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ALSO ON THE COVER Enjoy the Lebanese food at the Mahrajan Festival of Middle Eastern food and culture in Manchester this weekend (see page 22). In Milford, the Wildflower Festival brings the music (see page 30). And Nashua's Gate City Brewfest offers fun for beer lovers and families (page 22).

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Next season

New Hampshire Fisher Cats fans can start planning for the 2027 season. “The Fisher Cats kick off 2027 on the road before opening the home schedule with a six-game series against the Somerset Patriots (NYY) at Delta Dental Stadium from April 6 through April 11,” according to nhfishercats.com. The team is slated to play at home in Manchester for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and July 4 next year, the website said. Meanwhile, there are still two regular season six-game series left in this season’s lineup of home games. Catch the Fisher Cats at Delta Dental Stadium next Tuesday, Aug. 25, through Sunday, Aug. 30, when the Fisher Cats play the Hartford Yard Goats. On Aug. 25 the team will play as the Manchester Chicken Tenders and on Saturday, Aug. 29, the team will play as the Manchester Coconut Tenders, when the first 500 fans will receive the third of three special Manchester Chicken Tender bobble heads, according to the website, where you can find ticket information. Other special events during this stretch of games include postgame

fireworks on Friday, Aug. 28, and Saturday, Aug. 29, the website said.

Walking tour

Arts Builds Community is offering walking tours to Manchester murals, according to a July press release. “Home to New Hampshire’s largest collection of community murals, Manchester has become an ever-growing outdoor gallery and we’ll show you the stories behind it,” according to artsbuildcommunity.com/art-tour, where you can book a walking, biking or private group tour.

ArtCity

ArtCity Nashua will take place Saturday, Aug. 29, from noon to 8 p.m. and is a “one-day public art and culture festival transforming the Heritage Rail Trail and Tree Streets neighborhood into a vibrant destination for creativity, connection, and community,” according to a press release. “[F]rom Nashua City Hall to Chestnut Street, the Heritage Rail Trail will come alive with 15 new permanent murals, more than 20 muralists, street artists, two

live music stages, local musicians, neighborhood businesses, creative vendors, food trucks, free art classes, dance cyphers, a community salsa hour, interactive art experiences, and an indoor gallery exhibition at 809 Lounge curated by Fallon Andrews of Pillar Gallery,” the release said. See instagram.com/artcityhq.

Alzheimer’s conference

The Alzheimer’s Foundation of America will host an Alzheimer’s & Caregiving Educational Conference in New Hampshire on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bedford Event Center, 379 S. River Road in Bedford, according to a press release. The conference is free to attend; advance registration at alzfdn.org/tour is recommended, the release said. Sessions will include “Finding Alzheimer’s Earlier: New Tests, New Treatments, New Hope,” “Preparing for Caregiving: Resources & Support,” and “Alzheimer’s Disease: Communication Strategies,” the release said. 🌩

The Franco Fest will take place Saturday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kimball Jenkins in **Concord** featuring live music, artisan vendors and more, according to the Franco American Centre’s Facebook page and facnh.com. The musical lineup will include Senie Hunt at 11:15 a.m., Josee Vachon at 1 p.m. and Catfish Howl at 2:30 p.m., according to a Facebook post.

CelebratEd welcomes **Manchester** students back to school with an event on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Victory Park in Manchester offering backpacks and school supplies, haircuts and clothing support, a family resource fair and school registration assistance, according to manchesterproud.org/celebrated.

The Autofair New Hampshire 10 Miler takes place Sunday, Aug. 23, at 8 a.m. with an out-and-back route described as a “flat & fast course along the banks of the picturesque Piscataquog River” in **New Boston**, the website said. This event offers 10-mile, relay and 5K options (5K has an 8:15 a.m. start time), according to the website, which lists Girls on the Run New Hampshire as the official charity.

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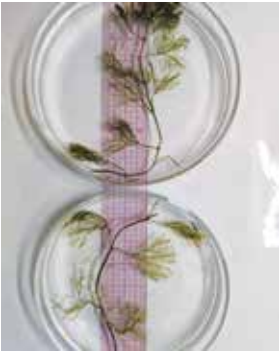
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Fanwort. Courtesy NH LAKES.

Not here, fanwort - not today!

According to an Aug. 17 press release by NH LAKES, “a vigilant Lake Host recently prevented fanwort, an invasive aquatic plant, from entering Newfound Lake, one of New Hampshire’s most pristine lakes.” After identifying fanwort among some plants tangled in his boat’s propeller, NH LAKES Lake host Aidan Nolan removed it, and reported it to the Newfound Lake Region Association. As a result, the invasive fanwort was stopped before it could establish itself.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *In the same press release, NH LAKES highlighted the danger of fanwort. “This invasive, aquatic species can spread rapidly, crowd out native plants, disrupt habitat, interfere with boating and swimming, reduce shoreline property values, and negatively impact local tourism.” Visit nhlakes.org/invasive-species-prevention.*

Gone and no longer forgotten

As reported online on Aug. 17, by the Concord Monitor and New Hampshire Public Radio, a new historical marker was unveiled in Concord on Sunday, Aug. 16, honoring William Penn Thompson, a pioneer of Black baseball in the United States. Erected by the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, the marker, which overlooks White Park, celebrates Thompson’s life and career. Thompson was born in Virginia but moved to Concord sometime before 1891. “Thompson led an impressive career as a ballplayer, playing for the Cuban Colored Giants and the Philadelphia Colored Giants in the Negro Leagues,” the Monitor/NHPR story reported, at a time of strict segregation between Black and white teams and players. “This new addition is the first Black Heritage Trail marker in the city,” the article reported.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *Thompson’s marker reads, in part, “Although discrimination denied him the opportunity to compete in the major leagues, Thompson’s extraordinary talent, perseverance, and showmanship left an enduring mark on the game. His contributions to baseball history secured his legacy as a pioneering athlete and one of New Hampshire’s most notable Black sports figures.” Visit blackheritagetrailnh.org/nh-black-history-marker-sites.*

Traffic lights smarter than most of us

“The City of Manchester installed new technology to adjust traffic signals in real time at 22 busy intersections,” reported WMUR in an Aug. 13 online article. “The white, dome-shaped cameras use sensors and artificial intelligence to detect vehicles and pedestrians. The system then alters traffic signal timing to help traffic move as efficiently as possible.”

QOL score: +1, optimistically

Comment: *“The project was funded through a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation, or SMART, Grants Program,” the WMUR article reported. “The Queen City was one of 34 Stage 1 SMART Grant recipients from 21 states to receive a collective total of \$50 million.” View a map of the locations of the new traffic lights at infogram.com/untitled-1hmr6g83nvrz2n.*

QOL score last week: 56

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QOL this week: 59

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SPORTS DAVE LONG'S LONGSHOTS

Up and down week for Sox



The Big Story – Red Sox Struggles: After winning 24 of 27 they came back to Earth last week as they lost five straight games and three straight series to sub-.500 teams Oakland, Toronto and Pittsburgh. They start the week at 66-58, five up on Baltimore in the WC race and 8.5 behind Tampa Bay in the AL East.

Sports 101: Cardinals rookie **Joshua Baez** astonishingly became the first rookie ever to hit three homers in his first three MLB at-bats Saturday. But it's still a long way to tie the three who hit three homers in a game a MLB-record six times. Name those three.

News Item – Red Sox Updates:

- **Who's Hot – Willyer Abreu:** He hit .365 with six homers in August's first 13 games.
- **Sonny Gray:** Got his career high 15th win in Saturday's 4-0 win over Pittsburgh and the 2.65 ERA would be a career best too.
- **Payton Tolle:** The Sox won each of his last seven starts. And in winning four of them he moved to 8-6 overall with a 2.97 ERA.
- **Caleb Durbin:** After hitting his second to seal Saturday's 4-0 win he's the team grand slam leader with two.

News Item – Basketball Hall of Fame: Interesting in a WNBA season providing regular lunacy its players dominated Saturday's Hall of Fame inductions, as in **Chamique Holdsclaw, Candace Parker** and **Elena Delle Donne** there were three WNBA'ers going in to just one NBA'er, **Amar'e Stoudemire**.

The Numbers

2.5 – billion dollars made by L.A. Dodgers owner **Mark Walter** in just 14 months after flipping the L.A. Lakers to venture capitalist **Josh Kushner** and ex-Disney boss **Bob Iger** for \$12.5 million after paying the Buss family \$10 million for them last June.

9 & 12 – times ex-Celtic **Dennis Schroder** has been traded and teams he will have played for when he suits up for Charlotte in 2026-27 after being traded there Friday. Both are second most in league history.

14 – 2026 shutouts for the Red Sox after the **Sonny Gray**-led 4-0 win over Pittsburgh Saturday.

... Of The Week:

Thumbs Down – Jayden Daniels: Can't tell who is greedier these days, the schools or the players. But while LSU football epitomizes the cesspool of avarice and greed college football has become, the latest You've Got To Be Kidding Me moment came from their 2024 Heisman winner demanding LSU never give the number 5 he wore there to another player because it "profoundly disrespected" him.

Sorry, pal, LSU owned that number you

had the privilege to play in long before you were thought of in any way. It's theirs, not yours!

Where do they find these people?

RIP – Don Nelson: The great long time NBA coach died last week at 86. But his number 19 is in the rafters for being a valuable role player on five Celtics championship-winning teams. RIP.

Alumni News – Eduardo Rodriguez: Anyone else notice the ex-Sox lefty is having a nice year in Arizona, where he's 12-4 with a 2.71 ERA?

Sports 101 Answer: The players who hit three homers in a game six times are **Johnny Mize, Sammy Sosa** and **Mookie Betts**.

Final Thought –WBNA Chaos Happens Daily: It has craved the attention now coming its way for its entire 30-year existence. But after finally getting it, the league now appears to be crumbling under that weight.

From the worst/most clueless commissioner in sports history, **Cathy Engelbert**, to daily petty jealousy and rough treatment during games with jealousy target **Caitlin Clark** by established players who feel slighted by the buzz/attention she brought to their league that they couldn't, to the worst officiating I've seen in any sport I've ever watched by far — the league is, as **Colin Cowherd** said last week, more like a reality show than a league.

And now they've let the idiot divisive culture warriors from Fox News and elsewhere into the fray. First by letting race drive a lot of the animosity nonsense with things like dim-witted Chicago guard **DiJonai Carrington** tweeting "white privilege" after justifiably being kicked out of a game for giving CC's teammate **Sophie Cunningham** a mid-air cheap shot. Followed by Cunningham giving an answer to a question about trans athletes competing in the WNBA that guaranteed major pushback no matter which side she came down on.

Now they have two ex-NBA nitwits, **Enes Kanter Freedom** and **Royce White**, threatening to apply for their draft.

Who are they? Well, the former Celtic was under threat of jail in Turkey for speaking out against the Turkish government, and the latter is a wannabe tough guy/fledgling politician looking for headlines who was so tough he quit the NBA because he was afraid to fly.

But all of that aside, with the WNBA having their highest TV ratings and largest league-wide attendance numbers, and just getting its biggest TV contract ever, which has made everyone more money, here's the question:

Is all this lunacy actually helping the league much more than it's hurting it?

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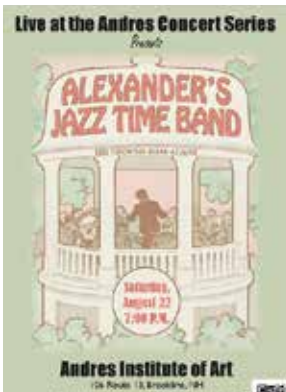
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THIS WEEK

BIG EVENTS AUGUST 20 AND BEYOND

Saturday, Aug. 22

Andres Institute of Art, 106 Route 13 in Brookline, will host a **Vintage Pop-Up Mini-Market** today from noon to 7 p.m. featuring 10 curated booths indoors (and air conditioned, organizers stress), according



to a press release. Admission to the market is free, the release said. The market takes place before the 1920s jazz concert by **Alexander's Jazz Time Band** at 7 p.m. at Andres; see andresinstitute.org for tickets to the concert.

Friday, Aug. 21

Live Free and Take Five, a documentary about community theater featuring two New Hampshire companies, will screen today at 7:30 p.m. at the Arts Academy of New Hampshire in Salem followed by a talk back with the director, according to cztheatre.com, where you can purchase tickets.

Friday, Aug. 21

Revising Creedence — “the only band whose members were personally selected by the original CCR members

to perform CCR music with them” — will perform tonight at 8 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall in Derry, according to tupelomusichall.com, where you can purchase tickets.

Saturday, Aug. 22

Pembroke and Allenstown's Old Home Day returns today with homemade crafts, merchants, information booths and vendors in Memorial Park from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; a parade at 10 a.m., and fireworks at dusk, according to pembrokeallenstownoldhomeday.com.

org, where you can find a rundown of participating food concessions, crafters and other vendors and the line-up of live entertainment on two stages.

Saturday, Aug. 22

Candia Old Home Day takes place today starting at 11 a.m. with a parade on High Street Hill, passing Moore Park and concluding at Moore School, according to candiaoldhomeday.com. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. head to Moore Park for crafters and artisans, face painting, community organizations, cotton candy, family games, music, raffles and more, the website said. The Candia Historical Society will also open School House No. 1 during those hours for tours, the website said.

Saturday, Aug. 22

Dog Friendly NH will host **Bark in the Park: Wag Around the World Festival** today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rollins Park in Concord, according to a post on the Dog Friendly NH Facebook page. “Come wander through country and region themed

areas, [and] enjoy international food trucks, live music, vendors, and a park full of fun and discovery” according to the post, which said the event would also feature a Kids Zone, shopping and more. The event is open to dogs who are “vaccinated, healthy, well-behaved with people and dogs, and comfortable on a leash,” the post said.

Saturday, Aug. 22

The **NH Irish Festival** takes place at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, this evening from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and will feature Screaming Orphans, The Spain Brothers, The Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio and Rory Makem, according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.

Saturday, Aug. 22

The **GenX Take-over Comedy**

Tour comes to the Capitol Center for the Arts' Chubb Theatre in Concord tonight at 8 p.m. featuring The Real Slim Sherri, Kelly Manno, Dadbod Veteran (Jon Wellington), The Professor Nick Harrison and Justin Ruppel, host and emcee, according to ccanh.com, where you can purchase tickets. 🗨️



Save the Date! Saturday,

Sept. 26

The **Jonas Brothers** will perform on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the SNHU Arena in Manchester as part of The Burning Up Tour All Over Again, according to snhuarena.com, where you can purchase tickets. See jonasbrothers.com.



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A new school year means a new chance for after-school adventure.

Here are some area sports, art classes, theater programs, music lessons and more to get kids excited about the new school year. Information comes from the organizations' websites and social media; call or go online for specifics on cost and other details. Know of an after-school activity not listed here? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com.

GENERAL INTEREST

- **Beaver Brook Association** (117 Ridge Road, Hollis, 465-7787, beaverbrook.org) offers two-, three- and five-day preschool options for kids ages 3 to 5 starting Sept. 7 as well as home-school programs for ages 7 through 17 starting Sept. 7. There is also an after-school adventure club for grades K-3 Tuesdays, Wednesday and Friday, according to the website.

- **Boys & Girls Club of Central and Northern New Hampshire** (The Bradley Street Clubhouse is at 55 Bradley St. in Concord, 224-1061; this club has other locations in Andover, Berlin, Belmont, Lisbon, Laconia, Holderness, Epsom, Hopkinton, Pittsfield, Warner, Weare, Allenstown and Bradford and operates in some Concord schools; nhyouth.org) has early learning centers for infants through pre-K at nine locations. It offers before- and after-school programs for grades K-8 (grouped by age) as well as drop-in after-school programming for high schoolers at its clubhouses in Concord, Laconia and Suncook, according to the website

- **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry** (40 E. Derry Road, Derry, 434-6695, derrybgclub.org) offers after-school programming as well as arts, health, education, leadership and sports programs, including basketball, karate and wrestling (for pre-K through eighth grade), according to the website.

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Manchester** (555 Union St., Manchester, 625-5982, mbgcnh.org) offers morning and after-school programs at its Union Street Club House for grades K-12 (morning program at the club house is for grades K-8; both programs grouped by age) as well as after-school programs at Manchester's Highland-Goffes Falls School and Jewett Street School (grades K-4) and at the Jordan Singer Youth Enrichment Center on Manchester's West Side serving Gossler Park, Northwest and Parker-Varney schools (grades K-4), according to the website.

- **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua** (1 Positive Place, Nashua, 883-0523, bgcn.com) offers before-school programming for grades K-6 as well as after-school programming for grades

K-2. The Clubhouse program is open for after-school programming for grades 3-5 with the Stahl Teen Center for grades 6-12. The Greater Nashua club also offers early learning day care for infants through pre-K. It also offers arts programming and athletics including teen co-ed volleyball, basketball, Pride swim team, co-ed indoor soccer (ages 12 and under) and Pride wrestling (grades K-8), the website said.

- **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem** (3 Geremonty Drive, Salem, 988-7709, salembgc.org) offers after-school programming for grades 1-5 from 3 to 7 p.m. and for grades 6-12 from 2:10 to 7 p.m. The club also offers a preschool for kids "3.9-5 years of age," according to the website. The club also offers travel basketball for grades 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 and ages 18 and other (with tryouts in October or November); pee-wee basketball (ages 5 to 9); volleyball for grades 3-5, middle school and high school; wrestling (grades K-5), and a sports club for grades K-1, the website said.

- **Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley** (56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, 672-1002, svbgc.org) offers after-school programs for kids in grades 1-12 (for students from Milford, Amherst, Wilton and Mont Vernon), with before-school programming only for Milford students in grades K-5, according to the website. The club also offers arts, STEAM, theater, dance and karate and teen programs related to service, leadership and life skills, the website said.

- **Concord Parks & Recreation** (concord-nh.gov/1984/Parks-Recreation) offers fall programming (most starting in September) for preschoolers (toddler open gym at the City Wide Community Center and nature programming such as Concord Tiny Explorers Nature Program at Batchelder Mill Trail on Sept. 9 and a Mushroom Hunt in White Park on Sept. 12); tap & ballet for ages 2-6; yoga for ages 3-5; art and baking programs for ages 8-12, 10-15 and 12-17; flag football for ages 6 to 14; rec soccer for preschool-6th grade (grouped by age), and archery for ages 7 and up, according to the website, where you can find the program to register.

- **The Culinary Playground** (16 Manning St., Suite 105, Derry, 339-1664, culinaryplaygroundnh.com) offers one-hour cooking classes for "mini chefs" (ages 3 to 6) as well as classes for ages 6 through teens including 90-minute weekly classes and two-hour one-time classes, according to the website.

- **Franco-American Centre** (100 Saint Anselm Drive, No. 1798, Manchester, 641-7114, facnh.com) offers French classes for kids ages 6 through 11, with the next session of classes running Mondays, Oct. 5 through Dec. 7, the website said. Private and semi-private French classes are also available for elementary and high school age students, the website said.

- **Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains** (1 Commerce Drive, Bedford, 888-474-9686, girlscoutsgwm.org) offers programs for girls in kindergarten through grade 12, focused on leadership-building, community engagement, STEM and nature. Visit their website or call to learn how to join a local troop or join as a solo Girl Scout. Troops set their own start dates, meeting days and times, and meeting locations. Information events about Girl Scouts are usually held at the beginning of the school year and throughout the year. The Girl Scouts will hold their biannual expo on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the New Hampshire Sportsplex in Bedford, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring a variety of exhibits, many STEAM-related, and learn more about Girl Scouts; see the website for tickets, which cost \$10 per person.

- **Girls Inc. of New Hampshire** (340 Varney St., Manchester, 623-1117; 27 Burke St., Nashua, 882-6256, girlsincnh.org) offers after-school programming in Manchester and Nashua, with members arriving at centers via buses and the program open until 6 p.m., according to the website. The girls get snacks, homework time and structured programs, the website said.

- **Granite YMCA** (30 Mechanic St., Manchester, 623-3558; 116 Goffstown Back Road, Goffstown, 497-4663; 206 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 437-9622; 15 N. State St., Concord, 228-9622; 35 Industrial Way, Rochester, 332-7334; 550 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, 431-2334; 35 Bartlett Ave., Somersworth, 692-2081; graniteymca.org) offers before- and after-school programming (including at off-site locations) as well as Early Learning Centers, depending on the location. Manchester, Goffstown and Concord are among the locations that offer swimming lessons for kids as young as 6 months. Goffstown and Concord also have swim teams — the Sailfish Swim Team in Concord (for ages 5 to 18 years) and the Tiger Sharks Swim Team in Goffstown (also starting at age 5), the website said. The YMCA locations also offer a variety of athletic classes for kids, depending on the location as well as STEM programs and adaptive programs, according to the brochure. The Goffstown YMCA offers classes and programs in gymnastics and ninja (including competitive gymnastics teams), indoor tennis for ages 4 to 17, climbing and martial arts, according to the website. Some locations also offer teen nights and other family programming. Brochures for the fall sessions are available on the website.

- **Hampshire Hills Athletic Club** (50 Emerson Road, Milford, 673-7123, hampshirehills.com) offers kids swim lessons as well as swim team prep for ages 6 to 14. Tennis programs are offered for kids as young as 3. FAST: Fun After School Times runs Monday through Friday, 3 to 5:30 p.m. (with transportation options), with two- to five-day options for grades K-5, according to the website.

- **Hooksett's Best After School & Camp** (1271 Hooksett Road, Hooksett; 660-7472, hooksettsbest.com/after-school) offers before- and after-school programs for grades K-5 featuring martial arts and dance, transportation to and from school and more, according to the website.

The program opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, the website said.

- **Krazy Kids** (60 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, 228-PLAY, krazykids.com) offers an after-school program for grades K-5 with transportation from Pembroke Hill and Three River Schools, according to the website. There are three-, four- and five-day options with activities including arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor playground time, STEM projects and more, the website said.

- **Kumon of Bedford** (Woodbury Court, 128 S. River Road in Bedford; 370-3779, kumon.com) offers reading and math programs, according to the website.

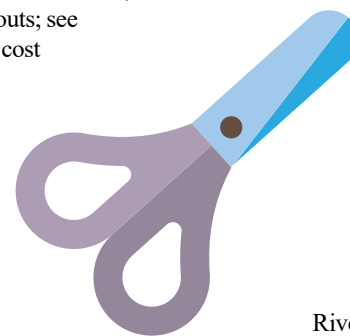
- **Kumon of Nashua** (505 W. Hollis St., Nashua, 897-6194, kumon.com) offers reading and math programs, according to the website.

- **Manchester Police Athletic League** (409 Beech St., Manchester, 626-0211, manchesterpoliceathleticleague.org) offers adventure club (for grades K-2), aikido, cooking, indoor soccer, boxing, Girl Scouts, skateboarding, dodgeball, and leadership programs, according to the website (where you can find age specifics for each program). The fall schedule begins Sept. 3, the website said.

- **Mathnasium** (257 DW Highway, Nashua, 242-2004; 1 Bicentennial Drive, Manchester, 644-1234; mathnasium.com) offers math sessions for kids in grades K-12 as well as early childhood tutoring for ages 4 to 6, the website said.

- **Naticook After School** (merrimackpark-sandrec.org) offered at the Function Hall in Wasserman Park in Merrimack for one to five days a week, 2:45 to 6 p.m., for grades K-6 with bus transportation from Masticola Elementary School, Thornton's Ferry Elementary School, Reeds Ferry Elementary School and James Masticola Upper Elementary School, the website said.

- **Nashua Police Athletic League** (52 Ash St.,



Nashua, 594-3733, nashuapal.com) offers after-school programming for ages 7 to 18 as well as summer and athletic programs, according to the website.

• **New Morning School** (23 Back River Road, Bedford, 669-3591, newmorningschools.com) offers after-school programs at schools in Bedford, Candia and Dunbarton, and before- and after-school programs at schools in Auburn, Hooksett, Manchester and Weare (a before-school-only program is available in Milford), the website said. Imagine is an on-site after-school program at New Morning's Bedford location offering "choice-based experiences in gym, art, outdoors, academics, and literacy" for grades K-6, the website said, with transportation from Bedford elementary schools. New Morning School also offers a preschool (with a morning and a full-day option) and a full-day kindergarten, the website said.

• **Scouting America New Hampshire** (625-6431, nhscouting.org) is the center of information for Scouting America (formerly the Boy Scouts). Contact them for information about joining a local Pack. Packs and Dens set their own start dates, meeting days and times and meeting locations. Many Packs hold fall activities where potential new members can learn more about Scouting.

• **The Virtual Learning Academy Charter School** (vlacs.org) offers full- and part-time school options for students in elementary through high school, including offering students enrolled in a local school the opportunity to take classes not available in their school or accelerated classes.

• **YMCA of Greater Nashua** (24 Stadium Drive, Nashua, 882-2011; 6 Henry Clay Drive, Merrimack, 881-7778, nmymca.org) offers before-school (at Amherst Middle School and the Merrimack YMCA) care as well as after-school programming at schools in Amherst and Mont Vernon as well as at the Nashua and Merrimack YMCAs. The YMCA also offers swim lessons and swim team, dance, ninja, preschool sports, basketball, archery, soccer, flag football, tennis, volleyball, gymnastics and martial arts, according to the website. The Y also offers teen sports programs and leagues, the website said. The YMCA also offers full-day child care and early education for ages 6 weeks to kindergarten at its Merrimack facility as well as a three-hour kindergarten readiness program for ages 3 to 5 in Nashua.

ARTS

• **Creative Ventures Gallery** (411 Nashua St., Milford, 672-2500, creativeventuresfineart.com) offers classes and workshops including sessions for adults and sessions geared to kids.

• **Currier Museum of Art** (150 Ash St. in Manchester, currier.org) will have a "new, drop-in workshop series for families that offers low-cost, supportive artmaking. It is called A Day to Play: Family Workshop," according to an email from the museum. The first one is "A Day to Play: Family Workshop" on Saturday, Oct. 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; "Make masks inspired by the exhibition Florentine Baroque. \$15 for adults/\$5

for kids. For ages six and up; Kids must be accompanied by an adult," the email said.

• **Express It Art!** (140 Melendy Road, Hudson, 438-7885, expressitarts.com) offers an after-school program for ages 7 and up, 2:30 to 6 p.m., according to the website. Express It Art also has Youth Open Art sessions for ages 7 and up and art classes (see the calendar for ages and themes), the website said.

• **Hollis Artspace** (30 Ash St., Hollis, 465-4300, hollisartspace.com) offers fall sessions "with classes beginning in mid-September for pre-K, homeschool, afterschool, tweens, and teens," according to the website. Classes begin Sept. 14, the website said.

• **Kimball Jenkins School of Art** (266 N. Main St., Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com) offers youth and teen classes (ages 2 to 7 and 6 to 17, grouped by ages) on a variety of subjects and media in two fall sessions — Sept. 14 to Oct. 17 and Oct. 19 to Nov. 21, the website said. There will be an open house on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to the website, where you can register (the deadline for the first fall session is Aug. 31). A weekly class for grades 5 to 8 called Art Lab is also slated to return for fall, see the website for details.

• **Let's Play Music!** (145 Hampstead Road, Derry, 425-7575, letsplaymusic.com) offers art classes (grouped by age) for kids ages 6 to 12 as well as classes for teens and adults. Classes have open enrollment for students to join any time there are openings in a class.

• **Paint pARTy** (135 N. Broadway, Salem, 898- 8800, paintpartynh.com) offers classes for kids (grouped by age) in grade 1 through high school (as well as adults).

• **Studio 550 Art Center** (550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com) offers after-school class sessions of eight to 10 weeks in the fall, winter and spring, with fall classes starting the week of Sept. 28, according to the website, where you can check for updates on available classes. The center also offers one-day workshops and family workshops.

DANCE

• **Allegro Dance Academy** (100 Factory St., Nashua, 886-7989, allegrodancenh.com) offers preschool dance classes (for ages 18 months to 6 years); recreational dance classes (for ages 6 to 18); and competitive and company teams, according to the website. Fall registration is open now, the website said.

• **Ameri-kids Baton & Dance** (Candia Youth Athletic Association, 27 Raymond Road, Candia, 391-2254, ameri-kids.com) has offerings including competition teams, acro, baton & dance and dance technique, according to the website.

• **Bedford Dance Center** (172 Route 101, Bedford, 472-5141, bedforddancecenter.com) offers classes for all ages (starting with a preschool ballet program for ages 3 to 5.5) and levels in ballet, jazz, modern, contemporary, tap, hip-hop and acro as well as an ensemble company, according to the website. Classes for the 2026-



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2027 season begin Sept. 8, the website said.

- **Bedford Youth Performing Company** (155 Route 101, Bedford, 472-3894, bypc.org) offers preschool ballet for ages 2 and up as well as ballet classes for ages 5 through teens, grouped by age. The school also offers lyrical, jazz (ages 5 to teen), tap (ages 5 to teen) and acro (starting at age 4). Classes begin the week of Aug. 31.

- **Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center** (501 DW Highway, Merrimack, 429-8844, broadwayboundpac.com) offers classes in ballet, hip-hop, jazz, lyrical, tap and tumbling and it has special needs, competition and performing company classes. Kidz Kombo classes have offerings for kids age 2 to kindergarten, according to the website. Classes begin Sept. 14, the website said.

- **Concord Dance Academy** (26 Commercial St., Concord, 226-0200, concorddanceacademy.com) offers a competition program for ages 5 to 18 as well as recreational classes grouped by age in tap, acro, jazz, karate, ballet, lyrical, hip-hop and Herchun Karate Kung Fu as well as contemporary (ages 13+) and pointe (age 13+, by invitation). Combo classes in ballet, tap, jazz and tumbling are available for ages 2 to 4 and ages 5 to 7 (for whom there are also karate classes). Classes start Sept. 21, the website said.

- **Creative Dance Workshop of Bow** (1355 Route 3A, Bow, 225-7711, nhdances.com) offers classes and teams in cheer. For dance the studio offers competition teams for ages 5 to 7, ages 8 to 12 and ages 13 to 18, the website said. Classes are offered for younger kids (starting with Tiny Dancers for ages 18 months to 3 years) up to age 6 with combo classes for ages 5 to 7 and 6 to 9, the website said. Classes for school age kids include ballet (plus pre-pointe and pointe), tap, jazz, musical theater, acro for dancers and tumbling, lyrical/contemporary and hip-hop, according to the website.

- **The Dance Company** (130 Route 101A, Amherst, 864-8374, thedancecompanyonline.com) offers classes in ballet, tap, lyrical, contemporary, acro, jazz and hip-hop, grouped by age, starting at age 2, as well as performance teams and Cirque Fusion (for ages 6-9 and 10-13), the website said. The school also offers adult, home school and adaptive classes, the website said. Classes begin Sept. 21.

- **Dance Connection Fitness & Performing Arts** (8 Rockingham Road, Windham, 893-4919, danceconnectionnh.com) will start fall classes Sept. 14. The studio offers classes (depending on age) in ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop and cheerdance, as well as combo classes for ages 2.5 (ballet/tap) through teen. Gymnastics classes with varying genre focuses are offered for ages 3 through 12. The studio offers all-boys tap (ages 5 to 9) and hip-hop (ages 5 to 9 and 8 to 12, grouped by age) as well as hip-hop classes for boys and girls (ages 8 to 17). There are also company classes, which meet several times a week, grouped by level, and compete and perform, the website said.

- **Dance Visions Network** (699 Mast Road, Manchester, 626-7654, dancevisionsnetwork.com) begins its school-year classes Sept. 14. The studio offers tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, contemporary, hip-hop (for ages 8+) and tumbling, for

ages 2.5 through adult, as well as a competition team, the website said.

- **The Dancing Corner** (23 Main St., Nashua, 889-7658, dancingcorner.com) offers classes for kids as young as 3 years old (predance classes, which are available for ages 3 to 6, grouped by age). Classes for older kids include ballet and pointe, jazz, tap, hip-hop, lyrical and musical theater, as well as movement and fitness-based classes, the website said.

- **Dimensions in Dance** (84 Myrtle St., Manchester, 668-4196, dimensionsindance.com) offers Twirling Twos and Pre Ballet classes as well as classes (grouped by age and level) in acro-jazz, ballet, contemporary, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical, modern, pointe, tap and more, according to the website.

- **Happy Feet Dance School** (25 Indian Rock Road, Windham, 434-4437, happyfeetdanceschool.biz) classes for ages 6 and up (grouped by age and skill level) include ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, contemporary and more. Classes for ages 2 to 5 include Tiny Tots, Creative Dance and Kinder Kids classes. Fancy Feet Performing Company offers the Fancy Feet Program for ages 6+ and the Fearless Feet Dance Company for ages 8+, the website said.

- **Kathy Blake Dance Studios** (3 Northern Blvd., Amherst, 673-3978, kathy-blakedancestudios.com) offers preschool classes for ages walking to 5 (including ballet, tap and AcroDance) and performing arts classes for ages 5 to 18 that include AcroDance, ballet, jazz, musical theater jazz, hip-hop, lyrical/ contemporary, tap and tap/ballet and tap/jazz combos. There are also Rhythm Works Integrative Dance for ages 3 through teen, and competitive dance teams for ages 4 to 18, the website said.

- **Londonderry Dance Academy** (21 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 432-0032, londonderrydance.com) offers classes, grouped by age and level, in ballet (to students as young as 2 through teen), pointe, pre-K and kindergarten dance classes, tap and jazz (ages 5.5 and up), contemporary (ages 6 to teen), Triple Threat Prep (ages 8 to 17), hip-hop (ages 6+) and acro (ages 7+), the website said.

- **Martin School of Dance** (288 Route 101, Bedford, 488-2371, martinschoolofdance.com) offers programming for ages 18 months to 6 years in tap, ballet and tumbling, and for ages 5 to 8 in ballet, jazz, hip-hop, tap and acro. Programs for dancers aged 7+ include Commercial Division featuring classes in contemporary, jazz, tap, hip-hop and acro, and Academy Division, which focuses on ballet, the website said.

- **Melissa Hoffman Dance Center** (210 Robinson Road, Hudson, 886-7909, mhdc-dance.com) offers toddler classes (for ages baby through 6 years old); recreational dance classes in ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, tumble, lyric and modern; competitive dance classes, and Broadway Dance classes (ages 4 to 7 and 7.5 to 11), the website said.

- **Miss Kelsey's Dance Studio** (2626 Brown Ave., Manchester, 606-2820, mkdance.com) offers acro, ballet, breakdance workshops and camps (ages 6+), lyrical/contemporary, hip-hop,

jazz, musical theater and tap with preschool classes in movement and pre-dance combo classes (for ages 1.5 to 6 years old, grouped by age), the website said. Find a link to Fall 2026 offerings via the studio's Facebook page.

- **Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios**

(49 Range Road, Building 2, Suite A, Windham, 458-7730, chippswindham.com) offers recreational (ages 3 to 18) and competitive (ages 8 to 18) dance classes as well as a Babysteps program for ages 1 to 4, all grouped by age and level, the website said. Recreational classes include combos of ballet, jazz, tap and hip-hop.

- **New England School of Dance** (679 Mast Road, Manchester, 935-7326, newenglandschoolofdance.com) offers preschool classes (ages 3-4); classes in ballet, jazz/tap/tumble and performing company for ages 5-6; ballet, modern/contemporary, hip-hop, tap, jazz, conditioning and acro and performing company for ages 7 to 10; pre-intermediate level classes; intermediate level for ages 10 to 13 (where pointe is also offered) and advanced for 13+, according to the website, where you can find more details about the competitive performing company.

- **New Hampshire Academie of Dance** (1 Action Blvd., No. 4, Londonderry, 432-4041, nhadance.com) offers classes for kids as young as 12 months through 16+. Classes grouped by age and level include ballet, tap, hip-hop, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, acro and aerial (offerings vary based on age) as well as competitive dance, according to the school's 2026-2027 brochure, which you can find on its website.

- **New Hampshire School of Ballet** (183 Londonderry Tpke., Hooksett, 668-5330, nhschoolofballet.com) offers classes in "Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Acro, Hip-Hop, Lyrical, Modern and Acro" for "recreational and career oriented students," according to the school's Facebook page.

- **NH Scot** (nhscot.org) offers Highland Dance classes Mondays at 25 Triangle Park Drive in Concord. The next eight-week session begins Sept. 14 with a beginner and new students class (for ages 5 to 16) from 4:15 to 5 p.m.; a 16+ class 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., and competitive youth from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m., the website said.

- **N-Step Dance** (1134 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 642-6787, nstepdance.com) offers classes for ages 18 months and up, as well as adult classes. Subjects include ballet and pointe, contemporary, jazz, hip-hop and lyrical, according to the website. Classes start Sept. 8.

- **Palace Theatres Dance Studio** (most classes at Forever Emma Studios, 516 Pine St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) will begin its fall session, which runs through early November with a Nov. 8 showcase, with classes starting as early as Aug. 30, according to the website. Youth offerings include hip-hop levels 1-3 (grades 4-12), contemporary (grades 4-12) levels 1-3,

intro to dance (ages 3 to 5 years), Dance Technique levels 1-4 (grades 6-12), Getting to Know Dance Theater (grades 1-2 and grades 3-5), Jazz 1-3 (grades 6-12) and Tap 1-3 (grades 6-12), according to the website, where you can register.

- **Rise Dance Studio** (125 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, 402-2706, risedancenh.com) offers classes in pre-dance, ballet, jazz, contemporary, modern and hip-hop, according to the website.

- **Scottish Arts** (nhssa.org/dance) offers Highland Dance classes for kids ages 4 to 7 and then 7+. See the website for updates.

- **Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater** (19 Harvey Road, Bedford, 637-4398, snhdt.org) offers programs for preschool (18 months to 6 years old), youth (7 to 18 years old) and pre-professional (ages 10 to 18). Dance taught includes ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, modern and contemporary, the website said.

An open house will be held for all ages on Wednesday, Aug. 26, and Saturday, Aug. 29, according to the website, where you can see the schedule of classes.

- **Turning Pointe Center of Dance** (371 Pembroke St., Pembroke, 485-8710, turningpointecenterofdance.com) offers classes, grouped by age and level, including ballet, jazz, pointe (by invitation), tap, lyrical, hip-hop and combo classes, according to the website.

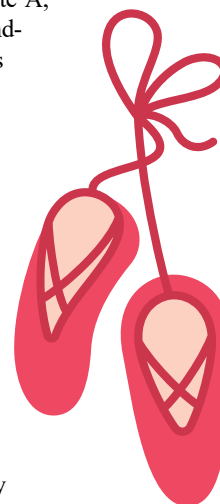
- **Unbound Dance Academy** (237 Londonderry Tpke., Hooksett, 714-2821, unbounddanceacademy.com) offers Creative Movement (18 months to 3 years), Tumble Tots (ages 2 to 3 years), Pre Dance I (ages 3 to 4, with ballet and tap), and Pre Dance II (ages 4 to 6, with ballet and tap), according to the website. For older students, classes include ballet, pointe, jazz, lyrical, modern/contemporary, tap, hip-hop, musical theater and acro, the website said. The school will hold an open house with tryout classes for ages 3 to 12 on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to its Facebook page, where you can find the schedule of classes.

GYMNASTICS

- **A2 Gym & Cheer** (16B Garabedian Drive, Salem, 328-8130, a2gc.com) offers gymnastics and tumbling classes for kids ages 18 months through high school, competitive cheer, ballet & jazz dance, tumbling, Tumble Titans: Boys and competitive gymnastics programs as well as open gym opportunities, the website said.

- **Core Gymnastics** (185 Elm St., Milford, 554-1097, core-gymnastics.com) offers pre-school and elementary school recreational gymnastics, a gymnastics team, Hot Shots (an invite-only class for ages 3 to 6) and USAG programs, the website said.

- **Flipz the Gym for Kids** (Flipz Gymnastics, 14 Chenell Drive, Concord, 224-3223, flipzgymnastics.com) offers gymnastics-based fitness classes for ages 12 months to 7 years, as



well as open gym and special events, according to the website.

• **Gymnastics Village** (13 Caldwell Drive, Amherst, 889-8092, gymnasticsvillage.com) offers preschool programs (18 months to 3 years old), after-school programs for ages 5 and up, ninja classes for ages 6 to 14, tumbling, recreational classes and girls' and boys' competitive gymnastics teams, the website said.

• **Gym-Ken Gymnastics** (184 Rockingham Road, Windham, 434-9060, gymkengymnastics.com) offers preschool classes (for kids who are walking through kindergarten), recreational classes for grades 1-8 (including a boys' class for grades 1-3), parkour for grades 1 and above, tumbling classes for grades 1 and above and a girls' competitive team, the website said.

• **Impact Gymnastics** (301 River Road, Bow, 219-0343, impact-gymnastics.com) begins its classes Aug. 31, with registration open now. Offerings include coed preschool programs (for kids who are walking through age 5), girls' recreational gymnastics (with classes for ages 5 to 8 and 8+), a Girls Stars program (which starts at age 4), boys' programs starting at age 5, coed home-school programs and coed special athletics programs, the website said.

• **Noha's Gymnastics Academy** (200 Perimeter Road, Manchester, 518-7660; 30 Pond St., Nashua, 880-4927; ngacademy.us) offers recreational teams for walking through grade 8, as well as invitational classes for students preparing to be on a competitive team, the website said.

• **Palaestra Gymnastics Academy** (8

Tinkham Ave., Derry, 818-4494, pgagym.com) begins its fall session on Aug. 31 for preschool gymnastics and recreational gymnastics and tumble, the website said. The academy also has a "USAG competitive teams levels 3 through 10," the website said.

• **Phantom Gymnastics** (142 Route 111, Hampstead, 329-9315, phantomgymnastics.com) has a competitive team, parkour (grouped by age for ages 4 to 13+), preschool classes (for ages 6 months through 4 years) and classes for ages 5+ as well as open gym opportunities, the website said. The school also offers CPR classes.

• **Southern New Hampshire Gymnastics Academy** (4 Orchard View Drive, No. 11, Londonderry, 404-6181, snhga.com) offers gymnastics classes for ages 18 months through 18 years and has a tumbling program and a competitive team, the website said. Fall registration is open.

• **Spectrum Gymnastics** (26 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-8388, spectrumgymnast.com) offers preschool classes for walkers through kindergarten and school-age classes for girls and boys (grades 1-5 for boys, according to the website) as well as a competitive team, according to the website.

MARTIAL ARTS

Note: most of the locations mentioned here offer classes and training for adults, sometimes in disciplines not offered for kids.

• **American Dragon Shaolin Kempo** (146 Londonderry Turnpike, Unit 11, Hooksett, 629-

9118, americandragonnh.com) offers classes for juniors, teens and adults, the website said.

• **Aqueous Brazilian Jiu Jitsu** (30 Harvey Road, Bedford, 566-7775, aqueousbjj.com) offers a Little Warriors program for kids.

• **ATA Martial Arts of Merrimack** (707 Milford Road, Merrimack, 881-5435, atabbanh.com) offers preschool martial arts programming for ages 3.5 and up; kids classes for ages 7 to 12 and a teen program for ages 13 to 18, the website said.

• **Averill's Martial Arts Academy** (3 N. Main St., Concord, 223-0300, averillsmartialarts.com) offers youth boxing.

• **Balance Point Brazilian Jiu Jitsu** (50 Emerson Road, Milford, 470-7136, balancepointbjj.com) offers classes for ages 4.5 to 9 years old and 10 to 12, the website said.

• **Bedford Martial Arts Academy** (292 Route 101, Bedford, 626-9696; Bedford Martial Arts Academy East, 273 S. River Road, Bedford; 703-2327, bedfordmartialartsacademy.com) offers programs, grouped by age, for ages 3 through 17. The academy also offers an after-school program with sessions at its Route 101 location as well as other locations in Bedford and Chester, the website said.

• **Blue Wave Brazilian Jiu Jitsu** (1 Progress Ave., Nashua, 321-5032, bluewavejj.com) offers kids' Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes for kids ages 3 through 12 as well as adult classes, the website said.

• **Bodyworks Martial Arts Training Center** (45 Chenell Drive, Concord, 225-5620, bodyworksnh.com) offers classes for kids age 4 and up as well as teen classes, the website said.

• **Brazilian Top Team Londonderry** (73 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 212-9258, bttlondonderry.com) offers kids classes for ages 4 t-6 and 7-16, the website said.

• **Bulsajo TaeKwonDo** (703-1914, bulsajotkd.com) offers classes at locations in Goffstown for ages 6 and up including a weapons class for ages 12+ (about ancient weapons), the website said.

• **Central Tae Kwon Do Academy** (222 Central St., Suite 8, Hudson, 882-5617, central-tkd.com) offers tae kwon do classes for kids as well as taerobics classes, according to the website.

• **Checkmate Martial Arts** (200 Elm St., Manchester, 666-5836, checkmateselfdefense.com) offers a kids program, according to its Facebook page.

• **Chung's Tae Kwon Do Academy** (115 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, 883-2577, chungstkd.com) offers children's classes for various levels, according to the website.

• **Concord Karate Studio and Academy** (89 Fort Eddy Road, No. 3, Concord, 224-5425, cks-nh.com) offers an after-school program with three- and five-day options, for kids kindergarten through grade 6, according to the website. Karate classes are available for ages 3 and up, with preschool, kindergarten and older kid programs as well as classes for teens and adults.

• **Determined Martial Arts** (Salzburg Square, 292 Route 101, Amherst, 672-3570, determinedma.com) offers classes for ages 4 and up including teen classes for ages 13+, according to the website.

• **Dojo Sante** (1 Winn Ave., Hudson, 467-



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- **Empowering Lives Martial Arts** (542 Mast Road, No. 15, Goffstown, 978-414-5425, martialartsnewhamphshire.com) offers martial arts classes for kids starting at age 3 as well as special abilities classes and Leadership Life Training, a by-invitation program, the website said.

- **Eric Menard's Complete Martial Arts Academy** (220 Innovative Way, Suite E, Nashua, 888-0010, cma-martialarts.com) offers martial arts classes for kids (ages 5 to 9) and teens (ages 10 to 14) as well as adults for 15+, the website said.

- **Full Circle Martial Arts & Fitness Center** (880 Page St., Manchester, 505-0048, fullcirclemafc.com) offers programs for kids ages 4-6, a karate program for ages 5 to 13, a youth judo/Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu program for ages 5 to 13 and youth boxing for ages 5 to 13, according to the website.

- **Gate City MMA** (28 Charron Ave., Unit 8, Nashua, 722-0238, gatecitymma.com) offers kids' MMA.

- **Golden Crane Traditional Martial Arts** (46 Lowell Road, No. 6, Windham, 437-2020, goldencranenh.com) offers kids' programming for ages 5 to 6 and 6 to 11 and a teen program for ages 12 to 15, the website said.

- **Granite State American Kenpo Karate** (290 Derry Road, No. 5, Hudson, 598-5400, gsakenpo.com) offers kids' programming for ages 3 to 5, 6 to 12 and teen classes for ages 13+, according to the website. The school also offers an after-school program in Hudson.

- **House of the Samurai** (28 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-2265, samurainh.com) offers youth classes for ages 4 to 12 and teen classes for 13+.

- **Independent Martial Arts School** (138 Lake St., Nashua, 882-6917, imasnh.com) offers classes for kids including specialty classes.

- **Inner Dragon Martial Arts** (77 Derry Road, Hudson, 864-8756, innerdragonma.com) offers martial arts programs for kids and an after-school program in Hudson.

- **Inspired Martial Arts** (58 Range Road, Windham, 893-7990, inspiredmartialartscenter.com) offers kids' martial arts programs

- **Integrity Martial Arts** (114 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, 660-6921, integritymartialartsnh.com) offers classes for ages 3-5, 6-9, 10-12 and 13-17 as well as for adults and unique needs, according to the website.

- **Karasu Tengu Academy** (1 Chestnut St., No. 5D, Nashua, 689-4966, ktacademymma.com) offers Youth MMA Striking for ages 7 to 12 and youth Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, the website said.

- **Karate International of Windham** (60 Rockingham Road, No. 14, Windham, 898-5367, windhamkarate.com) offers preschool (ages 4-6), kid (ages 7-11) and teen (12 to 15) classes, according to the website.

- **Kenpo Academy of Self Defense** (40 Manchester Road, Derry, 437-9900, kenpo-academy.com) offers preschool classes (ages 3 to 5) as well as classes for older kids (ages 6 to 12) and teens (13 to 18), according to the website. Cardio Kickboxing is available for ages 16+, the website said.

- **Leverage Jiu Jitsu** (70 Pembroke Road, Concord, 738-0227, leveragebjjnh.com) has classes for kids grouped in ages 5 to 8 and 9 and up, according to the website.

- **Manchester Karate Studio** (371 S. Willow St., Manchester, 625-5835, manchesterkarate.com) offers karate programs for ages 4-5, 6-11 and 12+, with 14+ eligible for adult classes, the website said.

- **The Martial Arts Zone** (31 Auburn St., Manchester, 206-5716, themartialartszone.com) offers a youth Brazilian Jiu Jitsu program for ages 5 to 11, the website said.

- **Merrimack Karate** (534 DW Highway, Merrimack, 424-7458, merrimackkarate.com) offers children's programs for ages 6 to 12 and teen & adult programs for ages 13+.

- **Mindset Wrestling** (185 Elm St., Milford, 721-2551, mindsetwrestling.net) offers wrestling classes for grades K-2, grades 3-5 and middle school through adult, the website said.

- **Neil Stone's Karate Academy** (22 Proctor Hill Road, Hollis, 672-8933, neilstoneskarate.com) offers programs for ages 2-3, ages 3-4, ages 4-12 and 13+ as well as a young leaders program for ages 7+, the website said.

- **New England Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy** (30 Henniker St., Unit 9, Concord, 369-4764, nebjj.com) offers kids Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for ages 5-8 and ages 9-15, the website said.

- **NH Kicks Taekwondo Family Fitness** (90 Airport Road, Concord, 714-5472, nhkicks.com) offers family taekwondo for ages 6 and up, the website said.

- **Ocasio's True Martial Arts - Plaistow** (160 Plaistow Road, No. 5, Plaistow, 382-4199, oca-siostma.com) offers kids martial arts, the website said.

- **Phoenix Fire Martial Arts** (79 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 234-8665, phnixfire.com) offers classes for children through adults in Shotokan and teen through adult classes in Krav Maga.

- **Polished Mirror Budo Karate** (33 Indian Rock Road, Suite 3, Windham, 978-415-9658, polishedmirrorbudokarate.com) offers kids and teen martial arts programs, the website said.

- **Professional Martial Arts Academy** (15 E. Broadway, Derry, 434-7995, pmaderry.com; 501 DW Highway, Merrimack, 429-0008, pmamerrimack.com; 37 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 974-2455, pmaplaistow.com) offers kids' programs in martial arts and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

- **Souhegan Valley Karate Club** (1 Main St., Brookline, 505-6777, svkc.online) offers "Karate Kids," a program for ages 5 to 10.

- **School of Warrior Arts** (122 N. Lowell

Road, Windham, 781-249-7073, facebook.com/schoolofwarriorarts), described as "a Holistic and Christ-centered education through the combative, creative, performing, and healing arts," offers programs for children and teens, according to the Facebook page and forerunnerfitness.net/sowa-about-us.

- **SDSS Martial Arts of Concord** (124 Hall St., Suite E, Concord, 224-3777, sdsskungfu.com) offers kids' (grouped by ages 4-5, ages 5-7 and ages 7-11) and teens' programs, the website said.

- **Strikeback Dynamic Defense Systems** (458 DW Highway, Merrimack, 262-9299, strikebackdds.com) offers classes for youth, according to its Facebook page.

- **Tiger Black Belt Academy** (11 Kimball Drive, Unit 121, Hooksett, 627-7744, tigerblackbeltacademy.com) offers tae kwon do for kids and Kumdo, which means "way of the sword," according to the website.

- **Tim Barchard's Professional Martial Arts Academy** (15 E. Broadway, Derry, 434-7995, pmaderry.com) offers kids' classes in martial arts and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

- **Tokyo Joe's Studios of Self Defense** (85A Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, 889-4165; 20 Hammond Road, Milford, 672-2100; tokyojoes.net) both locations offer kids' and teens martial arts programming.

- **Tokyo Joe's Studios and Team Link NH** (1338 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 641-3444, tokyojoeshooksett.com) offers kempo karate for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12; Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for ages 5 to 15 and kickboxing for ages 5 to 12, the website said.

- **Triumph Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu** (456 W. Hollis St., Nashua, 769-3819, teamtriumphbjj.com) offers kids' classes.

- **Universal Kenpo Federation** (37 Wilton Road, Milford, 547-5226, ukfkenpo.org/) offers private and group lessons.

- **Valle Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu** (44 Nashua Road, Unit 19, Londonderry, 553-1736, vallebjj.com) offers kids' and teens' classes, the website said.

MUSIC

- **AB Music School** (Whispering Pines Lane in Merrimack, 978-677-9244, abmusicsschool.com) offers music lessons for kids starting at age 4. Instruments taught include flute/piccolo, ukulele, piano, violin and cello, according to the website.

- **Amy Conley Music** (102 Elm St., Milford, 249-9560, amyconleymusic.com) offers special needs classes, private lessons (piano, guitar and ukulele, for ages 6 and up) and more. A 10-week session of classes, including Ukulele Beginners (open to kids 10+ and teens as well as adults), starts on Tuesday, Sept. 8, the website said.

- **Bedford Youth Performing Company** (155 Route 101, Bedford, 472-3894, bypc.org) offers private lessons in piano, voice, guitar and drums as well as group voice lessons (ages 7-10 and 11-13), instrument prep for ages 5 to 7 (grouped by age) and rock band ensembles for ages 10+ and ages 14+ (by audition), the website said. The school also offers the Kindermusik program for ages 0 to 7. Classes begin the week of Aug. 31.

- **Bemish Green Piano Studio** (188 Central

St., Hudson, 235-9378, greenpiano.com) offers piano lessons weekly or twice per week, for class duration options from 30 to 90 minutes, the website said.

- **Concord Community Music School** (23 Wall St., Concord, 228-1196, ccmusicschool.org) offers private lessons for audio production, voice, banjo, bass, bassoon, cello, clarinet, composition, double bass, fiddle, flute, French horn, guitar, mandolin, oboe, percussion, piano, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, tuba, ukulele, viola and violin, according to the website. The school offers Music & Movement for ages 4 months to 6 years as well as Beginning Recorder Class (ages 5-8), Suzuki Violin (ages 4 and up), Piano Playscape (for ages 5-6) as well as other group classes for kids, the website said. For teens, the school offers choirs, choruses, ensembles (including a Celtic Fiddle Ensemble) and a Teen Rock Band, the website said. The school will hold its Family Music Festival, featuring demo classes and an instrument petting zoo (as well as jams, activities, live entertainment, food trucks and face painting), on Saturday, Aug. 29, from noon to 4 p.m., the website said.

- **Don Sanni Guitar & Bass Lessons** (108 Taylor St., Nashua, 882-7468, donsanni.com) teaches students 8 years old and up, the website said.

- **Figaro Music Studios** (254 N. State St., Unit G, Concord, 369-0265, figaromusicstudios.com) offers piano and guitar lessons as well as a preschool program (for ages 2 to 5) and a choir for ages 6 to 11, the website said.

- **Jeanne Martin Piano Studio** (38 Pearson Road, Merrimack, 493-2961, musictoenjoy.com) offers piano lessons, with programs for students ages 4 and 5 and up, the website said.

- **Jimmy Mags Music Lessons** (321 Laxson Ave, Manchester, 682-2550, jimmymagsmusiclessons.com) offers guitar, bass and piano lessons, according to the website.

- **John Medeiros Jr. Music** (498-3819, johnmedeirosjr.com) offers drum, guitar and bass lessons in southern New Hampshire, according to the website.

- **Let's Play Music!** (2626 Brown Ave., Unit A2, Manchester, 218-3089; 145 Hampstead Road, Derry, 425-7575; 136 Lowell Road, Hudson, 882-8940; letsplaymusic.com) has choral groups and musical theater programs and rock bands as well as private lessons in piano, guitar & bass, stringed instruments, singing, drums, horns and reed instruments, ukulele, banjo, mandolin and accordion. Kindermusik classes are available for newborns through 4 years old and Ready to Rock classes for kids as young as 4 years old through 11.

- **Lidman Music Studio** (419 Amherst St., Nashua, 913-5314, lidmanmusic.com) offers lessons in viola, violin and piano, according to the website.

- **Manchester Community Music School** (2291 Elm St., Manchester, 644-4548, mcmusic-school.org) offers group programs, including a jazz ensemble, orchestras and choirs. Private lessons are offered in woodwind, brass, percussion, strings, voice, music theory, composition, piano, guitar, harp, ukulele, mandolin and more. Early

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- **Mike Loce Music** (5 Bowers Landing Drive, No. 304, Merrimack, 318-1723, mikelocemusic.com) teaches guitar, bass and ukulele to students of all ages, according to the website.

- **Music Class with Mr. Aaron**

(mraaronmusic.com/classes). See the website for classes with Mr. Aaron, a “multi-instrumentalist performer and composer” for kids and their grown-ups. A fall session held at Concord Parks and Rec will start Wednesday, Sept. 16, the website said.

- **Music Lessons By Lisa N** (Concord, 781-832-2127, musicbylisan.wixsite.com) offers lessons in saxophone, clarinet, violin, piano, music theory and more and is now offering lessons at Ted Herbert Music in Manchester to ages 10+.

- **Nashua Community Music School** (2 Lock St., Nashua, 881-7030, nashuacms.org) offers private lessons in piano, guitar, voice, violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone and percussion. The school also offers music therapy for all ages, a group music class, early childhood music classes and ensembles including a rock band for current students, the website said.

- **NH Tunes** (250 Commercial St., No. 2017, Manchester, 660-2208, nhtunes.biz) offers lessons in voice, guitar, piano, ukulele, drum, banjo/mandolin and brass, according to the website. There are also music discovery lessons (where a student can try multiple instruments) and a music production class, according to the website.

- **North Main Music** (28 Charron Ave., Nashua, 505-4282, northmainmusic.com) teaches students of all ages guitar, drums, piano, bass, voice, violin, saxophone, ukulele and trumpet and offers group lessons and band options, the website said.

- **Palace Theatre Voice Studio** (palacetheatre.org) offers vocal lessons for grades 2-12, according to the website.

- **Peter Hostage Music Lessons** (12 Adams Road, Londonderry, 437-2575, peterhostagemusiclessons.com) offers lessons in piano, guitar, bass guitar, voice, drums, banjo and mandolin to ages 5 and up, in person or on zoom, according to the website.

- **Piano Studio of Jacqueline Morin** (15 Marion St., Concord, 508-633-5534, missjackie-notes.com) teaches piano to students from 4 to adult, according to the website.

- **The Real School of Music** (10 A St., Derry, 260-6801, therealschoolofmusic.com) offers music and voice lessons for students ages 5 and up, bands and ensembles for students ages 9 and

up, Yamaha group classes for ages 3 to 7, musical theater for ages 6 to 14 and an adaptive music program, according to the website.

- **School of Rock Nashua** (225 DW Highway, Nashua, 600-7625, schoolofrock.com) offers music lessons in guitar, drum, singing, bass, keyboard and piano. The school also offers music programs for kids as young as 4 years old that mix individual and group learning as well as house bands, songwriting lessons (ages 12 and up) and camps and workshops. School of Rock Nashua’s House Band is slated to perform at the 8th Annual Family Fun Day in Field of Dreams park in Salem on Saturday, Aug. 22, which runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the website. The

House Band and Rock 101 are slated to perform at the Tyngsboro Party by the Bridge (on Winslow Road in Tyngsborough, Mass.) on Saturday, Aug. 29; that event runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., see the website for tickets.

- **Scottish Arts** (nhssa.org) offers individual lessons in bagpipe and fiddle. See the website for updates.

- **Strings and Things Music** (339 Village St., Concord, 228-1971, stringsandthingsmusic.com) offers lessons in voice, banjo, mandolin, bass, clarinet, djembe, drums, fiddle, flute, sax, guitar, piano, trumpet and ukulele, according to the website.

- **Suzuki Violin Studio** (890 Valley St., Manchester, 785-1884, musiclessonsnh.com) offers lessons in violin, viola, cello, guitar, bass, mandolin and piano, according to the website.

- **Ted Herbert Music School** (Majestic Studio Theatre, 880 Page St., Manchester; majestictheatre.net, tedherbert.com) offers lessons in brass, drums, guitar/bass, piano/keyboard, strings, theater/dance, voice and woodwind. Instrument rentals are available. The school also holds open mic nights for musicians of all levels.

- **Travis Shelby Music Lessons** (370-8853, traviss shelbysmusic.com) offers guitar lessons on acoustic, electric and bass guitar in Exeter, Manchester, Bedford, Nashua, Merrimack, Hooksett, Concord and Derry, according to the website.

- **The Voice Studio** (16 Crystal Ave., Derry, 560-2495, thevoicestudione.com) teaches lessons to students of all ages in voice, piano, guitar, bass, ukulele and saxophone, according to the website.

- **Weare School of Music** (77 Barnard Hill Road, Weare, 206-0135, see listing on Facebook). “We teach all band instruments, strings, voice, piano, guitar, ukulele, and recorder,” according to a Facebook post in May.

SPORTS

- **Amherst Basketball** (amherstnh.gov/parks-recreation-department/pages/basketball) offers rec basketball for grades 3-9 and travel basketball for grades 5-9, as well as a Hoops Basketball program for grades 1-2, the website said.

Last year, tryouts took place in October with practices beginning in December, the website said.

- **Amherst Lacrosse** (amherstlacrosse.com) offers competitive travel teams for boys and girls in spring in grades 1-6 as well as a development league for grades K-2, the website said.

- **Amherst Soccer Club** (amherstsoccerclub.com) is a developmental league offering soccer with fall and spring seasons and winter training for U3 through U10, according to the website. See Hampshire United SC (hampshireunitedsc.com) for travel teams.

- **Amoskeag Rowing Club** (amoskeagrowing.org) offers a youth rowing team for grades 7-12 in the fall, spring and summer with the fall practice schedule slated to begin Aug. 17.

- **Auburn Soccer Club** (auburnsoccerclub.org) offers a tots program for ages 3 and 4 and a development league for grades K to 1 as well as competitive soccer for ages 6 to 14, according to the club’s Facebook page and to the website, where you can find information to register for fall and spring seasons.

- **Baboosic Lake Rowing Club** (baboosiclakerowing.org) offers fall and spring season rowing programs for grades 8-12, with a fall season starting with pre-season training on Aug. 24, according to the website.

- **Bedford Athletic Club** (bedfordac.com) offers fall and spring recreational soccer (grades pre-K through 6 with coed U15 and U18 teams); an adaptive program (ages 5 to 15), and a travel program with fall and spring seasons (for U8 through U15). The fall rec season begins the first week in September but registration is open through Sept. 19, the website said.

- **Bedford Basketball League** (bedfordbl.com) offers winter basketball for boys and girls with recreation programs (grades 1-8) and a grades 9-12 Biddy League (a boys team and a coed team) and a travel program (for grades 3-8). Last year travel registration opened in August and tryouts took place in September, the website said.

- **Bedford Cannons Youth Lacrosse** (bedfordcannons.org) offers spring programs for ages 4 and up as well as grades 1-8. Indoor winter skills begins in mid-January with outdoor practices and games usually beginning in April. Look for registration to open around December.

- **Bedford Crew** (bedfordcrew.org) began its fall season Aug. 17 and is open to Bedford High School students. There is also a spring season and a fall “Learn to Row” session for Lurgio Middle School students.

- **Bedford Little League** (bedfordll.com) offers spring, summer and fall leagues, with the largest age range offered in spring teams — ages 4 through 13. Registration for spring begins in early December and registration for fall closes Aug. 31, according to the website.

- **Bedford Youth Football & Cheer Bulldogs** (bedfordbulldogs.org) offers football and cheer (ages pre-K through 8) with programs in the fall including flag football for younger players (coed, grades K to 2) and adaptive cheer, according to the website and the club’s Facebook page.

- **Bow Athletic League** (bowathleticclub.com) offers programs including basketball, field

hockey (grouped by age for grades K-8), soccer (grades 1-8), golf (grades 1-8), wrestling (grades 1-8; last year practice began in November), golf (grades 1-8) in the spring, lacrosse (8U to 14U for girls, 8U to 12U for boys) and baseball (ages 4 to 14) and softball (5 to 16). Registration for baseball begins in spring, the website said. The season for softball runs from mid-March to mid-July, the website said.

- **Brazilian Art Soccer Training** (basoccer-training.com) offers holiday and vacation camps as well as summer programming and winter training.

- **Cannons Baseball Club** (Manchester, facebook.com/CannonsNH, cannonsbc.com) offers baseball and softball for players age 9 through 18U as well as other opportunities throughout the year.

- **Cap City Basketball** (based at Capital City Sports & Fitness, Concord, capcitybasketball.com) offers AAU basketball teams for boys and girls, grades 3 through high school, during spring and fall (final fall tryouts are Aug. 25) as well as vacation camps, a winter Sunday league and more.

- **Capital City Sports & Fitness** (10 Garvins Falls Road, Concord, 224-7787, capitalcitysportsandfitness.com) offers swim lessons for kids and teens starting at 6 months old and martial arts for kids starting at 2 years old, according to the website. The facility is also the home to AAU basketball organizations.

- **Concord Crew** (concordcrew.org) offers fall, spring and summer middle school-age and high school-age programs (as well as programs for adults), according to the website. Practices take place at Bert Whittemore Boathouse, 15 Loudon Road in Concord. Fall programs start the weeks of Aug. 24 and Aug. 31, with a “Learn to Row” program in September for grades 5-8, the website said.

- **Concord Youth Hockey Association and the Concord Capitals** (concordyouthhockey.org) offer programs for ages 6 through 14U, as well as skills programs for ages 4 to 8, according to the website.

- **Conway Arena** (5 Stadium Drive, Nashua, 595-2400, conwayarena.com) offers learn to skate (ages 4 to 9) and learn to play hockey (ages 5 to 9), youth leagues, camps and clinics and more. See the website for upcoming sessions.

- **Derry Diamond Athletic Association** (derryll.org) offers baseball programs (ages 6 to 13, as well as Babe Ruth for ages 13 to 16) and softball (8U through juniors and seniors) in fall and spring (as well as winter and summer offerings).

- **Derry Demons Football and Cheer** (derrydemons.com) offers flag football (ages 5 to 8) and tackle football (8U to 11U), as well as cheer programs (for ages 4 to 10, grouped by age) in fall and winter. Registration for fall programs is in late spring into summer. Camps and clinics have also been offered.

- **Derry Soccer Club’s Hawks** (derrysoccerclub.org) offers a full year (fall and spring) of soccer in both rec (ages U4 to U18) and travel teams (U10 to U15), the website said.

- **Derry Wolverines Youth Football and Cheer** (derry-wolverines.sportngin.com) offers

football for grades 5-8 and cheer for grades 6-8.

• **Executive Swim Club** (gomotionapp.com/team/nehsc/page/home) is a year-round competitive team with seasons September through March and April through August, the website said.

• **FC Stars New Hampshire Region** (starsofma.org/new-hampshire) has soccer teams for boys and girls U9-U18 with teams at a variety of skill levels, the website said.

• **4 Leaf Lacrosse** (4leaf.lax.org) offers programming around northern New England including in Hooksett and Dover with teams, clinics and camps for boys and girls (see the website for ages, listed by graduation year).

• **Futsal NH** (futsalnh.com) offers futsal training and leagues as well as holiday and vacation camps, according to the website.

• **Futsanity Academy** (soccerskillscamp.org) offers a six-week indoor futsal program, which last year ran from November into January for boys and girls in age groups U9-11 and U12-14.

• **Girls on the Run New Hampshire** (girlsontherunnh.org) is offered for girls in grades 3-5 and 6-8 with a junior coach program for girls 16 to 18 years old, with registration open for a lottery for a spot on each team through Aug. 20 and then spots available when open after. See the website for locations, which set their own weekly meet-up and run schedules, or to start a team. The fall season culminates in a 5K on Nov. 14.

• **Goffstown Junior Baseball** (goftstownjr-baseball.com) offers baseball programs starting with Tee Ball for ages 4 to 7 and baseball divisions for ages 6 (or 5 with one year of Tee Ball) to 16, the website said. Last year registration for spring opened in early January, according to the website.

• **Goffstown Screamin' Eagles** (screamineagles.com) offers competitive cheer for ages 4 to 16, according to the website.

• **Granite State Kids New Hampshire Junior Team Tennis** (granitestatekids.com) offers fall, spring and summer programs based in Bedford for ages 5 to 18, according to the website. Registration for the fall program is open through Aug. 31, which is the first day of play, the website said.

• **Greater Manchester Colt League** (manchestercoltleague.com) offers baseball in "four divisions for players ages 12-23," according to the website.

• **Granite State Volleyball Club** (granitestatevolleyballclub.com), a Manchester-based organization, offered teams for U13 through U18 in the 2025-2026 school year, according to the website, where you can find tryout information.

• **Hampshire United SC** (hampshireunitedsc.com) offers competitive travel soccer for ages 7 to 19 with fall and spring seasons as well as winter training and camps and clinics, according to the website.

• **Healthy Kids Running Series** (healthy-

kidsrunningseries.org) offers a fall running series with races on Sundays, Sept. 13 through Oct. 11, in the afternoon at locations in Amherst, Concord, Litchfield, Manchester, Nashua and Plaistow, according to the website. The series is open to kids in grades pre-K through 8 with age-appropriate events including 50- and 75-yard dashes and the 1/4-mile, the 1/2-mile and the 1-mile run, according to the website.

• **Hollis-Brookline Youth Lacrosse** (hblax.com) held learn-to-play sessions last year in January and indoor practice started in March, the website said.

• **Hooksett Lacrosse** (hooksettyouthlacrosse.com) offers lacrosse programming for U6 through U14, for boys and girls, with a spring season where indoor practices start in February and outdoor practices start, weather permitting, in April, the website said.

• **Houligan Lacrosse** (based in Epping, houliganlacrosse.com) offers fall, spring and summer teams for boys and girls in grades 3-12.

• **Hudson Litchfield Bears** (hudsonlitchfieldbears.isportz.us) offers cheer for ages 5 to 14 (as well as adaptive cheer), tackle football for grades 2-8 and flag football for ages 5 to 7, according to the website. See facebook.com/Bears4life603 for information on registering for next fall and for winter clinics and other activities.

• **Londonderry Soccer Club** (londonderrysc.org) offers fall and spring recreational programs (for U3 through U18) as well as a travel program (U8 through U18). "Rec Express Fall player registration is now open! Express Opening Day will be Saturday, September 12th, with practices beginning the week of September 7th for age groups with a weeknight practice (U7 and above). The season will run through Saturday, October 31st," the website said.

• **Londonderry Wildcats** (lyfs.org) offers cheer programs (ages 4-6 and 7-14), flag football and tackle football (for grades 2-6) with practices that begin in July. Check back with the website for information on next fall, summer and other programming.

• **Londonderry Youth Lacrosse Association** (londonderrylax.org) offers boys' and girls' lacrosse with teams that begin indoor practice in February, according to the website.

• **Manchester Angels** (maysl.org) offers a recreational spring soccer league for U4 through U19.

• **Manchester Basketball League** (manchesterbasketballleague.com) offers basketball programs for boys and girls ages 4 through 12+. The new season is slated to start in November, according to the website.

• **Manchester Bears** (manchesterbears.com) offers youth football for grades 2-8. The fall session began in late July. See facebook.com/manchesterbears for updates.

• **Manchester Cal Ripken Baseball** (manchestercalripen.org) offers baseball programming for boys and girls ages 4 to 12 as well



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as summer baseball for ages 4 to 10, according to the website. See their Facebook page for updates.

- **Manchester East Soccer League** (mesl.org) offers intra-league competition for ages 4 to 19 and inter-league competition for ages 12 to 19, according to the website, where fall registration is open.

- **Manchester Flames, Manchester Regional Youth Hockey Association** (mryha.org) offers a JB12 Skills Development Program 6U-15U, which begins Sept. 1; a recreation league that runs Sept. 11 through March 28 (register by Sept. 10); Learn to Skate and Learn to Play programs with sessions that start Sept. 11, and a travel league for ages 6U/8U through 18U, the website said.

- **Manchester Girls Softball League** (mgsl-nh.com) offers softball for ages 4 to 18. Last year, registration for the spring season started in November, according to the Facebook page, which also showed registration in November for winter clinics.

- **Manchester NH Little League** (manchesternhlittleleague.com) offers fall baseball for ages 6 to 13, according to facebook.com/ManchesterNHLL, where you can find links to register and updates on spring.

- **Manchester North Soccer League** (mnsf.org) is a coed recreational league for ages 5 to 19, and its fall season begins Aug. 29, the website said.

- **Manchester Parks & Recreation** (manchesternh.gov/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation) offers programs including fencing, tennis, swimming lessons (in summer), ice skating lessons September through March, Stick & Puck in West Side Arena and more.

- **Manchester Soccer League** (manchestersoccerleague.com) offers a fall program in partnership with the Beech Street Football Club and an elementary school recreation program in the spring, among other programing, according to the website.

- **Manchester South Junior Soccer** (msjsf.com) offers fall soccer (U6 through U19), spring skills and drills (ages 4 to 13) and winter indoor soccer (U6 through high school), according to the website.

- **Manchester South Sabres** (manchestersouthsabres.com) offers flag football for ages 5 to 8, tackle football for ages 7 to 13 and cheer for ages 5 to 16, according to the Sabres' Facebook page. The seasons began in late July.

- **Manchester Thunder** (manchesterlacrosse.com) offers girls' lacrosse for grades K-8 with training beginning in spring, the website said. Last year, registration opened in December with indoor training beginning in March, according to the group's Facebook page.

- **Meraki Volleyball** (merakivolleyball.com) offers volleyball for girls in U12 through U17/18 age groups with tryouts at the NH Sportsplex in Bedford and the season running November through May, according to the website. Boys' teams are for age groups 14U through 18U and the season runs from August to March, the website said.

- **Merrimack Jr. Tomahawks** (merrimackjr-

tomahawks.org) offers cheer (grades K-8), flag football (ages 5 to 7) and tackle football (grades 2-8). The season begins in late August, according to the Tomahawks' Facebook page, with practices having started in early August. Registration this year began in April, according to the Facebook page.

- **Merrimack Rec Soccer** (myasoccer.org) offers recreational and travel teams, with soccer opportunities for ages 4 to 18, according to the website. Fall registration is open now, the website said.

- **Merrimack Youth Baseball** (myabaseball.com) offers a fall baseball program for ages 7 to 16 and spring programs with T-ball (ages 3 and 4) and baseball (ages 5 through 16). Last year, spring registration opened in January, according to the website and the organization's Facebook page.

- **Merrimack Youth Lacrosse** (myalax.org) offers boys' and girls' lacrosse for grades K-8, playing in a spring season, according to the website. Last year, registration opened in November.

- **Milford Community Athletic Association** (mcaa.us) offers programs including baseball (for ages 5 to 15), soccer (for ages 3 to 11), basketball (for grades K-8; beginning in October) and softball (for ages 6 to 11), the website said. Registration is open for fall baseball and softball and fall soccer.

- **My Gym Bedford** (410 S. River Road, Bedford, 668-7196, mygym.com/bedford) offers classes for infants starting at 3 months old through preschool with a few classes for older kids (up to 10 years old, according to the website) including dance, ninja training and gymnastics (ages vary by classes), according to the website.

- **My Gym Londonderry** (30 Main St., Londonderry, 818-4107, mygym.com/londonderry) offers classes for infants starting at 3 months old through just under 6 years old (5 years and 11 months, according to the website), including, for the older part of that age range, gymnastics and ninja jr.

- **Nashua Blast Lacrosse** (nashualacrosse.com) offers a Little Stix program (ages 4 to 6) as well as boys' and girls' teams for 8U through 14U, with spring registration available in January last season (as well as clinics and skills and drills programs), according to the website.

- **Nashua Cal Ripken Baseball** (nashuacal-ripken.org) offers spring baseball for ages 7 to 12 as well as T-ball (age 4 to 8) in the spring and Babe Ruth Fall Baseball for ages 13 to 16, according to the website.

- **Nashua Parks & Recreation** (nashua.rec-desk.com) offers Biddy Basketball for ages 7 to 15 (register by Sept. 30 for the November through March season) and Fall Babe Ruth Baseball (ages 13 to 16; registration for the fall closes Aug. 30) and Softball (ages 7 to 14; register now for the fall season, which runs in September and October), according to nashuanh.gov.

- **Nashua Police Athletic League** (52 Ash St., Nashua, 594-3733, nashuapal.com) offers athletic programs including basketball (ages 7 to 18, year-round), boxing (ages 11+), cheerleading (ages 3-14, fall and winter), cross-country, football (ages 4 to 14, fall and winter), street hockey

(middle school) and track and field (ages 7 to 18, spring), according to the website.

- **New England Crusaders** (necrusaders.com) offers girls' basketball programming throughout New England, including in New Hampshire, and has offered elementary school, middle school and high school programs. See the website for contact information related to the program you're interested in.

- **NE Inferno Baseball** (noreastersbaseball.com) operates in regional facilities including in Nashua (3 Progress Ave.) with programs starting at U8/9, depending on location.

- **New England Storm** (new-england-storm.com) offers AAU basketball for boys and girls in grades 3-12 (varying by season) with fall, spring and summer programming. Last year, tryouts for spring took place in early January. Last year there was also a winter program for girls in grades 6-8.

- **NH Climbing and Fitness** (10 Langdon Ave., Concord, 715-9171, nhclimbinggym.com) has climbing classes for ages 3 through 5, ages 6 through 8 and ages 9+ and clubs and teams for ages 8 through 19, according to the website, where you can register for an open house on Sunday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- **New Hampshire Junior Roller Derby** (nhjrd.com, facebook.com/NHJRollerDerby) teaches roller derby to any gender ages 8-17. See the website for updates on upcoming sessions.

- **New Hampshire Prospects Basketball Club** (cannonsbc.com/nhp-basketball), which is Manchester based and year-round, "is Prospects Athletics' premier travel basketball program for athletes ages 10U-18U who are driven to compete, develop their skills, and reach their full potential on and off the court," according to the website.

- **New Hampshire Mountain Kings Hockey** (Tri-Town Arena, 311 W. River Road, Hooksett, mountainkingshockey.com) offers youth hockey (starting with teams for kids under 8 years old), Academy hockey and other options for teens, skating lessons, figure skating and more, according to the website.

- **New Hampshire Spartans Youth Basketball** (nhspartans.com) offers AAU basketball with programming during all seasons and teams on the Seacoast and in Derry. Tryouts for fall are going on now; see the website for times and locations. Contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@hotmail.com with questions, according to an email.

- **New Hampshire Sportsplex** (68 Technology Drive, Bedford, 641-1313, nhsportsplex.com) offers youth flag football (grouped by ages) for ages 5 through high school (the next session starts in October); youth recreational soccer in five age groups (next session starts in October); youth 3 x 3 basketball (in summer), softball and a Lil Athlete series of offerings (such as Lil Laxers and Lil Dribblers) to introduce younger kids to specific sports. See the website for the

seasons for these sports. The Sportsplex is also the indoor home to sports clubs, such as the NH Tomahawks Lacrosse, New England Phantoms Flag Football and more.

- **New Hampshire Tomahawks Lacrosse** (nhtomahawks.com) offers fall, spring and summer lacrosse teams for boys and girls and indoor winter leagues (for town teams and free agents) as well as clinics, some for kids as young as 3 years old.

- **North Manchester Hooksett Baseball** (nmhll.com) offers spring T-ball, adaptive challenger divisions and baseball, with programs for ages 4 through 16, as well as fall programming, the website said.

- **One Dream Basketball** (based at the NH Sportsplex in Bedford; onedreambasketball.com) has boys' and girls' basketball teams for grades 3 to 12. Tryouts for the fall teams take place Saturday,

Aug. 22, for girls (see the website for time by age) and Sunday, Aug. 23, at 10 a.m. makeup tryouts for boys and girls, according to the website. One Dream has teams in the fall and in the spring, with tryouts for both sessions.

- **Phantoms Flag Football** (nhsportsplex.com/phantoms-flag-football.html) operates out of the NH Sportsplex in Bedford and offers teams in the 8U, 10U and 12U age divisions. See facebook.com/nhsportsplex for updates on upcoming seasons.

- **Plex Softball Club** (based at NH Sportsplex in Bedford; plexsoftballclub.com) offers an indoor Friday Night Softball League for U12 through U18. Outdoor teams play in the spring and the club offers other training opportunities.

- **Queen City F.C.** (qcfcnh.com) is a nonprofit organization offering competitive soccer in Manchester for boys and girls, according to the website.

- **Queen City Flag Football** (queencityflag.com) offers flag football for ages 4 through 11+, grouped by age, with fall programs (registering now through Aug. 29) and spring programs including a girls-only division offered in spring, the website said. Games are played at Livingston Park in Manchester.

- **Rivals Elite Basketball** (rivalselite.com) offers boys' and girls' AAU basketball programs in New Hampshire with boys' tryouts (grades 8-10) taking place at the Manchester Ballers' Association in Manchester on Aug. 23 and Aug. 30 and girls' tryouts (for grades 3-12, grouped by age) at the Plaistow YMCA on Aug. 30, according to the website.

- **Seacoast United Soccer Club** (seacoastunited.com) offers soccer programs for boys and girls ages 4 to 18 with teams at various skill levels and year-round programs, as well as camps, according to the website. Seacoast United has programs including in Concord, Bedford and Epping, according to the website.

- **Summit Field Hockey** (summitfieldhockey.com) offers indoor and outdoor field hockey,



with an indoor travel team and academy and outdoor fall, spring and summer season as well as clinics and more. The fall season starts Sept. 13 at New England College with registration open now for grades K-8, the website said. The indoor season starts Sept. 20 at the NH Sportsplex in Bedford and registration is now open (for ages U10 to U19), the website said.

• **Vertical Dreams** (250 Commercial St., Manchester, 625-6919, verticaldreams.com) has offered youth climbing teams and climbing clubs. Check the website or Facebook page for updates.

• **Weare Athletic Club** (weareathleticclub.com) offers flag and tackle football, soccer, softball, lacrosse, field hockey, cheer, baseball and basketball. See the website for information about seasons and registration.

• **Wrestling Rebels** (Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 E. Derry Road, Derry, 434-6695, derrybgclub.org/team-page) is a youth wrestling club for boys and girls K through eighth grade. See the club's Facebook page for updates.

• **USA Ninja Challenge** (locations at Gymnastics Village, 13 Caldwell Drive, Amherst, 889-8902, gymnasticsvillage.com; Flipz Gymnastics, 14 Chenell Drive, Concord, 224-3223, ninjaconcordnh.com; 17 Friars Drive, Unit 18, Hudson, 417-6820, ninjahudson.com; and 444 E. Industrial Park Drive, Manchester, 935-7100, ninjamanchesternh.com) offers classes for boys and girls age 2.5 through 17. Manchester, Concord and Hudson offer ninja teams for ages 6 and up, as well as summer and holiday camps, according to the website.

THEATER

• **Actorsingers** (219 Lake St., Nashua, actorsingers.org) offers teen and youth productions, as well as adult productions. See the website for upcoming audition information.

• **Bedford Youth Performing Company** (155 Route 101, Bedford, 472-3894, bypc.org) offers performance and acting classes, grouped by age, for ages 4 through 12+, as well as musical theater and performance by-invitation classes. An acting and improv class is available for ages 13+. BYPC also has productions kids can join including a production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* for grades 1-6, a March musical for grades 7-12 and a musical for grades K-6. Classes begin the week of Aug. 31.

• **Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center** (501 DW Highway, Merrimack, 429-8844, broadwayboundpac.com) offers classes in musical theater and theater arts. Classes start the week of Sept. 14.

• **The Community Players of Concord** (communityplayersofconcord.org; Players Studio is at 435 Josiah Barlett Road in Concord) offer winter and summer vacation camps and workshops as well as audition opportunities

through their Children's Theatre Project.

• **The Dance Company** (130 Route 101A, Amherst, 864-8374, thedancecompanyonline.com) offers musical theater jazz classes for ages 6 and up as well as teen musical theater jazz for ages 12+. The school also offers "Bravo Ensemble" for ages 4 to 7 and "Encore Ensemble" for ages 8 to 12 as well as a kids' production for a November show for grades K-8, according to the website. There is also a spring production for grades K-12. Classes begin Sept. 21.

• **Kids Coop Theatre** (46 E. Derry Road, Derry, kctnh.org) is open to kids ages 8 to 19. Check their website and Facebook page for upcoming productions and audition dates. *The Little Mermaid Jr.* will be presented in November.

• **The Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts** (880 Page St., Manchester, 669-7469, majestictheatre.net) provides performing opportunities in community theater productions and workshops year-round. See the website for audition updates.

• **Palace Academy and Palace Youth Theatre** (688-5588, palacetheatre.org). The Palace Academy offers classes, starting the week of Sept. 1, for grades K-12 (grouped by age) in acting and, for ages 8 to 18 in improv at Forever Emma Studios, 516 Pine St. in Manchester. The Palace Youth Theatre offers six mainstage productions (starting with *School of Rock The Musical* in September) during the 2026-2027 school year, as well as three plays (the first is *The Giver* in October) and two small cast musicals (*Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* in December and *Hadestown Teen Edition* in April 2027), according to the website, where you can find audition information.

• **Peacock Players** (14 Court St., Nashua, 886-7000, peacockplayers.org) offers vacation week camps as well as productions for youth (ages 6-14), teens (ages 14-18), crossover (ages 6-18) and all ages. Upcoming productions include the youth mainstage production of *Between the Lines Jr.* (auditions Aug. 19 & 21; production Oct. 9-18) and teen mainstage production *Once Upon a One More Time* (auditions Aug. 23 & 24; production Nov. 13-22). Peacock Players also features private lessons in voice, piano and music theory and acting and monologue coaching.

• **Riverbend Youth Company** (Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley, The Amato Center for the Performing Arts, 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company) presents mainstage plays and musicals with performers ages 6 through 18. Visit the Company's website for news of upcoming auditions and productions. Upcoming shows include *Seussical The Musical* (auditions in early November for grades 3-12 for a February production) and *Honk! Jr. The Musical* (auditions in February for grades 3-10 for a May production). 🗨️





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Starting over

Ernest Thompson talks new novel at BNH Stage

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Though he's a multi-hyphenate — Oscar-winning screenwriter, playwright, filmmaker, actor, author and songwriter — Ernest Thompson is *not* a tech whiz. If he were, his second novel might have arrived sooner. The New England native, well-known for *On Golden Pond*, began writing it 13 years ago, saving work on thumb drives.

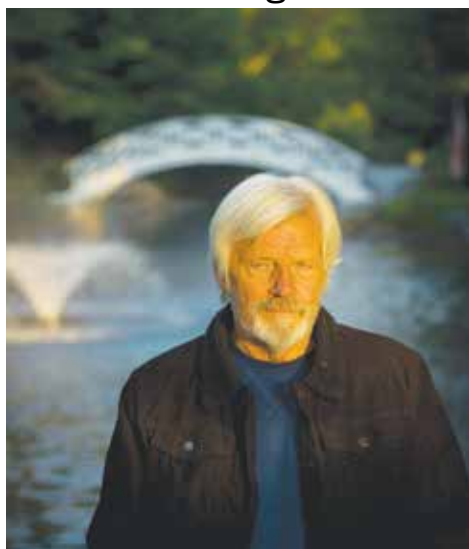
That choice, it turned out, was a big mistake that would force Thompson back to square one.

Just before he and his wife left on a vacation, he managed to overwrite a big file with a tiny one. “You’re talking to a guy who’s a Luddite from about 1882,” he said in a Zoom interview ahead of an appearance in Concord on Aug. 26. “I didn’t pick it up for another few months, and by the time I did ... the first 150 pages of the novel were gone.”

He hadn’t known about the cloud — but there was a silver lining. A newly blank screen didn’t deter Thompson, who’d famously cranked out his Academy Award-winning screenplay in three days. And as time passed, the book’s premise of disappearing from a harsh reality grew more timely.

“I rewrote it so fast,” he said. “Then I got momentum ... a different kind of speed.”

That said, the finished book is 545 pages. Its multiple characters include a wealthy businessman who fakes jumping off a bridge, the cop who doggedly tracks him after he van-



Ernest Thompson. Photo by Joe Klementovich.

ishes, and the damaged visionary behind the organization who gives the book its title.

“There’s a lot of saga and epic,” Thompson said. “So no, I didn’t write it in a weekend.”

The idea for *Out Clause*, published in May, had circled him for years.

“I’ve always been fascinated by the notion of, what if we had a choice ... a chance to live a different life?” Thompson said. The disappeared all must agree to be better, and more noble, in their second acts. “If you don’t, there are consequences,” he said. “Your body will be found close to where it went missing.” The operation is led by Oxtan Paris, who began it

because a disfiguring facial birthmark made him a social outcast. He moves to Evador, a fictional country near the equator, and becomes a spiritual guide for similarly broken people.

“I don’t know about you, but everybody I know has got some kind of challenge,” Thompson said. “Sometimes they’re dire and sometimes they’re simple ... maybe even fixable. But the idea of, wow, what if we could just step away and start over again? It’s just stayed with me.”

At the upcoming BNH Stage event, sponsored by Gibson’s Bookstore, Thompson will have an onstage conversation with Rick Gangle of New Hampshire Public Radio. He’ll sign copies of both *Out Clause* and his first novel, *The Book of Maps*, afterward. As with all of his appearances, he’ll bring his golden statue for fans to hold or take a photo.

“I never leave home without the Oscar,” he told Arcadia Adventures recently. “It’s been handled by so many people that it’s tarnished already, but I love that because it gives people a moment to hold the thing and dream the dream of what would it be like.”

The new novel isn’t the only long-gestating work of his that’s current news. A Broadway revival of *On Golden Pond* with Thompson in the Henry Fonda role in is the works. On the musical side, a song he wrote is on Carly Simon’s first studio album in 17 years, *Comes In Waves*.

Simon recorded “The Father Daughter Dance” 15 years ago, after a childhood friend connected her to Thompson.

“It was the stuff of dreams for me,” Thompson said. Joined by his musical partner Joe Deleault and guitarist Randy Roos in a Lakes Region recording studio, it was an emotional session. “She lost her dad when she was 15, so I think the song got right into her gut ... you can hear her voice crack, because she teared up singing it.”

Though the Grammy-winning Rock & Roll Hall of Famer asked to do another take, Thompson adamantly refused.

“I said that we’re not, because you couldn’t fake that. It’s so extraordinary how emotional she gets singing it.” Recently his music company wanted to release the promo-only song as a single, but they didn’t want to compete with Simon’s new LP. So Thompson called Simon, who’d all but forgotten about it, and asked him to send it to her.

“She said, ‘I know I’m going to hate it,’ because that’s Carly,” he recalled. “So I wrote her an email. I said, ‘Please be kind to the singer ... I think it’s amazing what she sings.’ She listened to it and wrote back immediately. She said, ‘No kindness required, I love that song.’ That’s how it found its way onto the album.” 🌿

Authors on Main: Ernest Thompson

When: Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.

Where: BNH Stage, 16 S. Main St., Concord

Tickets: \$30 includes copy of *Out Clause*, \$15 admission only, ccanh.com

Art

Exhibits

• **“Metamorphosis”** is on display at Art 3 Gallery, 44 W. Brook St. in Manchester, art3gallery.com. “The word itself implies change, a shift in structure, or identity. Featuring works by new and established artists, the exhibit examines the many forms of change — personal, social, environmental, and spiritual — through painting, sculpture, and mixed media,” according to an email from the gallery, which is open Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 4 p.m. or by

appointment.

• **“Off The Wall — The Art of Fashion,”** featuring works that “represent the union of art and fashion,” will be on display at Mosaic Art Collective, 410 Chestnut St. in Manchester, through Friday, Aug. 28, according to mosaicartcollective.com.

• **“Shaping Futures,”** the annual prison outreach program exhibition by the New Hampshire Furniture Masters at its gallery, 49 S. Main St. in Concord, will be on display through Friday Aug. 28, according to furnituremasters.org. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. “For over

two decades, Furniture Masters have worked alongside program participants to teach valuable woodworking and furniture making skills, and many lives have been transformed,” the website said.

• **“Painted Poetry”** is on display at the Two Villages Art Society, 846 Main St. in Hopkinton’s Contoocook Village, according to a press release. The exhibit features paintings by five area artists and poems inspired by the works, the release said. “‘Painted Poetry’ is a collaboration between visual artists Carol Belliveau, Elizabeth Leone Holmes, Heidi Lorenz,

Sara Rae and Chris Scott and the invited poets. It is a bright, immersive exhibit where the visual arts and written word intertwine,” the release said. The exhibit is on display through Saturday, Aug. 29, and the gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays, the release said. See twovillagesart.org.

• **“Hi, Neighbor!”** described as “a salon style, group exhibition that aims to exhibit recently created artworks, build community, and have some fun,” will be on display at See Saw Art, 408 Chestnut St., Manchester, through Sunday, Aug. 30, according to seesaw.art. “‘Hi Neighbor!’ aims to exhibit small artworks of all mediums. All artworks, from traditional fine art paintings, prints, and photographs will be considered, as well as ready made textile, clothing, ceramics, and crafts. There is no overall theme — looking to exhibit artworks each artist is excited to see in a traditional gallery setting,” the website said. See seesaw.art/visit for gallery hours.

• **“Art & Poetry: Dwelling Places”** will be on display at Kimball Jenkins in the mansion, 266 N. Main St., Concord, through Saturday, Sept. 5, according to kimballjenkins.com. On Sunday, Aug. 23, from 1 to 3 p.m., a

Poetry & Pie event will take place in the Kimball Jenkins Carriage House.

• **Aug. 9 through Sept. 9 Show** at Glimpse Gallery, 4 Park St., Concord, features the works of Byron Carr, Julie Daniels, Debra Wayne, Jerry Edwards, Timothy Sievers and Pamela Tarbell, according to theglimpsegallery.com.

• **“Montages: Peter Cordova & Kyoko Idetsu”** runs through Saturday, Sept. 19, at Outer Space Arts, 35 Pleasant St., Concord, which is open Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. or by appointment, according to outerspacearts.xyz.

• **“A Legacy of Landscapes: Selections from the Linda and P. Andrews McLane Collection, Part 2”** featuring a new selection of 48 paintings of White Mountains landscape art from a private collection, will be on display at the New Hampshire Historical Society, 30 Park St., Concord, nhhistory.org, through Dec. 31.

• **“Radical Quiet: Contemporary Drawings of Nature by Victoria Elbroch, Nancy Friesse, and Margot Glass”** will be on display at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, through Sunday, Jan. 10, according to currier.org. “Discover three acclaimed contemporary artists

who draw inspiration from the natural world and their New England roots. With a profound respect for nature and drawing as their chosen mode of expression, Margot Glass, Victoria Elbroch, and Nancy Friesse invite us to slow down, look closely, and reflect on the beauty that surrounds us,” the website said. The Currier is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **“Legacy of the League: A Timeline of Craft”** is on display at the Exhibition Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen’s headquarters, 49 S. Main St. in Concord, through Friday, Aug. 28, according to nhcrafts.org. “This exhibition uses photography from our archives and craft from our Permanent Collection Museum to bring history to life,” the website said. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Theater

Shows

• **The Palace Youth Theatre Summer Camp**, featuring performers in grades 2 through 12, will present productions throughout the summer at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase



HAMLET: A GHOST STORY

There’s still a little summer Shakespeare. The Dreamers Ensemble theater company will present *Hamlet: A Ghost Story*, Friday, Aug. 21, through Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Park Theatre, 19 Main St. in Jaffrey. Performances are at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with tickets available at theparktheatre.org or by calling 532-8888, according to a press release. In this adaptation, when King Hamlet dies it is Princess Hamlet who returns home, the release said. “[S]he is visited by her father’s spirit, launching her onto a path of vengeance, intrigue, and madness,” the release said.

tickets. Performances include *Shrek The Musical Kids* (Aug. 21, 7 p.m.).

- **The Palace Theatre's 2026 Bank of New Hampshire Children's Summer Series** runs July 7 through Aug. 27, with showtimes Tuesday through Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets. This season's remaining shows include *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Aug. 18-21), and **magician BJ Hickman** (Aug. 25-27).
- **The 39 Steps** presented by the Winnepesaukee Playhouse Professional Company at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse, 33 Footlight Circle in Meredith, through Sunday, Aug. 23, with shows at 7:30 p.m. all nights but Sunday and Monday and 2 p.m. shows on Aug. 20 and Aug. 23, according to winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org, where you can purchase tickets.
- **Shear Madness** will have its New Hampshire premiere at the Barnstormers Theatre, 104 Main St. in Tamworth, and run Thursday, Aug. 20, through Saturday, Aug. 29, according to a theatre email Seebarnstormerstheatre.org for times and tickets. "Set in a Tamworth Village hair salon and updated daily with the latest news and gossip, this hilarious whodunnit mystery is never the same show twice. ... It's the party of the season, where the audience always gets the last word!" the email said.

Classical

- The **NH Irish Festival** takes place at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and is slated to feature Screaming Orphans, The Spain Brothers, The Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio and Rory Makem, according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.
- **Evenings at the Avaloch** at Avaloch Farm Music Institute, 16 Hardy Lane, Boscawen, avalochfarmmusic.org, on Friday, Aug. 28, at 5 p.m. See the website for ticket information.
- **Scott Kirby, Gabriel Donohue and Friends** singers, musicians and story tellers, at Avaloch Farm Music Institute, 16 Hardy Lane, Boscawen, avalochfarmmusic.org, on Saturday, Aug. 29, at 5 p.m. See the website for ticket information.



OPEN SING

The Manchester Choral Society will hold an Open Sing on Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 106 Lowell St. in Manchester, according to a press release. "Prospective members are invited to experience a rehearsal, meet current singers, and sing through selections from the choir's inspiring fall concert repertoire: Francis Poulenc's exuberant Gloria and Camille Saint-Saëns' beloved Christmas Oratorio. Following the Open Sing, interested singers may schedule an audition to join the ensemble for its 66th concert season," the release said. "The Manchester Choral Society welcomes singers with prior choral experience who are interested in performing challenging and rewarding repertoire in a supportive musical community." See mcsnh.org.



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Thumbs up for steering wheel bulges

CAR TALK



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

Why do steering wheels now have bulges at 10 and 2? It makes it uncomfortable to put my hands there. I find that if I cross my arms and grasp the steering wheel from the inside, it feels fine, but I choose not to drive that way.

Instead, I put my hands at 1 and 11, or at 3 and 9, which, although better than at the bulges, still does not feel great. I cannot find the answer to why these bulges are there, so I am going straight to the top to find out. — John

This is why I always steer with my thighs, John. Actually, you're talking about the small bulges some car makers are putting on the inside of their steering wheels around 10 and 2.

I'm guessing that's why, if you cross your arms, you can put your fingers around the outside of the wheel, avoiding the bumps, while simultaneously flossing your teeth with the steering wheel. So, I would stop doing that, John.

Here's your answer. Those are thumb bolsters. They're designed for your thumbs to rest on while you're holding the steering wheel in the 9-ish and 3-ish position. 9 and 3 is actually

recommended these days. If the airbag were to deploy in a crash, safety advocates say it's better for the airbag to force your arms out to the sides, rather than up toward your face.

Those thumb rests serve several purposes, other than to annoy you, John. They have an ergonomic benefit. Lots of people have nerve issues (like carpal tunnel syndrome), which are exacerbated by gripping a cylinder like the steering wheel for a long time. Those thumb bolsters help spread the force and share it between the palm and the thumb, reducing hand fatigue.

They also provide tactile feedback to the driver about the orientation of the steering wheel. When your thumbs are around those bulges, even without looking, you know when the steering wheel is pointing "straight ahead."

Race cars used these before they started showing up in passenger cars, for both of those reasons. Plus, by providing purchase for your thumbs, they make the wheel less likely to slip in your hands.

So, try a 9 and 3 grip with your thumbs on the bulges, John, and see if you like that better. And if not, there's always a belt sander.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Hi, Donna,

I enjoy reading you in Hippo and thought I should reach out. I have inherited family heirlooms of my husband's family. While I do appreciate the emotional value, I have no intention of using these.

I am wondering what your thoughts would be on a Copeland Spode dinner set for 12. My MIL had her personal property appraised so I do have monetary values. I have these items but am looking for advice before I do the work of bringing them to a local antique dealer.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Amber

Dear Amber,

I first have to say Copeland Spode is a quality collectible name. It shouldn't be hard to market it. The pattern of your Copeland Spode dishes is the Marlborough.

Even though you have an appraisal with a monetary value, selling them is a whole different game. Let's start off by removing any ones with damage, cracks, chips or discoloration. Then



the serving pieces will hold the higher values. Plates, cups and saucers are easier to find in any dish set, so they are not as desirable.

I think I would start at an antique shop for the marketing ability today. Then get an offer or put them on consignment. You have to remember appraisals are for replacement value. When selling them you have to leave room for resale again.

No matter what the appraisal is, and I'm sure it's high, it's always subject to change. If you want to sell you have to keep that in mind. I would sell as a set so as to not get just plates left.

Amber, I hope this helped and you find a new home for the dishes.

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

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Follow those butterflies!

Monarch Festival studies migration to Mexico

By John Fladd
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This year’s New Hampshire Monarch Festival will be a treat for butterfly enthusiasts. “We’ll have science stations,” said festival coordinator Amira Provost, “and we will be doing a butterfly release and some tagging, including Monarch Watch sticker tags as well as the latest nanotags from Cellular Tracking Technologies, which they officially released last year. I’m super-excited about the data [we are collecting from these tags]! Then we have two other tags that we will feature at the festival, where we will tag the butterflies. They are Bluetooth-capable and solar-powered, so they can actually last longer than the life of the butterfly. And the information that is uploaded into the app is uploaded in real time, so you can actually track every ping on a map, where this individual butterfly is going. It is just phenomenal, the stuff scientists are learning from just these little, bitty, new nanotags. I’m working with New Hampshire Audubon to do a test tag a couple of days before the festival.”



Courtesy photo.

Because all monarch butterflies migrate to the same location in Mexico each year, this data will be invaluable, Provost said. After years of population decline, Provost said, the numbers of monarchs have gotten stronger in recent years. “In the 1980s and ’90s the monarch population had peaked. It was really, really high, then suddenly in the late 1990s and early 2000s, all of a sudden, we saw this huge drop in population. Between illegal logging [in Mexico], pesticide use and the loss of habitat, there was a triple whammy of stuff that happened to the monarchs.” One of the most serious threats to the butterflies though, Provost said, was the loss of milkweed across North America.

“Milkweed is the only host plant for monarchs,” Provost said. “So, they lay their eggs on milkweed exclusively — any species of milkweed — and the caterpillars only eat that. There’s an international effort to create more fueling stations with nectaring flowers and milkweed. We’re going to be giving away free milkweed seeds at the festival and just bringing attention to conservation efforts and research that is going into the monarchs to help stabilize and bring up their populations.”

The Festival will have activities for kids including a craft station and a “pollinator passport,” Provost said, “so they can go around and add stickers from the different science stations and some of the vendors. And once they fill up their passports, they can go get a prize. We will also have more than 25 vendors and artisans, and we’ll have food and beverages.”

“The festival was started years ago at Petals in the Pines in Canterbury,” Provost said. “And for the last few years I had been helping them with a science station. I would talk about community science and test butterflies and take measurements of their wings and do little

demonstrations. In 2024, at the end of the season, [Petals in the Pines owners] Jim and Donna Miller said that they were retiring and they asked me if I wanted to take over. So last year was the first year I ran the festival.”

Windy weather at the new location prevented many butterflies from attending, Provost said. At the Monarch Festival’s new location in Belmont, that should be less of a problem.

Butterfly fans can be exuberant in their enthusiasm, and the Monarch Festival will encourage that.

“Any attendee, of any age,” Provost said, “if they are dressed in a butterfly costume or dressed as an appropriate pollinator, will get in free.” 🦋

The 14th New Hampshire Monarch Festival

When: Saturday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Tioga Pavilion in Belmont Village, 18 Mill St., Belmont
More: Adult tickets are \$9.31 and children’s tickets are \$6.11 through the festival’s website at nhmonarchfestival.com.

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

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Beach week

- The **Annual Hampton Beach Children’s Festival** continues at the Hampton Beach Seashell stage through Friday, Aug. 21, according to hamptonbeach.org/events/childrens-events. On Thursday, Aug. 20, events include Wild-life Encounters at 10 a.m., The Magic of Steve Charette at 11 a.m., STEM fun with the Girl Scouts at 12:30 p.m. and ice cream with the lifeguards at 3 p.m., the website said. On Friday, Aug. 21, be part of a parade — meet at

the state park at 10 a.m. with a costume for the 11 a.m. parade on Ocean Boulevard (from the state park to the Seashell Stage) featuring a costume contest and prizes for all participants, the website said. Afterward, catch a performance by Mr. Aaron, the website said.

Park day

- The **8th Annual Family Fun Day** at Field of Dreams in Salem will take place Saturday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to fieldofdreamsnh.org, where you can purchase tickets (\$10 per person, children under 2 get in free). The day will feature a character meet and greet, a petting farm, a rock climbing wall, touch a truck, local vendors, a live DJ, the Home Depot Kids Workshop, food trucks, live performance from the School of Rock Nashua and more, the website said.

Movie night

- Hey, you guys! Chunky’s Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Road in Manchester, will host a special screening of *The Goonies* (1985) with a Family Treasure Hunt Movie Night on Thursday, Aug. 20, with a treasure hunt starting at 5:45 p.m. and the movie starting at 6:30 p.m., according to a theater email. The family event will also be held Saturday, Aug. 22, with the treasure hunt starting at 5:15 p.m. and the film at 6 p.m. See chunkys.com for tickets.
- Chunky’s will also offer **sensory-friendly screenings of *Paw Patrol: The Dino Movie*** on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 11:30 a.m., 2:45 and 6 p.m., when the lights are up and the sound is down, according to the website.
- Make it an outdoor movie night. *Zootopia* (PG, 2016) will screen on Friday, Aug. 21, in Veterans Park in Manchester at 8:15 p.m., according to a post on the Manchester Parks &

Recreation Facebook page. BYO chairs, blankets and snacks, the post said.

- *The Secret of the Kells* (PG, 2009) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 10 a.m., according to redrivertheatres.org. “Enjoy *The Secret of Kells* on the big screen as part of the Inaugural NH Irish Festival, which has been organized with the support of Capitol Center for the Arts, Red River Theatres, the New Hampshire – Ireland Trade Council, and with generous sponsorships from the University of New Hampshire and Irish Electric.... After the film, walk across the street to the BNH Stage to enjoy Irish music and set dancing, along with local vendors and food,” the website said.
- *The Wizard of Oz* (1939) will screen at the Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m., according to flyingmonkeynh.com. 🦋

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News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **A new buffet:** As reported in an Aug. 11 online article by the Concord Monitor, a new buffet restaurant will move into the former Red Apple Buffet on Loudon Road in Concord. City Buffet, which will reportedly feature Asian, Chinese-American, and Italian foods, is expected to open in October.

• **Third Thursday:** Nashua's Third Thursday event for August, organized by Downtown Nashua Association (6 Main St., Nashua, 883-5700, downtownnashua.org) will take place Thursday, Aug. 20, from 3 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a walk downtown and shop exclusive deals from participating downtown businesses. Participating businesses this month will include Coffee and Kindness, Local Street Eats, San Francisco Kitchen, Stella Blu, Surf Seafood, and Union Public House. Visit downtownnashua.org/third-thursdays.

• **Bark you can bite:** There will be a bark-making class at Van Otis Chocolates (341 Elm St., Manchester, 627-1611, vanotis.com) Thursday, Aug. 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Participants will take a tour of the Van Otis Chocolate Factory, make their own nutty chocolate customized with their favorite flavors and mix-ins, and eat chocolate. Each guest will take home roughly eight ounces of chocolate bark. Tickets are \$49.87.

• **Couples cooking class:** The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Derry, 339-1664, culinary-playground.com) will host Date Night at the Bistro on Friday, Aug. 21, and again on Saturday, Aug. 22. Learn to make a puff pastry tomato tart, blue cheese steak and endive salad, and white wine-poached pears with sweet mascarpone cream. The cost is \$180 per couple through the Culinary Playground website.

• **Shaken, not stirred:** Learn the secret to making outstanding shaken cocktails at Tuscan Market (Tuscan Village, 9 Via Toscana, Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com), Saturday, Aug. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. Beat the heat with a lineup of impressive seasonal spirits designed to wow your friends. Guests will shake, stir and sip their way through three expertly crafted, seasonally inspired cocktails. Tickets are \$60 through the Tuscan Brands website.

• **A new Nashua tiki bar:** The new Mesozoic Tiki Bar & Lounge (97 Main St., Nashua, 204-5236, mesozoictiki.com) will be open to the public starting Saturday, Aug. 22, from noon to 11 p.m. With a prehistoric decor, Mesozoic will focus on innovative, tropical drinks and sharable small plates. Its formal grand opening and ribbon cutting are expected in September.

• **Spirit tasting:** There will be a spirit tasting at NH Liquor and Wine Outlet Store #34 in Salem (liquorandwineoutlets.com) from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20. Fea-

FOOD

Make time for Mahrajan

Middle Eastern food made for all

By John Fladd
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As it says on the website for this weekend's Mahrajan Festival in Manchester, Mahrajan is "Arabic for a wicked good time." The festival is also the main fundraising event for Our Lady of the Cedars church. Nikki Bullock is the coordinator for the event.

"It is a Middle Eastern food festival that takes place at our church," she said. "It is primarily focused on the food and cultural traditions of Lebanon, which is where the Melkite Church is based. So every August we open our kitchen and our church to our local community and feed anybody who will come."

This year's festival will be held on three consecutive days, Bullock said, from Friday, Aug. 21, through Sunday, Aug. 23. One of the goals of the festival, she said, is to be as convenient as possible for the larger community to be able to attend.

Many countries around the Mediterranean have their own versions of the same dishes. Greek baklava is very similar to Lebanese *baklawas*, and falafel can vary from block to block in a Middle Eastern city, never mind across the region. Our Lady of the Cedars will present the best version of their own, Bullock said.

"We've got lamb kebabs and shawarma, kibbeh [a dish made with minced lamb and sometimes beef, pine nuts, and onions], falafel, and stuffed grape leaves. Those seem to always go faster each year," she said. "Of course we've got traditional pastries — the fatayer [savory filled pastries] and the ghraybe [cookies that



Courtesy photo.

are shortbread-adjacent], and date fingers — all the things you think of when you think of Lebanese food."

For the parishioners, the weeks of cooking leading up to the festival are as much fun as the festival itself, Bullock said.

"All the prep work really is a team effort," she said. "You know, when you're making the quantities that we are, you really bond as a team. We were joking this year when we were making the kibbeh — I think we made something like 30 trays of kibbeh in an hour and a half.... I don't know if it's a world record, but we just crushed it. [Making] the grape leaves is another huge, huge, huge production that requires lots of people. It's thousands of grape leaves that we're rolling. So the fact that we're able to do that in a day, I think, really shows how invest-

ed everyone is and how much everyone enjoys each other's company. People like to come and help and just spend time with each other."

The volunteers who run the festival represent all age groups, Bullock said. "We've had a great influx of young people and young families. And then, of course, there are people like me that have been raised in this church. My mom taught me everything she knew; now I'm doing her job. We're like a well-oiled machine."

Bullock said the volunteers who put the Mahrajan festival together put as much thought and effort into creating a mood as they do the food.

"I think what I personally love about our festival," she said, is that it's very... I don't know if 'open and airy' is what I want to say, but we've just thought a lot about the experience of people coming. So even when it's really busy we make sure people have a good time. The tents are big and open. The music isn't too loud. It's a complete experience; we want to give people the best experience that we can. My favorite thing about the festival is seeing people sitting and smoking hookah and having their drinks and some pastries and being totally relaxed and enjoying each other's company." 🍷

Mahrajan Festival

Where: Our Lady of the Cedars Church, 140 Mitchell St., Manchester, oloclnh.org

When: Friday, Aug. 21, from 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, from noon to 10 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 23, from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

More: bestfestnh.com.

Brews and more

Gate City Brewfest offers beer of course, but also family fun

By John Fladd
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Each August the Gate City Brewfest draws brewers and beer enthusiasts from all over New England to raise money for the Nashua Police Athletic League. Megan Blongy works with the PAL and is one of the coordinators of the festival. She said the event has become something of an institution.

"This is the 12th year," she said, "and we are excited about that. We will have food, lots of different beers — over 100 different brews are being poured this year — we are going to have our traditional Wiffleball tournament, along with [a] challenge, where the police face off against the fire department. They do a lot of lifting of heavy things and compete against each other, but actually, new this year, we are going to have a Mini Hero Challenge, which will be a smaller version for kids to be able to [compete] picking up things like bags of kitty litter."

The hundred different beers will come from across the region, Blongy said.

"Right now we have around 65 different brewers coming. That can change between now and the actual day, but they're from all over New England. There are some from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and a few from Massachusetts, so basically a good New England mix." There will be food as well, she said. "We have food trucks coming; Alltown Fresh will be there; Augusta's Chicken on the Road will be there. We have a new lemonade [vendor] coming this year, called Sip and Pour, that people are excited about."

More than 50 vendors and food trucks are listed on the Brewfest's website, as well as beers, ciders, spirits, seltzers and non-alcoholic beverages. Blongy emphasized that the Brewfest is about more than just beer.

"It's a family-friendly event," she said. "We have different types of tickets, a sort of tier system. We have VIP tickets, which are \$75 and let



Gate City Brewfest. Courtesy photo.

you get in an hour early, so beginning at noon. We have general admission tickets that admit people at 1 p.m. Then we do sell DD [Designated Driver] tickets, which have a different type of wristband. Kids under 12 are free."

One of the compelling aspects of the Brewfest, Blongy said, is the longstanding competitions between Nashua's fire and police departments.

"Police officers and firefighters will be lifting

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kettlebells with different weights — probably five-, 10-, and 20-[pound] weights. They're also going to have relay races between some of the kids and some of the fire and police officers, as well as a tug-of-war against some of the fire and police officers. So this year it should be extra fun for the kids. It will be a fun experiment. [The Nashua Police Athletic League] is a youth organization. We're trying very hard to bring some fun for the youth to be there, and it can become more of a family event. but it can be hard because of the beer theme. So this is our first shot at trying to see if the mini-hero games will take off."

Blongy said it has been gratifying to see the Brewfest grow into an expression of Nashua's sense of community.

"It's good to bring the community together with different types of vendors and sponsors, who come together and just have a day out. I think the city's definitely been trying to bring back that sense of community, and over the past few years they've done a great job at it. We're definitely excited to be a part of that." 🍷

The Gate City Brewfest

When: Saturday, Aug. 22, 1-5 p.m.

Where: Holman Stadium, 67 Amherst St., Nashua, from 1 to 5 p.m. VIP ticket holders will be allowed in at noon.

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Peach Blintzes

We have a peach tree and are thus up to our noses in peaches right now. If your husband brought home too many blueberries, or you woke from a fugue state with a giant bowl of nectarines, those will work well for this, too.

- Crepes
- ½ cup (114 g) water

1 cup (227 g) milk

4 eggs

4 Tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, melted

1 cup (120 g) all-purpose flour

2 Tablespoons sugar

1/8 teaspoon salt

- Filling
- 1¼ cups (284 g) ricotta cheese

4 ounces (1/2 package) cream cheese

¼ cup (28 g) powdered sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract or paste

Zest of 1 lemon

¼ cup (the other 1/2 stick) butter

Butter for frying

- Topping
- (The amounts for this stage of the recipe are maddeningly vague, because even you don't know how sweet, or juicy, or whatever your fruit is. You'll just have to taste as you go along.)

Zest of another lemon

Several large peaches, or a couple cups of berries, or other fruit you have too much of

A pinch of salt

An undetermined amount of honey – I like hot honey. Start with two or three tablespoons.

Put all the crepe ingredients, in the order they are listed in, in a blender. All crepe rec-



Peach Blintzes. Photo by John Fladd.

ipes are fairly insistent about this. I suspect that if you started with the flour on the bottom of the pile of ingredients, things would get gummy and you'd have a layer of glue, which might break up into glue nuggets when you blend it. Alternatively, it might open a portal allowing the ghost of Julia Child through to give you a thorough talking-to. I wouldn't mind that so much, but it might be Auguste Escoffier or Anthony Bourdain, either of whom would probably be super-grumpy.

Blend the crepe batter until it is smooth. Leave it to rest for 20 minutes, or longer in the refrigerator.

Mix the ingredients for the filling with your electric mixer, one at a time. Unlike the crepe batter, this filling will not throw a princessy hissy fit about the order. I'd suggest starting with the hardest ingredient, which is probably the butter you forgot to take out of the refrigerator. Chill in the refrigerator for an hour.

Add the ingredients for your fruit topping to a saucepan. If you need to peel or pit the fruit, please do so. Cook over medium heat until the fruit softens and makes a syrup. Add honey a little bit at a time until the filling is as sweet as you want it.

Melt a tablespoon or so of butter in a non-stick pan, then make your crepes. You will only need to use melted butter for this first one. (If you haven't made crepes before, take comfort from the fact that the first one is always wonky for everyone. You'll figure this out.) Remember to flip the crepe and cook both sides.

Fill each crepe with the cheese mixture, then roll them up and serve them warm, with the fruit topping. If you want to be extra fancy, they go well with sparkling wine. 🍷

Weekly Dish

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tured spirits will include Aspen Vodka, Luxardo Espresso Liqueur, and Luxardo Decaf Espresso. This 21+ event is free.

• **How to make a classic negroni:** Manchester Distillery (284 Willow St., Manchester, 978-308-2867, manchesterdistillery.com) will host The Art of the Negroni on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. This interactive negroni cocktail class will be led by Max from Black Feather Bar. Whether you're new to classic cocktails or looking to refine your bartending skills, this hands-on class will teach you the techniques and history behind one of the world's most iconic drinks. The cost is \$24.99.

• **Knife sharpening:** There will be a knife-sharpening class with Alex Roy at Tuscan Market (Tuscan Village, 9 Via Toscana, Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com), Sunday, Aug. 23, from 3 to 5 p.m. A sharp knife is the cornerstone of any culinary adventure. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to properly sharpen your own kitchen knives using Japanese waterstones with step-by-step guidance. Bring up to two non-serrated knives from home. Knives will be supplied to those who do not have them. Tickets are \$50 through the Tuscan Brands website. 🍷



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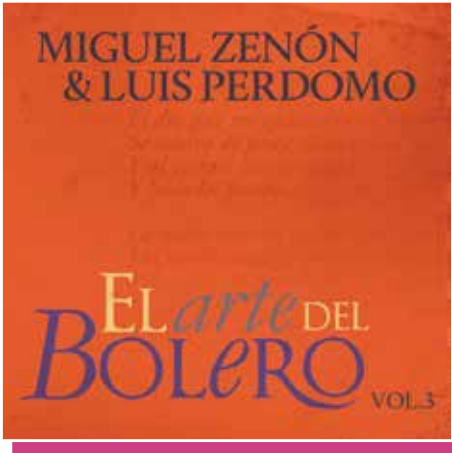
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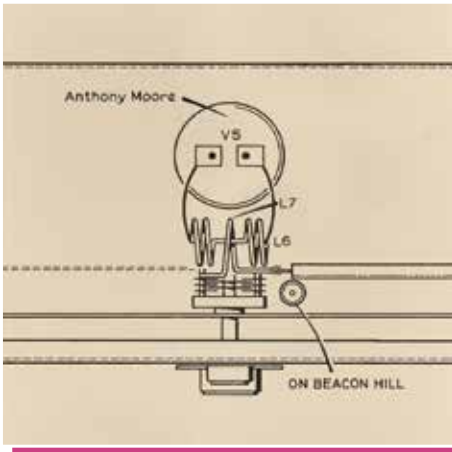
Miguel Zenón & Luis Perdomo, *El Arte del Bolero Vol. 3* (Miel Music)



Relevance check: The Hispanic and Latino community is a rapidly growing demographic in Manchester, N.H., making up approximately 13.5 to 14 percent of the city’s total population, or more than 15,000 residents, making it one of the largest and most vibrant multicultural communities in the state. Bolero and tango are two major components of the citizenry’s musical heritage, and this, the third full-length collection from sax player Zenón and pianist Perdomo, is, along with its unbridled romp into pure artistry, something of an archaeological expedition. These two have played together in Zenón’s quartet for 27 years, and the second volume in this series resulted in their winning a Grammy in 2024 for Best Latin Jazz Album; in

other words there’s no questioning their qualifications, which here table sweeping, clever and above all romantic renderings of pieces like “El Día Que Me Quieras,” co-written by Argentin-ean music idol Carlos Gardel, renowned for defining the tango genre in the early 1900s. This wasn’t what I expected at all; it focuses on Latin music’s melodic patterning as opposed to its familiar percussion-driven vibe. **A+** —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

Anthony Moore with AKA & Friends, *On Beacon Hill* (Drag City Records)



There’s a renewed push for this November 2025-released album, so I leapt at the chance to get the vinyl version sent to me, not because I know Moore from *SpongeBob SquarePants* but because casual investigation showed that it was indeed unfairly overlooked and, in short, Something Important. At 77, Britisher Moore has a formidable CV, having collaborated with Pink Floyd (three co-writer credits on 1987’s *A Momentary Lapse of Reason* and “Wearing the Inside Out” on *The Division Bell*) and Julian Lennon (on *Help Yourself*). The songs here are rerubs of tunes he’s recorded over the decades, including the single “World Service” from 1981 and other period pieces; thus it serves as both reminiscence and introduction, revealing

the Floyd collaboratorship as logical: The songs are slow, saddish but not mawkish, i.e. there’s a psychedelic element at work, but fans of Nick Cave — especially his most morose records, like *Ghasteen* — will assuredly get a lot out of this. **A-** —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Friday, Aug. 21, what can you even say? Not only is it a day of new album releases for you, it marks many historic events in rock ’n’ roll history! For example, on Aug. 21, 1965, the Rolling Stones scored their first U.S. No. 1 album with *Out of Our Heads*, an album I’d never heard of until today, because I never cared! Let me look, OK, aside from “Heart Of Stone” and some other song I’m not familiar with, the album consisted of cover versions of old blues songs from people like Chuck Berry, Sam Cooke and waitwhat, Sonny Bono, from Sonny and Cher! Well, it actually makes sense, because back in those days, before the internet or cars or fire, Sonny Bono was a songwriter, not the sad television clown you all know him as, if you’re kind of old. OK, if you’re *definitely* old, but enough history filler, what you really want to know is what’s going on with **Brandon Flowers**, the singer from Killers, but there’s not much to tell, since he doesn’t get into beefs, because he is Mormon, who even knew. His third solo album is titled *THRASHER*, yes, in all caps, because whatever; it is a concept album serving as follow-up to the Killers’ 2021 album *Pressure Machine*. Like that one, this new one is a triptych of Flowers’ childhood growing up in Nephi, Utah, and is influenced by vintage artists like Johnny Cash, which explains the gospel-singalong-ish Grand Ole Opry vibe of leadoff single “Paradise.” He’ll be at Roadrunner in the snobby Brighton neighborhood of Boston on Sept. 23.

• Vermont native **Grace Potter** used to be in Grace Potter and the Nocturnals, but then she fell in love with her record producer, which caused her bandmate-husband Matt Burr to go “oh no you didn’t” and the band broke up, but before you start, she did end up marrying the producer guy. She is on her own these days, currently hawking her sixth album, *Trespasser*. The single “Love Me Not” is a rather interesting slow-rocker combining sounds remindful of both KT Tunstall (when she still had a few songwriting ideas) and Melissa Etheridge (because that’s who Potter usually sounds like, in other words half the songs you thought were Etheridge were actually done by this lady, and vice versa). Her 2026 tour will come very close to our state on Sept. 12 at River Ruckus in Haverhill, Mass.

• Ah yes, **Weezer**, the voice of an awkward, horribly mistreated generation, they are releasing their 20th album this week, once again titled *Weezer*, but this time everyone will refer to it as *The Gold Album*. If you’re one of the band’s fans, you’ve likely already heard the initial single, “Shine Again,” featuring a decent doomy-grungy guitar line that rips off Lit’s “My Own Worst Enemy,” which is of course itself a ripoff of most Weezer songs; the second single was “We Might as Well Be Strangers,” featuring a guest spot from shoegaze-slacker band Wednesday. That song is unbelievably lifeless and sounds completely phoned in, but for all I know you will relate to its message of suburban misery or whatever the guy who looks like Rick Moranis is singing about. These guys will play at TD Garden in Boston on Sept. 27.

• We’ll stick a fork in this exercise with **Mystery Jets**, an indie-pop/post-punk band from Eel Pie Island, situated in the River Thames in London; the people of that island are constantly bombarded with noise because the island is in the flight path of lots of flights coming in and out of Heathrow Airport, which is essentially how they invented their band name. *A Hole To See The Sky Through*, the band’s seventh LP, includes the title track, which is really cool, like Yes in rockout mode, or Supertramp if they didn’t suck. —Eric W. Saeger

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POP CULTURE BOOKS

Unseen, by David Lewis and Keelan Leyser (Bloomsbury Sigma, 273 pages)

At first glance, *Unseen* looks like a typical make-your-life-better book, a compilation of research distilled for a general audience by a social scientist or academic. But early on, Keelan Leyser and the late Dr. David Lewis put readers on notice that *Unseen* is different, given that one of the authors describes himself as “magician, mentalist and pickpocket.”

OK, we’re in. It’s not every day one has the chance to get life advice from a pickpocket.

Thankfully, Leyser’s light-fingeredness is in the interests of social science rather than a product of criminal intent. The success of both magicians and pickpockets depends on their ability to manipulate attention.

“Whether secretly removing a watch from someone’s wrist or making a pack of cards appear to turn into a block of glass in someone’s hands, the principles remain the same: the brain’s attention can be redirected through calculated psychological triggers,” Lewis and Leyser write.

In short, both magicians and pickpockets expose our cognitive blind spots, the ways in which we go through life “looking, not seeing.” In *Unseen* the authors convey these lessons leaving our wallets untouched. The everyday workings of the human body, especially the eye and brain, may seem miraculous, but we are largely unconscious of the way in which its processes fail us, sometimes catastrophically.

Researchers say that human error is responsible for 70 percent of vehicle accidents and 80 percent of aviation accidents, and cognitive blind spots play as much a role in this as inattention or exhaustion. In fact, we are most likely to suffer from blind spots when we are one of the “3 Fs” — fatigued, frightened or furious, Lewis and Leyser write. Even when not noticeably impaired by one of the 3Fs, human beings make three to six errors every hour, “regardless of the task or activity being conducted,” one safety expert tells the authors.

This is because there are so many ways in which our brains can fool us, as evidenced by the famous sketch “My Wife and My Mother-in-Law,” an illusion created in 1915 by a British cartoonist. When looking at the drawing (seen as sexist by today’s standards), some people see an

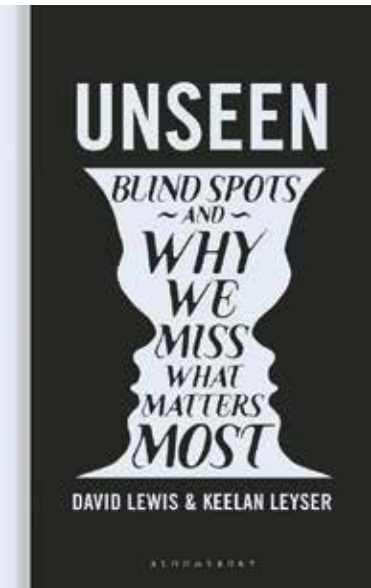
old and unattractive woman, whereas others see a stylish young woman. Lewis and Leyser offer dozens of other examples that similarly show how our perception is altered by the shortcuts our brains take in processing information. They not only present photos and illustrations, but also provide QR codes throughout the book that take the reader to webpages where the concept is more fully explained. It’s an interesting approach, although I’m still not sure how I feel about having to have a smartphone on hand while reading a book.

Nor am I sure whether I’m happy to have learned about how accident prone all of us are because of these blind spots.

While most people believe we have five senses, Lewis and Leyser explain there are many more than that, and the shortcuts that the brain takes are necessary because of the millions of pieces of information it is constantly bombarded with. Blind spots basically are an adaptation that allows us to maintain our sanity, and there are varieties of them. There is, for example, “change blindness” in which we can be oblivious to a difference that becomes obvious when it is pointed out to us; this is particularly worrisome when applied to the work of those reading X-rays at a hospital and screening luggage at the airport.

There is “choice blindness,” in which people fail to notice a change in a choice they have previously made, which has had disturbing repercussions for those picking out suspects in a police lineup. And there is “expectation blindness,” in which people’s expectation of an outcome or act influences how we perceive what actually happens, which has resulted in wrongful police shootings and fatal medical mistakes, as when a nurse picked up a drug syringe and read the label as she expected to see it, rather than the way it was, resulting in the death of a patient.

In a chapter on visual illusions, Lewis and Leyser lay out why we are so easily fooled by what we think we see, such as the drawing known as “Shepherd’s Tables,” which seems to



depict two tables of varying sizes, but does not. Things get even weirder when they take up the intra-body communication that goes on between the brain and the gut, our so-called “alien brain” run by billions of microbes, and blind spots driven by other body parts, including the bladder. (“An empty stomach reduces our decision-making powers, while a full bladder increases them,” the authors write.

Unseen also delves into the complex machinations of why we remember faces and why we find some people attractive but not others,

and how marketers exploit our blind spots to sell us things. The authors recall a famous psychology experiment from 1967 in which a person dressed from head to foot in a black cloth bag went to a college class every day for a semester. The “Bag Man,” who has never been identified, was at first mocked by other students, but as time went on they became protective of him. One researcher later said that Bag Man illustrated that “people will grow to like a thing they initially detest — even with no new information — if they are repeatedly exposed to it,” which is one reason brands bombard us with familiar products repeatedly.

In addition to showing us how certain popular magic tricks work, Lewis and Leyser offer some tips on banishing, or at least finding workarounds for, our blind spots. Cutting down on the fatigue in the 3Fs is an obvious one; when we’re tired we’re more likely to succumb to them. (It’s harder to stop being frightened or furious, although they have suggestions for that as well.) Perhaps the most helpful is being aware of all this social science research and how it applies to ordinary life.

Unfortunately, the authors spend 250 pages warning us about cognitive blind spots and only 22 telling us to banish them, with some suggestions that seem banal (tart cherry juice or milk to help you sleep, yawn). More helpful would have been 20 pages of warnings, 250 pages of solutions. **B** —Jennifer Graham

Books

Author events

- **Ernest Thompson**, Academy Award-winning writer of *On Golden Pond*, presents his new literary thriller, *Out Clause*, followed by a Q&A, on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord) as part of the Authors on Main series. Tickets \$15 for admission only or \$30 for admission plus one book, at ccanh.com.
- **E.H. Jacobs** will sign copies of his novel *Into a Wider Sky* on Saturday, Aug. 29, 1-3 p.m. at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com).
- **Trisha Blanchet**, founder of Operation

Delta Dog, will talk about her new book *Murder Like Magic* on Saturday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com). An Operation Delta Dog fundraiser will be held the same day at Balin Books from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Catherine Newman** will talk about her newest novel, *Wreck*, on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400). Ticket package is \$30 and includes a signed paperback; purchase tickets at themusichall.org.
- **Ariel Lawhon** will talk about her new novel, *The Pirate Queen*, on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Music Hall His-

toric Theater (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400), in conversation with NHPR *Morning Edition* producer Jackie Harris. Ticket package is \$57.75 and includes a hardcover copy of the book; purchase tickets at themusichall.org.

Book events

- **Bookish Bingo** with Bookish Bliss on Friday, Aug. 21, 6-8 p.m. at Dave & Buster’s in Manchester (at the Mall of NH). \$25 entry gets you all 10 games. Prizes include books, bookish merch, gift baskets and more. Find Bookish Bliss on social media.
- **2nd Annual Nostalgic Book Fair** with Bookery (bookerymht.com) and other indie

bookstores at Spyglass Brewing Co. in Nashua on Saturday, Aug. 22, noon-4 p.m.

- **Bookish Bingo** with Bookish Bliss on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 5:30-8 p.m. at Cork N Keg Grill in Raymond. \$25 entry gets you all 10 games. Prizes include books, bookish merch, gift baskets and more. Find Bookish Bliss on social media.

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In praise of the under-two-hour movie

The End of Oak Street and more shorties

By Amy Diaz
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Here's to the under-two-hour movie.

I hung in there with *The Odyssey*'s nearly three-hour run time, I can stick with and enjoy a longer movie.

But I truly appreciate a movie that can get in and out in an economical 100 or so minutes, which is what Aug. 14 theatrical release *The End of Oak Street* and many of the other movies mentioned here manage. Short, fun, occasionally funny, unapologetically goofy-action-packed, not an IP or a sequel — with that and its “kids on bikes” scenes, it has a real throwback feel.

It is also set in 1982 suburbia, so you get a lot of that faded late '70s vibe. Denise (Anne Hathaway) and husband Greg (Ewan McGregor) also feel sort of faded as a couple. When they aren't trying to fight quietly at a neighborhood block party, they are openly yelling in the family home, which Greg deals with by taking nips from a garage whiskey bottle and Denise handles by writing a book about a wife yearning to leave her family. The teenage Audrey (Maisy Stella) and tween Brian (Christian Convery) have definitely picked up on the couple's problems.

After a night or two of seeing a bright light suddenly appear and vanish just outside the house, the family members see one bright light — maybe lightning, they wonder — that seems to cause the power and phones and water to go out. When the parents go outside the next day, they don't see downed power lines but they do hear strange noises and see what at first Greg thinks might be the family dog and then realizes, when he gets a good look, is a large, feathery raptor of the dinosaur variety. The couple manages to make it back inside before getting eaten — not all of their neighbors are as lucky — and immediately start boarding up windows and trying to figure out how much food they have.

As we and they eventually figure out (and as the trailers give away), their neighborhood has been lifted out of our time and plopped back millions of years ago. How will they survive and is there a way back will be their chief questions — well and Brian will also keep looking for his dog and maybe Denise is wondering if she and Greg are still divorce-bound.

There is a fair amount of goofballery in this movie that the movie and the characters take absolutely seriously but that I think we are meant to laugh at. The southern California golden light and the bikes and the ancient-seeming station wagons gives this a very Steven Spielberg-lite feel but there is a B movie quality to some of the creature antics.

Hathaway is not “important movie Oscar contention” good here but she does a good job as the mom character in this sort of thing — think Dee Wallace in *E.T.* or JoBeth Williams in *Poltergeist*.



The End of Oak Street

McGregor is equally enjoyable if a less steady member of Team Run Away From Dinosaurs in his role as Greg. McGregor has a way of playing this “regular” guy as just off kilter, with a sort-of-a-screw-up energy. Here, he ups the goofiness of any scene he's in about 17 percent, even when he's playing it dead seriously.

The audience in my screening included at least one group of movie goers who decided to have fun, give some “yay!”s to a scene where a dinosaur gets whacked with a sledgehammer and when the family dog shows up. I feel like this is the appropriate spirit in which to see and enjoy this movie, which feels like a throwaway “ha, nice” little August treat of a movie.

Also debuting last week was *Don't Say Good Luck* on Netflix. “However much we as a culture appreciate Melanie Lynskey, we need to appreciate her much much more” and “Sunny Sandler has some serious acting chops” are two thoughts I had repeatedly throughout this drama about a teenage girl dealing with both her role in the school play and the grave illness of her mother. Sandler, daughter of Manchester's own Adam, plays Sophie, who learns that her mother's cancer has returned via a butt-dial by her father, Ted (Max Greenfield, taking it to 11 with his decent-guy dad), right before she goes onstage to audition for a supporting role in her high school's production of *Waitress*. Absorbing the news while she sings, she gives a performance that makes teacher-director Mrs. Parker (Stephanie Beatriz) consider her for the lead. Meanwhile, at home, mom Elizabeth (Lynskey) and Ted try to put on a good face for Sophie and her two younger brothers, even though Elizabeth seems to be getting sicker. Sophie is also dealing with standard but still heartbreaking teenage drama including a rupture with her longtime best friend Carolyn (Scarlett Estevez) and Sophie's crush on her costar Jack (Jack Champion).

Steve Buscemi and Bebe Neuwirth show up as Elizabeth's parents, doing good, heart-tugging work. Even Jon Lovitz impresses with a small role as a worker at Ted's deli. Everybody here is note-perfect, down to the other kids theater-kid-ing it up on the production of the play.

Sandler is definitely a strong talent in her own right. I thought she did good work in teen comedy *You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah* (also on Netflix, also worth a watch) and this movie proves that wasn't a fluke and that she is

growing into a compelling actress with range.

Lynskey, of course, adds fabulous to everything she's in. Here, she reminds me a bit of Rachel McAdams in *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* in how Lynskey, as McAdams did, is able to convey a lot of her character's own emotions and inner struggles through interactions with the daughter who is really more the movie's focus (that movie is currently streaming on Prime Video, and available via rent or purchase).

Don't Say Good Luck is a top shelf coming-of-age + light comedy + weepiness cocktail. I almost feel like this movie is wasted as a streaming release but I'm not sure that a mother-daughter-focused film like this could make it in the current cinema-outside-your-house environment. Let's just count ourselves lucky that we get it at all.

There are several earlier 2026 releases now available for a home watch.

Gail Daughtry and the Celebrity Sex Pass was a July theatrical release and is now on VOD for rent or purchase, which feels bad for the film industry but great for me because this movie is one of the dumbest things I've seen in a while, I say with the highest level of compliment and respect.

This endeavor comes from the *The State* and *Wet Hot American Summer* players (David Wain directed; he and Ken Marino cowrote; *The State* is streaming on Paramount+ and *Wet Hot American Summer* is available for rent or purchase). Kansas hairstylist Gail Daughtry (Zoey Deutch) and high school sweetheart fiance Tom (Michael Cassidy) are just a few weeks out from their wedding and, on the way to a cookbook reading by Jennifer Aniston, flirtily talk about their respective celebrity sex passes. Gail decides on Jon Hamm, Tom immediately says Tilda Swinton. After meeting Aniston and deciding that she's swell, Tom changes his pass to her, which Gail laughs off while she waits for Tom to run back and get his coat from the signing. When he doesn't return to the car, she goes to look for him and finds that he has, indeed, used his “pass.” Gail is horrified and not sure what to do or whether to go ahead with her wedding and decides to go with coworker Otto (Miles Gutierrez-Riley) to a convention headlined by “King of the Whip Curl Remy Fontaine” (Thomas Lennon) in Los Angeles. Gail and Otto also decide that, what with Jon Hamm living in Los Angeles, this is her opportunity to try to use *her* pass, level the infidelity playing field and maybe save her relationship. But due to an accidental suitcase swap with some gangsters (including Joe Lo Truglio) who stop to take a fan pic with Henry Winkler — Vinnie Barbarino himself, as one gangster later says, a blink-and-you'll-miss-it example of why this is a movie to watch sans phone — Gail is soon being hunted by an international terrorist with perfect skin (Sabrina Impacciatore) even

while on her own quest.

There are so many reasons to enjoy this excellent gleeful-stupid movie. There's John Slattery playing a hard-up version of John Slattery. There's an Old West bar fight. There are a zillion tiny throwaway lines, sight gags and facial expressions that have been calibrated just right. There are a fair amount of extremely game famous-es showing up to wink at the camera (in at least one case, literally). And throughout there's a pretty fun, cleverly executed riff on a quest tale. This is the kind of brilliant-stupid that has made me always at least a little excited to show up for a project from these guys and *Gail Daughtry and the Celebrity Sex Pass* is a particularly well-crafted dumb good time.

Much as with *Obsession*, a horror movie I recently reviewed, *Tuner* (a May theatrical release available for rent or purchase) feels like a strong contender for a Best Sound Oscar nomination, one that makes excellent use of both sound design and sound editing. Niki (Leo Woodall) works as a piano tuner with his uncle-like mentor Harry (Dustin Hoffman). Once a talented piano player, Niki now has hyperacusis, which he describes as being allergic to sound and which you should definitely not look up if you're a person who tends to freak out about any new medical thing you learn about. He wears ear plugs all the time and an extra pair of sound-dampening headphones most of the time, and is generally a rather keep-to-himself sort of guy. But then at a job at a music school he meets piano player and composer Ruthie (Havana Rose Liu) and even their mutual awkwardness — due to Niki's condition and Ruthie's upcoming deadline for impressing a composer she wants to intern for — can't hold back their chemistry.

Their budding relationship comes at a stressful time for Niki. Harry is sick and his wife Marla (Tovah Feldshuh, excellent as always) tells him they are tens of thousands of dollars in medical debt. Shouldering the business alone and desperate to find more cash quickly, Niki decides to call Uri (Lior Raz), the owner of security company Niki met while tuning a piano at a fancy house. Well, “met” might not be as accurate as “caught trying to break into a safe.” Seems that while Uri and his guys install security systems, they also return to the odd house to steal, as one guy explains, the stuff (watches, jewelry and other items hidden in safes) their rich clients have so much of they won't notice if it's missing. Niki's hypersensitivity to sound means that he can also hear things like the click of the metal tooth sliding into the correct numbered spot in a safe lock. So he opens the safe to stop Uri's men from the loud drilling. Uri knows an excellent business opportunity when he sees it.

Tuner is sort of a combination heist movie, a romance between two prickly people and a character study of Niki in his attempt to eke out a new life for himself after suffering the medical set-

back that took away his music career. Each part of this movie is engaging and well drawn and flows together nicely. Woodall is good at showing the constant underlying tension of Niki as he moves through his day. He acts like he is always near a wince, like his pain level is perpetually at a 4 and he’s trying to muscle through the day, the conversation, the general noise of the city.

Havana Rose Liu is also in *Power Ballad*, another May release now available for rent or purchase. Her role here is much smaller, as the girlfriend of Danny Wilson (Nick Jonas), a one-time boy band star now trying to make it as a solo musician. Rick Power (Paul Rudd), the lead singer of a band that predominantly plays covers at weddings, meets Danny at his friend’s posh wedding and after Danny sings a song with the band, he and Rick end up hanging out that evening. They talk music, they play music and they drink a lot. At one point Rick plays Danny a song he’s been working on for years and Danny joins in playing it with him. And, like, if you didn’t know you were watching a John Carney movie (he directed and co-wrote this), you would know by this scene that so lovingly depicts the creation of a song. Carney also wrote and directed *Once* (RIP Glen Hansard), *Begin Again*, *Sing Street* and *Flora and Son*, all movies that I enjoy and that would be very handy if you ever had to explain “yeah, but like what *is* music really?” to an extraterrestrial.

Six months after this music-filled night, Rick hears that song, his song, while he’s walking through a mall. After looking it up, he learns that the song “How To Write a Song Without You” is a massive hit and has reenergized Danny’s career. Rick’s daughter Aja (Beth Fallon) asks if they’re rich now, presuming Rick has some sort of credit on the song. But of course he doesn’t and can’t prove to anyone, not his wife Rachel (Marcella Plunkett) nor his band mates nor a lawyer, that he wrote the song. Apparently, they’ve had to endure a lot of “Rick makes guitar face and sings at us” over the years. Rick sort of drives himself crazy over what to do about this unacknowledged creation of his and what exact-



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ly he’s looking for.

It’s very fitting that a John Carney movie centers itself on a song — what it means, what it means to make it, what it means to let it out in the world. It’s a specific kind of nerding out about music (and creation in general) that I find very enjoyable. *Power Ballad* is thinner, I think, than some of his other movies but still a solid story with good performances from Jonas and from Rudd, looking more beat up and even, gasp, a little more weathered than he usually does, which fits the role perfectly. If you’ve never seen a John Carney movie before, sure, this one is good, but definitely check out those others: *Once* (rent or purchase), *Begin Again* (streaming on Tubi and Amazon Prime Video and a few things that may or may not be real like Howdy and Lionsgate+, as well as rent or purchase), *Sing Street* (Starz, rent or purchase) and *Flora and Son* (Apple TV, rent or purchase).

Also streaming now is the May 29 release *Pressure*, which is on Peacock (as well as rent or purchase). This is a movie about the weather forecast for D-Day in 1944 — like, that’s it, that’s the movie. The overly confident American guy Irv Krick (Chris Messina) brags about predicting the weather for David O. Selznick and says the planned invasion day — June 5 — would be sunny and fair. The British guy, a Scot named James Stagg (Andrew Scott), direly predicts storms with massive waves and suggests

putting off the invasion for a couple of weeks. Preposterous, says British Army General Bernard Montgomery (Damian Lewis). What am I supposed to do, yells a tense U.S. Army General Dwight Eisenhower (Brendan Fraser). There there, says Kay Summersby (Kerry Condon), a British Mechanised Transport Corps Lieutenant and Eisenhower’s private secretary, as Wikipedia says (Wikipedia says other things too, rabbit hole at your leisure).

We’re kind of shuffling through the remainders when it comes to finding new stories to tell about World War II, was my thinking while watching this movie — through really, it’s more like “new stories based on the people we know” because there are I’m sure tons of fascinating stories from parts of the war that aren’t just the tippy top of the military command in Europe. Here, we get a nice bit of “here’s the role the weather played in Allied landing in France” and my response was “huh, how about that.” I don’t know that it warrants a full movie and this movie isn’t doing anything particularly thrilling with its tale. I feel like Fraser, with Ike’s balding head and a perpetual look of indigestion, is doing the big performance and Scott is really trying to do a subtle-ish performance and we have the lady character who seems like she’s been elected mom-wife of everybody and we get a stirring rendition of a historical speech (Eisenhower’s address to the troops on D-Day). This isn’t that far, structurally, from a *Darkest Hour* or *The King’s Speech*. It’s not as well done as those movies but it’s not actively bad. It’s lightly fine, and probably OK-enough for a watch with your most history-loving parent.

Also based on a true story is March release *Tow* (available on Prime Video or rent or purchase). Amanda Ogle (Rose Byrne) got dealt some bad hands by life, made some mistakes, did some self-medicating and got on the wrong side of a tough economy, which is how she winds up sleeping in her 1991 Toyota Camry in present-ish day Seattle while trying to find a job with her veterinary assistant license. She gets a job at a fancy dog spa but it is quickly imperiled

when, after the interview, she sees that her car has been stolen. After two calendar days, police find the car and it is towed to a lot where she can pick it up for the low cost of \$270-some. Why do I have to pay to get my own stolen car back, she asks, not catching a break from the towing company and leaving with the knowledge that every day it sits in the lot, the car will cost her an extra \$50 to spring. She files a lawsuit and gets a judge to order the release, without fine, of her car, but by this time some 20-ish days after it was impounded, the towing company has sold it. She turns to Kevin (Dominic Sessa), a lawyer at a nonprofit firm, to help her fight the company as she tries to keep herself safe and sober, eventually landing a semi-permanent spot at a shelter run by Barb (Octavia Spencer). There she meets others dealing with homelessness and other issues including the pregnant Nova (Demi Lovato) and Denise (Ariana DeBose), who, like Amanda, is struggling to keep up a relationship with her kids who live with their father. Amanda’s kid Avery (Elsie Fisher), who lives in Utah, is clearly desperate to have a relationship with Amanda but isn’t sure if Amanda, whose drinking and other problems have gotten in the way of her being a reliable parent, is truly able to be someone Avery can count on.

Bryne gives a strong performance of someone who, despite having taken many blows by life, is still actively fighting to improve her situation. She is able to show us the messy parts of Amanda along with her toughness and her deep love for Avery. It helps to pull the movie through some of the moments that feel a little “television movie about a Very Serious Issue,” making Amanda a person rather than the personification of an Issue. Likewise, the supporting characters help to ground the movie in something like human people. And you can enjoy your righteous anger at the whole concept of “\$50 a day to get your stolen car back” with Corbin Bernsen playing the humanity-free personification of a predatory business in his role as the towing company’s lawyer. 🍷

Film

- Venues**
- Bank of NH Stage in Concord** 16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com
- Capitol Center for the Arts** 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com
- Chunky’s Cinema Pub** 707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com
- Cinemark Rockingham Park** 12 15 Mall Road, Salem
- Fathom Entertainment** fathomentertainment.com
- The Flying Monkey** 39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com
- Milford Drive-In** 531 Elm St., Milford, milforddrivein.com
- The Music Hall** 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org
- O’Neil Cinemas Londonderry** 16 Orchard View Drive, Londonderry, 877-666-8437, londonderry.oneilcinemas.com

- Park Theatre** 19 Main St., Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org
- Peterborough Community Theatre** 6 School St., Peterborough, 924-2255, pctmovies.com
- Red River Theatres** 11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org
- Regal Fox Run Stadium 15** 45 Gosling Road, Newington, regmovies.com
- Rex Theatre** 23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org
- Smitty’s Cinema** 630 W. Main St., Tilton, 286-3275, smittyscinema.com
- The Strand** 20 Third St., Dover, 343-1899, thestranddover.com
- Wilton Town Hall Theatre** 40 Main St., Wilton, wiltontownhalltheatre.com, 654-3456

Film

- *The Odyssey* (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Aug. 20, at noon,
- *Spider-Man: Brand New Day* (PG-

- 13, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Aug. 20, 12:15, 3:45 & 7:15 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m., 1:15, 4:30 & 7:45 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 23, at noon, 3:45 & 7:15 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 24, at 3:15 & 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m., 3:15 & 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 26, at noon, 3:45 & 7:15 p.m.
- *Reading Lolita in Tehran* (2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 12:30, 3 & 5:30 p.m.
- *Tony* (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 4 & 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 21, at 10:30 a.m., 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 23, at 12:30, 3, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 24, at 3, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m, 3, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 12:30, 3, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Thursdays, Aug. 27, at 3, 5:30 & 8 p.m.

- *The Goonies* (1985) will screen at Chunky’s in Manchester, starting with a Family Treasure Hunt Movie Night on Thursday, Aug. 20, with a treasure hunt starting at 5:45 p.m. and the movie starting at 6:30 p.m., according to a theater email. The family event will also be held Saturday, Aug. 22, with the treasure hunt starting at 5:15 p.m. and the film at 6 p.m. A 21+ screening will take place Thursday, Aug. 20, with the treasure hunt starting at 7:30 p.m. and the screening starting at 8:15 p.m. as well as a menu of specialty Goonies-themed cocktails, the email said. See chunkys.com for tickets.
- *The Brink of War* (PG, 2026) will screen at the Peterborough Community Theatre on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 21, at 3 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 23, at 3 & 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 3 & 7 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m.
- *Teenage Sex and Death at Camp Miasma* (R, 2026) will screen at

- Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 8 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 21, at 10:15 a.m, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45 & 8:15 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 23, at 12:15, 2:45, 5:15 & 7:45 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 24, at 2:45, 5:15 & 7:45 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 10, 2:45, 5:15 & 7:45 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 12:15, 2:45, 5:15 & 7:45 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 27, at 2:45, 5:15 & 7:45 p.m.
- *Zootopia* (PG, 2016) will screen on Friday, Aug. 21, also in Veterans Park in Manchester at 8:15 p.m., according to a post on the Manchester Parks & Recreation Facebook page. BYO chairs, blankets and snacks, the post said.
- *The Secret of the Kells* (PG, 2009) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 10 a.m.
- **Studio Ghibli Fest 2026** screenings via Fathom Entertainment (fathomentertainment.com) include *Castle in the Sky* (Aug. 22-26). See the website

- for times, locations and which screenings are subtitled versus dubbed.
- *The Wizard of Oz* (1939) will screen at the Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m.
- *Coyote vs. Acme* (PG, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 3:15, 5:45 & 8:15 p.m.
- *Tony* (R, 2026) will screen at Peterborough Community Theatre on Friday, Aug. 28, at 3 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 29, & Sunday, Aug. 30, at 3 & 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 3 & 7 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m.
- **Movies in the Park** takes place in Riverfront Park in Tilton, hosted by the Hall Memorial Library (hallmemoriallibrary.org), on Fridays throughout the summer, with the park opening at 6 p.m. and the movie starting at dusk. According to the website, the upcoming schedule is *Road to El Dorado* (Aug. 28) and *Hercules* (Sept. 25).

THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

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• **Big aughts:** Though best known for their early 2000s hits, **The Fray**, currently on tour with Dashboard Confessional, are still making music, with a new album that arrived earlier this year. *A Light That Waits*, according to a tour press release, “ushers in a renewed creative chapter defined by emotional clarity, cinematic songwriting” and the band’s “timeless sound.” Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m., BankNH Pavilion, 30 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, \$40 and up, ticketmaster.com.

• **Booty shake:** A groove-packed triple bill is topped by **Sophistafunk**, who served as Guy Fieri’s house band on one of his Food Network shows. The upstate New York group is known for high-energy, genre-blending live shows that mix funk, hip-hop and jam-band elements. Joining the raw, soulful affair are one-man band Lee Ross and Broken Harmony Syndicate. Friday, Aug. 21, 8:30 p.m., Jewel Music Venue, 61 Canal St., Manchester, \$18 and up, theticketing.co.

• **Vintage sound:** Formed in 2004, Boston-based instrumental trio **Otis Grove** is known for a genre they coined, called Runk, a fusion of rock and organ funk played on old-school Hammond and Wurlitzer keyboards. They’ve logged more than 500 shows through the years, appearing with acts like John Medeski and Trombone Shorty. They perform at a Concord craft brewery. Saturday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m., Feathered Friend Brewing, 231 S. Main St., Concord, \$5, featheredfriendbrewing.com.

• **Cult faves:** In the early ’90s, a rocked up cover of “Cat’s in the Cradle” catapulted **Ugly Kid Joe** into the charts, along with the snarling “Everything About You.” In their heyday, the SoCal band toured with Ozzy Osbourne, Def Leppard and Van Halen. Their latest album is *Rad Wings of Destiny*. They’re joined by Wheatus, a one-hit-wonder with a wonderful hit, “Teenage Dirtbag.” Saturday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$53 and up, tupelohall.com.

• **Community:** Music, art and activism merge at the **Rebel River Music Festival**, a free event in a bucolic setting that includes performances by Woody & the Rebel Alliance, Sara Leketa & The Nasty Women, Megan From Work, Maizy Rae of Fox & the Flamingos, and Pat Lynch, along with speeches from Congressional candidates Karishma Manzur and Paige Beauchemin. Sunday, Aug. 23, noon, Suncook River Campground, 2 Fanny Drive, Allenstown, sucookrivercamp.com. 🍷

NITE

What’s the buzz?

Wildflower Festival returns with a louder sound and a bigger garden

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When Griff Comtois and two friends threw the first Wildflower Festival in 2023, it was three bands and a few dozen art vendors packed around the amphitheater at Milford’s Keyes Memorial Park. Four years later, the environmentally centered event is established enough that Comtois barely recalls the scramble of those early days.

“It feels a lot easier,” he said recently. “People know about us now, so that’s generally good.”

The fourth annual Wildflower Festival returns to Keyes Field Stage on Saturday, Aug. 22, running from noon to 9 p.m. This year brings a notable shift in sound, more art vendors and new education partners, and, for the first time, bands on the bill will be paid for their performances.

Every act this year hails from Massachusetts or New Hampshire, with a musical shift from the more folk- and jam-oriented acts of 2025, like headliner Nova One, toward punk, indie and shoegaze.

“There’s still some folk going on, but we switched styles a little bit,” Comtois said.

“We’ve all kind of just been really into this type of music lately, a lot more punk stuff,” he continued. “It kind of felt natural for us to gather all of our friends and the people we know within the area that play music, instead of trying to find a big name to get a draw.”

7-11 Jesus headlines, with Gollylagging, Tysk Tysk Tysk (replacing originally booked Main Era), Capo / Regime, Parachute Club, Cozy Throne, Thoughtsick, Time Eater, Milk Street, Five Feet and Star Family Singers.

Wildflower Festival

When: Saturday, Aug. 22, noon to 9 p.m.

Where: Keyes Field Stage, Keyes Park, 45 Elm St., Milford

Tickets: Sliding scale (suggested donation \$10), eventbrite.com



Courtesy photo.

Returning for a third appearance is DARTH BRANDON; its frontman Andrew West, books much of the festival’s music.

The Wildflower Fest art market keeps growing as well. There are 60 vendors this year, up from roughly 50 in 2025. Comtois said organizers are intentionally keeping the number in that range. “It’s a good sweet spot for the amount of vendors to the amount of shoppers we have,” he said.

Expect the usual mix of stickers, prints, original paintings, brass sculptures, pottery, woodworking and crocheted items, plus what Comtois described as a strong showing of plant-inspired art and upcycled clothing this year.

“I always like to see them because I just feel like they fit the vibe of the festival,” he said.

New for 2026 is a slate of education-focused exhibitors. The Caterpillar Lab is bringing live caterpillars and butterflies for hands-on demonstrations, New Hampshire Audubon will have a table, and Queerlective is setting up a pressed-flower button-making station.

Partners underscore the festival’s growth as well, with Triangle Credit Union, Bangor Savings Bank and Fieldstone signing on this year.

“That’s a really nice part,” Comtois said.

“Now that we’re more known as a running institution, it’s easier to get sponsors by showing them the things that we’ve done in the past.”

The festival’s original mission of funding pollinator habitat at Keyes Field keeps expanding. A bed of packed dirt in year one, the gazebo garden is now well established, though a few spots are still finding their footing. The meadow strip added last year has taken off: plugs once the size of a fist are now 5 to 6 feet tall and 2 to 3 feet wide.

This spring the group planted a redbud tree and a chokeberry, with more trees planned for fall. Groundbreaking for a planting area near the park’s volleyball courts also began recently.

“That will be cool,” Comtois said. “I think we’re going to get some plants that are 10 to 12 feet tall for that.”

Though national debates about sustainability are a concern, the festival’s ambitions will stay local for now — with an eye toward the future.

“My dream is for us to have more of a national impact,” Comtois said. “A lot of rhetoric and policies are going around now that are not good for us or the environment. I’d like to change that mindset.” 🍷

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Weekly comedy nights

• **Wednesdays Ruby Room** at the Shaskeen in Manchester, 9 p.m.

Open mic comedy nights

• **Moka Mic hosted by Alex Lachance** Moka Pot in Manchester, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m.

• **This Must Be the Mic co-hosted by Tucker Sampson** Hop Knot in Manchester in Manchester, Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

• **Laugh Attic hosted by Danny Pee Strange** Brew in Manchester, Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.

• **Candia Road Brewing hosted by Pete Trubble Morse** 840 Candia Road, Manchester, first and third Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Events

• **Robby Slowik** Moka Pot in Manchester, Friday, Aug. 21, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

• **Ing and Ben: Comedy Show** Wedding Celebration Strange Brew Tavern in Manchester, Friday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

• **Gen X Takeover** Chubb Theatre in Concord, Saturday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m.

• **Dulcé Sloan** BNH Stage in Con-

cord, Saturday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m.

• **Dulcé Sloan** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Sunday, Aug. 30, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

• **Jerry Seinfeld** Chubb Theatre in Concord, Thursday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m.

• **September Comedy Night** Rockingham Ballroom in Newmarket, Saturday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.

• **Ken Rogerson** McCue’s in Portsmouth, Saturday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m.

• **John Mulaney** BankNH Pavilion in Gilford, Thursday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

• **Maria Bamford** Chubb Theatre in Concord, Friday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tom Cotter** Chunky’s in Manchester, Friday, Sept. 11, 8 p.m.

• **Tom Cotter** Rochester Opera House, Saturday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.

• **Jason Merrill/Dan Donahue/Jack Lynch** Tupelo in Derry, Saturday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m.

• **Johnny Ater** McCue’s in Portsmouth, Saturday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m.

• **David Nihil** Rex in Manchester, Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.

• **Sarah Tollemache/Dan Doherty** Moka Pot in Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.



Dulcé Sloan

• **Bob Marley** Flying Monkey in Plymouth, Saturday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tim McKeever** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m.

MUSIC THIS WEEK

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Bedford Bedford Village Inn 2 Olde Bedford Way, 472-2001 Copper Door 15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677 Murphy's Carriage House 393 Route 101, 488-5875 T-Bones 169 S. River Road, 623-7699	Chichester Flannel Tavern 345 Suncook Valley Road, 406-1196	Concord T-Bones: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.	Hampton Bernie's: SpongeBob Rave, 8 p.m. The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m. L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. McGuirk's: Sean Buckley, 8 p.m. Sea Ketch: Clint Lapointe, 1 p.m.; Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m. Wally's: Fast Times, 9 p.m.	Firefly : ALXIA, 5 p.m. Fratello's : Lou Antonucci, 5:30 p.m. Goat : Manchester Idol: Semi-Finals, 8 p.m. KC's Rib Shack : Stephen Decuire, 6 p.m. Strange Brew : Dave Courmoyer, 8 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park : Stephen Kellogg, 6:30 p.m.	Mason The Range: Murphy Clark Band, 5 p.m.	Newmarket Stone Church: Regals w/ Whiskey Talk, 8 p.m.	Pittsfield Over the Moon: open mic, 6 p.m.
Brookline The Alamo Texas Bar-	Brookline Alamo: Travis Rollo, 6 p.m	Exeter Otto Pizza: Chad Verbeck, 6 p.m.	Hudson Luk's: Lee Ross, 6 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m. T-Bones: Chris Cavanaugh, 6 p.m.	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/DJ Jason, 7 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Bob Pratte, 5:30 p.m.	Pembroke PCL: Rust and Pine, 7 p.m.	Warner The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333

Thursday, Aug. 20
Auburn
Auburn Pitts: Lisa Guyer & Nate Comp, 6:30 p.m.
Circle of Fun Playground: Gary Mav & his Ad Hoc Band, 6 p.m.

Bedford
BVI: Dan Morgan, 5:45 p.m.
Copper Door: John Chouinard, 6 p.m.
Murphy's: Jordan Holmes, 5:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Peter Pappas, 6 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Travis Rollo, 6 p.m

Candia
Barnyard: Off Duty Angels, 4:30 p.m.

Chichester
Flannel Tavern: Good Vibes Music Bingo, 6 p.m.

Music, live and in person

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

Concord
T-Bones: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.

Derry
LaBelle: Urgent: Foreigner Tribute, 7:15 p.m.
T-Bones: Jimbo LaBelle, 6 p.m.

Dover
Auspicious Brew: The Salons, King Dead, Jiggery Poke, 7 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Justin Bethune, 7 p.m.

Exeter
Otto Pizza: Chad Verbeck, 6 p.m.

Gilford
Beans and Greens: Dan Fallon, 6 p.m.

Hampton
Bernie's: SpongeBob Rave, 8 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk's: Sean Buckley, 8 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Clint Lapointe, 1 p.m.; Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.
Wally's: Fast Times, 9 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's: Lee Ross, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.
T-Bones: Chris Cavanaugh, 6 p.m.

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

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill: Tim Kierstead, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Doug Thompson, 5:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Chris Perkins, 6 p.m.
The Wreck Yard: Luke Skyrocker karaoke, 9 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Cruncacoustic, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Derryfield: Chuck Alaimo, 6 p.m.

Firefly: ALXIA, 5 p.m.
Fratello's: Lou Antonucci, 5:30 p.m.
Goat: Manchester Idol: Semi-Finals, 8 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Stephen Decuire, 6 p.m.
Strange Brew: Dave Courmoyer, 8 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park: Stephen Kellogg, 6:30 p.m.

Mason
The Range: Murphy Clark Band, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Bob Pratte, 5:30 p.m.



Tortilla Flat: Johnny Angel, 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.
Union Public House: Joe Winslow, 5:30 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Regals w/ Whiskey Talk, 8 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Rust and Pine, 7 p.m.

FROM MIDTOWN TO MANCHESTER

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? **Robby Slowik** practiced his way to an acclaimed comedy special, *Live Near Carnegie Hall*, and can give you pretty solid directions. He headlines the Moka Pot (8 Hanover St., Manchester, 854-5921, facebook.com/TheMokaPotNH) on Friday, Aug. 21, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 plus fees.

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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

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

Friday, Aug. 21
Auburn
Auburn Pitts: NH Ukeladies, 7 p.m.

Bedford
Murphy's: James Stark, 6 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Ethan Cunningham, 6 p.m.

Candia
Barnyard: Nicole Knox Murphy, 6 p.m.

Concord
Feathered Friend: Supernothing, 6 p.m.
Forum: Chris O'Connor, 8 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Taylor Marie, 4 p.m.

Dover
Revo: Middleman, 8 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Redemption, 8 p.m.

Gilford
Beans and Greens: Luciano Monz-ione, 6 p.m.

Hampton
935 Surf Shack: Peter Pappas, 5 p.m.
Bernie's: 7 Day Weekend, 8 p.m.
The Goat: Codie Welch, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk's: Kieran McNally, 1 p.m.; Sean Buckley, 8 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Zak Lombard, 6 p.m.
Wally's: Trash Party, 9 p.m.

Hampstead
Pickleball 603: Silver Springs: The Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, 6 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's: Ayotte Brothers, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bis-son, 8 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill: Bob Pratte, 7 p.m.
Bernini: The Approximations, 6 p.m.
Defiant Records: Chris Hayes, 5:30 p.m.

Fratello's: Amanda McCarthy, 6 p.m.
M/S Mt Washington Cruise: Radio Roulette, 7 p.m.
Naswa: DJ Terry, 5 p.m.; Marlena Phillips, 5:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.
The Wreck Yard: Big Stage Kara-oke w/ DJ Tim, 9 p.m.

Lee
Flag Hill: Paul Lovely, 4 p.m.

Litchfield
Luk's: Slopes and Holiday, 6 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Spellbound, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: Tom Boisse, 6 p.m.
BAD BRGR: Fathom Farewell Fri-day, 8 p.m.
Derryfield: Troy & Costley, 6 p.m.; Mugshot Monday, 8:30 p.m.
Firefly: David Bailin, 5 p.m.
The Foundry: Mark Dionne, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Jared Rocco, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Neon Vibe, 9 p.m.
The Hill: John Chouinard, 5:30 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Ian Archibold, 6 p.m.
Shaskeen: Mixtape Misfits, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Peter Ward, 8 p.m.

Mason
The Range: Mihali w/ Strange Machines, 6 p.m.

Meredith
Twin Barns: Chris Torrey, 5 p.m.

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

Milford
Riley's: The Incidentals, 8 p.m.

Nashua
Casey Magee's: karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Fody's: Phall Roots, 10 p.m.
Lost Cowboy: Houston Bernard, 7:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Dave Zangri, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Mikey Hutchinson, 6:30 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Moon Boot Lover, 7 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Jonee Earthquake Band, 7 p.m.

Pittsfield
Over the Moon: Christine Bonolli and Band, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth
Black Rock: Dana Brearley, 5 p.m.
Clipper Taven: Max Sullivan, 9 p.m.
Gas Light: Johnny Angel, 3 p.m.; Mt Pleasant, 7 p.m.; Matt Luneau, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
Portsmouth Country Club: Chad Verbeck, 5 p.m.
Press Room: 80s New Wave Dance Party w/ Bikini Whale, 7 p.m.; Jungle Sauce w/ DJ Ladi Dre, 10 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Jump the Line, 9:30 p.m.

Salem
Dreo: Chad LaMarsh, 7 p.m.
Tuscan Village: Brian Walker, 4 p.m.

Seabrook
Red's: Acoustic Radio Duo, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 22
Bedford
Murphy's: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.

Bow
Chen Yang Li: Anthony St. Peter 7 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Matt Borrello, 6 p.m.

Candia
Barnyard: Mollicious Intent, 6 p.m.

Concord
Arts Alley: Lucas Gallo, 5:30 p.m.
The Barley House: Senie Hunt, 6 p.m.
Feathered Friend: Otis Grove, 6 p.m.
Forum: Will Capuno, 8 p.m.
T-Bones: James Stark, 8 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co: Ryan Wil-liamson, 4 p.m.

Derry
Amphora: Rose Marie featuring Ted Solovicos, 7 p.m.

Dover
Auspicious Brew: Ezra Cohen & The Big City Band, 8 p.m.
Otto Pizza: Ethan Cunningham, 4 p.m.
Revo: 80 Proof, 8 p.m.



RIVER DEEP, MOUNTAIN HIGH

Fans of 1960s soul artists like Gladys Knight, Whitney Houston and Patti LaBelle will want to check out Cece Teneal. This gospel soul powerhouse has paid tribute to Aretha Franklin and is bringing the music of the Queen of Soul and her peers to the concert stage. She stops by Lakeport Opera House (781 Union Ave., Laconia, 519-7506, lakeportopera.com) on Saturday, Aug. 23, at 3 p.m. See the website for tickets.

Holy Grail: Crooked Note, 4:30 p.m.
Telly's: Brian Johnson, 8 p.m.

935 Surf Shack: MB Padfield, 1 p.m.; Danny McCarthy, 5 p.m.
Bernie's: Jump The Line, 8 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 1 p.m.; Ethen Cunningham, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk's: Sean Buckley, 1 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Justin Bethune, 1 p.m.; Jamie Hughes, 5 p.m.; Matt Jackson, 8 p.m.
Wally's: SlipBizkit, 8 p.m.

Luk's Bar: Matt Bergeron, 6 p.m.

Park Theatre: Harold Thomas
McCarthy, 6 p.m

405 Pub & Grill: Jeff Line, 7 p.m.
Bernini: Phil Jacques, 6 p.m.
Defiant Records: Faith Ann Acoustic-
 5:30 p.m.
Fratello's: Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m.
M/S Mt Washington Cruise: Brian
 Gray, 7 p.m.; Sum X 4, 7 p.m.
Naswa: Mischief Mile, 4 p.m.; Mar-
 lena Phillips, 5:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Jordan Holmes, 1 p.m.;
 Peter Pappas, 6 p.m.
The Wreck Yard: Jackie Lee, 1 p.m.;
 Emily's Garage Band, 6 p.m.; Big
 Stage Karaoke, 9 p.m.

Luk's: Johnny Roberts, 6 p.m.

Coach Stop: Joanie Cicatelli, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Small Town Stranded,
 8 p.m.

Backyard Brewery: Tyler Levs, 6 p.m.
Bad BRGR: Sunset Sloths/Wicked Window/Nevertheless, 8 p.m.,
Derryfield: Slow Burn Duo, 6 p.m.; Radio Daze, 8 p.m.
Firefly: Brian McGravey, 5 p.m.
The Foundry: Clint LaPointe, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: John Chouinard, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Amped, 9 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: Kevin Horan, 4 p.m.
The Hill: Jordan Holmes, 5:30 p.m.
KC's: Jack Plante, 6 p.m.
NXT Coffee Bar: The KP Project, 10 a.m.
Strange Brew: The Savtones, 9 p.m.

Twin Barns: Tom Boisse, 3 p.m.

Homestead: Amanda McCarthy, 5:30 p.m.

Riley's: The Milk Crates, 7 p.m.

Casey Magee's: Sugarbush Band, 8 p.m.
Fody's: Lacy, 10 p.m.

Peddler's Daughter: Category 5,
9:30 p.m.
Union Public House: ALXIA, 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market on Town Common: Elijah & Paige, 10 a.m.
Molly's: Justin Rigoli, 6:30 p.m.

Stone Church: Kenny Mehler, 7 p.m.

PCL: Village Loefest, 7 p.m.

Over the Moon: Rust & Pine, 6 p.m.

Black Rock: Cory Phillips, 5 p.m.
Gas Light: Freddie Catalfo, 11:30 a.m.; Lewis Goodwin, 3 p.m.; Dancing Madly Backwards, 7 p.m.; Jamie Cain, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Codie Welch, 9 p.m.
Press Room: DJ D-Rowe Beatz, 10 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Neon Vibe, 9:30 p.m.

Dreo: Dan Morgan, 7 p.m.

Red's: Joe Winslow Duo, 8 p.m.

Greenside: Bob Pratte, 6 p.m.

Bedford
Copper Door: Matt Fuller, 11 a.m.
Murphy's: Danny McCarthy, 4 p.m.

Alamo: Jake Dow, 5 p.m.

Barnyard: King Pine, 3 p.m.

Feathered Friend: Rust & Pine, 3 p.m.
Lithermans: David Corson, 1:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Chad Verbeck, 5 p.m.

Contoocook Cider Co.: Tyler Levs,
3 p.m.

Auspicious Brew: Stefan Weiner, Laura Fox & Party of the Sun, 8 p.m.

Bird Dog Farm: TAFKA Chris, 2:30 p.m.

935 Surf Shack: Jordan Holmes, 1 p.m.; Andrea Paquin, 5 p.m.
Bernie's: Inside Out, 8 p.m.
The Goat: Codie Welch, 1 p.m.; Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk's: Todd Trusty 1 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Casey Roop, 1 p.m.; Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.
Wally's: line dancing, 7 p.m.
Whym: Max Sullivan, 1 p.m.

Cedar & Main Tavern: Taylor Pearson, 3 p.m.

Fratello's: Stephen Decuire, 6 p.m.
M/S Mt Washington Cruise: Chris Powers, 10 a.m.
Naswa: The Off Ramp, 4 p.m.
T-Bones: Joe Winslow, 1 p.m.; Colin Hart, 6 p.m.
The Wreck Yard: karaoke w/ DJ Tim, 9 p.m.

Flag Hill: Besty Green, 1 p.m.

Stumble Inn: Jack Acora, noon; J-Lo Duo, 4 p.m.

Bad BRGR: • FRESH, 8 p.m.
Derryfield: Brian Gray, 5 p.m.
Firefly: Chuck Alaimo, 11 a.m.
The Goat: April Cushman, 10 a.m.
KC's: Joanie Cicatelli, 4 p.m.
Stark Park Bandstand: Windham
 Concert Band, 2 p.m.
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam,
 7 p.m.

The Range: Kan Tu Blues Band, 3 p.m.

Riley's Place: blues jam, 1 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: Travis Rollo, 4 p.m.

Spyglass: Kevin Horan, 2 p.m.
Stella Blu: Dan Morgan, 3 p.m.

Molly's: Mike Jetti, 1 p.m.

Stone Church: open mic, 4 p.m.;
Irish Matinee, 4 p.m.

Over the Moon: Tug Wildwood, 3 p.m.

Gas Light: Stephen Decuire, 11:30 p.m.; Justin Jordan, 3 p.m.; Dave Aoytte Band, 7 p.m.
The Goat: Garrett Smith, 9 p.m.
Press Room: Anick - Klaxton - Effenberger - Connors, 6:30 p.m.

Copper Door: Yvonne Aubert, 11 a.m.

Bedford
Murphy's: Ryan Williamson, 5:30 p.m.

Barnyard: Paul Lussier, 5 p.m.

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

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

Bernie's: Andy Frasco & The U.N., 8 p.m.
The Goat: Ethan Cunningham, 8 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk's: Kieran McNally, 1 p.m.;

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NITE MUSIC & EVENTS

Chase Jobe, 7 p.m.

Sea Ketch: Dan Morgan, 1 p.m.

Wally’s: DJ Provo, 9 p.m.

Hudson

The Bar: karaoke with Phil, 8 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello’s: Jordan Holmes, 6 p.m.

M/S Mt Washington Cruise: Justin Jordan, 6:30 p.m.

T-Bones: Brooks Hubbard, 6 p.m.

Manchester

The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.

Revo: music bingo, 6 p.m.

Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Fody’s: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.

The Spot: open mic, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Clint Lapointe, 4 p.m.; Jamie Hughes, 7:30 p.m.

The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation, 6:30 p.m.; Dana Brearly, 9 p.m.

Press Room: Honky Tonk w/ Seldom Playrights, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 25
Bedford

Murphy’s: Ken Budka, 5:30 p.m.

Concord

Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.

Tandy’s: open mic, 8 p.m.

Dover

Auspicious Brew: The Tofannas, 7 p.m.

Hampton

Bernie’s: DJ Stenny, 7 p.m.

The Goat: Jared Moore, 9 p.m.

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

McGuirk’s: Kamryn Richard, 1 p.m.

Sea Ketch: Lewis Goodwin, 1 p.m.; Chad Verbeck, 6 p.m.

Whym: Bourbon & Beats, 3 p.m.

Henniker

Angela Robinson Bandstand: Studio Two (early Beatles tribute), 6 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Laconia

T-Bones: David Hoffman, 6 p.m.

Manchester

Bad BRGR: Cellar Door/Escape Durgin/It Helps Me Sleep/Cloth Mother, 8 p.m.

Fratello’s: Jordan Quinn, 5:30 p.m.

The Goat: karaoke w/ King of Karaoke, 8 p.m.

KC’s Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.

Strange Brew: Lisa Marie, 8 p.m.

Mason

The Range: Nick Mariany & Friends, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Greeley Park Bandshell: Marlene Phillips, 7 p.m.

The Spot: Karaoke with Jamie V, 7 p.m.

Spyglass: ODB Project, 5 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Stephen Decuire, 5:30 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Paul Warnick, 4 p.m.; Matt Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 26
Atkinson

Merrill’s Tavern: Doug Mitchell, 8 p.m.

Barnstead

JJ Goodwin’s: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Bedford

Murphy’s: Clint Lapointe, 5:30 p.m.

Candia

Barnyard: country line dancing, 6 p.m.

Concord

Canal Street Riverfront Park: Lucas Gallo & The Guise, 6:30 p.m.

Tandy’s: karaoke, 8 p.m.

Uno Pizzeria: Tyler Levs, 6 p.m.

Derry

Amphora: Ted Solovicos, 7 p.m.

Fody’s: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Hampton

935 Surf Shack: Dan Morgan, 5 p.m.

Bernie’s: Jamsterdam, 7 p.m.

The Goat: Kali Loops, 9 p.m.

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

McGuirk’s: Redemption, 6 p.m.; Sean Buckley, 8 p.m.

Wally’s: live band karaoke, 8 p.m.

Henniker

New England College: Dakota Smart, 11 a.m.

Laconia

Dox: Justin Jordan, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Fratello’s: Eric Grant, 6 p.m.

M/S Mt Washington Cruise: Swipe Right Duo, 6:30 p.m.

Naswa: Ted Solovicos, 4 p.m.

T-Bones: Jonny Friday, 6 p.m.

Manchester

Bungalow: Jeffrey Nothing (of Mushroomhead) with Dizasterpiece & Symposia, 6:30 p.m.

Fratello’s: Chuck Clough, 5:30 p.m.

The Goat: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.

Strange Brew: open mic w/ Jordan Quinn & Scott Armstrong, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Peter Pappas, 5:30 p.m.

Concerts

• The Fray/Dashboard Confes-sional Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m., BankNH Pavilion in Gilford

• Dirk Quinn Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith

• Jenny Owen Youngs Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth

• Plant Fight/Wishbone Zoe/Lane/ Kill Kennie Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth

• RDMTION Thursday, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth

• Elvin Bishop Big Fun Trio Thurs-day, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth

• Urgent (Foreigner tribute) Thurs-day, Aug. 20, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry

• Mihali/Strange Machines Friday, Aug. 21, 6 p.m., The Range in Mason

• NewFound Road Friday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter

• Cryin’ Caleb/Lynda Mandolin Friday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m., Button Fac-tory in Portsmouth

• Fantastic Cat/Jake Thistle Friday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m., Prescott Park in Portsmouth

• Rick Estrin & the Nightcats Fri-day, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth

• Noise Pollution (AC/DC tribute) Friday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House

• Revisiting Creedence (Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute) Friday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

• Super Trans Am (1970s tribute) Friday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., Lakeport Opera House in Laconia

• Get The Led Out (Led Zeppelin tribute) Friday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., Casi-no Ballroom in Hampton

• Connor Garvey Friday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Ports-

mouth

• Morgan Wade Friday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth

• Seacoast Jazz Festival Saturday, Aug. 22, noon, Prescott Park in Ports-mouth

• NH Irish Festival Saturday, Aug. 22, 5:30 p.m., Palace in Manchester

• Chris Mega Saturday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith

• Ed Saindon Quartet Saturday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m., Press Room in Portmouth

• Jar of Flies (Alice in Chains tribu-te) Saturday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth

• Alexander’s Jazz Time Band Sat-urday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., Andres Insti-tute in Brookline

• The Rush Experience: A True Rush Tribute Show Saturday, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester

• Dirty Deeds (AC/DC tribute) Sat-urday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m., Casino Ball-room in Hampton

• Dancing Dream (ABBA tribute) Saturday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m., Lakeport Opera House in Laconia

• Ugly Kid Joe Saturday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

• Ava Valianti Saturday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Ports-mouth

• Artie Bakopolous Quartet Sun-day, Aug. 23, 11 a.m., Press Room in Portsmouth

• 5 Days Apart Sunday, Aug. 23, 1:30 p.m., Averill House in Brookline

• Cece Teneal’s Divas of Soul Sun-day, Aug. 23, 3 p.m., Lakeport Opera House in Laconia

• Anick-Klaxton-Effenberger-Con-nors Sunday, Aug. 23, 6 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth

• Jeff Coffin & Dream Horizon Sunday, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth



Soggy Po Boys will play the Sea-coast Jazz Festival on Saturday, Aug. 22, at Prescott Park in Ports-mouth. Courtesy photo.

• Misty Blues Band Monday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth

• Dead to the Core: An Acoustic Celebration of the Grateful Dead Tuesday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter

• Collective Soul Tuesday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

• Tim Easton & Alice Peacock Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth

• Thurston Howell (yacht rock tribu-te) Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth

• Air Supply Wednesday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton

• Cormac McCarthy Band Thurs-day, Aug. 27, 7 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth

• Theory of a Deadman/Seven-dust Thursday, Aug. 27, and Friday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton

• Hot Sardines Thursday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord

• Katie Dobbins & Friends Thurs-day, Aug. 27, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods

Sisters Saturday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m., Prescott Park in Portsmouth

• Pespí Saturday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth

• One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works Saturday, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m., Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough

• John Gorka Saturday, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester

• The Weight Band (The Band tribu-te) Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth

• The Brit Pack (Beatles tribute) Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m., Park Theatre in Jaffrey

• Space Cowboys (Steve Miller tribu-te) Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m., Rockingham Ballroom in Newmarket

• Chris Janson Saturday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton

• Back in Black (AC/DC tribute) Saturday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m., Lakeport Opera House in Laconia

• John Violinist Saturday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

• Adam Ezra Group Sunday, Aug. 30, noon, The Range in Mason

• Darien Castro Sunday, Aug. 30, 1:30 p.m., Averill House in Brookline

• Tuba Skinny Sunday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• Big Yellow Taxi Performs Miles of Aisles (Joni Mitchell tribute) Sun-day, Aug. 30, 7 p.m., Press Room in Porstmouth

• Benny Green Sunday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth

• One Night of Queen (Queen tribu-te) Sunday, Aug. 30, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton

• YellowHouse Blues Band Monday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m., Jimmy’s in Ports-mouth

• Jackie Greene Wednesday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth

Milford

Emerson Park: Studio Two (Beat-les tribute), 7 p.m.

Riley’s: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: karaoke, 8 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Dave Gerard, 4 p.m.; Max Sullivan, 7:30 p.m.

The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

Press Room: Vacation Manor w/ Nolen Durham, 7 p.m.

Seabrook

Red’s: Bob Pratte, 7 p.m.

1. Fan does this in a dense crowd (with “around”)
5. Joe Lynn Turner album for a b- ball dunk
9. The Kantner Balin Casady band that’s a spinoff of Jefferson Airplane
12. Robert Palmer “Hot summer night fell like __” (1,3)
13. ‘04 Indigo Girls album ‘All That __ In’ (2,3)
15. Motel overflow beds for roadies
16. Prefix with “Force”, as Metallica’s label for debut release
17. ‘07 Marilyn Manson album ‘__,
18. ‘No Rain’ singer Shannon
19. Swing band __ Daddy (3,3,6)
22. Bruce Springsteen “‘Wouldn’t have it __ other way”
23. Buck Owens TV show __ Haw
24. Prima donnas
28. ‘We R Who We R’ singer
30. Calloway is broke: ‘I Wanna __’, (2,4)
31. Pat of Nirvana/Germs/Foo Fighters
34. 30 Seconds To Mars ‘Closer To The __’,
36. Prince “If I gave you diamonds

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8			9	10	11
12					13				14		15		
16					17						18		
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64					65						66		
67						68					69		

R&R answer
from pg 27 of 8/13

C	B	G	B			I	C	E	D		L	O	L	A
A	R	E	A	L		F	R	A	Y		I	F	I	D
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N	E	N	A		A	M	O	R				L	O	S

1. 80s Ritchie Valens film La __
2. Montgomery Gentry sang there's '____ Every Crowd' (3,2)
3. Femme crooner Lee
4. Hawthorne Heights 'Where Do I ____ Myself In The Ears'
5. Arch Enemy members
6. If I ____ Tomorrow: A Film About Lynyrd Skynyrd (4,3)
7. Appropriately-named Silver Bullet Band saxman Reed
8. Manager's office note
9. Larry Williams 'Hootchy-____'
10. 'Taking Care Of Business' band (abbr)
11. Stephen Stills band (abbr)
14. 'Intensity In 10 Cities' Nugent
15. Van Morrison 'His Band And The Street ____'
20. Paper Lace 'Billy, Don't Be ____' (1,4)
21. Bobbie Gentry '____ To Billie Joe'
25. Slightly larger violin
26. '04 Incubus album '____ Left Of The Murder' (1,4)
27. 'A Few Small Repairs' Colvin
28. Jay of Jamiroquai
29. Drummer Steven of Guns N' Roses
30. 'What Am I Doing Here With You?' singer Harrell that likes a drink?
31. Louisville 'Spiderland' band

32. Bellamy Brothers say this phrase
of agreement in 'Spiders & Snakes' (2,3)
33. 'The Second Coming' NJ punk/rappers
__ Concrete (1,4)
35. '96 Patti Smith album with last
recording of Jeff Buckley (4,5)
38. David Thomas' Pere __
39. Rock film: __ And The Cruisers
40. Swelter, as a fan in the Coachella sun
45. '04 Switchfoot hit 'Dare __ Move'
(3,2)
46. Jimmie's Chicken Shack 'Bring
Your __ Stereo'
48. Lip syncing Simpson
51. Kings Of Leon play 'Head __' top to
bottom (2,3)
52. Offspring 'Spare __ Details' (2,3)
53. Killers are hungover and say
'Forget About What __' last night (1,4)
55. 'Turn The Beat Around' Vicki __
Robinson
56. 'Take It Away' Utah band that's not
new?
57. Bettencourt of Extreme
58. Singer Jane of Renaissance and also
sister to Keith of Yardbirds
59. Like band that manages
everything themselves (abbr)
60. Coldplay 'Every Teardrop __ Water-
fall' (2,1)
61. Late-80s spinoff of Boston

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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 27.

Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★

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Puzzle B

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

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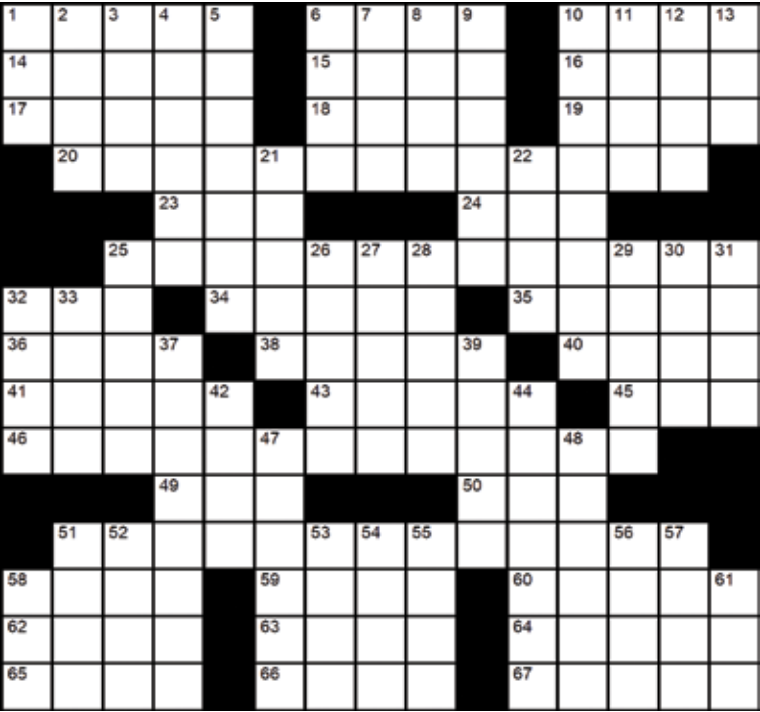
Puzzle C

		1		9	6			
6						1	5	
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	5				9	7		4

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“Rated PG-13”— 13 letters, two initials.



Across

- 1. Dumb or awkward person, from the Yiddish (and Matt Berry’s character on “Krapopolis”)
- 6. “Divine Secrets of the ___ Sisterhood” (2002 movie)
- 10. “Dancing Queen” foursome
- 14. Legendary host Philbin, to fans
- 15. Former Fed head Greenspan
- 16. British pound, slangily
- 17. Pertaining to the hipbone
- 18. Subtle eye signal
- 19. Take back, in a program
- 20. Feature of airports and hospitals
- 23. “However,” briefly
- 24. “Welcome to Wrexham” figure ___ Mac
- 25. Comment section, metaphorically
- 32. Roofing material
- 34. Copier of old
- 35. San Francisco mayor Daniel
- 36. Ill effect
- 38. Addis ___, Ethiopia
- 40. Bridge position
- 41. Television, newspapers, etc.
- 43. Endorse digitally
- 45. Participate at Aspen
- 46. Inflation instrument

Jonesin’ answer from pg 28 of 8/13



- 64. Spud
 - 65. Ladder part
 - 66. Large ones might clash
 - 67. Goes nuts
- Down**
- 1. ___ Lanka
 - 2. Assist
 - 3. “Return of the Jedi” princess
 - 4. Lorre’s “Casablanca” role
 - 5. Posh Spice’s married surname
 - 6. “This is boring”
 - 7. Sacha Baron Cohen character with an upcoming 2026 movie
 - 8. 2020 presidential candidate Andrew currently humiliating himself on Fox’s “Nation’s Dumbest”
 - 9. Turkish capital
 - 10. Color similar to cyan
 - 11. Beer keg stopper
 - 12. ___ one’s time
 - 13. Fuss
 - 21. Region of ancient Turkey
 - 22. Let the dice do their thing
 - 25. June celebration
 - 26. Earthy tone
 - 27. Hint at
 - 28. Aim high
 - 29. Clear the cache, say
 - 30. Board game of world conquest
 - 31. Cooler brand named for a cryptid
 - 32. Fill-in
 - 33. Claim with confidence
 - 37. “Attention!”
 - 39. Once more
 - 42. “Be with you in ___!”

- 49. Letterman list count
- 50. “___ to Extremes” (Billy Joel song)
- 51. Method of holding small objects between the thumb and fingers
- 58. ___ Turismo
- 59. College campus yard
- 60. University at which Jimmy Carter taught
- 62. Cuzco locale
- 63. Strong craving

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Find and Circle...

Maple ____

Three two-syllable languages

Three six-letter fruits

Three U.S. Army ranks

Two U.S. states

Last Week’s Answers: AURORA AMOEBA ARMADA AGENDA AROMA AREA AURA / SISTER MOTHER FATHER COUSIN / FRANCE ITALY / JOHN JOAN / IRON

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G E O R G I A H L D S L

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R A B P N E O G O R V L

T R R A N L N L Y H M I

V O P E F E O S P G W S

C S G M R C H E R R Y H

- 44. Side option, sometimes
- 47. Unlike any other
- 48. Inaugural poet Amanda
- 51. U.K.-based sandwich chain ___ a Manger
- 52. Like some collectible cards
- 53. O.R. activity
- 54. “Aladdin” character named after a literary villain
- 55. Lofty poems
- 56. Smidgen
- 57. Get ready
- 58. Navigational tracker
- 61. ‘69 and ‘96, e.g.

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	2÷		
3—		24×	
6×			

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5—		11+	4—	12×	
24×				7+	2
		5—	1—		11+
15×				8+	
7+	11+				
		2÷		1—	

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RULES

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- 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.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

1-29-26

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

2	6×	3—	1—
2	1	4	3
3	2	1	4
3—	3	9+	2÷
4	3	2	1
1	4	3	2

1	24×	4	3	11+	6
2	7+	3	1	3÷	2
2	1	5	4	6	3
3—	3—	11+	48×	2÷	2
6	4	1	5	3	2
3	5	2	6	4	1
5	3	6	2	1	4

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Uncle of the Year*, by Andrew Rannells, born Aug. 23, 1978.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) ... my birthday is August 23, which was often the first day of school — a cruel betrayal by the Omaha school system. It was supposed to be my special day, damn it! An unusual combination may prove to be fun.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) I like to think of myself as a free spirit. ... But the truth is I am not. ... This tension deep inside me is best explained by the movie *Mystic Pizza*. As are so many things.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) ... I saw several displays of humanity that made me realize that even movie stars get nervous and awkward at events like the Golden Globes. Everyone is just trying to fit in at the end of the day. Everyone.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) This world played by a whole new set of rules and offered new ideas and dreams that I hadn't even known were possible. Did I want these things? Answer slowly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) My mom once told me as a child that if I touched the reset button on the outlet in the bathroom it would burn down the house. She has no recollection of this, but I still remember it today. When I asked her about it, she said she was probably just distracted and ultimately didn't want me near the outlet.... I get that now, but for years I was afraid of the reset button. I always wondered, In what world would you need a button to specifically burn down your house? I had follow-up questions for my mom, but I never asked them. Ask the follow-ups!

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) So what have I really learned after all these auditions? I don't like auditioning! Wisdom unlocked.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) I needed help, I needed to be saved. Did I need to be saved by someone else's boyfriend? Probably not. But asking for help was the first step. One step is something.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) One performance in and we were already a success. Now we just

had to keep doing the show eight times a week at that level. Pace yourself.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) Quick side note: A pack of zebras is called a 'dazzle.' A dazzle of zebras. Is that not the best thing ever? When zebras have a meeting, that's bedazzling.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) I got stressed out by Garmin's frantic attempts to reroute me I enthusiastically made a sharp right turn into a gas station, missing the driveway, jumping a curb, and popping a tire. I knew what I had done immediately but I was in denial. Who needs tires?! I have ambition! I thought. Your ambition needs good walking shoes.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) One of my most mortifying auditions came when I tried out to be an elf in a Christmas movie. I got two callbacks and kind of thought I was nailing it. ... Finally, I received the feedback that the director thought that I 'didn't seem grounded enough.' To play an elf. Elves are actually very mindful and attentive.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Actors are a fickle bunch, and I include myself in that statement. We can be wildly supportive team players, but we can also be judgy little jerks. Check yourself. 🍷

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 useful hint (7)	_____
2 rasping (5)	_____
3 Canadian peninsula (8)	_____
4 bus company (9)	_____
5 "Animal Farm" horse (5)	_____
6 Olympic swimmer Mark (5)	_____
7 from western Croatia (9)	_____

HU	LMA	SKY	INT	RAD
OU	OR	ER	ND	DA
GRE	ITZ	LAB	BO	YH
TI	SP	AN	PO	XER

Last Week's Answers: 1. MINISCULE 2. ACQUIESCED 3. HERON 4. CHUCK 5. CROAKED 6. CRYPTO 7. RETALIATED

Sudoku Answers from pg 27 of 8/13

Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★ 7/27

Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 7/29

Puzzle C

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 7/31

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