop. Complete Easter dinners are available for takeout.

• **Alpine Grove Banquet Facility** (19 S. Depot Road in Hollis, 882-9051, alpinegrove.com) will serve a special Easter brunch buffet from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. Featured items include waffles with warm maple syrup and strawberries, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage home fries, slow-cooked Virginia ham with bourbon New Hampshire maple syrup, Delmonico medallions, chicken piccata, ziti pasta with tomato sauce, and Lyonnaise mashed potatoes. The cost is \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$15 for children ages 3 to 12 and free for children under 3. Reservations are being accepted online.

• **Angela's Pasta & Cheese Shop** (815 Chestnut St. in Manchester, 625-9544, angelaspastaandcheese.com) is taking orders for Easter treats: breads by Iggy's Bakery, pork pie, pizzagaina (a traditional Italian Easter pie with eggs, spinach, prosciutto, and four

kinds of cheese), quiches, cakes, seasonal cookies and buns, and sweet pies, including ricotta pie. Order by March 20. Pickups will be on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **The Artisan Hotel** (17 Via Toscana in Salem, 912-8450) will serve Easter brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brunch items will include an omelet station, a smoked salmon display, a carving station, scratch-made desserts, a strawberry shortcake station and more. Tickets are \$85 for adults and \$25 for children, which includes gratuity, and are available online at tuscanbrands.com/store/event/easter-brunch-at-the-artisan-hotel-331.

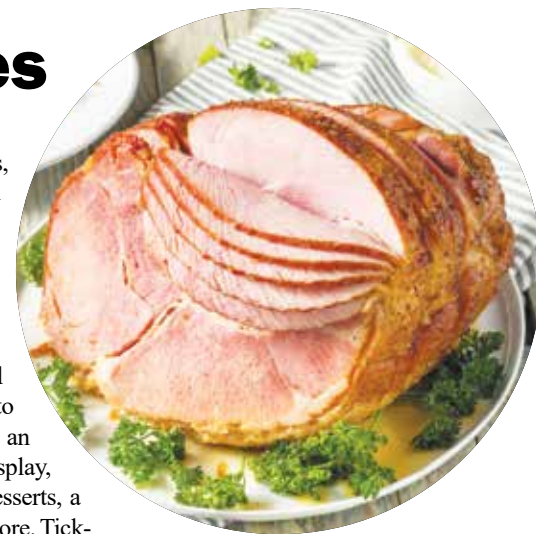
• **Assumption Greek Orthodox Church** (111 Island Pond Road in Manchester, 623-2045, assumptionnh.org) will host a walk-in Easter bake sale on Saturday, March 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. inside its church hall. Spinach peta, cheese peta, Greek cookie and pastry platters and tsoureki (Easter bread) will be available for sale in limited quantities while supplies last.

• **Atkinson Resort & Country Club** (85 Country Club Dr. in Atkinson, 362-8700, atkinsonresort.com) will serve a special Easter brunch buffet from 8 to 10 a.m. inside its Legacy Ballroom. The menu will include chef-attended omelet and waffle stations, hand-carved prime rib, smoked ham, baked haddock, wild mushroom gnocchi, smoked salmon, and breakfast options, like scrambled eggs, bacon, cinnamon swirl French toast and more. The cost is \$70 for adults, \$30 for children age 3 to 10 and free for children under 3. Reservations are required.

• **The Bakeshop on Kelley Street** (171 Kelley St. in Manchester; thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com, 624-3500) offers pies, cakes and other pastries. Call to order.

• **Bearded Baking Co.** (819 Union St. in Manchester, 647-7150, beardedbaking.com) is taking orders for 8-inch cakes (carrot or lemon poppy), lemon dream cheesecakes (serves eight to 12 people), chocolate flourless Parisian slices, blueberry lemon or carrot cake vegan doughnuts, and Easter candy cupcake boxes, featuring assorted cupcakes topped with Cadbury egg pieces, Reese's peanut butter cups and cookies and cream pieces. Order by May 23. Pickups will be on Saturday, March 30.

• **Bedford Village Inn** (2 Olde Bedford Way in Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com) will serve a special three-course prix fixe Easter dinner. Dishes will include New England clam chowder, braised lamb



shank, grilled tournedos of beef, Nova Scotia halibut, crepes Suzette, and lavender creme brulee. Reservations are available from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$79 for adults, \$42 for children under 10.

• **Belmont Hall & Restaurant** (718 Grove St. in Manchester, 625-8540, belmonthall.net) will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet with seatings at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$18.99 per person. Additionally, the restaurant will be open for walk-ins only that day — no reservations required.

• **Birch Wood Vineyards** (199 Rockingham Road in Derry, 965-4359, birchwoodvineyards.com) will serve a special Easter Sunday brunch buffet with seatings at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Buffet items include made-to-order omelets, French toast with New Hampshire maple syrup, salmon and artichoke chowder, chicken piccata, a charcuterie display, crab-stuffed baked haddock, beef short ribs, and a carving station. Tickets are available on Birch Wood's website and are \$75 for adults, \$30 for children 3 and up, and free for very small children. Each seating will last 90 minutes. Reservations must be made by Sunday, March 24.

• **Buckley's Great Steaks** (438 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com) will be open from noon to 5 p.m., serving its regular menu in addition to some chef specials. Call or visit the website to make a reservation.

• **Buckley's Bakery & Cafe** (436 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 262-5929, buckleysbakerycafe.com) and (9 Market Place, Hollis, 465-5522) is taking orders for cakes, (including carrot, hummingbird, double chocolate caramel and Bunny Trail latte); 8-inch pies (including chocolate cream, Key lime, mixed berry crumble and lemon meringue); assorted breakfast and dessert pastry trays, Parker House rolls, cinnamon raisin bread and raspberry almond

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# SouperFest season

Concord event raises funds to fight homelessness

By Jill Lessard  
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Savor a cup of soup while contributing to a worthy cause at the 15th annual SouperFest on Saturday, March 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the City Wide Community Center, 14 Canterbury Road, in Concord. The event features a variety of soups prepared by area restaurants, and all proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH).

Participating eateries include Alexandra's Bistro (broccoli cheddar), The Barley House (pumpkin apple bisque), Concord Co-Op (TBD), Flanagan's South Ender (turkey pot pie), Karner Blue Cafe (chicken noodle), Maddy's Food Hub (peanut soup), The Post Downtown (roasted garlic and Parmesan tomato bisque), Red Blazer Restaurant & Pub (turkey pot pie), Revival Kitchen & Bar (lemon chicken rice), The Works Bakery & Cafe (lentil) and more.

CCEH's mission, as stated on its website, is to eliminate chronic homelessness; support and quickly re-house people who have recently become homeless; and build a system that effectively responds to the diverse needs of people experiencing homelessness. The organization's SouperFest (originally called Soup Fest) started in 2009 as a modest church-based fundraiser and has grown into a major community event that raises tens of thousands of dollars.

"CCEH hopes to raise \$75,000 from SouperFest, and to generate public awareness and support for CCEH's work and ultimately end homelessness in our community," said Kate Gallagher, CCEH's Director of Development & Communications, in an email. "We anticipate roughly 200 people to attend, and we hope that families at the Community Center for their regularly scheduled Saturday activities will join us, as well as neighbors of the Community Center. This year we're focusing on the soup and the com-



Past SouperFest. Courtesy photo.

munity atmosphere. We're also using SouperFest as the kickoff to our 15th birthday celebrations, so we'll have a celebratory atmosphere happening as well!"

It takes a village for events like SouperFest to be produced, and Gallagher is grateful for the contributions of myriad community members.

"We have a wonderful group of business and organizational sponsors.... We also rely on the 12 area restaurants who donate the soup for the event," she said. She also noted the volunteers who make it all work on the day of the event.

When asked about the current situation in the Concord region, Gallagher said, "CCEH has worked hard over the past few years ... through our street outreach efforts and our 'by-name list.' Not only do we feel very confident in the numbers, we know the names of the individuals within that count." She reported that as of the end of December 2023 there were 499 individuals experiencing homelessness in Merrimack County, 313 of whom had been without permanent housing for over a year, and each month on average 22 people become homeless and 12 people become housed.

The housing market has been rough, Gallagher noted.

"We are in a historic housing crisis, with rental vacancy rates in New Hampshire at less than one percent," she said. "And while finding and securing housing for individuals remains difficult — for anyone, never mind someone who has no or poor credit, has an eviction on their record, has history with the justice system, or is holding a rental assistance voucher — CCEH helped 90 people secure permanent housing since January 2021." 🍷

## SouperFest

**When:** Saturday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Concord Community Center, 14 Canterbury Road, Concord

**Cost:** \$5 for one 8-ounce cup of soup; \$20 for a bundle of five cups. First come, first served.

For more information or to make a donation, visit [concordhomeless.org](http://concordhomeless.org).

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• **The Cake Fairy** (114 Londonderry Tpke. in Hooksett, 518-8733, cakefairynh.com) will be open March 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Easter treats including eclair pie, cheesecake, cupcakes, pastry and more. All items will be available on a first come, first served basis. Check facebook.com/cake-fairyn for the most up-to-date information.

• **Carina's Cakes** (14B E. Broadway in Derry, 425-9620, find them on Facebook @carinas.cakes) is taking orders for a variety of specialty cupcake flavors for Easter, like Peeps marshmallow, Andes mint, chocolate chip cookie dough, Oreo, Reese's peanut butter cup, Funfetti, toasted coconut, carrot cake and more. Orders will be accepted through Saturday, March 23, or until the shop reaches capacity. The pickup date is Saturday, March 30. Order in person or over the phone 425-9620. No texts or messages via social media.

• **Caroline's Fine Food** (132 Bedford Center Road in Bedford, 637-1615, carolinesfood.com) is taking orders for Easter dinners serving four or eight people, featuring your choice of maple-glazed pork loin, pan-seared lemon rosemary chicken breast or garlic and rosemary roasted leg of lamb. All entrees are additionally served with shallot whipped potatoes, lemon honey caramelized carrots and sauteed asparagus. Several items are also available a la carte, like prosciutto-wrapped asparagus, charcuterie platters, roasted summer vegetables with dip, baby greens salad with a red wine vinaigrette, ham, Swiss and spinach or Caprese quiches, and blueberry or lemon poppyseed scones. Please place your order by 3 p.m. on Monday, March 25. Order pickup is Friday, March 29, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Castleton Waterfront Dining on Cobbetts** (58 Enterprise Dr. in Windham, 898-6300, castletonbcc.com) is taking orders for a variety of to-go items for Easter, including dinner packages of spiral glazed ham or roast leg of lamb with herbs — each comes with its own sides, like vegetables, dinner rolls or carrot cake. You can also customize your Easter dinner with a la carte items, like main courses (tenderloin of

beef, spiral glazed ham with pineapple raisin sauce, roast leg of lamb with herbs and roast pork loin with cranberry apple stuffing); sides by the quart (honey-glazed carrots, green beans almondine, tender spring peas with pancetta, au gratin potatoes, garlic and chive whipped potatoes, roasted rosemary red bliss potatoes, merlot sauce, mushroom demi glace, lamb gravy and pineapple raisin sauce); hors d'oeuvres by the dozen (scallop and bacon skewers, crabmeat stuffed mushrooms, asparagus and Asiago wraps, smoked Gouda macaroni and cheese bites, petite arancini, almond raspberry brie tarts and spanakopita); and baked goods

(dinner rolls by the dozen, 10-inch carrot cake and 10-inch New York-style cheesecake). All orders must be placed by Friday, March 22, at noon. Pickups will be scheduled on Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to noon. Email sales@castletonbcc.com or call the sales office with any questions.

• **Chez Vachon** (136 Kelley St. in Manchester, chezvachon.com, 625-9660) will be open on Easter; it's regular hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **The Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern** (176 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, 437-2022, coachstopnh.com) will serve a special a la carte menu for Easter with two seatings, at noon and 3 p.m., featuring items like spinach and artichoke dip, French onion soup, bacon-wrapped scallops, roast prime rib of beef, veal Oscar, lobster macaroni and cheese, baked lamb or ham dinners, baked haddock and more. Reservations are accepted via phone.

• **Colby Hill Inn** (33 The Oaks in Heniker, 428-3281, colbyhillinn.com) will serve a special three-course prix fixe menu for Easter with seatings from noon to 5 p.m. The meal will include your choice of a first course (lemon chicken noodle soup, mushroom and buttermilk soup, spring greens and Easter radish salad, baby mizuna salad or red beet deviled eggs); a main course (Greek-style roast leg of lamb in oregano and garlic, maple and cider mustard-glazed ham, prime rib smoked with pink peppercorn and rosemary, day boat scallops, rabbit pot pie or carrot spaetzle); and a dessert (Meyer lemon and raspberry chambord sorbet duo, lavender crème brûlée, strawberry rhubarb pie with ginger ice cream, maple walnut carrot cake, or an Easter chocolate

trio featuring Belgian chocolate mousse, white chocolate Easter bark and a chocolate peanut butter egg). The cost is \$79 per person and reservations are required.

• **The Common Man** (25 Water St. in Concord, 228-3463; 304 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 429-3463; 88 Range Road in Windham, 898-0088; 10 Pollard Road in Lincoln, 745-3463; 21 Water St. in Claremont, 542-6171; 60 Main St. in Ashland, 968-7030; thecman.com) will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at each of its locations, serving their regular menus with Easter specials. Call for reservations.

• **Crosby Bakery** (51 E. Pearl St. in Nashua, 882-1851, crosbybakerynh.com) is taking orders for 8-inch or 10-inch pies (apple, blueberry, banana cream, butter-scotch-pretzel, chocolate cream, coconut cream, lemon meringue and strawberry cream), cakes, quiches, Easter rolls and pastry platters. Order by March 27.

• **The Crust & Crumb Baking Co.** (126 N. Main St. in Concord, 219-0763, thecrustandcrumb.com) is taking orders for a variety of specialty items for Easter, including Shaker squash or butter rolls, vanilla-glazed cinnamon buns, pecan sticky buns, sour cream or raspberry lemon coffee cakes, hot cross buns, choreg (seeded Armenian Easter bread), quiches (ham and Swiss, asparagus and goat cheese, or bacon, broccoli and cheddar); French Canadian tourtiere; pork pie with apple, rosemary and sweet potato); sweet cakes (blueberry lemon mousse, raspberry coconut layer cake, flourless chocolate torte and others); and 6-inch or 9-inch pies (apple streusel, forest berry crumb, maple bourbon pecan, lemon meringue, blueberry crumb, Key lime, chocolate cream, maple cream or coconut cream; the latter four can be ordered with graham crusts or gluten-free almond oat crusts). Call or stop in to place your order. The Crust and Crumb will need your full name, phone number, and approximate time for pickup along with your selections. Orders must be placed and paid in full by Friday, March 22, for pickup on March 30.

• **The Derryfield Restaurant** (625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com) will serve a special Easter brunch with seatings from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meal will feature an omelet station, a carving station with slow roast prime rib and oven-baked ham, a bread station with items like muffins, croissants and rolls, a salad station and a dessert station. On the main buffet table there will be French toast, scrambled eggs, corned beef hash, bacon, sausage, fresh seasonal fruit, pancakes, baked beans, seafood Newburg and more. The cost is \$36.95 for adults, \$34.95 for seniors over 65 and \$21.95 for children under 12. Reservations are being accepted via phone.

• **Firefly** (22 Concord St. in Manchester; fireflynh.com, 935-9740) will have an Easter brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an Easter dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. with Easter favorites in addition to the regular menus.

• **Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille** (40 Andover Road in New London; flyinggoose.com, 526-6899) will have brunch specials from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner specials from 2 to 8 p.m., with the regular menu also available all day.

• **Fratello's Italian Grille** (155 Dow St. in Manchester, 641-6776, fratellos.com) will serve a special Easter buffet with seatings at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., featuring an omelet station, a carving station, a waffle bar and more. The cost is \$42 for adults, \$18.95 for children age 4 to 11 and free for children ages 3 and under. Reservations are required.

• **Frederick's Pastries** (109 Route 101A in Amherst, 882-7725; 25 S. River Road, Bedford, 647-2253; pastry.net) is taking orders for an array of specialty sweets and treats for Easter, like bunny cookie kits, speckled robin cakes, sheep cakes, baby chick or Easter basket-shaped cupcakes, carrot cake cheesecake cups, carrot cake cupcakes and more. Advance online ordering is recommended.

• **Gauchos Churrascaria Brazilian Steak House** (62 Lowell St. in Manchester, 669-9460, gauchosbraziliansteakhouse.com) will serve a special Easter brunch buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring rodizio meats carved tableside, along with an all-you-can-eat selection of pastries and fresh fruit, and the restaurant's famous chocolate fountain. The cost is \$39.99 for adults, \$14.99 for children ages 6 to 10 and free for children ages 5 and under. Reservations are recommended.

• **Giorgio's Ristorante & Bar** (270 Granite St. in Manchester, 232-3323; 707 Milford Road in Merrimack, 883-7333; 524 Nashua St., Milford, 673-3939; giorgios.com) will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., serving its regular menu with chef-inspired specials. Reservations are being accepted via phone.

• **Granite State Candy Shoppe** (13 Warren St., Concord, 225-2591; 832 Elm St. in Manchester, 218-3885; granitestatecandyshoppe.com) is offering a wide variety of pre-arranged Easter baskets available in three sizes each, featuring white, dark or milk chocolate selections. Other available items include milk chocolate peanut butter or marshmallow eggs, foiled chocolate eggs, chocolate-dipped marshmallow Peeps, pastel malted milk eggs, caramel quail eggs and more.

• **The Hills Restaurant** (Hampshire Hills Athletic Club, 50 Emerson Road in Milford, 673-7123, hampshirehills.com/the-hills-restaurant) will serve a special Easter brunch buffet on Sunday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to noon, featuring French toast, waffles,



muffins, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, yogurt, brown sugar Easter ham and more. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$12 for children, and reservations are being accepted online.

• **The Homestead Tavern & Restaurant** (641 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 429-2022, homesteadnh.com) will serve a limited menu for Easter, accepting reservations from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will not offer brunch.

• **Jamison's Restaurant** (472 Route 111 in Hampstead, 489-1565, jamisonsrestaurant.com) will serve a special Easter brunch starting at 11 a.m., with items that include slow roasted prime rib au jus, oven-roasted turkey breast, pesto-crust lamb leg, stuffed haddock and glazed spiral ham. Reservations are being accepted via phone.

• **KC's Rib Shack** (837 Second St. in Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net) will serve its annual all-you-can-eat Easter buffet from noon to 6 p.m., featuring starters like bacon Sriracha deviled eggs and fruit salad; meats, like smoked pit ham, beef brisket, pulled pork, spare ribs and smoked chicken; sides, like green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, corn casserole, cole slaw, applesauce and cornbread; and a variety of desserts. The cost is \$32 for adults, \$15 for children ages 5 to 10 and free for children under 5. The buffet is by reservation only, and the regular menu will not be available.

• **LaBelle Winery** (345 Route 101 in Amherst; 14 Route 111 in Derry; 672-9898, labellewinery.com) will serve a special Easter brunch buffet at both of its locations — seatings are at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. at each. The buffet will feature an omelet station, a pancake station, and a carving station featuring ham, sirloin and smoked salmon. The cost is \$85 for adults, \$35 for children ages 3 to 12 and free for children ages 2 and under. Reserve your table online.

• **Lago** (The Inn at Bay Point, 1 Route 25 in Meredith, 279-2253, thecman.com) will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., serving its regular dinner menu with Easter specials. Reservations are being accepted via phone.

• **Lakehouse Grille** (Church Landing at Mill Falls, 281 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Meredith, 279-5221, thecman.com) will be open serving breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m., followed by its dinner menu with Easter specials from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations are being accepted via phone.

• **Makris Lobster & Steak House** (354 Sheep Davis Road in Concord, 225-7665, eatalobster.com) will serve a special family-style Easter brunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring items like fresh fruits and cheeses, a salad bar, a carving station with prime rib and applewood-smoked ham, and other main-course dishes, like maple Dijon glazed salmon, lamb souvlaki and pasta pri-

mavera with a garlic wine sauce. The cost is \$36.99 for adults, \$31.99 for seniors and \$14.99 for children ages 12 and under.

• **Mike's Italian Kitchen** (212 Main St. in Nashua, 595-9334, mikesitaliannh.com) will be open from noon to 5 p.m., serving its regular menu in addition to some chef specials. Call or visit the website to make a reservation.

• **Mile Away Restaurant** (52 Federal Hill Road in Milford, 673-3904, mileawayrestaurantnh.com) is taking reservations now for Easter, featuring dishes including roast leg of lamb, honey-glazed ham, sugar shack pork, maple salmon, chicken piccata, and a baked eggplant Parmesan tower. All dinners are \$49 and include an appetizer, an entree and a dessert. Call for reservations.

• **Mr. Mac's Macaroni & Cheese** (497 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 606-1760, mr-macs.com) accepts orders for both hot-and-ready and take-and-bake trays of macaroni and cheese, as well as macaroni salads, assorted green salads, desserts and more. Placing orders at least 24 hours in advance is appreciated.

• **Nelson's Candy & Music** (65 Main St. in Wilton, 654-5030, nelsonscandyandmusic.com) is offering all kinds of specialty sweets and treats for Easter, like hand-poured chocolate mold bunnies, chocolate bunny pops and family-sized bunny boxes, which include assorted themed chocolates, jelly beans, molasses peanut butter zippers, chocolate-dipped Peeps, foiled chocolate eggs, fruit slices and caramel- or chocolate-covered popcorn.

• **The Puritan Backroom Restaurant** (245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com) will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., serving its regular menu in addition to some Easter specials, like baked ham, roast turkey and roast lamb. Reservations for parties of six or more are being accepted. Walk-ins are welcome, but between noon and 4 p.m. there will not be room for any large parties without a reservation.

• **Queen City Cupcakes and Giftshop** (816 Elm St. in Manchester, 624-4999, qccupcakes.com) is offering a special Easter menu of seasonal cupcakes for pre-order. This year's Easter cupcakes include Cadbury creme, strawberry shortcake, pistachio, carrot cake, and robin's malted egg. Please order by Wednesday, March 27. Orders will be available for pickup on Saturday, March 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **The Red Arrow Diner** (61 Lowell St. in Manchester, 626-1118; 137 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 552-3091; 112 Loudon Road in Concord, 415-0444; 149 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Nashua, 204-5088; redarrowdiner.com) will be open during its normal hours on Easter Sunday at all four of



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# IN THE KITCHEN WITH STEVE HARDY



Steve Hardy, General manager and head cook at Yankee Lanes. Courtesy photo.

General manager and head cook at Yankee Lanes (216 Maple St., Manchester, 625-9656, manchester.yankeelanesentertainment.com)

Steve Hardy at Yankee Lanes is working to change the perception of Bowling Food. "We're trying to up the ante on our food preparation and service," Hardy said. In spite of the casual atmosphere of a bowling alley, he tries to offer foods that appeal to a variety of palates, serving everything from fried pickles to steak tips. He takes even snack foods seriously. Case in point: his hand-cut french fries, which are soaked in cold water to remove some of the starch, then fried twice, once at a relatively low temperature to cook the potatoes all the way through, and then, after a rest, again at a high temperature to ensure a crisp exterior.

**What dish do you have to have on your menu?**

Steak tips, I have a really good following for the recipe.

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

Steak, definitely steak. I'm clearly a steak guy.

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

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

Mexican and Asian-style food is on the rise here with some really great choices.

**What is your favorite local eatery?**

Stumble Inn, besides here of course.

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

Pot roast; it's simple, easy and delicious. 🍷

**Name a celebrity you would like to see eating at the bowling alley.**

Gordon Ramsay.

### Steve's famous steak tip recipe

From the kitchen at Yankee Lanes in Manchester

5 pounds Angus flap meat cut into tip size  
6 cloves fresh garlic  
1 Tablespoon garlic powder  
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1/2 teaspoon ginger powder  
1/2 pitcher or 32 ounces of Kikkoman teriyaki

1/2 pitcher or 32 ounces of gun Pepsi (served from the soft drink dispenser at the bar)

Mix in a big pail and marinate refrigerated for 24 hours. Cook and serve.

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its locations, serving a special pit ham dinner with mashed potatoes and carrots.

• **The Red Blazer Restaurant and Pub** (72 Manchester St. in Concord, 224-4101, [theredblazer.com](http://theredblazer.com)) is offering pickup service for Easter holiday meals, featuring their famous egg lasagna. All orders need to be placed by Tuesday, March 26, by 2 p.m. and picked up on Saturday, March 30, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• **Simply Delicious Baking Co.** (176 Route 101 in Bedford, 488-1988, [simplydelicious-bakingco.com](http://simplydelicious-bakingco.com)) will take Easter pre-orders until Saturday, March 23. Pre-order from Simply Delicious' seasonal staple menu or Easter specials, which include lemon blueberry scones, banana bread, lemon bars, strawberry rhubarb pie and a new crushed cookie cake. The seasonal staple menu includes a wide selection of scones, quick-breads, cookies, pies and cakes. Pickups will be on Saturday, March 30, during shop hours 8 a.m. to noon. When placing your pre-order, please choose a time during those hours that is most convenient for pickup.

• **Tilt'n Diner** (61 Laconia Road n Tilton, 286-2204, [thecman.com](http://thecman.com)) will be open during its regular business hours on Easter Sunday (from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.), serving its daily menus with specials.

• **Tuscan Market** (9 Via Toscana in Salem, 912-5467, [tuscanbrands.com](http://tuscanbrands.com)) is taking orders for a variety of items for Easter, including family-size dinner packages, each serving six to eight people and featuring your choice of bone-in spiral ham, carved roasted turkey breast or boneless roast leg of lamb. A variety of specialty options are also available a la carte, like half trays of scratch-cooked lasagna, pizagaina (quiche-like ricotta pie with Italian

meats), pecorino-stuffed artichokes, risotto and sausage-stuffed bell peppers, chocolate chip ricotta pie, 8-inch carrot, chocolate or strawberry cakes, tiramisu squares and Italian Easter breads with two or three eggs. At least a two-day advance ordering notice is preferred. Pickups will be on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. through 5:45 p.m.

• **Van Otis Chocolates** (341 Elm St. in Manchester, 627-1611, [vanotis.com](http://vanotis.com)) is offering pre-arranged Easter baskets available in small or large sizes and featuring items like chocolate bunnies, Evangeline's caramel corn, chocolate-dipped Peeps, foiled Oreos, jelly beans and Easter egg foils. Most of those items are also available to order a la carte, in addition to other Easter-themed goodies, like milk or dark chocolate Swiss fudge eggs with or without pecans, dark chocolate coconut cream fudge eggs, Easter-decorated chocolate-covered Oreos, and edible baskets made with chocolate and filled with foiled candies.

• **Ya Mas Greek Taverna & Bar** (125 Bridge St. in Pelham, 635-4230, [yamasgreektaverna.com](http://yamasgreektaverna.com)) will serve a special Easter grand brunch buffet with three seatings, at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., featuring Greek and American specialties. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$35 for children. The restaurant will also hold an Easter grand dinner buffet with seatings at 4, 6, and 8 p.m. also featuring Greek and American specialties. \$75 for adults, \$35 for children. Tickets are available on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

• **Yankee Farmer's Market** (360 Route 103 East, Warner, 456-2833, [yankeefarmersmarket.com](http://yankeefarmersmarket.com)) is taking orders for holiday meats while supplies last, including pastured pork tenderloin roast, boneless leg of lamb and smoked ham roast. Order online for pickup the week of Easter Sunday.



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## Cheesecake



Cheesecake. Photo by John Fladd.

The faded, stained recipe is in the back of a scrapbook where I keep recipes I've been meaning to try. The title on the top reads, "Juanita's Cheesecake." I barely remember who Juanita is — the sister of a good friend of my mother's, and I probably only met her a couple of times in my childhood. But I distinctly remember my mother saying at some point that Juanita made the world's best cheesecake.

### Juanita's Cheesecake

#### Crust

About 2 cups (9 ounces / 252 g) cookie crumbs — traditionally these would be graham cracker crumbs, but any crunchy cookie will work; for this cheesecake I used America's most under-rated cookie, Vienna Fingers

½ cup (1 stick) butter

#### The Body of the Cheesecake

2 8-ounce packages of room-temperature cream cheese

¾ cup (148 g) sugar

4 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

#### The Topping

1 cup (8 ounces / 227 g) sour cream

2 Tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Grease the bottom and sides of an 8-inch spring-form pan. Line the bottom of the pan with parchment paper, which will stick, now that you've put a layer of fat down.

Grind your cookies into crumbs. Either use a food-processor, or use a zip-lock bag and a rolling pin. You'll quickly find that it's more a matter of leaning in and crushing the cookies, rather than rolling them.

Put your butter in a medium-sized plastic or glass bowl, and melt the butter in the microwave. Add the cookie crumbs to the melted butter, and stir until completely combined. Press the crust mixture into the bottom of your spring-form pan. Chill in the refrigerator until you need it. If you used the rolling pin method, this will look less like a conventional graham cracker crust, and more like somebody did something terrible to some Fruity Pebbles.

Mix the cream cheese at medium-high speed until it is light and fluffy. Slowly

pour the sugar in, followed by the eggs, one at a time. Let each ingredient combine thoroughly before adding the next, then add the vanilla.

Scrape down the sides of your bowl, then mix again to make certain all the ingredients have been incorporated. Pour the batter into your prepared pan, and put it in the oven to bake. Juanita seems to suggest that this will take about half an hour, but she also suggested a shallower pan, which would speed things up considerably. In my experience, the cheesecake should bake for about 55 minutes. Don't worry about using a water bath; any cracks will be covered by the topping layer.

Remove the cheesecake from the oven when it is lightly golden-brown and a toothpick comes out clean from the center.

In another bowl — or the cookie crust one, if you've stayed on top of your dishes — mix the sour cream, sugar and vanilla together with a spoon. Pour on top of your cheesecake, spread it evenly, and return it to the oven. Juanita suggests 10 minutes should be enough. My mileage says 25. This is a judgment call on your part. You just want to cook it until it is dry and solid-looking. I like it to have a little color, but that's just me.

Leave the cheesecake on your counter for an hour or so to cool. Cover it with a large bowl if you have small children or cats. It will eventually contract, pulling itself away from the side of the pan. Remember to remove your parchment paper when you remove it from the pan.

If you're used to today's cheesecakes, which have strong flavors that knock you over the head with a club and drag you back to their cave, this cheesecake will be something of a revelation. It tastes exactly like what it is: dairy, eggs, and a little sugar.

This recipe did not deserve to sit alone and unappreciated since the Nixon administration. 🍷

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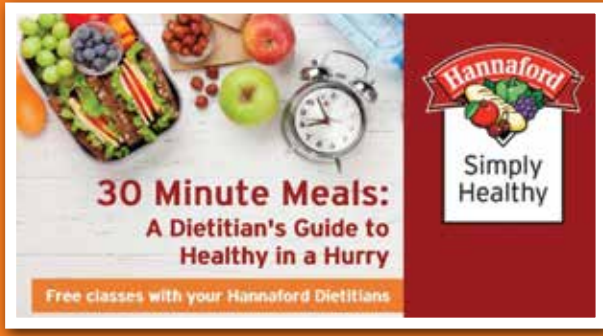


# 30 Minute Meals

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# POP CULTURE

MUSIC, BOOKS, MOVIES AND MORE

## The Church, Eros Zeta and the Perfumed Guitars (Communicating Vessels)



Some things never change, especially when they really should, but different strokes and all that. I've never been big into this '80s-born band, even if The Cure's Robert Smith stole the dreary, depressing vibe for "Lovesong" from this band's 1988 tune "Under The Milky Way." These Aussies have always been a sort of middling punk-influenced rawk band, but despite that, they do try to innovate and otherwise keep things relatively lively. Their last LP, *The Hypnogogue*, was a concept thing aiming for epicness, which I thankfully don't have to deal with here.

"Pleasure" is pretty uneventful, the same flavor of *Lost Boys* soundtrack filler they've specialized in since the beginning: sparkly guitar, low-end-Bowie vocals, that sort of business. "Song 18" is confounding, a chill-down that nicks Bowie in spaceman mode (yes, there's a discernible pattern here). They'll be at Royale in Boston on June 21. A—Eric W. Saeger 🍷

## Sam Wilson, *Wintertides* (Communicating Vessels)



Professed to be a meditation on how landscape and environment inspire her tuneage through her love and empathy for natural places, this is a sparse, gentle release from the jazz guitarist, nestled into a trio setting touching on post-bop. This LP grew organically: In 2020 Wilson made the decision to move out to the rural community of Scotsburn, Nova Scotia. It was a change that would soon prove both trying and isolating as pandemic restrictions came into play — especially once she hit the province's notoriously grueling winter season. Jen Yakamovich's drums are smooth and sublime, delivered with a lot of

brushed snare; Geordie Hart's upright bass stretches out now and then for the sake of eerie acoustics. It's all quite absorbing; the RIYL comparisons here would include Ralph Towner and Michael Hedges. A —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

## PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Like every Friday, March 22 will be a day of new album releases, because we love our routines, oh lovely, I get to rant about Tool this week! Yep, look at this, folks, Tool's singer, **Maynard James Keenan**, is putting out a new live solo album on Friday, called *Cinquanta: A 50th Birthday Celebration For Maynard James Keenan*. Cinquanta means "fifty" in Italian. Why did he do that? Well, I'm glad you asked. It's because he turned the big five-oh and there was a celebration concert for it, and plus he posts about tacos a lot on Instagram, no, I'm not kidding, guys. When I turned 50 I quit butts for my vape. I can't even believe what butts cost now, like 10 dollars a pack, that's insane. But you know what else is insane is Tool fans, like, if you don't like that dumb band, their fans shun you like you kicked their dog or something. Talk about a hilariously overrated band, but even worse is Maynard's other band, A Perfect Circle, which I'd heard was supposed to be one of those cool goth-industrial bands like Collide, but when I tried to listen to one of their albums I was like, "What's the big deal here," and never really tried again. I mean, if you like them, all I have to say is "I don't care!" the same way Tommy Lee Jones did in *The Fugitive* when Harrison Ford told him he didn't moider his wife. Get what I'm saying, see, I've never heard a Tool song I liked, but I haven't listened to all their albums, just the ones that aren't anywhere near as good as any random Pendulum album, so if you like Tool and didn't moider anyone, we can still be good friends, just don't try to get me to go to a Tool concert, see, because I won't go, even if it's free, which is about the right price for a Tool concert ticket if you ask me.

OK so anyway, back to Taco Man here, and his new live album, do I really have to do this? Yikes, the cover is Maynard wearing a diaper and yelling in a crib, may I go now? OMG this performance is from 2014, and there's a live version of Tool's "Sober." Huh, I always thought that song was by Live. I never liked it, probably because I'm *stupid*, right, Tool fans?

• All this yelling about Tool, leaves me barely any room to talk about *Tigers Blood*, the new album from indie-folk fixtures **Waxahatchee**. If you can picture Alanis doing a cover of a Bonnie Raitt song you're in the ballpark with the latest single, "Bored," a strummy, upbeat, listenable tune that I don't detest in the least.

• Randomly famous Colombian person **Shakira** has a lot of fans and isn't as annoying as P!nk, and that's all I've ever really cared to know about all this. Her new album, *Las Mujeres Ya No Lloran*, is on the way. It has an old-school '80s technopop beat punctuated with her hiccuppy singing and a millennial whoop chorus. It's catchy.

• Lastly, it's the one I've been waiting for, the new album from British art-rockers **Elbow**, *Audio Vertigo!* The band is led by singer Guy Garvey, a working[-class] dude who nowadays is also a radio personality on BBC 6. I first got into them in 2011, when they released the LP *Build A Rocket Boys*; I've lost track of them the last few years, so it was nice to hear their new single, "Balu," with its Cold-play-informed '80s-goth-ish vibe. The spidery bass line is super-neat. Big ups to this. —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

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MADE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Unshrinking**, by Kate Manne (Crown, 277 pages)

The national airline of Finland announced recently that it would ask passengers to step on a scale with their carry-on luggage in order to get an accurate assessment of the plane's load and ensure a "safe takeoff." It's voluntary, inasmuch as is possible with the airline essentially saying we could crash if you don't comply.

There was immediate backlash, with some calling the policy "fatphobic," which is the popular catch-all term for any sort of perceived discrimination or cruelty against people with overweight or obesity (to use the preferred medical terminology these days). But it's great timing for Kate Manne, a philosopher and associate professor at Cornell University, who has taken up the crusade against fatphobia in her third book, *Unshrinking: How to Face Fatphobia*.

In *Unshrinking*, Manne brings a philosopher's take to a subject that Roxanne Gay, Lindy West and other writers have tackled: the hardships and cruelties that people with large bodies suffer as they navigate a world that prizes thinness. The solution that fat people (her preferred term) are usually offered is the suggestion to lose weight. But Manne believes it's the *world* that needs to change, not people who are overweight. People should have the right to be any size they choose without the expectation of discrimination or mockery, she says; in fact, she argues, being a hundred, or a couple of hundred, pounds over what the doctor says we should weigh is another form of diversity, like skin color or the shape of our nose.

While Manne has been a range of sizes over the course of her life — she says almost apologetically that she is not currently significantly overweight — she was overweight enough as a child to endure the frequent casual cruelty that can stay with a person for a life. She recalls, for example,



the boy in fifth grade who said "Fat little Kate-lyn" to her in P.E. class and another boy who ranked her attractiveness saying her figure "left something to be desired."

Internalized, these sorts of insults convince a person that their body is something to be ashamed of, leading grown women with graduate degrees and good careers to still feel

inferior when it comes to their body.

"I have been swimming just once since the age of sixteen. (I wore leggings and an oversized T-shirt.) I haven't been dancing since I was twenty. And nobody, save my husband and doctors, has seen the dimpled, stretch-marked backs of my knees over the same time period," Manne writes.

It wasn't that she hadn't tried to lose weight, and at times, she had done so successfully — as when she developed an Adderall addiction and once didn't eat for a week, causing her to nearly pass out during a doctor's appointment. But her weight would go up and down, and when in 2019 she was offered an all-expenses-paid book tour in Europe in conjunction with the paperback release of her book *Down Girl*, she refused to be photographed. It was a time when her doctor's chart categorized her as "severely obese" and she couldn't bear for photographs of her at that weight to go out into the world.

Then came the pandemic, during which she began to imagine a world in which she didn't always feel the need to hide. This did not involve a diet — Manne argues, with lots of science to back her up, that diets don't work and instead inflict suffering. Instead she imagined a world in which the word "fat" is a neutral term, not an insult, and in which large bodies aren't judged.

Fatphobia, Manne says, is a "feature of social systems that unjustly rank fatter bodies as inferior to thinner bodies, in terms of not only our health but also our moral, sexual, and intellectual status." The book

catalogs many of these from Jordan Peterson's "Sorry, not beautiful" pronouncement about a Sports Illustrated swimsuit model to examples of professional women viewed as less intelligent than their peers because of their weight. In these sorts of stories, Manne has a slam-dunk case; there is no question that fat-shaming is one of the last kinds of shaming that are permissible and Hollywood has helped perpetuate this idea.

Manne also deftly pokes holes in the arguments that defend treating large people differently from others. Her fellow Australian philosopher Peter Singer, for example, argues that airlines should set fares based on the weight of the passengers. "In terms of the airplane's fuel consumption, it is all the same, whether the extra weight is baggage or body fat," Singer has written. Manne counters with a calculation that shows it would cost just a few dollars more in fuel to transport an overweight man than a thin woman. She is at her best with this kind of sparring, and *Unshrinking* is thoughtful and deeply researched, belying a cover that suggests otherwise.

Ultimately, though, this is not a book that solves arguments, but rather raises them. Obesity is surging not only in America but in other parts of the world, and health experts say that excess weight is a factor in many types of cancer and other diseases. Yo-yo dieting is certainly not the answer, and weight-loss surgeries and drugs carry risks, as Manne points out. She wants a society where there is no pressure for people to lose weight — even at the doctor's office — and where we don't have to feel shame for succumbing to our appetites, for choosing lasagna over grilled vegetables. But with mounting evidence that restricting calories improves health outcomes — even for people who are not overweight — it will be hard for some people to accept her defense of hedonistic eating. Grilled veggies *are* better for the human body than lasagna, and no amount of fat acceptance can change that. **B** —Jennifer Graham

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## Books

### Author events

- **LISA GARDNER**, author of the new thriller *Still See You Everywhere*, will be at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m.
- **OWEN KING** will be at The Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, themusicall.org) on Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. for a discussion and Q&A about his new novel, *The Curator*. Tickets cost \$34 and include a signed book and reserved seat.
- **CHRIS BOHJALIAN** will be

at the BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord) on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. to talk about his latest book, *The Princess of Las Vegas*. Each ticket purchase includes one hardcover copy of the book. Tickets are \$39 for one admission plus one book, \$49 for two admissions plus one book. Buy tickets at ccanh.com.

- **MAGGIE THRASH**, author of *Rainbow Black*, and **MARGOT DOUAIHY**, author of *Blessed Water*, will be at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. to talk about their novels.

- **SHANNON HALE** and **LEUYEN PHAM**, author and illustrator of the new picture book *Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn*, will be at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Thursday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m.

### History, stories, discussions & lectures

- **1623: THE UNTOLD STORY OF NH'S FOUNDING FAMILY** presented by J. Dennis Robinson at Portsmouth Library (175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth, 427-1540), on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. See nhhumanities.org.

### Poetry

- **JENNIFER MARTELLI & JENNIFER JEAN** headline the Poetry Society of NH gathering at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Wednesday, March 24, at 4:30 p.m. An open mic follows the reading. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged.
- **NOSSRAT YASSINI POETRY FESTIVAL** is a free weekend of readings, workshops, performances and prize winners hosted by the UNH English Department April 12 through April 14 at the UNH Durham campus. See unhpoeetry.com/about.

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• **Emerald Islanders:** Keep basking in a green glow at an evening with **Altan**, a band considered one of Ireland's finest musical exports. Their just-released album *Donegal* celebrates the county where they were formed. The new record is also their first with recently added fiddler and singer Claire Friel, who takes a lead vocal on "Faoiseamh a Gheobhad-sa." Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St., Manchester, \$35 and \$45 at palacetheatre.org.

• **Founding father: Richard Thompson** has stayed a folk music force since he co-founded Fairpoint Convention in 1967. His memoir, *Beeswing*, was published in 2021, and he recently dropped "Singapore Sadie," the first single from the forthcoming album *Ship to Shore*. Friday, March 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$60 and up at tupelomusic hall.com.

• **Helpful humor:** Enjoy dinner followed by a free comedy show with **Chris Tabb** headlining. Presented by the charity-minded Comedy On Purpose, the night includes sets from Sara Poulin, Nick Gordon and Bill Douglas. Saturday, March 23, 7 pm., Stonebridge Country Club, 161 Gorham Pond Road, Goffstown, call 497-8633 for reservations.

• **Bluegrass power:** A regional roots supergroup, **Little Wishbone** is the combination of Green Heron — married duo Scott Heron and Betsy Green on banjo and fiddle — and Old Hat Bluegrass Band, which has Steve Roy on mandolin, guitarist Whitney Roy and Amanda Kowalski on upright bass. The band plays an afternoon show at a barbecue restaurant run by another member of the bluegrass community. Sunday, March 24, 3 p.m., MrSippy BBQ, 184 S. Main St., Rochester. More at littlewishbone.com.

• **Empire statement:** Extending the program begun 30 years ago by Wynton Marsalis, **Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents** is a touring initiative currently featuring Bria Skonberg and Benny Benack III, the latter affectionately known as BB3. Both are trumpet players and singers, exploring the Great American Songbook. Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m., Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, \$43.75 and up at ccanh.com. 🎷

# NITE

## Bringing the jokes home

### Comic Koutrobis films special in Nashua

By Michael Witthaus  
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One of the reasons comics decide to make a special is inertia. Unlike the case for musicians who can lean on their hits forever, once a set of jokes is committed to video, a comedian needs to write some new ones. When Mike Koutrobis greets a hometown audience at Nashua's Center for the Arts on March 21, he'll say goodbye to his tight 60, ready to face the blank page.

It makes sense. When Koutrobis began standup 30 years ago, he was a single guy, and the laughs came from trying to remember who was in the photos on his girlfriend's apartment walls and being stymied by one hung with a sample picture still in it, like some kind of weird test.

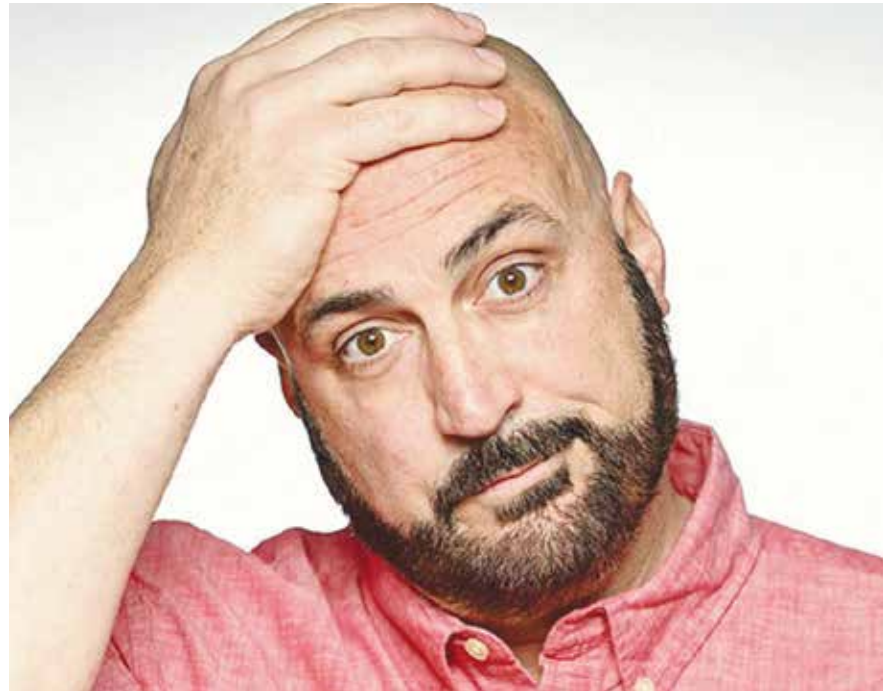
These days, he's married and a father. "The material's writing itself now," Koutrobis said in a recent phone interview. "My son just turned 5 and I'm turning 53. He's getting more active; I'm getting less active. He's learning new ways to do things; I'm learning new ways to cope with an injury."

Entertainment is in his blood. In high school, Koutrobis worked as a professional clown, juggling fire and riding 6-foot unicycles. Upon graduation, "I literally joined the circus," he said. "The day out of high school, I was a performing clown at York's Wild Kingdom in Maine."

At 21 he started hanging out at bars, and soon was hosting karaoke.

"I couldn't sing, so I made it funny," he said. "I love the attention — middle child syndrome. It just kept going, and I've never turned back. Anything to do with entertainment or being in front of people just attracts me."

A booking agent pointed him to an open mic night at Stitches in Boston. "He says, you're funny, do you write jokes? I go, 'I don't know ... I'm just being myself,'" Koutrobis said. "I went down, and I was absolutely horrible; I still have it on tape, I'll never get rid of it. I didn't know what



Mike Koutrobis. Courtesy photo.

the hell I was doing."

Rising to the challenge, he kept at it, studying other comics, looking for clues to their success. He recalls Boston comedy legend Patrice O'Neal complimenting him early on. "He goes ... 'I don't know what the hell it is, but you have something.' I thought, now I gotta figure out what the hell that is."

Since then, Koutrobis has done a little bit of everything, appearing in movies and on television, promoting shows, teaching other comics, working as a DJ, and that's for starters.

"I have 72 jobs," he said. "I'm literally in a

parking lot right now about to be a hospital clown at Tufts Medical Center ... there's not much I don't do."

When he quit his day job, Koutrobis realized that ubiquity was his key to success in entertainment.

"I need to be the guy where someone goes, 'We need this for a party, let's call Mike — either he does it, or he

knows somebody that does.' My business card says, and it's my favorite quote of all time: 'Eventually, you'll hire me for something.'"

Koutrobis is excited to appear at the newest venue in the town he's called home since he was a toddler. Advance sales for the show have been brisk.

"I'm already beyond what I was hoping for," he said. "People from high school that I haven't spoken to in years are messaging me, and they bought tickets. We're already over 300 sold, [and] honestly, that was my number."

A retirement party for material that long served him well had to happen, Koutrobis concluded.

"I got lazy with my writing, but when you put something out there it's, 'OK, that stuff's done now.' Look at Justin McKinney or Bob Marley, speaking of two local guys. As soon as they put out a CD, or Justin does his Christmas shows, it's pretty rare you're going to hear any of those jokes ever again." 🎤

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## Thursday, March 21

**Auburn**  
Auburn Pitts: open jam, 7 p.m.

**Bedford**  
Copper Door: Dave Zangri, 7 p.m.

**Candia**  
Town Cabin: Henry Laliberte, 6 p.m.

**Concord**  
Hermanos: Scott Solsky, 6:30 p.m.  
Lithermans: Jack Ancora, 5:30 p.m.

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

**Epping**  
Telly's: Freddie Catalfo, 7 p.m.

**Epsom**  
Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jenni-

fer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

**Gilford**  
Patrick's: Don Severance & John McArthur, 6 p.m.

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

**Hampton**  
CR's: Dog Fathers, 6 p.m.  
Whym: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

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

**Kingston**  
Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/ DJ Jason, 7 p.m.

**Laconia**  
Cactus Jack's: Chris Perkins, 7 p.m.  
Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
Stumble Inn: Charlie Chronopoulos, 7 p.m.

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: Ralph Allen, 5:30 p.m.  
Goat: Cox Karaoke, 8 p.m.

**Meredith**  
Giuseppe's: Joel Cage, 6 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Dave Clark, 5:30 p.m.  
Tortilla Flat: Chris Powers, 6 p.m.

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

**Nashua**  
Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m.  
Fody's: DJ Rich Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.  
Shorty's: Peter Pappas, 6 p.m.

**Northwood**  
Northwoods Brewing: Connor and Zeb, 5:30 p.m.

**Pittsfield**  
Over the Moon: open mic, 6 p.m.

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**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Mike Forgetting, 9 p.m.

**Salem**  
Copper Door: Jodee Frawlee, 7 p.m.  
T-Bones: live music, 5 p.m.

**Seabrook**  
Backyard Burgers: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.  
Red's: Jay Gratton, 7 p.m.

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

**Warner**  
The Local: Danny McCarthy

**Friday, March 22**  
**Alton Bay**  
Dockside: music bingo, 7 p.m.  
Foster's Tavern: Pete Peterson, 6 p.m.

**Bedford**  
Murphy's: Jonny Friday, 6 p.m.

**Brookline**  
Alamo: Alex Calabrese, 6 p.m.

**Concord**  
Hermanos: live music, 6:30 p.m.

**Epping**  
Telly's: 603's, 8 p.m.

**Exeter**  
Shooters: John Given & Mercenaries, 6 p.m.

**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle: Ross Arnold, 6 p.m.

**Hampton**  
CR's: Dog Fathers, 6 p.m.  
The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m.  
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.  
Whym: Liz Ridgely, 6:30 p.m.

**Hudson**



## A NEW ENGLAND TRADITION

From Ding Ho comedy club in Cambridge to Comics Come Home shows at the Boston Garden, **Lenny Clarke** is a New England comedy icon. He returns to Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, [chunkys.com](http://chunkys.com)) on Friday, March 22, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 plus fees.

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<b>Rochester</b> <b>Governor's Inn</b>	<b>Luna Bistro</b> 254 N. Broadway, 458-2162		

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

**Jaffrey**  
**Park Theatre:** Bernie and Lewis, 5:30 p.m.

**Laconia**  
**Fratello's:** Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m.

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

**Londonderry**  
**Coach Stop:** Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.  
**Pipe Dream:** Jonagold, 6 p.m.  
**Stumble Inn:** Max Sullivan Group, 8 p.m.

**Manchester**  
**Backyard Brewery:** Ken Budka, 6 p.m.  
**Bonfire:** FatBunny, 9 p.m.  
**Derryfield:** Off the Record, 8 p.m.  
**Foundry:** Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.  
**Fratello's:** Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.  
**Goat:** Inside Out!, 9 p.m.  
**Shaskeen:** Satyrdagg, 9 p.m.  
**Stark Brewing:** Taylor Hughes, 7 p.m.  
**South Side Tavern:** Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.  
**Strange Brew:** Mark LaPointe, 8 p.m.

**Meredith**  
**Twin Barns:** Henry LaLiberte, 5 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m.

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

**Nashua**  
**Casey Magee's:** karaoke, 9:30 p.m.

**New Boston**  
**Molly's:** Lewis Goodwin, 6:30 p.m.

**Northfield**  
**Boonedox Pub:** karaoke night, 7 p.m.

**Northwood**  
**Northwoods Brewing:** George and Louise Belli, 6 p.m.

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

**Portsmouth**  
**Gas Light:** Jamie Martin, 6 p.m.; Dave Clark, 9:30 p.m.

**Rochester**  
**The Governor's Inn:** Bad Violet, 7 p.m.

**Salem**  
**Luna Bistro:** Dan Fallon, 7 p.m.

**Seabrook**  
**Red's:** Lisa Love, 8 p.m.

**Sunapee**  
**Community Coffee House:** White Mountain Ceili Band, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 23**  
**Alton Bay**  
**Foster's Tavern:** Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m.

**Bedford**  
**Murphy's:** Bella Perrotta, 6 p.m.

**Bow**  
**Chen Yang Li:** Justin Federico, 7 p.m.

**Brookline**  
**Alamo:** The Incidentals, 6 p.m.

**Concord**  
**Downtown Concord Farmers Market:** Joey Clark, 9 a.m.  
**Hermanos:** John Franzosa, 6:30 p.m.

**Contoocook**  
**Cider Co.:** Scott King, 1 p.m.  
**Contoocook Farmers Mtk:** Paul Gormley, 9 a.m.

**Dover**  
**Auspicious Brew:** Five Feet / Pointless Culture / Big Brute, 8 p.m.

**Epping**  
**Telly's:** Tim Theriault, 8 p.m.

**Gilford**  
**Patrick's Pub:** Katie Dobbins, 6 p.m.

**Goffstown**  
**Village Trestle:** Cat & The Sax, 6 p.m.

**Hampton**  
**The Goat:** Mike Forgette, 9 p.m.  
**L Street:** karaoke, 9 p.m.  
**Whym:** Clint Lapointe, 6:30 p.m.

**Henniker**  
**Pats Peak:** Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.

**Hudson**  
**Luk's Bar:** live music, 7 p.m.

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

**Londonderry**  
**Coach Stop:** Peter Miles, 6 p.m.  
**Pipe Dream:** Gary P & Wendy, 1 p.m.  
**Stumble Inn:** Chad LaMarsh Band, 8 p.m.

**Manchester**  
**Backyard Brewery:** Justin Cohn, 6 p.m.  
**Bonfire:** Katrina Gustafson, 9 p.m.  
**Derryfield:** Last Kid Picked, 8 p.m.  
**Foundry:** Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.  
**Fratello's:** Jordan Quinn, 6 p.m.  
**The Goat:** Musical Brunch with



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MARCH



THURSDAY 21  
7:30PM

SATURDAY 23  
2PM & 7:30PM

FRI 22 New York City Comedy Night 7:30PM  
SAT 30 Souled Out Show Band 7:30PM

APRIL

THUR 4 NH Jewish Film Festival 7:00PM  
FRI 5 Comedy at the Rex with Drew Dunn and Friends 7:30PM  
SAT 6 No Shoes Nation Band: Tribute To Kenny Chesney 7:30PM  
FRI 12 Dueling Planos: Live at the Rex 7:30PM  
SAT 13 Skynyrd's Hatchet 7:00PM  
SUN 14 The Love Dogs 2:00PM  
THUR 18 An Evening with Patty Larkin and Robbie Fulks 7:30PM  
FRI 19 Comedy at the Rex: Rafi Gonzalez and Jay Whitaker 7:30PM  
SAT 20 Forever Simon & Garfunkel 7:30PM  
26 - 28 The Magicians Guild Presents: Glitches In Reality starring Simon Coronel

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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Brooks Hubbard, 10 a.m.; 7 Day Weekend, 9 p.m.  
Great North Aleworks: Paul Nelson, 4 p.m.  
Shaskeen: Feverslip, 9 p.m.  
Stark Brewing: Workin' Stiffs, 7 p.m.  
Strange Brew: River Sang Wild, 9 p.m.  
To Share: Kevin Horan, 5 p.m.  
Wild Rover: Dave Clark, 5 p.m.

Meredith  
Twin Barns: Eric Lindberg, 6 p.m.

Merrimack  
Homestead: Paul Gormley, 6 p.m.

Nashua  
Casey Magee's: Glitter & Guitars, 8 p.m.

New Boston  
Molly's: Ralph Allen, 6:30 p.m.

Newbury  
Mount Sunapee: Kimayo, 3 p.m.

Portsmouth  
Gas Light: Johnny Angel, 9:30 p.m.

Rochester  
The Governor's Inn: Dancing Madly Backwards, 7 p.m.

Salem  
Luna Bistro: Kevin Elliott, 7 p.m.

Seabrook  
Red's: Redemption Band, 8 p.m.

Somersworth  
Earth Eagle: Wheel of Awesome, 6 p.m.

**Sunday, March 24**  
Bedford  
Copper Door: Nate Comp, 11 a.m.

Brookline  
Alamo: Matt Borrello, 4 p.m.

Contoocook  
Cider Co.: Chris Lester, 1 p.m.

Epsom  
Hill Top: Dan's Jam open mic, 4 p.m.

Goffstown  
Village Trestle: Bob & Amberly, 3:30 p.m.

Hampton  
CR's: Ed Chenoweth, 6 p.m.  
Smuttynose: Casey Roop, 4:30 p.m.

Henniker  
Pats Peak: Supernothing, 6:30 p.m.

Laconia  
Fratello's: Racheal Turmel, 6 p.m.

Londonderry  
Stumble Inn: Redemption, 2 p.m.

Manchester  
Bonfire: free line dancing, 6 p.m.  
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 10 a.m.; Justin Federico, 7 p.m.  
Strange Brew: Gobshites, noon; One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Milford  
Riley's Place: blues jam, 1 p.m.

Newbury  
Mount Sunapee: 93 North, 3 p.m.

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

Film

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

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

Fathom Events  
Fathomevents.com

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

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

O'neil Cinemas at Brickyard Square  
24 Calef Hwy., Epping, 679-3529, oneilcinemas.com

Park Theatre  
19 Main St., Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org

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

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

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

• *The Zone of Interest* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) in the Simchik Cinema at Red River Theatres on Thursday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m.

• *Perfect Days* (PG, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m.

• *One Life* (PG, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, March 21, at 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Friday, March 22, through Sunday, March 24, at 1:30, 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Monday, March 25, through Wednesday, March 27, at 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 28, at 3:30 p.m.

• *Problemista* (R, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, March 21, at 4:45 & 7:15 p.m.; Friday, March 22, through Sunday, March 24, at 1:45, 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.; Monday, March 25, through Thursday, March 28, at 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.

• *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire* (PG-13, 2024) Chunky's will host a 21+ screening at its three NH locations on Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m. featuring themed cocktails.

• *Nyad* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Friday, March 22, 4 p.m., and Saturday, March 23, 1 p.m.

• *Kokomo City* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Friday, March 22, and



Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

Saturday, March 23, 7 p.m.  
• *Romeo et Juliette*, The Met: Live in HD broadcast, will screen at Bank of NH Stage in Concord on Saturday, March 23, at 12:55 p.m.

• *Four Daughters* (2023) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Saturday, March 23, at 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, at 1 p.m.

• *King of Kings* (1927), a Cecil B. DeMille silent film presented with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre.

• *Ennio* (2024) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Sunday, March 24, at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

• *The Ten Commandments* (1923), a Cecil B. DeMille silent film presented with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Rex Theatre in Manchester.

• *The Iron Claw* (R, 2023) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. and Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m.





## NITE MUSIC & EVENTS

### Trivia

#### Events

- **The Breakfast Club 21+ trivia night** Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).
- **Despicable Me family-friendly trivia night** Sunday, March 24, 6 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).

#### Weekly

- **Thursday** trivia with Game Time Trivia at Mitchell BBQ (50 N. Main St., Rochester, 332-2537, mitchellhillbbq.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St. in Warner, 456-2143, reednorth.com) from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **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.

- **Thursday** trivia with Geeks Who Drink at the Barley House (132 N. Main St., Concord, thebarleyhouse.com) at 7 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** Opinionation by Sporcle trivia at Uno Pizzeria & Grill (15 Fort Eddy Road in Concord; 226-8667) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Hop Knot (1000 Elm St., Manchester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Shooters Sports Pub (6 Columbus Ave., Exeter, 772-3856) at 7:15 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Liquid Therapy (14 Court St., Nashua, 402-9391) at 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Game Changer Sports Bar (4 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry; 216-1396,



Despicable Me

gamechangersportsbar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.

- **Thursday** trivia at Strange Brew (88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292) at 8 p.m.
- **First Thursday of every month** trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua; fodystavern.com) at 8 p.m.
- **First and third Thursday of every month** trivia at To Share Brewing (720 Union St., Manchester, tosharebrewing.com) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday** trivia at Biergarten Anheuser-Busch (221 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack) from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Sunday** trivia at Mountain Base Brewery (553 Mast Road, No. 111, Goffstown, 315-8382) at 4

- p.m.
- **Monday** Pub Quiz at Shaskeen (909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, shaskeenirishpub.com) at 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Able Ebenezer Brewing (31 Columbia Circle, Merrimack, 844-223-2253) at 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Sea Dog Brewing (5 Water St., Exeter, 793-5116) at 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Second Brook Bar & Grill (1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, secondbrook.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Fody's (187 Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946, fodystavern.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** trivia at Gibb's Garage Bar (3612 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, gibbsgaragebar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.
- **Tuesday Geeks Who Drink**

- trivia at Peddler's Daughter (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com), from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Community Oven (845 Lafayette Road, Hampton, 601-6311, thecommunityoven.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** Brews & Qs trivia, 21+, at Feathered Friend (231 S. Main St., Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Lithermans (126 Hall St., Concord, lithermans.beer) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Spyglass Brewing Co. (306 Innovative Way, Nashua, 546-2965, spyglassbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Topwater Brewing (748 Calef Hwy., Barrington, 664-5444) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Popovers (11 Brickyard Sq., Epping, 734-4724, popoversonthesquare.com) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Wednesday** The Greatest Triv-

- ia in the World at Revolution Taproom and Grill (61 N. Main St., Rochester, 244-3042, revolutiontaproomandgrill.com/upcoming-events) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Don Ramon (6 Whitney St., Merrimack, 420-8468) from 7 to 9 p.m.
- **Wednesday Kings Trivia** at KC's Rib Shack (837 Second St., Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net), sponsored by Mi Campo, in Manchester 7 to 9 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Millyard Brewery (125 E. Otterson St., Nashua; 722-0104, millyardbrewery.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at 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.
- **Second Wednesday of every month** trivia at Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey; 532-9300, theparktheatre.org) at 7:30 p.m.

### Concerts

#### Shows

- **Patty Larkin** Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose in New London (flyinggoose.com)
- **Jeff Lorber Fusion** Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)

- **Altan** Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester (rextheatre.org)
- **Celtic Woman** Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Ally Venable Band** Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Almost Queen** Friday,

- March 22, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts (nashuacenterforthearts.com)
- **Mark Lettieri** Friday, March 22, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Richard Thompson** Friday, March 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tupelomusichall.com)
- **Scarlet Keys** Friday, March 22,

- 8 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth (3sarts.org)
- **Dueling Pianos** Friday, March 22, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry (labeledwinery.com)
- **Proelium** Friday, March 22, 9 p.m., Angel City in Manchester (angelcitymusichall.com)
- **Jacob Tolliver** Saturday, March 23, 8 p.m., Fulchino Vineyard in Hollis (fulchinovineyard.com)
- **Almost Queen** Saturday, March 23, 8 p.m., Colonial in Laconia (coloniallaconia.com)
- **Sounds of Seattle: Five Against None (Pearl Jam tribute); Song Garden (tribute to Chris Cornell)** Saturday, March 23, 9 p.m., Angel City in Manchester (angelcitymusichall.com)
- **Avenged Sevenfold** Saturday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., SNHU Arena in Manchester (snhuarena.com)
- **Symphony NH: Game Over(-ture)** Saturday, March 23, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **The British Invasion Years: A 1960s Musical Revolution** Saturday, March 23, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth (flyingmon-



Patty Larkin

- keynh.com)
- **Spyro Gyra** Saturday, March 23, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tupelomusichall.com)
- **Rock & Roll Playhouse** Sunday, March 24, noon., Bank of NH Stage in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Sing Along Piano Bar** Sunday, March 24, 6 p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Rick Wakeman** Sunday, March 24, 7 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tupelomusichall.com)
- **Liz Longley** Sunday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth (flyingmonkeynh.com)
- **Lisa Fischer with Taylor Egusti** Sunday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Mike Love/Hector "Roots" Lewis** Sunday, March 24, 8 p.m.,

- 3S Artspace in Portsmouth (3sarts.org)
- **Being Petty** (Tom Petty tribute) Monday, March 25, 7 p.m., Jimmy's Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Jazz at Lincoln Center** Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Sam Amidon** Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter (thewordbarn.com)
- **Black Violin** Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth (themusichall.org)
- **Johnny A** Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Tonehenge** Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Concord City Auditorium (theaudi.org)
- **Killer Queen** (Queen tribute) Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Palace in Manchester (palacetheatre.org)
- **Dueling Pianos** Friday, March 29, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tupelomusichall.com)
- **Souled Out Show Band** Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre in Manchester (palacetheatre.org)

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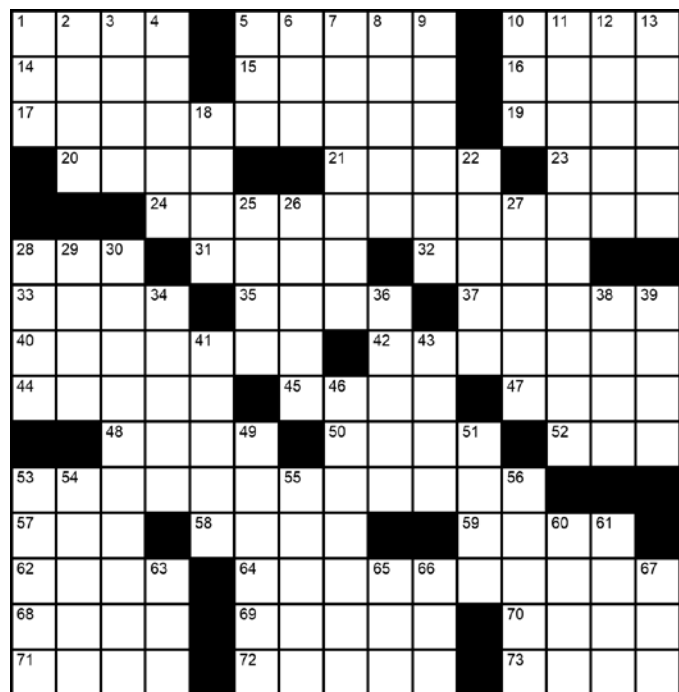
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## MASTER OF THE FRETBOARD



To many fans of the electric guitar, **Richard Thompson** is one of the greatest guitarists alive. The tour behind his critically acclaimed new album *Ship to Shore* drops anchor at Tupelo (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com) on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$60 to \$75, plus fees.

# "Brute Force"— getting ready for the 15th.



**Across**

- 1. Interstate entrance
- 5. Accept formally
- 10. Beginning from
- 14. Lake near Buffalo
- 15. Burton who hosted "Reading Rainbow"
- 16. Nevada gambling locale
- 17. Noodles that translate to "little ribbons"
- 19. Crumbly cheese
- 20. Piracy venues
- 21. First claim, slangily
- 23. Traffic predicament
- 24. Leafy replacements for burger buns, sometimes
- 28. Org. that's busy in April
- 31. Transylvanian count, informally
- 32. "Blazing Saddles" actress Madeline
- 33. 2019 MLB champs
- 35. Abbr. before a founding date
- 37. Some orchestral instruments
- 40. With 42-Across, date hinted at by a hidden sequence in the four long Across answers
- 42. See 40-Across

**Jonesin' answer from pg 39 of 3/14**



- 44. Horseshoe-like Greek letter
- 45. Sicilian erupter
- 47. "Star Trek" character
- 48. Dirt road grooves
- 50. Agree to another tour
- 52. Small peeve
- 53. Covert escape route
- 57. Maximum effort
- 58. Outbursts from Bart, at times
- 59. A head
- 62. "In \_\_\_ of gifts ..."

- 64. Slow companions at home?
- 68. Pilot predictions, for short
- 69. "The Thursday Murder Club" novelist Richard
- 70. Arizona mesa dwellers
- 71. Albanian's neighbor
- 72. Makeup of Maslow's hierarchy
- 73. Wild guess

**Down**

- 1. Field arbiter
- 2. Greek god of war
- 3. Plant parasite
- 4. Flower fragment
- 5. Part of ABV
- 6. End-of-the-year mo.
- 7. Tube where eggs travel
- 8. Lose composure
- 9. Connery's antagonist, in '90s "SNL"
- 10. Newfoundland sound
- 11. 1991 Joy Fielding thriller named for a line in a classic kids' primer
- 12. Alternative to bottled
- 13. Soap pump contents
- 18. Not new
- 22. Bee formation
- 25. Birch, e.g.
- 26. Cafe au lait container
- 27. Flightless South American birds
- 28. "\_\_\_ the Unknown" ("Frozen II" song)
- 29. Barack's first chief of staff
- 30. Avoid
- 34. Icelandic band \_\_\_ Ros
- 36. "Damn Yankees" co-director

- Stanley
- 38. Roman 651
- 39. Sealed up
- 41. Old-fashioned
- 43. Man-goat of myth
- 46. "Don't worry about it, I got you"
- 49. \_\_\_ a dime
- 51. Type of review
- 53. Department that works with marketing
- 54. The 1%
- 55. "One of \_\_\_ things is not like the other"
- 56. Latticework strips
- 60. Form a scab
- 61. Air filter acronym
- 63. Computer tower port
- 65. Wee child
- 66. Wee-\_\_\_ (kids)
- 67. Close kin, for short

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3-		3	1-
1	2-		
5+	12x		5+
	2÷		

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**CHALLENGING**

1-		5-	3+		5
4-	240x		1-	6	12x
		4		1-	
36x			11+		
	3÷			6+	1-
2	9+				

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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**

2÷	4+		
2	4	3	1
4	2-	2÷	
4	3	1	2
2-		2	12x
3	1	2	4
1	2	4	3

3+	1	2	75x	3-	6+
3	6	2	5	4	1
2÷	12x				
6	4	3	2	1	5
	20x	6x		1	10x
5	1	4	4	6	3
	120x	5-	4	30x	
2	3	1	4	5	6
		2÷			
4	5	6	1	2	3

## WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

**Find and Circle...**

Six fruits ending with a vowel

Three mammals starting with S

Continental neighbors

Two eating utensils

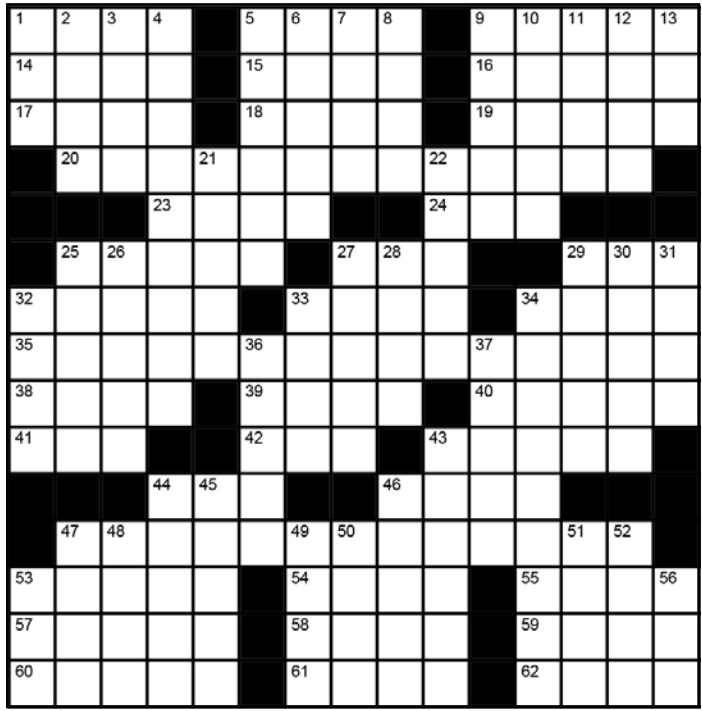
Two oceans

Last Week's Answers: :: CLOUDY SUNNY WINDY HAZY / VIDEO HOME SYSTEM / YANKEES RANGERS ORIOLES / TANGO SAMBA WALTZ / REBOUND

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

# Whoa boy



**Across**

- 1. Deana Carter ‘ \_\_\_ Shave My Legs For This?’
- 5. Iconic Hendrix
- 9. Bowie with alter-ego Ziggy
- 14. Over the top Virginia gore metalers
- 15. Self-producing might be working without \_\_\_
- 16. Sum 41 was at a loss on ‘What \_\_\_ say?’
- 17. St Louis rockers
- 18. 3 Doors Down was being held and sang ‘Let \_\_\_’
- 19. Imposters \_\_\_ Vanilli
- 20. Real Life 80s hit for asking for a flying one
- 23. Pattern of map lines to find your tent
- 24. ‘Her name is \_\_\_ and she dances on the sand’
- 25. Soul Asylum ‘Doing the best we can, working without \_\_\_’

- 27. Slipknot turntablist Wilson
- 29. Dokken leader
- 32. ‘Wicked Game’ Chris
- 33. You roll them when quitting your day job
- 34. Bell Biv DeVoe ‘‘You can \_\_\_ in the morning’’
- 35. Kill Hannah ‘03 major label debut that won’t be around
- 38. Dave Matthews confesses ‘ \_\_\_ It’
- 39. Like level money post-tour
- 40. Yngwie Malmsteen ‘Don’t Let \_\_\_’
- 41. More, to rock en espanol bands
- 42. ‘Other Songs’ Sexsmith
- 43. ‘Jump’ rappers Kris \_\_\_
- 44. Music video channel
- 46. Crowded House brothers
- 47. Seattle realtors may be Sunny \_\_\_
- 53. Donna Summer ‘This \_\_\_ Know It’s For Real’
- 54. Upon meeting your idol you walk around the corner and go this

- 55. ‘Silent All These Years’ Amos
- 57. Decorate, as music shrine
- 58. Late 80s MTV VJ Curry
- 59. Kool And The Gang ‘Get Down \_\_\_’
- 60. Part of genre, w/Nova
- 61. Dead Milkmen ‘Fillet Of \_\_\_’
- 62. Industrial ‘Violent Silences’ Scot

**Down**

- 1. David Geffen’s 90-99 label
- 2. ‘‘In the time of chimpanzees, \_\_\_ a monkey’’
- 3. ‘What Would You Say’ Matthews
- 4. Alice In Chains unlisted ‘Dirt’ song put on ‘Nothing Safe: Best Of The Box’
- 5. Tom Petty misspells ‘ \_\_\_ Me’
- 6. Bryan Adams ‘‘ \_\_\_ somebody, somebody like you’’
- 7. AJJ uses a big or ‘ \_\_\_ Guillotine 2020’
- 8. Lenny Kravitz egged us to ‘Bring \_\_\_’
- 9. Sophie B Hawkins ‘ \_\_\_ Wish I Was Your Lover’
- 10. ‘Buenas Tardes \_\_\_’ Ween
- 11. Despicable ‘96 Cannibal Corpse album?’
- 12. Jerry Lee Lewis ‘ \_\_\_ Be Me’

- 13. Arctic Monkeys ‘ \_\_\_ Wanna Know’
- 21. Nick that tragically died at 26
- 22. ‘Insensitive’ Jann
- 25. Sober Kim Mitchell sang ‘‘Might as well go for \_\_\_’’
- 26. ‘Nothing In This World’ Hilton
- 27. Roxy Music ‘Love Is A Drug’ album
- 28. MercyMe ‘ \_\_\_ Only Imagine’
- 29. ‘Black And White Town’ band
- 30. Black cats can be band these
- 31. Lynyrd Skynyrd (Pronounced Leh-\_\_\_ Skin-Nerd)
- 32. Hank Williams ‘I Can’t Help It ( \_\_\_ Still In Love With You)’
- 33. They whipped it, whipped it good
- 34. ‘90 Ratt album that lights the fuse?’
- 36. ‘Urban Hymns’ English band
- 37. Mike of Green Day
- 43. Lita Ford ‘ \_\_\_ Deadly’
- 44. ‘Wayne’s World’ Mike Kelly Rowland
- 45. Rapper that did ‘Here We Go’ w/ Kelly Rowland
- 46. Prenatal position after heavy duty show?
- 47. British ‘Life For Rent’ singer
- 48. Jerry Reed ‘ \_\_\_ Moses’
- 49. Blueswoman Popovic and

- Matronic of Scissor Sisters
- 50. ‘You’re Awful, I Love You’ band
- 51. ‘Mickey’ one-hitter Basu
- 52. Raspberries’ Carmen
- 53. Hard rockers might have a big bar one
- 56. Statler Bros ‘‘But who am \_\_\_ say?’’

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**R&R answer from pg 40 of 3/14**



**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.

**King Classic Sudoku**

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

Difficulty: ★

**King Classic Sudoku**

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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**SIGNS OF LIFE**

All quotes are from *Do You Mind If I Cancel?*, by Gary Janetti, born March 22, 1966.

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** I intend to start carrying a little notebook around with me to write down all my thoughts and ideas. And then basically type that up and there you go. Book. There you go.

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** I felt Maria had seen more of the world just by working four blocks away than I ever would. It was only the McDonald's on Francis Lewis Boulevard, but to me she might as well have been trading stocks on Wall Street. A step is a step.

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** For those of you who don't know, *Dynasty* was a sensation that took over the ... country for a few years in the '80s. It was our *Game of Thrones*, but with shoulder pads. It's time for a new sensation.

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** From the second the show began it was apparent this was not going to sound like the original cast album ... Nancy Opel is not Patti LuPone. ... She didn't look like her, she didn't sound like her, and I was having none of it. Read the label.

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** I still have plans on becoming a novelist even though I have no idea what that entails. Aside from writing. Which I haven't done yet. That's not a plan.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** When I am nineteen I attend a summer acting program at Oxford University. It's not actually affiliated with Oxford, the courses are just being held there, but it sounds suitably exclusive at the time. Whatever sounds good.

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)** It's quite possible that I could find myself serving flutes of champagne to gallery owners and opera patrons when someone approaches me and says 'excuse me, have you ever acted?' ... And just like that I'd be starring on a soap opera. Quite.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)** I remember us all eating in the dining hall and going to

the National Theatre ... and I remember him [David Schwimmer] coming with me to buy a suit in London ... and I remember he wore eye-liner because it was the '80s and he was punk and I remember his denim jacket lined with fleece and I remember talking and taking pictures and sitting on the grass. I remembered it all. And he remembered none of it. Well, not me anyway. David who?

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)** This is the first time I have ever left a job before I already have the next one lined up. I estimate I can survive on my savings for two days, three if I just sit in a corner. Sit.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)** Perhaps I should've studied up on this school before committing a good chunk of my crappy cater waiter salary for the next year but it was a much bigger hassle back then to look into anything. It was.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** He then tells me I look like a leading man but don't act like one. Act the part.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** I loved words and plays and reading and discussing and this was going to be none of that. Find more to love. 🍷

**7 LITTLE WORDS**

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 hotel reservations (8)	_____
2 loud, mimicking flier (11)	_____
3 paddling a small boat (8)	_____
4 in a way that stands out (10)	_____
5 putting more cans on shelves (10)	_____
6 largest Jamaican city (8)	_____
7 cosmologist Stephen (7)	_____

OK	MOCK	REST	GS	OCK
INGB	KI	RI	KAYA	HAW
BO	IRD	NGLY	KING	ST
IN	STON	KING	KING	ING

Last Week's Answers: 1. CHANCE 2. STATES 3. VERMONT ; 4. WATERWORKS 5. BOARDWALK 6. JAIL 7. BALTIC

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**Sudoku Answers from pg 40 of 3/14**

**Puzzle A**

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

Difficulty: ★ 2/26

**Puzzle B**

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 2/28

**Puzzle C**

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★ 3/1



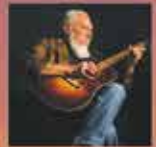
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**Recurring Theme**

It's baaaackkk. In the waning days of 2020, a tall silver monolith popped up in various locations in California, Texas, Romania and elsewhere. Now, Wales Online reports, it's back. The 10-foot-tall tower, which appears to be stainless steel, turned up near Hay-on-Wye in Wales around March 10, when Richard Haynes came across it while he was out for a run. "I thought it ... might be a scientific media research thing collecting rainwater. But then I realized it was way too tall and strange for that. It was hollow and I imagine ... light enough for two people to carry it up and plant it in the ground," Haynes said. *Stay tuned. Wales Online, March 11*

**Awesome!**

At the Goodwill store in Du Bois, Pennsylvania, workers found a treasure in a box of old Lego pieces, United Press International reported on March 12: a 14-karat gold Kanohi Hau mask from Lego's Bionicle collection. Originally priced at Goodwill at \$14.95, the piece eventually sold for \$18,100 to an anonymous collector. "We didn't know it was worth anything until people started asking if they could buy it for \$1,000," said Chad Smith, vice president of e-commerce and

technology for Goodwill. Lego created only 30 pieces in gold in 2001. *UPI, March 12*

LAD Bible reported on March 5 about two unacquainted Brits who were headed to a holiday in Bangkok, Thailand. At the airport, Mark Garland, 58, of Wiltshire, tried to check in, but gate staff told him he already had. After some sleuthing, they realized there was another Mark Garland (62, from Bristol) on the flight — and the look-alikes were seated next to each other. As it happens, they live only about 15 miles apart and sometimes ride the same bus. They even have a friend in common. "We were so shocked by how strange it was," said the younger Garland. "It was crazy — I have never known anything like it," said the older. "I've made a friend for life." *LAD Bible, March 5*

**Questionable Judgment**

After Jacob Wright, 24, and Cambree Wright, 19, exchanged wedding vows on Feb. 10, it was time for pictures, Fox News reported. So Jacob grabbed his Apple Vision Pro headset and wore it while the photos were snapped. Jacob said he saw an opportunity to have fun and create a viral moment. "I was like, 'Oh, it'd be like such a meme. It'd be so funny if we

just took some pictures with it on after the wedding.'" Sure enough, when they posted the pics, Cambree said she started getting "crazy" messages: "I woke up to 200-plus messages and just random girls telling me to divorce my husband." But the bride said the photos "perfectly encompass Jacob and his personality ... and what our relationship is like." *Fox News, March 13*

**Bright Idea**

Amber Denae Wright of Cape Town, South Africa, has shared a marriage tip on TikTok that other wives may want to adopt, People reported on March 9. A video on the social media site shows her husband, Nick, talking when Amber plays orchestra music from her phone. When Nick asks, "What is that? What are you playing?" Amber says, "It's Oscars music. You know, when the speeches are too long ..." Nick's taking it well, though: "She's been doing this the whole week. Every time I tell a story! Is this gonna be the rest of my life?" One TikTok commenter suggested, "I should use this at work when guys mansplain." *People, March 9*

**Field Report**

New Orleans Police Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick told city council mem-

bers on March 13 that rats had infested the department's building so thoroughly that they made their way into the evidence room and were eating confiscated marijuana. "They're all high," she said, according to the Associated Press. "The uncleanliness is off the charts." She elaborated, saying the building is full of mold and cockroaches, and staff suffer broken air conditioning and elevators. *AP, March 13*

**That's Disappointing**

The Pittsburgh Penguins planned to provide prized playthings to their passionate patrons on the evening of March 14, ESPN reported. NHL legend Jaromir Jagr bobbleheads were promised for the game against the San Jose Sharks — but the cargo was stolen during transit. Penguins president of business operations Kevin Acklin said the team is looking forward to "resolving this theft and delivering the prized Jagr bobbleheads to their rightful homes, with our fans." The hockey great commented, "The legend of Jagr continues." *ESPN, March 14*

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