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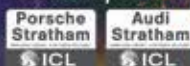


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Higher education task force reports

A press release from Tuesday, April 2, stated the Public Higher Education Task Force released a report of its findings on the strategic alignment of public higher education in New Hampshire, including short-term and long-term initiatives intended to reduce financial barriers, increase accessibility, drive the state's economy and ensure the foundation for an active and engaged citizenry in accordance with Executive Order 2023-06 issued by Gov. Chris Sununu. The task force, which was composed of leadership from the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) and University System of New Hampshire (USNH), state officials and industry leaders who solicited statewide input from various stakeholders, recommended long- and short-term initiatives, according to the press release.

Short-term initiatives include transfer credit and curricular alignment between CCSNH and USNH while expanding credit opportunities for experiential work, implementation of New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) accreditation for CCSNH as a single statewide college with locations throughout the state, the streamlining of admissions process to proactively accept CCSNH students with a predetermined GPA to USNH schools, notification of automatic acceptance to CCSNH for high school students, utilizing consistent admissions and financial aid processes for students of

both systems, an increase in the use of online delivery to provide access to workforce opportunities, the recruitment of employers to assist graduates with loan repayments when they begin working, and co-locating the CCSNH and USNH system offices in a shared workspace to foster the streamlining and coordination of common administrative functions, according to the release.

Long-term initiatives include the implementation of a study on having the two systems under one governing board and one chancellor, developing a rolling six-year plan, updated every two years, the elimination of institutional competition through program duplication where duplicate programs are not needed, the expansion of online offerings and potential consolidation to a single platform across both systems, the examination of offering CCSNH courses and programs on USNH campuses and vice versa, improving transfer ability from CCSNH to USNH, and the analysis of physical assets and program utilization across both systems for space utilization and the potential for shared facilities, according to the same release. Visit governor.nh.gov for the entire report.

Medicare scams

In an April 5 press release, Attorney General John M. Formella issued a consumer alert for New Hampshire residents, especially New Hampshire Medicare recipients, warning of receiving multiple reports of scammers posing as Medicare representatives to obtain personal identifying information. The scammers ask whether the

recipient has received a new Medicare card, and if the recipient states they have not the scammer then asks for the recipient's personal identifying information, including the recipient's Medicare and Social Security number, according to the same release.

Scammers can use the personal information obtained to perpetrate additional scams, engage in identity theft or commit additional crimes, including fraudulently accessing financial resources of the victim, according to the release.

Medicare is not issuing new cards to recipients in 2024, and Medicare does not make unsolicited calls to recipients asking for personal or private information. If you receive a call from anyone claiming to be calling on behalf of Medicare asking if you received a new Medicare card or seeking personal identifying information, it is a scam, and consumers who receive calls should hang up immediately, according to the release.

Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for all Medicare-related inquiries. Complaints can be made to your local police department and by calling the Consumer Hotline at 271-3641 or by visiting doj.nh.gov/consumer/complaints/index.htm.

Renovations at New Hampshire Hospital

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced in a March 26 press release the completion of construction in the "E" Unit at New Hampshire Hospital (NHH), a unit that was designed

Visit the Spring Craft Fair in **Tilton** on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Winnisquam Regional High School (435 W. Main St.), where there will be a myriad of crafters and vendors.

On Wednesday, April 17, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore in **Concord** (45 S. Main St., gibsonsbookstore.com) the Poetry Society of New Hampshire will host an afternoon of verse with this month's headliner, Miriam Levine, and an open mic follows her reading.

Stratham Historical Society holds its annual spring appraisal day Sunday, April 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Stratham Firehouse (4 Winnicutt Road). Experts will appraise antiques and collectibles for a small fee; a limit of five items is recommended. See strathamnh.gov/historical-society (click Meetings and Programs) or call 778-0434 for details.

for children, has been renovated to accommodate the adult population, and reopened on Monday, April 1, bringing 12 more psychiatric beds online and increasing NHH capacity to 164 beds. Further renovations will bring six more beds online by May for a total capacity of 170 beds to serve adults. In a similar fashion the "F" unit continues with renovations, with the intention of NHH being at full capacity of 185 beds later in the year, according to the same release.

Increasing inpatient bed capacity is a component of "Mission Zero," the Department's plan to eliminate an occurrence known as "ED boarding," where people in acute behavioral health crisis seek care in medical emergency departments while they wait for care in another

setting. This was a top focus outlined in New Hampshire's 10-Year Mental Health Plan.

Lori Weaver, DHHS Commissioner, said in a statement that "as we make steady advancements in our work toward eliminating ED boarding in New Hampshire, the increase in bed capacity at New Hampshire Hospital will help reduce wait times for people who need inpatient psychiatric care. However, inpatient capacity-building is just one part of a multi-pronged effort to eliminate the wait list. The mental health system continues to make strides in many of our Mission Zero strategies that will help reduce the need for, and length of, inpatient psychiatric admissions." Visit dhhs.nh.gov for more information.

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NEWS & NOTES Q&A

How to prepare for a hike

Conditions on the trail are not like in your yard

Lt. Jim Kneeland is the Search and Rescue Team Leader and Coordinator at New Hampshire Fish and Game, and the Hike Safe Representative/Partner with the U.S. Forest Service. Visit hikesafe.com.

Q: *What is your advice for inexperienced hikers?*

Depending on experience levels I always think that hiking in a group is obviously a good idea. Then you can bounce ideas off of one another when you're out on your excursion, like when to turn back or if you don't feel comfortable with the conditions. Or better yet if you're really inexperienced there are a list of guides that you can find online and going with an experienced guide, maybe taking your first time or two to kind of go through a safe way to go hiking ... in adverse conditions or basic conditions that you're not familiar with. That's another good way to gain some experience is to go with a guide.



Lt. Jim Kneeland. Courtesy photo.

What should hikers know about springtime in New Hampshire?

Hiking enthusiasts [who] come from the south where their lawns might be green and the daffodils are coming out ... there are still a lot of times late into the spring [with] winter-like conditions and that means you should be prepared ... with clothing, footwear, traction devices, even after today you probably need snowshoes again here, even in April. That's the kind of thing we see people usually screw up here and that's the change of the seasons, being prepared for where ... different weather conditions that are still going on here in elevation.

What is a Hike Safe card?

A Hike Safe card is a way that we help fund search and rescue here in New Hampshire. Traditionally, prior to the advent of the Hike Safe card, the only way that Search and Rescue was financed was through this \$1 surcharge on OHRV [Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle] registrations and boat registrations, and that wasn't eating the cost of search and rescue here in New Hampshire, so they came up with the voluntary Hike Safe card, which is a \$25 per person or \$35 per family Hike Safe Card which lets you support Search and Rescue in New Hampshire and actually has helped defray the cost of Search and Rescue placed upon the agency.

What should you do if you encounter a bear, bobcat, etc.?

We do have, obviously, bears, bobcats, coyotes, foxes, those kinds of things here in New Hampshire. It's very rare, you might

see one, but it's very rare that you have an adverse interaction with one. Making noise, making yourself appear large, usually gets the animal to go the other way. I can't think of a time, there's only been a few occasions where ... not myself, but I have heard of bad interactions with people outdoors and that's typically because they surprised the animal or maybe even, in the instance of a bear, maybe got between a sow and its cub, but typically most wildlife doesn't hang around long enough. ... Noise is my best advice.

What should Granite Staters do to help preserve wilderness areas they frequent?

They can visit websites through the Forest Service, Appalachian Mountain Club and whatnot to see the best ways to protect those fragile environments above treeline and that's basically staying on the trail, not trampling vegetation. ... A lot of our trails are marked by rock cairns, which are piles of rock that mark the trails, and then in the summer months when you can see the granite that you're hiking on there's usually a painted blaze on the rock or a tree that depicts where the trail goes, so staying on marked trails. ... Then obviously, no one likes to see garbage and stuff up on the trail. Take what you bring. It baffles me to go hiking and you see people putting dog poop in the green bags and leaving the bags on the side of the trail. If you're going to pack it in, you can pack it out, so that's my advice on trash. ...

—Zachary Lewis

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Sox win big on left coast



The Big Story News Item – Sox Jump Out

Fast: We're just 10 games in, so it's too early to call the surprise of Baseball 2024. But raise your hand if you had the Red Sox

winning 7 of those 10 games. Especially since all 10 came on the West Coast. Most surprising has been the starting pitching, which had a collective ERA of 1.53, with the best being **Tanner Houck** and **Nick Pivetta** giving up just one run in four starts.

The only down so far was shortstop **Trevor Story** dislocating his shoulder diving for the ball Friday, and there is talk as I write this on Monday he could be lost for the season.

The second 10 games come at home vs. Baltimore, Anaheim and Cleveland. We'll know more after that.

Sports 101: Who holds the NBA record for playing the most consecutive games without fouling out?

News Item – Big Moment for Women's Basketball: TV ratings often signal when a sport has arrived as a force in American sports. Last Monday may have been that day for women's basketball as the grudge match between defending NCAA championship LSU and Iowa drew a largest-ever women's college basketball audience of 12.3 million TV viewers. The return engagement went to Iowa 94-87 behind 41 points by **Caitlin Clark**. That was followed by similar ratings winners when Iowa got by UConn amid a controversial ending (it was the right call) in the semi-final before losing to South Carolina in the title game on Sunday. A great week for women's basketball.

News Item – Keith Dickson: He's one of those guys who's been so good for so long it's hard to remember what came before him. For the retiring **Keith Dickson** that would be taking over at Saint Anselm in 1986 and going on to win 719 games with a .687 winning percentage, make the NCAA Tournament 22 times and take one trip to the Final Four. All the while never having even one team I can remember that did not exceed the sum of its parts. Best of all was the rivalry between the Hawks and SNHU during the tenure of Dickson and Stan Spirou that was an on-going treat for local college basketball fans.

Well done, young fella.

The Numbers:

30 – stolen bases in 33 career attempts for Red Sox speedster **Jarren Duran** after going for 6 out of 7 so far in 2024, when he's also batting .343.

400 – career goals scored by Bruins nudge **Brad Marchand**, a number that makes it hard to recall that the supposed to be Bruins star the year he was drafted was second overall pick **Tyler Seguin**. For the record: Seguin has lasted as long in Dallas but was 51 g's behind Marchand when he reached his milestone.

10,000 – mark in career points reached by **Jaylen Brown** during his 26 effort in a 124-107 win over Portland.

... Of the Week Awards

Player of the Week: The Houston hurler **Ronel Blanco** gets it for the no-no he threw at Toronto last week in just his eighth MLB start, a 103-pitch, 7-strikeout gem.

Why Can't We Get Guys Like That Award: In **Dalano Banton's** first game since leaving Boston as part of the **Xavier Tillman** deal, the 6'9" point guard juiced the Celtics for 28 points and 9 assists Sunday. And it wasn't a one-game thing. In 28 games he's averaging 16 points, 3.3 assists and nearly 5 boards with Portland.

Sports 101 Answer: Most incorrectly believe that **Wilt Chamberlain** holds the record because he never fouled out even once. But he only played in 1,045 games in his career. And while **Moses Malone** had five early career foul-outs, he later played in 1,212 straight without fouling out.

A Little History – Wilt Chamberlain: While never fouling out is noteworthy, it's not the most amazing of Wilt's many records. It's that in 1961-62 when he scored 100 in one game and 50.4 points per game, he actually averaged more minutes per game than there are in a game as thanks to a few OT contests he averaged 48.5 per and would have played every second all year if he hadn't gotten tossed in one game after getting two T's for arguing with the refs.

Final Thought – Thumbs Up to Larry Lucchino: The greatest Red Sox team president passed away last week at 78 after a career of sports triumphs that included putting baseball back on the path to embrace its intimate ballpark, urban roots origins with the creation of Camden Yards as President of the Orioles. Conversely he was also smart enough to understand that Fenway Park was a jewel that should be saved and revitalized, not replaced. As for on the field, in my not so humble opinion he, not **John Henry** or **Theo Epstein** or **Terry Francona**, was the straw that stirred the drink that turned the Red Sox from perpetually frustrated losers to four-time champions this century. And they haven't been the same since he left after 2015. RIP.

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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Save it for next year, snow

Just in case we forgot where we lived, April started with a snow-storm. Last week's nor'easter brought snow, ice, winds, a snow day for many and more than 140,000 New Hampshire customers without electricity, according to an April 4 press release from the New Hampshire Department of Safety.

QOL score: -1

Comments: *Knock wood, fingers crossed, no whammies — can it be spring now?*

And then, an earthquake

A 4.8 magnitude earthquake on April 5 was centered in Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, but felt in New Hampshire, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in a report at earthquake.usgs.gov. On a map of the event, the government agency reported shocks felt throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. According to an April 5 report by the Washington Post, the geology of the Eastern Seaboard is extremely solid and rocky, which helped shockwaves travel an unusually long distance.

QOL score: -1 because the April 8 solar eclipse already had all of our “weird natural phenomenon” focus

Comments: *WMUR reported that people in Concord, Manchester, Nashua and other communities across the state felt the quake. New Hampshire was home to a Gilford-centered 2.2-magnitude quake on March 27, the WMUR story said.*

Notable chef

Milford chef and restaurant owner Chris Viaud is one of the finalists for a James Beard Award. In an April 3 press release, the James Beard Foundation announced that Viaud, the chef and owner of Greenleaf and Ansam in Milford and Pavilion in Wolfeboro, is a finalist in the Outstanding Restaurateur category. The award criteria describe an outstanding restaurateur as one “who uses their establishment(s) as a vehicle for building community, demonstrates creativity in entrepreneurship, integrity in restaurant operations, and is making efforts to create a sustainable work culture, while contributing positively to their broader community.”

QOL score: +1

Comment: *The winner of this award will be announced at the James Beard Award ceremony in Chicago in June.*

Screens go dark

Chunky's Cinema Pub's locations in Nashua and Pelham will close on May 9, according to Facebook posts on those locations' pages and as reported by multiple media organizations. The Chunky's at 707 Huse Road in Manchester will thankfully remain open and gift cards can be used at that location (staff from Pelham and Nashua will also be offered positions in Manchester, the posts said). The Nashua location has been open for more than 17 years and the Pelham location has been open for 27 years, the posts said.

QOL score: -2

Comments: *Nashua and Pelham locations will plan to go out in style with some screenings of modern classics — Labyrinth on April 29 at 7 p.m.; Dirty Dancing on April 30, at 7 p.m.; The Goonies on May 1 at 7 p.m.; The Big Lebowski on May 2 at 7:45 p.m., and Jaws on May 3 at 7 p.m.*

Last week's QOL score: 66

Net change: -3

QOL score this week: 63

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

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THIS WEEK

BIG EVENTS

APRIL 11 AND BEYOND

April 13

The Little "Giant" Comics Old School Comics Show (old-schoolcomicsshow.com) is today at Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord) starting at 10 a.m.. Tickets cost \$15 for general admission or \$50 for VIP admission (an hour early at 9 a.m. plus a red carpet entrance and a goodie bag), according to the website. The show features comic book vendors and comic book artists,



including what the show is billing as Venom-palooza, a line-up of artists who have worked on Marvel's Venom comics.

Friday April 12

The New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, 1 Line Drive, Manchester, milb.com/new-hampshire, 641-2005) will celebrate their mascot **Fungo's birthday** during their home game against the Somerset Patriots at 6:30 p.m. See more about the Cats' plans this season in the April 4 issue of the Hippo; see hippopress.com for the e-edition.

Saturday, April 13

Celebrate Earth Day early with Stonyfield Farm (10 Burton Drive, Londonderry, stonyfield.com, 437-4040) at the Stonyfield **Earth Day 5K and Earth Day Fair** on Saturday, April 13, beginning with a race at 9 a.m. In addition to the 5K race/walk, there will be a kids' fun run, vendors, a beer garden for ages 21+, games and activities. The event

takes place at Londonderry West Soccer Fields (90 West Road, Londonderry). Visit Millennium Running's website at millenniumrunning.com/stonyfield5k.

Saturday, April 13

Barrel & Basket (377 Main St., Hopkinton, barrelandbasket.com, 746-1375) will host a **seedling workshop** with Black Forest Nursery from 10 to 11 a.m. Participants will learn the basics of how to start garden plants from seed.

Saturday, April 13

To Share Brewing Co. (720 Union St. in Manchester, tosharebrewing.com, 836-6947) hosts its second annual **Thrift Shop Prom** from 5 to 9 p.m. Participants are encouraged to put on their fanciest or silliest dress-up clothes and dance. There will be a DJ, the Terracotta Room and more. A suggested donation of \$5 at the door benefits the Pink Boots Society.

Saturday, April 13

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Wednesday, April 17

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If you can't make it to the Thursday, April 11, *Golden Girls - The Laughs Continue* live show at the Capitol Center for the Arts' Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com) make a plan to catch it at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com, 800-657-8774) on Sunday, April 21, at 2 or 8:30 p.m. Due to adult content, this is an 18+ performance. Tickets for the Nashua show start at \$52.

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EXPLORING PUBS

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE GATHERING SPOTS THAT OFFER THEIR OWN UNIQUE CHARACTER, ENTERTAINMENT AND, OF COURSE, BEER



By Michael Witthaus
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What is a pub? With a name derived from “public house,” it’s mainly a community gathering place. At the best ones, as the song goes, “everybody knows your name” and there are plenty of reasons to be there. A proprietor at one of the six area pubs profiled in this story spoke of theirs as a respite from stress at work or home: “If either of those aren’t great, we’re that third place.”

Each has something that sets it apart and makes the place special — a signature dish, musical gathering or standout staff member. It all adds up to a vibe that can’t be replicated. Much of it is by design, particularly in Manchester. A venerable watering hole is careful to schedule events that don’t compete directly with other downtown spots, so everyone does well.

Another common thread is evolution, often disruptive, always necessary. A move to a new location, rising from a death blow delivered by the pandemic, switching things up with a new music night, expanding the spirits menu ahead of, not in response to, a boom, or cultivating a particular demographic that was previously neglected.

In the case of one venue getting ready to open in May, disruptive evolution simply means taking a leap of faith, something each of these does every single day.

The Forum Pub: Friendly zone

When Area 23 opened mid-decade, it quickly became known as a hard place to find but definitely worth the effort. Set at the end of a winding road off State Street, decorated with offbeat bric-a-brac and offering a tastefully curated beer list along with craft ciders and a smart pub menu, it also welcomed the Concord music scene. More than a few performers got their start there, and jam sessions were a magnet for creatives of all stripes.

Last year, however, owner Kirk McNeil was forced to move, due to what he called “irreconcilable differences” with his land-

The Forum Pub

15 Village St., Concord
552-0137

Must-try: Lamb gyro.

Big fun: Saturday afternoon Acoustic Circle

lord. In early October he began occupying a space that formerly was an Asian restaurant in Penacook’s Thirty Pines Plaza. With a vibe much different than the cavernous Area 23, McNeil gave it a new name, The Forum Pub.

Before deciding on the change, McNeil asked one of his regulars to identify Area 23’s “main feature,” he recalled while standing behind the bar in mid-March, during the Forum Pub’s third week of business. “He said, ‘you could have good discussions with people; it wasn’t just a lot of sports on TV, a lot of people getting frustrated about this thing or that thing. You could actually have discussions.’ I said, ‘I think you just named it.’”

That said, Forum Pub is a haven for *civil* discourse; a House Rules list at the end of the bar includes “No Politics.” This is aimed at anyone “who’s not listening but only talking,” McNeil said. “I’m happy to talk about policies ... we can talk about whether or not you think this thing or that thing should happen. What makes it a better show? I just don’t want to talk about why this nimrod or that nincompoop should be running the show.”

The process of moving 3 1/2 miles down the street wasn’t easy.

“As we all know, New Hampshire doesn’t have a ton of available real estate right now,” McNeil noted, and regulatory hurdles were also challenging. What saved the day were his people. “The best part of this entire move has been our staff, because a bunch of cooks and bartenders and sound men and servers ... became construction workers and decorators.”

Adjustments between the new and old location include live music. There’s a nice-



The Forum. Photo by Michael Witthaus.



The Forum wall. Photo by Michael Witthaus.

ly lit stage, an expertly tweaked sound system, but less room means solo, duo and trio performances instead of raucous bands. Don Bartenstein hosts a weekly song circle in the center of the room, there’s a growing list of Wednesday night singer-songwriter nights, and Saturday open mic is back, but no one’s loading in big amps anymore.

One upside of relocating is that the kitchen is four times the size of the old one, increasing the number of menu options.

“We’re doing some pretty terrific food here; we don’t have anything on the menu that I don’t like,” McNeil said. Among the customer favorites is an item that was also popular at Area 23. “I can’t say enough good things about the gyro; we do our own lamb roast.”

McNeil’s daughter Anastasia, home from college, echoed her father’s sentiments. “My friend Raphael is Greek as the day is long,” she said. “He took one bite and ran to get the chef to tell him it was the best gyro he’s ever had stateside.”

The Local: Rebirth in Warner

Like a lot of places, The Local, a small but scrappy and vibrant restaurant/bar on Main Street in Warner, couldn’t survive the pandemic. Owner Bill Meadows packed things up in May 2021. “We got through it

The Local

15 Main St., Warner
456-3333

Must-try: Eggroll of the day

Big fun: Wednesday trivia

and back,” he said by phone in late March. “When everything opened back up, we had people, but we were just so burned out by then that it just wasn’t worth continuing.”

As its name implies, it was more than a watering hole, and the community felt its absence. Meadows took a corporate job on the Seacoast, where he was frequently reminded why The Local was special. Its staff felt more like family, not a branch in an org chart.

“It’s not like going into a generic restaurant and being waited on by somebody you’ve never seen before,” he said. “You’re seeing the same people as when you came in a month, two months ago. It’s not just the food, the beer, the music; actually, it’s the staff bringing people back.”

When an opportunity to reopen came, in the form of another Main Street restaurant coming available, Meadows jumped. He and the owner of The Foothills began talking, and on October 13, 2023, The Local’s sign, featuring an arm wreath with two hands gripping mugs in a toast, came out of retirement.

It’s a bigger place, Meadows beamed.

“It’s an actual restaurant,” he said. “We were running the old Local out of a vanilla commercial space as best we could, but there were always restrictions, mostly with refrigeration ... we could barely bring in enough stuff to last until our next delivery.”

Now there are more food specials, like a daily eggroll and burger, along with a doubling of beer taps, which Meadows has filled with all-local offerings.

“Our favorite thing to do is work with independents, breweries I go directly to for beer,” he said. “No. 1, it’s a great story, and No. 2, it’s not stuff people are going to find other places.”

Live music resumed recently, with April Cushman, Charlie Chronopoulos, Ryan Williamson and others appearing every Thursday night, courtesy of NH Music Collective’s talent service.

“It’s been really handy because booking was ... it wasn’t difficult, but it was time-consuming,” Meadows said, so NHMC’s approach was welcome. “They book us great acts, and we don’t really have to do anything, so it works out.”

Along with that, Meadows leads a weekly trivia night on Wednesdays like he’s hosting a house party, surrounded as he is by mostly familiar faces.

“Our complete customer base came back when we reopened,” he said, adding that The Foothills’ old crowd still comes in.

Nine-to-five life compelled Meadows to rethink how he’d run The Local anew.

“I learned in a couple of years working for other people [about] things I used to do as a manager, not even knowing how toxic they were and how they affected other people, until I was that other person,” he said. “I came in with a completely different mindset as far as how to run a restaurant from a management standpoint; more how not to do it and trying to get away from that.”

The Barley House: New notes

As befits New Hampshire’s Capital City, Concord’s Barley House is packed with a mixture of locals and out-of-towners during the work week. On a recent Wednesday just past six o’clock, the bar included two men who earlier in the day were at the Statehouse talking over beers and burgers. Nearby, a couple from Cleveland who were attending an academic book conference at



Amanda at The Local. Photo by Michael Witthaus.

the Grappone Center considered a bowl of the pub’s signature Guinness Beef Stew.

“Definitely all walks of life,” said Nikki Miller, a longtime bartender at the North Main Street mainstay. Every Friday night, though, is locals’ time, she said. “A group of people in the community, they just take over the bar; they love it here. There’s also a ton of bar regulars, middle-aged people, and I’d say we do have some younger folk.”

It’s a less raucous vibe than in past years, she continued, meaning before the pandemic. “We’re not open late anymore,” she

said. “People typically aren’t coming late to the Barley House, or dare I say, going out late anymore in Concord at all. It’s a changed place.”

The Barley House is very much an Irish pub. An ample supply of Redbreast, Green Spot and Jameson is always on hand, and St. Patrick’s Day is the North Star of their annual calendar. This year’s came on Sunday, a day they’ve been closed in the past. That changed this year, but Miller and her team weren’t sure what to expect.

To their relief, “it was a great day,” she said. “We didn’t have any troublemakers anywhere. Everyone was having a good time, eating great food. We had Irish step dancers, and the Irish session players for three hours. Then we had a DJ in our downstairs bar; I think a good time was had by all.”

A weekly Tuesday night gathering of Irish musicians, led by Eugene Durkee, was around before the pandemic. “Right now, we have about eight men and women that come in on a rotating basis,” Miller said. “They’re playing Celtic music, and it really just brings an awesome vibe to our dining space.”

Recently, regular live music, which ended many years ago, returned to the Barley House. Acoustic performers began appearing downstairs on Fridays and Saturdays.

“We all feel now that the world has returned to its new normal, so we decided to be creative in bringing people back,” Miller said. “Making it a place where you want to go in the community again ... I think bringing music back was just the way to do it.”

Food-wise, the pub’s burgers are a constant favorite.

“I always tell my customers we have a top five burger list, which is not helpful to anyone trying to make a decision,” Miller said. Another recent addition is a personal deep-dish pizza with allegedly addictive qualities. “I don’t think anyone expected it to take off the way it did ... it’s this funny little thing; people are like, ‘do you have it? I need it. I’m here for the pizza.’”

Still and all, a tight-knit staff on a first-name basis with so many of its customers is what sets the venerable downtown pub apart for Miller. “We say it’s not a Barley House, but it’s a Barley Home.”

Strange Brew Tavern: Peaceful coexistence

How does a business endure, let alone a pub? The National Restaurant Association reports an 80 percent failure rate within five years of opening. One local beat the odds. On April 6, Strange Brew Tavern marked its 25th anniversary. For pub owner Mitch Sawaya, however, the biggest mile-

The Barley House
 132 N. Main St., Concord
 228-6363
Must-try: Guinness beef stew
Big fun: Tuesday Irish Session

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stone was making it to the end of Year 1.

He started in 1999 in a building that had stood empty for eight years, living on the third floor while he slowly built it out. Early days were quiet, but certain moments gave him hope, like when area restaurant workers stopped by after their shifts for a bite.

"I knew if we were doing something that attracted them we had a chance of making it, because they're kind of harsh critics," Sawaya said in a recent phone interview.

Fast forward to 2000. Strange Brew survived and, judging by a line snaking around the block on Market Street to mark the moment, was thriving. Sawaya could exhale a bit. "I thought, 'You know what? I think we're going to do OK, we'll be here for a while.' That was a big one; it was the first time I really felt comfortable or confident."

As for lasting two and half decades, Sawaya worked to set Strange Brew apart from other Manchester bars, beginning with a big beer list.

"I had 18 draft lines when I opened, which everybody thought was ridiculous," he said. With the craft beer boom years off, "I couldn't fill them, but I refused at that point to put domestics on tap; I still do."

Sawaya also vowed to make his pub the go-to place for blues and R&B fans, partly because he's a fan. A favorite memory is booking Dennis Brennan; he'd followed the Boston guitarist since his days in The Martells. "What was even more odd is he was with some guys that I knew really well, and he told them that he remembered me," he said. "I was blown away."

Another reason for leaning into the genre, which includes a Howard Randall-hosted blues jam every Sunday and live acts every Friday and Saturday, is that Sawaya believes staying in his lane helps the overall downtown scene. Early on, he did a press interview that said as much. The next day the owners of the now-defunct Black Brimmer stopped by to thank him.

"They said, 'That's the best thing we've ever heard,' which was great," he said. "We made a point not to book the same bands or do the same things on the same night. They'd have Mama Kicks every Wednesday, so we just steered away from that sort of thing. I think it was good for everybody. There were lines to get into all those places."

These days, Jordan Quinn, along with Scott Armstrong, hosts a music open mic on Wednesdays. "Everybody loves her; I think she's been the most successful person with it," Sawaya said, noting that there's a similar Thursday comedy gathering. "It's



Strange Brew. Photo by Michael Witthaus.

grown significantly; it's really open mic, anybody can get up on stage, and occasionally a couple of the big guys from Boston will come down to test out material."

Some of the best recollections are from the many New Hampshire primaries he's seen. "I always tell the story about John Kerry," he said. "I had a Tufts banner hanging in the corner because that's where I went to college, and he saw it. His son and his daughter went to Tufts, and he asked the significance of the banner. They told him the owner had gone there, so he grabbed me and bought us a beer.... We spent 45 minutes talking about growing up in Massachusetts."

Another time, Drew Barrymore had dinner at Strange Brew, but Sawaya couldn't be coaxed to ask for an autograph. He did meet Chris Matthews when the MSNBC host did a bunch of shows there, along with Tom Brokaw and Boston Globe columnist turned television pundit Mike Barnacle, who gave his burgers a television shout-out. "Those are huge things," he said. "All these people were coming out of the woodwork for the elections."

Asked about the future, Sawaya said, "I intend to keep going for a while," noting that recently he's put a lot of focus on food offerings; the Jambalaya and Guinness Meatballs are customer favorites.

Musically, he's tried a few new things, like recently bringing in the youthful River Sang Wild for a night.

"I'll always have entertainment, multiple nights a week," Sawaya said. "I'm going to keep playing around to see what works. I have a son who will be 18 in July, and he's not interested in being part of the business. I've got to figure that out. I'd like to be around for quite a few more years."

Wild Rover: Hometown handoff

Manchester's bar and restaurant community is very collegial. A good example



Mitch Sawaya at Strange Brew. Photo by Michael Witthaus.

of this is the way Jesse Twarjan purchased the Wild Rover, the landmark Irish pub on Kosciuszko Street. A musician and entrepreneur who manages a few downtown residential properties, among other things, the "Manch-ghanistan born and raised" Twarjan has a long history here.

In a recent phone interview he talked about bumping into Bonfire owner Patrick Mills outside his Elm Street restaurant. "I made a passing comment like, 'Oh, maybe I'll call Bob for a shift or two at the Rover,'" he recalled, referring to pub owner Robert Scribner. "I believe Patrick's words were, 'He might sell it to you.' That's how the whole thing started."

The deal was friendly and might not have happened otherwise.

"It wasn't necessarily something that Bob was looking to advertise for sale," Twarjan said. "It's a place that requires the right kind of person, an owner-operator type of situation where people want to come in and see familiar faces, that type of thing."

Twarjan took over the pub, which has been in business since 1990, on St. Patrick's Day. With an outdoor liquor license in flux, everything happened inside, but crowds still showed up for what's always their biggest day of the year. "We were at capacity all day," he said. "It was a great vibe."

With that essential celebration out of the way, an official grand opening is in the works, though the new owner is quiet on the details. He hopes it will happen before the end of April. To prepare for it, there will be new coats of paint, as he works on a stepped-up liquor offering and a reshuf-

Wild Rover

21 Kosciuszko St., Manchester
669-7722

Must-try: Reuben sandwich
Big fun: open mic night

fling of the beer list.

Notso Costley Productions will manage live music, though Twarjan is ready to jump in when needed.

"We have them as a focal point every weekend, and they always have a rotating cast of extremely talented players," he said. "My musician past leads me to have a fairly wide network of what I would consider to be extraordinarily talented people. They know if you're going to come in here you'd better play as well as me or I'll do it myself."

Former chef Jeff Volker has been recruited to help with revamping the menu. Twarjan, who's an alum of culinary-centric Johnson & Wales University, has big plans.

"We're really going to lean hard into some of that Irish flair and fare," he said, adding that Volker will strive to make the Wild Rover "the best place in town for fish and chips or shepherd's pie.... We'll be consolidating and doing it correctly. That comes down to quality over quantity, specifically with the kitchen."

That said, the Rover won't be going head-to-head with the downtown's fine dining places. Twarjan's thoughts go back to the way he acquired the bar.

"We need to be more collaborative instead of competitive in terms of making sure that there's enough of a demographic out there for all of us to enjoy," he said. "We're definitely trying to fill some gaps in the food and make sure that we're doing quality pub fare to a very high degree."

Pembroke City Limits: Born in a barn

Even though he can't play a note, Rob Azevedo has an absolute passion for music. Seemingly his every waking hour is focused on it, whether he's hosting his *Granite State of Mind* radio show every Friday night, blogging about a new local act he's excited about, or gathering a bunch of his friends to do a Tom Petty or Stones tribute concert at the Shaskeen or Rex Theatre in Manchester.

Lately Azevedo has been hosting shows in his barn, adjacent to the house in Pembroke where he moved a few years back. They're intimate affairs, with typically fewer than 100 people in attendance. Most are people he already knows, but a few new faces always show up, which got him thinking.

Which led to a new venture, his wildest and most ambitious yet.

Pembroke City Limits will present live events, everything from concerts to book signings and poetry readings, five days a week. Azevedo is putting the finishing touches on a space on Pembroke Village's Main Street, originally an 1800s general store that most recently sold antiques. He's

Strange Brew Tavern

88 Market St., Manchester
666-4292

Must-try: Jimmy "The Greek" burger.
Big fun: One Big Soul Sunday blues jam



The Wild Rover. Photo by Michael Witthaus.

been eyeing the spot for over a year. “It was either going to be this place or it wasn’t going to happen,” he said in late March. *Granite State of Mind* will broadcast live every Friday, and initially acoustic acts will provide the music. “We have four residents upstairs and we want to see how the sound is going to work,” Azevedo said, adding that all the pieces are coming together. “Rough plumbing is done, that’s huge; fire and electrical are updated; the next thing is drywall, and then get the kitchen and bar together. We’re hoping to be open by mid-May.” During a walk-through, Azevedo pointed out the charming space’s many features, like hardwood floors, exposed brick and lots of ambient light, while discussing what it will look like when finished. A stage and seating area will be on the right. A bar serving a selection of area craft beer and wine will

sit to the left. Rather than operate a kitchen, he asked Kelly Sue LeBlanc’s Sleazy Vegan for help. “I don’t know anything about food or cooking, but I love food trucks,” he said, “so I found one of the best food trucks around.” Also on the team are Paulie Stone, a musician who’ll assist with that side of things, and Azevedo’s business partner, Eric Klesper. The new proprietor has big dreams for his little village, hoping it mirrors the growth he saw in Newmarket when the mills there were renovated. He’s grateful for an understanding wife. “She knows I lost my mind sometime in the early ’90s, but I don’t feel overwhelmed,” he said. “I’ve been ready for a number of years to do this ... I feel no anxiety about it. I ask my wife, why am I not crapping my pants? She says, ‘Because you’re ready.’”



Rob Azevedo at Pembroke City Limits. Photo by Michael Witthaus.

Pembroke City Limits
134 Main St., Pembroke
264-1757
Must-try: Sleazy Vegan Grilled Sleaze
Big fun: Americana Wednesdays

More Pubs

Here are a few more places where you feel like everybody knows your name. Know of a pub not mentioned here? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com.

Flying Goose
40 Andover Road, New London 526-6899
Known for: Thursday night music series with best of New England’s folk scene
Must-try: Space Pony IPA

Holy Grail
64 Main St., Epping, 679-9559
Known for: Repurposed church with a heavenly beer list
Must-try: Bangers & Colcannon

Kathleen’s Irish Pub
91 Lake St., Bristol, 744-6336
Known for: It’s right there in the name — order a Jameson
Must-try: All-Day Irish Breakfast with real black pudding

McGarvey’s
1097 Elm St., Manchester 627-2721
Known for: Being Elm Street’s longest run-

ning bar
Must-try: Hot dog loaded with mac & cheese, bacon crumbles and pulled pork

Patrick’s
18 Weirs Road, Gilford, 293-0841
Known for: Wednesdays with singer-guitarist Don “Sev” Severance
Must-try: Seafood chowder

Peddler’s Daughter
48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535
Known for: Lots of local bands on the weekends
Must-try: Cottage Pie is the real deal

Penuche’s Ale House
6 Pleasant St., Concord, 228-9833
Known for: The Concord music scene meets here most weekends
Must-try: Any local craft beer

Penuche’s Ale House
4 Canal St., Nashua 595-9831
Known for: Rustic, friendly atmosphere
Must-try: A cold beverage on their outside deck

The Pint Publik House
1111 Elm St., Manchester 206-5463
Known for: Serving Jamaican food with a friendly vibe
Must-try: Jerk pork or chicken

Pipe Dream Brewing
40 Harvey Road, Londonderry, 404-0751
Known for: Monthly Flights and Flow yoga beer night
Must-try: A beer flight of your favorite style, IPA, stout, take your pick

Press Room
77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186
Known for: Buzzworthy live music
Must-try: Maple-forward Damn You Robert Frost cocktail

Shaskeen Pub
909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246
Known for: Backroom offering music most nights, comedy on Wednesday
Must-try: Proper Scotch Egg, made fresh once a week

Shopper’s Pub & Eatery
18 Lake Ave., Manchester, 232-5252
32-5252
Known for: Sports forward vibe, great game day stop
Must-try: Beehive Burger

Stark Brewing Co.
500 Commercial St., Manchester, 625-4444
Known for: Craft brew veteran with a big space to unwind in
Must-try: Drunken Tips, marinated in Tasha’s Red Ale

Stone Church
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Must-try: La Bamba Rice Bowl

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Art connections

Currier curates a conversation

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When Lorenzo Fusi joined the Currier Museum of Art in February 2023 as Chief Curator, one of his first exhibitions was “Distant Conversations.” It looked at the elective affinities between painter Ella Walker and ceramicist Betty Woodman, by displaying their works side by side.

Its success led to this year’s exhibition, which pairs painter Filippo de Pisis with photographer Robert Mapplethorpe. The latter is better known, mainly due to his often controversial photos. In a phone interview with the Hippo, Italy-born Fusi said he included de Pisis “to present and premiere the work of an Italian artist who I think is very influential and important beyond the borders of Italy.” Here’s an edited version of the interview.

Separated by years, Mapplethorpe and de Pisis never met. What do you think connects them artistically?

Mapplethorpe traveled multiple times to Italy, and I think most of these affinities originated by looking at the same work and the same monuments, the same kind of archaeological references which are basically sitting deep in Western art history. I think that most likely is the reason why there are so many uncanny similarities between the two of them.

What are some of the other elements linking them?

Each of them came from some form of prejudice. I would say de Pisis at one moment in time has been considered a

bit too delicate ... maybe too soft in his representation. By imposition, I think Mapplethorpe was considered too hard, too in your face, too confrontational. I think both of them have been stigmatized for this almost opposite way in which they come into art. And ironically, [via this] completely opposite or antagonist approach, they do produce work which is actually very ... similar aesthetically. So I think this is not only an opportunity to discover de Pisis as an artist who has not been shown extensively in the United States, but also an opportunity to revisit Mapplethorpe’s work from a different ... perspective.

They were both very purposeful in their approach.

Yes, intentional, and very deliberate in the way they wanted to represent something. If you start entering into that mindset, even the more graphic images of Mapplethorpe, and we have only one image from the more controversial portfolios ... Joe Rubberman, the very famous picture of a man wearing a vinyl outfit laying down flat on a bench. It’s a very classical pose [and] although it looks very morbid and very sexual, as a matter of fact, this pose can be seen in hundreds of examples of art historical references, even though it might be very much in your face when you start looking at it.... The idea [is] to create an image that is transtemporal and it stays as an almost art historical testament. You don’t see the sexuality of it anymore. You don’t see the reference to this very murky underworld of gay life in New York in the ’70s and ’80s, you see a very iconic image of a body that could be Etruscan, could be ancient Roman or Greek. That’s where I think he stops being controversial and starts being an artist in a sense.

When did you know you were on the right track and this would be an impactful exhibition?

The Currier Museum of Art has a quite substantial collection of photography,



Filippo de Pisis, *Testa di fanciullo (Youth's head)*. Courtesy photo.



Filippo de Pisis, *Fiori di Villa di Maggio*. Courtesy photo.



Robert Mapplethorpe, *Self Portrait*. Courtesy photo.



Robert Mapplethorpe, *Tulips*. Courtesy photo.

going back to Lotte Jacobi, the first photography curator... I was surprised when I first moved to the Currier that we didn’t have any Mapplethorpe in our collection because undeniably he’s an American master of photography. I was looking at [how] we could incorporate some work by Mapplethorpe into the collection, but also ... overcoming the prejudice associated with the more controversial reception of his photography. At the same time ... I wanted to do something with de Pisis in the United States because he was an overlooked artist who I think should be represented. The moment of realization [came while] separately looking at the work. In my mind I had this crystallization that some of the

images were very, very similar, and the more I delved into that, the more similarities I found. I think the moment for me when I became absolutely sure that it was a good exhibition or a good approach was when I showed it to a colleague of mine in Italy who immediately saw the poetry and the lyricism in this association, and he asked me to continue to do that research. Then I shared it with my team. They all saw how close the elective affinity is between these two artists, which is most surprising considering the time gap and geographical gap between the two of them. So it has not been a single moment of revelation, but multiple moments of affirmation that have happened from people who were not as yet in the project but could see immediately how powerful the association was. 🍷

Filippo de Pisis and Robert Mapplethorpe: A Distant Conversation

When: Saturday, April 13, through Sept. 2
Where: Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester
More: currier.org

Art

Exhibits

• **“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. 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 CONINENTS”** presented by Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce (49 S. Main St., Suite 104, Concord) by artist Kae Mason through Monday, May 6. 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; nhandubon.org) through Friday, May 17. The show features artwork by Jackie Hanson, a New Hampshire artist. Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **“KARA WALKER: HARTER’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. According to a press release, “15 works on paper by Walker will be presented alongside a selection of prints by Winslow Homer ... that inspired them. The direct comparison between the original images by Homer and Walker’s reinterpretation of the same material was first undertaken by the Smithsonian

American Art Museum in 2017.”

• **“LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: POLLY APFELBAUM & ALICE MACKLER”** at Outer Space gallery (35 Pleasant St. in Concord) will run until Saturday, June 1, by appointment. Visit outerspacearts.xyz.

Theater

• **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 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m. See eppingtheater.org.

• **AMERICA AMERICA** present-

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THE ROUNDUP

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

• **Frost show rescheduled:** Due to the inclement weather on Thursday, April 4, the production of *Robert Frost: This Verse Business* has been postponed to Sunday, May 12, at 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Theatre (5 Pinkerton St., Derry; pinkertonacademy.org/stockbridge-theatre). Read an interview with star Gordon Clapp on page 16 of the April 4 issue of the Hippo; find the e-edition at hippopress.com.

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

• **Cue the "Water Works"** The upcoming exhibition at Two Villages Art Society, "Water Works," showcases work from three artists who explore the subject of water in all its guises, from tides to tears, and opens with a free reception on Saturday, April 13, from noon to 2 p.m. at the gallery at 846 Main St. in the village of Contoocook. It will run until Saturday, May 11, according to a press release. Painter Ann Saunderson and photographers Sher Kamman and John Hoglund worked with curator Rick Lugg to create the show that will include abstract and realistic paintings and artistic photographic compositions, in vibrant colors and subtle tones, according to the same release. Refreshments

will be available and music will be provided by Brad Myrick for the opening reception. Two Villages Art Society's gallery is open, free of charge, Thursday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Visit twovillagesart.org.

• **Arts cafe:** The Londonderry Arts Council announced in a press release the 2024 Arts Café will take place on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center (535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry). The Arts Café is an annual free family event with local art, music and community spirit where attendees can enjoy complimentary coffee provided by Coffeeberries of Londonderry, hot chocolate and delicious breakfast pastries while they browse the artwork and can engage with the artists, according to the press release. The event will feature live acoustic music performances as well as a 50/50 raffle to be drawn at 3 p.m. with proceeds going to supporting local art events; participants do not need to be present to win, according to the release. Visit londonderryartscouncil.org.

• **Free family concert:** The Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) hosts the Nashua Chamber Orchestra on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. with top student soloists in a family-friendly program with pieces from Mendelssohn, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and more. Kids will also be introduced to the instruments of the orchestra, according to their website. Listeners of all ages are invited. Visit nco-music.org.

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



SONGS AND STORIES

Singer-songwriter William Florian presents an evening of music and stories that is the final concert of the Concord Community Concert 2023-24 season on Saturday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the the City Auditorium, according to a press release. The show will include the music of The New Christy Minstrels, Peter, Paul & Mary, John Denver, Neil Diamond, The Beatles, Pete Seeger, The Mamas & The Papas, and uplifting originals presented with amusing stories in an intimate performance, according

to the press release. In a statement, Florian said "there is a

lot of power behind the meanings of these songs. They continue to be relevant today, but they also bring you back to a specific time in your life. They bring up feelings and memories that make you smile." Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$23 online, free for those under 18, with tickets at the door available up to 90 minutes before showtime. Visit ccca-audi.org or theaudi.org/events or call 344-4747 for more information.

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Body rolls & compass turns

NSquared is home for modern dance

By Zachary Lewis
zlewis@hippypress.com

Dance, artistic movement of the human body, is one of humankind's oldest forms of expression throughout all cultures. NSquared Dance, a contemporary dance company based in Manchester, believes in the power of dance and advocates for this ancient art form in the Granite State.

Zackery Betty, Artistic Director of NSquared Dance, spoke about how it's "a company that's really driven to bring awareness [of] the joy of dance but also the art of dance and be able to share it through empowerment, encouragement for community members, for other dancers and also for audience-goers."

NSquared Dance is a nonprofit that Zackery Betty and his husband, Nick Neagle, who is the founder and creative director, brought up from New York City. Neagle is a New Hampshire native and both Betty and Neagle are "excited to make [New Hampshire] our home," Betty said. "You don't need to go to this giant metropolis in order to fulfill a life for dance. It is viable within the smaller communities and the cities [in New Hampshire] that still have a lot to give."

Betty and Neagle both graduated from Marymount Manhattan College in New York City, he said, and "[NSquared Dance] was [Neagle's] senior thesis ... to create a company, and he did the business plan ... based out of Boston but then he just really transposed it to fit more in the New Hampshire area.... Through trials and tribulations we've now come to have a brand new outlook."

That outlook involves a myriad of dance styles.

"We actually are pretty happy to capitalize on our different types of genres," Betty said. "We specialize in contemporary dance and modern but we do have a very strong tap background. We also can do jazz, ballet ... checkmark [all] the dance genres except



Courtesy photo.

for no folk or ballroom dance, that's not our specialty."

They do have a specialty in their choreography, which springs from unique starting points.

"Sometimes it starts with a costume. Sometimes it starts with a music inspiration and other times it will start with either a story or an idea," Betty said.

NSquared's next performance will be on Saturday, April 13, at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts in Milford for the New England Inspirational Dance Festival run by Saving Grace Dance Ensemble.

"The New England Inspirational Dance Festival is a celebration of dance through inspiration," Betty said. "Saving Grace Dance has presented several different platforms for dance companies and dance crews to come perform. We're bringing one of our works that we did in February ... it's just a duet, but it's a duet that brings light to what possibly could be dance in another realm ... a higher realm."

Betty and Neagle are selective yet open-minded about who becomes an NSquared Dancer.

"We are a very open and encompassing group...." Betty said. "We look through a lens of joy mixed with technique. We have a very strong technical background underneath for all of the dancers. That doesn't necessarily mean that all of our dancers have gone to college for dance, but we do have a large group of them that have.... We look for storytelling in relation to being able to use your voice within a room as a creative and as an advocate for the art of dance. We look for someone who can bring both of those aspects into the studio and the stage."

After the Festival, NSquared will premiere *The Lavender Scare* in collaboration with dancers through New Hampshire Dance Collaborative at the Rex Theatre in Manchester in June.

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Where: Amato Center for the Performing Arts, 56 Mount Vernon St., Milford

When: Saturday, April 13, 6 p.m.

The Lavender Scare

Where: The Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St., Manchester

When: Thursday, June 27, 7 p.m.

More: nsquareddance.org

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dancers were born and raised here in New Hampshire except for myself and our rehearsal director,” Betty said. “It’s really nice to have that local group of people.... It’s nice to pride ourselves that we are locally born and raised for dancers.”

NSquared Dance also holds drop-in classes for professionals and college stu-

dents on Sundays at the New England School of Dance (679 Mast Road in Manchester) for \$15.

“We’re excited to invest,” Betty said, “in the best stories that have helped create us and helped create our community ... to put that on the stage and not have to use words for it.” 🗨️

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ed by the Players’ Ring Theatre (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth) and performed in English and Spanish will run through Sunday, April 14. Performances on Fridays and Saturdays will be at

7:30 p.m with additional performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28, or \$25 for students and 65+. Visit playersring.org or call 436-8123

Classical

• **FAMILY CONCERT** presented by the Nashua Chamber Orchestra on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St. in Nashua). See nco-music.org.



FOUR ARTISTS

Twiggs Gallery’s (254 King St., Boscawen) first exhibit for the 2024 season, “Pushing Our Boundaries,” showcases the talent of four League of NH Craftsmen artists: woodworker Steven Hayden, textile artist Cheryl Miller, ceramist Lori Rollason, and mixed media artist and calligrapher Adele Sanborn, who collaborate as the 9th State Artisans, according to a press release. This exhibit will run until Sunday, May 19, according to the release. Hours are Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Visit twiggsgallery.org or call 975-0015. *A walk in the Forest* by Cheryl Miller.

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How long have you had this job?
Three years.

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

Honestly, I taught myself jewelry at 16. Three years ago I broke my ankle and had Covid at the same time.... I was really bored in the house so I took everything out and here we are.

What kind of education or training did you need?

All self-taught with jewelry. And YouTube. YouTube was great. YouTube helped.

What is your typical at-work uniform or attire?

Comfy, comfy pj's.

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

Working the fairs. I have fibromyalgia. So my body is always telling me I can't do it 'cause everything is always hurting. So

rest, lots of water and just keep pushing through it and the joy of meeting everybody and selling makes me happy, that's how I push through.

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

How expensive beads are. It's pretty expensive. When I did my taxes this year I was very surprised at what I'd spent on tools and supplies. It's expensive.

What do you wish other people knew about your job?

I wish people that are creative and have an idea just go for it. I remember one day I had a friend who wanted to make earrings and she goes, 'What do I do first?' and I said, 'You just have to start,' so I wish people would just start.

What was your first job?

Working for the Telegraph [The Nashua Telegraph] delivering papers.

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

Probably from my dad, who was in the military, and it was, just be the hardest worker I can be. If it's slow, you should be doing something. Always be working.

— Zachary Lewis 🍌



Chantelle Morin

Five favorites

- Favorite book:** *Big Magic* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- Favorite movie:** *Avengers: Endgame*
- Favorite music:** My favorite band is Paramore
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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

When towing, the center differential makes all the difference

CAR TALK



By Ray Magliozzi

I just read your recent answer about how to tow vehicles with automatic transmissions. It made me think about my parents' RV trips years ago, where they towed a '95 Jeep Cherokee with an automatic transmission behind the RV. The transfer case was in Neutral while being towed, and I don't remember about the transmission itself. Was that acceptable or was that causing wear or damage to the drivetrain? — Stuart

Well, since they got away with it, I'm going to conclude that it wasn't that bad, Stuart. In 1995, the Jeep Cherokee was an old-style four-wheel-drive vehicle. That means it did not have a center differential. Modern all-wheel-drive vehicles have center differentials, with all four wheels connected to the power train all the time. For those vehicles, we recommend flat-bed towing exclusively.

But on the old Cherokee, by putting the transfer case in Neutral, you could literally

disconnect the front drive shaft (and front wheels) from the rest of the drive train. That way, the front wheels could turn freely without being connected to the transmission.

So, if your folks put the transfer case in Neutral and lifted the rear wheels of the Cherokee off the ground, and towed it (facing backward) with its front wheels on the ground, that would have been perfectly safe.

If they towed it on all four wheels behind their RV, even with the transmission in Neutral, then the rear driveshaft would have been turning the components of the automatic transmission. And while it wouldn't necessarily ruin the transmission, it would cause the transmission to heat up. The transmission only gets cooled when the engine is running, so towing it — especially if it was at highway speed for hours at a time — certainly could have shortened the transmission's life. How could you know for sure? You'd have to track down the person your parents sold the car to and ask them. But I would definitely conceal your number when you call, just in case they're still steamed about it.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,

Is this record player a throw-away? Would someone use this still? Thank you for any help.

Amy

Dear Amy,

My No. 1 rule is there is almost always a reason to save things from the past.

Your Webcor Lark record player is from the 1950s. Being a portable one, it does have its charm.

To determine whether there is value, you have to consider its overall condition, whether it is a complete unit, and whether it's in working condition.

Let's just say yes is the answer to all. The value would be in the \$75 range to a record or player collector. If it's not in working condition I would say there's some value for any working parts.

I think for marketing it I would start at a retail store that sells old records, for both selling and more information.

I hope this was helpful, Amy, and that



you can find a new home for your player.

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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In this year's poll we asked you to weigh in with your favorite doughnut, lunch spot and brewery. 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. Looking for a place where they make your coffee perfect every time or a great hair stylist? Here are Hippo readers' favorites.

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

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★ **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

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★ **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

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★ **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, axelstrowhouse.com, 212-1778

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★ **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, thegyrospot.com, 218-3869

★ **Diz's Cafe** 860 Elm St. in Manchester, dizs-cafe.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, stumbleinnnh.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, gamechanger-sportsbar.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.

Best Place to Meet a Blind Date

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

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★ **Stella Blu** 70 E. Pearl St. in Nashua, stellablu-nh.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, cotton-food.com, 622-5488

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

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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, thesleazyvegan.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, messymikesbq.com, 781-710-7832

Best Date Night Restaurant

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

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

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

Restaurant that Brings the Heat

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, cur-ryleafus.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, kashmirindianfood.com, 898-3455

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

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

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 ★ **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, smokeshackcafe.com

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

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, skymeadow.com

Best Burgers

Best of the best: Papa Joe's Humble Kitchen 237 South St. in Milford, papajoeshumblekitchen.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, thetuckaway.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;

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★ **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; californiaburritosnh.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

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Best Fish & Chips

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★ **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

★ **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

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

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Best Mac & Cheese

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

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★ **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

★ **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

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★ **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, elmhophop.com

Best Specialty Pizza

Best of the best: "The House Pie" at Elm House of Pizza 102 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-5522, elmhophop.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. 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

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★ **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.”

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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, greatamerican-subsnh.com

Best Tacos

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

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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

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★ **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

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

DRINKS

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

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

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

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★ **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

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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

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

★ **Espresso Martini at 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) 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, copperdoor.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.

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; lacaretamex.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 Wildbery Margarita, Vallarta Margarita, Hot Rita and a cucumber margarita.

★ **Tupelo Music Hall** (10 A St. in Derry, tupelomusicall.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, industryeastbar.com, 232-6940) Offerings include the Caribbean Kilt (Scotch, amaretto, orange, lime, orgeat and biters, with a rum float) and Granny Panties (dark rum, Zucca, creme de violette, pineapple, lemon and grapefruit, with celery biters).

★ **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 biters).

★ **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 falemum, 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 biters) and Fizzy Lifting Drink (prosecco, creme de violette and lemon).

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

★ **The Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant** 909 Elm St. in Manchester, shaskeenirishpub.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 Fisherville 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.

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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, seafoodfestivalnh.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 Statehouse 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 saalemnhfarmersmarket.org.

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★ **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

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★ **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, aviationmuseumofnh.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 milfordpumpkin-festival.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

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

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

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

★ **Hampton Beach** in Hampton, hampton-
beach.org

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Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.
com, 669-6890 for the restaurant.

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

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Dr., Unit 1, in Londonderry, thenestfamilycafe.
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★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 25 S.
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Bounce!

• Fun City Trampoline Park (533 Mast Road, Goffstown) has all the **jumping** your kids need, with a special toddler time on Fridays from noon to 3 p.m., in their 60,000-square-foot facility, according to their website. There is a 250-pound weight limit. Fun City also offers laser tag and bumper cars. For kids age 6 and under prices range from \$14 to \$20 for a 90- to 120-minute jump, and for those over the age of 6 prices range from \$23 to \$32 for a 90- to 120-minute jump. Jump socks are required for those over age 6 and are \$3. Fun City Trampoline Park is open Monday through Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m., Friday from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit funcitytrampolinepark.com or call 606-8807.

Bend!

• Vibe Yoga & Aerial Moon (85 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 759-8432) will host a four-week **family yoga** series with Lauren Young on Saturdays, starting June 1, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. You'll learn yoga poses, breathwork and mindfulness through books, songs and games together as a family, according to their website. The class will end with snuggly relaxation in this series that's ideal for adults and children between the ages of 3 and 8 but younger and older siblings are welcome, according to the site. The cost is \$80 for one adult plus one child and \$20 for each additional person up to four people total. The class series is limited to six families. See vibe-yoga603.com.

• Slightly older yogis can join Lauren Young for **kids' yoga** for children between ages 5 to 12, according to the same website, right after family yoga on the same Saturdays, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This is a drop-off program where kids will learn and practice yoga postures, breath work and mindfulness through games,



The Lorax.

songs and art; once your child is dropped off you can enjoy an hour at the coffee shops and stores in downtown Nashua. Registration is \$80 per child. Visit vibe-yoga603.com.

Boil and bake!

• The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Derry) is offering **cooking classes** for mini-chefs from 3 to 6 years old, with a Pasta Primavera course on Friday, April 19, and Sunday, April 21, at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., according to their website. These classes are designed for kids to work independently or with their caregiver close by if needed. They will prepare a recipe or two, usually with two servings, and read a book while it cooks, according to the website. Registration is \$20 per child. Visit culinary-playground.com or mail cooking@culinary-playground.com or call 339-1664 for details or to register.

Be entertained

• **The Lorax** (PG), the 2021 animated movie based on the Dr. Seuss book and featuring the voices of Zac Efron, Danny DeVito, Taylor Swift and Ed Helms, will screen Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road), Nashua (151 Coliseum Ave.) and Pelham (150 Bridge St.) on Friday, April 12, at 3:45 p.m. Reserve seats at chunkys.com.

Be artistic

• The Creative Studio at the **Currier Museum of Art** (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org) will celebrate Slow Art Day on Saturday, April 13, "described as "a global event that aims to help more people discover the joy of looking at — and falling in love with — art," according to a museum newsletter. The day will feature slow-looking activities and more, the newsletter said. As the second Saturday, this Saturday also features **free admission to New Hampshire residents**. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 🍌

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A great French baking contest

This year's theme is plays and musicals

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News from the local food scene

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• **Chocolate and wine pairing:** Learn to pair chocolate with wines so they both taste even better. Tuscan Brands Wine Director Joe Comforti and Chocolate Educator Maggie Prittie of World Wide Chocolate will teach participants how to taste and source fine single-origin chocolates, and how to pair them with complementary Italian wines, Friday, April 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Tuscan Market at Tuscan Village (9 Via Toscana, Salem, tuscanbrands.com, 912-5467). Tickets are \$70 and available through the Tuscan Brands website.

• **Children's cooking class:** Very young cooks (ages 5 and up) and their grownups can make homemade pizza and decorate cupcakes on Friday, April 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Derry, culinary-playground.com, 339-1664). Each adult-and-child pair will make a personal pizza topped how they like and decorate a themed cupcake. The cost is \$45 per pair. To register, email cooking@culinary-playground.com.

• **Spring flowers cookie decorating class:** On Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., release your inner florist at LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst, labellewinery.com, 672-9898) at beginner hands-on cookie decorating class led by instructor Keli Wright. Participants will be given step-by-step instructions in mixing icing and piping intricate designs. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$69 and are available on LaBelle's website.

• **Organic gardening:** The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire (84 Silk Farm Road, Con-

How much do you know about the French-speaking world other than France or Quebec and could you express that knowledge *in a cake*?

On May 18, 10 teams of amateur bakers will have an opportunity to do just that at the Franco-American Centre's Third Annual Fleur Délices, a cake-decorating competition dedicated to spreading knowledge about the Francophone world. Teams will bring everything they need to build elaborately decorated cakes with a French or French-influenced theme.

"This goes hand-in-hand with our mission at the Franco-American Centre," said Nathalie Hirte, the event's organizer, "to introduce people to the world outside the France/Quebec box."

For the event's first year the Fleur Délices' theme was French-speaking countries around the world, Hirte said.

"Last year, it was fairy tales; this year our theme is Plays and Musicals of the French-Speaking World," she said. "What's happened in the past is the contestants have looked at our suggestion list, then gone and picked something else completely. As long as their cakes meet our criteria, they're good."

Fleur Délices — the name, which indicates "delicate and delicious," is a pun; it sounds like "Fleur de Lis," the symbol of France — is inspired by *The Great British*

Third Annual Fleur Délices

When: Event is May 18. Bakers' registration closes Friday, April 26, at 5 p.m.

More: Franco-American Centre, 100 St. Anselm Drive, Manchester, facnh.com, 204-7680



Teacher and student team. Courtesy photo.

Baking Show, a television baking competition known for its creativity and kindness. Like its inspiration, Fleur Délices will require competitors to make and present cakes, but unlike the television show, there will be no baking on site.

"None of the venues we've held the event at have ovens," Hirte said. Competitors will bake their cakes at home, then bring them to the event along with frosting and any edible elements they need to put their finished cakes together. Teams can have one or two participants. Single-person teams will have an hour to decorate their cakes; pairs will have 45 minutes.

Each cake must have a minimum of two tiers, and one of them must be a sponge. ("That's another influence from the *British Baking Show*," Hirte said.) The icing must include at least one buttercream. All cakes must have a 3D element that is made from an edible material. Other than that, the organizers have not been overly specific about their requirements.

"We didn't want to limit the bakers' creativity," Hirte said. "We just want them all on a level playing field."

Two or three judges will walk around during the competition, visiting teams at

their stations and asking questions. They will judge individual cakes on taste, texture, overall appearance, creativity and their representation of the theme. The overall winner of the competition will be chosen from an average of the judges' scores and will be presented with an engraved cake platter.

A People's Choice winner will be chosen by the spectators. Because it will not be possible for every spectator to taste each cake, the People's Choice winner will be based almost entirely on appearance.

"We guarantee that everyone will get two to three samples," she said. "The last two years, nobody has left hungry. We always get positive feedback on the event." The People's Choice winner will be presented with a charcuterie board.

Fleur Délices is open to bakers 16 and older.

"The past couple of years we've had some French teachers and their students compete," Hirte says. "That's been fun."

Registration for competitors is \$20 per team and is open until Friday, April 26, on the Franco-American Centre's website. Tickets for spectators will go on sale within the next week or so through the same website. 🍷

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A pint of jalapeños

A springtime tradition at Concord Craft Brewing

By John Fladd
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Dennis Molnar, co-owner of Concord Craft Brewing, says weather plays a bigger role in running a brewery than you might think.

“Most people, unless they’re die-hards, are pulled toward lighter beers,” he said of spring beer drinkers. Which explains the Jalapeño Cream Ale.

Molnar said one of the challenges of making specialty seasonal beers is knowing how much to make, and when to make it.

“We get people getting in touch with us all the time, asking, ‘Why can’t you make the Jalapeño year-

round, or why can’t you make that very rich, heavy porter all year round?’ It’s hard to know what the right amount to make is, before people’s tastes change,” he said.

The Jalapeño Cream Ale originally started as a tribute to Cinco de Mayo, Molnar said, but after several years customers started to think of it as a generally springtime beer.

“It’s a Golden Ale,” he said. “It’s on the lighter side, which makes it popular for warmer weather. We use real jalapeños and let it age [with the chiles] for several weeks. There’s a little bit of spice there, but not so much that you can’t finish your dinner or anything.”

Before the Jalapeño this year, there was the maple-season-themed Logger Lager.

“Most years, in the late winter/early spring, we make a bourbon barrel-aged maple brown ale,” Molnar said, “but we had trouble getting barrels this year.” Instead the brewery put out a mazen, a German-style,



Photos courtesy of Concord Craft Brewing.

medium-bodied golden ale with maple syrup. “We liked the name,” he said. “Also, small brewers [like us] make unpasteurized beers. That means that the yeast ferments out the maple sugars, and you’re left with a more subtle maple flavor.”

One of the advantages of running a small brewery is having the freedom to test out new ideas, Molnar said.

“We can make a small batch and see how it works out,” he said. At the moment, he and his team are thinking about something new for the summer, a cherry wheat beer.

“It should be a fun, light, bright-colored beer,” he said. “We’ve finally got a

good source for cherry purée.”

During the summer the brewery’s customers drink beers that are lighter in color, texture and percentage of alcohol, but in the fall they start drinking heavier porters and stouts.

“Our Squirrel Fights Nut Brown Ale is really popular,” Molnar said, “and Apple Crisp — like the dessert — Porter is one of our most popular fall beers. We almost always brew a pumpkin beer, too. Some people really like pumpkin beers around that time of year. A lot of them don’t actually like eating pumpkin, but they love seeing it in a glass.”

Right now, the flavor of the moment is jalapeño. Because it has become identified so strongly with springtime, it will be around for the rest of the season.

“We’ll have it in stores until the beginning of June,” Molnar said, “and on tap for a little longer.” 🍷

Weekly Dish

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cord, NOFANH.org, 224-5022) will kick off its 2024 gardening series with an online class, “Native Perennial Food Plants For Your Edible Landscape,” on Tuesday April 16, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. This is the first of a series that includes four remote lectures and one in-person class. Registration for this series is available at nofanh.org/gardeningseries. The cost is \$12 for each online class or \$40 for all four. NOFA members will receive a 25 percent discount.

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The Right Tie: A Cocktail Parable



The Right Tie. Photo by John Fladd.

Charlie was definitely out of his element. Never mind that he'd worn a suit maybe three times in his life and one of those had been a rented powder-blue tux. This blazer cost as much as he earned in a month. He looked at his reflection in the mirror again, hoping he'd see something vaguely inspiring.

"Dress for the job you want." Isn't that what they say? But looking at himself, he could only hope that someone was hoping to hire a pudgy, nervous-looking kid on the verge of hyperventilating.

He looked at the price tag on the cuff of the jacket again, and tried to breathe deeply. "I really don't think—," he started to say. "Hush!" said the saleslady with authority. She was an older woman — of course, Charlie was still young enough that anyone over 35 was old, but she had clearly been doing this a long time and seemed to know what she was doing.

$\frac{3}{4}$ ounce orgeat (almond syrup)

Combine all ingredients over ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake gently. You want to chill this cocktail — if possible, without breaking up the ice. Pour into a rocks glass.

She turned him around, away from the mirror, then flipped up the collar of his shirt and quickly, with the ease of years of practice, looped a necktie around his neck, knotted it, then flipped his collar back down.

She turned him back to the mirror, but before he could take in any of the details of his appearance she tucked a pocket square into the breast pocket of the jacket, then stepped back and said, "How's *that*?"

Charlie was stunned. It wasn't so much that there was a dramatic change in who he saw in the mirror — still a young, round face — but this time it belonged to a better version of Charlie. It was a mature, confident Charlie. No, Charles, maybe, although only his mother had ever called him that and only when she was angry with him. This was a young man who knew what he was doing, a man who could get through an interview and wait for the person on the other side of the desk to explain what they had to offer *him*.

The saleswoman nodded with satisfaction. "The right tie makes all the difference," she said.

This is a serious, booze-forward cocktail. Even the small amount of extra-good rum makes itself known. The apple brandy fades into the background, giving just a hint of subtle fruitiness and even more of an alcoholic backbone. Lime and almond get along very well and will work with either of these liquors, to say nothing of both of them.

And yet. The combination as a whole is very intense — a little more boozy/sweet/acidic than is strictly comfortable. A natural inclination might be to shake this over ice extremely enthusiastically, break up the ice, and chill it as much as possible, then serve it in a stemmed glass to keep it cold.

Or — hear me out on this — drink it over ice in a rocks glass like a grownup.

There's something about drinking from a rocks glass that brings a sense of maturity to the proceedings. More to the point, a rocks glass lets you use *rocks*. The intensity of this cocktail will limit you to small sips at first, which will give the ice time to melt a little and bring the intensity down, while keeping everything ice cold.

With a nudge, this could have been a tiki drink, and probably a good one, but the right glass, much like the right tie, brings maturity and the faintest of confident Mona Lisa smiles. 🍷

The Right Tie

$\frac{3}{4}$ ounce top-shelf rum – I used a 15-year-old Barbancourt

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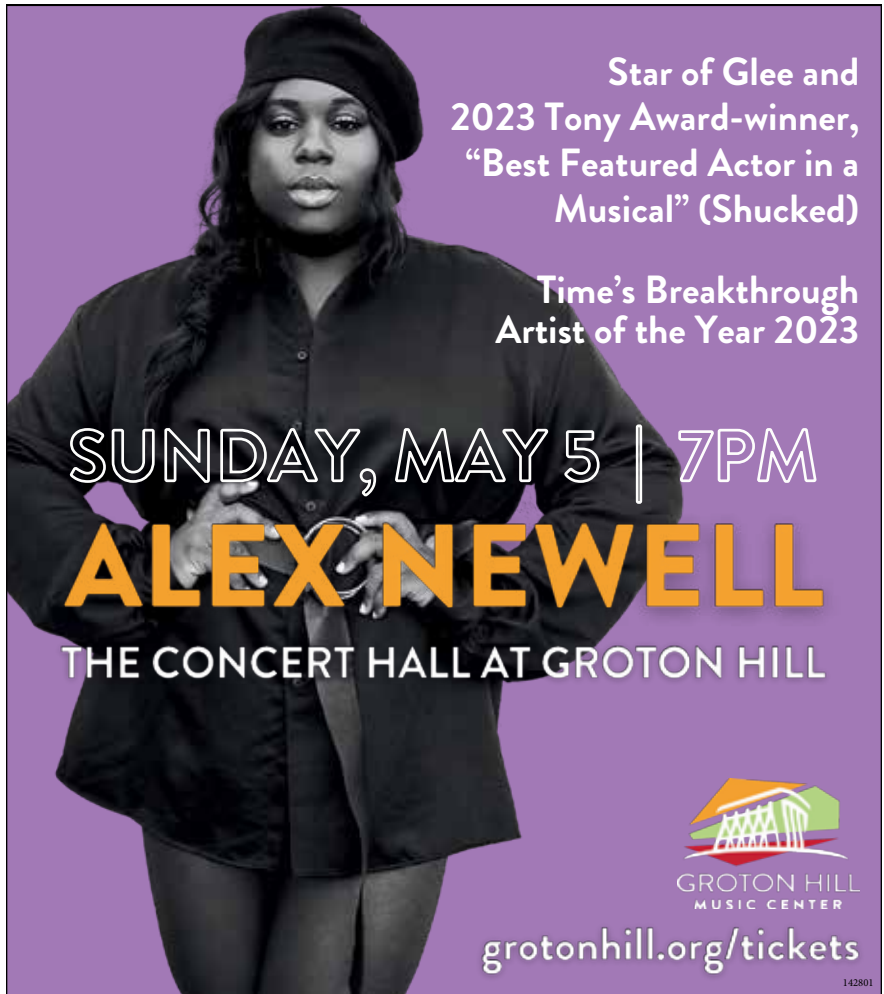
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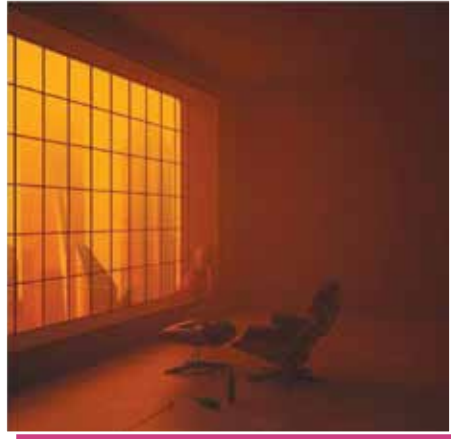
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Kartell, *Everything Is Here* (Roche Musique)



Debut LP from this French producer, who broke through in 2012 owing to his distinctly accessible electronic tunage, which is possessed of warmth, soul and melancholia. The background is that he grew up as a lad listening to his dad's soul, disco and early house collection, and his early stuff led to a residency at Paris' velvet-rope Social Club and getting booked globally at all the ritzy places from California to South Korea. Opening track "Space Odyssey" is clamorous and epic, along the lines of M83 when it gets going at around the midpoint; it immediately proves he takes a lot of time cobbling his low-

BPM compositions (yes, we need more of that in this world). We also have "Quest," a disco/LMFAO-inspired afterparty joint featuring St. Lucia artist Poté that's not near as annoying as it might look on paper. It's no wonder this guy's doing so well; this stuff is custom-engineered to fill floors with idle trust-funders. **A+** —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

Aves, *Transformations* (Kieku Records)



Retro futurism-informed album from this three-piece Helsinki, Finland-based outfit, its lyrics encompassing "all change; from man to woman, from adolescence to adulthood, from grief to hope." Lot of dreamy synth pop goes on here, starting with "Silent Solitude," a meditative, loop-filled ride built around a cloudy, barely discernible vocal that'll make some listeners think of Sigur Rós (appropriate, given that all the contributors here — including Icelandic artist JFDR and Danish singer Lydmor — obviously cut their teeth on Nordic pop and adjacent genres); it's a melancholy, sexless but expansively hopeful thing-

amajig that'd fit in fine on a neo-hippie coming-of-age film (they're in talks to write the soundtrack for a film about conversion therapy, while we're at it). The next song, "Gem Of The Ocean," starts with the same sort of deep-reverb breathiness as the previous one but then takes a more in-your-face tack, the super-pretty vocal sounding more digitally present. More of this, please. **A+** —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Yikes, Friday, April 12, looks to be a real humdinger of a day for new albums, look at 'em all, folks. Yep, we're gearin' up for a hot summer of singles from bubblegum Taylor Swift wannabes, corporate hip-hop bros, disposable indie bands and of course heavy metal bands, because metal never rests, unless it gets too hot to wear suits of armor or whatever they're doing now! But wait, it's storytime, because look who has a new album coming out, that's right, it's New York City's perennial arena-band-opening act **Blue Öyster Cult**, with a new "slab" called *Ghost Stories*! Yes, the band that gave us the unlistenable dentist-office classic tune "Burnin' For You" is at it again, and for that I thank them, because they *should* be out and about making more albums that only five people buy, because they are fun-loving rascals! Years ago I was at some outdoor show in Loudon, New Hampshire, or whatever, where they were opening for Savoy Brown, and my date and I were standing around with the keyboard player and the drummer while some wicked-long-haired dude was trying to sell them a bag of herbs that he claimed would "bring their youth back." Anyway, Eric Bloom — the guy with the cool voice who sang "Black Blade" and whatnot — comes walking up, grabs the bag and keeps going without paying this feller, and I started cracking up because I knew the guy wasn't ever going to get paid for his bag of snake-oil lawn clippings or whatever they were. But anyway, I love the BÖC, even though they've done some really dumb songs, so I hope this album is totally rockin', like they say. Ack, oh noes, the opening tune, "Don't Come Running To Me," is just a mellow version of "Don't Fear The Reaper," their big hit from a hundred years ago when Abraham Lincoln was president. I'm just glad I didn't have my hopes up.

• Ugh, what else do we have, hopefully something fun, eh wot? Yikes, Bob's your uncle, it's that British sax player dude, **Shabaka**, of Shabaka and the Ancestors! He was in avant-Afrobeat quartet Sons of Kemet and jazz-tronica band The Comet Is Coming, none of which probably means anything to you, but he is an interesting music human, this feller. His debut solo album, *Perceive Its Beauty, Acknowledge Its Grace*, is out this week, and it is said to highlight his mad skills on such flute-related instruments as the Mayan Teotihuacan drone flute, Brazilian piano, Native American flute and South American quenans. Do you know what this means? I do not, but I'm going to listen to this balderdash right now, because anything's better than a new Britney Spears album or whatever other horrors are in store this year! Hm, this is actually interesting, the single, "I'll Do Whatever You Want." It's got an early techno vibe to it, some krautrock feel, sort of forlorn and underproduced like Daedelus, and whichever type of flute he's playing does lend a soothing feel to it.

• **Buzzard Buzzard Buzzard** is from Cardiff in the U.K., and their newest is titled *Skinwalker*. Frontman/ and producer Tom Rees says the album is his attempt at "consolidating my 2020 obsession with Sly and the Family Stone with my 2021 obsession with David Bowie's album *Low*," so let's see how that all panned out, that'd be great. OK, the single, "National Rust," is a cross between Pavement and '90s grunge, which, turns out, is a workable recipe. Lazy indie rock for sitting around while unemployed, that's my take.

• Lastly we have another Englishperson, jungle/drum and bass singer/DJ **Nia Archives**, with *Silence Is Loud*. The title track is a rinseout, all right, with some from-the-mountaintop vocals and plenty of melody. I don't mind this at all. —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

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Cool Food, by Robert Downey Jr. and Thomas Kostigen (Blackstone Publishing, 320 pages)

The actor Robert Downey Jr. was at a bookstore in London when he asked a clerk where to find the books on climate. The clerk's reply: "Oh, the bumper section? It's over there."

When Downey later told this story to the writer Thomas Kostigen, with whom he was developing a TV show, Kostigen responded, "We need to do a food book and make it fun."

An ordinary person not immersed in climate activism might wonder what climate and food have to do with one another. But the growing of food and the tending of animals that will become food are almost as large a part of this conversation as fossil fuel, because, well, carbon.

And to Downey and Kostigen, one way to combat a warmer planet is to eat cooler food — "cool" food is climate-friendly food, they say. And to promote it, they're out with a bulky, hard-to-hold cookbook that doubles as a climate manual, irritatingly populated with cartoon-style sketches of themselves. *Cool Food* isn't sure if it wants to be a cookbook, a graphic novel, a fourth-grade science book or a press release, and so there are elements of all four.

To be fair, I am a boomer, and not the target audience of this book — in fact, to climate change activists, my generation is the villain. And young readers of physical books prefer manga and graphic novels, recent studies have shown. So that concludes my grumbling about the physical presentation of the book, and we can move onto the actual content, which is — not terrible. Well, it's also not great, but as Books Written By Celebrities With Co-Authors go, *Cool Food* is surprisingly useful at times. I learned things, things which you may already know, but somehow I did not: like what the numeric codes

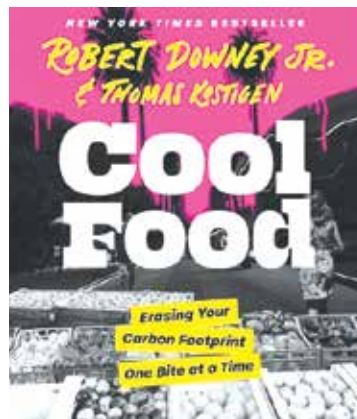
on produce at the grocery store tell us other than the price (five-digit codes that begin with 9 indicate the produce was organically grown and codes that begin with 8 indicate genetic modifications) and where I could buy jellyfish and how to cook one if I were inclined to eat one for dinner. (I am not.)

Also, I learned that in New Mexico there are Native American restaurants, and apparently nowhere else, and that 95 percent of yams are grown in Africa while most sweet potatoes in U.S. supermarkets were grown in North Carolina.

The first half of the book focuses on foods that the authors say are climate-friendly because of how they are harvested or grown: ancient grains, fruits, vegetables, sea vegetables (yes, they will tell you how to grow your own seaweed), nuts and, most important for New Hampshire residents, syrup, although the authors are shilling for Vermont syrup here.

Also this section of the book gave me a lot of new things to worry about that I've never known I should be worrying about, such as whether grain crops are seasonal or perennial. "When a seasonal crop is harvested, it loses all of its carbon intake and depletes the soil of 40 percent of its carbon content. All that carbon is released into the air, adding significantly to climate change," the authors write.

We're hearing a lot about regenerative agriculture these days, but a lot of the foodstuff mentioned here was unfamiliar to me: kernza flour, loquat fruit and pigeon pea shrubs. Nothing you find at your typical drive-thru. The recipes, accompanied by color photographs, run the gamut from intriguing (maple and chili glazed sweetcorn) to the bizarre (cashew



stir-fry with puffed amaranth, which contains something called vegan fish sauce).

It was a relief to move on to the second section of the book, which contains no small amount of proselytizing about things like the farm-to-table movement, eating seasonally and organically, and cutting down

on food waste. Not until the end does *Cool Food* address in any serious way whether all these foods are good for the human body — most of the talk is about what foods are good for the planet. When the authors finally give a nod to this, it's in an effective takedown of the federal government's dietary guidelines, once known as the food pyramid, now known as MyPlate. Well, actually, it's Harvard University's takedown, but they reprint it here in a chart that points out what the government says are healthy foods and ideal portions, and what Harvard nutritionists say. Let's just say that there must be government lobbyists for potatoes and hot dogs.

The authors did not want to write a "bummer" climate book, and have largely succeeded at that. They have instead created an eating manual for climate warriors (which is pretty much all of us after this "winter") and may struggle to find an audience outside of the most fervent activists and Robert Downey Jr. superfans. That said, the future is on their side; labeling that indicates the carbon footprint of foods — e.g., the amount of greenhouse gasses released in their production — is already cropping up on menus and food for sale. Those labels, Downey and Kostigen say, offer "the biggest promise for change." But also, eat more jellyfish. C — Jennifer Graham

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• **JULIA ALVAREZ** will be at the BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord) on Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. to talk about her latest book, *The Cemetery of Untold Stories*. Each ticket purchase includes one hardcover copy of the book. Tickets are \$38 for one admission plus one book, \$48 for two admissions plus one book. Buy tickets at ccanh.com.

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 (gibsonsbookstore.com).

• **ANTHONY HOROWITZ**, author of the new literary whodunit *Close to Death*, will talk with fellow mystery author Paul Doiron in a virtual event hosted by Gibson's Bookstore (224-0562) on Tuesday, April 16, at 5 p.m. Registration is required; sign up at gib-

sonsbookstore.com.

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• **NH ROADS TAKEN OR NOT** presented by Steve Taylor at the Rochester Historical Society (58 Hanson St., Rochester, 330-3099) on Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. Taylor reviews some of NH's most significant highway choices in the 20th century, according to nhhumanities.org.

• **THE FIRST AMENDMENT** presented by Meg Mott at Meredith Public Library (91 Main St., Meredith, 279-4303) on Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. This presentation considers the constitutional arguments for and

against hate speech codes; 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 unhpoeetry.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
mwitthaus@hippopress.com

• **Victory lap:** In a show rescheduled from last October for health reasons, **Buddy Guy** performs, part of his *Damn Right Farewell* tour. The blues legend's contribution to rock 'n' roll is incalculable; guitarists from Jimi Hendrix to Stevie Ray Vaughan have cited him as an influence. Joining Guy is Bobby Rush, a blues singer who turned 90 last November and shows no signs of slowing down. Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m., Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, \$85.75 and up at ccanh.com.

• **Local soul:** An outgrowth of a monthly hip-hop gathering, **Sound Off – Funk & Soul Night** has The Evolutionists fusing classic soul samples with hip-hop and R&B. They're led by married couple Ruby Shabazz and Fee the Evolutionist, with a rhythm section of Zeke Martin and Dom Davis on drums and bass, along with Joe Mazzarella on keyboards. Shawn Caliber hosts, with DJ Myth performing on turntables. Friday, April 12, 9 p.m., Shaskeen Pub, 909 Elm St., Manchester; the 21+ show is \$5 at the door.

• **Favorite son:** Starting in 1996 with the multi-platinum *Bringing Down the Horse*, **The Wallflowers** has been a band in name only, its singular vision guided by front man Jakob Dylan, who once said, "no one lineup ... ever made two records [and] one person is actually putting the ideas together ... that's always been me." Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m., Colonial Theatre, 609 Main St., Laconia, \$49 and up at etix.com.

• **Shape-shifters:** Enjoy an afternoon folk concert from **Eloise & Co.** The duo of accordion player Rachel Bell and fiddler Becky Tracy often expands to a trio that includes a guitar or piano player, along with backing vocals. The group delves into everything from French folk ballads to Celtic reels, waltzes and traditional Quebecois tunes, and is a favorite in the regional contra dance scene. Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m., Monadnock Folklore Society, 7 Nelson Common Road, Nelson, \$20 at monadnock-folk.org.

• **New country:** The Southern rapper **Struggle Jennings** hits the beach for a 21+ show. The grandson of Outlaw Country pioneer Waylon Jennings, he was in the lineup when Jelly Roll stopped by Meadowbrook last summer for a sold-out show. His music pulls from a variety of genres. Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m., Wally's Pub, 144 Ashworth Ave., Hampton, \$25 at ticketmaster.com. 🍷

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Agent provocateur

Challenging comedy from Daniel Sloss

By Michael Witthaus
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Jokes can be made about anything, Daniel Sloss believes; nothing is off-limits. Among the topics the Scottish comedian has tackled are his sister's death from cerebral palsy, toxic masculinity and a close friend being raped by a man they both knew. What's most remarkable is that his act comes off as a TED Talk with punchlines — pain that's very, very funny.

Speaking via Zoom recently, Sloss said he strives for balance on stage.

"I think you can and should make jokes about anything, but just because you're making fun of something ... doesn't mean you have to be disrespectful or disparaging," he said. "You can be provocative and empathetic at the same time; I think there's a responsibility on the comedian to do both."

In 2018's *Jigsaw*, he mocked relationships with brutal efficiency. "We have romanticized the idea of romance, and it is cancerous," he snarled. "People are more in love with the idea of love than the person they are with." Acknowledging this would lead most to break up with their partners, he said, and asked for anyone who decoupled to let him know.

Hundreds of thousands of replies arrived, among them requests to autograph divorce papers. Sloss celebrated this outcome when he taped his *Socio* special in 2019. Since then, however, he's married and welcomed a son. As he prepared to launch an American tour of his latest show *Can't*, he sounded almost sheepish.

Jigsaw was, he said, "a very angry show [written] after a particularly bad breakup. I didn't know it was going to have the effect it did, but I'm very glad it did. It does mean that whenever I talk about my wife on stage, people are like, 'Oh, you're a hypocrite' and I'm like, 'I can't believe I have to explain this again.' But ... that's the job."

It's work Sloss began doing at a young age, achieving quick success early on. He was 17 when he did his first sets; two years later, in 2009, his *Teenage Kicks* show made him the youngest comic to



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have a solo run in London's West End. So his rant on modern love may just have been a twentysomething's passion talking, though he claims data proves him right.

In *Socio* he turned his knives on woker-than-thou leftism, noting that the right doesn't mandate a check in every box on their list. "You don't hate gay people? That's OK, you'll learn," he quipped. "Welcome aboard." In the new show, Sloss expands on that, going after cancel culture, or more to the point, disassembling the popular notion of getting canceled.

"People lose bits of work because of things that they've said in the past due to some people going on the internet to dig up all their old dirty history, and I acknowledge that," he said. "I do think there's a lot of false flags. I think a lot of comedians claim they're being canceled when they're not. They're just getting online feedback to a degree we've never had before."

Having just returned from a tour of India, where people are arrested for criticizing the government, it's clear Sloss finds the many snowflakes on this side of the world a bit daft. "We met a guy in Tur-

key who made a joke about some ancient prophet, and it wasn't even particularly offensive, but one person took umbrage, and he spent 10 days in jail. I've seen the cost and the consequences of real cancel culture."

That said, Sloss loves coming Stateside, and looks forward to traveling by bus with his family as his tour kicks off April 11 in Laconia.

"In America, I can make fun of any president that's ever been," he said. "I can say really awful things about them." But he especially enjoys the many contrarians who

attend his shows.

"As much as people feel like people are more sensitive than they've ever been, I'm also finding that because of that, there is the other side of the spectrum where people are like, 'You can say whatever you want, we don't care,'" Sloss said. "They want me to know that they're not all soft and easily offended. Those are the people I try to make laugh." 🍷

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99 Route 13, 721-5000

Candia
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285 Old Candia Road

Concord
The Barley House
132 N. Main St., 228-6363

Hermanos Cocina Mexicana
11 Hills Ave., 224-5669

Lithermans
126 Hall St., Unit B

Tandy's Pub & Grille
1 Eagle Square, 856-7614

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Contoocook Farmers Market
896 Main St., 746-3018

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656 Gould Hill Road,
746-3811

Deerfield
Ma's Cafe & Tavern
43 North Road, 463-3098

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

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Auspicious Brew
1 Washington St., 953-7240

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11 Fourth St., 343-4390

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

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1724 Dover Road, 736-0027

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Patrick's
18 Weirs Road, 293-0841

Goffstown
Village Trestle
25 Main St., 497-8230

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287 Exeter Road, 929-7972

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20 L St., 601-6928

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105 Towle Farm Road

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144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954

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853 Lafayette Road,
601-2801

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The Bar
2B Burnham Road

Luk's Bar & Grill
142 Lowell Road, 889-9900

Lynn's 102 Tavern
76 Derry Road, 943-7832

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Park Theatre
19 Main St., 532-9300

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon
92 Route 125, 369-6962

Laconia
Cactus Jack's
1182 Union Ave., 528-7800

Fratello's
799 Union Ave., 528-2022

Litchfield
Day of the Dead Mexican Taqueria
Mel's Funway Park
454 Charles Bancroft
Highway, 377-7664

Londonderry
Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern
176 Mammoth Road,
437-2022

Stumble Inn
20 Rockingham Road,
432-3210

Loudon
Beanie's Bar & Grill
58 Route 129, 961-0372

Manchester
Backyard Brewery
1211 S. Mammoth

Road, 623-3545

Bonfire
950 Elm St., 663-7678

Derryfield Country Club
625 Mammoth Road,
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50 Commercial St., 836-1925

Fratello's
155 Dow St., 624-2022

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88 Market St., 666-4292

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720 Union St., 836-6947

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21 Kosciuszko St., 669-7722

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

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Hwy., 424-4479

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241 Union Square, 672-2270

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29 Mont Vernon St.,
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63 Union Square, 213-5979

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Buckey's
240 Governor Wentworth Hwy., 476-5485

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8 Temple St., 484-7400

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48 Main St.,
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Northfield
Boonedoxz Pub
95 Park St., 717-8267

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Cavern Sports Bar
351 Pembroke St., 485-7777

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Thursday, April 11

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

Bedford
Copper Door: Rebecca Turmel, 7 p.m.

Candia
Town Cabin: Sam Vlasich, 6 p.m.

Concord
Hermanos: live music, 6:30 p.m.
Lithermans: Andrea Paquin, 5:30 p.m.

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

Dover
Auspicious Brew: Mother Nimbus / Milk St. / A Day Without Love, 8 p.m.

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

Epsom
Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Gilford
Patrick's: Don Severance and George Belli Duo, 6 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Don Sven, 6 p.m.

Hampton
CR's: Steve Sibulkin, 6 p.m.
Wally's: karaoke contest, 8 p.m.
Whym: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's: Chris Cyrus, 7 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

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

Laconia
Cactus Jack's: Lewis Goodwin, 7 p.m.
Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Rob & Jody, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 p.m.
Goat: Cox Karaoke, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Doug Thompson, 5:30 p.m.
Tortilla Flat: Clint Lapointe, 7 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.

Pembroke
Cavern Sports Bar: Rich Wallace, 7 p.m.

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

Portsmouth
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Jon Paul Royer, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Backyard Burgers: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.
Red's: Rich Amorin, 7 p.m.

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

Warner
The Local: Jack Ancora, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Alton Bay
Dockside: music bingo, 7 p.m.
Foster's Tavern: Dave Zangri, 6 p.m.

Bedford
Murphy's: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Clint LaPointe

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Ralph

Allen, 5 p.m.

Deerfield
Ma's: Chris Torrey, 6 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: 21st & 1st, 8 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Chris Taylor, 5 p.m.

Hampton
CR's: Clandestine, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Jetty, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Pulse, 9 p.m.
Whym: Freddie Catalfo, 6:30 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's: Sean Coleman, 7 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Jaffrey
Park Theatre: Ashuelot Concert, 7:30 p.m.

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

Litchfield
Day of the Dead: music bingo,

6:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Down by Ten, 8 p.m.

Loudon
Beanie's: Taylor Hughes

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: Rebecca Turmel, 6 p.m.
Bonfire: FatBunny, 9 p.m.
Derryfield: Bob Pratte Band, 8 p.m.
Foundry: Jack Ancora, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.
Shaskeen: Friday Sound Off, 9 p.m.
South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Peter Higgins, 8 p.m.
To Share: Matt Litzinger, 6:30 p.m.

Meredith
Twin Barns: Colin Hart, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Joanie Cicatelli, 6 p.m.

Music, live and in person

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

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Milford Riley's: The Incidentals, 8 p.m. Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.	Sunapee Community Coffee House: Wesley Aldrich, 7 p.m.; open mic, 8 p.m.	Almighty 7 event, 8 p.m.
Nashua Casey Magee's: karaoke, 9:30 p.m. Haluwa: Classic TRAX Peddler's Daughter: GoodFoot	Warner MainStreet BookEnds: Songwriters' night w/Rick Lugg & Gary Stewart, 7:30 p.m.	Epping Telly's: 603's, 8 p.m.
New Boston Molly's: Richard Wallace, 6:30 p.m.	Windham Windham: Whelmed, 8 p.m.	Gilford Patrick's Pub: Sweetbloods, 6 p.m.
Northfield Boonedoxz Pub: karaoke night, 7 p.m.	Windham Windham: Whelmed, 8 p.m.	Goffstown Village Trestle: J-Lo Duo, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Alton Bay Dockside: live music, 8 p.m. Foster's Tavern: Henry Laliberte, 6 p.m.	Hampton L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. Wally's: 7 Day Weekend, 9 p.m. Whym: Pete Peterson, 6:30 p.m.	Hudson Luk's Bar: Birch Hill, 7 p.m.
Bedford Murphy's: Casey Roop, 6 p.m.	Laconia Fratello's: Richard Cummings, 5:30 p.m.	Londonderry Coach Stop: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: Redemption, 2 p.m.; 12 Barrz Band, 8 p.m.
Bow Chen Yang Li: Mikey G, 7 p.m.	Loudon Beanie's: Quint E. Sential Band	Manchester Backyard Brewery: Jack Anco- ra, 6 p.m. Bonfire: Nate Ramos, 9 p.m. Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh
Brookline Alamo: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.	Concord Hermanos: live music, 6:30 p.m.	
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Contoocook Farmers Market: Joey Clark, 9 a.m.		
Dover Auspicious Brew: Mouth		
Penacook American Legion Post 31: Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.		
Pittsfield Over the Moon: Poor Howard, 7 p.m.		
Portsmouth Gas Light: Gordon Turrisi, 9:30 p.m. Grill 28: Malcolm Salls, 6 p.m.		
Salem Luna Bistro: Chad LaMarsh, 7 p.m.		
Seabrook Red's: The Dudes, 8 p.m.		

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Band, 8:30 p.m.
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The Goat: Musical Brunch with Brooks Hubbard, 10 a.m.
Great North Aleworks: Keith Drab, 4 p.m.
Shaskeen: Dank Sinatra and more, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: Craig Thomas & Ken Clark, 9 p.m.
Wild Rover: Johnny Angel, 6 p.m.

Meredith
Twin Barns: Rebecca Turmel, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Eddie Sands, 6 p.m.

Milford
Riley's: Vales End, 8 p.m.

Moultonborough
Buckey's: Eric & Cliff, 6:30 p.m.

Nashua
Haluwa: Time Bomb
Liquid Therapy: Bootscam, 7 p.m.
Peddler's Daughter: The Mockingbirds

New Boston
Molly's: Robert & Rich, 6:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Andrea Paquin, 9:30 p.m.

Salem
Luna Bistro: Justin Jordan, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Daisy Cutter 6
Red's: DNA, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 14
Bedford
1750 Taphouse: Chad LaMarsh, 5 p.m.
Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 11 a.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Henry LaLiberte

Epping
Telly's: Johnny Angel, 5 p.m.

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

Hampton
Smuttynose: Johnny Friday, 4:30 p.m.

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

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Jimmy's Right, 2 p.m.

Manchester
Bonfire: free line dancing, 7 p.m.
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 7 p.m.
Shopper's: Rebecca Turmel, 1 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.

Salem
Copper Door: Chad LaMarsh, 11 a.m.

Seabrook
Red's: Pete Peterson, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 15
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: Monday Night Muse with Lisa Guyer, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.
Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Chris Taylor, 5:30 p.m.

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

Portsmouth
The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16
Concord
Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton
Wally's: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Henry Laliberte, 5:30 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Shopper's: Paul Nelson, 6 p.m.
Strange Brew: David Rouseau, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Justin Jordan, 5:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
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.
Red's: Keith Drab, 7 p.m.



GRANITE GRRRLS

The Press Room (77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186, pressroomnh.com) brings female-fronted bands to the stage for an all-ages Girls Rock show. The power trio **Cozy Throne** plays high-energy garage rock propelled by the drumming of Lindy Snell. Singer-songwriter **Faith Carroll** plays lush pop with drama and atmosphere, and the new band **Girl Idiot** will be playing one of their first shows. The fun starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13. Tickets cost \$10 plus fees.

Wednesday, April 17

Concord
Hermanos: live music, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.

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

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

Manchester
Fratello's: Peter Pappas, 5:30 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 p.m.

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

Milford
Riley's: Acoustic Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: DJ Manny karaoke, 7:30 p.m.
Red's: Chris Gendron, 7 p.m.

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

- Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue** Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com), Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
- Bob Marley** Palace in Manchester (palacetheatre.org), Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 13, 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.
- Daniel Sloss** Colonial in Laconia (coloniialaconia.com), Thursday, April 11, 8 p.m.
- Amy Tee** Headliners at Makris in Concord (headlinersnh.com), Thursday, April 11, 8 p.m.
- Popovich Comedy Pet Theatre** Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com), Saturday, April

- 13, 7 p.m.
- Graig Murphy/Matthew P. Brown/Bill Douglas** Tupelo in Derry (tupelomusichall.com), Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m.
- Jack Lynch** McCue's in Portsmouth, Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m.
- Cory Gee** Chunky's Manchester (chunkys.com), Saturday, April 13, 8:30 p.m.
- James Dorsey** Chunky's Nashua (chunkys.com), Saturday, April 13, 8:30 p.m.
- Matt Barry and Friends** Headliners at Makris in Concord (headlinersnh.com), Thursday, April 18, 8 p.m.
- Rafi Gonzales & Jay Whitaker**



Bob Marley

- ker Rex** in Manchester (palacetheatre.org), Friday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
- Queen City Improv** Chunky's Manchester (chunkys.com), Friday, April 19, 8 p.m.

Film

- NH JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL** Tickets are on sale for the 16th annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, which will run 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.
- One Life** (PG, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, April 11, 4 p.m.
- Wicked Little Letters** (R, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, April 11, 4:30 & 6:45 p.m.; Friday, April 12, through Sunday, April 14, at 12:45, 3, 5:15 & 7:30 p.m.; Monday, April 14, through Thursday, April 18, at 4:30 & 6:45 p.m.
- Call Me Dancer** (2023) will screen as part of the NH Jewish Film Festival at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. with post-film discussion.
- The Lorax** (PG, 2012) will screen at all three NH Chunky's on Friday, April 12, at 3:45 p.m.
- Milford Drive-In** is scheduled to open with weekend screenings on Friday, April 12. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$33 per car with up to six people. See the website for the offerings on each of two screens.
- La Chimera** (2023) will screen

- at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) on Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13, at 1, 4 & 7 p.m.; Monday, April 15, through Wednesday, April 17, at 3:45 & 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 18, at 3:45 p.m.
- The Monkey House** (2023) will screen as part of the NH Jewish Film Festival at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) on Sunday, April 14, at 1 p.m.
- Matchmaking** (2022) will screen as part of the NH Jewish Film Festival at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org) on Sunday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m., to be followed by the festival wrap party at 5:30 p.m.
- Irena's Vow** (R, 2023) will screen via Fathom Events on Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at O'neil Cinemas in Epping and at 4 & 6:55 p.m. at Regal in Newington, and on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at O'neil Cinemas in Epping and at 4 & 6:55 p.m. at Regal in Newington.
- The Hopeful** (2024) will screen via Fathom Events on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at AMC Londonderry, Cinemark Salem, O'neil Cinemas in Epping and Regal in Newington and on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at AMC Londonderry, Cinemark Salem and Regal in Newington
- Sasquatch Sunset** (R, 2024) will screen Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org)

- La Rodine, The Met: Live in HD broadcast**, will screen at Bank of NH Stage in Concord on Saturday, April 20, at 12:55 p.m. and via Fathom Events at Apple Cinemas in Hooksett & Merrimack, O'neil Cinemas in Epping and Regal Fox Run in Newington. An encore presentation will screen on Wednesday, April 24, at 1 p.m. at Apple Cinemas Merrimack & Hooksett, O'neil Cinemas in Epping and Regal in Newington (where it will also screen at 6 p.m.).
- Dottie** (2024), a short from Artiscine described as "a film about dementia and empathy," will screen on Saturday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord (redrivertheatres.org).
- Spirited Away** (PG, 2001) will screen via Fathom events in both dubbed and subtitled versions. See the dubbed versions on Sunday, April 28, at Cinemark in Salem at 3 & 7 p.m., O'neil Cinemas in Epping at 3 p.m. and Regal Fox Run at Newington at 3 & 7 p.m., and on Tuesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. at Cinemark in Salem and Regal in Newington. See the subtitled version on Saturday, April 27, at 3 p.m. at Cinemark in Salem and Regal in Newington; Monday, April 30, at 7 p.m. at Cinemark in Salem, O'neil Cinemas in Epping and Regal in Newington, and on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at Cinemark in Salem, O'neil Cinemas in Epping & Regal Newington.

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NITE MUSIC & EVENTS

Trivia

Events

- **Movie Soundtrack 21+ trivia night** Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).
- **Shawshank Redemption 21+ trivia night** Thursday, April 18, 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, hopknoth.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** trivia at Community Oven (845 Lafayette Road, Hampton, 601-6311, thecommunityoven.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** Brews & Qs trivia, 21+, at Feathered Friend (231 S. Main St., Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Lithermans (126 Hall St., Concord, lithermans.beer) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Spyglass Brewing Co. (306 Innovative Way, Nashua, 546-2965, spyglass-brewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Topwater Brewing (748 Calef Hwy., Bar-

- ington, 664-5444) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Popovers (11 Brickyard Sq., Epping, 734-thepeppersdaughter.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 City Hall Pub (8 Hanover St., Manchester, 232-3751, snhhg.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday World Tavern Trivia** at Fody's Tavern (9 Clinton St. in Nashua, fodystavern.com, 577-9015) at 8 p.m.

Concerts

- **Ordinary Elephant** Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose in New London (flyinggoose.com)
- **Pat Metheny** Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth (themusicall.org)
- **Buddy Guy** Friday, April 12, 7 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **The Breakers** (Tom Petty tribute) Friday, April 12, 8 p.m., Colonial in Laconia (coloniialaconia.com)
- **Firewind/Edge of Paradise/Immortal Guardian** Friday,

- April 12, 8 p.m., Angel City in Manchester (angelcitymusicall.com)
- **Josh Turner** Friday, April 12, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts (nashuacenterforthearts.com)
- **The Classic Rock Show** Friday, April 12, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom Hampton Beach (casinoballroom.com)
- **Bennie & the Jets** (Elton John tribute) Friday, April 12, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry (labellewinery.com)
- **Jorma Kaukonen** Friday, April 12, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

- (tupelomusicall.com)
- **Justin Jordan** Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m., Luna Bistro in Salem (luna-bistro.com)
- **Skynyrd's Hatchet** Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m., Rex in Manchester (palacetheatre.org)
- **Migguel Anggelo** Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Jeffrey Martin** Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 14, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter (thewordbarn.com)
- **William Florian** Saturday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Concord

- City Auditorium (theaudi.org)
- **The Wallflowers** Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m., Colonial in Laconia (coloniialaconia.com)
- **Motor Booty Affair** Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House (rochesteropera-house.com)
- **Get the Led Out** (Led Zeppelin tribute) Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom Hampton Beach (casinoballroom.com)
- **Tour of the Living Dead** Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m., Angel City in Manchester (angelcitymusicall.com)
- **The Breakers** (Tom Petty

- tribute) Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts (nashuacenterforthearts.com)
- **The Love Dogs** Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m., Rex in Manchester (palacetheatre.org)
- **Lynch Mob** Sunday, April 14, 7 p.m., Tupelo in Derry (tupelomusicall.org)
- **Gile Series: The US Army Field Band and Chorus** Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m., and Thursday, April 18, 10 a.m., Chubb Theatre
- **Dave Gunning** Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- **Dave Gunning** Thursday,

- April 18, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter (thewordbarn.com)
- **Chris Smither** Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord (ccanh.com)
- **Patty Larkin & Robbie Folks** Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester (palacetheatre.org)
- **Fellow Pynins** Friday, April 19, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter (thewordbarn.com)
- **Adam Ezra Group** Friday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth (flying-monkeynh.com)

TEE COMEDY

The cathartic comedy of **Amy Tee** will make you laugh and cry. She's appeared on Sirius XM Satellite Radio and the LOGO television network, and now she's coming to Headliners at Makris (354 Sheep Davis Road, Concord) on Thursday, April 11, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 plus fees.



GEE COMEDY

Cory Gee has made a name for himself with fast-paced adult comedy. His high-energy performances have brought him far; he's opened for Michael Che of *Saturday Night Live* and Gottfried, and he was one of the finalists at Mohegan Sun's *Last Comic Standing*. You can see him at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester; chunkys.com) on Saturday, April 13, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 plus fees.



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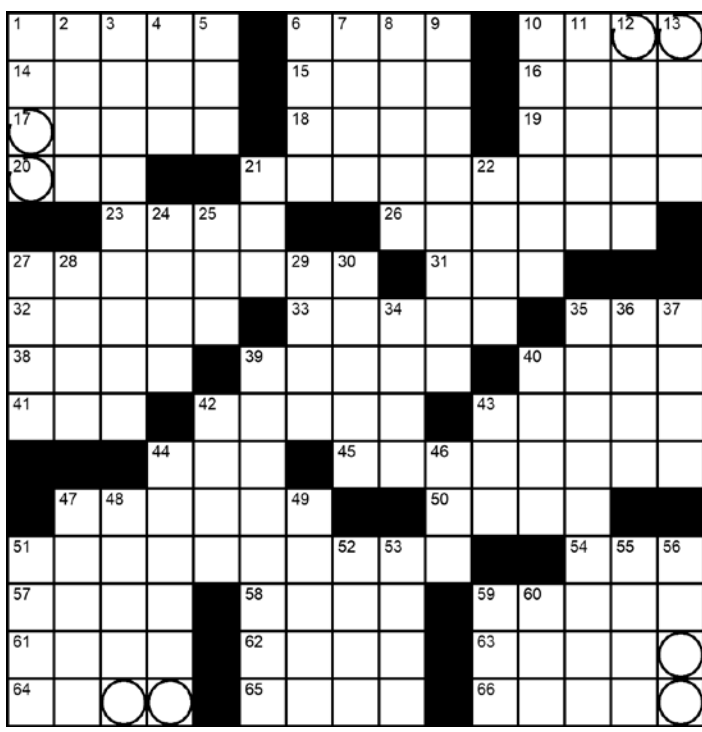
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- Across**
- "Come Away With Me" singer Jones
 - Declines, as support
 - Former Queen of Jordan (and a hint to what's missing from 21-Across)
 - Final Greek letter
 - "Consum it!"
 - Lhasa ___ (breed from Tibet)
 - Paris 2024 prize
 - Taunting remark
 - "Buenos ___!"
 - Oh's predecessors
 - Investment returns not realized because of factors like expenses and fees
 - "Insecure" Emmy nominee ___ Rae
 - After-dinner party
 - Like many eruptions
 - Voters' choices
 - Best case
 - Playground equipment
 - Method
 - Word of caution
 - Most high school students
 - Nursery rhyme trio
 - Gallery work
 - Peek at the answers, say
 - Jordanian ruins site
 - Three in Italy
 - Simultaneously
 - Of a heart chamber
 - Cookie with a 2024 "Space Dunk" variety
 - Stank up the joint
 - Wayside lodging
 - "Take ___ from me ..."

- In the thick of
- "We can relate"
- Prefix for rail or chrome
- Chess play
- Gambling mecca near Hong Kong
- Former Domino's Pizza mascot (and a hint to what's missing from 51-Across)
- Small wallet bills

66. "... I'll eat ___!"
- Down**
- Alaska gold rush city (and a hint to what's missing from 3-Down)
 - "The ___" (1976 Gregory Peck horror film)
 - Didn't say anything
 - Palindromic Ottoman official
 - "2001" computer
 - Outer limit
 - Runny French cheese
 - Rum cakes
 - Banned substances
 - Lowest points
 - Speak your mind
 - "August: ___ County" (Meryl Streep movie)
 - Monica's brother on "Friends"
 - Enthusiast
 - Pool ball with a yellow stripe
 - Jazz vocal style
 - ___ Paradise ("On the Road" narrator)
 - "Livin' La ___ Loca" (Ricky Martin hit)
 - Product of pungency
 - "Understood"
 - Golf shoe gripper
 - Enjoying
 - Smoothly, as a successful plan
 - Real estate developer's unit
 - Rookie of the ___
 - Destination in "Pee-wee's Big Adventure"
 - Dole (out)

- Baby's night spot
 - KPH part
 - Camera mount
 - Amount of gunk
 - "Star Wars" droid, familiarly
 - Neighbor of a Tobagonian, informally
 - Citrus with a zest
 - Kendrick Lamar Pulitzer-winning album
 - "___ Talkin'" (Bee Gees #1 hit)
 - Pindaric poems
 - Hurricane-tracking agcy.
 - In-___ Burger (and a hint to what's missing from 35-Down)
 - Steak-___ (frozen beef brand)
 - Speak
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- Across**
- 21-Across
 - 51-Across
 58. In the thick of
 61. Prefix for rail or chrome
 62. Chess play
 63. Gambling mecca near Hong Kong
 64. Former Domino's Pizza mascot (and a hint to what's missing from 51-Across)
 65. Small wallet bills

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Three words starting and ending with H	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Three six-letter fruits	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Australia's island state	<input type="checkbox"/>

Last Week's Answers: : COUSIN PLACE SERVE GRADE LADY BASE / VENICE NAPLES MILAN ROME / TONGA HAITI GHANA NEPAL / VENUS / NORTH

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	3-	3-		1-	
15×		5-	2÷	2-	5
	3				7+
	2÷		1-	3	
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RULES

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
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PREVIOUS ANSWERS

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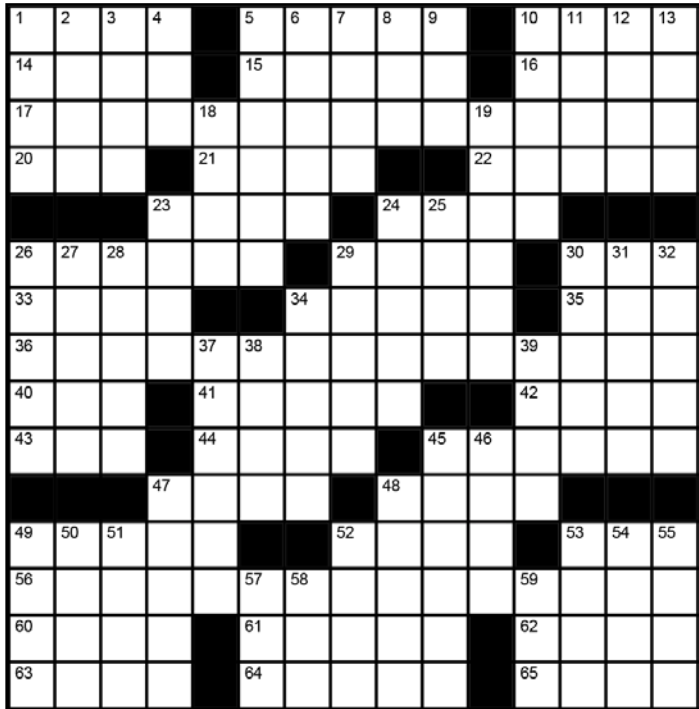
Across

- 1. 'Magnet & Steel' Walter
- 5. Bob Dylan covered '___ To Be You'
- 10. Torres of Bon Jovi
- 14. 'More Than A Feeling' singer Brad
- 15. American Head Charge 'Just ___ Know'
- 16. Ripped the audition or did this
- 17. Famous saying: Sex, ___ Roll
- 20. Yames of New Multitudes Woody Guthrie tribute
- 21. Metal Church is honest and 'Cannot Tell ___'
- 22. Producer drops them
- 23. 70s 'Good Times' funksters
- 24. Donny and Marie, for one
- 26. Van Morrison '___ George'
- 29. Circle Jerks '___ d'État'
- 30. 70s 'A Letter To Myself' soul band ___ - Lites
- 33. ___ We Never Said Goodbye
- 34. 'I Like It' rapper ___ B
- 35. Sponge's 'Pinata' will decay or this
- 36. '04 Keane hit '___ Know'
- 40. Cranberries '___ To My Family'
- 41. ___ Have Eyes For You
- 42. Hüsker Dü put the b-ball tip-off '___ The Air'
- 43. 'If I Ruled The World' rapper w/

Down

- 44. Marina & The Diamonds 'I Am ___ Robot'
- 45. Entertained, as backyard show
- 47. Spear Of Destiny '___ Law' was for backyard turf pieces, perhaps
- 48. 'For The Ride Home' Kelley
- 49. Supervillains song about hash?
- 52. Jethro ___
- 53. James Murphy's ___ Soundsystem
- 56. CCR's Screamin' Jay Hawkins classic cover
- 60. Raised metal strip on guitar neck
- 61. 'Come Into My World' Minogue
- 62. Bob Seger didn't have this coin to spare in 'Like A Rock'
- 63. '90 Slaughter album 'Stick It ___'
- 64. Paul Carrack 'Don't Shed ___'
- 65. Blueswoman Popovic and Matronic of Scissor Sisters

- 5. Great White says no on 'Love ___'
- 6. Boomtown Rats 'A ___ For The Troops'
- 7. Japanese rocker for Dr. Jekyll
- 8. Album oriented rock format (abbr)
- 9. Simon and Garfunkel, e.g.
- 10. World Saxophone Quartet misspelled '___ It 2 The Next Level'
- 11. Helloween's song title for words of confidence
- 12. Starving artist might not have a single one to his name
- 13. Bob Dylan cleaned up his '___ And Ends'
- 18. Sir Douglas Quintet leader Doug
- 19. 'Cat's In The Cradle' Harry
- 23. Engelbert Humperdinck song about place to grab coffee
- 24. Bluesman Stevens
- 25. Ivor Cutler '67 album for a strategic board game
- 26. Dave of Traffic
- 27. Sober Kim Mitchell sang "Might as well go for ___"
- 28. Joan Jett puts them in the jukebox
- 29. Mike Patton's friend Hassett
- 30. Punk band Rocket From The ___
- 31. 'Perfect Time Of Day' sing/songster Day
- 32. Styx 'Don't Let ___'
- 34. Radiohead 'Dollars & ___'
- 37. Fall Out Boy's 'She's My ___' for actress Ryder
- 38. UK band that likes sweatshirts with strings?
- 39. Luxurious or this type of mansion
- 45. Shout, as concert scream
- 46. Norwegian city synth-poppers A-ha is from
- 47. Harvey Danger hit 'Flagpole ___'
- 48. 'White Album' Lennon song for his mother
- 49. Band falling out
- 50. Beck 'Guero' opener (hyph)
- 51. System Of A Down 'Toxicity' hit 'Chop ___'
- 52. The first half of how you're not going to reach Lady Gaga
- 53. Untrusting Neil Young misspelled 'Can't Believe Your ___'
- 54. Slash/Axl penned epic on 'Use Your Illusion I'
- 55. Rehearsal space bills
- 57. Reel Big Fish genre
- 58. She's pretty and young, to MJ on 'Thriller' song
- 59. Non-disclosure agreement (abbr)



Down

- 1. 'Because They're Young' surf rocker Duane
- 2. 'Passion' ex-Spice Girl Halliwell
- 3. Former members are band's this
- 4. Prince's one-time band (abbr)

R&R answer from pg 40 of 4/4



Jonesin' answer from pg 39 of 4/4



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NITE SUDOKU

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

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle A

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King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle B

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Puzzle C

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Round the Bend*, by Jeremy Clarkson, born April 11, 1960.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *We start with the BMW X6, which must receive my inaugural What Were They Thinking Of award. It's an honor.*

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *Why, for instance, does a car have a steering wheel? Or pedals? Or a dashboard? No, really. Some questions are worth asking.*

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *Unfortunately, there has always been one rather enormous problem with the Brera. How can I put this? It isn't very fast. ... You don't need a stopwatch to measure its 0 to 60mph time, or even a calendar. You need a geologist. Use the right tool for the job.*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *Criticizing the little Daihatsu for not being sporty is a bit like criticizing Postman Pat's van for not being any good at making mashed potatoes. Yay for Postman Pat!*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *The dash, for instance, looks lovely, but like so many things that look lovely — loon pants, for example — it doesn't work very well. Don't wear bell bottoms for biking.*

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Golf is not mysterious. I understand absolutely why someone would play it once ... and then decide to play it again. ... It's because they think that if they keep playing, they might get a bit better. Nowhere to go but up.*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *You have to feel very sorry for the goat antelopes whose skin is used to make these [chamois leathers]. No, really. Really.*

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *Think of [the Porsche 911 Carrera GT2] as a carbon fibre fishing rod. It will make you look seri-*

ous and keen among your peers. But one day, you're going to snag it on an overhead power line. And ... you're going to wish you'd stuck with a bamboo cane and a piece of string. Bamboo is underrated.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *But what's the point of a big glass sunroof the size of a tennis court if it doesn't open? To see the light?*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *Then there's ... the Volvo sat nav system, which, no matter what you tell it, simply picks a destination you've been to recently and sends you there instead. Do you know where you're going?*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *If you think a bar established in 1956 is 'old' then you will not understand the idea of next week. So why bother building for it? There's old and then there's old.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *For millions of years, the top speed a human could achieve was 40mph and even then only if he had a very good horse. Pick up your pace. 🐾*

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 laughing (9)	_____
2 laughing (9)	_____
3 laughing (8)	_____
4 laughing (10)	_____
5 laughing (9)	_____
6 laughing (9)	_____
7 laughing (8)	_____

LING	TTE	SNI	CKL	FA
WING	CKE	KLI	CHUC	TI
RTLI	GUF	NG	CHO	CA
ING	NG	RING	GIGG	RING

Last Week's Answers: CARTER 2. HATHAWAY 3. JOHANSSON 4. SILVERSTONE 5. BENOIST 6. LARSON 7. LILLY

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Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★ 3/18

Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 3/20

Puzzle C

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★ 3/22

Democracy in Action

As the November presidential election looms, with incumbent Joe Biden, 81, and former President Donald Trump, 77, squaring off again, some American voters would like to see literally anybody else on the ballot — and Literally Anybody Else, of North Richland Hills, Texas, wants to give them that chance. A 35-year-old seventh-grade math teacher and U.S. Army veteran who legally changed his name from Dustin Ebey, the candidate says his goal is to inspire change. “America should not be stuck choosing between the ‘King of Debt’ (his self-declaration) and an 81-year-old,” reads the declaration on Else’s campaign website. “Literally Anybody Else isn’t just a person, it’s a rally cry.” NBC-5 Dallas Fort Worth reports that Else needs the signatures of 113,151 registered voters who did not vote in the presidential primary, by May 13, in order to run as an independent candidate. *NBC-5, March 28*

Sssurvivor!

The BBC reported that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals were recently called to a residence in Spennymoor, County Durham, to rescue a 3-foot-long corn snake atop a garage roof; the snake had escaped a crow that attempt-

ed to carry it off. When a neighbor came by to see the rescued critter, she recognized it as her pet snake, Agnus, who had been missing for a year. RSPCA inspector John Lawson was surprised the snake had survived out in the cold for so long. “The vet believes Agnus had gone into brumation mode, similar to hibernation, and her body had shut down in order to survive,” Lawson said. Agnus received treatment for a respiratory infection before being reunited with her owner. *BBC, March 28*

Ghastly

After having lurked quietly on the shelves of Harvard’s Houghton Library for the better part of a century, the philosophical meditation “Des Destinees de l’Ame” has undergone a facelift, according to a statement issued by the library in March. The book was acquired by the school in 1934, along with a note explaining the process of preserving human skin. The book’s previous owner, an eccentric French bibliophile named Dr. Ludovic Bouland, claimed to have added the “human touch” (read: human skin) to his prize because “a book about the human soul deserved to have a human covering.” The cover’s origin could not be confirmed until 2014, and NBC News reported that this eventually led to an ethi-

cal review in 2023 and the recent decision to rebind the book in something less macabre. *NBC, March 28*

Youth Inaction

• Young people are cutting loose and losing their blues in Cambodia, but rather than embracing the “Footloose” of it all, the Guardian reports that Prime Minister Hun Manet is cracking down on the source: vehicle owners and operators who replace their cars’ standard horns with ones that blast popular tunes. So enticing are these familiar refrains that young Cambodians are literally dancing in the streets, which the prime minister says poses a traffic hazard. He has directed the ministry of public works and transportation, along with Cambodia’s police force, to crack down on vehicle operators whose horns emit anything other than the standard honk. *Guardian, March 19*

• Students and parents at Alston Ridge Elementary in Cary, North Carolina, have been dealing with a unique carpool annoyance: an aggressive pest of a turkey. WTVD in Durham reports that the bird pecks at cars, windows, people — any perceived threat in “his” territory. “This was a young male turkey who probably was looking for a mate ... and was unable to find one,” said Cary Animal Services Officer Beth Wilson. “He

was trying to claim a territory, and I guess he decided the carpool lane was going to be it.” Wilson predicts Lonely Tom will chill out — just as soon as his hormones die down. *WTVD, April 3*

Heart in the Right Place

Thinking she had spotted an abandoned baby hedgehog on the side of the road, an animal lover in England carefully gathered the creature into a box lined with newspaper and took it home, setting out some cat food and leaving it undisturbed overnight. After realizing it hadn’t moved or eaten, she took the box to Lower Moss Wood Nature Reserve & Wildlife Hospital in Cheshire the next morning, where hospital manager Janet Kotze “realized ... it wasn’t a hedgehog.” The fluffy, spiky, hedgehog-colored “creature” was actually the pom-pom from a winter beanie. Because the elderly rescuer had kept her distance through the night, she hadn’t noticed the ball’s lack of eyes or ears. But her compassion melted the staff members’ hearts; Kotze said the woman “did absolutely the right thing — aside from the fact that it wasn’t a hedgehog.” *NY Post, March 27*

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