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winners (or, in a few cases, a supersized list of
favorites). Want to know where to eat, listen to live
music or get your nails done this weekend? Let
Hippo's readers give you some suggestions.



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eclipse happenings before and on the day, April 8,
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2. At the dessert table: Chocolate Liqueur Mousse

Indulge your sweet tooth with a decadent and velvety ChocoLat Deluxe Chocolate Liqueur mousse. This luscious dessert is the perfect ending to your Easter feast. To make this delightful treat, start by melting 6 ounces of high-quality chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over simmering water. Once melted, remove from heat and stir in 2 tablespoons of ChocoLat Deluxe Chocolate Liqueur. In a separate bowl, whip 1 cup of heavy cream until soft peaks form. Gently fold the whipped cream into the chocolate mixture until well combined. Pour the mousse into individual serving glasses and refrigerate for at least two hours to set. Garnish with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkle of chocolate shavings before serving. The rich and velvety texture of the chocolate liqueur mousse will leave your guests craving for more.

3. Something the Foodie will appreciate: Chocolate Liqueur-Glazed Lamb Chops

Take your Easter feast to a whole new level by pairing succulent lamb chops with a tantalizing ChocoLat Deluxe Chocolate Liqueur glaze. The combination of



savory and sweet flavors will leave your taste buds in awe. Begin by marinating the lamb chops in a mixture of olive oil, garlic, rosemary, salt, and pepper for at least 30 minutes. Heat a grill or grill pan over medium-high heat and cook the lamb chops to your desired doneness. In a small saucepan, combine ¼ cup of ChocoLat Deluxe Chocolate Liqueur, 2 tablespoons of honey, and a pinch of salt. Simmer the mixture over low heat until it thickens slightly. Brush the chocolate liqueur glaze onto the cooked lamb chops and let them rest for a few minutes before serving. The rich and complex flavors of the chocolate liqueur glaze will complement the tender and juicy lamb chops, creating a truly unforgettable Easter dining experience.

Whether you're sipping on a Chocolate Bunny Martini, indulging in a velvety chocolate mousse, or savoring the combination of chocolate liqueur-glazed lamb chops, these delightful creations will surely impress your guests and make your Easter celebration one to remember. Cheers to a chocolate-filled celebration!



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Crime stats

Calling 2023 “a year of great progress for this agency,” the Manchester Police Department reported that “we have continued a trend of crime reduction” according to the message from police chief Allen Aldenberg in the department’s 2023 Annual Report, which is available on the police department’s website (manchesternh.gov/Departments/Police). According to the report, “the violent crime rate for 2023 decreased by 8 percent compared to 2022 and was down 32 percent compared to the 10-year average,” with 482 violent offenses reported in 2023.

The report did list 8 murders in 2023 (compared to 5 in 2022), 51 reported rapes (compared to 38 reported rapes in 2022) and 99 robberies (compared to 87 in 2022), with aggravated assault being the number that decreased in the violent crime category — 294 in 2023 to 355 in 2022.

There were 2,309 property offenses, which is a 21 percent decrease from 2022 and a 27 percent decrease compared to the 10-year average, the report said. “Overall, Manchester’s total crime rate decreased by 19% compared to 2022 and decreased 36% compared to the 10-year average,” according to the report.

Militello nominated for Poet Laureate

According to a Press Release from March 22, New Hampshire’s Executive Council has confirmed Gov. Chris Sununu’s nomination of Jennifer Militello of Goffstown as the next New Hampshire Poet Laureate. Militello will serve a five-year term beginning in April as an ambassador for all poets in the Granite State and will work to heighten the visibility and value of poetry in the state, according to the same release.

The New Hampshire Poet Laureate position includes an honorarium of \$1,000 for each year of the five-year term to help the next Poet Laureate achieve their stated mission with contributions from the Walter Butts’ New Hampshire Poet Laureate Fund and coordinated through the Poetry Society of New Hampshire, which also contributes to the honorarium, according to the same release.

Militello is an acclaimed poet, author and teacher and has supported poetry in New Hampshire throughout her life, including as a founding director of the New Hampshire Poetry Festival and Director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at New England College, according to the press release. She has written five books of poetry and won the Dzanc Nonfiction Prize, with her third book of poetry, *Body Thesaurus* (Tupelo Press, 2013), named one of the top books of 2013 by Best American Poetry, according to the release.

In a statement, Militello said, “New Hampshire boasts one of the richest poetry traditions in the nation, and it will be my deepest honor to celebrate and nurture that statewide love of poetry as New Hampshire’s next Poet Laureate.”

Melanie Chicoine, President of the Poetry Society of New Hampshire, said in a statement, “Jennifer’s passion for poetry is evident in all she has accomplished in both writing and teaching. ... We are excited for the opportunities we know Jennifer will bring to the poetry community across New Hampshire and in the surrounding communities.” The New Hampshire Poet Laureate is an honorary five-year position and was established by the state legislature in 1967. Visit the NH Poet Laureate page at psnh.org and see nh.gov/nharts/artsandartists/poetlaureate.html.

New Arts Council logo wanted

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2025 and is seeking an artist to design and create a new logo to appear on the Council’s print and electronic materials starting in 2025, according to a press release. The logo development will be a collaborative process with Arts Council staff as they review proposals and select artists to interview, and selected artists are expected to work cooperatively with the Council staff to make necessary adjustments to the proposals.

This opportunity is open to professional artists over 18 years old, and the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts will honor the copyright and intellectual property rights of artists submitting proposals, according to the press release.

The 10th annual “Easing Heartbreak Hill 5K: Don’t Forget Your Wings” will take place on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to noon in **Concord** (2 Delta Dental Drive). The event website said that this race is featured as part of one runner’s fundraising efforts for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the official charity of the 2024 Boston Marathon (Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge) with all race proceeds going toward Beth’s goal of \$13,100 for cancer research at Dana-Farber. Registration is \$25. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/easing-heartbreak-hill-5k-dont-forget-your-wings-tickets-787223776507

Saint Anselm College’s women’s softball team will play two home games on Saturday, March 30, at noon and 2 p.m. against the Assumption Greyhounds at the South Athletic Fields at Saint Anselm College in **Manchester** (100 Saint Anselm Dr.). Games are free. Visit saintanselmhawks.com.

Tickets are on sale now to see authors Joe Hill and Michael Koryta in conversation on Monday, April 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at **Nashua** Public Library (2 Court St. in Nashua). Tickets are \$10, or \$39 for admission and a book, plus fees, via nashualibrary.org; admission ticket sales end March 31 and ticket-plus-book sales end March 29.

A total budget of \$2,500 has been allocated to commission this project, including artist-design fees, any associated travel costs, and insurance. The deadline for submission is April 5. For details and the full request for proposal, see www.nh.gov/nharts/aboutus/newnhscalogo.htm.

Poetry Out Loud

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts announced

in a March 18 press release that Morgan Cole from Portsmouth High School is the winner of the 2024 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud High School Championship, and George Fortin from Holderness School was selected as alternate champion.

Cole will represent New Hampshire at the national finals, which are scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C., April 30 through May 2. Visit nh.gov/nharts.

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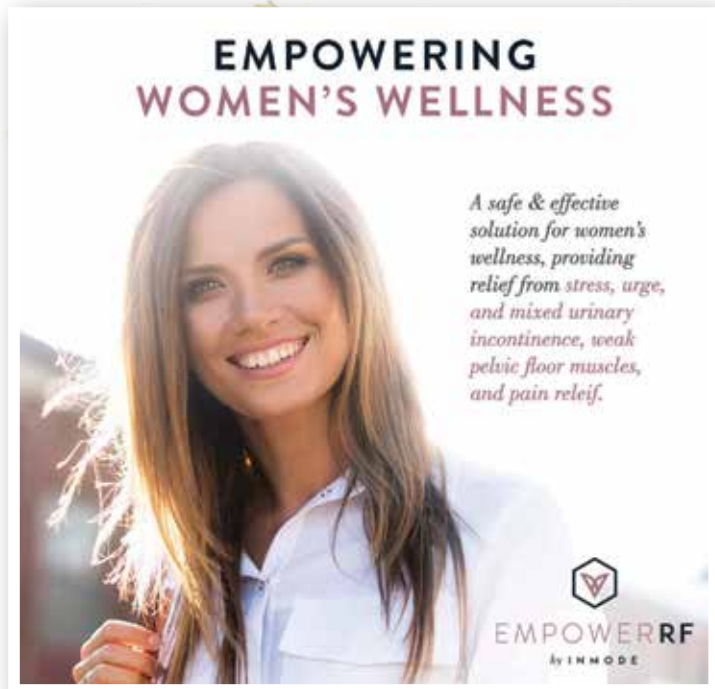
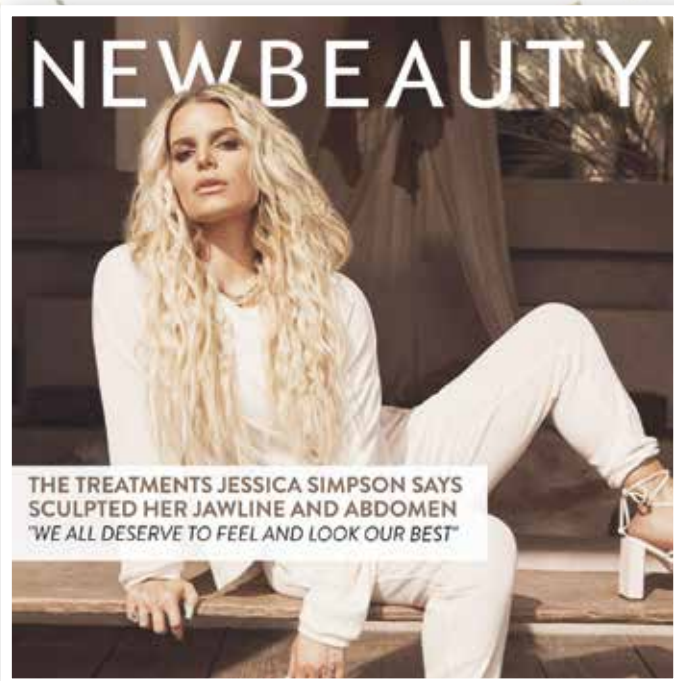
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NEWS & NOTES Q&A

Created by friendship

Author Shannon Hale discusses her process

On Friday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. author Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham will be at Gibson's Bookstore in Concord (45 S. Main St., 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) to promote the latest installment in their Kitty-Corn children's book series, *Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn*.

Q: *How do your own children or family influence your work as an author?*

They influence my work a great deal. I have four kids and my first book came out the same year my first child was born. When they were younger I was writing young adult and adult novels, but as they grew up I was reading so many picture books and chapter books with them and graphic novels that what I've chosen to write in the last few years is greatly influenced by them. Also, sometimes, they just give me ideas for books, they'll say something, and I'll be like, 'Aha! That's a great idea.'

Can you talk about the importance of friendship and how that influences your work?

My theory is that all stories are about relationships. The relationships between characters is what makes us invested in them and interested in them and that's the heart of every story, so I love friendship stories. With me and Uyen [LeUyen Pham], we are legitimately best friends and *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn* was born directly out of that friendship. It really is just about our love of each other and learning how to best support each other and take care of each other and have fun together. That's really the essence of those books.

What are your writing rituals or processes, if any?

I don't have any rituals. I'm not a fussy writer. I think a lot of that is born out of being a stay-at-home mom with four kids for my whole career. I have to write whenever I get a chance. If the kids are distracted for half an hour, I'm writing. I didn't have a full-time nanny or that kind of leisure. I've never had an office space

Kitty-Corn!

Author Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham will visit Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Friday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. for a storytime with their newest book, *Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn*. The two also worked together on *Real Friends*, *Best Friends* and *Friends Forever*, as well as the *Princess in Black* series.



Shannon Hale. Photo by Jenn Florence.

where I would go to, to work, so that I was alone. I have learned to write in kind of a guerilla warfare way, where, if there's time, I get myself to focus and I just write.

What is your favorite thing about book tours?

My favorite thing about book tours when I am touring with Uyen is that we get to be together. It's just like extra friendship time. In between events, we keep very busy, it's exhausting, but in between events we might go to a coffee shop and start working on a new book together. That's how *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn* started, [it] was in a coffee shop in St. Louis, Missouri, between a couple of events on a book tour for one of our graphic novels. So, I love that. I also really, really love seeing the kids. These picture books are so fun because the little kids are adorable. We get to read the picture book to them and see their reactions and hear their hilarious questions and commentary. I just adore that. My kids are older now. My kids are 13 through 20, so I don't have any little kids at home anymore, so I just eat that up.

Do you have any advice for aspiring children's book authors?

I guess the main thing would be to write for fun. You need to be able to develop your craft to the point where you can get your sentences to do what you want them to do and that takes a lot of time and a lot of practice. It's like learning an instrument or a sport. So the more fun you can have while you're doing it, while you are developing your craft, the faster it will develop for you.

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The Big Story – Baseball's Opening Day:

After an awful off-season and what was the most subdued spring training in decades, the Red Sox kick off the 2024 season today in Seattle vs. the Mariners. As you can guess, it begins without high expectations in light of **John Henry's** reversal of his once free spending ways. Especially in a division where everyone is spending but the Orioles, who, along with Atlanta, have the best young talent in baseball. Sorry to kick it all off with such an optimistic note, but that's how it stands on Day 1.

Sports 101: It has only happened once in baseball history that the batting average of every player on one team stayed exactly what it was before the game started. How did that happen?

News Item – Ohtani's Interpreter Fired After Gambling Disclosure: We could be at the beginning of a whopper of a story around the gambling-related firing of **Shohei Ohtani's** interpreter, **Ippei Mizuhara**, on Friday. Conflicting stories have emerged about the \$4.5 million wire transfers to pay off Mizuhara's gambling debts. Nothing has indicated Ohtani did any betting. There are still many holes to be filled in on what could become baseball's worst gambling nightmare since **Pete Rose** was banned for life in 1989 if it's more than just some guy getting in over his head while gambling.

News Item – NCAA Tourney Delivers Usual Thrills: Award winners from Weekend 1:

Best Comeback: Daytona trailed Nevada by 17 before a 24-4 over the final 7 minutes made them 63-60 opening-round winners.

Biggest Upset – Yale Over Auburn: Who had Ivy League champion Yale taking out a SEC power when the 13-seed Bulldogs shocked everyone with a 78-76 win over the 4-seed Tigers?

Say What? Award: OK, maybe the student section at Oakland University (of Michigan) has a point saying 14-seed OU's 80-76 win over 3-seed Kentucky was a bigger upset.

Phew ... Win of the Weekend: Speaking of major upsets, after being just the second 1-seed to lose a 16 last year, Purdue fans breathed a sigh of relief Friday when they put Grambling away early in a 78-50 romp.

Biggest Blown Call: With all the stupid use of replay these days, why don't they have one for a crucial play like in the Kansas-Samford nailbiter? The zebras clearly blew the call on a spectacular chase down block by **A.J. Staton-McCray** on a Nick

Timberlake breakaway in a one-point game with 15 seconds left. It robbed Samford of getting the final shot to conclude a 22-point comeback. Instead Timberlake made two gift free throws and KU won 93-89.

Revenge Win: He'll probably never admit it, but Tennessee's 62-58 win over Texas had to feel good for **Rick Barnes** after being fired as Texas HC not long ago.

The Numbers:

7 – magic number over their last 11 games for the Celtics to clinch home court advantage throughout the playoffs.

... Of the Week Awards

Bracket Buster Award – Sorry, Charles: That thud you heard was Charles Barkley's bracket being busted as Creighton ran past Oregon 78-63 on Saturday. Chuck had the 11-seed Ducks somehow making it all the way to the final fame. He also had opening-round 12-seed George Mason loser taking out 5-seed Wisconsin and 4-seed Duke and going to the Sweet 16. Oh, and King Charles went to Auburn, so it wasn't a good weekend all around for Chuck.

Sports 101 Answer: It happened April 16, 1940, when Cleveland fireballer **Bob Feller** no-hit the White Sox on opening day, leaving all of Chicago's hitters with the same .000 batting average every player starts their season at.

Final Thought – How To Enjoy The 2024 Red Sox: First you put a pin in your learned experience from around 1994 to realize they're not getting within three or four time zones of the World Series. Then focus on watching what happens with their young players to see how good they become by September.

I'm looking forward to seeing if **Triston Casas** can grow into one of the best hitters, as some believe he can. There's also the young outfield of **Jarren Duran** platooning in left, **Wilyer Abreu** in right and exciting rookie **Ceddanne Rafaela**, a gifted center fielder who hit .284 with three homers in 64 spring at-bats.

There's promising second-year hurler **Brayan Bello**, the first home-grown pitcher since now retired **Clay Buchholz** and **Jon Lester** to give any sense of promise. Plus it'll be interesting seeing if second baseman Atlanta import **Vaughn Grissom** is the first good team-building move by new GM **Craig Breslow** or part of the **Chris Sale** salary dump. And with top prospects **Roman Anthony** and **Marcelo Mayer** a step away in AAA this could be the start of a promising young core. Time will tell.

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Not so fast, spring

Winter wasn't done with New Hampshire. According to WMUR, the Saturday, March 23, storm dropped snow across the state, ranging from a coating to a few inches (often mixed with rain) to more than a foot for some parts of the Granite State. The fallout from the storm: power outages. More than 75,000 customers lost power during the peak of storm outages. On the morning of March 25, more than 20,000 customers were still powerless; by the afternoon WMUR reported that most customers would have their power restored by the end of the day.

QOL score: -2, because we were all set with winter

Comments: *OK, who put away all their winter boots and coats and jinxed us? Nobody pull up their driveway stakes until at least mid-April.*

Meanwhile...

Ski NH reported Sunday, March 24, that the storm brought more than 2 feet to some ski areas in the state. Wildcat Mountain in Jackson received 30 inches while Cannon Mountain in Franconia and Waterville Valley Resort each reported 27 to 30 inches, according to Ski NH's press release. Cranmore Mountain Resort in North Conway received 2 feet and may reopen this coming weekend, the release said.

QOL score: +1

Comments: *"23 inches over the last 24 hours, bluebird skies and patrol dropping rope as we speak. Get ready for the best day of the season!" read a Sunday post on the Cranmore Facebook page.*

On the other hand...

At 8:03 a.m. on Sunday, March 24, Gilmanton and Alton firefighters responded to a rescue call on Crystal Lake to save a deer that had fallen through the ice about 200 yards from shore, according to the Gilmanton Firefighter's Association Facebook page. From the pictures the Association posted, it appears that there was only a thin crust of icy snow on the surface of the lake after last Saturday's snow storm. Rescuers responded in rescue watercraft and pulled the deer from the water.

QOL score: +1 for the assist

Comments: *"The deer was rescued, tired, exhausted and shivering but it was last seen up and walking around," according to the Association's Facebook page.*

Preserving history

Canterbury Shaker Village and the American Independence Museum in Exeter each received grants from Americana Corner, an online resource for education about America in the 1700s and 1800s, according to press releases from the sites. The American Independence Museum was awarded a 2024 "Preserving America" grant for \$10,000, which it will use to "fund essential preservation work at Folsom Tavern such as repairs to — and restaining of — various sections of clapboard siding," the press release said. Canterbury Shaker Village in Canterbury will use its \$7,500 award "to preserve ten windows in its historic Meeting House," its release said.

QOL score: +1

Comments: *See shakers.org and independencemuseum.org for more on the two sites.*

QOL score: 61

Net change: +1

QOL this week: 62

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

THIS WEEK

BIG EVENTS

MARCH 28 AND BEYOND

Saturday, March 30

Because of last weekend's weather, the **Easter Bunny** is now scheduled to touch down at the Aviation Museum (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820) in a student-built airplane today at 9 a.m. The event is free; the museum asks anybody wanting to see the touch down to come at 8:30 a.m. After deplaning, the Easter Bunny will visit with attendees and hand out can-



dy, according to a press release. Find more egg- and bunny-related events in the March 21 issue of the Hippo in the story on page 23. See hippypress.com for the e-edition.

Saturday, March 30

Shop **Concord's Giant Indoor Yard Sale** at the Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be thousands of items at dozens of stalls. Adult admission costs \$5; children 12 and under are free.

Saturday, March 30

To Share Brewing Co. (720 Union St. in Manchester, tosharebrewing.com, 836-6947) will host **Big Gay Bingo** at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 30. This 21+ event is a fun and educational twist on bingo for anyone who wants to learn more about LGBTQ+ culture. Admission is \$5; bingo is free.

Saturday, March 30

WWE's **Road to Wrestlemania** will bring the action to SNHU Arena (555 Elm St. in Manchester, snhuarena.com, 644-5000) beginning at 7:30 p.m. This will be a Triple Main Event

with 2024 Royal Rumble winner "The American Nightmare" Cody Rhodes facing off against Drew McIntyre in a Grudge Match. Tickets start at \$30.

Sunday, March 31

Enjoy a special **Easter brunch or dinner**. Find our rundown of special meal offerings in the March 21 issue of the Hippo; see hippypress.com for the e-edition. The story is on page 26.

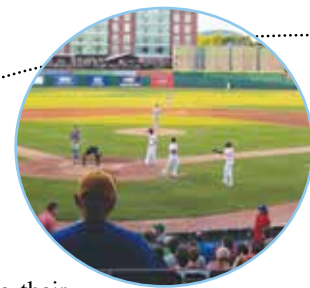
Wednesday, April 3

See the screening of Harold Lloyd's 1927 film **The Kid Brother** at ConcordCity Audi-

torium (2 Prince St. in Concord, in Concord's City Hall, theaudi.org, 228-2793), at 7 p.m.. Musical accompaniment for this silent film will be provided by Jeff Rapis. Admission is free.

Wednesday, April 3

Andrew North and the Rangers provide the backing band for tonight's open mic show at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com) at 6 p.m.



Save the Date!

Tuesday, April 9

The **Fisher Cats** will have their first home game of the season at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium (1 Line Dr. in Manchester, milb.com/new-hampshire/tickets, 641-2005) on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:35 p.m. Tickets start at \$10.

Thursday, March 28

Fulchino Vineyard (187 Pine Hill Road in Hollis, fulchinovineyard.com, 438-5984) will host a **Cigar Night** from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 and include a cigar and a glass of wine.

Thursday, March 28

Catch **comedian Lenny Clarke** tonight at 8 p.m. at Chunky's (151 Coliseum Ave. in Nashua;

chunkys.com). Tickets cost \$35.

Friday, March 29

The Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St. in Nashua, nashua-centerforthearts.com, 657-8774) will host **Taylor's Version**, an 18+ DJ dance event featuring music from every Taylor era, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$19.

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BEST OF 2024



We're all winners!

From the spots voted best pizza place to those of us who can go eat that pizza, everybody involved in Hippo's Best of readers' poll 2024 is getting a win from this issue.

In this year's poll we asked you to weigh in with your favorite doughnut, hiking trail, lunch spot and brewery. We also asked for your thoughts on ketchup, music while you work and picnics. We even asked you who, in New Hampshire, you'd like to extend a thank you to (and thank you to the reader who said "Hippo for a great paper").

And after all that voting in February, now we present you with, generally, the top five winners in each category — though sometimes we have supersized it and let a few more reader faves join the winners court. And we've sprinkled some specific reader responses throughout, because they're fun. Looking for a place where they make your coffee perfect every time or a great hair stylist? Here are Hippo readers' favorites.

ARTS

Best Performing Arts Venue

Best of the best: The Palace Theatres
80 Hanover St. in Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

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

★ **Capitol Center for the Arts** 44 S. Main St. in Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com

★ **Nashua Center for the Arts** 201 Main St. in Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashuacenterforthearts.com

★ **BankNH Pavilion** 72 Meadowbrook Lane in Gilford, 293-4700, banknpavilion.com

Best Theatrical Production

Best of the best: *A Christmas Carol* at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org) ran Nov. 24 to Dec. 23, 2023.

★ **Ballet Misha's *The Nutcracker*** at the Dana Center (100 Saint Anselm Dr. in Manchester, 641-7700, tickets.anselm.edu)

ran Dec. 16 and Dec. 17, 2023.

★ ***Kinky Boots*** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org) ran Oct. 13 through Nov. 5, 2023.

★ ***Dancing Queens*** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org) ran Jan. 19 through Feb. 11, 2024.

Your favorite NH fun fact

Derek Jordan Taylor from Concord NH has snagged his second Broadway show at age 20.

★ ***The Wizard of Oz*** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org) ran Sept. 8 through Sept. 24, 2023.

Best Local Place to Buy Art

Best of the best: League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Annual Craftsmen's Fair, which will take place this year Saturday, Aug. 3, through Sunday, Aug. 11, at Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury. See nhcrafts.org/annual-craftsmens-fair.

★ **Currier Museum of Art**, 150 Ash St. in Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org, Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

★ **Mosaic Art Collective** 66 Hanover St., Unit 201, in Manchester; 512-6209, mosaicartcollective.com, Wednesday Through Friday from 2 to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

★ **Concord Arts Market**, a market with dates May through December. The first 2024 market is scheduled for the first Friday in May — Friday, May 3, at Bicentennial Square in downtown Concord. A market is also slated once a month in Rollins Park in Concord from June through September, as well as during Market Days in downtown Concord (June 20-22), according to concordartsmarket.net.

★ **Manchester Craft Market**, Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 606-1351, manchestercraftmarket.com, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Best Publicly Viewable Mural

Best of the best: Cat Alley off Elm Street between Manchester and Merrimack streets in Manchester, featuring kitties of various shapes and sizes.

★ **Hanover Street** in Manchester titled "Greetings from Manchester" by Hooksett resident and artist James Chase and commissioned by Red Oak Apartments, according to manchesterinformation.com.

★ **Derry Downtown** 1½ East Broadway in Derry on the side of Cask and Vine, showcasing a timeline of Derry, according to nhrtc.org.

★ **Derry Rail Trail** in Derry. Robert Frost homage with trees and lines of verse painted on the asphalt-paved road, according to nhrtc.org.

★ **Mural by artist Keith Trahan** on the building by Lamont-Hanley Park at the corner of Bridge and Elm streets in Manchester.

ENTERTAINMENT

Best Bookstore

Best of the best: Gibson's Bookstore 40 S. Main St. in Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com, 224-0562

★ **Bookery** 844 Elm St. in Manchester, bookerymht.com, 836-6600

★ **Balin Books** 375 Amherst St. in Nashua, balinbooks.com, 417-7981

★ **Toadstool Bookshop** 12 Depot Sq. in Peterborough, toadbooks.com, 924-3543

★ **Water Street Bookstore** 125 Water St. in Exeter, waterstreetbooks.com, 778-9731

Best Bowling Alley

Best of the best: Lakeside Lanes 2171 Candia Road in Manchester, lakesidelanes.com, 627-7722

★ **Merrimack 10 Pin** 698 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, merrimacktenpin.com, 429-0989

★ **King Lanes** 751 Mast Road in Goffstown, kinglanes.com, 623-9515

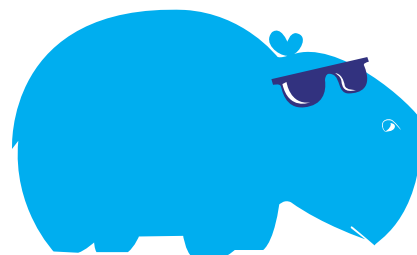
★ **Leda Lanes** 340 Amherst St. in Nashua, ledalanes.com, 889-4884

★ **Yankee Lanes** 216 Maple St. in Manchester, manchester.yankeelanesentertainment.com, 625-9656

Best Comic Book Shop

Best of the best: Double Midnight Comics 252 Willow St. in Manchester, dmcomics.com, 669-9636

★ **Double Midnight Comics** 341 Loudon Road in Concord, dmcomics.com, 715-2683



★ **Merrymac Games & Comics** 550 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, merrymacgc.com, 420-8161

★ **Pop Culture Card Comics and Collectibles** 66 Route 27 in Raymond, popculturenh.com, 244-1850

★ **Jetpack Comics** 37 N. Main St. in Rochester, jetpackcomics.com, 330-XMEN (9636)

Best Mini Golf

Best of the best: Mel's Funway 454 Charles Bancroft Hwy. in Litchfield, mels-funwaypark.com, 424-229. Opens in April.

★ **Chuckster's Ice Cream & Miniature Golf** 53 Hackett Hill Road in Hooksett, chucksters-hooksett.com, 210-1415. Opens Saturday, April 13.

★ **Chuckster's Family Fun Park** 9 Bailey Road in Chichester, chuckstersnh.com, 798-3555. Opens Saturday, April 6.

★ **Captain's Cove Adventure Golf** 814 Lafayette Road in Hampton, smallgolf.com, 926-5011. Opens Saturday, April 20.

★ **Mini Links at LaBelle Winery** 14 Route 111 in Derry, labellewinery.com, 672-9898. Slated to open April 1.

Best Place to Learn How to Make Something Cool

Best of the best: Studio 550 Arts Center (550 Elm St. in Manchester, 550arts.com, 232-5597) Learn to sculpt clay, stain some glass, or make 2D artforms like watercolor, acrylics or pastels.

★ **Manchester Craft Market** (Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St. in

Manchester, manchestercraftmarket.com, 606-1351) Learn how to use alcohol ink, wire-wrap gemstones or mold polymer clay. If you can craft it there is probably a workshop for it here.

★ **You're Fired** (25 S. River Road in Bedford, youre-firednh.com, 641-3473) A walk-in-friendly establishment where you can create and paint your own pottery.

★ **Cooking School at Tuscan Market** (9 Via Toscana in Salem, tuscanbrands.com, 912-5467) Create the perfect spaghetti sauce and learn which wines to pair with it. A myriad of Italian-style cooking courses are available.

★ **The Canvas Roadshow** (25 S. River Road in Bedford, thecanvas-roadshow.com, 913-9217) Offers classes and events for painting, glass art, wood staining and more.

Best Thing We Forgot to Ask About

Fun places for old farts

Best Place to Totally Geek Out

Best of the best: Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820)

★ **Boards and Brews** (941 Elm St. in Manchester, boardsandbrewsnh.com, 232-5184) Play almost any board game that has ever been created while drinking beer and sharing food with friends.

★ **Granite State Comicon** (700 Elm St. in Manchester, granitecon.com, 669-9636) Slated for Saturday, Sept. 21, and Sunday, Sept. 22. Head to this Con to meet comic book artists and authors, game creators, actors and more, while enjoying costume contests and parties. Tickets are already

The fine print

This survey is for entertainment purposes only and all results are final.

The results of Hippo's readers' poll are based on readers' answers to a poll conducted online in February. Readers typed in the names of people and locations they voted for. In situations where the vote is tied or otherwise unclear, Hippo editorial staff makes an effort to determine the will of the greatest number of voters.

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The Best of 2024 is a celebration of all things local and is meant to serve as a snapshot of the people and places in southern

New Hampshire. Large national and international chains are, for the most part, not included in the count.

Information presented here is gathered from sources including the location's website and social media pages. Double check with the spots before heading out to make sure times, locations and menu items haven't changed.

Questions, comments, concerns? Did we get an address or phone number wrong? Do you have an idea for a new category? Let us know. Contact editor Amy Diaz at adiatz@hippopress.com. Corrections will appear on the first page of the news section in future issues.

Is your favorite category missing? Categories change regularly, with some categories taking a sabbatical and new categories introduced, so please send your suggestions for a category for next year (to adiatz@hippopress.com). And, again, all results are seriously final.

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★ **Pop Culture** (66 Route 27 in Raymond, popculturenh.com, 244-1850) Your one-stop shop for all things 40k, Magic The Gathering, RPGs, comic books and much more.

★ **Awesome Cards, Collectibles & Games** (123 Nashua Road in Londonderry, awesomeccg.com, 404-6996) Anything from Pokemon card games to Dungeons & Dragons, if you can play it on a tabletop, you can find it here.

★ **Diversity Gaming** (1328 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, diversitygaming.store, 606-1176) Set up your favorite board game with friends in one of four private rooms or use free tables where everyone is invited to roll the dice.

★ **Midgard** (55 Crystal Ave. in Derry, midgardhobbiesandgames.com, 260-6180)

Funniest Sitcom of All Time

Friends **21%**
Seinfeld **19%**

The Big Bang Theory **10%**

Family Guy **10%**

The Office **8%**

All in the Family **6%**

Cheers **3%**

Modern Family **3%**

M*A*S*H **2%**

Everybody Loves Raymond **1%**

Schitt's Creek **1%**

Parks and Recreation **1%**

The New Girl **1%**

The Simpsons **1%**

Three's Company **1%**

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia **1%**

Two and a Half Men **1%**

Others and variations on "I hate sitcoms. NONE of them are funny" **10%**

“I've watched the entirety of The Office three times.

Soap. So so funny.

I don't really watch sitcoms, sorry. But my favorite show is Supernatural.

House MD? Is that a sitcom? I don't like shows with laugh tracks, hahah.”

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Best Place to Make New Friends

Best of the best: The Collective Studios 4 Orchard View Dr. in Londonderry, thecollective-studios.com, 216-2345

★ **The Nest Family Cafe** 25 Orchard View Dr. in Londonderry, thenestfamilycafe.com, 404-3512

★ **Feathered Friend Brewing Co.** 231 S. Main St. in Concord, featheredfriendbrewing.com, 715-2347

★ **Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, stumbleinnnh.com, 432-3210

★ **The Hop Knot** 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, hopknotnh.com, 232-3731

Independent Shop Where You'd Have a Win-the-Lotto Shopping Spree

Best of the best: Gondwana & Divine Clothing Co. 13 N. Main St. in Concord, gondwanaclothing.com, 228-1101

★ **Junction 71** 707 Milford Road in Merrimack, junction71.wixsite.com/mysite, 213-5201

★ **League of NH Craftsmen's gallery** 36 N. Main St. in Concord, nhcrafts.org, 228-8171

★ **Manchester Craft Market** Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St. in Manchester; 606-1351, manchestercraftmarket.com

★ **The Terracotta Room** 1361 Elm St., Suite 102, in Manchester, theterracottaroom.com, 935-8738

NIGHTLIFE

Best Restaurant, Brewery or Bar for Live Music

Best of the best: The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, stumbleinnnh.com, 432-3210

★ **The Derryfield Restaurant** 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, thederryfield.com, 623-2880

★ **The Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant** 909 Elm St. in Manchester, shaskeenirishpub.com, 625-0246

★ **Backyard Brewery and Kitchen** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com, 623-3545

★ **Strange Brew Tavern** 88 Market St. in Manchester, strangebrewtavern.net, 666-4292

Best Live Music Venue

Best of the best: Tupelo Music Hall 10 A St. in Derry, tupelomusichall.com, 437-5100

★ **BankNH Pavilion** 72 Meadowbrook

Lane in Gilford, banknhpavilion.com, 293-4700

★ **The Rex Theatre** 23 Amherst St. in Manchester, palacetheatre.org/venues/rex-theatre, 668-5588

★ **The BNH Stage** 16 S. Main St. in Concord, ccanh.com/bank-nh-stage, 225-1111

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

Best Bar with an Outdoor Deck

Best of the best: The Derryfield Restaurant 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, thederryfield.com, 623-2880

★ **The Backyard Brewery** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com, 623-3545

★ **The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, stumbleinnnh.com, 432-3210

★ **Bernie's**

Beach Bar: 73 Ocean Blvd. in Hampton, berniesnh.com, 926-5050

★ **KC's Rib Shack:** 837 Second St. in Manchester, ribshack.net, 627-7427

Best Bar or Pub

Best of the best: The Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant 909 Elm St. in Manchester, shaskeenirishpub.com, 625-0246

★ **The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill:** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, stumbleinnnh.com, 432-3210

★ **Backyard Brewery and Kitchen:** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com, 623-3545

★ **Industry East:** 28 Hanover St. in Manchester, industryeastbar.com, 232-6940

★ **The Hop Knot:** 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, hopknotnh.com, 232-3731

Best Weekly Bar Event

Best of the best: Trivia with Heather at The Farm Bar and Grille (1181 Elm St. in Manchester, farmbargrille.com, 641-3276) takes place Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

★ **Tuesday open mic at KC's Rib Shack** (837 Second St. in Manchester, ribshack.net, 627-7427) is hosted by Paul & Nate with a featured artist from 7 to 8 p.m. and open mic from 8 to 10 p.m.

★ **Trivia at The Hop Knot** (1000 Elm St. in Manchester, hopknotnh.com, 232-3731) runs Thursdays at 7 p.m. with Broderick Lang.

★ **Trivia at Chunky's Cinema Pub** (707 Huse Road in Manchester, chunkys.com,

206-3888) runs Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and is 21+. Each week usually has a theme based on a movie or genre of movies or a TV show or music. About once a month on Sunday, there is an all-ages family-friendly trivia night at 6 p.m.

★ **Music Bingo at Backyard Brewery and Kitchen** (1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com, 623-3545) runs Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Best Spot for Some Friendly Competition

Best of the best: The Rugged Axe 377 S. Willow St. in Manchester, theruggedaxe.com, 232-7846

★ **Block Party Social** 51 Zapora Dr. in Hooksett, blockpartysocial.com, 263-5408

★ **RelAxe Throwing NH** 157 Gay St. in Manchester, relaxethrowing.com, 782-3061

★ **Axel's Throw House** 4 Bud Way, Unit 2, in Nashua, axelsthrowhouse.com, 212-1778

★ **Granite State Escape** 795 Elm St. in Manchester, escapenh.com, 935-7455

Best Spot for a Cheap Date

Best of the best: The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, stumbleinnnh.com, 432-3210

★ **The Farm Bar and Grille** 1181 Elm St. in Manchester, farmbargrille.com, 641-3276

★ **The Hop Knot** 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, hopknotnh.com, 232-3731

★ **Chunky's Cinema Pub** 707 Huse Road in Manchester, chunkys.com, 206-3888

★ **The Gyro Spot** 1073 Elm St. in Manchester, theyrospot.com, 218-3869

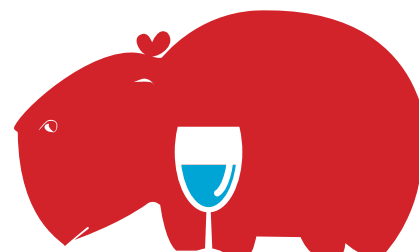
★ **Diz's Cafe** 860 Elm St. in Manchester, dizscafe.com, 606-2532

★ **Penuche's Ale House** 16 Bicentennial Sq. in Concord, facebook.com/penuches.concord, 228-9833

Best Spot for a Group Outing

Best of the best: Tupelo Music Hall 10 A St. in Derry, tupelomusichall.com, 437-5100

★ **The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20



Rockingham Road in Londonderry, stumbleinnh.com, 432-3210

★ **Boards & Brews** 941 Elm St. in Manchester, boardsandbrewsnh.com, 232-5184

★ **Axel's Throw House** 4 Bud Way, Unit 2, in Nashua, axelstrowhouse.com, 212-1778

★ **Canobie Lake Park** 85 N. Policy St. in Salem, canobie.com, 893-3506

★ **Game Changer Sports Bar and Grill** 4 Orchard View Dr. in Londonderry, gamechangersportsbar.com, 216-1396

★ **The Rugged Axe** 377 S. Willow St. in Manchester, theruggedaxe.com, 232-7846

★ **Fisher Cats at Delta Dental Stadium** 1 Line Dr. in Manchester, milb.com/new-hampshire/tickets, 641-2005. The season begins April 4.

Ketchup goes on french fries, fried food generally or EVERYTHING?

It's a poor substitute for barbecue sauce.

Best Place to Meet a Blind Date

Best of the best: The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, stumbleinnh.com, 432-3210

★ **The Farm Bar and Grille** 1181 Elm St. in Manchester, farmbargrille.com, 641-3276

★ **The Hop Knot** 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, hopknotnh.com, 232-3731

★ **Penuche's Ale House** 16 Bicentennial Sq. in Concord, facebook.com/penuches.concord, 228-9833

★ **Stella Blu** 70 E. Pearl St. in Nashua, stellablunh.com, 578-5557

RESTAURANTS

Best Restaurant

Best of the best: Puritan Backroom 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant.

★ **Copper Door** 15 Leavy Dr. in Bedford, copperdoor.com, 488-2677

★ **The Tuckaway Tavern and Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, tuckaway.com, 224-2431

★ **Revival Kitchen & Bar** 11 Depot St. in Concord, revivalkitchennh.com, 715-5723

★ **Cotton** 75 Arms St. in Manchester, cottonfood.com, 622-5488

Best New Eatery

Best of the best: Stash Box 866 Elm St. in Manchester, stashboxnh.com, 606-8109. Opened October 2023.

★ **STREET:** 76 N. Main St. in Concord, streetfood360.com, 333-2125. Opened October 2023

★ **Fotia Greek Taverna** 401 S. Willow St. in Manchester, fotiagreektaaverna.com, 461-3007. Opened September 2023.

★ **Buba Kitchen** 148 N. Main St. in Concord, bubanooodle.com, 219-0064. Opened December 2023.

★ **Friendly Red's** 111 W. Broadway in Derry, friendlyredstavern.net, 404-6606. Opened July 2023.

Best Fine Dining Restaurant

Best of the best: Hanover Street Chop House 149 Hanover St. in Manchester, hanoverstreetchophouse.com, 644-2467

★ **Buckley's Great Steaks** 438 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, buckleysgreatsteaks.com, 424-0995

★ **Bedford Village Inn** 2 Olde

Bedford Way in Bedford, bedfordvillageinn.com, 472-2001

★ **Revival Kitchen and Bar** 11 Depot St. in Concord, revivalkitchennh.com, 715-5723

★ **Cotton** 75 Arms St. in Manchester, cottonfood.com, 622-5488

Best Restaurant from which to get Takeout

Best of the best: Puritan Backroom 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant.

★ **Troy's Fresh Kitchen** 4 Orchard View Dr., No. 6, in Londonderry, troysfreshkitchen.com, 965-3411

★ **Charlie's of Goffstown** 1B Pinard St. in Manchester, charliesgoffstown.com, 606-1835

★ **Goldenrod Restaurant** 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, goldenrodrestaurant.com, 623-9469

★ **Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746; 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only); 1 Artisan Dr. in Salem, 458-5922; pressedcafe.com

Best Date Night Restaurant

Best of the best: Cotton 75 Arms St. in Manchester, cottonfood.com, 622-5488

★ **Revival Kitchen and Bar** 11 Depot St. in Concord, revivalkitchennh.com, 715-5723

★ **Copper Door** 15 Leavy Dr. in Bedford, copperdoor.com, 488-2677

★ **The Foundry** 50 Commercial St. in Manchester, foundrynh.com, 836-1925

★ **Villaggio Ristorante Italiano** 677 Hooksett Road in Manchester, villaggionh.com, 627-2424

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Best of the best: Destination India Restaurant and Bar 14A E. Broadway in Derry, destinationindianh.com, 552-3469

★ **Daw Kun Thai** 93 S. Maple St., No. 4, in Manchester, dawkunthai.com, 232-0699

★ **Curry Leaf** 6 Pleasant St. in Concord, curryleafus.com, 715-5746

★ **A Lot of Thai** 360 Daniel Webster Hwy., Unit 121, in Merrimack, alotofthainh.com, 429-8888

★ **Kashmir Indian Cuisine** 396 S. Broadway in Salem, kashmir-indianfood.com, 898-3455

★ **Kathmandu Spice** 379 S. Willow St. in Manchester, ktmspice.com, 782-3911

Your favorite NH fun fact

Our mascot's face fell off

Best Food Truck

Best of the best: Up in Your Grill Find them in the front parking lot, 526 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, upinyourgrill.com, 493-3191

★ **The Sleazy Vegan** Usually at the Tideline Public House, 15 Newmarket Road in Durham, theleazyvegan.com, 233-5078

★ **Teenie Weenies** Often at Able Ebenezer Brewing Co., 31 Columbia Circle in Merrimack (find them on Facebook, 403-2336)

★ **B's Tacos** May through October they're at the BP Gas Station, 2 Mohawk Dr. in Londonderry, nhtacotruck.com, 622-8200

★ **Messy Mike's Barbecue and Catering** 161 Rockingham Road in Derry, messymikesbbq.com, 781-710-7832

Restaurant with the Best Outdoor Seating

Best of the best: The Crown Tavern 99 Hanover St. in Manchester, thecrownhanover.com, 218-3132

★ **Backyard Brewery and Kitchen** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com, 623-3545

★ **The Derryfield Restaurant** 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, thederryfield.com, 623-2880

★ **Tuscan Kitchen** Salem 19 Via Toscana in Salem, tuscanbrands.com/tuscan-kitchen, 952-4875

★ **Cheers Grille & Bar** 17 Depot St., No. 1, in Concord, cheersnh.com, 228-0180

DELICIOUS DISHES

Best Barbecue

Best of the best: KC's Rib Shack 837 Second St. in Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net

★ **Smoke Haus** 278 Route 101 in

Amherst, 249-5734, smokehausbbq.com

★ **Smoke Show Barbecue** 231 S. Main St. in Concord, 227-6399, smokeshowbbq.com

★ **Goody Coles Smokehouse** 374 Route 125 in Brentwood, 679-8898, goodycoles.com

★ **Smoke Shack Cafe** 226 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 404-2178, smoke-shackcafe.com

Best Breakfast

Best of the best: Tucker's 95 S. River Road in Bedford, 413-6503; 80 South St. in Concord, 413-5884; 238 Indian Brook

Road in Dover, 413-5470; 1328 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 206-5757; 360 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 413-6477; 207 Main St. in New London, 413-5528; tuckersnh.com

★ **Maryann's Diner** 29 East Broadway in Derry, 434-5785; 4 Cobbetts Pond Road in Windham, 965-3066; 3 Veterans Memorial Parkway in Salem, 893-9877; 1 Craftsman Lane in Amherst, 577-8955; maryannsdiner.com

★ **Janie's Uncommon Cafe** 123 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 432-3100, janiescafe.com

★ **Riverhouse Cafe** 167 Union Sq. in Milford, 249-5556, damngoodgrub.com

★ **Chez Vachon** 136 Kelley St. in Manchester, 625-9660, chezvachon.com

★ **Troy's Fresh Kitchen** 4 Orchard View Dr., No. 6, in Londonderry, 965-3411, troysfreshkitchen.com

Best Brunch

Best of the best: The Foundry 50 Commercial St. in Manchester, 836-1925, foundrynh.com

★ **Tucker's** 95 S. River Road in Bedford, 413-6503; 80 South St. in Concord, 413-5884; 238 Indian Brook Road in Dover, 413-5470; 1328 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 206-5757; 360 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 413-6477; 207 Main St. in New London, 413-5528; tuckersnh.com

★ **The Friendly Toast** 4 Main St. in Bedford, 836-8907 (also has a location in Portsmouth); thefriendlytoast.com

★ **Firefly** 22 Concord St. in Manchester, fireflynh.com, 935-9740

★ **Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746; 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only); 1 Artisan Dr. in Salem, 458-5922; pressedcafe.com

★ **Prime at Sky Meadow** 6 Mountain Laurels Dr. in Nashua, 888-9000, sky-meadow.com

Best Burgers

Best of the best: Papa Joe's Humble Kitchen 237 South St. in Milford, papa-joes-humblekitchen.com, 672-9130

★ **The Barley House** 132 N. Main St. in Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

★ **The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-2431, the-tuckaway.com

★ **River Road Tavern** 193 S. River Road in Bedford, 206-5837, riverroadtavernbedford.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 641-6100; 404 S. Main St. in Concord, 715-1999; 39 Crystal Ave. in Derry, 434-3200; 77 Lowell Road in Hudson, 882-6677; 311 South Broadway in Salem, 893-3444; 1182 Union Ave. in Laconia, 528-7800; t-bones.com

★ **Vibes Gourmet Burgers** 25 S. Main St. in Concord, 856-8671, vibes-burgers.com

Best Burrito

Best of the best: California Burritos Mexican Grill: 655 S. Willow St., Suite 103, in Manchester, 722-2084; 2 Cellu Drive in Nashua, 417-6151; 101 Factory St. in Nashua, 718-8745; 35 Lowell Road in Hudson, 402-2130; californiaburritos-nh.com

★ **La Carreta Mexican Restaurant** 139 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Nashua, 891-0055; 1875 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 623-7705; 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 628-6899; 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 965-3477; 35 Manchester Road, Suite

5A in Derry, 421-0091; 172 Hanover St. in Portsmouth, 427-8319; lacarretamex.com

★ **Dos Amigos** 26 N. Main St. in Concord, 410-4161, dosamigosburritos.com

★ **Los Reyes Street Tacos & More** 127 Rockingham Road, Unit 15, in Derry, 845-8327, losreyesstreettacos.com

★ **Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill** (865 Second St. in Manchester, 935-9182) and **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** (791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762), vallartamexicannh.com

Best Chicken Tenders

Best of the best: Puritan Backroom Restaurant 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

★ **Goldenrod Restaurant** 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, 623-9469, goldenrodrestaurant.com

★ **Charlie's of Goffstown** 1B Pinard St. in Manchester, 606-1835, charliesgoffstown.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 641-6100; 404 S. Main St. in Concord, 715-1999; 39 Crystal Ave. in Derry, 434-3200; 77 Lowell Road in Hudson, 882-6677; 311 South Broadway in Salem, 893-3444; 1182 Union Ave. in Laconia, 528-7800; t-bones.com

★ **Smoke Shack Cafe** 226 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 404-2178, smoke-shackcafe.com

Best Fish & Chips

Best of the best: Lobster Boat 453 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 424-5221; 273 Derry Road in Litchfield, 882-4988; lobsterboatrestaurant.com

★ **The Peddler's Daughter** 48 Main St. in Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com

★ **Goldenrod Restaurant** 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, 623-9469, goldenrodrestaurant.com

★ **The Beach Plum** 3 Brickyard Square in Epping, 679-3200; 8 S. Village Drive in Salem, 458-7266; 2800 Lafayette Road in Portsmouth, 433-3339; 16 Ocean Blvd., North Hampton, 964-7451; thebeachplum.net

Burger, cheeseburger or load as many things as you can on that meat patty please?

“ As many things as possible, including an egg!

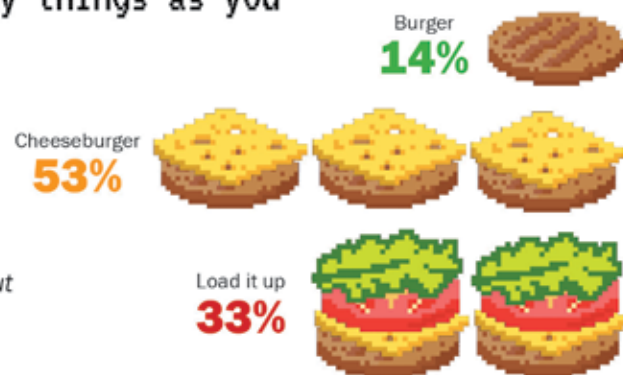
Black bean burger, hummus, caramelized onions, feta.

Cheeseburger, gotta taste the meat.

Either very basic or loaded up.

I like unusual burgers. Like I had this one burger with peanut butter and banana and it was so good.

Whatever fits that keeps it hand-holdable! ”



★ **Petey's Summertime Seafood** 1323 Ocean Blvd. in Rye, 433-1937, peteys.com

Best Grilled Cheese

Best of the best: Patz Deli & Catering 900 Elm St., Suite 102, in Manchester, 644-7289

★ **Cheese Louise** 76 Congress St. in Portsmouth, 427-8615, eatcheeselouise.com

★ **Copper Door** 15 Leavy Dr. in Bedford, 488-2677, copperdoor.com

★ **Prime Time** 119 Hanover St. in Manchester, find them on Facebook or Instagram

★ **Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746; 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only); 1 Artisan Dr. in Salem, 458-5922; pressedcafe.com

Where the French Fries Are So Good They Could Be a Whole Meal

Best of the best: Goldenrod Restaurant 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, 623-9469, goldenrodrestaurant.com

★ **The Farm Bar & Grille** 1181 Elm St. in Manchester, 641-3276, farmbargrille.com

★ **Puritan Backroom Restaurant** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

★ **River Road Tavern** 193 S. River Road in Bedford, 206-5837, riverroadtavernbedford.com

★ **Smoke Shack Cafe** 226 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 404-2178, smoke-shackcafe.com

Best Mac & Cheese

Best of the best: Mr. Mac's 497 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 606-1760, mr-macs.com

★ **The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-2431, the-tuckaway.com

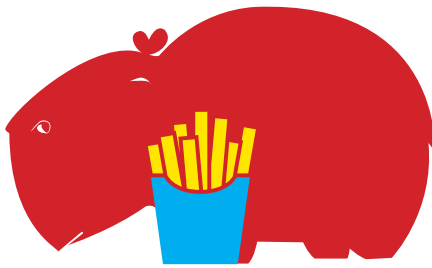
★ **Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746; 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive through only); 1 Artisan Dr. in Salem, 458-5922; pressedcafe.com

★ **Smoke Shack Cafe** 226 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 404-2178, smokeshackcafe.com

★ **Diz's Cafe** 860 Elm St. in Manchester, 606-2532, dizscafe.com

Best Menu of Pasta Dishes

Best of the best: Villaggio Ristorante Italiano 677 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 627-2424, villaggionh.com



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★ **Fratello's Italian Grill** 155 Dow St. in Manchester, 624-2022, fratellos.com

★ **Angelina's Ristorante Italiano** 11 Depot St. in Concord, 228-3313, angelinasrestaurant.com

★ **Luccianos** 4 Orchard View Dr. in Londonderry, 432-2442, luccianoscafe.com

★ **Giorgio's Ristorante & Bar** 524 Nashua St. in Milford, 673-3939; 270 Granite St. in Manchester, 232-3323; 707 Milford Road in Merrimack, 883-7333; giorgios.com

Best Pizza

Best of the best: 900 Degrees 50 Dow St. in Manchester, 641-0900, 900degrees.com

★ **Alley Cat Pizzeria** 486 Chestnut St. in Manchester, 669-4533, alleycatpizzeria.com

★ **Vintage Pizza** 241 Candia Road in Manchester, 518-7800, vintagepizzanh.com

★ **Sour Joe's Pizzeria** 5 Pleasant St. Ext. in Concord, 856-7427, sourjoespizzeria.com

★ **Elm House of Pizza** 102 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-5522, elmhop.com

Best Specialty Pizza

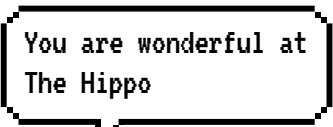
Best of the best: "The House Pie" at Elm House of Pizza 102 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-5522, elmhop.com — "house made tomato sauce, cup and char pepperoni, Italian sausage, dollops of ricotta, three cheese blend, hot honey drizzle."

★ **"Bella Cosa" at 900 Degrees** 50 Dow St. in Manchester, 641-0900, 900degrees.com — "Roasted garlic cream sauce, Grana Padano, mozzarella, baby spinach, caramelized red onions, rosemary ham, prosciutto, and EVOO."

★ **"Saltimbocca" at 900 Degrees** 50 Dow St. in Manchester, 641-0900, 900degrees.com — "Roasted garlic cream sauce topped with fresh mozzarella, fontina, roasted chicken, tomatoes, caramelized red onion, prosciutto, torn sage and EVOO."

★ **"Meat Lovers" at The Pizza Man Bar & Grill** 850 E. Industrial Park Dr., Suite 3, in Manchester, 623-5550; 254 W.

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River Road in Hooksett, 626-7499; thepizzamandelivers.com — “pepperoni, Italian sausage, ground beef, meatball, ham & extra cheese.”

★ **“Eagle Square” at Sour Joe’s Pizzeria** 5 Pleasant St. Ext. in Concord, 856-7427, sourjoespizzeria.com — “Crushed tomato, mozzarella, pepperoni, ricotta dollops, hot honey.”

Best Sandwich

Best of the best: “Patz melt” at Patz Deli & Catering 900 Elm St., Suite 102, in Manchester, 644-7289 — “Black Angus burger, grilled rye bread, American cheese, brown sugar caramelized onions and garlic pepper aioli”

★ **Roast Beef Sub at Bentley’s Roast Beef** 134 Route 101A, in Amherst, bentleysroastbeef.com, 883-2020 — “4 oz. freshly thin-sliced USDA Choice Midwestern beef on a toasted sesame roll.”

★ **“Caprese Panini” at The Green Beautiful** 168 Wilson St. in Manchester, 606-1026, greenbeautifulcafe.com — “seasonal pesto, tomato, cashew mozzarella and balsamic reduction served on sourdough.”

★ **“Sabich” at Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746; 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only); 1 Arti-

san Dr. in Salem, 458-5922; pressedcafe.com — “grilled lightly breaded eggplant, hummus, hard boiled egg, crunchy cukes, Roma tomatoes, amba sauce, tahini drizzle & schug (cilantro hot sauce) pressed on ciabatta or fresh pita.”

★ **“Chipotle Steak Grilled Cheese” at Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746; 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only); 1 Artisan Dr. in Salem, 458-5922; pressedcafe.com — “cheddar, Swiss & American cheese with braised beef short rib, chipotle mayo, applewood smoked bacon & Roma tomatoes pressed on ciabatta bread.”

★ **“The Wellington” at Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746; 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only); 1 Artisan Dr. in Salem, 458-5922; pressedcafe.com — “braised beef short rib, roasted mushroom, caramelized onion, demi jus, Gorgonzola cheese crumbles, Swiss, & Boursin spread pressed on ciabatta.”

Best Subs

Best of the best: Nadeau’s Subs 776 Mast Road, Manchester, 623-9315; 110 Cahill Ave., Manchester, 669-7827; 673 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 644-8888; nadeaussubs.com (there is also a location in Exeter)

★ **USA Subs** 66 Crystal Ave., Derry, 437-1550, usasubs.com

★ **Patz Deli & Catering** 900 Elm St., Suite 102, 644-7289

★ **Bill Cahill’s Super Subs** 8 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, 882-7710, find them on Facebook @billcahills

★ **Great American Subs** 44 Nashua Road, Unit 3, Londonderry, 434-9900, greatamericansubsnh.com

Best Tacos

Best of the best: Los Reyes Street Tacos & More 127 Rockingham Road, Unit 15, in Derry, 845-8327, losreyesstreet-tacos.com

★ **La Carreta** 139 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Nashua; 891-0055, 1875 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 623-7705; 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 628-6899; 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 965-3477; 35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, in Derry, 421-0091; 172 Hanover St. in Portsmouth, 427-8319; lacarretamex.com

★ **Taco Time Cocina & Cantina Mexicana** 11 Wilton Road in Milford, 554-1424, tacotimenh.com

★ **Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill** (865

Second St. in Manchester, 935-9182) and **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** (791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762) vallartamexicannh.com

★ **Hermanos Cocina Mexicana** 11 Hills Ave. in Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com

SWEETS & TREATS

Best Bakery

Best of the best: Bearded Baking Co. 819 Union St. in Manchester, beardedbaking.com, 647-7150

★ **Buckley’s Bakery & Cafe** 436 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 262-5929; 9 Market Place in Hollis, 465-5522; buckleysbakerycafe.com

★ **Crosby Bakery** 51 E. Pearl St. in Nashua, crosbybakerynh.com, 882-1851

★ **Frederick’s Pastries** 109 Route 101A in Amherst, 882-7725; 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 647-2253; pastry.net

★ **Klemm’s Bakery:** 29 Indian Rock Road in Windham, klemmsbakery.com, 437-8810

Best Blueberry Muffins

Best of the best: Troy’s Fresh Kitchen & Juice Bar 4 Orchard View Dr., No. 6, in Londonderry, troysfreshkitchen.com, 965-3411

★ **Buckley’s Bakery & Cafe** 436 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 262-5929; 9 Market Place in Hollis, 465-5522; buckleysbakerycafe.com

★ **The Crust and Crumb Baking Co.** 126 N. Main St. in Concord, thecrustandcrumb.com, 219-0763

★ **Patz Deli** 900 Elm St., Suite 102, in Manchester, 644-7289, find them on Facebook

★ **The Bridge Cafe on Elm** 1117 Elm St. in Manchester, thebridgecafe.net, 647-9991

★ **Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746; 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only); 1 Artisan Dr. in Salem, 458-5922; pressedcafe.com

Best Candy or Chocolate Shop

Best of the best: Granite State Candy Shoppe 13 Warren St. in Concord, 225-2591; 832 Elm St. in Manchester, 218-3885; granitestatecandyshoppe.com

★ **Van Otis Chocolates** 341 Elm St. in Manchester, vanotis.com, 627-1611

★ **Nelson’s Candy and Music** 65 Main St. in Wilton, nelsonscandymusic.com, 654-5030

★ **Loon Chocolate** Center Entrance, 195 McGregor St., No. 121, in Manchester, loonchocolate.com, 932-8887



★ **Dancing Lion Chocolate** 917 Elm St. in Manchester, dancinglion.us, 625-4043

Best Cookies

Best of the best: Bearded Baking Co. 819 Union St. in Manchester, beardedbaking.com, 647-7150

★ **Black Forest Cafe & Bakery** 212 Route 101 in Amherst, blackforestcafeandbakery.com, 672-0500

★ **The Crust and Crumb Baking Co.** 126 N. Main St. in Concord, thecrustandcrumb.com, 219-0763

★ **Buckley’s Bakery & Cafe** 436 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 262-5929; 9 Market Place in Hollis, 465-5522; buckleysbakerycafe.com

★ **Charlie’s of Goffstown** 1B Pinard St. in Manchester, charliesgoffstown.com, 606-1835

★ **Lighthouse Local** 21 Kilton Road in Bedford, lighthouse-local.com, 716-6983

Prettiest Cupcakes

Best of the Best: Queen City Cupcakes & Gift Shop 816 Elm St. in Manchester, qccupcakes.com, 624-4999

★ **Carina’s Cakes** 14B East Broadway in Derry, facebook.com/Carinas.Cakes, 425-9620

★ **Frederick’s Pastries** 109 Route 101A in Amherst, 882-7725; 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 647-2253; pastry.net

★ **Cupcakes 101** 132 Bedford Center Road in Bedford, cupcakes101.net, 488-5962

★ **Bearded Baking Co.** 819 Union St. in Manchester, beardedbaking.com, 647-7150

Best Doughnuts

Best of the best: New Hampshire Doughnut Co. 410 S. River Road in Bedford, 782-8968; 2 Capital Plaza in Concord, 715-5097; nhdoughnutco.com

★ **Klemm’s Bakery** 29 Indian Rock Road in Windham, klemmsbakery.com, 437-8810

★ **Crosby Bakery Inc.** 51 E. Pearl St. in Nashua, crosbybakerynh.com, 882-1851

★ **Brothers Donuts & Deli Shop** 426 Central St. in Franklin, facebook.com/brothersdonuts, 934-6678

★ **The Bakeshop On Kelley Street** 171 Kelley St. in Manchester, thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com, 624-3500

Your favorite NH fun fact

Uncanoonuc means
“maiden’s breasts.”

Ketchup goes on french fries, fried food generally or EVERYTHING?



French fries **52%**

Everything **21%**

Fried foods generally **19%**

Nothing **4%**

Burgers **3%**

Eggs **1%**

“Everything. I like to dip my grilled cheeses.

Gross. Nothing. Try honey mustard.

Fried food, mayo is the ultimate underrated condiment.

Don’t forget meatloaf. (DOESN’T go on everything).

Everything made from potatoes! Chips included!

Certain foods, unless you are my daughter.”

Best Ice Cream

Best of the best: Puritan Backroom Restaurant 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890

★ **Moo's Place Homemade Ice Cream** 27 Crystal Avenue in Derry; 15 Ermer Road in Salem, 898-0199, moosplace.com, 425-0100

★ **Hayward's Ice Cream** 7 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Nashua, 888-4663; 364 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 424-5915; haywardsicecream.com

★ **Goldenrod Restaurant:** 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, goldenrodrestaurant.com, 623-9469

★ **The Inside Scoop:** 260 Wallace Road in Bedford, theinsidescoopnh.com, 471-7009

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Best Breakfast or Brunch

Cocktails
Best of the best: The Friendly Toast 4 Main St. in Bedford, 836-8907; 113 Congress St. in Portsmouth, 246-5285; thefriendlytoast.com

★ **Firefly** 22 Concord St. in Manchester, fireflynh.com, 935-9740

Tucker's 95 S. River Road in Bedford, 413-6503; 80 South St. in Concord, 413-5884; 238 Indian Brook Road in Dover, 413-5470; 1328 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 206-5757; 360 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 413-6477; 207 Main St. in New London, 413-5528; tuckersnh.com

★ **Copper Door** 15 Leavy Dr. in Bedford, copperdoor.com, 488-2677

★ **The Foundry** 50 Commercial St. in Manchester, foundrynh.com, 836-1925

Best Beer Selection at a Retail Shop

Best of the best: Bert's Better Beers 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, bertsnh.com, 413-5992

★ **The Packie** 88 W. River Road in Hooksett, 518-8069; 581 Second St. in Manchester, 232-1236; thepackienh.com

★ **The Beer Store** 433 Amherst St. in Nashua, 889-2242; 291 South Broadway in Salem, 458-1440; thebeerstorenh.com

★ **East Derry General Store** 50 E. Derry Road in Derry, eastderrygeneralstore.com, 432-5302

★ **Lazy Dog Beer Shoppe** 27 Buttrick Road in Londonderry, lazydogbeer.com, 434-2500

Best New Hampshire Brewery

Best of the best: 603 Brewery & Beer Hall 42 Main St. in Londonderry, 603brewery.com, 404-6123

★ **Backyard Brewery and Kitchen** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com, 623-3545

★ **Pipe Dream Brewing** 49 Harvey Road, Unit 4, in Londonderry, pipedreambrewingnh.com, 404-0751

★ **Spy Glass Brewing Co.** 306 Innovative Way in Nashua, spyglassbrewing.com, 546-2965

★ **Concord Craft Brewing Co.** 117 Storrs St. in Concord, concordcraftbrewing.com, 856-7625

Best New Hampshire Winery

Best of the best: LaBelle Winery 345 Route 101 in Amherst, 672-9898; 14 Route 111 in Derry, 672-9898; labellewinery.com

★ **Zorvino Vineyards** 226 Main St. in Sandown, zorvino.com, 887-8463

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

★ **Flag Hill Distillery & Winery** 297 N. River Road in Lee, flaghill.com, 659-2949

★ **Sweet Baby Vineyard:** 260 Stage Road in Hampstead, sweetbabyvineyard.com, 347-1738

Best Cocktail

Best of the best: Mudslide at Puritan Backroom Restaurant (245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890) This drink is made with Baileys Irish Cream, Kahlua coffee liqueur and vodka and is offered in flavor variations.

★ **C.R.E.A.M. at Industry East** (28 Hanover St. in Manchester, industryeastbar.com, 232-6940) This drink is made with

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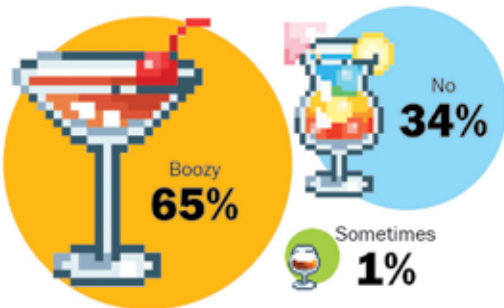


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Brunch - boozy or no?



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Nah. Alcohol is so last year.

Boozy – it's the purpose of brunch. ”

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Mi Campo tequila, ancho verde, cucumber, lemon and jalapeño.

★ **Espresso Martini at Giorgio's Ristorante & Bar** (524 Nashua St. in Milford, 673-3939; 707 Milford Road in Manchester, 232-3323; 707 Milford Road in Merrimack, 883-7333; giorgios.com) This drink is made with fresh-brewed espresso and it carries a froth on top.

★ **Blood Orange Cosmo at Copper Door** (15 Leavy Dr. in Bedford, copper-door.com, 488-2677) This drink is made with Tito's Handmade Vodka, blood orange liqueur, cranberry juice and fresh squeezed lime.

★ **Margarita at Hermanos Cocina Mexicana** (11 Hills Ave. in Concord, hermanosmexican.com, 224-5669) The standard margarita is made with Lunazul tequila, triple sec and a house fresh-squeezed sour mix.

Your favorite NH fun fact

Frost Heaves, Canadian for Wicked bumpy

Best Margaritas

Best of the best: La Carreta Mexican Restaurant (139 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Nashua, 891-0055; 1875 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 623-7705; 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 628-6899; 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 965-3477; 35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, in Derry, 421-0091; 172 Hanover St. in Portsmouth, 427-8319; lacarretamex.com) The margarita menu at La Carreta features multiple "signature margaritas" such as the Sangria-Rita, Berry Rita and Pineapple En Fuego.

★ **Hermanos Cocina Mexicana** (11 Hills Ave. in Concord, hermanosmexican.com, 224-5669) The standard margarita is made with Lunazul tequila, triple sec and a house fresh-squeezed sour mix. The menu also features multiple varieties and a build-your-own offering with their extensive tequila menu.

★ **Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill** (865 Second St. in Manchester, 935-9182) and **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** (791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762; vallartamexicannh.com) offer the same Margaritas Especiales menu featuring Wild-berry Margarita, Vallarta Margarita, Hot Rita and a cucumber margarita.

★ **Tupelo Music Hall** (10 A St. in Derry, tupelomusicahall.com, 437-5100) The Tupelo offers a classic margarita with tequila, triple sec and sour mix.

★ **Taco Time Cocina & Cantina Mexicana** (1 Wilton Road in Milford, tacotimennh.com, 554-1424) The house margarita is available in strawberry, watermelon, pomegranate, mango, peach, and orange flavors.

★ **Amigos Mexican Cantina** (20

South St. in Milford, amigosmilford.com, 673-1500) Their margarita is made with Lunazul Reposado tequila, triple sec and Jamaican Lime Juice.

Restaurant with the Most Inventive Cocktails

Best of the best: Industry East (28 Hanover St., in Manchester, industryeast-bar.com, 232-6940) Offerings include the Caribbean Kilt (Scotch, amaretto, orange, lime, orgeat and bitters, with a rum float) and Granny Panties (dark rum, Zucca, creme de violette, pineapple, lemon and grapefruit, with celery bitters).

★ **Stash Box** (866 Elm St. in Manchester, stashboxnh.com, 606-8109) Drinks include Religion and Politics (Barr Hill Gin or Peloton Mezcal, ancho, lemon, honey, orange, carrot, and pepper tincture) and Stay Classy (a smoked cocktail with Plantation Stiggin's Fancy Pineapple Rum and bitters).

★ **Prime at Sky Meadow** (6 Mountain Laurels Dr. in Nashua, skymeadow.com, 888-9000) The menu includes Royal Bermuda Yacht Club Cocktail (Plantation Rum, velvet falernum, freshly squeezed lime juice and Cointreau) and a Gin Basil Smash (gin, fresh-squeezed lemon juice, basil syrup and fresh basil).

★ **The Hop Knot** (1000 Elm St. in Manchester, hopknotnh.com, 232-3731) Offerings include the Nova (blueberry vodka, house-made blueberry syrup and lemon) and a Zero-Proof Margarita (agave, lime and alcohol-free tequila).

★ **Greenleaf** (54 Nashua St. in Milford, greenleafmilford.com, 213-5447) The selection includes There's Something About Rosemary (Uncle Nearest 1884, rosemary red wine reduction and orange bitters) and Fizzy Lifting Drink (prosecco, creme de violette and lemon).

Bar Where They Make You Feel Relaxed as Soon as You Sit Down

Best of the best: The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, stumbleinnnh.com, 432-3210

★ **The Hop Knot** 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, hopknotnh.com, 232-3731

★ **Industry East** 28 Hanover St., in Manchester, industryeastbar.com, 232-6940

★ **The Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant** 909 Elm St. in Manchester, shaskeenirish-pub.com, 625-0246

★ **Stash Box** 866 Elm St. in Manchester, stashboxnh.com, 606-8109

Where They Make Your Coffee Perfect Every Time

Best of the best: Flight Coffee Co. 209 Route 101 in Bedford, flightcoffeeco.com, 836-6228

★ **Brother's Cortado** 3 Bicentennial Square, Odd Fellows Avenue in Concord, brotherscortado.com, 856-7924

★ **Revelstoke Coffee** 100 N. Main St. in Concord, revelstokecoffee.com, 715-5821

★ **Hometown Coffee Roasters** 80 Old Granite St. in Manchester, hometownroasters.com, 703-2321

★ **Aroma Joe's** locations include 2 S. Beech St. in Manchester, 518-5409; 527 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 782-7173; 13 Manchester Road in Derry, 552-3581; 71 Calef Hwy. in Lee, 749-7700; 478 W. Main St. in Tilton, 729-0030; 3 Chambers Dr. in Hooksett, 932-2890; 135 Loudon Road in Concord, 715-8109; 214 Fisher-ville Road in Concord, 565-5497; 171 N. Broadway in Salem, 458-6335; 401 Main St., Suite 112, in Salem, 458-2770; 140 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 459-8702; 2 Paul's Way in Amherst, 402-1195; 1912 Dover Road in Epsom, 736-0505, and others; aromajoes.com.

WORK LIFE

Best Spot for a Quick but Tasty Lunch

Best of the best: Pressed Cafe 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746; 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only); 1 Artisan Dr. in Salem, 458-5922; pressedcafe.com

★ **Patz Deli & Catering** 900 Elm St., Suite 102, in Manchester, 644-7289

★ **Troy's Fresh Kitchen** 4 Orchard View Dr., No. 6, in Londonderry, troys-freshkitchen.com, 965-3411

★ **The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, stumbleinnnh.com, 432-3210

★ **The Bridge Cafe on Elm** 1117 Elm St. in Manchester, thebridgecafe.net, 647-9991

Best Place to Order Lunch for the Office when the Boss is Buying

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★ **Troy's Fresh Kitchen** 4 Orchard View Drive, No. 6, in Londonderry, troys-freshkitchen.com, 965-3411

★ **Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant.

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Best Happy Hour

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★ **The Farm Bar and Grille** 1181 Elm St. in Manchester, farmbargrille.com, 641-3276

★ **Feathered Friend Brewing** 231 S. Main St. in Concord, featheredfriendbrewing.com, 715-2347

★ **Tandy's Pub & Grille** 1 Eagle Sq. in Concord, tandyspub.com, 856-7614

★ **Backyard Brewery and Kitchen** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com, 623-3545

★ **Hare of the Dawg** 3 East Broadway in Derry, hareofthedawgnh.com, 552-3883

HAPPENINGS

Best Food Festival

Best of the best: Glendi at Saint George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral (650 Hanover St. in Manchester, stgeorgenh.org, 622-9113) is slated for Friday, Sept. 13, through Sunday, Sept. 15.

★ **Taco Tour** in Downtown Manchester (tacotourmanchester.com, 792-4107) is Thursday, May 2, from 4 to 8 p.m.

★ **Hampton Beach Seafood Festival** (on Route 1A in Hampton, seafoodfestival-nh.com, 926-8718) will take place Friday, Sept. 6, through Sunday, Sept. 8, from noon to 9 p.m.

★ **Bacon & Beer Festival** at Anheuser-Busch Brewery (Outdoor Fields, 221 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, nhbaconbeer.com) will take place Saturday, June 1, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

★ **NH Poutine Fest** from the Franco-American Centre and held at Anheuser-Busch Biergarten (221 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, nhpoutinefest.com) will take place Saturday, Oct. 12. Sign up for the newsletter to get information about ticket sales.

Best Farmers Market

Best of the best: Concord Farmers Market takes place Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Capitol Street next to the State-



house Lawn, starting May 4 and running through Oct. 26, according to concordfarmersmarket.com.

★ **Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market** takes place at 1 West Broadway in Derry on Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m., beginning June 5, according to derryhomegrown.org.

★ **Salem NH Farmers Market** is open year-round, with the winter market open Sundays, November through April, from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. at the LaBelle Winery, 14 Route 111 in Derry, and the summer market open Sundays, May through October, 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. at the Mall at Rockingham Park, according to salemnhfarmersmarket.org.

★ **Candia Farmers Market** runs every third Saturday, June 15 through Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at 55 High St. in Candia, according to candiafarmersmarket.org.

★ **Church St. Farmers Market** is at 9 Church St. in Deerfield and is open two Saturdays a month June through October (only once in September), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting June 8, according to churchstmarket.com.

Event That Puts the “Fun” in Fundraiser

Best of the best: **Glendi** at Saint George’s Greek Orthodox Cathedral (650

Hanover St. in Manchester, stgeorgenh.org, 622-9113) is slated for Friday, Sept. 13, through Sunday, Sept. 15.

★ **Castle in the Clouds Gala** (455 Old Mountain Road in Moultonborough, castleinthecLOUDS.org, 476-5900) on Friday, July 12.

★ **Special Olympics Penguin Plunge** (Hampton Beach State Park in Hampton, fundraising.sonh.org/event/penguin-plunge, 624-1250) Next year’s high school plunge will be on Saturday, Feb. 8, and the Penguin Plunge will be on Sunday, Feb. 9.

★ **Aviation Museum Car Show** (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviation-museumofnh.org, 669-4820) is Saturday, July 13.

★ **Wags to Whiskers Festival** to benefit the Humane Society For Greater Nashua (hsfn.org, 889-2275). Saturday, September 21, at the Anheuser-Busch brewery at 221 Daniel Webster Hwy in Merrimack. See the Humane Society’s website for details.

★ **NH Renaissance Faire** Martin Road in Fremont, nhrenfaire.com, Saturday, May 11, Sunday, May 12, Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19.

Best Community Event

Best of the best: Market Days Festival on Main Street in Concord will run Thursday, June 20, through Saturday, June 22, according to marketdaysfestival.com.

★ **Glendi** at Saint George’s Greek Orthodox Cathedral (650 Hanover St. in Manchester, stgeorgenh.org, 622-9113) is slated for Friday, Sept. 13, through Sunday, Sept. 15.

★ **Winter Holiday Stroll** in downtown Nashua takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving; see downtownnashua.org.

★ **Milford Pumpkin Festival** takes place on and at locations near the Oval in downtown Milford and will be held Friday, Oct. 11, through Sunday, Oct. 13, according to milfordpumpkinfestival.org.

★ **Goffstown’s Giant Pumpkin Weigh Off and Regatta** will take place on Main Street in Goffstown on Saturday, Oct. 19, and Sunday, Oct. 20, according to goffstownmainstreet.org.

FAMILY FUN

Best Place to Take Your Kids

Best of the best: **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820

Your favorite NH fun fact

NH is home to 8 types of bats.

★ **The Nest Family Cafe** 25 Orchard View Dr., Unit 1, in Londonderry, thenestfamilycafe.com, 404-2139

★ **Fun Spot** 579 Endicott St. North, in Laconia, funspotnh.com, 366-4377

★ **Fun City** 553 Mast Road in Goffstown, funcitygoffstown.com, 606-8807

★ **Canobie Lake Park** 85 N. Policy St.

Your water bottle is: a Stanley, a Yeti, a Hydro or a thing I drink out of?

Yeti **43%**

Stanley **22%**

Hydro **19%**

A thing I drink out of **17%**

“ A freebie corporate steel thing I drink out of.

Whatever is clean at the time.

The garden hose.

Merrimack River. ”

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in Salem, canobie.com, 893-3506

★ **Nova Trampoline Park** 300 Main St., Suite 402, in Nashua, novanashua.com, 825-4131

Best Outdoor Spot to Let Kids Get Out Their Energy

Best of the best: **Benson Park** 19 Kimball Hill Road in Hudson, hudsonnh.gov/bensonpark, 886-6018

★ **Livingston Park** 156 Hooksett Road in Manchester, manchesternh.gov/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/Parks-Trails-and-Facilities/Parks/Livingston-Park, 624-6444

★ **Hampton Beach** in Hampton, hamptonbeach.org

★ **Mel's Funway Park** 454 Charles Bancroft Hwy. in Litchfield, melsfunwaypark.com, 424-2292

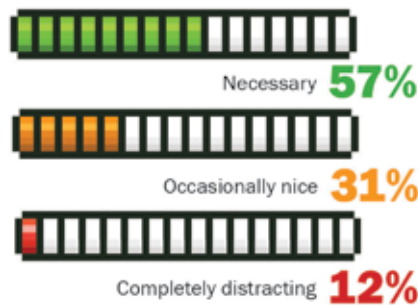
★ **White Park** 1 White St. in Concord, concordnh.gov/facilities/facility/details/White-Park-21, 225-8690

Best Spot for All-Ages Family Fun

Best of the best: **Canobie Lake Park** 85 N. Policy St. in Salem, canobie.com, 893-3506

★ **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820

Music (picked by you) while you work is: necessary, occasionally nice, completely distracting?



What you're listening to:

- chill-hop
- classic '80s rock
- country playlist
- More of a podcast gal
- R & B
- smooth jazz
- Taylor Swift
- Whatever the opposite of 'Lo-fi' is
- Yanni

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★ **Fun Spot** 579 Endicott St. North in Laconia, funspotnh.com, 366-4377

★ **Mel's Funway Park** 454 Charles Bancroft Hwy. in Litchfield, melsfunwaypark.com, 424-2292

★ **Hampton Beach** in Hampton, hamptonbeach.org

Best Restaurant for the Whole Family

Best of the best: **Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant.

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 39 Crystal Avenue in Derry, t-bones.com, 434-3200

★ **The Nest Family Cafe** 25 Orchard View Dr., Unit 1, in Londonderry, thenestfamilycafe.com, 404-2139

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 25 S. River Road in Bedford, t-bones.com, 641-6100

★ **The Common Man Merrimack** 304 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, theman.com, 429-3463

PETS

Best Doggie Day Care

Best of the best: **All Dogs Gym & Inn** 505 Sheffield Road, Manchester, 669-4644, alldogsgym.com

★ **American K9 Country** 336 Route 101, Amherst, 672-8448, americank9country.com

★ **Chewie's Playland** 472 Amherst St., No. 24, Nashua, 921-1875; 217 W. Hollis St., Nashua, 921-0745; chewiesplayland.com

★ **Superdogs Daycare** 637 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack, 424-1515, superdogsd daycare.com

★ **Pawquet's Play & Stay** 302 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 216-1147, pawquetsplaystay.com

Best Dog Groomers

Best of the best: **Sarah's Paw Spa** 16 Manning St., Derry, 512-4539, find them on Facebook @sarahspawspa

★ **D'Tails Dog Grooming** 178 Route 101 in Bedford, 703-6288, find them on Facebook

★ **Wag Grooming Salon & Spa** 15 Ermer Road in Salem, 898-0924, wagplace.com

★ **Grooming at Tiffany's** 127 Rockingham Road, Derry, 432-8000, groomingattiffanys.com

★ **Woofmeow** 19 Manchester Road, Suite A, Derry, 965-3218, woofmeownh.com

Best Pet Retail Store

Best of the best: **Woofmeow** 19 Manchester Road, Suite A, Derry, 965-3218, woofmeownh.com

★ **Pets Choice** 454 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack, 424-7297, petschoicenh.com

★ **The Wholistic Pet** 341 Route 101, Bedford, 472-2273, thewholisticpet.com

★ **Sandy's Pet Food Center** 141 Old Turnpike Road, Concord, 225-1177, sandyspetfood.com

★ **State Line Pet Supply** 137 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 382-6873, statelinepetsupply.com

Best Place to Let Your Dog Off Leash

Best of the best: **Hudson Dog Park** inside Benson Park, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, 886-6000, hudsonnh.gov

★ **Derry Dog Park** Fordway and Transfer Lane, Derry, 432-6136, derrydh.org

★ **Hooksett Dog Park** 101 Merrimack St., Hooksett, 485-8471, hooksett.org. This park is open daily from 6 a.m. to dusk.

★ **Nashua Dog Park** One Groton Road (Route 111A) in Nashua, nashuadog.org (where you can find information about membership)

★ **Bear Brook Canine Camp** a fenced area designed for private, pre-booked play in Allenstown; book a time at sniffspot.com

★ **Raymond Dog Bark Park** in Riverside Park (98 Sundeen Parkway in Raymond), raymondnh.gov/riversidepark

Best On-Leash Dog Outing

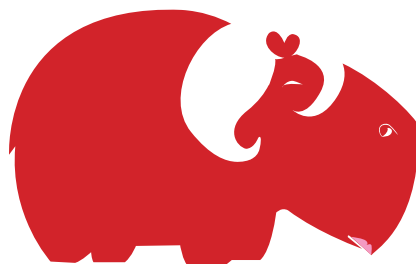
Best of the best: **Benson Park** 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, hudsonnh.gov/bensonpark

★ **Mine Falls Park** Whipple Street, Nashua, 589-3370, nashuanh.gov

★ **Lake Massabesic Trail** a 3.7-mile loop with parking in the Massabesic Center parking lot (though dogs are not allowed on any Audubon trails), according to alltrails.com

★ **Benedictine Park** on Wallace Road in Bedford, featuring 27.4 acres of active and passive recreational land and walking trails that are just under a mile, according to bedfordnh.myrec.com

★ **New Boston Rail Trail** a 4-mile rail trail with a trail head at Lang Station (Gregg Mill Road in New Boston); see



nbrailtrail.com

★ **Windham Rail Trail** windhamrail-trail.org, 4.1 miles of trail

BEAUTY & WELLNESS

Best Barber

Best of the best: **Homegrown Barber Co.** 18 Orchard View Dr. in Londonderry, homegrownbarber.com, 818-8989

★ **Lucky's Barbershop** 50 S. State St. in Concord, luckysbarbershop.biz, 715-5470

★ **Polished Man Barbershop & Lounge** 707 Milford Road, No. 3A, in Merrimack, thepolishedman.com, 718-8427

★ **Polished Man Barbershop & Lounge** 178 Route 101 in Bedford, thepolishedman.com, 233-7991

★ **Dude's Barbershop** 1328 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, dudesbarbershop.com, 626-0533

Best Salon

Best of the best: **Blank Canvas Salon** 1F Commons Dr. in Londonderry, find them on Facebook, 818-4294

★ **Pellé Medical Spa** 159 Frontage Road in Manchester, pellemedicalspa.com, 627-7000

★ **Salon Bogar** 25 Orchard View Dr. in Londonderry, salonbogar.com, 434-2424

★ **Color Trends Hair Salon** 25 Merritt Parkway in Nashua, colortrendshairsalon.com, 880-7504

★ **Topknot Salon and Spa** 1 Nashua St. in Milford, topknotnh.com, 212-6863

Best Spa

Best of the best: **Renew MediSpa** 23B Crystal Avenue in Derry, renewmedispa.com, 931-4345

★ **Chill Spa** 1224 Hanover St. in Manchester, chillspa.com, 622-3722

★ **Pellé Medical Spa** 159 Frontage Road in Manchester, pellemedicalspa.com, 627-7000

★ **Innovations Salon and Spa** 228 Naticook Road in Merrimack, innovation-snh.com, 880-7499

★ **Serendipity Day Spa and Float Studio** 23 Sheep Davis Road in Pembroke, serendipitydayspa.shop, 229-0400

Where They Do a Good Brow

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★ **Pellé Medical Spa** 159 Frontage Road in Manchester, pellemedicalspa.com, 627-7000

★ **Art of Eyebrows** 449 Amherst St. in Nashua, 888-2186; 1500 S. Willow St., Mall of New Hampshire, in Manchester, 624-1414; Pheasant Lane Mall, 310 Daniel

Webster Hwy. in Nashua, 864-8679; 1 Mall Road in Salem, 898-2444; Art of Beauty, 291 S. Broadway, Suite 3A, in Salem, 898-1212; artofeyebrows.com

★ **Beauty Works** 123 Nashua Road in Londonderry, beautyworksnh.com, 275-8672

★ **Kriss Cosmetics** 145 S. Main St. in Manchester, krisscosmetics.com, 624-2333

Where They Make Your Nails Look Fabulous

Best of the best: Glossy Nails 1 S. River Road in Bedford, 935-8383; 655 S. Willow St. in Manchester; glossynails.net

★ **Exotic 9 Nails** 30 Crystal Avenue, Suite 6, in Derry, exotic9nails.com, 425-7731

★ **Chill Spa** 1224 Hanover St. in Manchester, chillspa.com, 622-3722

★ **9 Nails and Spa Salon** 7 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 9nailsandspasalon.com, 216-1668

★ **Beautiful Nails** 1525 S Willow St., Suite 2, in Manchester, 232-4700, find them on Facebook

Best Tattoo Shop

Best of the best: New Inland Tattoo Co. 1358 Elm St. in Manchester, 518-7493, find them on Facebook

★ **Tattoo Angus** 179 Elm St., Unit C, in Manchester, tattooangus.com, 935-9398

★ **Underworld Tattoo Co.** 282 Main St. in Salem, 458-7739, find them on Instagram or Facebook

★ **Capital City Tattoo** 8 N. Main St. in Concord, capcitytat.com, 224-2600

★ **Wayne's Tattoo World** 6 West Broadway in Derry, waynestattooworld.com, 432-4828

Best Workout Space

Best of the best: Collective Studios 4 Orchard View Dr. in Londonderry, thecollective-studios.com, 216-2345

★ **Executive Health and Sports Center** 1 Highlander Way in Manchester, ehsc.com, 668-4753

★ **Dynamic Strength & Conditioning** 115 Northeastern Blvd. in Nashua, dynamisc.com, 882-2348

★ **The Workout Club** 18 Orchard View Dr., Unit 2, in Londonderry, theworkout-club.com/londonderry, 434-6565 (there are also locations at 16 Pelham Road in Salem and 35 Hamel Dr. in Manchester)

★ **Hampshire Hills Athletic Club** 50 Emerson Road in Milford, hampshirehills.com, 673-8123

SHOPPING

Best Place to Buy Jewelry

Best of the best: Bellman's 1650 Elm

St. in Manchester, bellmans.com, 625-4653

★ **Princess Jewelers** 55 Crystal Ave., Unit 5, in Derry, princessnh.com, 247-3773

★ **Day's Jewelers** 66 March Ave. in Manchester, 641-0034; 567 Amherst St. in Nashua, 595-2780; daysjewelers.com

★ **Jonathan's Jewelers** 460 Route 101 in Bedford, jonathansjewelers.com, 471-2828

★ **Richters Jewelry & Design Studio** 4 Orchard View Dr., No. 16, in Londonderry, richtersjewelry.com, 437-2655

Best Independent Shop to Buy Clothes or Shoes

Best of the best: Alec's Shoes 1617 Southwood Dr. in Nashua, alecs-shoes.com, 882-6811

★ **Gondwana and Divine Clothing** 13 N. Main St. in Concord, gondwanaclothing.com, 228-1101

★ **Alapage** 25 S. River Road in Bedford, alapageboutique.com, 625-5601

★ **Joe King's Shoes** 45 N. Main St. in Concord, joekings.com, 225-6012

★ **George's Apparel** 675 Elm St. in Manchester, georgesapparel.com, 622-5441

Best Secondhand Store

Best of the best: Corey's Closet 1329 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, coreyscloset.org, 722-2712

★ **M&C Clothing and Gifts** 135 Route 101A in Amherst, mcclimbingandgifts.com, 886-6727

★ **Kelly's Kloset** in Hooksett, kellysklosetllc.com

★ **Lilise Designer Resale** 7 N. Main St. in Concord, liliseresale.com, 715-2009

★ **Outfitters Thrift Store** 394 Second St. in Manchester, fitnh.org/outfitters, 641-6691

OUTDOORS

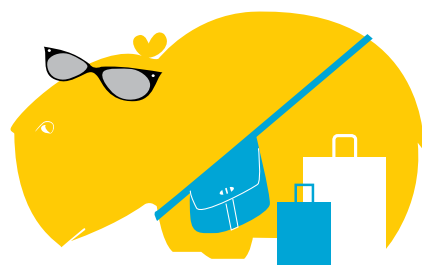
Best Farm for Pick Your Own

Best of the best: Sunnycrest 59 High Range Road in Londonderry, sunnycrest-farmnh.com, 432-9652

★ **Mac's Apples** 230 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, 432-3456, macksapples.com

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FRI 12	Dueling Planos: Live at the Rex	7:30PM
SAT 13	Skynyrd's Hatchet	7:00PM
SUN 14	The Love Dogs "With big horns and humorous, sexy lyrics, this band is built for fun"	2:00PM
THUR 18	An Evening with Patty Larkin and Robbie Fulks	7:30PM
FRI 19	Comedy at the Rex: Rafi Gonzalez and Jay Whittaker	7:30PM
SAT 20	Forever Simon & Garfunkel	7:30PM
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★ **Livingston Park** 244 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 624-6444, manchesternh.gov/parks

★ **Benson's Park** 19 Kimball Hall Road in Hudson, 886-6000, hudsonnh.gov/bensonpark

★ **Greeley Park** Concord Street in Nashua, 589-3370, nashuanh.gov

★ **Mine Falls Park** Whipple Street in Nashua, 589-3370, nashuanh.gov

Best State Park

Best of the best: Pawtuckaway State Park 128 Mountain Road in Nottingham, 895-3031, nhstateparks.org

★ **Bear Brook State Park** 61 Deerfield Road in Allenstown, 485-9869, nhstateparks.org

★ **Odiorne Point** 570 Ocean Blvd. in Rye, 436-7406, nhstateparks.org

★ **Wellington State Park** 614 W. Shore Road in Bristol, 744-2197, nhstateparks.org

★ **Hampton Beach** 160 Ocean Blvd. in Hampton, 227-8722, nhstateparks.org

Best Bike Trail

Best of the best: Derry Rail Trail traillink.org, 3.6 miles of paved trail

★ **Londonderry Rail Trail**, londonderrytrails.org, 4.5 miles of trail

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★ **Nashua Rail Trail** Nashua, 12.5 miles of paved trail

Best Hike in Southern New Hampshire

Best of the best: Mount Monadnock 169 Poole Road in Jaffrey, 532-8862, nhstateparks.org

★ **Mt. Major** in Alton, nhstateparks.org

★ **Pawtuckaway State Park** 128 Mountain Road in Nottingham, 895-3031, nhstateparks.org

★ **Pack Monadnock** in Miller State Park, 13 Miller Park Road in Peterborough, 924-3672, nhstateparks.org

★ **Mine Falls Park** Whipple Street in Nashua, nashuanh.gov, 589-3370

Best Spot for a Long Run

Best of the best: Mine Falls Park Whipple Street in Nashua, nashuanh.gov,

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★ **Goffstown Rail Trail** in Goffstown, goffstownrailtrail.org, 5.5 miles of trail

★ **Londonderry Rail Trail** londonderrytrails.org, 4.5 miles of trail

★ **Windham Rail Trail** windhamrail-trail.org, 4.1 miles of trail

★ **Massabesic Lake** area Rockingham Recreational Rail Trail, 27.3 miles of trail from Auburn to Manchester, nhstateparks.org

Best Lake to Canoe or Kayak in

Best of the best: Lake Massabesic Off Londonderry Turnpike in Manchester, manchesternh.gov, 642-6482

★ **Pawtuckaway Lake** Pawtuckaway State Park, 7 Pawtuckaway Road in Nottingham, 895-3031, nhstateparks.org

★ **Newfound Lake** Wellington State Park, 614 W. Shore Road in Bristol, 744-2197, nhstateparks.org

★ **Lake Winnepesaukee** in Belknap and Carroll counties in the Lakes Region, lakewinnepesaukee.net, which says it is the largest lake in New Hampshire

★ **Squam Lake** located in Grafton, Carroll and Belknap counties, lakesregion.org/squam-lake

Best Ski Hill

Best of the best: Pats Peak Ski Area 686 Flanders Road in Henniker, 428-3245, patspeak.com,

★ **Loon Mountain** 60 Loon Mountain Road in Lincoln, 745-8111, loonmntn.com

★ **Gunstock** 719 Cherry Valley Road in Gilford, 293-4341, gunstock.com

★ **McIntyre Ski Area** 50 Chalet Way in Manchester, mcintyreskiarea.com

★ **Cannon Mountain Ski Resort** 260 Tramway Drive in Franconia, 823-8800, cannonmt.com

PERSONALITIES

Most Inventive Chef

Best of the best: Chris Viaud at Greenleaf 54 Nashua St. in Milford, 213-5447, greenleafmilford.com

★ **Bobby Marcotte at The Tuckaway Tavern and Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

★ **Corey Fletcher at Revival Kitchen & Bar** 11 Depot St. in Concord, 715-5723, revivalkitchennh.com

★ **Scott Oulette at Canoe Restaurant and Tavern** 232 Whittier Hwy. in Center Harbor, canoecenterharbor.com

★ **Shawn Harris at Prime** at Sky Meadow Country Club, 6 Mountain Laurels Dr. in Nashua, 888-9000, skymeadow.com

Restaurant with the Friendliest Staff

Best of the best: The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 432-3210, stumbleinnnh.com

★ **Prime** at Sky Meadow Country Club, 6 Mountain Laurels Dr. in Nashua, 888-9000, skymeadow.com

★ **The Nest Family Cafe** 25 Orchard View Dr., Unit 1, in Londonderry, 404-2139, thenestfamilycafe.com

★ **Troy's Fresh Kitchen** 4 Orchard View Dr., No. 6, in Londonderry, 965-3411, troysfreshkitchen.com

★ **Smoke Shack Cafe** 226 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 404-2178, smoke-shackcafe.com

Butt-kicking-est Fitness Instructor (in the Good Way)

Best of the best: Biliana Mihaylova is currently an independent instructor in Concord. You can message her via instagram.com/pop.kween.

★ **Claudia Michel of The Collective Studios** Apple Tree Shopping Center, 4 Orchard View Dr. in Londonderry, 216-2345; 125 S. River Road in Bedford, 782-3321; thecollective-studios.com

★ **Leah Heath of The Collective Studios** Apple Tree Shopping Center, 4 Orchard View Dr. in Londonderry, 216-2345; 125 S. River Road in Bedford, 782-3321; thecollective-studios.com

★ **Tricia Hoyt at Journey Fitness 333** 27 Buttrick Road, No. 6, in Londonderry, 247-9334, journeyfitness333.com/Londonderry

★ **Ashley Oberg at Barre Life** 944 Elm St., No. 23, in Manchester, barrelifenh.com

Best Barber

Best of the best: Traci Evans at Tooky Village Barbershop 12 Maple St., Unit 1, in Contoocook; 746-2170, tookyvillage-barbershop.net

★ **Benny D'Ambrosio at The Polished**

Man Barbershop & Lounge 707 Milford Road, Unit 3A, in Merrimack, 718-8427, thepolishedman.com

★ **Juliet Lord at Clean Cut Jewels Barbershop** 604 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack, 657-6376, cleancutjewels.com

★ **Erica Juneau at Juneau The Barber** 1802 Elm St. in Manchester; find Juneau the Barber on Facebook, 490-2421)★ **Josh Craggy at Lucky's Barbershop and Shave Parlor** 50 S. State St. in Concord, 715-5470, luckysbarbershop.biz

Best Hair Stylist

Best of the best: Jessica Moll at Lightened & Lifted 22 Greeley St., Suite 10, in Merrimack, lightenednlifted.glossgenius.com

★ **Mariana Bortolossi at Mari Lossi Hair Studio** 40 S. River Road, Unit 63, in Bedford, 782-3908, marilossihairstudio.com

★ **Aaron Losier at Hairpocalypse** 904 Hanover St. in Manchester, 627-4301, hairpocalypse.com

★ **Tashia Landry at Studio 22** 1191 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 703-7418, vagaro.com/hairbytashia

★ **Amanda Noonan at Topknot Salon** 1 Nashua St. in Milford, 213-6863, topknotnh.com

Friendliest Dentist

★ **Best of the best: Danielle London of London Family**

Orthodontics 502 Riverway Place in Bedford, 622-2100, londonfamilyorthodontics.com

★ **Dr. Elizabeth Spindel and Dr. Victoria Spindel Rubin at Spindel General and Cosmetic Dentistry** 862 Union St. in Manchester, 669-9049, elizabethspindel.com

★ **Leonard M. Attisano, D.M.D.** 700 Lake Ave. in Manchester, 668-0227, leonardattisanodmd.com

★ **Dr. Nicholas C. Rizos at the Office of Dr. Nicholas C. Rizos, D.M.D.** 103 Riverway Place in Bedford, 669-4384, drnickdmd.com

★ **Charles Pipilas, D.D.S.** 280 Main St., Suite 311, in Nashua, 881-8280

Friendliest Mechanic

Best of the best: Chris McNeil in Concord St. Motors 15 Concord St. in Nashua, 882-8642, find them on Facebook

★ **Bill Morin at Morin's Service Station** 1091 Valley St., Manchester, 624-4427, morinsservicestation.com

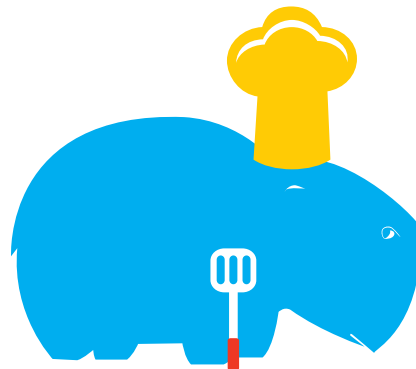
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★ **Pete Koster at Second Car Center** 181 Rockingham Road in Derry, 432-4200, secondcarcenter.com

Best Local Musical Act

★ **Best of the best: Jennifer Mitchell** The next events on her calendar are JMitch Karaoke on Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at Penacook American Legion Post 31; Good Vibes Music Bingo on Monday, April 1, at 6 p.m. at Salona in Manchester and Tuesday, April 2, at 6 p.m. at Backyard Grill Burgers & Wings in Manchester, and then Jennifer Mitchell Solo Acoustic on Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at Hill Top Pizza in Epsom, according to jennifermitchellmusic.com.

★ **Justin Jordan** According to his Facebook page, you can next find Justin on Thursday, March 28, at the Copper Door in Salem from 7 to 10 p.m. and on Friday, March 29, at Luna Bistro in Salem from 7 to 10 p.m.

★ **Nicole Knox Murphy** See her Saturday, March 30, at the Bristol House of Pizza in Bristol from 6 to 8 p.m., according to nkmsings4u.com.

★ **Small Town Stranded** Catch the band Saturday, March 30, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Derryfield in Manchester, where they will return on Friday, May 10, from 8 to 11 p.m., according to their Facebook page.

★ **Ramez Gurung** A regular at area restaurants; see his Facebook page, facebook.com/ramezmataz, for updates on his shows.

Best Local Comedian

Best of the best: Bob Marley Bob Marley lives in Maine and regularly performs in New Hampshire — he'll next be here Thursday, April 11, through Sunday, April 14, during a run of five shows at the Palace Theatres in Manchester. See bmarley.com.

★ **Juston McKinney** McKinney lives

in New Hampshire, according to justonmckinney.com, where you can find his schedule packed with New Hampshire and New England shows. Up next is a performance at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. He'll return to New Hampshire for a show at the Colonial Theatre in Laconia on Saturday, May 25, at 8 p.m.

★ **Paul Landwehr** Check out Landwehr's Instagram for new comedy clips. He's scheduled to be at the Rex Theatre in Manchester on Friday, April 5, at the 7:30 p.m. comedy show and the Saturday, July 20, Tupelo Night of Comedy at the Tupelo Music Hall in Derry at 8 p.m.

★ **Matt Barry** See Barry Saturday, March 30, at Main Street Grill & Bar in Hillsborough; Thursday, April 4, at the Stone Church in Newmarket and Saturday, May 4, at Chunky's in Manchester, according to mattbarrycomedy.com.

★ **Queen City Improv** This Manchester-based comedy

troupe performs regularly, with upcoming shows at Stark Brewing in Manchester on Monday, April 1 (the first of several first-Monday-of-the-month shows slated at Stark Brewing) and Chunky's in Manchester on Friday, April 19, according to queencityimprov.com, where you can also find information about their upcoming six-week improv intensive starting April 3.

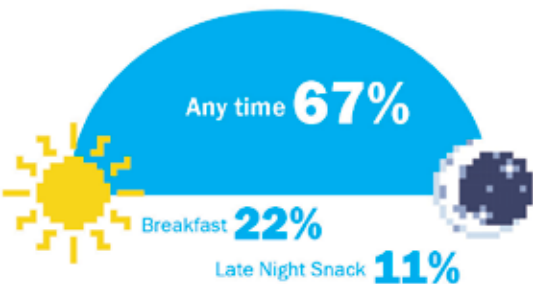
★ **Jimmy Dunn** Dunn is now *Frasier's* Jimmy Dunn, landing a role on the Paramount+ reboot of the sitcom. He is a fixture of the Hampton Beach Comedy Festival, slated for Aug. 14 through Aug. 18, according to jimmydunn.com.

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★ **Robert Frost Farm Historic Site** (122 Rockingham Road in Derry 432-3091, robertfrostfarm.org) opens the New Hampshire home of Robert Frost to visitors from May to October. Admission costs \$4 for adult New Hampshire residents and is free for residents who are 65+ or under 17. The grounds and trails around the house and barn are open from dusk to dawn all year, according to nhstateparks.org.

Arch of Titus in Rome, according to an archives document available at national-registerofhistoricplaces.com.

Attraction Worth Visiting Again and Again
Best of the best: Aviation Museum of New Hampshire 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820

★ **Canobie Lake Park** 85 N. Policy St. in Salem, 893-3506, canobie.com

★ **Flume Gorge** (852 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Lincoln, nhstateparks.org/visit/state-parks/flume-gorge) is a natural gorge extending 800 feet at the base of Mount Liberty.

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★ **Mount Washington** (1598 Mt Washington Auto Road in Sargent's Purchase, nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/mt-washington-state-park) is the highest peak in the northeastern U.S.

★ **Currier Museum of Art** 150 Ash St. in Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org

★ **Castle in the Clouds** 455 Old Mountain Road in Moultonborough, 476-5900, castleintheclouds.org

★ **Strawbery Banke Museum** 4 Hancock St. in Portsmouth, 433-1100, strawberyanke.org

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★ **Madison Boulder** (in Madison Boulder Natural Area, 473 Boulder Road in Madison, nhstateparks.org) "is a huge granite rock measuring 83 feet in length, 23 feet in height above the ground, 37 feet in width, and weighs upwards of 5,000 tons" that was deposited on the site by a glacier, according to the state parks site.

★ **The Old Man of the Mountain** (Franconia Notch State Park, Exit 34B off Interstate-93, Franconia, oldmannh.org) Get a sense of what was at Old Man of the Mountain Profile Plaza, which recreates the Old Man profile.

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★ **Best of the best: Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, 669-4820, aviationmuseumofnh.org

★ **The New Hampshire Food Bank** a program of Catholic Charities NH, 700 E. Industrial Park Dr. in Manchester, 669-9725, nhfoodbank.org

★ **Manchester Animal Shelter** 490 Dunbarton Road in Manchester, 628-3544, manchesteranimalshelter.org

★ **CASA of New Hampshire** 138 Coolidge Ave. in Manchester, 626-4600, casanh.org

★ **Animal Rescue League of NH** 545 Route 101 in Bedford, 472-3647, rescue-league.org

NH Person, Place or Thing You Want to Say Thank You To

★ **Most thanked: Gov. Chris Sununu**, who will finish his fourth term as governor in January 2025

★ **Readers' moms and/or dads**

★ **Justin Spencer** of the band Recycled Percussion and the TV show *Chaos & Kindness*

★ **Jeff Rapsis**, executive director of the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, who also performs live music to accompany screenings of silent films (see silentfilm-livemusic.blogspot.com) (and is a Hippo associate publisher)

★ **All first responders**

★ **Journey 333** — "Tricia and Janice at Journey Fitness 333 in Londonderry, N.H., for helping me gain my confidence back and being the sweetest people!" said one reader

★ **The Old Man of the Mountain** — "Thank you for looking over us for so long. Rest in Peace!!!" said one reader

★ **Tupelo Music Hall** — "for keeping music alive," said one reader

★ **Fritz Wetherbee**, who appears on WMUR's *New Hampshire Chronicle*

Your Favorite New Hampshire Fun Fact

★ **Most favorite:** That our motto is "Live Free or Die"

★ New Hampshire has the **shortest coastline** of any coastal U.S. state

★ We (still, mostly) have the **first-in-the-nation presidential primary**

★ The one-time existence of the **Old Man in the Mountain (RIP)**

★ We have **no sales or income tax**

★ **Chicken tenders** were invented here

★ First man in space **Alan Shepard** was

from New Hampshire (born in Derry)

★ Elm Street in Manchester is the longest **dead-end street** in the U.S.

★ New Hampshire had the first free **tax-supported public library** in the nation (as explained by peterboroughtownlibrary.org).

★ **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** was created in New Hampshire (in Dover, where there are public markers about the Turtles' creation including a manhole cover, dover.nh.gov).

THING WE FORGOT TO ASK ABOUT

Best NH Food Product

★ **Laurel Hill Jams and Jellies** (laurelhilljams.com) offers a wide variety of flavors: fruit (such as strawberry rhubarb, Marvelous Multiberry, Raspberry Lavender), Summit Wines (Rosé, Pinotage, Moscato), tea (Earl Grey, chamomile) and spirits (Captain Banana's Jam, Screwdriver Jelly). In 2023, Rachel Mack and Sara Steffensmeier took over from founder Sue Stretch. See the website for all the offerings.

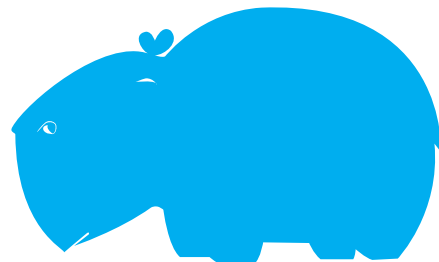
Best Children's Birthday Party Business That Comes to You

★ **Party Palace** features more than 45 costumed characters and offers live character entertainment at a variety of occasions including business events and children's parties, where the mission is to empower children "through fun and engaging activities," according to the business's website, apartypalace.com.

Best Dance Studio

★ **Dimensions in Dance** (84 Myrtle St. in Manchester; dimensionsindance.com, 668-4196) offers camps and classes for the youngest dancers ("Twos in Tutus") through adult. Dimensions is also the home of Ballet Misha, a dance company that presents productions such as the run of *The Nutcracker* that was performed at the Dana Center in December. 🍷

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Nature on screen

Wild & Scenic Film Festival returns

By Michael Witthaus
mwitthaus@hippopress.com

It's hoped that when the final short of this year's Wild & Scenic Film Festival is finished audience members will have a newfound commitment to conservation and an expanded awareness of the micro-cosmic world. A few of the selections may lead to a heretofore unknown fondness for timber rattlesnakes, as well as sloths and mussels.

Mostly, the festival's organizer envisions the nature-centric collection of films as a call to action.

Admission to the Friday, March 29, event at Concord's Bank of NH Stage includes a free one-year membership in New Hampshire Rivers Council (NHRC), the environmental group sponsoring it.

"It's where inspiration meets activism," the Council's president, Michelle Trem-

14th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival

When: Friday, March 29, 6 p.m.

Location: Bank of New Hampshire Stage, 16 S. Main St., Concord

Tickets: \$25 (\$20 members) at eventbrite.com

Video on Demand available, \$15

blay, said recently. "What we want to do is inspire people to get more involved."

Tremblay, who is also principal of Naturosource Communications (pronounced *nature-resource*), brought the festival to New Hampshire. In past years it was held at Red River Cinemas and routinely sold out, with backed-up waiting lists that couldn't be satisfied.

The decision to move across the street, made after three years spent online due to the pandemic, means capacity is now doubled.

"We decided to come back big," Tremblay said. "We have the entire facility ... we're able to offer our members, and new members, places that they can spread out, roam and socialize; and also, very comfortable seating."

An extension of the weeklong Wild & Scenic Film Festival hosted by SYRCL, the South Yuba River Citizens League in California, the event offers regional groups a "best of" selection from each year's entries. Tremblay said NHRC decided to focus on short works.

"We don't have the whole week to show the film festival, so we carefully curate films that normally people wouldn't be able to see," she said. "You can go to a theater, you can watch full-length films,

but finding good shorts which normally kind of fly under the radar, those are harder to access."

This means lots of films, covering a wide range of topics, she continued. "We're also able to offer something for everyone. The shorts range the gamut from water to land to animals, and we have films from all over the globe as well as some that are a little closer to home. So we really do try to curate with that in mind."

SYRCL, affectionately called "The Mothership" by NHRC, does offer a pre-curated "festival in a box," Tremblay said. "But we decided to do our own because we really feel like we know what the New Hampshire audiences have liked in the past, and we want to make sure that we're able to continue to serve that."

Along with shorts about reptiles, shellfish and sloths are "some wonderful films that give a Native American perspective and make people really think differently about natural resources," she continued, adding she hopes that two "very abstract films that give kind of a micro view of different aspects of our natural environment ... will really get people thinking about not just seeing something from a distance."

PLACE – People, Lamprey, and Cultur-



Fresh Water Lamprey. Courtesy photo.

al Ecology is a short from Jeremy Monroe and David Herasimtschuk that Tremblay believes will resonate with Northeasterners. The SYRCL website describes the eight-minute film as following a Cayuse Tribe member while revealing "the connections between migratory fish, urban forests, and community stewardship ... and the work one group is doing to rebuild the strength of these connections for future generations."

The New Hampshire economy depends on its natural beauty. Asked how that affects NHRC's mission, Tremblay replied that rivers are "the last populist water body.... They've always been the place where everyone can go to them. But they've also been hit hard. They receive our waste, hopefully treated; they get withdrawals for drinking water, for farming and for other purposes. Rivers really do work hard, and we work hard for the rivers." 🌿

Art

Exhibits

• **"TO MANCHESTER WITH LOVE,"** at Mosaic Art Collective (66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester; mosaicart-collective.com, 512-6209) is on display now through Friday, March 29. According to a press release, the show is dedicated to celebrating Youth Art Month and

the artistic talents of high school students from Manchester.

• **"BLOSSOMING BEYOND,"** an exhibition that "showcases work that embodies the resilience, strength and beauty of both the natural world and the LGBTQ+ community," according to queerlective.com, at the New Hampshire Audubon Massachusetts Center (26 Audubon Way

in Auburn). Through Saturday, March 30.

• **"THE INTIMACY OF SEEING, ELSA VOELCKER – A RETROSPECTIVE,"** will be on display at The Alva de Mars Megan Chapel Art Center (100 Saint Anselm Dr. in Manchester) through Friday, April 19. The show features artwork by longtime Fine Arts Faculty member

Elsa Voelcker. Free to the public. Visit on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 4 to 7 p.m.

• **"WILDLIFE FROM 7 CONTINENTS"** presented by Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce (49 S. Main St., Suite 104, Concord) by artist Kae Mason through Monday, May 6. The works in the exhibit feature paintings of "animals in their natural habitat" and are "influenced predominantly by global safaris that she embarks on with her wife," according to a press release. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The pieces are for sale by contacting the New Hampshire Art Association at 431-4230, the release said.

• **"HUMAN / NATURE,"** will be on display at the McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road in Concord; nhaudubon.org) through Friday, May 17. The show features artwork by Jackie Hanson, a New Hampshire artist. Visit the exhibition Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **"KARA WALKER: HARP-ER'S PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR (ANNOTATED)"** at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org) and will be on display through Monday, May 27. A • **"I LIVE A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND YEARS,"** featuring about 20 works by Raphaël Barontini, will be on display through Sunday, June 23, at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org).

• **"TOWARD THE NEW: A JOURNEY INTO ABSTRACTION"** at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144) through March 31. The Currier is open Wednesday and Friday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.. Admission costs \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, \$5 for youth ages 13 through 17, and is free for children under age 13.

Theater

• **ROBERT FROST: THIS VERSE BUSINESS** Tony-nom-

inee Gordon Clapp performs as Robert Frost in A.M Dolan's play at at Stockbridge Theatre (5 Pinkerton St. in Derry; stockbridgetheatre.showare.com) on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and \$30.

• **PUFFS** described as "hilarious parody of a familiar story [in which] three potential heroes are just trying to make it through a magic school" will be presented by the Epping Community Theatre at their performance space (38 Ladds Lane in Epping) on Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 13, at 2 & 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m. See eppingtheater.org.

Classical

• **BOLERO!** A concert from the NH Philharmonic focusing on Spanish composers and impressions of Spain, will be performed Saturday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m. at Seifert Performing Arts Center (55 Geremonty Dr. in Salem). Tickets cost \$5 to \$35. See nhphil.org.

SHAKESPEARE-ISH AUDITIONS

Cue Zero Theatre Co. will hold open auditions for *William Shakespeare's Long Lost First Play (abridged)*, a play by Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, on Tuesday, April 2, at 6 p.m. at the Arts Academy of New Hampshire (19 Keewaydin Dr. in Salem), with callbacks on Sunday, April 7, at 1 p.m. Performances will take place June 21 through June 23. Interested performers should sign up for a time slot

on Cue Zero's website and prepare two monologues: one dramatic Shakespearean piece and modern comedic piece; the total time of the two pieces should not exceed four minutes, according to a press release. The release mentioned that callbacks may include reading from the script, playing improv games, and an interview. See cztheatre.com/index.php/get-involved.



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• **Exhibit opening, part 1:** Sullivan Framing and Fine Art Gallery (15 N. Amherst Road in Bedford) will hold an opening reception for the exhibit **"Once in a Moment"** on Saturday, April 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. The exhibit highlights the work of Peter Noonan, an award-winning illustrator, fine artist and cartoonist whose illustrations and designs have appeared in numerous publications and are held in public and private collections throughout the country, according to the press release. Noonan is from New Hampshire and studied at Colby-Sawyer College as well as the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and Paris. Visit sullivanframing.com.

• **Exhibit opening, part 2:** The art gallery Outer Space (35 Pleasant St. in Concord) will open the exhibit **"Little Red Riding Hood: Polly Apfelbaum & Alice Mackler"** on Friday, April 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit will run until Saturday, June 1, by appointment. This will be the first exhibit of Alice Mackler's work since her passing earlier this year at the age 92 and will feature her raw and elegantly painted clay sculptures of women and other beings, alongside her paintings and drawings, according to a press release. Apfelbaum's exhibit presents a vibrant installation with glazed ceramics based on snowball quilts, hung on red-striped painted walls, according to the press release. A woven rug with an image from the 1963 book *The Potential of Woman: a Symposium* will be on the floor. Visit outerspacearts.xyz.

• **Basket class:** At Sanborn Mills Farm (7097 Sanborn Road in Loudon) on Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Ruth Boland will teach a class on **Cherokee-style storage basket weaving**, according to a press release. Participants will use twinning, plain weave, down skating, and rim scarfing to weave a finished basket that will be around 10 inches high and 15 inches across, according to the same release. The class is open to all levels of weavers, and all materials and tools will be provided. The workshop fee is \$250. A lashing material fee of \$60 will be paid directly to the instructor. Participants will have an option of private or shared lodging, as well as meals, if interested. For details and to register visit sanbornmills.org.

• **Mug class:** Manchester Craft Market (in the Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St. in Manchester) will host a work-

shop on **hand-building ceramic mugs** on Friday, April 5, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. with a second session on Friday, April 19, at the same time, according to their website. The workshop will be taught by Jess from Emerson St Pottery. Participants will learn how to create a mug from clay in the first session, after which Jess will professionally fire the mug, and in the second session participants will be able to decorate and glaze their creations, according to the website. The class is intended for adults only and is limited to six students. The cost is \$70; this includes both sessions and material. If you cannot make the second session, Jess will glaze your handmade mug, according to the site, and she will fire final pieces, which will be dropped off at the Manchester Craft Market. Visit manchestercraftmarket.com.

• **Dance:** **NSquared Dance will perform** on Thursday, April 4, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Citizen of the Year Award to honor Howard Brodsky, at the Double-Tree by Hilton (700 Elm St., Manchester). The dance was altered specifically to showcase Brodsky's life's work as an "innovator in the cooperative model" through his company CCA Global, according to a press release. NSquared Dance's mission is to energize audiences through movement and to enhance creativity, artistry, passion, and the drive of youth and aspiring dancers while they enlighten the community about the importance of performing arts education and further its integration into people's everyday lives, according to their website. Visit nhdancecollaborative.org/performance or nsquaredance.org.

• **From detective to poet:** The Stockbridge Theatre (44 N. Main St. in Derry) will host a performance of **Robert Frost: This Verse Business** on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. The poet and former Pinkerton Academy teacher charmed audiences with his celebrated verse and rascally sense of humor, according to a press release. Frost will be played by Emmy-winning actor Gordon Clapp, known for his role on *NYPD Blue* as Det. Medavoy, among other roles. In Clapp's performance the poet shares his verse from memory along with his "wild surmises" on art, religion, science, "radicals" and "conservatives," as the material is gathered from recordings and writings of Robert Frost, according to the same release. A.M. Dolan's *Robert Frost: This Verse Business* won Best New Play (the Kaplan Award) at the Eventide Arts Festival in 2010, and Best Production at the United Solo Play Festival in New York City in 2013. Tickets cost \$25 to \$30 and are available at stockbridgetheatre.showare.com or by calling the box office at 437-5210. 🍀

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Finding the right mix of movies

How the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival picks its slate

By Zachary Lewis
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As co-chairs of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, Patricia Kalik and Ross Fishbein did a lot of movie-watching to put together this year's event.

"We watched 60 movies this year to pick the 13 that we are showing during the festival," Kalik said.

The 16th annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival begins Thursday, April 4, and runs through Sunday, April 14, with a bonus virtual week beginning that same Sunday, April 14, and ends Sunday, April 21.

Kalik has chaired 12 of the festival's 16 years and makes sure to watch every minute of every film during this multi-month project.

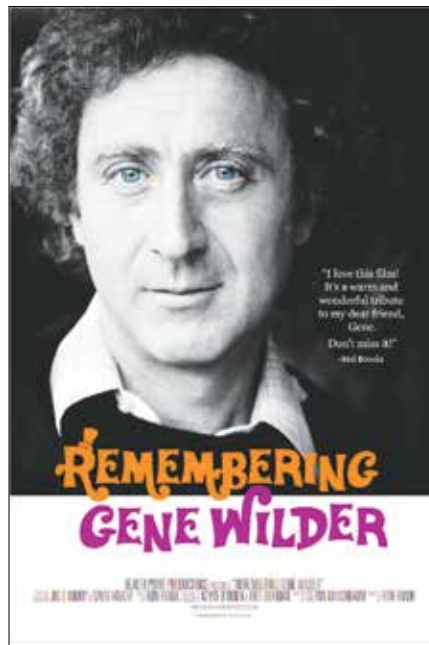
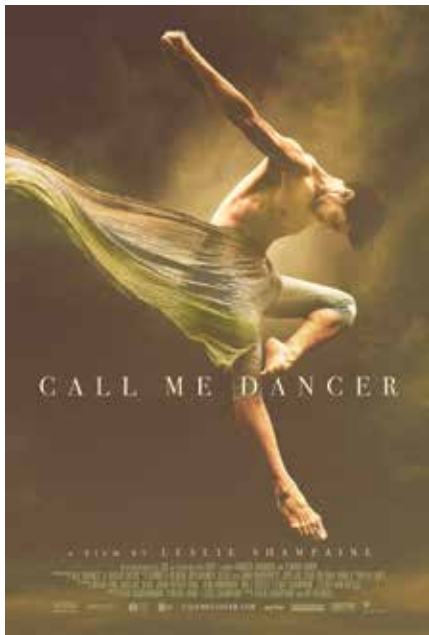
"That's a lot of hours of screen time, that's for sure," Kalik said. "And I have a rule: Once I start a movie I finish it ... even if I don't think it's a great movie, because I know someone spent a lot of hours to create this piece of art.... I want to give everyone their fair share of time."

The entire enterprise echoes that sentiment.

It's "a labor of love and a community effort," Fishbein said. He has been co-chair for the last four years. "Luckily, we have a lot of volunteers that are tremendously helpful in making sure that the event is put on and successful."

Fishbein noted that selecting films "is a challenge."

"We have about 20 people on the var-



ious screening committees. That's about 20 different opinions that have to be juggled," Fishbein said. "Our mission is to find a diverse selection of films. We try to make sure that we have comedies, we have dramas, we have English language films, we have foreign films that are subtitled, we have Israeli films, we have films about Jewish life generally. ... It's balancing that with the quality of the film and whether we think it would appeal to our audience."

Once all the movies are watched, deliberation begins.

"At the end of the whole screening process we do have one final meeting where

we vote," Kalik said. "We take the votes on everything and we rank the films and we see if the top 12 have a balance, and if not we go down a level to get a balance. Because let's say this year four of our top films were [about the] Holocaust. We choose not to show half of our shows being Holocaust-related."

Kalik noted, "This year in particular we have [films from] a lot of different countries. We have a French film, one from Belgium, Hungary, several from Israel, a few U.S.A. films, but a nice smattering of films."

In-person discussions and virtual screenings are part of the festival.

Call Me a Dancer is a film about the journey of Manish Chauhan, a young street dancer from India who becomes a ballet dancer in New York. Chauhan will be attendance at the screening on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord.

"His dance instructor was an Israeli dance instructor," Kalik said. "They did spend some time in Israel. We're really honored that he is going to be at our screening.... And then he is going to spend some time with the dance students at St. Paul's Ballet Company. I think that's exciting."

There are even sometimes free concessions.

"In some of the venues we actually ... give people popcorn as they enter the movie," Kalik said, noting that the festival is "a way to bring the community together."

"If it's a controversial topic, [or] even if it's not, after the film people mill around in the lobby of the theater and talk about the film, and it builds community. I think especially in today's day and age that's important," Kalik said.

Fishbein was in agreement.

"It is one of those rare events that is truly community-focused," Fishbein said. "It's really a great way to be part of the Jewish community and be part of the larger New Hampshire community, without having a religious connotation to it." 🍌

New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival

Thursday, April 4

5:15 p.m. opening night gala reception in the Spotlight Room at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester), \$18

7 p.m. *Remembering Gene Wilder* at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester)

Sunday, April 7

3 p.m. *Hotel Transylvania* at PJ Library at the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire (273 S. River Road in Bedford), free

4 p.m. *Children of Nobody* at Southern New Hampshire University, Webster Hall, Mara Auditorium (2546 N. River Road in Hooksett)

6:30 p.m. *The Boy* at Southern New Hampshire University, Webster Hall, Mara Auditorium (2546 N. River Road in Hooksett), free

Tuesday, April 9

7 p.m. *Bella!* at Southern New Hampshire University, Webster Hall, Mara Auditorium (2546 N. River Road in Hooksett)

7 p.m. *All About the Levkoviches* at Peterborough Community Theatre (6 School St. in Peterborough)

Thursday, April 11

7 p.m. *Call Me a Dancer* at Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St. in Concord)

Sunday, April 14

1 p.m. *The Monkey House* at Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St. in Concord)

3 p.m. *Matchmaking* at Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St. in Concord)

5:30 p.m. wrap party at Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St. in Concord)

Other film screenings in Hanover (Nugget Theaters) and Portsmouth (3S Art Space).

Virtual screenings

Thursday, April 4 – Sunday, April 21

These films will be available for 18 days except 999 (four days). Films are available for 48 hours once unlocked.

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

Home

Rabbi on the Block (virtual post-film live discussion Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. with Rabbi Tamar Manasseh and director Brad Rothschild)

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Total eclipse, or a part

Every now and then it comes around

By Zachary Lewis
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Unless you have been living on the far side of the moon, you are aware that a total solar eclipse on April 8 will be visible across a slice of the country from Texas to Maine including New Hampshire.

The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord is ready. Amanda Leith, an education coordinator at the Discovery Center, spoke about plans for the event.

“On the day of the eclipse we are going to be open from 12 to 5 p.m., prime time for eclipse viewing in the afternoon,” Leith said. “We’ll be doing some cyanotype sunprints, which is just light-reactive paper, UV-reactive paper using sunscreens ... so people can make ... designs and things like that and lay them out in the sun to see how those different SPFs protect the paper from the UV sensitivity.”

“We’re also making pinhole projectors,” Leith said. “We’re going to have some telescopes and other ways to view the solar eclipse on our lawn as well. We are waiting on a large-scale floor mat that shows the different layers of the sun and we have a floor puzzle of the moon ... a 9-foot-wide puzzle so when you build the puzzle on top of the sun it will create what a solar eclipse would look like and you’ll see the corona around the outside with the Moon right in the middle, and an accessible version on the table as well for people that can’t get on the floor.”

The New Hampshire Astronomical Society will bring telescopes and help out with the festivities.

If the weather is less than favorable, the Discovery Center has a contingency plan. “All the activities will be the same, except for the sun prints — we need the sun for that, unfortunately,” Leith said. There will be “planetarium shows focused on the eclipse and ways that you can view it. It should still be a fun day regardless.”

The solar eclipse itself “will start at about 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon here in Con-

Eclipse viewing party

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center
2 Institute Dr., Concord, 271-7827, starhop.com

Eclipse glasses: \$3.50 a pair to have glasses shipped (until March 31), \$2.50 a pair in the Science Store

Eclipse day: Monday, April 8, open noon to 5 p.m., general admission ranges from \$10 to \$13, free for members and ages 2 and younger; discounts on memberships available on eclipse day



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cord,” Leith said. “That will be what we call first contact... Then, the maximum for here in Concord will be about 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Fourth contact, or the end of the eclipse, will be at about 4:45 p.m. So it will be over the course of about 2 and a half hours and we’ll get to see varying levels of the moon covering the sun.”

The amount of eclipse you experience depends on where you are in the state.

“Everywhere in New Hampshire will at least experience 94 percent,” Leith said. There will be 96 percent totality at the Discovery Center. “It won’t go completely black. We’re not going to be able to see the stars in the middle of the day, unfortunately, but it should get darker as if we are heading into the evening hours.”

“North of Lancaster,” Leith said, “you are going to see totality. A total eclipse. No matter how you view an eclipse, whether it’s a partial solar eclipse or a total, they are all really special. This is the most coverage of the sun that we are going to get here in the state no matter where you are until 2079.”

What exactly is a solar eclipse? “A solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun,” Leith said. “The physics and orbital mechanics of our solar system makes this a very unique event for us on Earth. But when it [the moon] is at its closest point to the Earth, that’s when it *does* cover the entire surface and we can see that total solar eclipse, so that’s why we are getting one in April.”

Kelly Thompson, a visitor experience coordinator at the Discovery Center, is watching solar eclipse glasses fly off the shelves. “We keep kind of continuously selling out,” Thompson said. “I should be shipping them out until March 31. I’ll stop orders at that point. Those can be purchased over the phone for \$3.50 a pair.” Glasses not being shipped can be purchased at the Discovery Center for \$2.50.

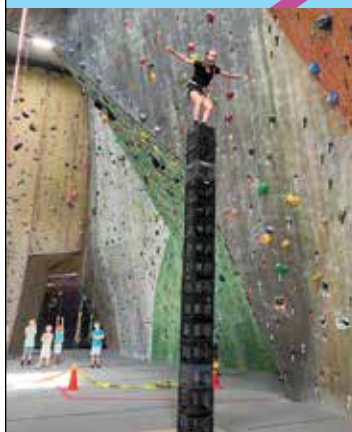
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• The Well Church's annual free **Easter egg hunt** at Greeley Park in Nashua (near the bandstand, 100 Concord St.) will be Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m. Visit thewellnh.org/egghunt or call 978-419-1756.

• The Salem Community **Easter Egg Hunt** hosted by Rockingham Christian Church at Hedgehog Pond in Salem will

now take place on Saturday, March 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit rccsaalem.com or call 894-5228.

• The Joppa Hill Educational Farm (174 Joppa Hill Road in Bedford) now has two ticketed time slots for their **Egg-citing Egg Hunt** at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 30. Each ticket is \$20. Visit theeducationalfarm.org.

• The **Egg-Citing Egg Hunt** continues at Charmingfare Farm in Candia (774 High St.) on Saturday, March 30, and Easter Sunday, March 31, with various times between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. See visitthefarm.com.

• Hudson's **Best Easter Egg Hunt** is also Saturday, March 30, at Inner Dragon Martial Arts (77 Derry Road in Hudson) with times at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. See funnels.hudsonmartialart.com/egghunt-2024

• The **Easter Bunny Party** at Carriage Shack Farm in Londonderry (5 Dan Hill Road) is on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.95 for ages 16 and over, \$10.95 for ages 15 and under. See carriagehackfarm-llc.org

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ing your eyes protected from the sun, Leith explained. "The lenses of our eyes are very similarly shaped to magnifying glasses. I am sure many people as kids took magnifying glasses outside and tried to light things on fire and burned ant hills ... the same thing would happen to the back of your eyes. It would damage your eyes irreparably." The glasses do have an expiration date of around three years. "If anybody has them from 2017, definitely throw them away."

NASA will be closely monitoring the event, Leith noted, because "the sun's energy impacts our atmosphere in really unique

ways, so they are actually sending up weather balloons all across the country." NASA's Nationwide Eclipse Ballooning Project includes a balloon in Pittsburg, New Hampshire, that will be sent up by teams from Plymouth State University.

The University of New Hampshire's Space Weather Underground (SWUG) will be "deploying magnetometers to understand our atmosphere as well during the eclipse," Leith said. "There are quite a few things happening here in our state."

The solar eclipse is "a fun opportunity to connect with people," Thompson said. "Gosh, we hope the weather is going to be great."

A partial totality of eclipse events!

• The New Hampshire Astronomical Society presents "**What to Expect from a Solar Eclipse**" on Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry, derrypl.org, 432-6140); register to attend at the library's website. See nhastro.com.

• Plymouth State University professor and planetarium director Dr. Brad Moser will present "**Lunch and Learn**" on Tuesday, April 2, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Puritan Backroom (245 Daniel Webster Highway in Manchester). Tickets cost \$15 per person, and includes a lunch buffet and a pair of solar eclipse viewing glasses. Get tickets at plymouth-usnh.nbsstore.net/lunch-and-learn-eclipse.

• The UNH Department of Physics and Astronomy welcomes the public to a free informal all-ages event, "**The Science of Solar Eclipses**," on Wednesday, April

3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the UNH Durham campus. See extension.unh.edu/eclipse for details and eclipse-related resources.

• The SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St. in Manchester) will host an **eclipse viewing event** at Arms Park in Manchester from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8, with music from WZID and activities to explain eclipse science. Eclipse simulation videos online as well. SEE's gift shop has eclipse glasses for \$2 per pair with extended gift shop hours on Wednesday, April 3, and Thursday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Monday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit see-sciencecenter.org.

• Interested in heading north for the festivities? Check out visitnh.gov/solareclipse for viewing tips, event listings, and lodging information.



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Minor fender bender not likely to cause water pump issue



*Dear Car Talk:
Can a minor front-end collision make my water pump make noise, but still work fine?*

By Ray Magliozzi *I have a 2018 Toyota Corolla iM. My water pump has been making noise, like it's humming loudly and might blow up or something. I can see it wobbling. I don't have any problems with overheating or coolant loss.*

I was in a very minor front-end collision that broke my headlight lens, but the bulbs still work. The front bumper was fine, but the plastic cover is cracked on the passenger side.

Could this accident have broken the water pump? — Aldair

Unlikely. The pump is pretty well protected. The engine in this car is mounted transversely, so the water pump isn't right at the front of the engine bay. It's off to the side.

And in order to damage the water pump, some other big, heavy parts would have had to be pushed into the pump. In a minor front-end collision, that's just not going to

happen. I mean, if you had a major front-end or offset collision, and the whole right front end of your car was crushed, then, sure, the water pump could get damaged. But if you were in that type of crash, you wouldn't be writing to me about your water pump. Your question would be "What does it mean when my insurance company says my car is 'totaled?'" And "Do you have any suggestions on how to best get on and off the toilet with both legs in a cast?"

If you want to try telling your insurance company that the water pump was damaged in this fender bender, that's between you and Jake from State Farm. But I'm taking Jake's side in this one, Aldair.

It does sound like you need a water pump, though. Your car is around the right age. When water pumps wear out, they make noise, wobble or leak. And you've got two out of three.

A mechanic can check it for you. With the engine off, he can grab the pulley of the pump and try to shake it to see if there's play in it. It shouldn't move back and forth much at all.

If he's not sure, he can take the belt off and try to spin the pump. He might notice

that it feels gritty. Or it might sound like a bunch of marbles rolling around. If he notices any of that stuff, you need a water

pump. And a headlight lens. And a bumper cover. Visit Cartalk.com.

INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

*Hello, Donna,
I have had these two candlesticks for about 45 years and have always wondered what their value may be. They are from my grandparents. I believe they are brass, and they are stamped on the bottom Tiffany Studios New York 1201. Could you give me a value on them?*

*Thank you.
Lisa*

Dear Lisa,
Beautiful set of Tiffany Studios candlesticks!

Your bronze gold dore (meaning bronze with a gold gilt/wash over them) candlesticks date to the early 1900s. They are called cat's paw due to the streamline design ending in a paw bottom. They



appear to be in great original condition.

The value on them as a pair would be in the \$3,000 range to a collector. Singles sell for less each. Having both makes them more desirable.

Lisa, your grandparents left you a treasure that will do nothing but increase with time. Enjoy them!

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, or call her at 391-6550.

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ON THE JOB

PHIL DILORENZO BARTENDER AT STARK BREWING

Q: Explain your job and what it entails.

I've been bartending for 34 years. Bartending instructor for 10. Basically, knowing bartender duties, making drinks, waiting the tables, waiting on the people, keeping your bar clean and stocked, and customer relations, is basically what I do.

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

I was a carpenter in the '80s... I needed a secondary job to get me through the off season, so I picked this up. My father sent me to bartender school in 1990. I picked it up as a second job and as the years have gone on it's morphed into my full-time work. I got trained as a bartender but then I got into restaurant

work so I can wait tables, I can manage, I can host, I can do basically all aspects of the front of the house of the restaurant.

What kind of education or training did you need?

My only formal education was the bartending class that I took about 30 years ago. It was a 40-hour course. The rest of the training I've gotten is through companies and corporations training you to do stuff their way.

What is your typical at-work uniform or attire?

Generally, black and whites, or here, it is basically whatever I want as long as it isn't offensive. Jeans and a Stark shirt is what they want me to wear. But generally I wear jeans,

and if I don't have a Stark shirt I'll just wear black.

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

Just dealing with the guests, dealing with the people can be the hardest part depending on the guest's personality and their level of intoxication.

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

Well, I kind of walked into it with eyes open. I mean, I know what a bartender does, I got the job. Maybe started a little earlier — I was in my mid to late twenties when I started. That's about the only thing, really.

What do you wish other people knew about your job?

A personal pet peeve of mine is when people yell drinks at me while I'm in the middle of doing something else. A good bartender has his next three or four steps planned out. But if I'm in the middle of Step 2 and you yell something at me, it's going to throw me off of step 3 and 4 and then you're going to get mad at me because I'm going to need to take care of 3 and 4 before I can take care of you....



Phil DiLorenzo. Courtesy photo.

What was your first job?

Not including paper routes, washing dishes in an Italian restaurant in the early '80s ... a family-owned pizza joint called the Capri. I washed dishes and did prep work there when I was like 15, 16.

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

... I use this all the time, especially in my bartending classes. It's all about the dollars and cents. If you're not making the dollars, it doesn't make any sense.

—Zachary Lewis 🍷

Five favorites

Favorite book: Dean Koontz is the author.

Favorite movie: I like old '70s car movies, to tell you the truth. Stuff like *Vanishing Point* and *Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry*.

Favorite music: Classic rock. I have a vintage stereo system ... over 600 records....

Favorite food: Probably more of a seafood person.

Favorite thing about NH: The location. Within an hour of Boston, within an hour of home, within an hour of where I grew up, within an hour of the beach, within an hour of the mountains.

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News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• Get to know tea: The Cozy Tea Cart (104 Route 13 in Brookline, thecozyteacart.com, 249-9111) will host a lecture and tea tasting, The Basics of Tea, tonight, March 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Owner Danielle Beaudette will teach participants the distinctions between white, green, oolong and black teas, and the differences between bagged and loose teas. Reserve a spot for \$30.

• Martinis and cupcakes: The Copper Door's (15 Leavy Dr., Bedford, 488-2677, and 41 South Broadway in Salem, copperdoor.com) martini & cupcake pairing for April will be a "cannoli-tini" — Faretti Biscotti Italian liqueur, vanilla vodka, dark crème de cacao, and Baileys Irish Cream, with a chocolate chip rim — paired with a cannoli cupcake — an orange-zested vanilla cupcake with cinnamon-ricotta filling and a semi-sweet white chocolate swirl cup, garnished with a mini cannoli. The pairing will be available at both Copper Door locations throughout April.

• Wine vs. wine: WineNot Boutique (25 Main St. in Nashua, winenotboutique.com, 204-5569) will host "Old World vs. New World," on Wednesday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will compare wines from several European wine regions to handcrafted wines from Terre Rouge and Easton Winery in the Sierra Foothills of California. Richard Jacob from Vinilandia NH and a representative from Terre Rouge and Easton Winery in California will be on hand to answer questions. Tickets are \$35 each and available through WineNot's website.

FOOD

Cheers to New Hampshire beers

Shops and breweries amped for Craft Beer Week

April 7 is National Beer Day and brewers of New Hampshire will be in the midst of New Hampshire Craft Beer Week, which runs April 4 through April 13.

Breweries across the state will celebrate, working to show the beer-drinkers of New Hampshire just how good their beer is. And they are expected to double down on beer-related festivities during Pint Days, April 7 through April 13.

Nobody is more excited about Craft Beer Week and Pint Days than CJ Haines. Haines, the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Brewers Association, says she looks forward to it every year. The breweries get really creative with their new beers and ales in April, she said.

"We don't know about particular releases until closer to the event. It's always a surprise," Haines said. The rumor is that this year many will have a sun or outer space theme, to commemorate the April 8 eclipse.

Haines said, eclipse aside, exuberant feelings tend to run high among brewers in April anyway; a surprising number of breweries celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during the month.

"For some reason, a lot of breweries tend to open in April," she says, which means there are a lot of celebration beers on tap as well.

Ali Lelleszi, one of the owners of Rockingham Brewing Co. (1 Corporate Park Dr. in Derry, rockinghambrewing.com, 216-2324), said her brewery is leaning hard into Craft Beer Week this year.

New Hampshire Craft Beer Week

When: Thursday, April 4, through Saturday, April 13, with Pint Days starting on April 7

More: nhbrewers.org/event/nh-pint-days-2024.



Courtesy photo.

"We have a slew of food trucks visiting during the week," she said. "We're also having a chili cook-off. Five of our staff are making chili with five of our beers. Customers can order a flight of chilis with a flight of the beers that were used to make them, and vote on which one they like the best." It's a good way, she says, to help customers learn how beer can complement food.

Customers can also take away tangible reminders of Craft Beer Week. On the first Thursday of every month, Lelleszi says, Rockingham Brewing holds an event called Ales & Alterations; customers can bring in a piece of clothing that needs to be mended, and drink a beer while they wait. During Craft Beer Week, she says, they can buy a commemorative patch and have it sewn on while they wait. "They can also buy a special pint glass as an add-on with their beer," she says, referring to glasses commissioned by the Brewers Association and designed by New Hampshire artist Shane Buzzell of Crafty Beard Design in Plymouth. These glasses will be available at many participat-

ing breweries across the state.

Other breweries holding Craft Beer Week celebrations include Great North Aleworks (1050 Holt Ave., No. 14, in Manchester, greatnorthaleworks.com, 858-5789), holding a Make Your Own Tie Dye Party on Thursday, April 11, and To Share Brewing Co. (720 Union St. in Manchester, tosharebrewing.com, 836-6947), which will host a Thrift Shop Prom on Saturday, April 13.

New Hampshire Craft Beer Week, said CJ Haines, is about recognizing the diversity of New Hampshire's brewers.

"It's intended to raise awareness about New Hampshire's brewers and the craft beers we have in the state," she said. She says New Hampshire beer-drinkers don't have to visit a brewery to celebrate Craft Beer Week, although she hopes they do.

"We want them to support their local beer shops. Our tagline is 'Keep New Hampshire Brewing,'" Haines said, and she observes that anything that makes people appreciate New Hampshire craft beers is a win.

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Not just for brunch

Barley House offers a DIY approach to bloody marys

By John Fladd
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Nikki Miller likes bloody marys.

“They are full of nostalgia, and absolutely delicious,” said Miller, a veteran bartender at The Barley House Restaurant & Tavern in Concord.

She likes them so much that she has put together a weekly event on Sundays called “Build Your Bloody.”

Patrons can order a bloody mary to exacting specificity: what type of vodka — or tequila for a bloody maria — and how much of it, extra seasonings, and, of course, what garnishes they want.

“Customers like to sit at the bar and watch me make it,” Miller said.

For several years, around the country, many bars have been in a bloody mary arms race to make the brunch-friendly cocktail

with more and more extreme, over-the-top garnishes, a challenge Miller doesn’t shy away from.

“People like to order it because it’s fun and they’re super-hungry,” she said. The add-ons range from the classic celery — which complements the celery salt that is traditionally part of the spice mixture that gives a bloody mary its kick— to gherkins, olives, cocktail shrimp (“the big fat ones,” Miller enthuses), pepperoncini, or sometimes “just a big hunk of cheese.” Sometimes she has garnished a bloody mary with bacon-wrapped scallops.

“We have a regular who always orders an appetizer platter next to his, because it’s a snack as well as a drink,” Miller said.

Far and away, however, the most popular garnish is the Barley House’s house-made candied bacon.

“I have some customers who are *all* about the bacon,” Miller said. “They are really unhappy if they don’t get two slices of it.”

Miller came up with the concept for Build Your Bloody while tending bar on New Year’s Day. It’s usually a quiet day, because any rowdy customers have been up very late the night before, celebrating. Most of the customers had ordered bloody marys, and



Photo courtesy of The Barley House.

Miller thought about how much fun it would be to set up a bloody mary bar. The idea has turned out to have legs. Bloody marys are very popular on Sunday mornings, though Miller takes issue with the idea that they are just for brunch.

“We have a stigma in our heads that it’s just a breakfast cocktail,” she said, “and that just isn’t the case.”

Aside from the garnishes, the Barley House makes its bloody marys with vodka and a house-made bloody mary mix that Miller describes as “heavy on the horse-

radish, with spices and pickle juice.” She recommends Tito’s vodka, which she says has a clean taste that stands up to the spice-heavy bloody mary mix.

“I like to rim the glass with Tajin,” she said, referring to Tajin Clasico, a Mexican chile-lime powder.

As she thinks about new bloody mary garnishes, Millier said, she’d like to experiment with house-pickled fresh vegetables.

“We’ve talked about putting mini-sliders on skewers,” she said. 🍷

Bloody mary how you like it

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Pomegranate Daisy

Spring is finally here. It's not like it's been a long, cold and lonely winter — more of a muddy, slushy, test of emotional endurance — but the idea of mild, pre-mosquito weather is a deeply appealing one.

The time has come for porch-sitting.

Maybe not for a long stretch of time — it still gets chilly after dark — but it's definitely the start of Porch Season. Which, of course, calls for cocktails. It's probably a little premature to break out the tiki mugs yet (that's what Memorial Day weekend is for: action movies and loud Hawaiian shirts) but definitely something with a hint of the tropics.

Which, sooner or later, means grenadine.

If you're not a huge fan of tropical drinks, you might not be terribly familiar with grenadine. In theory, it's a syrup made from pomegranate juice that will lend a juicy flavor to a cocktail, typically one with five or more ingredients. In practice, it's a bright red syrup that mostly gets added to drink recipes to add sweetness and a tropical roseyness. Think about a tequila sunrise: That beautiful ombre color comes from grenadine and orange juice playing off each other.

Is there a way to make grenadine a more active participant in your porch-sitting cocktail?

As it turns out, there is.

Making your own grenadine

Combine one part sugar and two parts unsweetened pomegranate juice in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until it comes to a boil. Stir to make sure all the sugar has dissolved, then remove from heat.

That's it.

This is really good grenadine. If you happen to have a bottle of regular grenadine laying around, do a taste comparison. Taste the commercial stuff. It's fine — it's sweet and vaguely fruity, about what you'd expect from grenadine. Now try the homemade stuff. The sheer *juiciness* of this might rock you back on your heels. It's sweet, but not cloyingly. It tastes deeply purple, with a little acidity that tickles



Pomegranate Daisy. Photo by John Fladd.

those glands under your ears that flare up sometimes when you eat sharp cheddar.

Now try the commercial grenadine again. Why have you never noticed that artificial flavor before? This tastes like corn syrup and sodium benzoate.

Don't get me wrong; I'm as big a fan of artificial ingredients as the next man. If they make something taste better, or keep

it from molding, or make it feel better in my mouth, I'm all for it.

And yet.

This homemade grenadine tastes an order of magnitude better than the commercial stuff. It's also incredibly simple to make. There's no excuse not to.

Pomegranate Daisy

$\frac{3}{4}$ ounce homemade grenadine (see above)

$\frac{3}{4}$ ounce fresh squeezed lemon juice

$1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces dry gin — I decided not to go with a fancy gin this time and used Gordon's; I think it was a good call

Combine all ingredients over ice in a cocktail shaker.

Strain into a coupe glass.

Ask your digital assistant to play "Everyone Come Outside" by the Pomegranates. Sip contentedly on your front steps, calling out to strangers: "Forgive the intrusion, but you're having a Very Good Hair Day!" or "Bless you, Child of the Universe!"

The best way to describe this cocktail — an abridged version of a classic Clover Leaf — is "juicy." The homemade grenadine shines through, and its tartness plays off the lemon juice. A botanical gin, or some other gin that takes itself too seriously, would shoulder the juices aside and demand attention for itself. A modest, workmanlike gin like Gordon's is a team player. It makes itself known and gives the enterprise a backbone but is happy to give equal billing to the juices.

It's a good taste to take with you to the porch. 🍷

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POP CULTURE

MUSIC, BOOKS, MOVIES AND MORE

Warlord, *Free Spirit Soar* (High Roller Records)



Ha ha, I owned a Warlord album once when I was a young heavy metal incel, but I only listened to it maybe three times because it wasn't all that good, sort of like a cross between Anvil and, I don't know, maybe Scorpions I guess. Singer Bill Tsamis died in 2021, but original drummer and co-founder Mark Zonder is here.

The promo sheet on this one claims that this U.S. band was an early epic-metal band. Funny it should say that, because album-opener "Behold a Pale Horse" is definitely epic-metal. It has caveman-ren-faire drums a la

Corvus Corax, and the singer is really serious, singing about witch-kings and prophets or something. Yeah, no, this stuff has a Savatage bend to it. "Conquerors" is street-metal in the vein of Riot, except the dude's singing about giant cyclops or something. A —Eric W. Saeger

Marc Valentine, *Basement Sparks* (Wicked Cool Records)



This guy, whom *Vive Le Rock* magazine anointed as "the new king of British power-pop," qualifies for that "prize" I suppose, for what it's worth. This is the follow-up full-length to his debut album from last year, and he comes storming out of the gate on this one, with the They Might Be Giants-like "Complicated Sometimes," which breaks the emo mold a bit by using a Mister Roboto effect on his voice (you never hear that anymore, not that anyone cares). The overall vibe tenders a cross between Dashboard Confessional and a slightly cartoonish version of eastern European grog-punk bands like

Korpiklaani, which means the listener is in for a fun ride (I never understood how people could take "power pop" bands seriously, so it's refreshing to note that this guy takes a lot of his cues from 1970s glam bands). Speaking of Marc Bolan, the tune "Tyrranical Wrecks" is a ton of fun, with Valentine trying on-the-phone patch on for size. I hope this guy breaks big. A+ —Eric W. Saeger

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Uh-oh, Friday, March 29, is a big day, because it is the last CD release day of our Antarctic winter, meaning that spring is definitely here! **Sheryl Crow**'s new album, *Evolution*, is the first one we will laugh look at today; you all remember Crow from her multi-platinum-whatever soccer mom hits, but did you know that she contributed her singing talents to William Shatner's 2011 joke album, *Seeking Major Tom*, covering the song "Seeking Major Tom" originally rendered on the K.I.A. album *Adieu Shinjuku Zulu*, did you even know that? Of course not, who would, but this new one is her 12th album and features the single "Digging in the Dirt," featuring Peter Gabriel, whom we discussed in this award-winning column just a few weeks ago. He originally released the song (which won the Best Video Grammy) in his 1992 studio album *Us*. How will Sheryl Crow improve on this song? Will she even try to? Let me go to the YouTube and listen to it, so you don't have to. OK, it's basically the same thing except with Sheryl Crow singing all the lines, like, "This time you've gone too far" and all that stuff, and every once in a while Gabriel pops in like Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog in order to ensure that it's as boring as the original. This is a very clever marketing strategy, I have to admit.

• Slovenly chamber-pop singer and Libertines hanger-on **Ed Harcourt** is back with a new album, called *El Magnifico*, please stay calm, there will be enough MP3s of this album for all of you to pirate at your favorite pirating website, and no, I have no idea where to find those, because I am an upstanding citizen; now, quiet, you guys, while I try to enjoy the new single, "Deathless," from this new album. It opens with an indie-folk fractal with some dubstep drums underneath it for some reason, and then it turns into a not-really-bad tune that sounds like Imagine Dragons covering a Conor Oberst B-side. Things could be a lot worse, I suppose, even if the video is really boring, something about standing in a dangerous-looking field of cacti, not that there are any cacti in England, which is where Harcourt is from. And let's keep moving.

• Brooklyn, N.Y.-based artist **Kelly Moran**'s music, according to Wikipedia, is a mixture of electronic, jazz, dream pop and black metal, and her record company is Warner Records, which tells me I'm not going to enjoy listening to her new album *Moves In The Field* at all, not that I'm going into this with a negative attitude or anything of the sort, and besides, she used to play bass for the no-wave punk band Cellular Chaos, so let's give this LP the benefit of the doubt going in, that'd be great. OK, so the video for the single "Butterfly Phase" features a figure skater interpreting this excitable but sad piano-driven melody, and then it gets sadder and sadder, and all the YouTube commentators are saying they're crying, and then I started crying myself because I couldn't understand why a bunch of people were getting emotional over the song, which just sounds like a bummer-piano thing. Maybe they were crying because the figure skater wasn't doing triple-salchows or pratfalling onto the ice, the latter of which is the only reason people watch figure skating in the first place. I mean, I'm openly sobbing right now.

• Lastly it's alt-rock band **Chastity Belt**, from Walla Walla, Washington, and yes, that's a real place. *Live Laugh Love* is the all-girl band's new album, and the single is part folk-indie and part psychedelica. It is gentle and catchy enough; the main verse part is boring, the bridge is OK. —Eric W. Saeger

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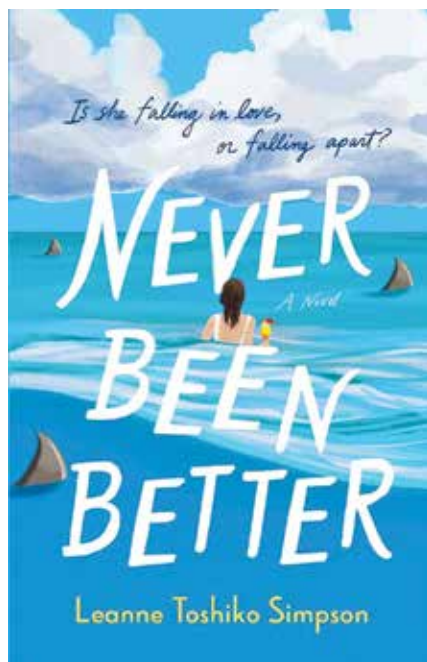
Never Been Better by Leanne Toshiko Simpson (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 288 pages)

If you don't know what it's like to struggle with mental illness, *Never Been Better* offers a fresh perspective with a fun plot and a good amount of humor — which, fair warning, veers toward the dark side at times. If you have experienced mental illness, or been close to someone who has, you'll likely relate to many of the messages in this book.

The protagonist is Dee Foster, a woman with bipolar disorder who hesitantly agrees to travel to Turks and Caicos to attend the wedding of her best friends, Matt and Misa, then decides that as long as she's there she might as well let Matt know she's in love with him — and has been since the three of them met in a psychiatric ward.

I think it's important to note that, although this is fiction, author Leanne Toshiko Simpson has bipolar disorder, so her characters are drawn in part from her own experiences — which, for me, was important to know, because some of the dark humor might have felt disingenuous, almost flippant, if it had been written by someone who hadn't lived these thoughts and feelings. And using humor to cope is certainly not uncommon. ("I'm glad depression gives me the sex drive of a ham sandwich," Dee replies when Tilley points out an attractive man and comments that she's glad she wore her push-up bra.)

I should mention that I'm a (relatively new) therapist, so I read *Never Been Better* from that perspective, as well as the perspective of someone who has dealt with depression and anxiety. I respect that Toshiko Simpson doesn't shy away from the very real challenges that mood disorders can present, even as life goes on and people plan weddings and love triangles ensue. The story somehow feels both



deeply heavy and blissfully light.

Dee's sister Tilley plays a solid part in that lightness; she's wild, bold and fiercely dedicated to protecting Dee. She also embodies the challenges of loving someone with a mood disorder, navigating the slippery slope between emotional accommodations and tough love. In one scene, Dee is struggling hard to get up for an early-morning barre class at the resort they're staying at, thanks in no small part to the side effects of her medications. But this is nothing new to her, or to Tilley.

"After this many years of living in the same house, I should have earned a damn black belt in helping you wake up," said Tilley. 'Just today I've pulled all the sheets off your body, turned all the lights on, licked the side of your face...' More footsteps, then Tilley dumped a full glass of water over my head."

As Dee struggles openly and honestly, she feels some resentment toward Misa, whose wealthy family doesn't know she met Dee and Matt in the psychiatric ward,

because she never told them she was there as a patient and continues to conceal her mental illness from them, presumably because it doesn't "fit" into their tidy, proper world.

"Misa went on to run an entire golf tournament dedicated to bipolar disorder without happening to mention her [own bipolar disorder]. ... What I really wanted was for her to ... be messy in her illness, like I was in mine."

Good days for Dee are the ones where she doesn't crave a depression nap, she can get across town on a bus without having a panic attack, or she can make it through a first date without the guy asking, before she's about to spend the night, whether she'll be the same person when she wakes up in the morning. So getting through this destination wedding is all kinds of hard, as she navigates her feelings about Matt (while also trying to figure out how to confront him after she finds out he's stopped taking his meds) and her feelings about Misa, who she felt so close with when they were in the hospital but feels so distant from now.

Along with those considerable issues, Dee is fighting to keep up with the daily pre-wedding activities among Misa and Matt's friends and family — a whole other fun cast of characters that bring levity to this book, from a kindhearted grandma to a spunky but wise cousin.

This is the debut novel for Toshiko Simpson, who, awesomely, also co-founded a reflective writing program at Canada's largest mental health hospital. Though at times *Never Been Better* edges a little too close to the line between mirth and despair, in Toshiko Simpson's understanding hands it comes together as a heartfelt story of persevering time and time again in the face of mental illness. A—*Meghan Siegler* 🍷

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- **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.
- **MICHAEL KORYTA**, author of *Lost Man's Lane*, and bestselling horror author **JOE HILL** will talk about

Koryta's new novel and their writing processes on Monday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua). Tickets are required; tickets cost \$10 (or \$39 with a signed copy of Koryta's book) plus fees and can be purchased at Eventbrite.

• **DON WINSLOW** will be at The Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, themusichall.org) on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. for a discussion and Q&A about his new novel, *City in Ruins*. Tickets cost \$47 and include a signed book and seat.

Virtual events

• **SALMAN RUSHDIE** talks with Suleika Jaouad, author of *Between Two Kingdoms*, about his new memoir, *Knife*, in a pre-recorded event that

will be broadcast on Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. and available via Gibson's Bookstore. To join the event, purchase a ticket, which includes a hardcover copy of *Knife*, from Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com).

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. The presentation will also be offered via Zoom. See nhhumanities.org.
- **COVERED BRIDGES OF NH** presented by author and photographer

Kim Varney Chandler at Salem Historical Society (310 Main St., Salem, 890-2280) on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. See nhhumanities.org.

Poetry

- **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 unhpoetry.com/about for details.
- **MIRIAM LEVINE** headlines the Poetry Society of NH gathering at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Wednesday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m. An open mic follows the reading. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged.

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Island groove:** AER singer-songwriter and producer Carter Reeves created **Surfer Girl** while hunkered down in Maine during the early days of the pandemic, summoning his inner Brian Wilson; yes, the name was inspired by the Beach Boys song. Their new CD *Noon* features Carmody, Jared Watson of Dirty Heads and Tessellated. They play a free 21+ local show with Sitting On Stacy and Ryan Wright. Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m., The Goat, 50 Old Granite St., Manchester. See surfergirlmusic.com.

• **Lake laughter:** Monthly standup comedy in an idyllic setting continues as **Amy Tee** and **Mark Scalia** bring the funny. Tee's act is honest and revealing and hilarious. Friday, March 29, 7 p.m., Newfound Lake Inn, 1030 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater, \$25 and up at eventbrite.com.

• **It's covered:** An area favorite for over two decades, **Souled Out Show Band** now has visuals in their high-energy show, which draws from the best of classic rock and soul. Sets include hits from Chicago, Journey, Tina Turner, Doobie Brothers and newer acts like Bruno Mars. For an upcoming Manchester show, fans can submit their seat number for a drawing to win dinner at Hanover Street Chophouse. Saturday, March 30, 7:30 pm., Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St., Manchester, \$29 at palaceamtheatre.org.

• **Electronic day:** Get some hands-on time with a Moog and other gear at **Synthfest**, along with short performances from event host Bosey Joe and Delusive Relics. The afternoon meet-up offers a chance to connect with other synth-curious and other electronic music minded folks, chat with some musicians, and attend a master class-style introduction to analog synthesis. Saturday, March 30, 1 p.m., Concord Rec Department, 14 Canterbury Road, Concord, donations requested; see bosey-joe.com.

• **Nineties redux:** After leaving Queensrÿche, the band he fronted for years, **Geoff Tate** went on the road celebrating their big albums *Empire*, *Rage For Order* and *Operation: Mindcrime*. However, he hasn't made a solo disc in seven years. Tate did recently tell an interviewer he has about 40 new songs, though a new record may be a while, because, he said, "it's so much work." Monday, April 1, 8 p.m., Angel City Music Hall, 179 Elm St., Manchester, \$30 and up at ticketweb.com. 🎧

NITE

Folk singer

Jake McKelvie solo project plays Milford

By Michael Witthaus
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Few New England songwriters have Jake McKelvie's command of clever word-play. In just two lines from "Eat Around the Pudding," from 2020's delightful LP *Here's What You Do*, he rhymes homeowner, combover and organ donor while still delivering a jaunty tune that's either a breakup song or musical self-therapy. It's hard to tell which.

The fun continues on a new solo McKelvie project that's separate from his longtime band the Countertops. A preview of the 12-song collection due later this year promises an album sparkling with charm.

On various tracks, McKelvie alludes to Rodney Dangerfield, drily notes that a fire in the belly can't heat a room, and tells the object of his affection, "it's a lie to imply you complete me, but you're still a big part of the meal," sung in a voice that walks the wire between childlike wonder and crusty bemusement. It's all simply delightful.

A new, as yet unnamed band will back McKelvie at Union Coffee Co. in Milford on March 30. It includes bassist Mike Holland (Dutch Tulips) and Countertops drummer Matt Bacon, along with a second guitar player, a position that's being filled by a few different people based on availability.

McKelvie's lyrical sensibility remains, but musically, it's something of a pivot. "Which is another one of the reasons why it's kind of distinct from Countertops stuff," he said in a recent phone interview. "The songs are a little bit slower. I don't wanna say slow per se, but it leans more into the folk-like, songwriter aspect of what I do as opposed to the kind of rambunctious goofy thing that the Countertops lean into more."

The impetus for starting a new effort came down to scheduling. Fewer Countertops gigs meant bass player Nick Vontruba and Bacon had to fill in the gaps.

"Basically, everyone's got their hands in a few different projects," McKelvie said. "That's just the way things go."

Creatively, he was feeling another pull.

Jake McKelvie

When: Saturday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Where: Union Coffee Co., 42 South St., Milford

More: facebook.com/JacobCMcKelvie



Jake McKelvie. Courtesy photo.

"I had a batch of songs that I've been eager to do something with, and it just wasn't really feasible for us to do them with the group," McKelvie said. "We haven't broken up or anything, we're just kind of in a dormant phase. We'll still probably play shows here and there and whatnot, but this is what feels right to do right now."

The new band formed in November and has played a handful of shows, including four so far this year. "It's been kind of a slow build-up," McKelvie said. "Now the record is finished; I'm figuring out release plans. I've got a tour mostly booked for April and I'm starting to work on some additional tours for later in the year."

Both Bacon and Holland played on the forthcoming album. "They're locked in," McKelvie said, adding, "I've gotten lucky getting some good guitar players who are fast learners and have done a great job picking them up really quick. The shows we've played, I've felt pretty good about, and it does feel nice to be playing some new songs."

He's especially pleased with the new material.

"I've wanted to do this songwriting forward type of record for a while," he said. "I've done a lot of scrappy home recorded solo things over the years, but this is like a proper studio version of that.... I just think it's a pretty good record."

Fans can expect to see a lot more of Jake McKelvie & Friends, or whatever name he finally comes up with.

"I'm trying to play as much as possible this year, so there's a good chance I'll be skipping around New England and other parts of the country as much as I can," he said. "I'm just looking forward to playing a bunch of shows this year."

He's performed at Union Coffee many times in the past and looks forward to returning.

"I love playing there," he said. "We're playing with this band Trash Sun who I did a show with a few months ago. They're kind of a newer New Hampshire band, I think, nice guys. Union Coffee is a great spot. They have always treated us really well, and I'm looking forward to getting back." 🎧

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Thursday, March 28

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Bedford
Copper Door: Pete Peterson, 6 p.m.

Candia
Town Cabin: Tom Boisse, 6:30 p.m.

Concord
Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.
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Derry
East Derry Tavern: Chad LaMarsh, 5 p.m.
Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Dave Clark, 7 p.m.

Epsom
Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Gilford
Patrick's: Don Severance and Michelle Beatty, 6 p.m.

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Luk's: Mike Forgette, 7 p.m.
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Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/DJ Jason, 7 p.m.

Laconia
Cactus Jack's: Clint Lapointe, 7

p.m.
Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 7 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Outliers Trio, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Candia Road Brewing: open mic w/ Jay the Barber, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Peter Pappas, 5:30 p.m.
Goat: Surfer Girl, 9 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Henry LaLiberte, 5:30 p.m.
Tortilla Flat: Sam Hammerman, 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.
San Francisco Kirchen: Chris Lester, 6:30 p.m.

Northwood
Northwoods Brewing: Cecil Abels, 5:30 p.m.

Pembroke
Cavern Sports Bar: Freddie Catalfo, 7 p.m.

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

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

Salem
Copper Door: Justin Jordan, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Backyard Burgers: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.
Red's: Kevin Alexander Herrera, 7 p.m.

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

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Alamo: Brian Weeks, 6 p.m.



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

NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

2162-2162 Portsmouth The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122	Tavern 95 Brewery Lane, 436-6656	Luna Bistro 254 N. Broadway, 458-2162	Red's Kitchen + Tavern 530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030
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Grill 28 Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, 766-6466	Rochester Porter's 19 Hanson St., 330-1964	Seabrook Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760-2581	Warner The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333
Mojo's West End	Salem Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033	Chop Shop Pub 920 Lafayette Road, 760-7706	

Hudson Luk's: Chad Verbeck Duo, 7 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.	Meredith Twin Barns: Andrea Paquin, 5 p.m.	p.m.
Jaffrey Park Theatre: Tom Hsu, 6 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.	Seabrook Red's: Beau Dalleo Trio, 8 p.m.
Laconia Fratello's: Richard Cummings, 7 p.m.	Milford Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.	Saturday, March 30 Alton Bay Foster's Tavern: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.
Litchfield Day of the Dead: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.	Nashua Casey Magee's: karaoke, 9:30 p.m.	Bedford Murphy's: Patrick Synan, 6 p.m.
Londonderry Coach Stop: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: Banana Gun, 8 p.m.	New Boston Molly's: Richard Wallace, 6:30 p.m.	Bow Chen Yang Li: Justin Cohn, 7 p.m.
Manchester Backyard Brewery: April Cushman, 6 p.m. Bonfire: Chase Clark, 9 p.m. Derryfield: Lisa Love Experience, 8 p.m. Foundry: Tyler Levvs, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Johnny Angel, 6 p.m. Goat: Louie Bello, 9 p.m. Great North Aleworks: Brewed & Acoustic open mic with Alli Beaudry, 6 p.m. Shaskeen: Long Autumn, 9 p.m. South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m. Strange Brew: Lisa Marie, 8 p.m. To Share: Mollicious Intent, 6:30 p.m.	Northfield Boonedox Pub: karaoke night, 7 p.m.	Brookline Alamo: Caylin Costello, 6 p.m.
	Northwood Northwoods Brewing: Dwight Phetteplace, 6 p.m.	Concord Downtown Concord Farmers Market: Taylor Marie, 9 p.m. Hermanos: Danny Savage, 6:30 p.m.
	Penacook American Legion Post 31: Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.	Contoocook Farmers Market: Scott King, 9 a.m.
	Pittsfield Over the Moon: Ben Harris, 7 p.m.	Dover Auspicious Brew: Taylor Marie Band / Rich Amorim Trio, Darien Castro, 8 p.m.
	Portsmouth Gas Light: Freddie Catalfo, 9:30 p.m. Grill 28: Dani Sven, 6 p.m.	Epping Telly's: Rob & Jody, 8 p.m.
	Salem Luna Bistro: Justin Jordan, 7	Exeter Shooters: Tim Theriault, 6 p.m.

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In-Theater Screenings

Thursday, April 4, 5:15 PM
Opening Night Gala Reception
Spotlight Room at the Palace, Manchester, NH

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 PM
Remembering Gene Wilder
Opening Night
The Rex Theatre, Manchester, NH

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 AM
The Way to Happiness
Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Sunday, April 7, 3:00 PM
PJ Library Free Event
Hotel Transylvania
Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Bedford, NH

Sunday, April 7, 4:00 PM
Children of Nobody
SNHU Mara Auditorium, Hookset, NH

Sunday, April 7, 6:30 PM
Special Free Event: The Boy
SNHU Mara Auditorium, Hookset, NH

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM
All About the Levkoviches
Peterborough Community Theatre
Peterborough, NH
and 35 Artspace, Portsmouth, NH

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM
Bella!
SNHU Mara Auditorium, Hookset, NH

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM
Children of Nobody
Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM
Call Me Dancer
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Sunday, April 14, 1:00 PM
The Monkey House
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

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

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
After film is unlocked, you have 48 hours to screen.

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
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Children of Nobody
Matchmaking
The Boy
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Gilford

Patrick's Pub: Dave Clark, 6 p.m.

Goffstown

Village Trestle: live music, 6 p.m.

Hampton

The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Whym: Lewis Goodwin, 6:30 p.m.

Henniker

Pats Peak: The McMurphys, 6 p.m.

Hudson

Luk's Bar: Shakedown Station, 7 p.m.

Jaffrey

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

Laconia

Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.

Pipe Dream: Fred Ellsworth, 2 p.m.

Stumble Inn: Roc n Ron, 2 p.m.; The Slakas, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.

Bonfire: Martin and Kelly, 9 p.m.

Derryfield: Small Town Stranded, 8 p.m.

Foundry: Kimayo, 6 p.m.

Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m.

The Goat: Musical Brunch with Brooks Hubbard, 10 a.m.; Pirate Party: The Far, 9 p.m.

Great North Aleworks: Faith Ann, 4 p.m.

Shaskeen: Pinsky Reunion, 9 p.m.

Stark Brewing: Kitchen Party, 7 p.m.

Strange Brew: Johnny & the Two-Timers, 9 p.m.

Wild Rover: Chris Perkins, 5 p.m.

Meredith

Twin Barns: Ian Galipeau, 5 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Eddie Sands, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: Jenni Lynn Duo, 8 p.m.

New Boston

Molly's: The Incidentals, 6:30 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: David Corson, 9:30 p.m.

Salem

Luna Bistro: Brian House, 7 p.m.

Seabrook

Red's: Tim Parent & The Grim Bros., 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

Bedford

Copper Door: Rob Dumais, 11 a.m.

Hudson

Lynn's 102: John & Dave Ayotte, 4 p.m.

Laconia

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

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Roc & Ron, 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: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Milford

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

Northfield

Boonedoxz Pub: open mic, 4 p.m.

Portsmouth

Grill 28: Lilly Innella, 11 a.m.

Salem

Copper Door: Steve Aubert, 11 a.m.

Monday, April 1

Dover

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

Gilford

Patrick's Pub: open mic, 6 p.m.

Hudson

The Bar: karaoke with Phil, 8 p.m.

Jaffrey

Park Theatre: open mic, 6:30 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Lisa Guyer, 7 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m.

The Goat: Chris Powers, 9 p.m.

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

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 p.m.

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

• **Lenny Clarke** Chunky's Nashua (chunkys.com), Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m.

• **Jody Sloane** Headliners at Makris in Concord (headlinersnh.com), Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m.

• **An Evening of Yankee Humor** Franklin Public Library, Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

• **Dan Crohn** McCue's in Portsmouth (mccuescomedy-club.com), Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m.

• **Steve Scarfo** Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com), Saturday, March 30, 8:30 p.m.

• **Mark Scalia** Headliners at Makris in Concord (headlinersnh.com), Thursday, April 4, 8 p.m.

• **TTTom Clark** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth (themu-

sichall.org), Friday, April 5, 7 p.m.

• **Drew Dunn** Rex in Manchester (palacetheatre.org), Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

• **Frank Santos** BNH Stage in Concord (ccanh.com), Friday, April 5, 8 p.m.

• **Lenny Clarke and Friends** Fulchino Vineyard in Hollis (fulchinovineyard.com), Saturday, April 6, 6 p.m.

• **Preacher Lawson** Nashua Center for the Arts (nashuacenterforthearts.com), Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m.

• **Bethany Van Delft** McCue's in Portsmouth (mccuescomedy-club.com), Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m.

• **Jody Sloane** Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com), Saturday, April 6, 8:30 p.m.

• **Mark Scalia** Chunky's Man-



Dan Crohn

chester (chunkys.com), Saturday, April 6, 8:30 p.m.

• **Joey Carroll** Chunky's Nashua (chunkys.com), Saturday, April 6, 8:30 p.m.

• **The Price Is Right-Live!** Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com), Sunday, April 7, 7 p.m.

• **Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue** Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com), Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

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

Portsmouth
The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2
Concord
Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Lewis Goodwin, 5:30 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Strange Brew: David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Jordan Quinn, 5:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 8 p.m.

Press Room: Soggy Po' Boys, 9 p.m.

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

Seabrook
Backyard Burgers: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3
Concord
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: Jack Ancora, 6 p.m.

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

Hampton
Wally's: Chris Fitz-Grice, 7 p.m.

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

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: music trivia & karaoke, 6 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Rebecca Turmel, 5:30 p.m.
Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.; Mike Forgette, 10 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Chris Taylor, 5:30 p.m.

Milford
Riley's: karaoke, 7 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

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

Film

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

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

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

Fathom Events
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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

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40 Main St., Wilton, wilton-townhalltheatre.com, 654-3456



Problemista

• *One Life* (PG, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, March 28, at 3:30 p.m.; Friday, March 29, through Sunday, March 31, at 1:30, 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Monday, April 1, through Thursday, April 4, 4 & 6:30 p.m.

• *Problemista* (R, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, March 28, at 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.; Friday, March 29, through Sunday, March 31, at 1:45, 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.; Monday, April 1, and Tuesday, April 2, at 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.; Wednesday, April 3, and Thursday, April 4, at 4:15 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.

• *Winnie the Pooh: Blood & Honey 2* (2024) will screen via Fathom Events on Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at O'neil Cinemas in Epping, AMC in Londonderry, Regal in Concord, Cinemark in Salem and Regal Fox Run in Newington.

• *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.

• *Charade* (1963) will screen at Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Saturday, March 30, at 7 p.m.

• *Fallen Leaves* (NR, 2023) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m. and Sunday, March 31, at 4 p.m.

• *Sleeping Dogs* (R, 2023) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Tuesday, April 2, through Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m.

• *The Angel of Gaza* (2021) and *The Present* (2020), presented by the Palestinian Education Network, will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

• *The Kid Brother* (1927), a silent film starring Harold Lloyd and featuring live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, will screen as part of the Walker Lecture Series at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord) on Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

• *Wicked Little Letters* (R, 2024) Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord.

• **NH JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL** Tickets are on sale for the 16th annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, which will run April 4 through April 14, with a bonus week of virtual screenings through April 21. See 2024nhjff.eventive.org for this year's lineup of films and events and the available film ticket packages.

• *Food Inc. 2* (2023) will screen at Park Theatre in Jaffrey and at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION - Termination of Parental Rights

TO: Brandie Lund Jones
Nashua NH

formerly of and now parts unknown
Case Number: **622-2024-TR-00002**

Preliminary Hearing: A petition to terminate parental rights over your minor child(ren) has been filed in this Court. You are hereby cited to appear at a Court to respond to this petition as follows:

Date: April 15, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Time Allotted: 30 Minutes

10 Courthouse Lane, Derry, NH 03038

CAUTION TO RESPONDENT: It is very important that you personally appear in this Court on the date, time and place provided in this notice. If you fail to personally appear, you may be defaulted and your parental rights may be terminated even if you are represented by an attorney who has filed a written appearance and/or personally appears at this hearing.

IMPORTANT RIGHTS OF PARENTS: THIS PETITION IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS OVER YOUR CHILD(REN) SHALL BE TERMINATED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP MEANS THE TERMINATION SHALL DIVEST YOU OF ALL LEGAL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE LOSS OF ALL RIGHTS TO CUSTODY, VISITATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILD(REN). IF TERMINATION IS GRANTED, YOU WILL RECEIVE NO NOTICE OF FUTURE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING YOUR CHILD(REN).

You are hereby notified that you have a right to be represented by an attorney. You also have the right to oppose the proceedings, to attend the hearing and to present evidence. If you desire an attorney, you may notify this Court within ten (10) days of receiving this notice and upon a finding of indigency, the Court will appoint an attorney without cost to you. If you enter an appearance, notice of any future hearings regarding this child(ren) will be by first class mail to you, your attorney and all other interested parties not less than ten (10) days prior to any scheduled hearing. Additional information may be obtained from the Family Division Court identified in the heading of this Order of Notice.

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Trivia

Events

- **21+ trivia night** Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).
- **Friends 21+ trivia night** Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).

Weekly

- **Thursday** trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St. in Warner, 456-2143, reedsnorth.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 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, 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 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 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** 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** 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, snhgg.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.

Concerts

Shows

- **Gary Hoey** Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Bella's Bartok** Friday, March 29, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter (thewordbarn.com)
- **saje** Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Killer Queen** (Queen tribute) Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Palace in Manchester (palacetheatre.com)
- **Dueling Pianos** Friday, March

- 29, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tuelomusichall.com)
- **Lizzie No** Friday, March 29, 8 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth (pressroomnh.com)
- **Souled Out Show Band** Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre in Manchester (palacetheatre.org)
- **Takuya Kuroda** Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Captain Jack and the Strangers** (Billy Joel tribute) Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

- (tupelomusichall.com)
- **Dopapod** Sunday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth (flyingmonkeynh.com)
- **Captain Fantastic** (Elton John tribute) Monday, April 1, 7 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Geoff Tate** Monday, April 1, 8 p.m., Angel City in Manchester (angelcitymusichall.com)
- **The Sea The Sea** Tuesday, April 2, 7 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth (themusichall.org)
- **Adam Ant** Tuesday, April 2, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tupelomu-

- sichall.com)
- **Joseph Terrell & Blue Cactus** Wednesday, April 3, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter (thewordbarn.com)
- **Stella Cole** Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Aaron Lewis** Wednesday, April 3, 8 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **John Gorka** Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter (thewordbarn.com)
- **David Francey** Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose in New London (flyinggoose.com)
- **Club D'Elf** Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Jason Ricci & the Bad Kind** Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Rufus Wainwright** Thursday, April 4, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tupelomusichall.com)
- **Whiskey Horse** Thursday, April 4, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth (3sarts.org)
- **Dave Francey** Friday, April 5, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter (thewordbarn.com)
- **Al Di Meola** Friday, April 5, 7 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts (nashuacenterforthearts.com)
- **Keiko Matsui** Friday, April 5, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)



Adam Ant. Photo by Mark J Allen Photography.

- **So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience** Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., Palace in Manchester (palacetheatre.org)
- **Martin Sexton** Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth (flyingmonkeynh.com)
- **American Spiritual Ensemble** Friday, April 5, 8 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Boyz Gone Wild** (80s metal tribute) Friday, April 5, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House (rochesteroperahouse.com)
- **Stayin' Alive** (Bee Gees tribute) Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Palace in Manchester (palacetheatre.org)
- **No Shoes Nation** (Kenny Chesney tribute) Saturday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester (palacetheatre.org)
- **Sammy Miller & the Congregation** Saturday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Catie Curtis** Saturday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth (themusichall.org)
- **ERNEST/Nate Smith** Saturday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., SNHU Arena in Manchester (snhuarena.com)
- **Sammy Miller & the Congregation** Saturday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth (jimmysoncongress.com)
- **Resurrection Blues Revue** Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tupelomusichall.com)
- **Tool & Alice In Chains tribute night with Opiate, Alice** Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m., Jewel in Manchester (jewelmusicvenue.com)
- **Senie Hunt** Sunday April 7, 6 p.m., Cantin Room at Bank of NH Stage in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Casket Robbery & Nights of Malice** Sunday, April 7, 6 p.m., Jewel in Manchester (jewelmusicvenue.com)
- **Bombay Rickety** Sunday, April 7, 6 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth (pressroomnh.com)
- **JJ Grey & Mofro** Sunday, April 7, 7 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tupelomusichall.com)
- **Colin Hay** Sunday, April 7, 7 p.m., Colonial in Laconia (coloniallaconia.com)
- **Al Di Meola Electric Band** Sunday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth (flyingmonkeynh.com)

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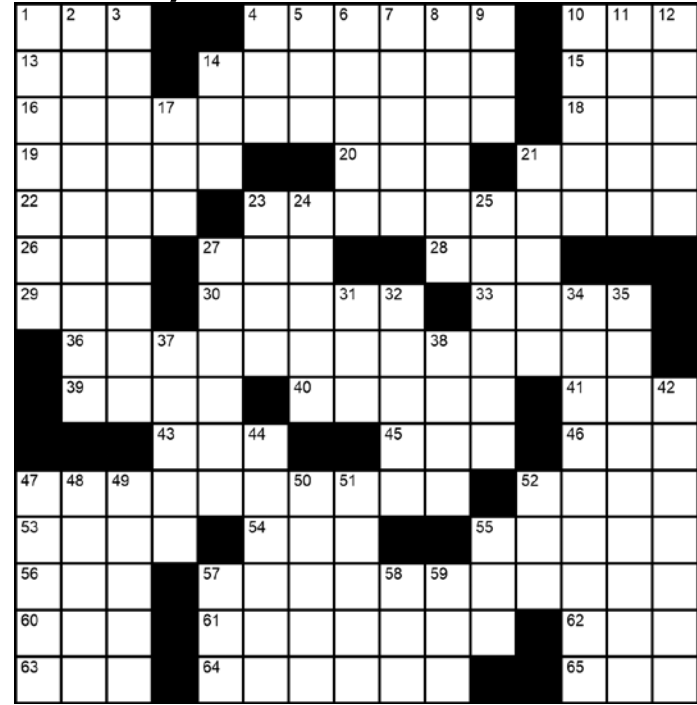
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"One, Please"—no room for any more.



Across

- 1. Jestling sort
- 4. China, long ago (as seen in an air-line name)
- 10. "Blueberries for ____" (award-winning kids' book)
- 13. Chicken ____ king
- 14. Max for tax calculation
- 15. Bird that's not native to Tasmania
- 16. Radio personality who's good at archery?
- 18. With "The," 1970s musical Oz remake
- 19. Scorched
- 20. Notable time period
- 21. Bionicles maker
- 22. "Return of the Jedi" princess
- 23. Actor who's good at pressing clothes?
- 26. July in Marseille
- 27. Pilot-licensing org.
- 28. Show grief
- 29. Cardinals' cap initials
- 30. ____ nous (confidentially)
- 33. Ceremony performed by a mohel
- 36. Actress/TV host who's good at economics?

- 39. "SNL" alum Horatio
- 40. Search site with an exclamation point
- 41. N, S, E, or W
- 43. Talk trash about
- 45. Write-____ (some nominees)
- 46. Number of three-letter chemical elements
- 47. Blues rocker who's good at hauling stuff?
- 52. Prefix for drama
- 53. "Roots" author Haley

- 54. "Anchorman" anchorman
- Burgundy
- 55. Colts' fathers
- 56. Big wheel
- 57. Rapper/actor who's good at holding together documents?
- 60. Vow words
- 61. Curse-inducing stare
- 62. Graceful shade tree
- 63. ____ Moines, Iowa
- 64. Picks up for another year
- 65. "The Waste Land" author's monogram

Down

- 1. Sings like a bird
- 2. Montreal CFLers
- 3. English actress Wilde of "Carrie" and "Wonder Woman 1984"
- 4. ____ au vin (French dish)
- 5. Kwik-E-Mart owner
- 6. Director Lars von ____
- 7. Le ____ (French seaport)
- 8. Starting lineups
- 9. The Beatles' "____ Blues"
- 10. "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" setting
- 11. Fernando's friend
- 12. Largest island of the Philippines
- 14. It's a blast
- 17. ____ minute
- 21. Scales of the zodiac
- 23. 1998 Wimbledon champ
- Novotna
- 24. Food package date, informally
- 25. Yokels, in Australian slang
- 27. Andre the Giant's role in "The

- Princess Bride"
- 31. Irish actor Stephen
- 32. Body of morals
- 34. Companion that's great for apartments (and won't run off)
- 35. They're found in the epidermis
- 37. Alphabetical listing
- 38. Sound the horn
- 42. Phrase on tote bags and plastic containers
- 44. Try hard
- 47. Michelangelo masterpiece
- 48. Bypass a vowel
- 49. Auctioned autos, often
- 50. "Rise of the ____" (PlayStation game coming out on March 22)
- 51. Mom's brother
- 52. ____ de los Muertos
- 55. ____-Therese, Quebec
- 57. To see, in Tijuana
- 58. "That's disgusting"
- 59. Pt. of CBS

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Jonesin' answer from pg 43 of 3/21



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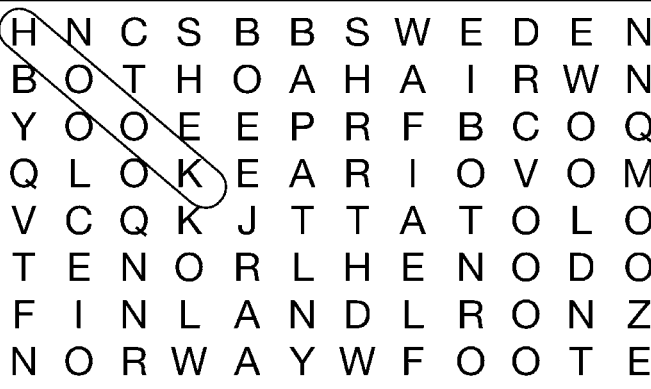
by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

- Seven four-letter words with OO in the middle □□□□□□
- Three singing voices □□□
- Three Scandinavian countries □□□
- Two things commonly brushed □□
- Anagram for "teacher" □

Last Week's Answers: AVOCADO PAPAYA ORANGE MANGO APPLE LIME / SLOTH SABLE SKUNK / EUROPE ASIA / KNIFE FORK / INDIAN ARCTIC

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2-	1-		1-	11+	
	3+				3÷
5	4×	2-	3÷	2-	
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RULES

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

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

3-	4	1	3	2
1	2-	4	2	3
5+	2	12×	3	4
2-	3	4	1	
3-	4	3	6	2
4-	240×	4	1	3
1	5	4	2	3
36×	3	6	2	5
2	2	1	3	6
6	2	5	4	1

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Good Lord

Across

- 1. 'Abnormally Attracted To Sin' Tori
- 5. Sex Pistols song about Pinocchio?
- 9. Luke Combs got taken on 'She Got The Best ___'
- 13. Kenny Loggins/Steve Perry '___ Fight It'
- 14. 'This Old Heart of Mine (Is Weak For You)' brothers
- 16. Limp Bizkit's Durst
- 17. Coldplay "Oh no ___ a spider web is tangled up in me"
- 18. Run out, as Billboard subscription
- 19. "Somewhere I lost connections, ran out of songs to play" CCR song
- 20. Queen 'It's ___ Life'
- 22. Primal Scream 'Slip Inside ___'
- 24. WASP '___ God' (Part 1&2)
- 26. Actor/guitarist Yelchin
- 27. Partying too hard at the show may leave a hurt stomach or this

- 30. Radio format from 25-55 years prior
- 34. Restroom facility, to British band
- 35. '99 Blink-182 album '___ Of The State'
- 38. fun. 'We Are Young' singer Janelle
- 39. 'The Pill' Loretta
- 41. Harry Nilsson 'Blanket For ___' (1,4)
- 43. The Bosstones guitarist Albert
- 44. Eels '___ A Day's Work'
- 46. Bob Dylan '___ (Tales Of Yankee Power)'
- 48. Prize of a rare album
- 49. Tantric 'After We Go' video
- 51. '08 Lady Gaga debut for hitting it big
- 53. 'Seven Little Girls Sitting In The Backseat' Paul
- 56. Apple listening product
- 57. '02 Pet Shop Boys single: "___ without you very well"

- 61. Village People '___ & Gomorrah'
- 64. Phish song about a labyrinth?
- 65. Big-time rockers
- 67. Kenny Rogers #1 hit not called "Girl"
- 68. Doors "Our love become a funeral ___"
- 69. 'Day-O' Belafonte
- 70. Gordon Lightfoot wants a repeat with '___ It Again'
- 71. Reggae rapper Kingston
- 72. Lynyrd Skynyrd (Pronounced Leh-___ Skin-Nerd)
- 73. Hangs w/Crosby & Stills

- 15. '23 Lana Del Rey single 'Say ___ Heaven'
- 21. Van Halen had a 'Pleasure' one for the top of the US Capitol
- 23. Singer Peter that married Joan Collins
- 25. '99 Red Balloons' band
- 27. Vandals song for God in Islam
- 28. Surprise star Susan
- 29. Punk Mike
- 31. Iron Butterfly '___-Vida'
- 32. '86 David Lee Roth album '___ And Smile'
- 33. Rubber Soul's 'You Won't ___' by The Beatles
- 36. Legendary 'Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On' West
- 37. Corey Hart 'It ___ Enough'
- 40. Numerical '08 Adele album
- 42. Black Keys '19 hit for lower and higher
- 45. 'Blaze Of Glory' guitarist Aldo
- 47. Star does gym sets or these, pre-tour
- 50. 'Rocky Mountain Way' Joe
- 52. Donna Summer misspells 'Who Do You Think You're ___'
- 54. Halestorm "I don't have wings so flying with me won't be easy, cause I'm ___ angel"

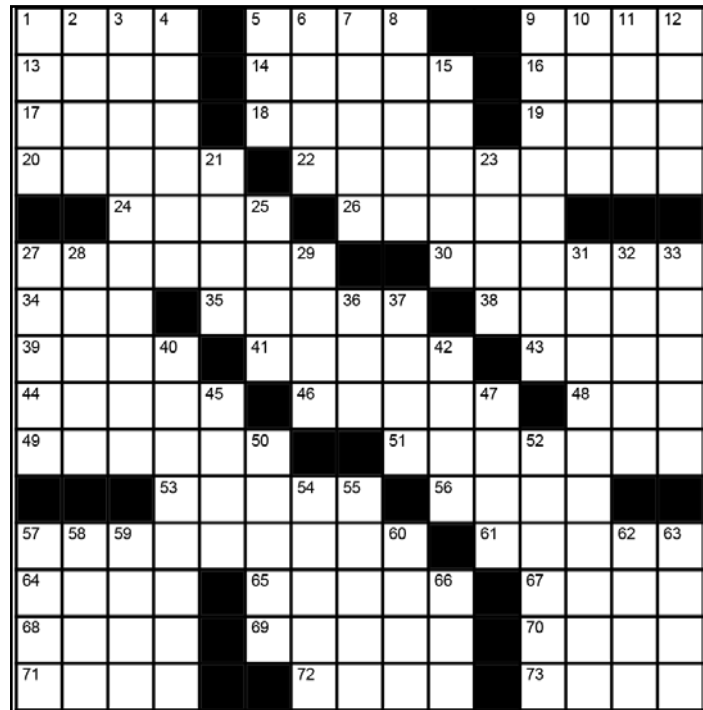
- 55. Gut cords are stretched across this drum
- 57. Springsteen "Wizard ___ and sweat sock pimps"
- 58. 'Let's Get It On' Marvin
- 59. 'In The Blood' Better Than ___
- 60. '12 Rolling Stones greatest hits album for a mad dog
- 62. They are stacked against talentless bands
- 63. Surprised David Gray says '___ My'
- 66. Original Pink Floyd singer Barrett

Down

- 1. Sarah McLachlan "We are born innocent" song
- 2. You do this in the pit
- 3. '02 Big Daddy Weave album for their sole God
- 4. Every home needs one
- 5. R&B singer ___ Mo
- 6. The Kingdom Of Heaven ___ Hand
- 7. 2nd Asia album with 'Don't Cry'
- 8. 'In Flames' song about a pipe?
- 9. Warren Zevon 'Werewolves ___'
- 10. Repeated word in 'Breathe In' band name
- 11. Placebo "Baby, did you forget to take your ___?"
- 12. '89 Cult hit

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R&R answer from pg 44 of 3/31



NITE SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. See last week's puzzle answers on pg 53.

King Classic Sudoku

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

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				9	3	7		
						4		1

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Not That Fancy*, by Reba McEntire, born March 28, 1955.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *If you're trying to get on a new path but feel unsure what your next step should be, the best thing you can do is start listening. Maybe take notes.*

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *Once my career started taking off, I worked with stylists because I knew they knew a lot more than I did about fashion. ... I had to wear high heels and clothes that weren't as comfortable as I would have liked. Eventually I found what looked good and felt good. Tell your stylist what's what.*

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *You've got to be careful what you volunteer yourself for. Ain't that the truth.*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *I'll be honest, I wasn't sure how the Broadway community would react to a country girl like me, but I had forgotten that most actors and actresses aren't actually from New York City anyway. You can be a little bit country and a little bit Broadway.*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *I wanted to stay receptive to any advice that would help my career. I listened, and then I ran it all through a gut check. Hear them out.*

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Chicken tenders are my comfort food of choice when I'm performing out on the road, and I've been known to eat them immediately after getting offstage. Turns out they pair well with sweatshirts or sequins — up to you! Up to you!*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *Who would have expected a country singer to appear in a movie about giant underground killer worms in the desert? Not even the country singer.*

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov.

21) *I don't care if it's on or off Broadway, I just want to see people perform. ... You don't even have to plan much in advance. Last-minute tickets may be available.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *I love to win, but not all runs are winners. We all mess up. It makes the winners more fun.*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *Alright, ya'll. Let's not mess around. 1. Get in your car. 2. Drive to Sonic. 3. Order the tots. 4. Just be happy. Simple.*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *Nashville is known for hot chicken. ... Ain't no hot like Nashville hot, but if you like it a little milder, use less cayenne. Like I said, you gotta be you. Gotta.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *We love TikTok. I get a kick out of it. Mama always said I have the attention span of a two-year-old, so TikTok's perfect for me. Figure out what grabs your attention. 🧠*

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 sport requiring good balance (10)	_____
2 balance sheet item (6)	_____
3 weighed in the balance (6)	_____
4 walking one requires balance (9)	_____
5 what many balance each month (9)	_____
6 ball-balancing sea mammal (4)	_____
7 anatomical system of balance (10)	_____

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Last Week's Answers: 1. BOOKINGS 2. MOCKINGBIRD 3. KAYAKING 4. STRIKINGLY 5. RESTOCKING 6. KINGSTON 7. HAWKING

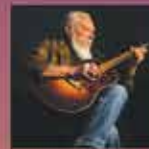
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Sudoku Answers from pg 44 of 3/21

Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★ 3/4

Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 3/6

Superhero Origin Story?

Deputy chief physician of pediatric neurosurgery Dr. Li at Hangzhou Children's Hospital in China shared a video on social media on March 11 after a baby boy was born sporting a 4-inch-long tail, WION reported. The doctor suspected a condition called a tethered spinal cord, which means the spinal cord is abnormally connected to surrounding tissues, typically at the base of the spine. Doctors advised against removing the tail, as doing so might result in irreversible damage. *WION, March 16*

Repeat Offender

A 23-year-old Frenchman will get to stay a little longer in Norway than he anticipated after racking up 25 speeding tickets in just 19 days, Yahoo! News reported. The Oslo district court called the speeder a "danger in traffic" and sentenced him to 24 days in prison, which was reduced to 21 days when he pleaded guilty. Most of the infractions were caught on fixed speed cameras, which the driver was unaware of. He was also relieved of his driver's license. *Yahoo!News, March 18*

Florida

The World Health Organization reported that leprosy is on the rise, particularly in Florida, Newsweek reported on March 22. The number of infections has more than doubled in the last 10 years, and the disease is often associated with exposure to ... armadillos. About a fifth of the U.S. cases were reported in Florida. "People may become infected from other people with untreated leprosy or from the nine-banded armadillo, a natural host of the bacteria causing the disease," said Francisca Mutapi, co-director of the Global Health Academy at the University of Edinburgh. *Newsweek, March 22*

Oopsie

A woman who just wanted to watch a livestream of a funeral became a viral sensation after she accidentally left the camera on while she took a shower, the Daily Mail reported on March 21. The Zoom broadcast was also being shown on a big screen to in-person mourners at the church in North London. The funeral was for a father of three who had died of cancer. Even worse, the woman apparently turned up at the wake later with no idea what she had done — until "ten minutes later crying her eyes out," as one mourner said. *Daily Mail, March 21*

The Golden Age of Air Travel

Indonesia's National Transportation Safety Committee reported this week that on a Jan. 25 Batik Air flight, both pilots fell asleep for about 30 minutes as the plane flew off its "correct flight path." Sky News reported that when the plane, carrying 153 passengers and four flight attendants, reached 36,000 feet, the 32-year-old pilot asked his co-pilot to take over while he rested. But the 28-year-old, whose wife recently delivered twins, also nodded off, and the plane flew itself for 241 miles before they woke up. They were able to get the plane back on the flight path and land safely in Jakarta. *Sky News, March 11*

Great Art

Mexican artist Chavis Marmol, 42, carved a giant head from stone, inspired by the carvings of the Olmec people, and then lowered it onto a used Tesla 3 using a crane, France24 reported. The art installation, in a vacant lot in Mexico City, was intended to "troll Elon Musk," said the artist. "Look what I do to your lousy car with this wonderful head. This is bigger than you and the rampant technologies." Tesla has recently announced a plan to build a factory in northern Mexico. "It's the wonderful thing about art, it allows you these atrocities," said Marmol. *France24, March 14*

Bright Idea

An employee of Chiltern Railways in the United Kingdom is marking the 125th birthday of the Marylebone station — and her own 20th anniversary with the railroad — by changing her name to Rehana Marylebone Khawaja, Metro News reported. She said she would have made it her first name had her children not objected. "The station itself is not big. But it's got a soul," she said. "It's warm and welcoming. Not every London station is like that." Khawaja started in a ticket office and now works in security. *Metro News, March 19*

Ewwwww

On March 20, a 34-year-old man went to the hospital in Quang Ninh Province, China, with severe abdominal cramps, Oddity Central reported. He was in too much pain to talk, so doctors took an X-ray and an ultrasound, where they saw something unusual in his abdomen. During surgery, they discovered a nearly foot-long live eel. The patient was unable to explain how the eel might have gotten into his abdominal cavity but he is now doing fine. *Oddity Central, March 21*
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