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ALSO ON THE COVER The NH Jewish Film Festival is a statewide, multi-week event that will feature screenings at theaters in Manchester, Concord, Merrimack and more as well as virtual screenings. Michael Witthaus gets the details on this festival that starts Sunday, March 23, on page 17. John Fladd looks at the United Way of Greater Nashua's upcoming "Cheers to the Community Night of Wine and Comedy" event (page 21). And that comedy show on Saturday, March 22, is one of several comedy events this weekend. Michael Witthaus talks to comedian Zane Lamprey about his show on Saturday at the Henniker Brewing Company on page 26, where you will also find our rundown of other comedy shows this weekend and beyond. Is music more your style? Check out the Music This Week, which starts on page 27.

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NEWS & NOTES

Open senate seat in '26

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen announced on March 12 that she will not seek reelection in 2026, according to a press release.

Shaheen, who is 78 according to Wikipedia, was the first woman elected governor of New Hampshire, in 1996; she served three terms, the release said. In 2008 she was elected U.S. Senator, the release said.

"There are urgent challenges ahead, both here at home and around the world. And while I'm not seeking reelection, believe me, I am not retiring. I am determined to work every day over the next two years and beyond to continue to try and make a difference for the people of New Hampshire and this country," Shaheen said, according to the release. See shaheen.senate.gov for her video message and a video highlighting her accomplishments. Married to Dover native Billy Shaheen, Jeanne Shaheen has three daughters and seven grandchildren, the release said.

Ed commissioner

NH Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut will "complete his term in office and will continue in holdover status to support schools through the end of the school year," according to a press release from Gov. Kelly Ayotte's office. Edelblut is the longest-serving education commissioner in the country, having served since 2017, the release said. "My office will launch a search for our next Education Commissioner who will build on this momentum and further our goal of improving our standards and academic performance, supporting our incredible teachers, and delivering a best-in-class education for every child in New Hampshire," Ayotte said, according to the release.

Raw milk alert

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services sent out a press release on March 14 advising consumers not to drink Brookvale Pine Farm raw milk with "best if used by"

dates through March 22 because the milk "may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes bacteria." The release said that the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food notified DHHS that a cow at the farm was diagnosed with listeria infection, the release said. The milk was sold in half-gallon containers at the Brookvale Mercantile in Brentwood, the release said. "Brookvale Pines Farm is working closely with DHHS to conduct ongoing milk testing, contact customers who may have purchased raw milk from the farm, and ensure the public's health and safety," the release said.

"To report an illness after raw milk consumption, contact DPHS at 603-271-4496. For more information about raw milk, visit the CDC website," cdc.gov/food-safety/foods/raw-milk.html, the release said.

The Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway in **Derry**, will host a Red Cross blood drive on Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register call 800-73302767 or go to redcrossblood.org.

"Three Vignettes" is open now at the Alva de Mars Megan Chapel Art Center at Saint Anselm College in **Manchester**. "This exhibition comprises works from the permanent collection, with brief essays/meditations by 17 Saint Anselm College students," according to a press release. The exhibit is open through May 9 and the gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, 4 to 7 p.m.

"Worlds," featuring works by artists Julian Kent and Emma Kohlmann, is open now at Outer Space Arts, 35 Pleasant St. in **Concord**. The paintings will be on view through May 18; the gallery space is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. See outerspacearts.xyz.

The Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St. in **Nashua**, will hold a "Little Green Thumbs" program on Wednesday, March 26, at 4:30 p.m. for grades K through 5. Kids will learn how to plant basil seeds and take care of the plant, according to a Facebook post. See nashualibrary.org.

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SPORTS DAVE LONG'S LONGSHOTS

March Madness arrives



The Big Story – NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament:

It all started with Tuesday's play-in games, which included San Diego State vs. (yup, once mighty) North Carolina. It goes full

throttle Thursday with the top seeds being Auburn, Duke, Houston and Florida. The two biggest questions are (1) Can 10-seed UConn be the first to win three straight titles since the UCLA dynasty won seven between 1967 and 1973? and (2) How close to full strength will Larry Bird play-alike Cooper Flagg be when Duke opens Friday after spraining his ankle last weekend?

Sports 101: Aside from UCLA's seven straight titles, how many of the eight other schools to win back-to-back NCAA titles can you name?

News Item – The Good, Bad and Ugly for Pats Last Week: Good – They solidified the defense, with the best FA signings being Eagles nose tackle Milton Williams and Detroit CB Carlton Davis. Edge rusher Harold Landry's wasn't bad either. **Bad** – Maybe he can't play anymore, but not throwing a fifth-round pick at the desperate for anything Rams to take a flier on Cooper Kupp seems dumb. Especially with him signed at manageable money for just two years. **Ugly** – They got no left tackle and no number one wideout, leaving their two biggest needs unfilled.

News Item – Garrett Crochet: The new Sox hurler was named the opening day starter. Given his numbers — one run allowed in four starts with a whopping 21 strikeouts in 10.1 innings — that's hard to argue with. That's 18.2 k's per nine innings and is more than baseball's all-time one-game record was for 85 years until Roger Clemens struck out 20 in 1986. Can someone please tell me why top prospect Roman Anthony only had 22 at-bats as of Monday? That he knocked in eight runs in those 22 is impressive, as that projects to 240 RBI over a full season! I know, not possible, but that's what it comes to in a short sample size.

Biggest Sox Question – They still don't know who the closer will be.

Biggest Sox Surprise – Trayce Thompson. Klay Thompson's unheralded little brother has a team-leading six homers and 13 RBI in 30 AB's.

Sox Injured List – Starters Brayan Bello and Kutter Crawford will start 2025 on the IL.

News Item – NFL FA Leftovers: The vaunted QB draft class of 2021 with five

taken in the first 15 picks is likely the biggest bust ever. With Justin Fields (Jets), Zach Wilson (Miami) and Mac Jones (SF) moving last week they're all now on their third teams. Trey Lance was bounced out of SF after just two years and first overall pick Trevor Lawrence ain't exactly the most popular guy in Jax these days. After leaving the Giants and Steelers hanging I'd tell Aaron Rodgers to stuff it. Dealing with his nonsense once might have been worth it, but now it's a distraction.

The Numbers:

6 – record-setting number of schools Rick Pitino has taken to the NCAA Tournament after St. John's won the Big East Tourney Saturday to join BU, Providence, Kentucky, Louisville and Iona.

70 – pace for the second most wins in NBA history the Cleveland Cavaliers are on.

Of the Week:

Thumbs Up – David Andrews: A true Patriots gamer gets it on his way out the door after being released.

Random Thoughts: Calling the SEC having 14 teams in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament "historic" is a joke. With major conference expansions as schools defect from their traditional conferences that's no great accomplishment, because the big schools are stuffed into half as many conferences as there used to be. Jones to SF and Jacoby Brissett to Houston. The Pats are supplying the NFL with QB's.

Sports 101 Answer: The back-to-back winning schools are Oklahoma State (45-46), Kentucky (48-49), San Francisco (55-56), Cincinnati (61-62), UCLA (64-65), Duke (91-92), Florida (06-07) and UConn (23-24).

Final Thought – Golf Media:

After he suffered a torn Achilles last week it's sad to see Tiger Woods hurt again. But when is the golf media going to understand that he is no longer a big story? Every time a big tournament rolls around, like last week's Players Championship, he's a lead story despite the fact he's far more likely to miss the cut than finish in the Top 25. Last week's headline was Tiger Won't Be Here This Year. It's just nuts. Earth to golf media: It's over. Like with Michael Jordan, Willie Mays and Peyton Manning the end comes for everyone no matter how great they are. And then those still don't lead Super Bowl and World Series stories.

Why don't they just let it be and put him in the Hall? Because no matter what, he ain't coming back to within three time zones of what he once was.

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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Cookies for heroes

There is still time to buy Girl Scout cookies for “Hometown Heroes.” According to Ginger Kozlowski, spokesperson for the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, the Gift of Caring program is a way for community members to thank active military members and other professionals who give of themselves to their communities: “Police, fire, hospitals, food banks — almost any charitable or nonprofit kind of [organization].” Gifts may be made online at <https://bit.ly/4fqQeW> for the rest of cookie season.

QOL score: +1

Comment: According to the website of the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains (1 Commerce Drive, Bedford, 888-471-9686, girlscoutsgwm.org), their most popular cookie is the Thin Mint. This year each box of cookies is \$6, which helps support the Girl Scouts and their mission.

Concord man sets medical milestone

As reported in a March 7 online article by New Hampshire Public Radio, a Concord man has received a kidney transplanted from a pig. According to the story, 66-year-old Tim Andrews “is one of only four people in the world who have ever received pig kidneys. And he’s one of just two still living.” The two-and-a-half-hour operation took place on Feb. 7 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. According to a press release from Mass General, the kidney was “a genetically edited pig kidney with 69 genomic edits.” According to the NHPR report, Andrews is on his feet and walking independently.

QOL score: +1

Comment: As reported by NHPR, “Mass General is planning two more pig-to-human kidney transplants this year, as part of a federally approved study.” To hear more from Tim Andrews and his doctors, visit YouTube and search for “Our Milestone Second Successful Xenotransplant.”

Big winners for tiny films

The Nashua Public Library has announced the winners of this year’s Tiny Film Festival. The Library showcased 20 local filmmakers on Friday, March 7, at this third annual event. According to a March 10 press release from the Library, “film submissions were open to everyone and featured only two criteria: the film had to be under 60 seconds and must be suitable for viewing by all ages.” The winner of the Kids 12 and Under category was *Skunk Movie* by Elizabeth Goemans, and the runner-up was *Little Worm* by Laurel Guarneri. In the Teen category, Lyriq Rivera, Vidhi Pawar and Chase Coffin won for *The Other Side*, with *Yin vs. Yang* by Gil and Roy Costa taking second-place honors. In the Adult category, *Case of the Missing Pizza* by Ronit Sinha and *Dark by 3* by Andi Cass took first and second place.

QOL score: +1

Comment: View the films at nashualibrary.org/tinyfilmfestival.

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There's a **Seed Starting Workshop** at Canterbury Shaker Village (288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, 783-9511, shakers.org) this morning from 9 to 11 a.m. Learn from Andy Messenger of Turning Mill Farm how



to start your own seedlings for your garden this year. The cost is \$20.

p.m. as part of his Artificial Intelligence Tour. Tickets start at \$66.

Friday, March 21

The **11th Annual National SleepOut** takes place tonight. This is a challenge to spend a night outside to raise awareness and funds to support New Hampshire's only low-barrier emergency youth shelter and safe space in Manchester and a range of support services. Visit waypointnh.org.

Saturday, March 22

Join the fun at the **Goffstown Public Library** (2 High St., Goffstown, 497-2102, goffstownlibrary.com) today from 11 a.m. to noon with **The Musical Baseball Show with Howie Newman**, former sportswriter for the Boston Globe, the Lowell Sun, the Patriot Ledger and Associated Press. Howie will entertain

with live baseball songs, stories, trivia and surprises. Register at the Library's website.

Saturday, March 22

The Chubb Theatre (Chubb Theatre at CCA, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com) presents comedian **Whitney Cummings** tonight at 7 p.m. on her Big Baby Tour. Tickets start at \$37.50.

Wednesday, March 26

The Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord, 228-2793, theaudi.org) is hosting two

Walker Lectures tonight, starting at 7:30 p.m.: "**New England Traditions: Maple Mania**" with Willa Coroka and "**Discovering New England Stone Walls**" with Kevin Gardner. All Walker Lectures are free and open to the public. 🌿



Save the Date! Friday, March 28

Join **Ally the Piper** on Friday, March 28, at 8 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com). Ally is known for taking the traditional Great Highland bagpipe into the modern era. Tickets are \$35.

Thursday, March 20

Tonight's **Art Off the Walls** at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org) will spotlight the works of contemporary artist Ann Agee and her exhibition "Madonna of the Girl Child" is on view at the Currier from March 7 to June 5. The Art off the Walls event is tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged.

will hold a meeting today at noon and feature "**Go Native! Incorporating Native Plants into Your Landscapes**" by Jane Raymond, Master Gardener through the UNH Cooperative Extension. The meeting will take place at St. Hedwig Hall, 147 Walnut St., Manchester, and is open to the public.

Friday, March 21

Ventriloquist and comedian **Jeff Dunham** will take the stage at SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, snhuarena.com) tonight at 7

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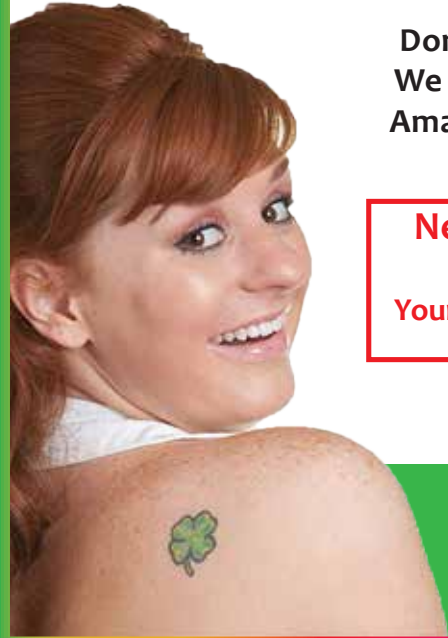


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The calendar says spring begins on March 20. Whether this year's spring is hot, cold or just muddy, here are some ways to have fun and celebrate the season from now until the summer vibes kick in Memorial Day weekend. The information here is from the presenting events' websites and social media; did we miss some spring fun? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com.

1 Who needs some laughs? There are many opportunities to check out **Queen City Improv** in the coming months. They have free open sessions at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester (669 Union St. in Manchester) on Thursdays, March 20, April 17 and May 15, at 6 p.m. Register on their website. Or catch them at the BNH Stage in Concord on Friday, April 4, at 8 p.m., or at shows at Stark Brewing Co. (500 Commercial St. in Manchester) on Mondays, April 7 or May 5, at 7 p.m. See queencityimprov.com.

2 You can still catch the last two menus of burgers at **Burgerama** at the Bedford Village Inn (2 Olde Bedford Road in Bedford; bedfordvillageinn.com). Through Saturday, March 22, it's Asian week (the menu includes Bahn Mi Sliders). Sunday, March 23, through Saturday, March 29, it's BVI Favorites with a BVI Big Double Burger, a French Dip Burger and N'Duja Pizza Sliders).

3 **Kathleen D. Bailey** will discuss her book *A History Lover's Guide to New Hampshire* on Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St. in Concord; gibsonsbookstore.com). Other authors scheduled to appear at Gibson's include **Stephen Monier** with his book *No One Has to Die: Inside the Longest Armed Standoff in the History of the U.S. Marshals* (March 27), **John Scalzi** (March 30), **Andru Volinsky** (April 2), **Susie Spikol** (April 12), **Christopher Golden** (May 6) and more.

4 The exhibit "**Currents**" continues at Pillar Gallery + Projects (205 N. State St. in Concord; pillargalleryprojects.com) through April 2. The gallery is open Fridays, Sundays and Tuesdays, 3 to 7 p.m. Gallery co-founder and owner Fallon Rae spoke

about the show to Zachary Lewis on page 6 of the Feb. 27 issue of the Hippo; find it in the digital library at hippopress.com.

5 The art gallery Outer Space (35 Pleasant St. in Concord; outerspacearts.xyz; open Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) continues its recently opened "**Worlds**," an exhibit of the works of Julian Kent and Emma Kohlmann.

6 Take the kids to watch the kids of the Bedford Youth Performing Company (bypc.org) perform the musical *Bye Bye Birdie* on Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, at the Derryfield School theater in Manchester. Find the link to purchase tickets via BYPC's Facebook page.

7 The Peacock Players present their second weekend of their Spring Youth Mainstage Production *Shrek The Musical Jr.* with shows Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m. at Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St. in Nashua. Tickets cost \$15 to \$18 for adults, \$12 to \$15 for students and seniors.

8 The Pinkerton Players will present the Elvis-y, *Twelfth Night-y All Shook Up* at Stockbridge Theatre in Derry Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15. See stockbridgetheatre.showare.com.

9 Catch **Dueling Pianos** twice at the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; tupelomusichall.com) before Memorial Day on Friday, March 21, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$22.

10 Get some insight into how our feathered neighbors weather the season change with a **Birding Outing** at the McLane Center (84 Silk Road in Concord; nhaudubon.org) on Saturday, March 22, at 8 a.m. The event is free but register online. The NH Audubon has several Birding Outings on the schedule as well as art exhibits and other events; see nhaudubon.org.

11 Concord-based Art Alley Cats (artalleycats.com) and DIY Craft & Thrift (diycraftandthrift.com) will present the art exhibit "**Revive, Renew, Reconnect**" at Kimball Jenkins (266 N. Main St. in Concord; kimballjenkins.com) through Wednesday, April 16, with a special show-

case on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an opening reception on Saturday, March 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. "Over 15 local artists of varying backgrounds and artistic styles will be represented in this mixed media exhibition," according to a post on Art Alley Cats' Instagram. Also on March 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kimball Jenkins in Concord, catch the **Concord Arts Market Winter Arts Market & Activities**. The event will feature Concord Arts Market vendors in the Carriage House along with demonstrations and other activities. See concordartsmarket.org.

12 Root for the lacrosse teams at **Southern New Hampshire University**. The men's team's next home game is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m. at Mark A. Ouellette Stadium on the SNHU campus (the stadium is on Victory Lane in Hooksett) versus Saint Michael's College. The women's next home game is Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m. versus University of New Haven. Regular season games are free to attend; see snhupenmen.com for the full schedule.

13 Cheer Nashua's **Rivier University Raiders men's and women's lacrosse teams**. The next home game for the men's lacrosse team will be Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m., on Joanne Merrill Field at Linda Robinson Pavilion in Nashua against New England College. The women's team's next home game is Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m. when they face Lasell University. See rivier-athletics.com.

14 Bookery Manchester (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) will feature **author pop-ups** on Saturday, March 22, with Dawn Aurora Hunt, who has books as well as her recent *A Kitchen Witch's Culinary Oracle*, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Jezmina Von Thiele, *Secrets of Romani Fortune Telling*, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Other authors scheduled to be at Bookery include **Tabatha D'Agata** (*The Old Scarecrow*, March 29), **Eskor David Johnson** (*Pay as You Go*, March 29), **Joshua Bresslin and Ian M. Rogers** (April 5) and **Leah Dearborn** (*Grenier Air Base*, April 18).

15 Programming at the **New Hampshire Historical Society** (30 Park St. in Concord; nhhistory.org) includes **Fam-**

ily Fun Day on Saturday, March 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. This free event features games, crafts, storytelling, tours of the exhibits and more. The event is geared to families with kids ages 6 to 10 but all ages are welcome, the website said.

16 **Recycled Percussion** celebrates 30 years of performances: "On March 24, 1995, three high school kids took the stage at Goffstown High School to perform a 4-minute drumming routine at a talent show. Little did anyone know that it would become a worldwide sensation over the next 30 years. With over 8,000 performances in over 40 countries, Recycled Percussion has become a household name and created the best live show experiences for families worldwide," according to a description on the website for the Dana Center for the Humanities at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, where Recycled Percussion will perform two shows on Saturday, March 22, at 3 & 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$50 (plus fees) or \$100 for a VIP experience. See tickets.anselm.edu. Recycled Percussion will also be at the Flying Monkey in Plymouth (flyingmonkeynh.com) on March 29 at 3 and 7 p.m.

17 **Chopin Piano Concerto** the winter concert of the Nashua Chamber Orchestra takes place Saturday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Nashua Community College and Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m. at Milford Town Hall. See nco-music.org for tickets.

18 The Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; tupelomusichall.com) has a packed music schedule this spring, including **Pete Best & the Pete Best Band** on Saturday, March 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$50 to \$55. Other shows on the schedule include **Walter Trout** (March 27), **Ally the Piper** (March 28), **Young Dubliners** (March 30), **The Record Company** (April 13), **John Oates** (April 27), **Gary Hoey** (May 9) and more.

19 Catch Rivier University's **Raiders men's baseball** at home next on Tuesday, April 1, at 3:30 p.m., when they play Dean College at Holman Stadium (67 Amherst St. in Nashua). The **women's softball** team plays at Raider Diamond and their next game will be a doubleheader against Lesley University on Sunday, March 23, at noon and 2 p.m. See rivierathletics.com.

20 The **New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival** runs Sunday, March 23, through Friday, April 11, with a line-up of in-theater and virtual screenings. An opening day lunch reception will be held at noon at the Spotlight Room in Manchester followed by a screening of the film *Shari & Lamb Chop* at the Rex Theatre in Manchester. Screenings continue at locations in Manchester, Merrimack and Red River Theatres in Concord (as well as in Hanover, Portsmouth and Keene) followed by a virtual screening bonus week April 6 (the day of the final in-theater screenings) through April 11. See nhjewishfilmfestival.com for trailers of most of the film as well as a schedule for screenings, both virtual and in theaters, as well as ticket packages that range from individual films to all access.

21 **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** comes to the Flying Monkey (39 S. Main St. in Plymouth; flyingmonkeynh.com) on Sunday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 to \$75. Other shows at the Flying Monkey in the next few months include **Redneck Cast-away Band** and **Red Solo Cup** (March 21), **Duane Betts** and **Palmetto Motel** (April 13), **RDMTION** (May 2), **Mamma Mania** (May 16) and more. The Flying Monkey also screens movies most Wednesdays (family movie night) and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

22 Studio 550 Art Center (550 Elm St. in Manchester; 550arts.com) will hold a **Spring Cleaning Pottery Sale** Monday, March 24, through Saturday, March 29, noon to 8 p.m. The pottery will include discount pottery made by members and staff, donated pottery with proceeds benefiting the Art for All Fund, and \$1 abandoned workshop pottery, the website said.

23 Watch the **Southern New Hampshire University Penmen baseball team** play the Saint Anselm Hawks at Penmen Field on Wednesday, April 2, at 3 p.m. The **women's softball team** will play a doubleheader against American International College at home on Wednesday, March 26, with games at 2 and 4 p.m. at the SNHU Softball Field (on Eastman Drive). See snhupenmen.com for more games and details.

24 Cheer on the **Saint Anselm College Hawks baseball team**, whose upcoming home game is Wednesday, March 26, at 2 p.m. versus Southern New Hampshire University at Sullivan Park on the Saint Anselm College campus in Manchester. The **women's softball team** will play their next home games on Friday, April 4, at 2 and 4 p.m. against Franklin Pierce at the South Athletic Fields on the Saint Anselm College campus. See saintanselmhawks.com.

25 Get some **Saint Anselm College Hawks lacrosse**. The **women's team's** next home game is Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. against Saint Michael's College. The **men's team** will play its next home game on Friday, March 28, at 4 p.m. versus Assumption. Both games take place at Grappone Stadium on the Saint Anselm College campus in Manchester. See saintanselmhawks.com.

26 Get serious laughs when **comedian Leslie Jones** comes to the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St. in Nashua; nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$49. Other shows on the Nashua Center for the Arts schedule include **Chazz Palminteri — A Bronx Tale Live** (March 29); **Marc Cohn** (March 30); the **Wise Guys of Comedy** with **Ace Aceto, Frank Santorelli, and Brad Mastrangelo** (April 12); **Ari Shapiro: Thank You for Listening** (May 9) and more.

27 **Comedian Bob Marley** has a packed schedule of New Hampshire dates over the next few months, starting with Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey (39 S. Main St. in Plymouth; flyingmonkeynh.com), where tickets cost \$39.50. Additional shows include March 28-29 at the Music Hall in Portsmouth and May 16-18 at the Palace Theatre in Manchester, as well as shows across New Hampshire and New England. See bmarley.com.

28 Fans of "the Ton" can put on their Regency best for the **Bridgerton Dinner Party with String Quartet** on Friday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. at LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101 in Amherst; labellewinery.com). The night will feature a four-course dinner with wine pairings and music by Yaeko Miranda string quartet, the website said. The cost is \$89 per person. LaBelle also offers music, comedy, craft workshops and more this spring at its Amherst and Derry locations, as well as two murder mystery dinner parties (March 29 and April 26).

29 The Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts youth and teens presents **Matilda The Musical Jr.** Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 29, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m. at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway in Derry; majestictheatre.net). Tickets cost \$12 to \$16.

30 The Anselmian Abbey Players present **Guys and Dolls** Friday, March 28, through Sunday, March 30, and Thursday, April 3, through Saturday, April 5, at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester (tickets.anselm.edu). All shows

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are at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors and non-Saint Anselm students.

31 The **Capital City Craft Festival** runs Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord). Tickets cost \$10, children under 14 get in free. See castleberryfairs.com/capital-city-craft-festival-2025.

32 “**Hollywood’s First Sequel**” is how Jeff Rapsis has labeled his two-part screening on Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre on Main Street in Wilton. Part I on Saturday will feature 1920’s *The Mark of Zorro* starring Douglas Fairbanks Sr. Part II on Sunday will feature 1925’s *Don Q, Son of Zorro*, also starring Fairbanks. Both movies are silent films presented with live musical accompaniment by Rapsis, and admission to each film is free, with a \$10 donation suggested. See silentfilmlivemusic.blogspot.com.

33 Ballet Misha will present *Cinderella*, performed by Ballet Misha’s professional adult dancers, apprentice company and students from Dimensions in Dance, on Saturday, March 29, at 2 and 6 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord). Tickets cost \$31.60 for adults, \$21.40 for children. See balletmisha.com.

34 Symphony NH with guest conductor Herb Smith will present **Hollywood Hits** featuring the music of James Bond, *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Rocky*, *The Pink Panther*, *The Magnificent Seven* and more. Hear the sounds of iconic scores on Saturday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Theatre in Derry. Tickets start at \$40. **Hollywood Hits** will also be presented the following night at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. Symphony NH has three more concerts on the schedule this season: “**It’s All Overtures**” on April 19 at the Nashua Center for the Arts, “**Rhapsody in Blue**” on May 10 at the Cap Center and “**Illuminated Ensembles — Chamber Favorites**” on May 18 at BNH Stage in Concord. See symphonynh.org and check out Michael Witthaus’ story about the symphony’s plans this season and beyond in the March 6 issue of the Hippo, which is available in our digital library at hippopress.com.

35 The **Manchester St. Patrick’s Parade** steps off at noon on Sunday, March 30, running down Elm Street from Salmon to Central. Join in the fun by running in the **Shamrock Shuffle** at 11 a.m. (a kids’ fun run starts at 10:30 a.m.). See [\[running.com/shamrock\]\(http://running.com/shamrock\) for details on the 2-mile run/walk and visit \[saintpatnsnh.com\]\(http://saintpatnsnh.com\) for more on the parade.](http://millennium-</p>
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36 Southern New Hampshire Youth Ballet will present *Snow White* on Sunday, March 30, with shows at 1 and 4 p.m. The role of Snow White will be shared by 16-year-old dancers Madison Cleland of Bedford and Hadley Hornor of Amherst, and the cast is rounded out by Southern NH Youth Ballet dancers from across the southern New Hampshire region as well as guest artist Nate Duszny as Prince Charming. Tickets for the show at the Palace Theatre in Manchester cost \$24-\$29 and for an additional \$20 ballet-goers can have tea with Snow White and friends 45 minutes before each show. See snhd.org.

37 Author **Anna Von Mertens** will discuss her book *Attention Is Discovery: The Life and Legacy of Astronomer Henrietta Leavitt* at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (2 Institute Drive in Concord; starhop.com) on Sunday, March 30. Tickets to a show at 3 p.m. in the center’s planetarium cost \$7 (in addition to general admission which costs \$10 to \$13 depending on age). A Discovery After Dark event, which begins after the center’s usual 10:30 a.m.-to-4 p.m. hours, starts at 4:30 p.m. and includes a talk, a member Q&A, a guided art activity and book signing, the website says. Tickets cost \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors, \$15 for ages 13 to college and \$10 for children.

38 **Hispanic Flamenco Ballet** will come to the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord) on Tuesday, April 1, at 10 and 11 a.m. Tickets cost \$19 to \$33 and are available by calling 305-420-6622. See flamencoballet.com for more on the company.

39 Spend an evening with **David Sedaris** on Tuesday, April 1, at 8 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; tupelomusichall.com). Tickets cost \$58.

40 Catch the **NH Ukeladies** at a free presentation as part of the Walker Lecture series at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord) on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. See theaudi.org/events.

41 The music series at The Flying Goose Brew Pub and Grille (40 Andover Road in New London; flyinggoose.com) continues with shows in March and April through April 24 with Vance Gilbert. On Thursday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. catch **Lonesome Ace String Band** and their Americana/bluegrass/folk. Tickets cost \$25.

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42 **Curious George** will visit for a story time at the **Children's Museum of New Hampshire** (6 Washington St. in Dover; childrens-museum.org) on Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on both days. The visits are part of the museum's Books Alive! programming and are included with admission, which costs \$14.50 for everyone over 12 months and \$12.50 for 65+. The museum offers sessions from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. on those days. Advanced ticket registrations are recommended.

43 Try samples and check out locally made items at the **Made in NH Expo** on Friday, April 4, from 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for 65+; children under 14 get in free. See businessnhmagazine.com/events/made-in-nh-expo.

44 Time to play ball! Opening night for the **New Hampshire Fisher Cats** at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in downtown Manchester is Friday, April 4, with their 6:35 p.m. game against the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. This season-opening stretch of games continues Saturday, April 5, at 4:05 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, at 1:35 p.m. The next stretch of games begins Tuesday, April 15, at 6:35 p.m. versus the Harrisburg Senators. See milb.com/new-hampshire for the game schedule, tickets and promotions.

45 Dance your cares away! **Jim Hen-son's Fraggles Rock: Back to the Rock Live** comes to the Capitol Center for the Arts' Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com) on Friday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. The show features walk-around versions of the Fraggles and puppet-sized Dozers, according to the website. Tickets start at \$46.75 and a VIP option includes an opportunity to get a photo with the Fraggles for an additional \$30. Other Cap Center events include comedian **Whitney Cummings** (March 22), comedian **Nikki Glaser** (March 26), **The Magnetic Fields 69 Love Songs 25th anniversary** Day 1 (April 8) and Day 2 (April 9), **Paula Pondstone** (April 11), **Tracy Morgan** (April 12), **Lyle Lovett** (April 27) and more.

46 Catch the **Palace Theatre's Short Play Festival** at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org) on Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. each night, featuring eight new plays a night, and tickets cost \$24. Other Rex offerings include comedy (**Ladies of Boston Comedy** on April 11) and music (**Britain's Finest Beatles Tribute**

on May 10).

47 Meet comic book creators Jim Steranko, Donny Cates, David Michelinie, Jim Shooter, Al Milgrom, Mike Royer, Chris Campana and more at the **Little Giant Comics "Old School" Comics Show** on Saturday, April 5, at the Everett Arena in Concord. Doors open at 10 a.m. and tickets cost \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For \$50, a VIP ticket includes 9 a.m. entry, a swag bag and more. See oldschoolcomicsshow.com.

48 The **Derry AuthorFest** takes place Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway in Derry) and features authors including keynote speaker Laura Knoy, Gina Perry speaking about picture books, Terry Farish and Sara Lesley Arnold and Sarah Lamagna as well as an all-day book sale hosted by Gibson's. See derryauthorfest.wordpress.com to register. That's not the only lit fest in the state today: The **Exeter Lit Fest** will take place at Exeter Town Hall on Saturday, April 5, and feature author talks starting at 11 a.m. as well as other community activities. See exeterlitfest.com.

49 It's egg hunt season and Charming-fare Farm in Candia kicks off the fun early with its **Egg-citing Egg Hunt** Saturdays and Sundays, April 5 through April 20 (Easter Sunday). Kids between the ages of 2 and 12 can hunt for a dozen eggs in Grandpa's Barn, the website said. The event will also include an opportunity to meet the Easter bunny, visit farm animals (including new spring babies) and more, according to the website. Time slots between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. are available on those days. Admission costs \$29 per person.

50 **Springfest!** will take place at the Saint Anselm College Sullivan Arena Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day will feature vendors, a kid zone, food concessions and more. Admission costs \$5 for adults, and is free for kids 12 and under. See goffstowncitizens.org.

51 **Jeremih** will perform Saturday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at SNHU Arena (555 Elm St. in Manchester; snhuarena.com). Tickets cost \$40. Also at SNHU Arena is comedian/puppeteer **Jeff Dunham** (March 21).

52 Get weekly comedy shows from **Headliners Comedy Club** at its Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown location on Elm Street and at **Chunky's Cinema Pub** on Huse Road and elsewhere. On Saturday, April 5, at 8:30 p.m. catch **Lenny Clarke and Friends** at the DoubleTree in Manchester. See headlinersnh.com.

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53 Your little royalty can enjoy a **Royal Princess Breakfast** on Sunday, April 6, at 9:30 a.m. at the Derryfield Restaurant (625 Mammoth Road in Manchester; thederryfield.com). Tickets cost \$55 for adults, \$45 for children. The day will feature breakfast, games, costumed princesses, stories and more.

54 Meet superheroes and villains, get Jedi training, discover new authors and so much more at **Kids Con New England**, which moves to the Sheraton Nashua (11 Tara Blvd.) this year and will be held on Sunday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$16 for adults and kids 5 years old and up. Discounts for a family of four, military and seniors; kids under 5 get in for free. See kidsconne.square.site for tickets and a list of authors, artists and others slated to attend.

55 See 2016's Illumination Animation movie **Sing** (PG) on the big screen at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St. in Nashua; nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Sunday, April 6, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.

56 The Concord Community Concert Association will present the **Klezmer Conservatory Band** at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord) on Sunday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 at the door (door opens at 6 p.m.) or \$23 online at ccca-audi.org.

57 t's **Free Cone Day!** Ben & Jerry's annual ice cream scoop give-away is Tuesday, April 8, from noon to 8 p.m. Head to the Ben & Jerry's at 940 Elm St. in Manchester. See benjerry.com/scoop-shops/free-cone-day.

58 New Hampshire cartoonist Marek Bennett, author of historical graphic novels about Freeman Colby, a New Hampshire teacher who fought in the Civil War, will present "**Rally Round the Flag: The American Civil War Through Folk-song**," an overview of that period through the music of the time at Rodgers Memorial Library (194 Derry Road in Hudson; rodgerslibrary.org) on Wednesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. Find more New Hampshire Humanities programming in the coming months all over the state and virtually at nhhumanities.org. Learn more about Bennett at marekbennett.com.

59 Hatbox Theatre (hatboxnh.com) carries on with events at locations including Kimball Jenkins (266 N. Main St. in Concord). Catch Andrew Pinard **Discovering Magic** on Wednesday, April 9, and Wednesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$22 for students and

seniors. Hatbox will also present **An Evening Wasted (With Tom Lehrer's Music)** April 12-13 and April 18-20 in the lobby of the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord). The shows will be at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

60 The Walker Lecture Series presents "**Before They Could Speak: Laurel & Hardy in the Silent Film Era**," which features Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy silent films including *Two Tars* (1928), *The Finishing Touch* (1928) and *You're Darn Tootin'* (1928) on Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St.). See silentfilmlivemusic.blogspot.com for more on this and other presentations of silent films with live music by Jeff Rapsis this spring.

61 Joining the recently opened "Ann Agee: Madonna of the Girl Child," "**Nicolas Party and Surrealism: An Artist's Take on the Movement**" will open at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org) Thursday, April 10, through Monday, Sept. 1. "In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Surrealist Manifesto (1924), Nicolas Party and Surrealism: An Artist's Take on the Movement explores the lasting influence of Surrealism through the work of contemporary artist Nicolas Party," according to the website.

62 LaBelle Winery in Derry (14 Route 111; labellewinery.com) will host **An Evening with American Test Kitchen Chefs**, specifically Bridget Lancaster & Julia Collin Davison, on Thursday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. The evening will include five courses, each paired with wines. Tickets cost \$150 or \$200 for VIP tickets (which include a pre-event gathering and a goodie bag).

63 Described as a "unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion," **Dallas Brass** will perform at the Stockbridge Theatre in Derry on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$30. See stockbridgetheatre.showare.com.

64 WineNot Boutique in Nashua (winenotboutique.com) will host a **Flavors of Spring: Five-Course Wine Dinner** on Friday, April 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Courtyard Nashua (2200 Southwood Drive). The dinner will feature French wines paired with each course. The cost is \$145 per person.

65 The Actorsingers Youth present **Disney's Frozen Jr.** at the Janice B. Streeter Theater (14 Court St. in Nashua) on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, at 7

p.m. and Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. See actorsingers.org for tickets.

66 The teens of Ovation Theatre Company (ovationtc.com) will present **Monty Python's Spamalot School Edition** on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, at 1 and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway in Derry). See derryoperahouse.org for tickets.

67 Friends of the Amato Center will present **Seussical The Musical** on Friday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 12, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 at Souhegan High School in Amherst. Tickets cost \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and kids. See amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company.

68 Saturday, April 12, is **Record Store Day** when you can score special releases including some that will only be sold at indie record stores. See recordstoreday.com for updates on this year's titles. According to that website, local participating stores include Metro City Records in Manchester; Music Connection in Manchester; Pitchfork Records in Concord (which is opening at 8 a.m. on Record Store Day); Toadstool in Peterborough; Bull Moose in Plaistow and Portsmouth; area Newbury Comics and more. See recordstoreday.com.

69 The **Stonyfield Organic Earth Day 5K** steps off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 12. The race, which is run by Millennium Running, also features a kids' fun run and is followed by an Earth Day Fair with games, vendors and more. See millenniumrunning.com/stonyfield5k.

70 **Former NH Executive Councilor Andru Volinsky** will discuss his book *The Last Bake Sale: The Fight for Fair School Funding* at Balin Books (Somerset Plaza, 375 Amherst St. in Nashua; balinbooks.com) on Saturday, April 12, at 11 a.m.

71 The **NH Philharmonic** will present "**Drawn to the Music —The Planets**" featuring visuals by local students paired with Gustav Holst's "The Planets" on Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. (with a livestream option for Sunday) at Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem. Tickets cost \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$10 for students. See nhphil.org.

72 **Learn to make Italian dishes** from an expert chef at Angela's Pasta, Cheese & Wine (815 Chestnut St. in Manchester; angelaspastaandcheese.com). The next cooking class is Tuesday, April 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission costs \$95 per person; call 625-9544 to reserve a spot.

73 Attendees at the Manchester Historic Association's annual meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Milliard Museum (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; manchesterhistoric.org) will get a look at the new exhibit "**All Bottled Up! The History of Bottling in Manchester**" featuring more than 100 glass bottles from Manchester that reflect the city's liquor, soda, dairy and other bottling businesses, according to the website. The exhibit will be on display to August. Call 622-7531 or email history@manchesterhistoric.org to RSVP.

74 Get some laughs with **Lenny Clarke** on Friday, April 18, at 8 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; tupelomusichall.com). Tickets cost \$35. For more comedy at the Tupelo, check out the **Tupelo Night of Comedy with Paul D'Angelo** on May 10.

75 **Milford Drive-In** (531 Elm St., Milford, milforddrivein.com) is slated to open for the season on Friday, April 18. Tickets cost \$33 per car with up to six people, according to the website.

76 What's the buzz, tell me what's a-happening? The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org) will present **Jesus Christ Superstar** April 18 through May 11, Fridays through Sundays plus Thursday, May 8. The Palace also wraps up its production of **Escape from Margaritaville** on March 23 and has Palace Youth Theatre productions on its spring schedule.

77 **Concord's Giant Indoor Yard Sale** is slated for Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord). Admission is \$5 per adult, according to the event's Eventbrite page.

78 **Discover Wild New Hampshire Day** brings the state's outdoor adventures to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (11 Hazen Drive in Concord) on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free event features more than 100 educational and experiential exhibits, live animals, archery, casting, flying, an air-rifle range, retriever dogs, crafts, a Fish and Game biologist, food truck alley and more according to the website. See wildlife.nh.gov/dwnh.

79 Celebrate National Poetry Month (April) at University of New Hampshire Durham's **Nossrat Yassini Poetry Festival** on Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The free festival features readings, workshops, a small press fair, performances, a celebration of the Nossrat Yassini Poetry Prize and the Granite State Poetry prize and more. See unhpoeetry.com to reserve a spot.

80 Sunday, April 20, is **Easter**. Make those reservations for breakfasts, brunches or dinners early. For example, at **Firefly Bistro & Bar** (22 Concord St., Manchester; fireflynh.com) they will serve brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. with specials including baked ham and roasted lamb, according to an email. Or just make it a candy day — local candy shops such as **Granite State Candy Shoppe** (13 Warren St. in Concord or 832 Elm St. in Manchester; granitestatecandyshoppe.com) offer a wide array of treats from chocolate bunnies to pre-wrapped baskets with a variety of sweets.

81 Get an extra day to see **SEE Science Center** (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; see-sciencecenter.org), which is open Mondays, April 21 and April 28, for April school vacation in addition to its regular Tuesday-through-Sunday days of operation. SEE is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Admission costs \$14 for ages 3 and up.

82 Celebrate “25 years of ska punk party mayhem” with **The Planet Smashers** along with PWRUP and Threat Level Burgundy Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at Jewel Music Venue (61 Canal St. in Manchester). Find them on Facebook. Other shows coming up at Jewel include Tynan with Brainrack (March 21), a night of black and death metal (March 29), Plaidstock: An Evening in Seattle (April 11) and more.

83 Tuesday, April 22, is **Earth Day**. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests will celebrate the day with a volunteer event on Mount Major in Alton. See forestsociety.org.

84 Catch “A Tribute to Duke Ellington with the Aardvark Orchestra,” a free presentation of Walker Lecture, on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord). Doors open at 7 p.m.; see walkerlecture.org.

85 Get advice on the transition of seasonal cozy sips at “**Tea Tasting and Tea Production: Spring and Summer Teas**” at The Cozy Tea Cart (104 Route 13 in Brookline, thecozyteacart.com) on Thursday, April 24, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., one of many tastings and events at the Cozy Tea Cart this spring. Admission to this event costs \$30 per person.

86 Majestic Productions will present **Jack of Diamonds**, a comedy about four residents of a retirement home trying to regain their savings stolen by a crooked financial adviser, on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 26, at 2 and 7 p.m. and

Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m. at Majestic Theatre (880 Page St. in Manchester; majestictheatre.net). Tickets cost \$15 to \$20.

87 Nashua Theatre Guild presents the New Hampshire premiere of **Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help**, a play by Katie Forgette, on Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m. at the Court Street Theatre (14 Court St. in Nashua). According to the play description, the story is a “bittersweet memory play about a Catholic childhood in the 1970s ... a gently funny, often hilarious and touching production directed by Vicky Sandin,” according to nashuatheatreguild.org. Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$18 for 65+, students and military.

88 **Independent Book Store Day** is Saturday, April 26. Offerings usually include previews of upcoming books as well as in-store celebrations. Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com), for example, has plans for local authors, giveaways, discounts, live music and more, according to an email from the store. Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St. in Concord; gibsonsbookstore.com) is also making plans which will include “exclusive merch, giveaways, maybe even some games and activities,” according to an email from the store. Check with your favorite indie bookstore for updates.

89 Saturday, April 26, is the home season opener for the **NH Roller Derby** at JFK Memorial Coliseum (303 Beech St. in Manchester). See nhrollerderby.com for updates and details.

90 Andres Institute of Art (106 Route 13 in Brookline; andresinstitute.org) continues its “2025 Act 1” lineup of music, with concerts scheduled through the end of June. On Sunday, April 27, at 6 p.m. catch pan Latin **Sol Y Canto**. Tickets cost \$25. Other highlights include the **Earth Day Benefit Show** on April 19 featuring Jamdemie, Amorphous Band featuring Joe Birch and Peter Prince of Moon Boot Lover and **Evan Goodrow Band** on April 6.

91 The **New Hampshire Farm, Forest & Garden Expo** will offer workshops, demonstrations, a Dark Horse Lumber Jack Show and more on Friday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Deerfield Fairgrounds (34 Stage Road in Deerfield). Tickets cost \$10. See nhfarmandforestexpo.org.

92 Celebrate the life-giving miracle that is coffee at the **Northeast Coffee Festival** Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3, in Concord. A community market



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93 **First Friday Concord** returns on Friday, May 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. In addition to shoppertunities, the evenings feature food trucks, community activities and more. On May 2, Concord Arts Market (concordartsmarket.org) will be on the scene along with food trucks Wicked Tasty and The Gravy Train, and The Wandering Souls are slated to play in Bicentennial Square, according to firstfridayconcord.com. The event is put on by Intown Concord, intownconcord.org.

94 Community Players of Concord will present Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* on Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord). Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$18 for 17 and under and 65+. See communityplayersofconcord.org.

95 Actorsingers presents *Legally Blonde The Musical* Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at the Keefe Center for the Arts, 117 Elm St. in Nashua. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$23 for students and seniors (plus fees).

96 If it's the first Saturday in May (May 3 this year), it must be **Free Comic Book Day!** Special comic books are produced to be handed out at area comic book stores — see this year's offerings at freecomicbookday.com. Comics are all ages, teen and adult and feature familiar characters as well as new stories. Last year, Double Midnight Comics held a one-day comic con at its Manchester location (252 Willow St.) as well as costume contests and more while its Concord location (341 Loudon Road) was a little more low-key but still offered the special free comics. In Rochester, there is a celebration involving multiple locations in the downtown; check with Jetpack Comics at jetpackcomics.com for details. Other local participants, according to the Free Comic Book Day website, are Merrymac Games and Comics in Merrimack and area Newbury Comics shops.

97 **Outdoor farmers markets** begin their return! **Concord Farmers Market** opens for the season on Saturday, May 3, and runs Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon, through Oct. 25. See concordfarmers-market.com for vendors and more information.

98 The Aviation Museum of N.H. (27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org) will hold its annual **Run the Rail Trail 4-Miler** on Saturday, May 3, with the race starting at 9 a.m. Sign up at runsignup.com; search for "Aviation Museum" under "Find a Race."

99 The **Seacoast Cat Club** will hold its annual show on Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord). See cfa.org/event/seacoast-cat-club for details.

100 Catch the talented dog performers of **Mutts Gone Nuts!** at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester on Saturday, May 3, at 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 at tickets.anselm.edu.

101 The Camienne Financial **Cinco De Miles 5K** will start on Sunday, May 4, at 9:15 a.m. in Bedford. The route begins and ends near Bedford High School. See millenniumrunning.com/cinco.

102 The **Flying Gravity Circus**, featuring children and teens who learn the circus arts, will perform a show called "One Man's Trash" Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at Pine Hill Auditorium at the High Mowing School in Wilton. Tickets cost \$16.30 for adults, \$11.20 for kids. See flyinggravitycircus.org.

103 The **23rd Annual Rock'N Race**, which raises money for HOPE Resource Center at Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care, is slated for Wednesday, May 7, at 6 p.m., according to a press release. The race starts at the Statehouse and racers can choose a 5K run, 5K walk or 1-mile walk. The cost to enter is \$40 for adults at rocknrace.org.

104 The **Taco Tour Manchester** takes place Thursday, May 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. in downtown Manchester. Bring cash to buy \$3 tacos from 60+ participating restaurants. See tacotourmanchester.com.

105 The **Nashua International Sculpture Symposium** will have its opening ceremony Thursday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Picker Artists' Studios, 3 Pine St. in Nashua. Visit the sculptors at work Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., between May 12 and May 28. The closing ceremony will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 31.

106 Make some cookies for mom in advance of Mother's Day at the **Mother's Day Cookie Decorating Work-**

shop at Alan's of Boscawen (133 N. Main St. in Boscawen; alansrestaurant.com) on Thursday, May 8, at 6 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person and you get to take a decorated cookie set home.

107 The **Taste of the Towns** will run Thursday, May 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton Nashua (11 Tara Blvd. in Nashua) and offers bites, sips and more in support of Nashua Center (nashuacenter.org). Tickets cost \$75 per person. See nashuacenter.org/taste-of-the-towns.

108 The Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts teens will present **Sweeney Todd School Edition** on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 11, at 2 p.m. at Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway in Derry; majestictheatre.net). Tickets cost \$15 to \$20.

109 The Peacock Players present their Spring Teen Mainstage Production **Chicago Teen Edition** with shows Fridays, May 9 and May 16, at 7 p.m. and Saturdays, May 10 and May 17, and Sundays, May 11 and May 18, at 2 p.m. at Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St. in Nashua. Tickets cost \$15 to \$18 for adults, \$12 to \$15 for students and seniors.

110 Give plants and get plants at **The Perennial Exchange** on Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord). The event, put on by the Friends of the Audi and Concord's General Service Department, urges gardeners to split overgrown plants to bring to the Audi to swap and share, with plants available for new gardeners and a Great Gardening Raffle, according to theaudi.org. Call 344-4747 for info.

111 Load up on plants. Spring is **plant sale season**, usually with area garden clubs hosting. The **Amherst Garden Club** (amherstgardenclub.org) will hold its plant sale on Saturday, May 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wilkins School (80 Boston Post Road). The **Milford Garden Club** (milfordnhgardenclub.org) will hold its plant sale on Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m. to noon on the Community House Lawn. The May Plant Sale for the **Bedford NH Garden Club** (bedfordgardenclubnh.org) is Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bedford Village Common (15 Bell Hill Road). Know of an upcoming plant sale? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com.

112 The **Granite State Trading Cards & Collectibles Show** will be Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord). Admission costs \$5; ages 12 and under get in

free. The show will feature sports cards, memorabilia, celebrities signing autographs and more. See jimmysplacesportscards.com.

113 The **New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival** will run Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Deerfield Fairgrounds (34 Stage Road in Deerfield). The event will include a sheep show, fleece sale and judging, lectures and demonstrations and more. See nhswga.org/festival for tickets and more details as they are updated for this year.



114 Hark! The **New Hampshire Renaissance Faire** will take place Saturdays, May 10 and May 17, and Sundays, May 11 and May 18, in Fremont. Check back for updates on schedules and tickets for 2025. See nhrenfaire.com.

115 "Impressions" an exhibition of pieces that fall in the scope of printmaking, will be on display at Mosaic Art Collective (66 Hanover St. in Manchester; mosaicartcollective.com) Saturday, May 10, through Friday, June 27, with a reception on May 10 from 4 to 8 p.m., according to Mosaic's Facebook page. "Moving Parts," an exhibit of kinetic energy in art, opened in March.

116 **Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 11 — make those special meal reservations soon.

117 The **Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass Band** will perform at the Stockbridge Theatre in Derry on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$30. See stockbridgetheatre.showare.com.

118 The **Concord Kiwanis Club Spring Fair** will run Thursday, May 15, through Sunday, May 18, at the Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord). The event will feature midway rides and games, carnival food and more, according to a post on the Concord NH Kiwanis Facebook page.

119 The Mo Willems book comes alive when *Don't Let the Penguin Drive the Bus* hits the stage at Stockbridge Theatre in Derry on Friday, May 16, at 10 a.m. Tickets cost \$12. See stockbridgetheatre.showare.com.



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At the movies

NH Jewish Film Festival opens

By Michael Witthaus
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This year's New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, opening March 23 at the Rex Theatre in Manchester, offers a rich and varied slate of 15 movies. It's also very much a statewide endeavor, with seven cities hosting screenings. In addition, more than half of the offerings will be available online.

The documentary *Janis Ian: Breaking Silence* will be both screened and streamed, followed by a Zoom discussion with director Varda Bar-Kar. Ian was a teenager in the mid-1960s when she released the controversial "Society's Child," and charted a decade later with "At Seventeen." Along the way she worked with everyone from Jimi Hendrix to Dolly Parton.

One of the most eagerly anticipated films is *Bad Shabbos*, a comedy about a newly engaged couple's Jewish and Catholic parents meeting for the first time over a dinner gone terribly wrong. With a cast including Kyra Sedgwick, David Paymer and Cliff "Method Man" Smith, it won the Audience

Award at last year's Tribeca Film Festival.

"That's definitely the one that people are going to leave talking about," steering committee member Zachary Cemenker said in a joint interview with festival chair Pat Kalik, who added, "that's why we're closing the festival with that one; it's our final film."

Max Dagan, from Nashua director Terre Weisman, will be shown on Thursday, April 3, at Concord's Red River Theatres, and Weisman will participate in a discussion after. The film is about a prison inmate who is dying of a brain tumor, his son's efforts to free him with a compassionate release, and the past that's revealed in the process.

"I explore themes of tragedy and loss, and how one's natural talents and strengths can empower an individual toward healing and redemption," Weisman wrote on the nofilmschool website when *Max Dagan* was screened as the prestigious Closing Night Film at last year's Dances With Films festival.

Two films released just this year are also among the most hard-hitting.

October H8te, from executive produc-



Bad Shabbos

er Debra Messing, is a documentary about anti-Semitism in the wake of the October 7, 2023, Hamas attacks in Israel. *Soda* explores a relationship between a Jewish man and a woman suspected of being a capo for the Germans during the Holocaust, and its effect on a small village with war still a fresh memory.

With films about Beatles manager Brian Epstein (*Midas Man*), a former U.S. Senator (*Centered: Joe Lieberman*), and even an animated feature from the 1990s (*Prince of Egypt*, chosen to coincide with Passover), there's a little bit of everything for everyone, with offerings coming from all across the world.

There's an effort to draw from both U.S.-based and foreign distributors. "That way there's a variety of films that aren't all subtitled," Cemenker said. Beyond that, "we try to balance where they're from, and the content in them, so that they're not all World War II or Holocaust-driven [and] they're not all about Israel or the Middle East. We have a variety of criteria."

17th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival

When: Sunday, March 23, through Sunday, April 6 (Streaming Bonus Week April 6-11)

Where: Locations in Manchester, Concord, Merrimack, Hooksett, Portsmouth, Hanover and Keene

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ishfilmfestival.com

Opening reception Sunday, March 23, at noon, Spotlight Room at the Palace, 96 Hanover St., Manchester (\$16) prior to the 2 p.m. screening of *Shari & Lamb Chop* at the Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St., Manchester (\$12).

Art

Events

• **"Great Peacemakers Exhibit"** an after-hours presentation about the library's current exhibition with Steve Simon, Friday, March 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Leach Library, 276 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, londonderrynh.gov/leach-library. Register online.

Exhibits

• **"Nature's Gallery"** at the Audubon's Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way, Auburn, nhaudubon.org), in partnership with the Manchester Artists Association, celebrates "creativity and nature's beauty" via pieces in a variety of media from 15 local artists, according to the website. This exhibit will run from through Friday, April 25. The Massabesic Center is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **"Ann Agee: Madonna of the Girl Child"** will be on display at

the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, currier.org) through Thursday, June 5. "The series offers a contemporary feminist reinterpretation of the Madonna and Child theme by depicting the child as a girl, rather than a boy, subverting long-standing gender norms in religious art and Christian iconography. The exhibition at the Currier Museum of Art features recent and newly created porcelain works from this series, specially produced for the museum. These works continue Agee's exploration of gender, power, and maternal identity, reframing iconic religious imagery through a feminist lens," according to the Currier's website.

• **Concord School District 2025 Art Show** will run through Wednesday, April 2, at the Citywide Community Center (14 Canterbury Road, Concord).

• **"Actual Size,"** an exhibit of paintings by local artist CE Whiting, will be on display at the

Community Art Gallery at the Peterborough Town Library (2 Concord St. in Peterborough; 924-8040, peterboroughtownlibrary.org) until the end of April.

• **"What/How Do We See"** is the winter exhibition at Art 3 Gallery (44 W. Brook St., Manchester, art3gallery.com). "In this exhibit, the viewer is asked to consider not only the subject matter ("What do we see?") but also the process behind it ("How do we see?")," according to the website. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

• **"Simply Nature"** at New Hampshire Audubon's McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, nhaudubon.org) will run through Saturday, May 3. The exhibit features a small portion of photographer Pierre Garand's catalog of nature photography. An artist reception will be held on Thursday, March 6, 4 to 6 p.m.

• **"Queer Joy as an Act of Resis-**

tance," a partnership between Queerlective and Totally Tea & Coffee (2 Capital Plaza; totally.cafe), will feature works of art from local artists that reflect the show theme in media including painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, digital art and mixed media, according to queerlective.com. The show will through Saturday, May 17.

Workshops and classes

• **"Painting Spectacular Flowers in Watercolor with Robert O'Brien"** will run Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Center for the Arts, 428 Main St., New London; cost is \$120 plus materials. See centerfortheartsnh.org/classes.

• **Spring classes at Kimball Jenkins** (266 N. Main St., Concord, kimballjenkins.com) for ages 2-7, 8-17 and adults will start March 31. Find the lineup of classes online.

Theater

• ***Escape to Margaritaville***, a musical comedy featuring classic Jimmy Buffet songs with a book by Greg Garcia (creator of *My Name Is Earl*, *Raising Hope* and *Sprung*) and Mike O'Malley (the onetime Nashua resident who appeared in *Glee*), will be on stage at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) through Sunday, March 23, with shows Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 & 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. plus Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

• ***The Wedding Singer*** at the Rep, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org, will run Thursday, March 27, through Sunday, May 4, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

• **Roald Dahl's *Matilda Jr.*** presented by the Majestic Academy of Youth/Teens (majestictheatre.net) at the Derry Opera House (29 W.

Broadway, Derry) Friday, March 28, through Sunday, March 30.

• ***Snow White*** presented by Southern NY Youth Ballet at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) on Sunday, March 30, at 1 and 4 p.m. TTickets cost \$24 to \$29. Tickets to a pre-show tea with Snow White cost an additional \$20. The tea starts 45 minutes before showtime.

Classical

• **Chopin Piano Concerto** the winter concert of the Nashua Chamber Orchestra takes place Saturday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Nashua Community College and Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m. at Milford Town Hall. See nco-music.org.

• **Beauty & Virtuosity** from Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra featuring Brahms and Dvořák Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m. at the Music Hall (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, themusicshell.org). Tickets cost \$25-\$45, \$15 for students. See portsmouthsymphony.org.

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Modern tires are vulnerable to blowouts

CAR TALK



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk: I have a question about blowouts. I rented a Dodge Durango for a road trip. Less than two hours of highway driving into my trip, the Dodge's driver-side rear tire blew out. Unfortunately, it was a total failure causing damage to the undercarriage and body around the wheel. Luckily, I maintained control of the car and got us safely to the shoulder. While we were waiting for a tow, I began a discussion with my friends. My thoughts are that today, tire blowouts are not random. They have to be caused by either striking something or pre-existing damage to the tire (like extreme wear or a bubble). This seemed to be proven as the tow operator pointed out significant wear on the inside of the remaining three tires. Now, this blowout has resulted in my fighting with the rental company and insurance, as well as between me and my friends about the causes of blowouts. Perhaps tires in the early days of cars failed randomly, but with modern tires, am I right that there needs to be an external

cause? — Darrell

An external or internal cause, Darrell. In general, you're correct. When a tire blows, it blows for a reason. On rare occasions, there could be a manufacturing flaw. But the vast majority of the time, it's due to damage. So here are some possibilities: The tires on your rental car could have had significant wear on them. And in extreme circumstances, when combined with high heat and high speed, that can cause a blowout. But the more likely scenario is that you hit something in the road that instantly punctured the tire. That can happen regardless of tire condition. Or a previous renter scraped up against curbstone while parallel parking and damaged a sidewall creating a bubble — which is a failure waiting to happen.

Unfortunately, unless you convince CSI (Curb and Sidewall Investigations) to take your case, it's now impossible to know exactly what happened. There are forensic tire experts. They usually get involved in lawsuits over serious accidents, where there are deaths, injuries, and potential million-dollar settlements involved. If one of them had examined your failed tire, they might have determined that you ran over a sharp object. That would be considered your

fault. Or they could have determined that the sidewall failed, in which case, the rental car company might say that you damaged the sidewall because it was fine when it left their lot. If they determined that the tread separated, that would suggest that the tire was old and worn out, and then you'd have a case. But that blown tire has already been sent to Malaysia and is on its way back as 49 dog toys by now.

So I think you need to let this one go, Darrell. One thing you can do in the future — especially now that many rental car companies are keeping cars in their fleets much longer — is to have a quick look at the tires when you do the vehicle walk-around. Look for bubbles on the sidewalls or tires that just look old, worn, dry or cracking.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna, I have a question on whether they still make the houses for incense like this. I can remember the tiny log cabin they went into. I found these at a consignment store. Any insight helpful.



Carrie

Dear Carrie, I'm smiling because years ago someone wrote in about the cabin. You can still find the older log cabin for the incense and even now they are made. Try looking at a White Mountains gift shop or even a New Hamp-

shire rest area. Buying a newer one would probably be in the \$10 range. To find older ones could run a bit more. But they are out there — you just need a treasure hunt! Thanks for the smile, Carrie, and good luck with your search.

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.

KIDDIE POOL

Family fun for whenever

More maple

The sap season fun continues at some area maple sugar farms.

- **Ben's Sugar Shack**, 8 Webster Highway in Temple, will continue its tours of the maple sugaring process throughout March, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dress for the outdoors; see bensmaplesyrup.com.

- **Parker's Maple Barn**, 1316 Brookline Road in Mason, will offer sugar house tours weekends in March, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See parkersmaplebarn.com.

- **Charmingfare Farm**, 774 High St. in Candia, wraps up its Maple Express event this weekend, with times Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23. Admission costs \$29 per person and the event includes horse-drawn and tractor train rides, a look at a working sugar shack, visits with the farm animals, taste testing and more. See visitthefarm.com.

Nature Quest

The Nashua Public Library and Nashua River Watershed Association will hold

March's **Nature Quest** event on Saturday, March 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. with a focus on the river otters, beavers and muskrats of Nashua River in Mine Falls Park. Register at nashualibrary.org.

On screen

- **Chunky's Cinema Pub**, 707 Huse Road in Manchester, chunkys.com, has some special screenings on the horizon. On Tuesday, March 25, at 11:30 p.m. **The Smurfs** (PG, 2011) will screen as part of the Little Lunch Date Series. Admission costs \$5 and includes a \$5 food voucher. **Snow White** (PG, 2025) will screen as a Sensory Friendly Screening on Wednesday, March 26, 11:30 a.m. During

these screenings, house lights will be up and the volume will be lower.

- **O'neil Cinemas Brickyard Square**, 24 Calef Highway in Epping, will feature the recent PG release **The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney Tunes Movie** on Saturday, March 22, at 10 a.m. in a sensory-friendly screening.

- The family film on Wednesday, March 26, at Flying Monkey, 39 S. Main St. in Plymouth, flyingmonkeynh.com, will be 2020's **Sonic the Hedgehog** (PG). The film starts at 6 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 online, \$5 at the door, and the theater offers a special kids' menu on family movie nights, according to the website.

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News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **Shaw's to close:** As reported by the Boston Globe in a March 12 online story, the Shaw's supermarket chain has announced that it plans to close its Fort Eddy Road store "as the chain seeks to cut some of its underperforming locations." Another Concord Shaw's location, on D'Amante Drive, will remain open, the company said.

• **New chicken fingers:** After months of anticipation Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers (782 S. Willow St., Manchester, 263-3787, raisingcanes.com) has opened. As reported by Manchester InkLink, the chicken finger chain's first location in New Hampshire opened Tuesday, March 11, with a line of more than 100 customers waiting to place an order. "

• **Maple syrup is delicious in any language:** The Franco-American Centre [Le Centre franco-américain] (100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 204-7680, facnh.com) will hold its annual Soirée Cabane à sucre, a traditional sugaring-off party, on Saturday, March 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. at The Oscar Barn Wedding Venue (191 W. River Road, Hooksett). The Centre describes this event on its website as "an evening of homestyle family fun [with] food, fun and traditional music." Tickets are \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members, and \$25 for children, through the Centre's website.

• **Tequila y comida:** The Alamo Texas BBQ & Tequila Bar (99 Route 13, Brookline, 721-5500, alamobarbecue.com) will host a Casamigos Dinner Wednesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. All four courses of this specially curated meal will be paired with a different Casamigos tequila. Call to reserve your place.

• **Planning ahead for wine:** It's time to buy tickets for WineNot Boutique's (25 Main St., Nashua, 204-5569, winenotboutique.com) Flavors of Spring: Five-Course Wine Dinner to be held Friday, April 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Courtyard Nashua (2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, 880-9100). Join guest speaker Tom Simpson, founder of Pearl Lake Distributors, for an evening of great wines, stories and a six-course wine-paired dinner. Tickets are \$135 each through eventbrite.com and are expected to sell out quickly. 🍷

FOOD

Fusion food and thoughtful cocktails

Spice Restaurant is an adventure

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Carolyn Trepanier has put more thought into cocktails than most people have into their retirement plans.

"Spice is the spice of life," she said. "But spice doesn't mean spicy," she clarified. "Spice means flavorful; it doesn't mean hot, necessarily. I pride myself in creating craft cocktails. I make drinks that are drinkable but also give you that little relaxation that you want. We are like chemists."

Trepanier is the bartender at The Spice Restaurant & Bar, one of Nashua's newest restaurants. According to owner Hanh Nguyen, one of the primary goals of the restaurant is to give customers an adventure.

"We love to play with the food a little bit," she said, "but also keep the culture, the flavors. Our food is a combination of Asian fusion, so we serve Thai, Vietnamese and Japanese. We include a hot pot room too, with more Chinese and Vietnamese food."

This sense of adventure touches on several different senses, Nguyen said. "That's why we have a spice for every single plate," she said. "For example, Vietnamese. Vietnamese is really popular with pho, noodle soup. If the broth looks light, it looks very simple, but actually we cook bones for 24 hours with at least seven different spices like star [anise], cloves and herbs until you can smell the broth when you eat it."

And, of course, that same sense of adventure extends to the bar.

"I've been given the go-ahead and the engine to just make whatever works," Bar Manager Trepanier said. "I've incorporated a lot of syrups here. For example, he" — she pointed to a customer at the end of the bar drinking a cocktail in a rocks glass — "just got a maple old-fashioned, so that's a maple simple syrup. We do everything; if I can get my hands on anise or coriander out of the kitchen, I'll amplify it a little bit. So, we have lemon simple syrup, maple, brown sugar, jalapeno brine, olive brine... I do a lot of hot and dirty [martinis]. I stuff my own blue cheese olives. I made a spiced mango margarita last week. [The customers] loved it. I can do a salty tahini rim. I can do a sugar rim, or no rim."

The idea, Nguyen said, is to present guests with a combination of familiar



Carolyn Trepanier, bar manager.



Hanh Nguyen, owner.



All photos by John Fladd.

dishes to make them comfortable, with just enough new elements to add to make every meal an experience. She pointed to the short ribs as another case in point. That is a cut of beef that can be very tough, "but we cook it until it rips off the bone, and you can bite into it easily." From that base the dish takes a surprising, pan-Asian turn. "We try to get people excited, with basil and bean sprouts, and lime. And also in the broth we have greens, like scallions, onions and cilantro. [Then] the customer can see this new thing come out with a short rib."

Nguyen said that so far it seems like customers have enjoyed Spice's take on food and drink. "We've had good crowds for the first couple of weeks," she said, "and then everybody has loved the food. They keep returning to try different items on the menu." At this point the menu hasn't been set in stone.

"We haven't gone with our final menu just yet," she said. "We want to see what the customers here want, and make [the menu] a little smaller, easier for people to come and enjoy."

At the bar, Trepanier makes a point of

making drinks that are a little bit exotic but not complicated.

"Something I've come up with on my own," she said, "is called a Spicy Bloody-Tini. A lot of Bloody Marys come with way too much. I make my own mix. I muddle jalapenos with the seeds, and cucumber, which is European. That gets muddled in, we do the Tabasco, all that, but the garnish on that is a small angled cut of celery, instead of this big stick in your drink. The garnish goes: three olives, celery, cucumber, lemon and lime. I put a jalapeno ring dead in the center, and then I crack black pepper over it. That's it. [Our customers] are already buying a meal; they don't need a meal as a garnish on their drink." 🍷

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Taste wine, raise food funds

United Way helps Food Bank

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According to the New Hampshire Food Bank, one out of every 10 New Hampshire residents struggle to find a dependable source of food. The number for children is one in seven. Michael Apfelberg finds those numbers unacceptable.

Apfelberg is the President of the United Way of Greater Nashua, an independent nonprofit organization controlled by local donors to address problems in southern New Hampshire. Each year it focuses on addressing a particular set of persistent problems. This year the focus is on hunger and food insecurity.

Apfelberg said that in recent years more and more people in southern New Hampshire have started to go hungry.

“In our community,” he said, “we see a lot of people that we hear from all the time who are just struggling with basic needs. Inflation over the past couple of years has made a real impact on people’s bottom lines, but also, you know, things like child care and the cost of child care have really affected people. Wages have been sometimes a little stagnant at the lower end of the scale, so people do struggle with food and we see that in a lot of different ways, whether it be the need for increased access to free and reduced lunch programs, or the ability of people to actually get the food that they need.”

In order to help fund its anti-hunger programs, the Greater Nashua United Way has had to get creative in its fundraising. With the focus on food insecurity this year, many of the fundraisers have had themes tied to food and drink. For instance, this Saturday, March 22, the United Way will host a comedy-themed wine tasting at Fulchino Vineyard, with wine and performances by comedians. Apfelberg said that this is a recurring event that has evolved over the years.

“This is our third year working with Fulchino Vineyard,” he said. “The first year, it was a wine and food pairing event with a sommelier who taught everybody about

wine and its properties. The second year it was a little bit more about the history of wine and winemaking and wine culture with a sort of a lecture by the owner of the vineyard, who’s an aficionado. This year we decided to evolve it again to make it a comedy night. [There will still be] wine at the vineyard with food — in this case more pizza and hors d’oeuvres and a little buffet — but with a comedy night spin to it. We have a lot of the same people who come back year after year, and we want to give them a little something different this year.”

One of last year’s most successful fundraisers for the United Way was a poker hand pub crawl, where teams of participants would travel from tavern to tavern in downtown Nashua, collecting a playing card at each bar, trying to build a winning poker hand. “It was very popular,” Apfelberg said. “People loved the poker hand pub crawl theme, so we’re going to do a repeat on that.” One of the best aspects of the event, he said, was the involvement of local businesses: “That was really our biggest involvement with restaurants and bars.” Because all the money the United Way raises stays in the community, Apfelberg explained, it is especially fitting when businesses in that community can play such an active role.

Other dramatic fundraisers this year will include the United Way’s “Over the Edge” event in June, where more than 100 participants will rappel down 24 stories of the Brady Sullivan Building in Manchester, and two separate skydiving events.

“Our first one,” Apfelberg said, “which is May 17, is raising money to support our food initiatives, food security-related initiatives that I’ve talked about. The second one in the fall is actually designed to raise funds [for] our educational supports. Our first event will be when families face going into the summer months. Summer is a time of year when food pantries typically struggle to get food.” It’s also a time when kids can’t access lunch programs at school, he said.

The second skydiving event takes place in the fall to address needs brought up by students returning to school. 🍷

Cheers to the Community Night of Wine and Comedy

When: Saturday, March 22, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Where: Fulchino Vineyards, 187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis, 438-5984, fulchinovineyard.com.

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FOOD

DRINKS WITH JOHN FLADD

Chocolate Sorbet with Girl Scout Cookies

I have a rule in life — well, maybe more of a guideline. Anytime somebody says that a low-fat or gluten-free or vegan version of something is “just as good as the real thing” I become deeply suspicious. That is almost never true. If it *were* true, that version would be our default for that thing.



Chocolate Sorbet with Girl Scout Cookies. Photo by John Fladd.

But then—
The difference between ice cream and sorbet is that sorbet is made without any dairy. We usually think of sorbets as being fruit-based, but that isn't always the case. I make a lot of experimental sorbets, because a couple of the friends I use as guinea pigs for my recipes are vegan. On top of that, it is Girl Scout cookie season, and you might not have noticed but Thin Mints are dairy-free and vegan.

This chocolate sorbet might become your default “ice cream,” and the Girl Scout cookies only intensify its awesomeness.
The base of this sorbet is adapted from a recipe from *The Perfect Scoop* by David Lebovitz.

- 1½ cups (375 g) water
- 1 cup (200 g) sugar
- ¾ cup (75 g) cocoa powder, preferably Dutch-process cocoa, which has a slightly different pH than average civilian cocoa.
- Pinch of coarse sea salt
- 6 ounces (170 g) dark chocolate — preferably Trader Joe's chocolate chips, which have a fairly high cocoa percentage (about 53%) and are also dairy-free
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Another ¾ cup (180 g) water
- ½ sleeve of Thin Mint Girl Scout cookies, broken roughly into quarters

In a medium saucepan, combine the first 1½ cups of water, sugar, cocoa powder and salt. Cocoa is hydrophobic, which means that it doesn't like to mix with water, so you will probably have to force the issue with a whisk.

Heat the cocoa mixture until it comes to a boil, then let it boil for one minute before removing it from the heat. Stir the chocolate chips into the hot mixture until they melt

completely, before stirring in the other ¾ cup of water, then the vanilla. Most vanilla extracts use an alcohol base. Alcohol evaporates at a lower temperature than water boils, and by bringing the temperature of the mixture down with the chocolate chips, and then the water, you will keep more of the vanilla's flavor in your sorbet.

Leave the mixture on your stovetop or counter to cool.

If you have an ice cream maker:
Chill the mixture for several hours, or overnight, then churn in your machine, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If you do not have an ice cream maker:
Transfer the sorbet base into a large sealable plastic bag. (Because I get nervous, I double-bag it to make extra-certain that there aren't any leaks.) Lay the bag in your freezer, as flat as possible. This might require some reorganization. When the sorbet base has frozen solid, remove it from the freezer and break it into chunks. Blend the sorbet chunks in your blender until it comes together into a soft-serve consistency.

With either method, layer the sorbet and cookie pieces in one large container or three or four smaller containers. Return to the freezer to harden up.

This might be the most intensely chocolatey “ice cream” you've ever had. You might suddenly re-examine your preconceptions of what chocolate ice cream is supposed to be. This might lead you to re-examine some of your major life decisions. It's that chocolatey. Despite not having any dairy in it, this sorbet has an extremely rich taste and a fudgy consistency. You might think the chunks of Girl Scout cookies will be overpowered and are just there for texture, but much like an actual Girl Scout they are not to be underestimated. They do the dessert equivalent of locking eyes with you and staring you down.

This sorbet is not kidding around. 🍷

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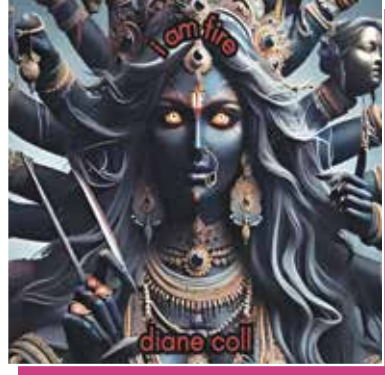



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Diane Coll, *I Am Fire* (Happy Fish Records)



Musically, Coll, a professional couples therapist from Atlanta, Georgia, is a true DIY warrior, having released three full-length albums since 2022 along with several EPs and singles, the latter of which this is, a three-songer released in honor of International Women's Day (March 8). Coll's muse for these songs is the goddess Kali, "destroyer of ignorance and liberator of the ego; a benevolent and unapologetic warrior who takes on the torment caused by those who operate from their own ignorance and the need to dominate others." Sounds like my gender for sure, yes, and if you want to know (or don't, it's all good),

I'm considering wrapping up my trilogy of internet-culture-focused nonfiction books with one about how women are subliminally oppressed on social media. Anyhow, to the music, tally-ho: In short, I'm very impressed. "Starting a Fire" is a brilliant deep-house-rooted exercise, its beat consisting of AM radio patter and a synth that becomes more menacing by the moment while Coll incants various warnings and calls for "accelerated action," which was the theme of this year's IWD observance. "Timeline Shift" is yoga-class soundtracking, reminiscent of Anugama, if you have any idea who that is; "Je Suis Feu" ends the set with a polyrhythmic tribal dance-along that's both hypnotic and, well, catchy. Very nicely done, great-sounding stuff. A+ —Eric W. Saeger

Luke Marzec, *Something Out of Nothing, Side A* (Swift Half Records)



Technically, this odd bird submits this as the "first half of his debut album," which might play in Poughkeepsie but not with me; nevertheless I'll play along and not tell you it's an EP; let's just proceed. Marzec's a multi-instrumentalist Londoner who led a bunch of classical and jazz bands during his high school days, nowadays he's a reformed music-academic who put out several other EPs prior to this release. He's a terminally hip white kid whose gravelly singing voice evokes Satchmo and Little Richard, which screams "cultural appropriation" if you're nasty, but you'd better be dissing Jamie Lidell too

if you're going to do that, not that this is the proper place to get into that. So what we have here is a jambalaya consisting of funk ("I Can't Get You Out Of My Mind" is pure James Brown-ness), deep soul and random jazz phrasings that sound antiquated in all the right ways. Given that he's racked up well over a million Spotify listens (and really knows what he's doing) he's certainly one to watch. A —Eric W. Saeger

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Our country's next "New CD Release Friday" is March 21, isn't that the wackiest thing you've heard all week? We'll get into it, but before I forget, everyone's favorite local historian Fritz Wetherbee officially retired from his *New Hampshire Chronicle* post at WMUR TV, and so I am once again asking you, my loyal readers, to demand that the station hire me as his replacement and keep the tradition going! Hassle them on Facebook and MySpace or whatever, that'd be great!

But rather than delve into that any longer than my editors would want me to, it's probably best to chat about the fact that **Selena Gomez and Benny Blanco** are releasing an album this Friday called *I Said I Love You First!* Those two are married, in case you didn't know, and between Selena's \$1.3 billion fortune and Benny's measly \$50 million emergency fund, it's safe to say that they're able to afford to eat eggs every Sunday, in case you were worried about them. Where does this all lead us, fam? Well, where else: directly into the bizarre alternate universe of Bieberland. You see, Justin Bieber used to go steady with Selena, and they broke up (probably because he is insane) and last month the Biebs unfollowed former collaborator Blanco on Instagram, but not because he was envious of Blanco's dating his ex, or so Bieber nation claims. That leaves only other two possibilities: Either he was hacked (in January he claimed he got hacked and the hacker unfollowed Biebs's wife, Hailey) or Biebs is insane. You see, he (or the hacker) also unfollowed a bunch of other vacuous pop-culture celebrities, including Drake (who hasn't?) and The Weeknd. Whatever, the title track from those two lovey-doveys' new album is a chilled-down reggaeton thingamajig, featuring Selena singing like Lady Gaga like always. It's cool, if anyone actually cares about this!



• You guys all know that English band **The Horrors** tabled the most disappointing sophomore album in rock history, but they're back! *Night Life*, the band's new LP, features the single "More Than Life," a decidedly Depeche Mode-sounding thing. It's very kyewl. They're back!

• Louisville, Kentucky's **My Morning Jacket** is also back, with *Is*, their new album! The single, "Time Waited," sounds like Spandau Ballet trying to be Lynyrd Skynyrd, and if you have

no idea what that might sound like, count your blessings. • Aaand lastly it's dream-poppers Japanese Breakfast with their new LP, *For Melancholy Brunettes (& Sad Women)*! The single, "Mega Circuit," is really mellow for a dreampop tune, kind of like Lana Del Rey meets Wilson Phillips. They'll be at The Music Hall in Boston on May 7. —Eric W. Saeger



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POP CULTURE BOOKS

We Do Not Part, by **Han Kang**, translated by E. Yaewon and Paige Aniyah Morris (Hogarth, 256 pages)

It was inevitable that after K-pop, or Korean pop music, conquered America, K-lit would soon follow, with a suitable time for translation. But one of these things is not like the other. Unlike the frothy music genre, the latest Korean novel to be published in the U.S. is a serious work that challenges readers to confront evil and pain, while not closing our eyes to love and beauty.

At the center of Han Kang's *We Do Not Part* are two friends who had fallen out of touch, an urgent request and a small white bird.

The events of a short but precarious journey are woven into a larger tapestry of a horrifying period in the history of South Korea, in which an estimated 10 percent of the population of Jeju Island were murdered in a violent campaign in 1948 that, like 9/11, came to be known by its date: Jeju 4.3.

The story begins with the nightmare of the narrator, Kyjunga, who repeatedly dreams that she is seeing a graveyard about to be overtaken by water. In her dream she is desperate to save the remains. She is unsure whether the nightmare — a “black-blue sea billowing in to dredge the bones away beneath the mounds” — is her mind processing a book she had written in the past, or an omen of horrors to come.

Kyjunga once had a family — people to cook for and dine with — but now lives alone in Seoul in poor health and suffering from insomnia and migraines. She is spending her days writing, and perpetually rewriting, a will and letters to be sent after her death. It is all she can do to summon the energy to leave her home and get a meal every now and then. It is all she can do to go

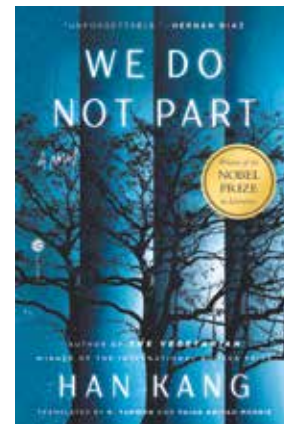
on living.

One day, however, she gets a text from a friend she has not communicated with in a while, asking her to come to a hospital and bring an ID. Kyjunga leaves immediately and goes to her friend, who is being treated after a horrific accident. The friend, named Inseon, asks Kyjunga to travel to her home in Jeju to feed her bird, a white budgie (or parakeet) that has now been alone for several days and is likely near death without food or water.

It is an enormous ask. A fierce snowstorm is moving in, Inseon's home is not easily accessible, and she wants Kyjunga to not just check on the bird but to stay with her for several months, until her treatment is complete. But Kyjunga cannot say no, not only out of pity for her friend and the bird, but also because she is, in a convoluted way, partly responsible for the accident her friend suffered.

And so she sets out in a snowstorm that is rapidly shutting down public transportation, leaving her friend to endure an agonizing treatment alone, and hoping she can find the house, which she has not visited in some time, and that the bird will still be alive.

Along the way, we learn more about the two women's lives — how they met on a work assignment (Kyjunga is a writer, Inseon a photographer and filmmaker) and supported each other over the years. Kyjunga knows a little about Inseon's complicated relationship with her mother, whose immediate family members perished in the Jeju Massacre. She had met her mother, at a time when the mother was descending into dementia. But neither woman had a com-



plete understanding of what Inseon's mother had suffered as a child, a story that is revealed in slow-motion over the course of the novel.

Snow is a secondary character in this novel — coating the faces of the dead, clinging “desolately” to Inseon's hair as the friends walk together, and providing an eerie and tangible link from the present

to the past. At one point Kyjunga reflects on how the snow falling around her is the recycled water from decades past and might well have fallen on the mounds of bodies bloodying the ground in 1948: “Who's to say the snow dusting my hands now isn't the same snow that had gathered on their faces?”

Kang, the first Asian woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature, was honored in 2024 for her “intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life.” Kang has said that she herself had the dream that haunts Kyjunga, and that *We Do Not Part* came from it. She wrote the novel over two years while living in a rented room on Jeju Island. The questions the novel is probing, she said in her Nobel speech, are “To what extent can we love? Where is our limit? To what degree must we love in order to remain human to the end?”

We Do Not Part arrives in the U.S. four years after it was first published in Korea — late, perhaps, but exceedingly welcome. Kang and her translators have crafted an achingly beautiful story that will send readers to her previous novels, which include 2017's *Human Acts* and *The Vegetarian*, published in the U.S. in 2016. Bring on the K-lit. **A** —Jennifer Graham

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• **Ted Levin**, former Bronx Zoo zoologist and author of several nature books including the new *The Promise of Sunrise: Finding Solace in a Broken World*, will speak on Tuesday, March 25, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Fox State Forest (309 Center Road, Hillsborough). Free to the public. Walk-ins will be wel-

come but RSVPs are strongly encouraged; go to forestsociety.org/events.

Discussions & lectures

• **The Musical Baseball Show** with Howie Newman on Saturday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Goffstown Public Library (2 High St.,

Goffstown, 497-2102). Newman will entertain with baseball songs, stories and trivia. No registration required.

• **Songs of Old New Hampshire** presented by Jeff Warner on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. at the Pembroke Town Library (313 Pembroke St., 485-7851). Free and open to the public.

Film

• **Black Bag** (R, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Thursday, March 20, at 4:30 & 6:45 p.m.; Friday, March 21, through Sunday, March 23, at 2:15, 4:30 & 6:45 p.m.; Monday, March 24, through Thursday, March 27, at 4:30 & 6:45 p.m.

• **Oscar Nominated Shorts — Documentary** will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m.

• **Oscar Nominated Shorts — Live**

Action will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Thursday, March 20, at 4:10 p.m.

• **Snow White** (PG, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatre.org, on Thursday, March 20, at 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Friday, March 21, through Sunday, March 23, at 1:30, 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Monday, March 24, through Thursday, March 27, at 4 & 6:30 p.m.

• **Rad Day 2025**, a celebration of the release day of the BMX racing film *Rad* in 1986, via Fathom Events, fathomevents.com, on Thursday, March 20, at O'neil Cinemas Brickyard Square in Epping at 7 p.m. and 3 & 7 p.m. at Regal Fox Run in Newington.

• **The Iron Mask** (1929), a silent film presented with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsin, will screen at Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$15.

• **Eepus** (NR, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, Friday, March 21, through Sunday, March 23, at 2:30, 4:45 & 7 p.m.; Monday, March

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• **Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story** will screen at The Music Hall in Portsmouth, themusichall.org, on Friday, March 21, at 1 p.m. and Saturday, March 22, at 4 p.m.

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By Michael Witthaus
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• **Wine and comedy:** An eclectic wine bar celebrates its third year with **Mona Forgiore**, who leans into motherhood for laughs. She got into standup late in life, initially to talk about a pair of surgeries gone wrong, and has a colorful history that includes a stint in the roller derby. Klia Verwerdis opens, ahead of her slot at New York's Laughing Buddha Comedy Festival. Thursday, March 20, 8 p.m., Vine 32 Wine + Graze Bar, 25 S. River Road, Bedford, \$25 at eventbrite.com.

• **Java jam session:** A monthly coffeehouse gathering features a headliner set from **The Treetellers**, an acoustic string trio led by Scott Heron of married bluegrass duo Green Heron, on banjo, mandolin and vocals, with guitarist Joey Clark, who also sings and plays harmonica, and upright bassist Larry Houghton. The show kicks off with an open mic; signups at 6 p.m. Friday, March 21, 8 p.m., Highland Lake Grange Hall, Route 11 and Chase Hill Road, East Andover, andovercoffeehouse.org.

• **Before The Beatles:** Early on, the Fab Four were a five-piece, with drummer **Pete Best** and Stu Sutcliffe on bass. Though Ringo Starr replaced him, Best continues the raw sound The Beatles had during their days at Liverpool's Cavern Club and in the raucous Hamburg, Germany, bar scene. An area show from Best and his band includes music and memories from the days prior to world fame. Saturday, March 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$50 and up at tupelohall.com.

• **Junk rock jubilee:** Thirty years after a trio of Goffstown High kids played drums in a talent show, **Recycled Percussion** continues its unique junk rock sound, and a local show celebrates the anniversary of the group, which went from a humble start to playing shows across the globe, including a years-long Las Vegas residency following their big run on *America's Got Talent*. Saturday, March 22, 3 and 7 p.m., Dana Center, Saint Anselm College, Manchester, \$50 and up at anselm.edu.

• **Poetry and music:** Soon after graduating from Berklee College of Music in 2010, **Liz Longley** was regularly selling out area venues months in advance, powered by sensitively crafted songs like "Unraveling" and the metaphor-rich "Camaro." Sunday, March 23, 7 p.m., Word Barn, 66 Newfields Road, Exeter, \$19 at portsmouthnhtickets.com. 🍷

NITE Lager laughs

Three Sheets host stops in Henniker

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For over a decade, Zane Lamprey traveled the world and drank for a living.

His pub crawl series *Three Sheets* ran for four seasons starting in 2006. In 2010, *Drinking Made Easy* launched on Mark Cuban's HDNet, followed by the crowd-funded *Chug*. Lamprey's most recent series, *Four Sheets*, aired its final episode in early 2020.

Since then Lamprey has done a lot of standup comedy, primarily at places like Henniker Brewery, where his *Another Round* tour stops on March 22. He began playing the craft beer circuit out of necessity; clubs and theatres were slow to open after the pandemic, and he needed work. He's now done more than 500 brewery gigs, with 10 in New England on the current run.

"I have a lot of great relationships at breweries because of the shows I've done, and I reached out to them," Lamprey said by phone recently. "They loved the idea of having me come in and bring attention to their brewery, fill it with people, do a night of comedy, and so it was a very synergistic kind of thing."

Unlike many who use stand-up to launch a television career, Lamprey took an inverse route, and after he finishes writing a memoir in progress he'll begin a book about becoming a comedian at age 49. He says it's all a natural progression: "I've always been someone, in all the shows that I've done, who needs to understand comedic timing and how to tell a joke."

Through his years of imbibing across the planet, Lamprey has gathered more than enough material for multiple comedy specials. His latest, *The Medium Club*, premiered in January. "I've made a lot of poor decisions that have led to some great stories," he said.

He's also drunk many strange concoctions

in his years, like rum aged in a bottle with a drowned snake. He once knocked back 23 shots, each containing a preserved scorpion. Later he realized that "your body is not designed to digest exoskeletons." The shoot-and-chew experience led to an excruciating, barrel-full-of-monkeys situation.

But Lamprey has never declined a proffered glass, because entertainment.

"I always said that my job in any of the shows I've done was creating a water cooler moment," he said. "Doing those shots are what people talk about. For that reason, I'm happy to do it ... to take one for the team."

Non-liquid challenges can be different, and Lamprey recalled one time he did draw the line.

"The only thing that I said no to is balut." The popular Philippines snack is a two-thirds gested duck egg hard boiled and served with salt and vinegar. "Basically a baby duck sitting on the yolk or the amniotic sack. ... I was like, absolutely not. I tried drinking enough beers to bring myself to do it, and I couldn't get to that place. It was too vile."

Lamprey prefers to remember beautiful moments, like the time he rented out the Eiffel Tower for a Champagne party that wrapped as the sun was rising, or filming in Croatia a decade after their civil war. "It was very eye-opening," he recalled. "These people weren't war-torn and bitter because of what they went through, they were ... embracing life and moving on — without forgetting about the past."

While there, he ran into a restaurant owner singing with his friends in the street, and went in for a drink.

"We weren't even going to shoot there ... and it was one of the best experiences of my life," Lamprey said. "But you could name any episode, and I would tell you about a moment in it that I was so grateful to be



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doing what I was doing."

When Lamprey is asked why he left television, his response is that it left him.

"People every night are just like, 'Please go back and do one of those shows again.' I would love to." Networks that ran his shows, like Spike, Fine Living and HDNet, are long gone, supplanted by YouTube and TikTok.

"I've had the privilege of being able to go and do some of the coolest things ever and be followed by a camera crew," he said. "But the landscape of television has changed. Places where *Three Sheets* would have fit perfectly ... no longer exist. They drop the vowels in their name, and all they do is paranormal shows."

That said, Lamprey's not about to stop telling jokes to crowds.

"I would actually choose the stand-up over those shows," he said. "Which is probably why now discussions to do another TV show have resurfaced; but it would have to be perfect for me to do it." 🍷

Zane Lamprey

When: Saturday, March 22, 8 p.m.

Where: Henniker Brewing Co., 129 Centerville Road, Henniker

Tickets: \$25 and up at eventbrite.com

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Weekly comedy nights

• **Wednesdays** Ruby Room at the Shaskeen, Manchester 9 p.m.
• **Thursdays** Laugh Attic at Strange Brew, Manchester, 8:30 p.m.

Events

• **Patton Oswalt** Music Hall, Portsmouth, Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.
• **Giulio Gallarotti** Music Hall Lounge, Portsmouth,

Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.
• **Jeff Dunham** SNHU Arena, Manchester, Friday, March 21, 7 p.m.
• **Trae Crowder** Music Hall, Portsmouth, Friday, March 21, 8 p.m.
• **Peter Antoniou** Music Hall Lounge, Portsmouth, Saturday, March 22, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.
• **Will Noonan/Tim McKeever/Jolanda Logan** Hampshire Hills Milford,

Saturday, March 22, 7 p.m.
• **Lenny Clarke/Ken Rogerson/Dave Russo** Fulchino Vineyard, Hollis, Saturday, March 22, 7 p.m.
• **Harrison Stebbins** Chunky's, Manchester, Saturday, March 22, 8 p.m.
• **Joey Carroll** McCue's, Portsmouth, Saturday, March 22, 8 p.m.
• **Nikki Glaser** Cap Center, Concord, Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.
• **Leslie Jones** Nashua Cen-

ter for the Arts, Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.
• **Bob Marley** Flying Monkey, Plymouth, Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.
• **Jimmy Dunn** LaBelle Derry, Thursday, March 27, 8 p.m.
• **Frank Santos Jr.** Rex, Manchester, Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.
• **Kelly MacFarland/Annie Powell/Jolanda Logan** Chunky's, Manchester, Friday, March 28, 8 p.m.
• **Bob Marley** Music Hall, Portsmouth, Saturday,

March 29, 5:30 & 8 p.m.
• **Chazz Palminteri** Nashua Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.
• **Juston McKinney** Park Theatre, Jaffrey, Saturday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.
• **Johnny Pizzi** Chunky's, Manchester, Saturday, March 29, 8 p.m.
• **Mike Hanley** Headliners, Manchester, Saturday, March 29, 8:30 p.m.
• **David Sedaris** Tupelo, Derry, Tuesday, April 1, 8 p.m.

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Concord
BNH Stage: Don White, 7 p.m.
Hermanos: Will Hatch, 6:30 p.m.

Derry
Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.
LaBelle: Crystal Ship, 7:15 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Chris Powers, 7 p.m.

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

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Lewis Gordon, 6 p.m.

Hampton
CR's: Just the Two of Us, 6 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Smuttynose: David Corson, 5:30 p.m.
Wally's: Hampton Idol, 8 p.m.
Whym: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: The Bar, 6 p.m.
Luk's: Lee Ross, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

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

Laconia
405 Pub and Grill: Jack Ancora, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Chad LaMarsh, 7 p.m.

Manchester
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Shorty's: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Jeff Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Casey Roop, 5:30 p.m.
Tortilla Flat: Dalton Sayball, 6 p.m.

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

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

North Hampton
Throwback Brewery: Mike Preston, 6 p.m.

Pembroke
Pembroke City Limits: Gary's Musical Gathering, 7 p.m.

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

Portsmouth
Press Room: Diaspora Radio: Songs For The Deaf, 9 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: John Chouinard, 7 p.m.

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Backyard Burgers: musical bingo, 6:30 p.m.
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Somersworth
Earth Eagle: open mic w/Dave Ogden, 6 p.m.

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Warner
The Local: Andrea Paquin, 5 p.m.

Friday, March 21

Alton Bay
Foster's Tavern: Taylor Hughes, 5 p.m.

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

Bristol
Kathleen's: Irish Sessiun, 7 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Bella Perrotta, 6 p.m.

Concord
Forum: Gardner Berry, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: The Coterie, 6:30 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Chad LaMarsh, 8 p.m.

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Hill Top: Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Exeter
Sea Dog: Rich Amorim, 5 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Jared Rocco, 6 p.m.

Hampton
CR's: John Chouinard, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Bailout, 9 p.m.
Whym: Stephen Decuire, 6 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's: Cross Border Bards, 7 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Jaffrey
Park Theatre: Bob Jordan, 6 p.m.; Bonnie and Clyde, 7 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: open line dancing, 7 p.m.; Chris Gendron, 7:30 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub and Grill: Dave Clark, 7 p.m.
Fratello's: Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m.

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

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Joe Winslow, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Conniption Fits, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: Tom Boisse, 6 p.m.
Bonfire: Nate Raamos, 7 p.m.
Derryfield: The Slakas, 8:30 p.m.
The Foundry: Joel Begin, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.
The Goat: 7 Day Weekend, 9 p.m.
Olympus: Chris Perkins, 7 p.m.
Shaskeen: The Lazy Anarchists + more, 9 p.m.
South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Wiki 3, 9 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: David Lockwood, 6 p.m.
Twin Barns: Willy Chase, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh, 6 p.m.

Milford
Brickhouse: Etch and the Yiungs, 8 p.m.

Riley's: Hickory Horned Devils, 7 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.

Moultonborough
Buckey's: Whitesteer, 6:30 p.m.

Nashua
Casey Magee's: karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
SFK: Tyler Levs, 6:30 p.m.

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

Pembroke
Pembroke City Limits: Slim Volume, 7 p.m.

Penacook
American Legion Post 31: live music, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Johnny Angel, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
Mojo's: Tim Theriault, 7 p.m.
Press Room: JVK + The Rock Dwellers w/ Swivel, 8 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: OverTone, 9:30 p.m.

Salem
Dreo: Peter Pappas, 7 p.m.

Sandown
Zorvino Vineyard: Cry Uncle w/ Mark & Chris, 6 p.m.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Back In The Day

Band, 8 p.m.
Red's: 21st & 1st, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 22
Alton Bay
Foster's Tavern: Dakota Smart, 6 p.m.

Bedford
Murphy's: Stephen Decuire, 6 p.m.

Bow
Chen Yang Li: Justin Cohn, 7 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Jordan Holmes, 6 p.m.

Concord
Forum: Acoustic Circle with Don B, 2 p.m.; 5 Days Apart, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: John Franzosa, 6:30 p.m.

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

Dover
Auspicious Brew: Clean Freak, The P.A.'s, Lane, Chainlacing, 8 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Kitchen Party, 8 p.m.

Epsom
Hill Top: Undercover, 7 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.

Hampton
The Goat: James Stark, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Evil Empire, Rage Against The Machine Tribute Band, 9 p.m.
Whym: Dave Zangri, 6 p.m.

Henniker
Pats Peak: Geogg & Wally, 6 p.m.

Hopkinton
Two Villages Art Society: David Newsam, noon

Hudson
Luk's Bar: Wood Wind & Whiskey, 7 p.m.
Lynn's 102: Off The Record, 8:30 p.m.

Jaffrey
Park Theatre: Tom Rush w/ Seth Glier, 7 p.m.
405 Pub and Grill: Bob Pratte, 7 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: All That '90s, 8 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: John Chouinard, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Fat Bunny, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: Ian Archibald, 6 p.m.
Bonfire: Chase Clark, 8 p.m.
Derryfield: Small Town Stranded, 8 p.m.
Foundry: Rebecca Turmel, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Chris Taylor, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Musical Brunch with Brooks Hubbard, 10 a.m.; Thrash Party, 9 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: Matt Litzinger, 4 p.m.
The Hill: Peter Pappas, 5:30 p.m.
Shaskeen: The Aldous Collins Band, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: LU-NH Music, 6 p.m.
Twin Barns: Kyle McGuinness, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.

Milford
Brickhouse: Hell on Heels, 8 p.m.
Riley's: Joe Law Band, 8 p.m.

Moultonborough
Buckeys: Eric Grant, 6:30 p.m.

Nashua
Casey Magee's: Cramer Hill, 8 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Dave Clark, 6:30 p.m.

Pembroke
Pembroke City Limits: Acoustic Dead, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Jason Michelson, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m.
Mojo's: Dueling Pianos, 6 p.m.
Press Room: Max Sullivan, 6 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Beat Street, 9:30 p.m.

Salem
Dreo: Casey Roop, 7 p.m.
Tuscan Kitchen: Brian Walker, 6 p.m.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Casual Gravity, 9 p.m.
Red's: Swipe Right, 8 p.m.

Suncook
Oddball Brewing: Dani Sven, 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 23
Barrington
Nippo Lake Restaurant: Hot Skillet, 6 p.m.

Bedford
Copper Door: Jared Rocco, 11 a.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Dave Clark, 5 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Justin Cohn, 1 p.m.

Epsom
Hill Top: Dan's Jam open mic, 7 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Paul Lussier, 3:30 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Whym: Max Sullivan, 1 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: Brad Dubay, 3 p.m.
Lynn's 102: Hollie Would, 4 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: acoustic Sunday w/ Tandem, 1 p.m.

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

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Roc and Ron, 4 p.m.

Manchester
The Goat: Mike Jetti, 10 a.m.
Shaskeen: Rap Night, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: open stage w/ Lou Porrazzo, 6 p.m.

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

Nashua
Spyglass Brewing: Acoustic Sunday w/ Johnny Roberts, 2 p.m.

Pembroke
Pembroke City Limits: Benjamin Harris Record Release Party 1:30 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Matt Fuller, 11 a.m.



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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Monday, March 24

Dover

Cara Irish Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Gilford

Patrick's Pub: open mic, 6 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Hudson

The Bar: karaoke with Phil, 7 p.m.

Laconia

Cactus Jack's: Justin Jordan, 8 p.m.
Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.
Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Joanie Cicatelli, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua

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

Tuesday, March 25

Concord

Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.
Hermanos: Paul Bourgelais, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Laconia

Trivia

Trivia events

• **1990s in music trivia** Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (chunkys.com).

Weekly trivia

• **Thursday** trivia with ABC Trivia at Oddball Brewing (6 Glass St., Suncook, 210-5654, oddballbrewingnh.com) at 6 p.m.
 • **Thursday** trivia at Lithermans (126 Hall St., Concord, lithermans.beer) at 6 p.m.
 • **Thursday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Henniker Brewing (129 Centervale Road, Henniker, henniker-brewing.com) 6 p.m.
 • **Thursday** trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St., Warner, 456-2143, reednorth.com) from 6 to 8 p.m.
 • **Thursday** trivia at Station 101 (193 Union Sq., Milford, 249-5416) at 6:30 p.m.
 • **Thursday** music trivia at Day of the Dead Taqueria (454 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, 377-7664) at 6:30 p.m.
 • **Thursday** trivia with Geeks Who Drink at the Barley House (132 N.

Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Jodee Frawlee, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: karaoke w/ George Cox, 8 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Jeff Mrozek, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua

Spyglass Brewing: Ricky Lauria, 5 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: Chris Powers, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26

Concord

Forum: Benjamin Harris, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.

Derry

Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Dover

Auspicious Brew: open mic, 7 p.m.

Main St., Concord, thebarleyhouse.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia with Raise the Bar at The Derryfield (625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, thederryfield.com) 7 p.m.
 • **Thursday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Hart's Turkey Farm (223 DW Highway, Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) 7
 • **Thursday** Opinionation by Sporele trivia at Uno Pizzeria & Grill (15 Fort Eddy Road, Concord; 226-8667) at 7 p.m.
 • **Thursday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Chantilly's Restaurant (1112 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, find them on Facebook) 7 p.m.
 • **Thursday** trivia at Hop Knot (1000 Elm St., Manchester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com) at 7 p.m.
 • **Thursday Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Bonfire Restaurant & Country Bar (950 Elm St., Manchester, bonfiremanch.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

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Hudson

Lynn's 102: I know that tune music bingo, 6 p.m.

Kingston

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

Laconia

Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Liz Ridgely, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.
Shopper's: Max Sullivan, 6 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 p.m.

Meredith

Giuseppe's: Mary Fagan, 5:30 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Ralph Allen, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Riley's: karaoke, 7 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Seabrook

Chop Shop: DJ Manny karaoke, 7:30 p.m.
Red's: Fred Ellsworth, 7 p.m.

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, toshare-brewing.com) at 6:30 p.m.
 • **Friday** trivia at Biergarten Anheuser-Busch (221 DW Highway, Merrimack) from 6 to 8 p.m.
 • **Friday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Cheers (17 Depot Square, Concord, cheersnh.com) 8 p.m.
 • **Friday** trivia at Mountain Base Brewery (553 Mast Road, No. 111, Goffstown, 315-8382) at 4 p.m.
 • **Monday Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Renegade's Pub (103 Nashua Road, Londonderry, renegadespub.com) at 7 p.m.
 • **Monday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Thirsty Moose (360 DW Highway, Merrimack, thirstymoosetap-

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In-Theater Screenings

Sunday, March 23, 12 Noon
Opening Reception
 Spotlight Room at the Palace, Manchester, NH

Sunday, March 23, 2 PM
Shari & Lamb Chop
Opening Film
 The Rex Theatre, Manchester, NH

Tuesday, March 25, 7 PM
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 SNHU Walker Auditorium, Manchester, NH

Thursday, March 27, 7 PM
Midas Man
 The Rex Theatre, Manchester, NH

Sunday, March 30, 10 AM
Janis Ian: Breaking Silence
 Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Sunday, March 30, 1 PM
Running on Sand
 Apple Cinemas, Merrimack, NH

Sunday, March 30, 1 PM
Never Alone
 Keene State, Drennan Auditorium, Keene, NH

Sunday, March 30, 1 PM
The Property
 35 Artspace, Portsmouth, NH

Sunday, March 30, 3:30 PM
Unspoken
 Apple Cinemas, Merrimack, NH

Sunday, March 30, 3:30 PM
Unspoken
 35 Artspace, Portsmouth, NH

Sunday, March 30, 3:30 PM
Soda
 Keene State, Drennan Auditorium, Keene, NH

Wednesday, April 2, 7 PM
The Blond Boy from the Casbah
 Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Thursday, April 3, 7 PM
Max Dagan
 Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Sunday, April 6, 1 PM
Centered: Joe Lieberman
 Shown with Short Righting a Wrong: The Blalystok Cemetery Restoration Project
 Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Sunday, April 6, 1:30 PM
Prince of Egypt
 Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Sunday, April 6, 3:30 PM
Bad Shabbos
 Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Virtual Screenings

Janis Ian: Breaking Silence
Sunday, March 30 – Tuesday, April 1
Live Zoom Conversation with Filmmaker Varda Bar-Kar
Tuesday, April 1, 7PM

Sunday, March 23 – Friday, April 11
Never Alone
Running on Sand
Soda
The Property

Virtual Screenings Bonus Week
Sunday, April 6 – Friday, April 11
Technion 10²
The Blond Boy from the Casbah
Unspoken

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PURCHASE TICKETS

Advance purchase for ALL screenings suggested. Online at <https://2025nhjff.eventive.org/welcome>
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NITE MUSIC & EVENTS

◀ TRIVIA FROM PG 29

house.com) 7 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 Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Shopper's Pub + Eatery (18 Lake Ave., Manchester, shoppersmht.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at the Forum Pub (15 Village St., Concord, 552-0137), at 8 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 Bert's Beers (545 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 413-5992, bertsnh.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 Spyglass Brewing Co. (306 Innovative Way, Nashua, 546-2965, spyglassbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at East Derry Tavern (50 E. Derry Road, Derry, eastderrytavern.com) 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Flannel Tavern (345 Suncook Valley Road, Chichester, flanneltavern.com) 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Talespinner Brewery (57 Factory St.,

- Nashua, ramblingtale.com, 318-3220) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Popovers (11 Brickyard Sq., Epping, 734-4724, popoversonthesquare.com) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Wednesday Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Backyard Brewery (1211 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com) 7 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** trivia with Raise the Bar at Thirsty Moose (795 Elm St., Manchester, thirsty-moosetaphouse.com/Manchester) 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Gate City Casino Lounge (55 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, thegatecitycasino.com) 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

- **Don White** Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m., BNH Stage, Concord
- **Brittany Moore** Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose, New London
- **Crystal Ship** (Doors tribute) Thursday, March 20, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry
- **Dave Strong/PoP!/Them Dewlap Boys** Thursday, March 20, 8 p.m., Stone Church, Newmarket
- **Cry Uncle** Friday, March 21, 6 p.m., Zorvino Vineyards, Sandown
- **Rose Alley** Friday, March 21, 8 p.m., Stone Church, Newmarket
- **Zachariah Hickman's Power Outage Party** Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, 7 p.m., Word Barn, Exeter

- **Slim Volume** Friday, March 21, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- **Sugar Mountain** (Neil Young tribute) Friday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey, Plymouth
- **Adam Ezra Group** Friday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Rex, Manchester
- **Shot of Poison** (Poison tribute) Friday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Lakeport Opera House, Laconia
- **Tynan with Brainrack, Aezon, Rare Halo** Friday, March 21, 8 p.m., Jewel, Manchester
- **Little Lies** (Fleetwood Mac tribute) Friday, March 21, 8 p.m., Strand, Dover
- **Rose Alley** Friday, March 21, 8 p.m., Stone Church, Newmarket
- **Recycled Percussion Sat-**

- urday, March 22, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Dana Center, Saint Anselm College, Manchester
- **Amulus** Saturday, March 22, 6:30 p.m., Milk St. Studios, Dover
- **Acoustic Dead** (Grateful Dead tribute) Saturday, March 22, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- **Americans, Gypzy Mac** Saturday, March 22, 7 p.m., Jewel Manchester
- **Tom Rush** Saturday, March 22, 7 p.m., Park Theatre, Jaffrey
- **Full Cleveland** (yacht rock tribute) Saturday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Rex, Manchester
- **Pete Best** Saturday, March 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo, Derry
- **Kouchera/Kelsey Wilson** Saturday, March 22, 8 p.m., Stone Church, Newmarket
- **Benjamin Harris** Sunday,

- March 23, 1:30 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- **Viva Las Elvis** Sunday, March 23, 4 p.m., The Strand, Dover
- **Liz Longley** Sunday, March 23, 7 p.m., Word Barn, Exeter
- **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** Sunday, March 23, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey, Plymouth
- **Katie Dobbins** Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods, Meredith
- **Willy Porter/Tom Pirozzi** Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose, Plymouth
- **Walter Trout** Thursday, March 27, 8 p.m., Tupelo, Derry
- **Willy Porter & Tom Pirozzi** Friday, March 28, 7 p.m., Word Barn, Exeter
- **So Good: The Neil Dia-**

- mond Experience** Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
- **Jacob Tolliver** Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., Fulchino, Hollis
- **Ally the Piper** Friday, March 28, 8 p.m., Tupelo, Derry
- **Creamery Station, Silver String Slingers** Friday, March 28, 8 p.m., Jewel, Manchester
- **Foreside Funk/J3ST** Friday, March 28, 8 p.m., Stone Church, Newmarket
- **The Beat Goes On** (Cher tribute) Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Palace, Manchester
- **Recycled Percussion** Saturday, March 29, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Flying Monkey, Plymouth

◀ SPRING FROM PG 16

120 Greek food festival season kicks off with the **St. Philip Greek Food Festival** on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17, at St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church (500 W. Hollis St. in Nashua; 889-4000). See nashuagreekfestival.com.

121 The Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts youth and teens will present **The Emperor's New Clothes The Musical** on Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre (880 Page St. in Manchester; majestictheatre.net). Tickets cost \$10 to \$15.

122 Kids Coop Theatre (kctnh.org) will present **The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical** at Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway in Derry) on Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. See derryoperahouse.org for links to tickets.

123 The kids at Bedford Youth Performing Company will present **Disney's Moana Jr.** at the Goffstown High School Theatre on Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 18, at 1 p.m. Find the link to purchase tickets via BYPC's Facebook page.

124 The NH Philharmonic will present **"Swashbucklers and Superheroes,"** described as a "spring pops concert that celebrates the iconic music behind some of the greatest adventure films in cinematic history," on Saturday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. (with a livestream option for Sunday) at Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem. Tickets cost \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$10 for students. See nhphil.org.

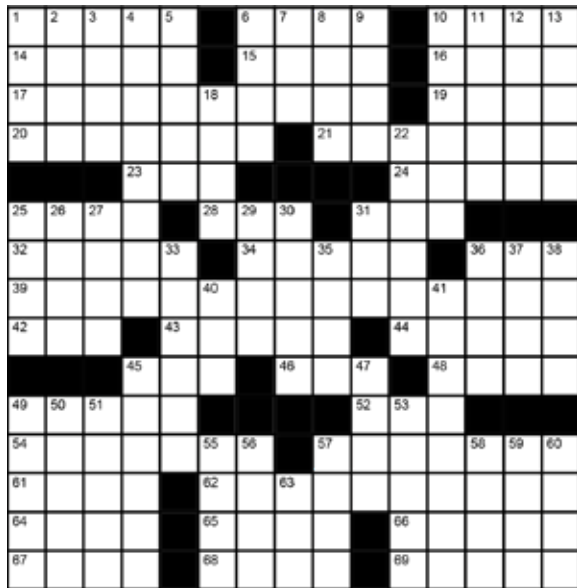
125 The **New England Fiddle Ensemble** (nefiddleensemble.org) has several concerts slated for May and beyond. See them at Derryfield School (2108 River Road in Manchester) on Sunday, May

18, at 2 p.m. They will also perform Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at Interlakes High School Auditorium in Meredith and Saturday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Exeter Town Hall. See the website for tickets.

126 The Nashua Choral Society will present **Vive La France**, "a choral journey celebrating French composers" on Sunday, May 18, at 3 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church (216 E. Dunstable Road in Nashua). See nashuachoralsociety.org.

127 Wherefore art thou, hiccup, Romeo? Catch the **S**t-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet** on Saturday, May 18, at 8 p.m. at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com). Tickets cost \$40. Other BNH Stage events include **Don White** (March 20), **the Wild and Scenic Film Festival** (March 28), author **Katee Robert** (April 3), **Mother of a Comedy Show** (April 5), **Jamantics reunion with Superfrog** (April 11), **Senie Hunt Project with Rachel Berlin** (April 12) and more.

Compact puzzles



Across

- 1. Majority gender in rock, slang
- 6. Aka, glitter rock
- 10. Bogus Youngbloods song, perhaps
- 14. ABBA's '___ A Dream' was for Martin Luther King, Jr, perhaps
- 15. Morcheeba '___ Wasn't Built In A Day'
- 16. Half of '91 Extreme hit, w/'Hearted'
- 17. Enemy of singer's side-effect from flu
- 19. A cool Tom Petty said '___ All Work Out'
- 20. Kings Of Leon song for a schmoozer
- 21. Europe "I guess there is ___ blame, we're leaving ground"
- 23. Spice Girl B
- 24. Very bad boy rocker to the legal system
- 25. Hendrix' locks was a bushy this
- 28. Trip producer for psyc-

delic show

- 31. Tom Cochrane 'Life ___ Highway'
- 32. 'Glad All Over' Dave
- 34. Dance under a horizontal bar without falling
- 36. Bruce/Baker/Moore trio
- 39. '96 Sponge hit for a search for their girl
- 42. Bob Dylan "Somebody got murdered on New Year's ___"
- 43. '70 Tim Buckley album
- 44. Alice In Chains song for the Almighty one in the morning
- 45. Himalayan Ladakhi music city
- 46. Lorne Michaels show with music
- 48. Sarzo of Quiet Riot
- 49. They had 'California'
- 52. Where The Boss was born
- 54. Blink-182 hit album '___ The State'
- 57. Bruce Hornsby 'On The

Western ___

- 61. Flinstones pet-inspired '24/7' guy
- 62. "No flowers, no wedding dress. That night we went down ___"
- 64. Cat Stevens wanted to let it out and wrote 'Can't Keep ___'
- 65. Elton John "___ longer counting I'm not keeping score"
- 66. Half of '93 Nirvana album, w/'In'
- 67. Spin Doctor 'Little Miss ___ Be Wrong'
- 68. Long-necked lute
- 69. Perry Farrell's Porno For ___

Down

- 1. 45, e.g.
- 2. Talking Heads '___, Love Comes To Town' (hyph)
- 3. Rolins that did 'Party DJ (feat. Rytmus)'
- 4. '20 Taylor Swift album you will always listen to?
- 5. Clash "If you don't want me, ___ free"
- 6. '12 Rolling Stones greatest hits album for a dog?
- 7. Keb' Mo' 'Loola ___'
- 8. When ___ Loves A Woman
- 9. Tower Of Power 'I Won't Leave Unless You Want ___'
- 10. '19 Bryan Adams album may '___ Light' on a bad mood
- 11. Touring rocker's home
- 12. Offspring "I've ripped it ___ shreds"
- 13. 'Tones Of Home' Blind ___
- 18. Chris Rea 'The Road To ___',
- 22. '13 Amos Lee album 'Mountains Of Sorrow, Rivers ___'
- 25. James Carrington song for

- tooth pain
- 26. Rapper Flavor ___
- 27. Buddy Holly will '___ On' until sunrise
- 29. Slander, as in the press
- 30. They come in box sets
- 31. Fall Out Boy "Who will ___ when I wake up next to a stranger"
- 33. Savannah psychedelic metalers
- 35. Allmans 'Low Down Dirty ___'
- 36. Soul 'On & On' singer Erykah
- 37. Guitarist Delson of Linkin Park
- 38. Neil Young '___ Hey Hey (Out Of The Blue)'
- 40. '88 Hall & Oates album '___ Yeah'
- 41. '81 OMD album 'Architecture & ___'
- 45. 'Secrets You Keep' Joe
- 47. Drummer Bullen of Joe Strummer & The Mescaleros
- 49. He treats fans with sunstroke
- 50. 'Sweet Love' songstress Baker
- 51. Will Smith "Here come the ___ Black"
- 53. Toad The Wet Sprocket 'In Light ___'
- 55. Singer Day in Animal House
- 56. '95 Nixons album
- 57. "Get out of here!" exclamation from producer

R&R answer from pg 31 of 3/13



- 58. 'Skinny Love' Bon ___ blast maker
- 59. '23 Godflesh hit for adopted son of Claudius
- 60. Metal band Demise Of ___
- 63. This '78 Tanya Tucker album was a ___

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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 XX.

King Classic Sudoku Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★

King Classic Sudoku Puzzle B

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

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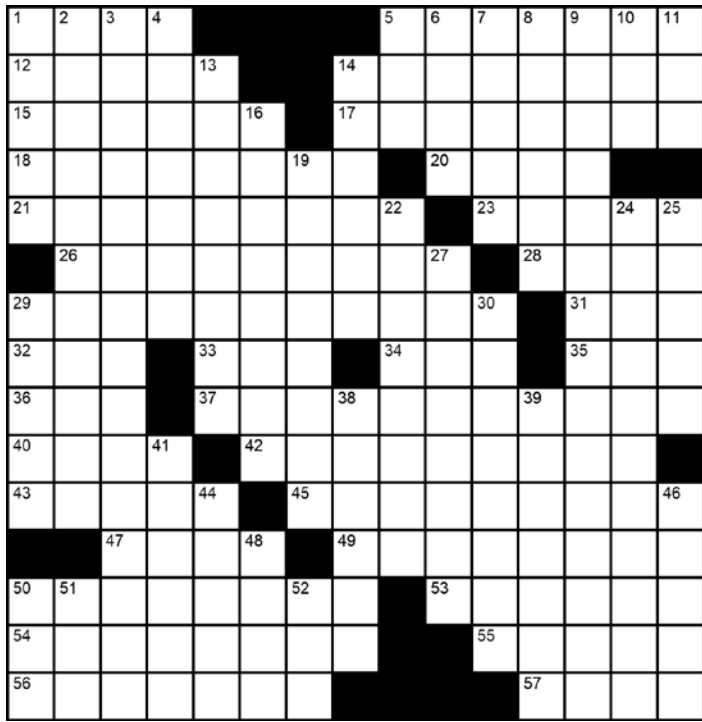
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Across

- 1. Sgt.'s superior
- 5. Lost and trying to find a way out, maybe
- 12. 2025 Best Picture Oscar winner
- 14. Counter offers?
- 15. "Broadway Joe"
- 17. Rhapsodizes
- 18. Something to run for
- 20. Not entirely
- 21. Lab enclosure
- 23. Graham McPherson, in *Madness*
- 26. Like tougher steaks, maybe
- 28. Syllabus segment
- 29. "Too much excitement!"
- 31. "Girls5___" (Busy Philipps sitcom)
- 32. Grand Theft Auto: ___ Andreas
- 33. Stannic metal
- 34. Station where you scan your own groceries, for short
- 35. Hideaway
- 36. '70s hoops grp.
- 37. M

- 40. Middle range
- 42. Temperance, e.g.
- 43. Preserves
- 45. "Episode I" villain
- 47. "Getting to Know You" musical locale
- 49. Mount acrobatically, as a horse
- 50. Being
- 53. Actress Reeves of "Slow Horses"

- 54. Pretty close
- 55. Obsolescent
- 56. Workplace of 2024 sitcom character Dr. Ron Leonard
- 57. Distress signals, plural (and yeah, it's the preferred spelling but looks weird)

Down

- 1. Did some wicker work
- 2. Simple audio cord
- 3. Fruit part used to make the spice anar dana
- 4. Get (mud) on the carpet
- 5. "Son of," in some surnames
- 6. Navy Yard team, to fans
- 7. Workout consequences
- 8. Dress that translates to "cut off"
- 9. Ordered hierarchically
- 10. Zuider ___
- 11. Sinuous shape
- 13. Confirm
- 14. Tale that mentions the Trojan horse
- 16. Verbal nudge
- 19. Pitch in a window
- 22. Downwind side of the river
- 24. Responsibilities handed down
- 25. R.E.M. hit
- 27. Ravioli filling options
- 29. "Forever Blue" singer Chris
- 30. Mouse alternative for a laptop
- 38. Capital of County Kerry
- 39. Appetizers served with chutney
- 41. Religion, in a Marx quote
- 44. Did not reveal

- 46. A bunch
- 48. Chicago Symphony Orchestra "Music Director Emeritus for Life" Riccardo
- 50. Dol. parts
- 51. Balderdash
- 52. Icelandic band Sigur ___

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Jonesin' answer from pg 32 of 3/13



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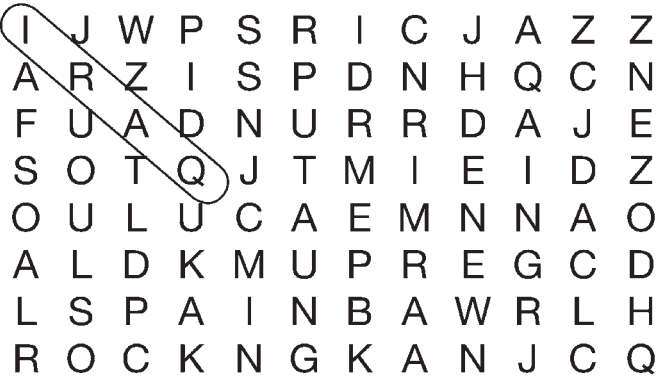
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Find and Circle...

- Eight countries
- Four seasons
- Three four-letter musical genres
- Word for 12 of something
- Soak

Answers to Monday's puzzle: GALLON LITER QUART PINT / GOLD GONE GOOD GOAL / LIEUTENANT ADMIRAL CAPTAIN / GEORGE GRACIE / BOHEMIAN

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RULES

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

2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

4+	2÷		
1	3	4	2
6X	3-		
3	2	1	4
4		6X	2-
4	1	2	3
2÷			
2	4	3	1

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Wing & Claw: Forest of Wonders*, by Linda Sue Park, born March 25, 1960.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) There was nothing wrong with going into the cellar, he told himself firmly. His cousin, Garith, poked him from behind. 'What are you waiting for?' he said. 'We're not going to do anything. We're just having a look.' Easy for Garith to say — he wasn't the one who would be in the most trouble if they were caught! Don't listen to Garith.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) His thoughts whirled with possibilities. Talking pets! Farm animals that could tell their owners helpful things! Laundry that folds itself!

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) As he began to help ... he kept his excitement to himself. His first real experiment! Well, his second, really, if he counted the garble with the jar from the cabinet. Share your excitement.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) ... Raffa was impressed by Trixin's agility. She seemed to scale the wall as lightly and easily as a squirrel climbing a tree. He followed much more slowly ... and at last he scrambled to the top. Different squirrels, different skills.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) It wasn't that the Forest was a perilous place so much as it was utterly unpredictable. ... New and mysterious plants appeared at capricious intervals; a familiar path might look completely different from week to week. Fun!

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) He could try out scores of new combinations. The possibilities were numberless.... Who knew what cures he might discover with everything he needed at hand, and the freedom to use it all? Mustard chocolate sundae pizza.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) Raffa lost all track of time. He only realized that he had spent most of the afternoon treating the bat when his neck and shoulders cramped up from being bent over the tiny creature for so long. Move and stretch.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) Emotions tumbled over each oth-

er in Raffa's mind: resentment at his father's interference, a flicker of relief at not having to taste the infusion, and then a blast of annoyance with himself for feeling relieved. Did this mean that he wasn't really ready to work on his own yet? No.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) Since they had reached the interior, the trees were taller and closer together, straining the sun's rays and dimming their light. ... It was a place of whispers and secrets. And insects.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) Across the lane, he saw a tiny house that looked a bit better tended than its neighbors. There were no heaps of trash at the doorway, and the window ledge held a few chipped pots of surprisingly healthy herbs and flowers. Small effort, big difference.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) 'Wait,' he said. 'How do you know so much about the place?' 'My business, not yours,' she snapped. Were all city dwellers so prickly? Not all city dwellers.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) 'So you work at the Commons?' Raffa said, trotting at Trixin's heels. 'Second assistant, pickles and jams,' Trixin replied as she avoided one of the many patches of broken cobbles in the lane. Nice work if you can get it. 🍷

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 hit 212 degrees (6)	_____
2 from a scenic Tuscan city (10)	_____
3 hunted game illegally (7)	_____
4 mixed up (9)	_____
5 mentally exhausted (5)	_____
6 temporarily stitched (6)	_____
7 movie star Cumberbatch (8)	_____

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Last Week's Answers: 1. RHEA 2. CASSOWARY 3. WEKA 4. KAKAPO 5. OSTRICH 6. TAKAHE 7. PENGUIN

Sudoku Answers from pg 31 of 3/13

Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★ 2/24

Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★ 2/25

Puzzle C

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 2/27



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Fine Points of the Law

Marc Jaisli, a councilmember in Buchs, Switzerland, was fined \$7,390 after he purchased pink plastic water pistols for his godchildren, the Associated Press reported on March 11. Doing so violated the country's weapons law, prosecutors said. They ruled that even though the pistols were imitations, "they could be confused for real firearms due to their appearance." Jaisli said he hadn't been aware of the violation but paid the fine. *AP, March 11*

Rude

A German soccer match on Feb. 23 was abruptly canceled after an unexpected incident on the field, NationalWorld reported. As the referee was checking players' IDs while they warmed up, the child of one player "came closer and closer to me, then suddenly — to my complete surprise — gave me a sharp bite in my left testicle," said referee Stefan Kahler. "I did not start the game, because of the pain I was in and the situation. It was the child of one of the FC Taxi players who was to blame." FC Taxi II and Rot-Weiss Mulheim III will have their match rescheduled for later in the season. *NationalWorld, Feb. 27*

Smooth Reactions

The Top Secret Comedy Club in London will no longer admit audience members who have undergone Botox injections, United Press International reported on March 10. "I've had numerous complaints from performers who find it increasingly challenging to gauge audience engagement and bounce off their reactions," said owner Mark Rothman. "Comedy thrives on connection, and facial expressions play a huge part. ... Frozen faces from Botox impact the entire atmosphere." Show attendees will be submitted to an expression check at the door. *UPI, March 10*

Saw That Coming

An unnamed man in Memphis, Tennessee, learned a pointed lesson on March 10 when his dog, Oreo, jumped into his bed and got his paw stuck in the trigger guard of the man's loaded gun, FOX13-TV reported. The gun fired a bullet that grazed the man's left thigh, which was treated at a hospital. "The dog is a playful dog, and he likes to jump around and stuff like that, and it just went off," said the man's girlfriend, who was also in the bed. Police filed an accidental injury report. *Fox13, March 10*

Irony

The COP30 climate summit scheduled for November in the Brazilian city of Belem is expected to bring more than 50,000 people to the area. So with the goal of easing traffic to the city, the government is building a new four-lane highway through the protected Amazon rainforest, the BBC reported on March 12. Not only are trees being felled, but the project is paving over wetlands. Claudio Verequete, who once harvested acai berries in the rainforest, said the project has destroyed everything. "Our harvest has already been cut down. We no longer have that income to support our family," he said. "For those of us who live on the side of the highway, there will be no benefits," he said, as the highway will not connect to adjacent communities. *BBC, March 12*

Americans Abroad

Instagram influencer and "outdoor enthusiast" Sam Jones may lose her visa for Australia after she posted a video of her grabbing a wild baby wombat from its distressed mother, the BBC reported. The post on March 11 has since been deleted from her Instagram account. Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese suggested she "take a baby crocodile from its mother and see how you go there." In the video, Jones carries the

hissing and struggling joey to a car, saying, "I caught a baby wombat!" as the mother chases her. She then puts the joey back down beside the road. But wombat experts are unamused. "Snatching a screaming baby wombat from their mother is not just appalling, it's very possibly illegal under state or national laws," said Suzanne Milthorpe of World Animal Protection Australia. *BBC, March 13*

Financial planning

The South China Morning Post reported on March 7 that online shops are selling "bank soil" — dirt dug up outside major Chinese banks that is said to bring wealth and good fortune to buyers. The price can be as high as \$120 per portion. The soil is harvested from potted plants in bank lobbies or green areas outside the buildings. A sales rep claimed, "This soil ... is believed to enhance wealth and dissolve bad energy, though we cannot scientifically prove this." They went on to say the soil is collected at night, while another vendor said their dirt is collected at noon. One commenter asked, "I live next to a bank, so why has my fortune not improved?" *SCMP, March 7*

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