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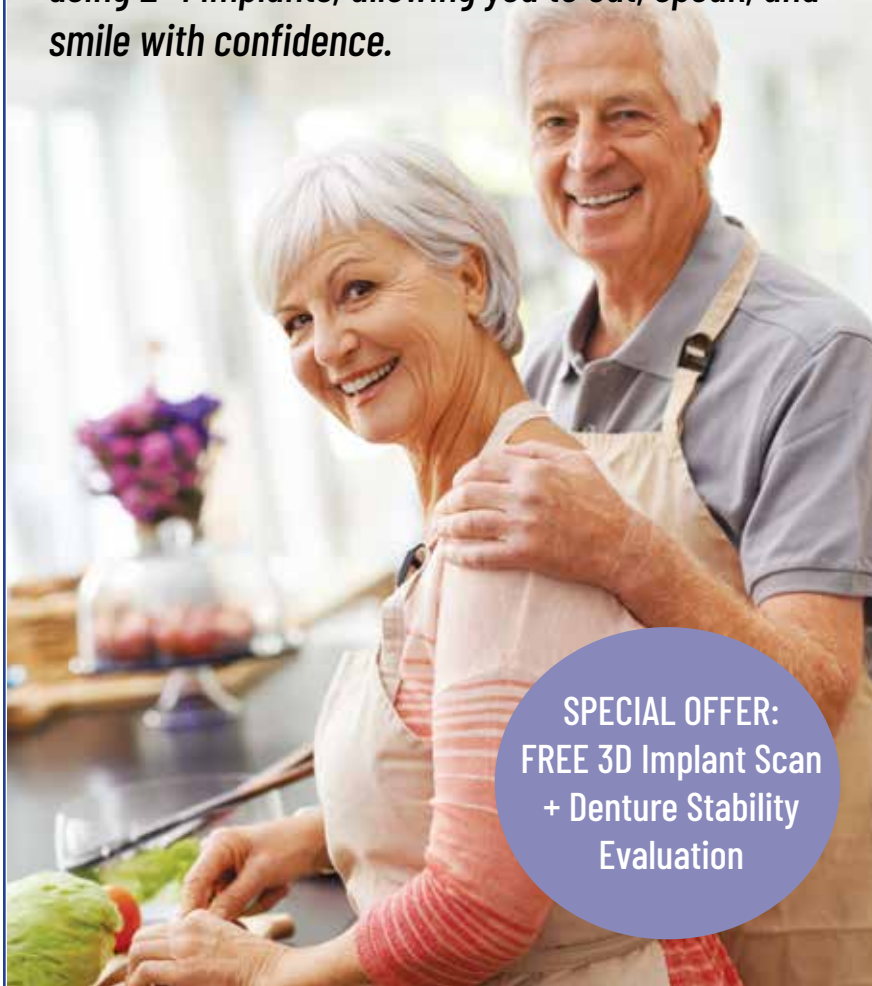
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ON THE COVER

8 Welcome to spring! You know, the New England spring where, when you read this, it could be snowing or it could be warm enough that you're considering changing into shorts. Either way, the spring season of events is in full swing with music, art, comedy, theater, food fests and so much more. We bring you 131 (at least) things to do this spring.

ALSO ON THE COVER, This weekend is New Hampshire's Maple Weekend. John Fladd finds out how the season is going (page 18). John also gets the details on a chili and chowder cook-off in Londonderry (page 18). And Michael Witthaus gets all of the details on Just Duet, a singing competition (page 16).

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NEWS & NOTES

Slow down

Penalties for driving 100 miles per hour or more went up on Jan. 1 and could also result in higher insurance premium costs, according to a March 9 press release from the State of New Hampshire Insurance Department. A first offense for driving 100 miles per hour or greater has a minimum fine of \$750 “plus penalty assessment and a mandatory 90-day license suspension,” the release said. “A subsequent offense carries a minimum \$1,000 fine plus penalty assessment and a license suspension ranging from 90 days to one year,” the release said. The press release also warns that “a conviction involving extreme speed may result in higher premium costs or changes to underwriting carrier.” See the law, RSA 265:79, at gc.nh.gov/rsa/html/XXI/265/265-79.htm.

Good bugs

The Garden Club of Deerfield will hold a presentation on “Ben-

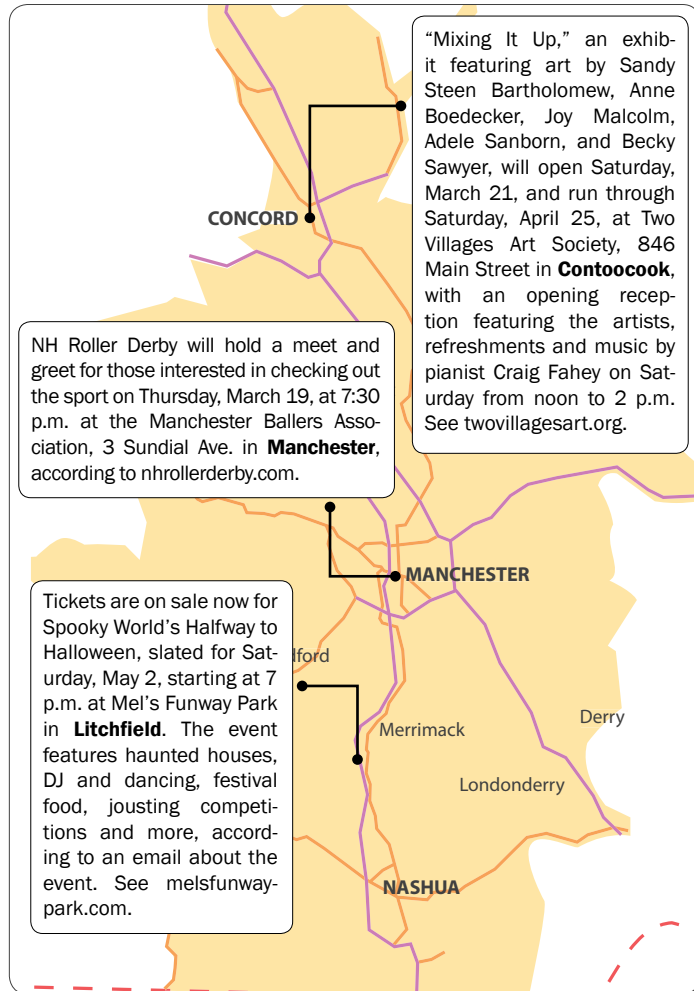
eficial Insects: Good Bugs, Bad Bugs and the Truth About the Rest” on Saturday, March 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Deerfield Town Hall, according to an email from the club. The event is free to attend. See deerfieldgardenclub.com.

Old tech

The United Way of Greater Nashua is looking for old, working smartphones and laptops for its Tech Connect United digital access program, according to a Feb. 26 press release. The United Way is collecting unlocked Android or iPhone smartphones in working condition, preferably with a charger, and working laptops, Windows or Mac, that have a charger and are less than eight to 10 years old, the release said. Drop off items at United Way of Greater Nashua, 20 Broad St. in Nashua, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See unitedwaynashua.org/digital-literacy for more about the United Way’s digital programs.

Historic sites

Eight properties across the state have been added to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places, according to a Feb. 25 press release from the New Hampshire Department of Natural & Cultural Resources. The newly added locations are the Baptist Meeting House in Salisbury (built in 1794), United Methodist Church in Alexandria (built in 1819), the Brookline Community Church (1838), Riddle House in Manchester (circa 1844), the Deerfield Historical Society Museum (circa 1850), the South Weare Union Church (completed in 1876), Camp Kuwiyon on Lake Winnepesaukee (buildings date from 1905 through 1930) and the Littleton Regional Hospital (main building constructed in 1906), the release said. Find the State Register of Historic Places as well as information on how to nominate a property at nhdhr.dncr.nh.gov.



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Team Police was on fire

As reported by WMUR in a March 15 online article, Team Police won this year's Battle of the Badges hockey championship. "Team Police reclaimed the victory over Team Fire, winning 4-2," WMUR reported. The yearly event "features a competitive rivalry between police and fire departments from across New Hampshire," the article read. "All of the money raised will go to Dartmouth Health Children's and the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. This year, the event raised \$285,000, the largest single-day total in the event's 18-year history."

QOL score: +1

Comment: *The Battle of the Badges hockey tournament has been played every year since 2008 except in 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the 18 years of the tournament, Team Police has won 11 times; Team Fire has won seven times.*

Despite recent flood watch, still a drought

According to a March 12 online article by New Hampshire Public Radio, even with this winter's snowfall, "Eighty percent of New Hampshire is still in a drought." NHPR reported that the state's weather has been relatively dry this year. "While this year may have felt like a classic New England winter, it was the eighth driest December through February since record keeping began in the late 19th century, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration."

QOL score: -1

Comment: *NHPR reported, "Conditions have been essentially 'locked in place' since winter began and the ground froze, said Ted Diers, who leads the water division at the state Department of Environmental Services. 'Any snow that falls is on top of the ground, it's not soaking in,' he said."*

Not a good time to be a fish

In a March 13 announcement on its website, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (271-3421, wildlife.nh.gov) wrote that "New Hampshire may experience winter fish kills as ice melts" in the next few weeks. "Fish kills, where large numbers of fish die in a short period of time, are not an uncommon occurrence in the early spring. As the ice recedes, especially from many smaller Granite State waterbodies, there may be dead fish, and most of these occurrences are due to natural processes."

QOL score: -1

Comment: *The problem, NH Fish and Game reported, is a lack of oxygen in frozen-over bodies of water.*

QOL score last week: 53

Net change: -1

QOL this week: 54

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Big weekend ahead



The Big Story — *NCAA Tournament or WBC*: Take your pick. Office pool brackets all over America say the tournament is the single biggest participation sports event in the U.S., and after 20

years the World Baseball Classic finally got some real traction this time, likely because electric Shohei Ohtani has become the Babe Ruth of the 21st century drawing card and many of the 13 Red Sox in the WBC did such big things.

Sports 101: How many of the eight to win basketball's Triple Crown — Olympics gold plus NCAA and NBA titles — can you name?

News Item — *WBC Update*: With USA headed to the title game as I write this it's been a captivating event. Here are a few highlights:

- Despite making the final out as Japan was eliminated, Ohtani hit .462 with three homers and seven RBI in 13 WBC at-bats.

- Jarren Duran's three homers in 15 at-bats tied him with Ohtani and KC's Vinnie Pasquantino for most homers in the WBC.

- Wilyer Abreu hit the three-run homer to put Venezuela ahead for good as it upset Japan to make the semifinals.

- *Beep, Beep, Beep Award*: U.S.A. backed into the knockout round. After seeing them on the bad side of arguably the biggest upset in WBC (8-6 loss to Italy) they needed the Italians to beat Mexico just to make Round 2. Phew! That got manager Mark DeRosa off the hook for his gigantic mistake of so not knowing WBC rules he used a this-game-doesn't-matter starting line-up in that critical Italy loss because he somehow thought U.S.A. had already clinched a spot in Round 2, which they hadn't.

- Kevin Teel, the catching prospect Boston traded to get Garrett Crochet, hit .667 overall for Italy.

- Roman Anthony's two homers knocked

in the game-winning runs in wins over Mexico and the huge win over the Dominican Republic.

News Item — *Alumni News* — *Rick Pitino*: If you've been wondering what happened to Little Ricky since slinking out of Boston — three jobs and two (at least) major scandals later, he's revitalizing St. John's basketball, who knocked off UConn 72-52 to win the Big East title, sending him to his 25th NCAA Tournament.

The Numbers:

10 — out of 10 rating for Bill Lee's very entertaining talk at last week's Manchester Boys & Girls Club fundraiser.

40 — most ever freshman points scored in a Big 12 Tournament game, scored by Brockton, Mass.'s A.J. Debansta in BYU's 105-91 win over Kansas State.

127 — consecutive games when Shai Gilgeous Alexander scored at least 20 points, to move him past Wilt Chamberlain's all-time record.

... *Of the Week Awards*

Thumbs Up — *Boston Legacy FC*: For Boston's return to Women's Pro Soccer Sunday. It came in a 1-0 loss to defending champion NYC's Gotham FC before an astonishing Gillette Stadium crowd of 30,231.

Thumbs Down — *Patriots in Free Agency*: Have no idea what they're doing. Did little to fortify the glaring OL problems with an injury-prone, under-achieving Jets castoff, replaced Stefon Diggs with a guy who caught 30 fewer balls for 200-plus fewer yards and let the best pass rusher walk.

Prediction — Not quite informed enough to fill out an entire NCAA's Women Tournament bracket, but I'll take UConn for title number 13.

Sports 101 Answer: The basketball triple crown winners are Clyde Lovellette, Bill Russell, KC Jones, Jerry Lucas, Quinn Buckner, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Anthony Davis. *Email Dave Long at dlong@hippopress.com.*

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day belatedly at the Capitol Center for the Arts with an evening with **Rebel Collective and JD and the Stonemasons** at the BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com) tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18. Michael Witthaus spoke to musicians in both bands for last week's story on the Celtic music scene in New Hampshire. Find the March 12



issue in the digital library at hippopress.com. The story starts on page 8.

Thursday, March 19

Tonight at 6 p.m. the HolyMoly Craft Corner, part of the Arts Alley Workshops collection (20 S. Main St, Concord, 406-5666, artsalleyconcordnh.com), will host **Shamrocks and Steins**, a St. Patrick's Day-themed night of glass etching. Design and etch a beer or wine glass with Celtic knots, shamrocks or funny beer quotes. Tickets cost \$44.52. Visit artsalleyconcordnh.com.

Friday, March 20

Smitty's Cinema & GameLAB Tilton (630 W. Main St., Tilton, 286-3275, smittyscinema.com/movie-theater/tilton) presents a night of adult-themed hypnotic fun tonight, at 8 p.m. with **Hypnotist Frank Santos Jr.** Prepare to be amazed as you, your. Tickets cost \$25.

Friday, March 20

The Stockbridge Theatre (22-98

Bypass 28, Derry, 437-5210) will host **Chicago Teen Edition**, a production by the Pinkerton Players, tonight and tomorrow, Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. See pinkertonacademy.org/stockbridge-theatre for tickets.

Saturday, March 21

Catch comedians **Emily Ruskowski, Zach Stewart, James Hamilton, Owen Damon and Ajay Thakkar** at Sunstone Brewing in Londonderry tonight at 7 p.m. See sunstonebrewing.com/events for tickets.

Saturday, March 21

Chunky's Cinema Pub in Manchester presents New England comic **Mark Turcotte**, a finalist in the Funniest Comedian on the East Coast competition and a semi-finalist at the World Series of Comedy, tonight at 8:30 p.m. See chunky.com for tickets.

Sunday, March 22

Continue the St. Patrick's Day spirit with **Altan**, a beloved Irish musical export led by vocalist and fiddler Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh, today at 4 p.m. at the BNH Stage in Concord. See ccanh.com for tickets.

Monday, March 23

Studio 550 Art Center, 550 Elm St. in Manchester, will hold its annual **Spring Cleaning Pottery Sale** today through Saturday, March 28, open noon to 8 p.m. daily. The shop features staff and studio

member pieces, abandoned works sold to benefit studio scholarships and a Pottery for a Purpose table with proceeds from the sale of those items going to The International Institute of New England, according to a press release. See 550arts.com.



Save the Date!

Thursday, March 26

Once Upon Again Bookstore (21 E. Broadway, Derry) will host **Once Upon a Swap, a book swap social**, Thursday, March 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring up to three gently loved books from any genre and for every approved book, you'll receive one swap token, according to a post on the bookstore's Facebook page, where you can find a link for tickets. Tickets include entry to the Swap, light bites and signature-themed mocktails, the post said.

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Welcome, spring!

March 20 kicks off spring, equinox-ically speaking. The New England winter ends when mud overtakes snow as the thing getting everywhere, which happens whenever. But spring for the purposes of fun and happenings is well underway, with a season of theater, music, arts events and more filling the calendar until Memorial Day weekend, when the summer vibes begin.

Here are just a few reasons to get excited about March 19 through May 20. Know of a spring happening not mentioned here? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com. Details listed here are according to the organizations' websites and social media (where you can find details on event tickets and admission prices) unless otherwise noted. Any phone numbers mentioned have a 603 area code unless otherwise noted.

Time to throw off a few of those winter layers and get out to enjoy the spring.

1 "All Kinds of Everything," an exhibition of works by Lucy Mink, a painter, and Keiko Narahashi, a sculptor, is on display at **Outer Space Art Gallery**, 35 Pleasant St. in Concord, through May 23, according to outerspacearts.xyz. The gallery is open Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m.

2 The Bedford Village Inn in Bedford continues its special menu of burgers and fries called **Burgerama**, available in the Tavern through March 28. Through Saturday, March 21, it's "Global Week" with a Wicked Desayuno Burger, a Wicked Godzilla Burger and a Wicked Mediterranean Burger, according to the menu at bedfordvillageinn.com.

3 Steve Blunt is John Hutchinson for a New Hampshire Humanities program on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. — "Originally from Milford, NH, the Hutchinson Family Singers ... achieved international recognition with songs advancing social reform and political causes such as abolition, temperance, women's suffrage, and the Lincoln presidential campaign of 1860," according to nhhumanities.org. Blunt will portray the performer in the program — "**Liberty Is Our Motto!: Songs and Stories of the Hutchinson Family Sing-**

ers" — at the Brookline Historical Society, 17 Meetinghouse Hill Road in Brookline. See the website or contact library.director@brooklineh.gov for info. See the NH Humanities website for more events throughout the state.

4 The **18th annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival**, which started on March 15, continues through Sunday, March 29, with in-person screenings at theaters across the state. As well as virtual screenings. The next two local screenings are *The Road Between Us* on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester and *Ethan Bloom* on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. at O'Neil Cinemas in Londonderry. See nhjewishfilmfestival.com for the full schedule, tickets and trailers.

5 The rocking bagpipers **Red Hot Chili Pipers** will play the Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St. in Nashua, on Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. See nashuacenterforthearts.com for tickets. See redhotchillipipers.com for more on the band.

6 The Nashua Public Library's **Tiny Film Festival** will screen 60-second films made by the community and present awards Friday, March 20, at 6 p.m. at the library, 2 Court St. in Nashua, according to nashualibrary.org, where you can find other events this spring, including a discussion with **Laura Knoy**, former NHPR host, about her novel, *The Shopkeeper of Alsace*, on Sunday, March 22, 1-2:30 p.m.

7 **The DoBros** — who describe themselves on their Facebook page as a "Down Home Local music project from Warner.... We specialize in FarmFunk, Dirt-Grass, JunkyardJazz and RedneckRock" — will play *Pembroke City Limits*, 134 Main St. in Suncook, on Friday, March 20, at 7 p.m. See pembrokecitylimits.com for more upcoming shows.

8 Bedford Youth Performing Company will present *Disney's Frozen: The Broadway Musical* on Friday, March 20, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 21, at 1 and 7 p.m., at the Derryfield School in Manchester. The school will also present *Disney Alice In Wonderland Jr.* on Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17, at 1 p.m. at the Derryfield School. See bypc.org for tickets.

9 Kids Coop Theatre will present *Oliver! The Musical* on Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. at the Derry Opera House, 29 W Broadway in Derry, according to kctnh.org, where you can purchase tickets.

10 The Pinkerton Players will present *Chicago: Teen Edition* on Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy, 44 N. Main St. in Derry, according to stockbridgetheatre.showare.com, where you can purchase tickets.

11 **Don Jovi: The Ultimate Tribute to the Music of Bon Jovi** will perform on Friday, March 20, at 8 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St. in Derry, tupelomusic-hall.com. Other tribute acts bringing your favorites to you up close at the Tupelo this spring include **The Phil Collins Experience** on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m.; **Evil Empire: A Tribute to Rage Against the Machine** (with Lounge Fly: A Tribute to Stone Temple Pilots) on Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m.; **The Artimus Pyle Band** — Honoring the music of Ronnie Van Zant's Lynyrd Skynyrd on Friday, April 10, at 8 p.m.; **Bad Animals — The Heart Tribute** on Saturday, April 18, at 8 p.m., and **Back to the Eighties with Jessie's Girl** on Saturday, May 9, at 8 p.m. See the website for more shows and to purchase tickets.

12 It's **Maple Weekend 2026** in New Hampshire Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22! See nhmapleproducers.com and our story on page 18.

13 Manchester Proud will host **Spring Into Summer 2026** on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at Beech Street School in Manchester. It's an "annual community event connecting youth, families, schools, and local businesses to meaningful summer opportunities," according to manchesterproud.org.

14 Register to attend **Hobbit Fest** at the Concord Public Library, 45 Green St. in Concord, on Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.m., according to concordnh.gov/1983/Library. Enjoy a movie screening

along with "second breakfast and elevenses," costumes encouraged, according to the website, where you can find other upcoming library events.

15 New England Premier Events has two expos slated for the Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road in Concord, on the March 21-22 weekend. On Saturday, March 21, it's the **Women's Day Expo** from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., featuring "vendors about career development, travel, financial planning, shopping, fashion, food, entertainment, and cosmetics," according to the event's Eventbrite page. On Sunday, March 22, it's the **Concord Wedding Event** from noon to 3 p.m., featuring vendors offering "caterers, cake vendors, mobile bar, wedding dresses" and more, the event's Eventbrite page said. Find ticket prices and more information on their Eventbrite pages.

16 "Mixing It Up," featuring mixed media artists Anne Boedecker, Adele Sanborn, Becky Sawyer, Joy Malcolm, and Sandy Steen Bartholomew, will open on Saturday, March 21, and run through Saturday, April 25, at the Two Villages Art Society, 846 Main St. in Contoocook, according to twovillagesart.org. An artists reception will be held March 21 from noon to 2 p.m. The Society's May show is "**Boundless: Expansive Views of Land and Imagination**," featuring photography by William Balsam, Tom McHugh, Lindsay Holmes, Jay Fitzpatrick and running May 2-30, the website said.

17 Cheer Nashua's **Rivier University Raiders men's and women's lacrosse teams**. The next home game for the men's lacrosse team will be Saturday, March 21, at noon, on Joanne Merrill Field at Linda Robinson Pavilion in Nashua against Albertus Magnus College. The women's team's next home game is Thursday, March 26, at 5 p.m. vs. Vermont State University Castleton. See rivierathletics.com.

18 Get some **Saint Anselm College Hawks lacrosse**. The men's team will play its next home game on Saturday, March 21, at noon against Franklin Pierce University. The women's team's next home game is Saturday, March 28, at 6 p.m. against Bentley. Both games take place at Grappone

Stadium on the Saint Anselm College campus in Manchester. See saintanselmhawks.com.

19 Ballet Misha will present a production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Saturday, March 21, at 1 and 6 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St. in Concord. See balletmisha.com for tickets.

20 Fred Marple will appear with his book *Udder Nonsense: More Tales from Frost Heaves* on Saturday, March 21, at 2 p.m. at Bookery, 844 Elm St. in Manchester, according to bookerymht.com, where you can check back for more upcoming author events, book clubs, story times and other happenings.

21 *Swing Into Spring Gala featuring the New Hampshire Jazz Orchestra* takes place Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, according to tickets.anselm.edu, where you can purchase tickets. Other events at the Dana Center include the Celebration of Light Tour with pianist Teresa Walters on Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Guitar Night with Hiroya Tsukamoto on Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m., and Mutts Gone Nuts on Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m.

22 Comedian Juston McKinney has shows in the area this spring. Catch him at the Capitol Center for the Arts' Chubb Theatre in Concord on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m.; Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m., and the Rochester Opera House on Saturday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m., among other New Hampshire and New England dates, according to justonmckinney.com, where you can find a link to tickets.

23 New Hampshire Underground, 134 Haines St. in Nashua, newhampshireunderground.org, is slated to reopen after renovations on Saturday, March 21, with a *Spring Equinox Drum Circle* at Terminus Underground at 7 p.m. The event is 21+. See the website for more events.

24 Catch comedian Harrison Stebbins on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m. at the *Headliners Comedy show at the DoubleTree by Hilton* in downtown Manchester, according to headlinersnh.com, where you can purchase tickets and find a full line-up of comedy shows at the downtown Manchester location into May. **Headliners also books comics at Chunky's** in Manchester and the website lists comedians into June at that location. See the website for tickets to those shows as well as Headliners shows at other area locations.

25 Patricia Zube will discuss her new book *Gift of the Bear*, described as

“a middle-grade historical novel set in 1755 during the French and Indian War,” at Balin Books, 375 Amherst St. in Somerset Plaza, in Nashua, on Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m., according to balinbooks.com, where you can check back to find more of their upcoming author, book club and other events.

26 The Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St. in Manchester, will host an **Art Talk with Wendy Edwards**, whose work is on display in “Flourishing,” an exhibition of oil paintings, on Sunday, March 22, from 2 to 3 p.m. Registration is required; see currier.org. “Flourishing” will be on display through April 5. Also on display at the museum is “**Spray: Jules Olitski in the 1960s**,” an exhibition of spray paintings, sculptures and other pieces from the Jules Olitski Foundation, and “**Painting in Color**” featuring the works of four contemporary artists, Heather Hutchison, Joseph Marioni, Jane Swavelly and John Zurier, according to the website, which said both of those exhibits will be on display through Aug. 9.

27 Margo Burns, the 10th-generation great-granddaughter of Rebecca Nurse, who was hanged in Salem in 1692 on the charge of witchcraft, and the project manager and an associate editor of Records of the Salem Witch-Hunt, will present “**The Capital Crime of Witchcraft**” presented by NH Humanities (nhhumanities.org) on Tuesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. at Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester). Find more events at the Manchester City Library at manchester.lib.nh.us, including a family-friendly **Earth Day** celebration on Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

28 It's a **Spring Cleaning Pottery Sale and Pottery for a Purpose Fundraiser** at Studio 550 Art Center, 550 Elm St. in Manchester, from Monday, March 23, through Saturday, March 28, from noon to 8 p.m., according to a post on the studio's Facebook page. “Pottery for a Purpose: Marked at \$1-20 per piece, proceeds go to The International Institute of New England,” the post said. See 550arts.com.

29 The Walker Lecture Fund presents “**The Serious and the Sideshow: Two Sides of the NH Primary**” on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St. in Concord. The event is free, with open seating, according to theaudi.org. The presentation will feature Neil Levesque of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics and then former AP reporter David Tirrell-Wysocki, the website said. Other Walker events include “**An Evening Of A Cappella with The Afternotes and Stonehenge**” on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m.; “**A Jazz Celebration of African**

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30 **Lucy Kaplansky** will perform at the Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille, 40 Andover Road in New London, on Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., according to flyinggoose.com, where you can find information on reservations, which are required. Also on the schedule are **The Boneheads** on Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m.; **Liz Longley** on Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m., and **Sam Robbins** on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., the website said.

31 Root for the lacrosse teams at **Southern New Hampshire University**. The women’s next home game is Friday, March 27, at 6 p.m. vs. Franklin Pierce University at Mark A. Ouellette Stadium on the SNHU campus (the stadium is on Victory Lane in Hooksett). The men’s team’s next home game is scheduled for Sunday, March 29, at 1 p.m. versus Adelphi University. See snhupenmen.com for the full schedule.

32 Actorsingers Jr. will present **Goosebumps The Musical: Phantom of the Auditorium** on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at the Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St. in Nashua, according to actorsingers.org. Actorsingers will also present **Shrek The Musical** on Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. at the Keefe Center for the Arts, 117 Elm St. in Nashua, according to actorsingers.org, where you can purchase tickets for both shows.

33 The Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts will present **High School Musical Jr.** at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway in Derry, on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 28, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. The Majestic will also present **Airport Encounters**, described as “a hilarious romp and sometimes touching peek at an ‘Anytown Airport’ gate waiting area, as passengers interact before boarding their flights,” according to majestictheatre.net, at the Majestic Theatre, 880 Page St. in Manchester, Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. See the website for tickets.

34 Catch **Entrain** Friday, March 27, at 8 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St. in Derry, tupelomusicahall.com. The Tupelo’s packed spring schedule includes **A.J. Croce** presenting **Croce Plays Croce** on Sunday, April 12, at 7 p.m.; **Jake Shimabukuro** on Sunday, April 19, at 7 p.m.; **Vanilla Fudge** on Wednesday, April 22, at 8 p.m.; **Soul Asylum Acoustic** on Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m.; **White Lion** with All Sinners opening on Thursday, May 14, at 8 p.m., and **Gary Hoey** on Friday, May 15, at 8 p.m. See the website for more shows, updates and tickets.

35 The **“Voices: Celebrating Women Together”** show at Jewel Music Venue, 61 Canal St. in Manchester (find them on Facebook) will kick off at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 27, and feature Bella’s Bartok, Dog8Dog, DJ Amino and Wyn and the White Light, according to the post, where you can find a link to buy tickets. Check out the events tab on their Facebook page for a list of shows this spring.

36 SEE Science Center, 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, will host a regional **Rube Goldberg Machine Contest** on Saturday, March 28, during its regular hours — see the competition as part of regular admission, according to see-sciencecenter.org.

37 Saturday, March 28, is the final date for **“Mosaic: A Collective Vision,”** “an exhibition celebrating the teaching and studio artists of Kimball Jenkins,” 266 N. Main St. in Concord, according to kimballjenkins.com, where you can find viewing dates for the exhibition and updates for upcoming Kimball Jenkins exhibitions and events.

38 The New Hampshire Historical Society, 30 Park St. in Concord, is hosting a family program, **“Redcoats and Rebels: Pick Your Path,”** on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., according to nhhistory.org. Geared toward ages 8 to 13, the program will allow kids to “immerse themselves in New Hampshire’s fight for independence from Britain,” according to the website, where you can register for this program (advance registration required).

39 Castleberry Fairs & Festivals will hold the **5th Annual Capital City Craft Festival**, a juried indoor arts and crafts festival, at the Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road in Concord, on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the event’s Facebook page. See also castleberryfairs.com.

40 The second **GenXpo** — described as “An expo in Nashua, NH for Generation X, Baby Boomers and beyond!” — will take place Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nashua Senior Activity Center, 70 Temple St. in Nashua, according to the event’s Facebook page. Also on the expo schedule for spring is the **New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo** Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, at the DoubleTree By Hilton Manchester Downtown. See nhcoinexpo.com.

41 Charmingfare Farm, 774 High St. in Candia, will host an **Egg-citing Egg Hunt**, geared toward egg hunters ages 2 to 12, Saturdays and Sundays, March 28-29 and April 4-5, with entry times from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to visitthefarm.com, where you can purchase tickets. The egg hunt comes the weekend after Charmingfare wraps up its **Maple Express** event March 21-22, focused on maple sap collecting and the syrup making process. You can also hunt for eggs at the Lions Clubs of Pinardville and Goffstown’s **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 28, with 9 a.m. (for ages 1 to 4), 9:45 a.m. (ages 5 to 7) and 10:30 a.m. (ages 8 to 10) start times at Roy Park in Pinardville. Find the clubs on Facebook.

42 The New Hampshire Audubon’s Massabesic Center, 26 Audubon Way in Auburn, will feature **“The Wildlife and Landscape of New England,”** an exhibition of photography by Jason Davini, through Wednesday, April 29, and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to nhoodubon.org, where you can find additional NHAudubon events such as the “Wildlife Friendly Gardening” event slated for Saturday, March 28 (as of March 16 it is listed as being sold out; email kwhiteman@nhoodubon.org for updates).

43 The **Easter Bunny** will arrive at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, via student-built airplane on Saturday, March 28, at 11 a.m. with free admission to the museum and activities for kids until 1 p.m., according to a museum press release. Families are asked to arrive by 10:30 a.m. to witness Easter Bunny’s outdoor arrival, after which the Bunny will pose for photos, talk with fans and hand out candy, the press release said. The Aviation Museum will also hold its annual **Run the Rail Trail 4-Miler** on Saturday, May 2, at 9 a.m., open to runners and walkers, according to the website, where you can find a link to register.

44 Learn how to make **Pysanky, Ukrainian Easter Eggs**, on Saturday, March 28, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the

New Hampshire School of Languages and Arts, 3 J Taggart Drive in Nashua. Register by emailing mariabronfine@gmail.com.

45 March 30 is the final day of “Women Wize,” the current show at the **Mosaic Art Collective**, 66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester, which opened earlier in March. Next up is “Clear To Me,” a show “focusing on negative space and the balance of light and dark,” running Monday, April 6, through Tuesday, April 28, with a reception on Saturday, April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m., according to mosaicartcollective.com. And check with **See Saw Art**, an exhibition space within Mosaic, for their offerings at seesaw.gallery.

46 **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** will perform at the Capitol Center for the Arts’ Chubb Theatre, 44 S. Main St. in Concord, on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. Tickets are free as part of the Gile Series but go to ccanh.com to reserve a spot. The Cap Center’s venues — Chubb Theatre and BNH Stage — have lots of music on the schedule this spring. A few examples include the Brubeck Brothers Quartet on Saturday, April 11, at 7 p.m.; Celtic Woman on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m.; Sad AF Emo Nite on Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m.; Panorama: A Tribute to The Cars on Friday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m., and The Head and The Heart on Friday, May 8, at 8 p.m.

47 **Click, Clack Moo**, based on the book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin, will be on stage at the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy, 44 N. Main St. in Derry, on Thursday, April 2, at 10 a.m., according to stockbridgetheatre.showare.com, where you can purchase tickets.

48 Honor Patrick Swayze and Jerry Orbach by showing off your **Dirty Dancing** knowledge at **Dirty Dancing Trivia** night on Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky’s Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Road in Manchester, chunkys.com. Check out the schedule of upcoming events for more specialty trivia nights and bingo nights (with both games having family nights about once a month), live comedy, paint nights and special family screenings.

49 The Casino Ballroom, 169 Ocean Blvd in Hampton Beach, kicks off its season with **Melissa Etheridge** on Thursday, April 2, at 8 p.m., according to casinoballroom.com. Other shows this spring include The Fools with Fortune and Captain Jack & The Strangers on April 4; Clint Black on April 9; One Night of Queen on April 17; Lita Ford on May 8; Bret Michaels on May 15 and May 16, and Avatar on May 20.

50 The **Hispanic Flamenco Ballet** will perform for students on Friday, April 3, at 10 and 11 a.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St. in Concord, according to theaudi.org. Call 305-420-6622 for tickets.

51 Is this the actual start of spring? It's opening day for the **New Hampshire Fisher Cats** at Delta Dental Stadium in downtown Manchester. The Fisher Cats take on the Binghamton Rumble Ponies on Friday, April 3, at 6:03 p.m. (nice) and then again Saturday, April 4, and Sunday, April 5, at 1:05 p.m. See mlb.com/new-hampshire for tickets. April 3 is also the home opener for the **Boston Red Sox** at Fenway Park, when they'll play the San Diego Padres at 2:10 p.m. See mlb.com/redsox.

52 Ovation Theatre Company will present **The Addams Family Musical**, primarily featuring performers ages 13 to 19, on Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, at 7 p.m. as well as April 4 at 2 p.m. at the Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway in Derry, according to ovationtc.com, where you can purchase tickets. Ovation will also present **101 Dalmatian Kids** with performers ages 7 to 14 Friday, May 8, through Sunday, May 10, at Ovation Studios, 61 Harvey Road in Londonderry, the website said.

53 April 3 is the first Friday of the month, which means it's time for **Super Stellar Friday** at McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, 2 Institute Drive in Concord. On Fridays, catch specialty programming starting with a speaker presentation at 7 p.m., a planetarium show at 8 p.m. and, weather permitting, a sky view with the New Hampshire Astronomical Society, according to starhop.com, where you can purchase tickets for the presentation as well as the add-on tickets for the planetarium show.

54 **Concord's Giant Indoor Yard Sale** will take place Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road in Concord, according to the event's Facebook page. Adult admission costs \$5, the page said.

55 Carriage Shack Farm, 5 Dan Hill Road in Londonderry, will hold an **Easter Bunny Party At the Farm** on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to carriageshackfarmllc.org, where you can purchase tickets.

56 Southern New Hampshire Youth Ballet will present **Cinderella** as their spring show on Saturday, April 4, at 1 and 4 p.m. See snhdt.org for tickets; the

show takes place at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, whose website says the show is 75 minutes long with a 15-minute intermission.

57 Catch Cecil B. Demille's first attempt at the Moses story when the 1923 silent film **The Ten Commandments** plays at the Wilton Town Hall Theatre on Main Street in Wilton, screened with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, on Sunday, April 5, at 2 p.m. Find more of Jeff's upcoming silent film presentations at silent-film-livemusic.blogspot.com/p/upcoming-silent-film-screenings.html. In other movie news, weather permitting, Friday, April 10, or possibly Friday, April 17, will be the opening weekend for the **Milford Drive-In**, 531 Elm St. in Milford. Keep an eye on milforddrivein.com for opening dates and double features.

58 The **April 9-May 9** show at The Glimpse Gallery, 4 Park St. in Concord, opens Thursday, April 9, with a reception on Saturday, April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m., according to theglimpsegallery.com.

59 The Capitol Center for the Arts has comedy on the schedule this spring, including **Mae Martin** with their new show **The Possum** on Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. (find their 2023 show *Sap* on Netflix). Other comedy on the schedule includes **Karen Morgan** on Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. and **Craig Ferguson** on Sunday, April 12, at 7 p.m.

60 Kids can treat their fluffy friend to a night out at **Stuffy Sleepover Storytime** on Friday, April 10, at Wonderland Books and Toys, Maple Valley Plaza, 245 Maple St. in Manchester, wonderland-booksandtoys.com. PJ-wearing kids and their stuffies can come for storytime at 6:30 p.m. and then the stuffies will stay the night, with kids able to pick them up at 11 a.m. the next morning, according to the website, where you can register for April's sleepover or for an upcoming second Friday.

61 The **Flying Gravity Circus**, featuring children and teen performers, will hold its spring show "Tales: A Circus Adventure" on Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at the Peterborough Players Theatre, according to flyinggravitycircus.org, where you can check back for additional details.

62 The Anselmian Abbey Players will present the musical comedy **Something Rotten!** on Fridays, April 10 and April 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, April 11 and April 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 12, at 2

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p.m., and Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. See tickets.anselm.edu for tickets.

63 After a few mid-March dates in Florida, comedian **Bob Marley** returns to New England with dates in Maine and Massachusetts before coming to the Palace Theatre in Manchester April 10-12 and then heading to Keene (April 18) and Lebanon (May 9). Follow Marley at bmarley.com.

64 The **Little Giant “Old School” Comic Show** will be held Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road in Concord, featuring comic book sellers, art and artists, according to oldschoolcomicshow.com.

65 O’Neil Cinemas at 16 Orchard View in Londonderry hosts sensory-friendly screenings where house lights are higher and there are no loud noises, according to oneilcinemas.com. Next up is **Super Mario Galaxy Movie** on Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m.

66 The Concord Arts Market will hold **“HeARTwork: A Seasonal Artisan Market Series”** at Kimball Jenkins, 266 N. Main St. in Concord, on Saturday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with this month’s theme being “Life,” according to concordartsmarket.org. The event will feature kids’ activities and refreshments, according to the Market’s Facebook page.

67 Safe Haven Ballet will perform **Don Quixote** this spring with shows at the Capitol Center for the Arts Chubb Theatre, 44 S. Main St. in Concord, on Saturday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m.; at the Music Hall Historic Theatre in Portsmouth on Sunday, April 12, at 4:30 p.m., and at the Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St. in Nashua, on Saturday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m. See safehavenballet.org.

68 The Palace Theatre presents its **Short Play Fest** featuring six new short plays on Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St. in Manchester. See palacetheatre.org. Other shows at the Palace include **Cabaret**, wrapping up March 22; **Footloose** April 17-May 10, and a few Palace Youth Theatre productions including **9 to 5 Jr.** on March 19. The Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., and Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St., in Manchester, will also feature several musical tribute shows this spring, including one honoring four ladies of country music. Catch **Legends Live On: A Tribute to Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, Reba McEntire and**

Tammy Wynette on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 16, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. See palacetheatre.org for tickets.

69 The Concord Community Concert Association will present **“Here Come The Judds — A Tribute”** on Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St. in Concord, according to theaudi.org. Purchase tickets in advance at ccca-audi.org or for cash or check at the door.

70 **Kids Con New England** — a celebration of comic books, comic book creators, comic book readers, superheroes and more — will take place Sunday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sheraton in Nashua. See kidsconne.com for tickets and for a list of artists and authors scheduled to attend as well as activities and programming scheduled throughout the event.

71 ArtHub, 98 Main St. in Nashua, will hold its **Spring EAST Show** (Emerging Art Student Talent) on Sunday, April 12, where kids from ages 6 to 18 can display their works, according to nashuaarts.org, where you can find registration information. Works will be awarded prizes, and First Place and Best in Show winners will be displayed at ArtHub for a month, the website said. ArtHub currently has a **spring exhibit** on display; see the website for upcoming events.

72 815 Cocktails and Provisions, 815 Elm St. in Manchester, will hold **The Daiq Off**, a Tiki party and daiquiri competition, on Sunday, April 12, from 3 to 7 p.m., according to a post on its Facebook page, where you can find a link for tickets. See 815nh.com.

73 The Millyard Museum, 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, will open the new exhibition **“Reflections of the Revolution: The Derryfield Perspective”** on Wednesday, April 15, according to an email from the museum. “This exhibit will feature stories, portraits and artifacts from several influential characters in America’s Revolution,” the email said. See manchesterhistoric.org.

74 The **Joshua Tree Concert: U2’s Premier Tribute Band** will perform on Thursday, April 16, at 8 p.m. at LaBelle Winery Amherst. Other shows on the Amherst location’s spring schedule include Redneck Castaway Band: A Tribute to Kenny Chesney on Thursday, March 26; Bridgerton-Inspired Dinner Party with String Quartet on Saturday, March 28; Sci-Fi Murder Mystery Dinner Party on Saturday, April

18, and Studio Two: The Beatles Tribute Concert on Thursday, April 23, according to the website, labellewinery.com, along with several other food and craft events.

75 The **Made in NH Expo** will take place Friday, April 17, from 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel, 700 Elm St. in Manchester. See madeinnhexpo.com for tickets and a link to the event’s Facebook page, where you can see some of the vendors slated to appear.

76 Epping Community Theatre will present **Matilda Jr.** Friday, April 17, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at the Epping Playhouse, 38 Ladds Lane in Epping, according to eppingtheater.org, where you can purchase tickets. The Epping Playhouse will also host Roland’s Basement ’80s Night on Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

77 Catch **Adam Ezra Group** at the Flying Monkey, 39 Main St. in Plymouth, on Friday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m., according to flyingmonkeynh.com, where you can purchase tickets and find the full rundown of upcoming events, including movie screenings such as 1980’s **Caddyshack** on Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m.

78 See comedians **Brian Glowacki and Jeff Koen** at the Tupelo Night of Comedy on Friday, April 17, at 8 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St. in Derry, tupelomusichall.com.

79 The **Nossrat Yassini Poetry Festival** will take place at the University of New Hampshire, Hamilton Smith Hall in Durham, Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18, when there will be a small press fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See unhpoetry.com for more details including a schedule, which should be posted in March.

80 Saturday, April 18, is **Record Store Day**, a celebration of your local vinyl purveyors with special releases and limited-edition albums. See recordstoreday.com to find a participating store. At Pitchfork Records in Concord, they plan to open at 8 a.m., according to pitchforkrecordsconcord.com. Metro City Records, 691 Somerville St. in Manchester, will be open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

81 The Woman’s Service Club of Windham will hold its **Spring Craft Fair** on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Golden Brook School, 112B Lowell Road in Windham, according to womansserviceclubofwindham.org.

82 **Bring Back the Trades will hold a Skills Expo** Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Londonderry High School (295 Mammoth Road in Londonderry) featuring local trades organizations, according to bringbackthetrades.org.

83 **Discover WILD New Hampshire Day** is Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NH Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, according to wildlife.nh.gov/dwnh. This family-friendly event features live animals, a food truck alley, exhibits, hands-on activities and more, according to the website.

84 The **Derry Author Fest** will take place Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway in Derry, according to an email from the library. This year’s theme is “Pathways to Publication.” The day will feature a book sale and a series of panels and workshops, including a keynote with authors Rebecca Rule and Adi Rule. See derryauthorfest.wordpress.com. Rochester will also host an authors event: The Rochester Writers Night will hold its third annual **Rochester Area Authors Fair** on Saturday, April 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the covered pavilion at Hanson Pines Park, 68 Dominicus Way in Rochester, featuring keynote speaker J.R. Rainville, author of the *Ungifted* fantasy series, according to a press release. See facebook.com/rochesterNHwriters.

85 Red River Theatres, 11 S. Main St. in Concord, will screen **The Biggest Little Farm** (PG, 2019), a documentary about Apricot Lane Farms in southern California, on Saturday, April 18, at 10 a.m., according to redrivertheatres.org, where you can purchase tickets and find more upcoming screenings.

86 The **Luna Moth Zine Fest** will take place Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 72 Concord St. in Manchester. The event is all-ages and free, according to lunamothzinefest.com where you can see a list of participating vendors.

87 Duncan Watson, manager of Keene’s solid waste program, will talk about his book, **Everyone’s Trash: One Man Against 1.6 Billion Pounds**, on Saturday, April 18, at 1 p.m. at the McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, 224-9909). Register at nhaudubon.org/event to attend. Watson will also discuss his book at the Manchester City Library on Thursday, April 9, at 6 p.m., according to manchester.lib.nh.us.

Also at the McLane Center, the exhibition **“Party Animals,”** a show of handprinted

linocuts by Bethany Clarke, runs through Saturday, May 2, and the gallery is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to nhaudubon.org, where you can find additional NH Audubon events at the McLane Center.

88 The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra will present **Antonio Vivaldi, Four Seasons and Ralph Vaughan Williams Symphony No. 5** with special guest soloist David Kim from The Philadelphia Orchestra on Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem, according to nphil.org, where you can purchase tickets.

89 Brooklyn composer **Sunny Jain**, described as having “a dynamic fusion of South Asian classical music, jazz, and funk,” will bring his show “Love Force” to Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy, 44 N. Main St. in Derry, on Saturday, April 18, at 7 p.m., according to stockbridgetheatre.showare.com, where you can purchase tickets.

90 Symphony NH music director finalist Tianhui Ng will present “**New Hampshire Passions**” on Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Keefe Auditorium, 117 Elm St. in Nashua, in a show that will feature a collaboration with Black Hole Symphony as well as a pre-show talk at 6:30 p.m., according to symphonynh.org, where you can purchase tickets. Also on Symphony NH’s spring schedule is a **Chamber Concert** featuring Symphony NH musicians on Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. also at the Keefe Auditorium.

91 *The Littlefield Gazette Does Not End Today* by Don Zolidis, directed by Alexander Slocum, will be presented by the Nashua Theatre Guild on Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, at 2 p.m. at Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St. in Nashua. See nashuatheatreguild.org to purchase tickets.

92 The **2026 National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors New England Regional** will be held at the Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road in Concord, with its public day on Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to noon and its members day on Friday, April 24. See newenglandregional.org. In other hobby news, the Hooksett Lions Club will hold its **annual model train show** at David R. Cawley Middle School in Hooksett on Sunday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

93 LeVar Burton is the Indie Bookstore Ambassador for this year’s **Independent Bookstore Day**, according to bookweb.org/independent-bookstore-day, which is slated

for Saturday, April 25. Gibson’s Bookstore in Concord has the day on their schedule and last year Bookery in Manchester and Balin Books in Nashua also celebrated.

94 **Springfest**, held by the Goffstown Citizens Committee, will run Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sullivan Arena at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, according to goffstowncitizens.org, where you can purchase tickets. The day will feature vendors, a food court, kids’ activities and more, the website said.

95 Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1½ Hood Road in Derry, will hold a **Mah Jongg Tournament** on Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up by April 12 for a day featuring four rounds of game play with four games per one-hour round, according to a press release. Register and pay at etzhayim.org/mah-jongg-tournament.

96 Remix Roller Skating & Event Center, 725 Huse Road in Manchester, will offer a **Vacation Skate Party** on Monday, April 27, with two-hour skate blocks and a free 20-minute roller skate lesson for the 10 a.m. block, according to skateremix.com, where you can purchase tickets for time blocks and find other upcoming all-ages and adults-only skating events.

97 Gibson’s Bookstore in Concord, in conjunction with New Hampshire Public Radio and the Capitol Center for the Arts, will host author **Emma Straub** with her new book *American Fantasy* for an Authors on Main event at the BNH Stage in Concord on Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. See ccanh.com for tickets. See gibsonsbookstore.com for more upcoming author and book club events.

98 **The Craftworkers’ Guild Spring Fair Craft Shop** at Oliver Kendall House (3A Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, behind the Bedford Public Library) will open Thursday, April 30, and stay open through Sunday, May 24. See thecraftworkersguild.org.

99 The **Manchester Vegan Chef Challenge** returns May 1-31, with participating eateries featuring special vegan items, according to veganchefchallenge.org/manchester, where you can go for updates. In other Manchester-based food news, keep an eye on tacotourmanchester.com for updates on the **2026 Taco Tour Manchester**. Traditionally, the celebration of tacos in downtown Manchester takes place on a Thursday in early May. In Nashua stay tuned to downtownnashua.org for details on the **Nashua Food Truck Festival** slated for May 2, according to the website.

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100 The **New Hampshire Farm, Forest and Garden Expo** will run Friday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Deerfield Fairgrounds with the 2026 theme “From Soil to Sawdust: How New Hampshire Makes Ag Happen” and featuring “two full days of live demonstrations, expert-led workshops, running machinery, barnyard animals, lumberjack shows, and free horse-drawn wagon rides,” according to nhfarmandforestexpo.org, where you can find a map and other details. Tickets are for sale at the gate, the website said.

101 **Intown Concord’s First Friday** in downtown Concord returns Friday, May 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. with the theme “Petals & Pedals,” according to firstfridayconcord.com, where you can check back for updates on participating food trucks and other activities. The Wandering Souls are slated to play City Plaza from 4 to 8 p.m. and in Bicentennial Square Chasing Ghosts is scheduled to play from 4 to 5:45 p.m. and Stray Dog from 6:15 to 8 p.m.

102 The Manchester Community Theatre Players will present *You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown* on Fridays and Saturdays, May 1-2 and May 8-9, at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, May 3 and May 10, at 2 p.m. at the MCTP Theatre, the North End Montessori School, 698 Beech St. in Manchester. See manchestercommunitytheatre.com for tickets.

103 The Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative will present the New Hampshire premiere of *The Magician’s Elephant*, based on the book by Kate DiCamillo, on Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. at Colonial Theatre, 609 Main St. in Laconia, according to powerhousenh.org, where you can purchase tickets.

104 The Community Players of Concord present *To Kill A Mockingbird* Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St. in Concord. See communityplayersofconcord.org for tickets.

105 Cue Zero Theatre will present the Tracy Letts play *Bug* on Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m., at Arts Academy of New Hampshire, 19 Keewaydin Drive in Salem, according to cztheatre.com, where you can purchase tickets.

106 **Free Comic Book Day 2026** is Saturday, May 2! Celebrate

comic books with free specially published issues — see freecomicbookday.com for a list of this year’s titles. Double Midnight Comics, 252 Willow St. in Manchester and 341 Loudon Road in Concord, does Free Comic Book Day up right with the Manchester store holding a comic con and a cosplay contest and featuring a food truck court and movie cars, according to dmcomics.com, where you can check back for details on this year.

107 The outdoor downtown **Concord Farmers’ Market** will open for the season on Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Capitol Street next to the Statehouse lawn, according to concordfarmersmarket.com.

108 The Seacoast Cat Club will have their annual **Cat Show** at the Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road in Concord, on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, according to the Everett Arena’s schedule on the city’s website. Check cfa.org/event/seacoast-cat-club for updates.

109 The Concord Chorale will perform **Brahms Requiem** on Saturday, May 2, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. at St. Paul’s Church in Concord, according to concordchorale.org, where you can check back for updates.

110 **NH Roller Derby** kicks off its season with a bout on Saturday, May 2, at JFK Coliseum, 303 Beech St. in Manchester, according to nhrollerderby.com. Check back to the website and the NH Roller Derby Facebook page for updated details. Interested in joining? Meet-and-Greets will be held Thursdays, March 19 and April 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Manchester Ballers Association, 3 Sundial Ave. in Manchester, according to a Facebook post, where you can find details.

111 **Napoleon Dynamite Live** comes to the Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St. in Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com, on Saturday, May 2, at 7 p.m. featuring a full screening of 2004’s *Napoleon Dynamite* and a “lively, freewheeling interactive experience with fan-favorite cast members John Heder (Napoleon Dynamite), Jon Gries (Uncle Rico) and Efrén Ramirez (Pedro),” according to the website. Other shows slated for the Nashua Center for the Arts include *Better Than Ezra* on March 22, *The Peking Acrobats* on April 1, *James Austin Johnson* on April 23 and *The Machine Performs Pink Floyd* on May 3. See the website for all upcoming shows.

112 Millennium Running will hold its annual **Cinco de Miles 5K** in Bedford, starting and ending near the Bed-

ford High School, on Sunday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m. See millenniumrunning.com for details on this and other races this spring.

113 The **Concord Hospital Rock’N Race** will be held Wednesday, May 6, at 6 p.m., featuring live music and food on the Statehouse lawn, according to runsignup.com/Race/NH/Concord/RockN-Race, where you can register.

114 The Nashua Center’s annual **Taste of the Towns** event will take place Thursday, May 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton Nashua, 11 Tara Blvd. in Nashua, according to nashuacenter.org/taste-of-the-towns.

115 Catch comedians **Christine Hurley, Kerri Louise and Kristy Kielbasinski** at **Mother of A Comedy Show** on Thursday, May 7, at 8 p.m. at LaBelle Winery Derry, according to labellewinery.com. Other shows slated for LaBelle Winery Derry this spring include *A Pirate’s Life for Me: Murder Mystery Dinner Party* on Saturday, March 21; *The Eagles Experience* on Thursday, March 26; *Northern Cross: Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young Tribute Show* on Thursday, April 2; *Fleetwood Macked: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute* on Thursday, April 9; *Completely Unchained: Van Halen Tribute Concert* on Thursday, April 30, and *Mamma Mania: Premier ABBA Tribute* on Thursday, May 14, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets and which also lists craft- and food-related workshops.

116 Friday, May 8, is the closing day of the exhibit **“Still Waters, Deep Reflections: The Art of Evelin Bodfish Bourne”** at the Alva de Mars Megan Chapel Art Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., plus 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday. See anselm.edu/about/offices-centers-institutes/centers-institutes/alva-de-mars-megan-chapel-art-center.

117 The **Great New England Spring Craft Fair** will take place Friday, May 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at LaBelle Winery, 14 Route 111 in Derry. See gnecraftartisanshows.com.

118 The **New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival** will take place Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Deerfield Fairgrounds, 34 Stage Road in Deerfield, and feature workshops, lectures, a youth sheep show, a fleece sale and more, according to nhswga.org, where you can purchase tickets and check for updates.

119 **New Hampshire Renaissance Faire** will take place Saturdays, May 9 and May 16, and Sundays, May 10 and May 17, at 80 Martin Road in Fremont, according to nhrenfaire.com, where you can check back for updates and purchase tickets.

120 The **Granite State Trading Card and Collectibles Show** will take place Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road in Concord, according to the Facebook page for Jimmy’s Place Sports Cards and Memorabilia in Tilton. See jimmysplacesportscards.com.

121 Kick off **plant sale season!** The **Amherst Garden Club** will hold its plant sale on Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wilkins School, 80 Boston Post Road in Amherst, according to amherstgardenclub.org/plant_sale. The **Milford NH Garden Club** will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 16, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Community House Lawn, according to milfordnhgardenclub.org. The **Bedford Garden Club** will hold its plant sale on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill, according to bgcnh.org/plant-sale-2026.

122 Catch **Monster Jam “Free-style Mania”** at SNHU Arena in downtown Manchester on Saturday, May 9, at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 10, at 1 p.m., according to snhuarena.com, where you can purchase tickets.

123 The New Hampshire Gay Men’s Chorus will present its spring concert series **“Love, Pride & Hope”** with scheduled dates including Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at BNH Stage, 16 S. Main St. in Concord, ccanh.com. See nhgmc.com for additional performances which include May 3 in Hanover; Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Nashua and Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m. at Rex Theatre in Manchester.

124 **Cosmic Blossom** will bring their “funk, soul and rock & roll” to the Andres Institute of Art, Big Bear Lodge, 106 Route 13 in Brookline, on Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m. Other Andres shows this spring include *Portrait in Jazz* on Sunday, March 22, at 6 p.m.; *Aces and Eights* on Saturday, April 4, at 7 p.m., and *Jamdemc and Mighty Colors* on Saturday, April 18, at 7 p.m., according to the website.

125 Sunday, May 10, is **Mother’s Day!** Instead of bringing flowers, you can take the mom in your life to The Friends of the Audi and Concord’s General Service Department **Perennial Exchange**

on Sunday, May 10, at 8 a.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, according to theaudi.org.

kiwanis.org or find the club on Facebook for updates.

126 1991's *Fried Green Tomatoes* gets its 35-year anniversary screening via Fathom Entertainment on Sunday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 13. See fathomentertainment.com for locations and times. Other screenings this spring include 1991's *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze* on March 19; 1959's *Ben-Hur* on March 29, March 30, April 1 and April 2, and 1991's *The Silence of the Lambs* on April 26 and April 29, as well as productions of the Royal Ballet and The Metropolitan Opera.

129 The **Northeast Coffee Festival** will run Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16, in downtown Concord with workshops, a community market and a latte art throwdown, according to northeast-coffee.com.

130 Come for the gyros, stay for the baklava! St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church, 500 W. Hollis St. in Nashua, stphilipnashua.com, will hold its annual **Greek Food Festival** Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16.

127 The **2026 Nashua International Sculpture Symposium** will begin with its opening celebration on Thursday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Picker Artists building, 3 Pine St. in Nashua, with a closing ceremony and visit to the sculptures' installation sites on Saturday, June 6, at 1 p.m. During the symposium you can watch the sculptors work at the Pine Street site. See NashuaSculptureSymposium.org.

131 Joppa Hill Educational Farm, 174 Joppa Hill Road in Bedford, will hold a **Star Gazing and Sky Watching** event on Friday, May 15, from 8 to 10 p.m., according to jhef.org/events-at-the-farm. The farm has other events on its spring schedule, including "**Frogs and Salamanders!**" on Sunday, April 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. for ages 6 and up, which includes a hike to the pond, and the **Woolly Wonder Fest** on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., where you can see the sheep get shorn and learn about the wool preparation process, according to the website, where you can register for the event. 🐏

128 The Kiwanis Club of Concord will hold its annual **Spring Carnival** May 14-17 at the Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road in Concord. See k01213.site.

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Who can duet

A night of show tunes is a friendly competition

By Michael Witthaus
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The Lakes Region-based Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative has won Best Community Musical honors for three years in a row at the New Hampshire Theatre Alliance Awards, most recently for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Their upcoming Just Duet fundraiser is a chance to learn why, as a group of mostly Powerhouse company members belt out Broadway songs.

It's the fourth year for what is a friendly competition, though its title is a misnomer.

"Last year you were allowed to bring in a ringer for one of your songs and make a trio, and this year you can supersize," Powerhouse producer and co-founder Bryan Halperin said in a recent phone interview. "Two teams can work together on a song, to create a quartet."

So, not just duets, but it's a lot of fun. During the evening, a range of songs will be performed. There are Disney musicals like *Beauty & the Beast*, *Frozen* and



Joel and Laura Iwaskiewicz. Courtesy photo.

The Lion King, along with *Beetlejuice*, *The Book of Mormon*, *Hamilton*, *Into the Woods*, and the new-ish *Suffs*. For Mel Brooks fans, there's *The Producers* and *Young Frankenstein*.

Not all singers are Powerhouse veterans.

"Some of the teams," Halperin said, "pulled in a friend who hasn't done something with us yet. For the most part it's our regulars, but it's open to anyone who wants to apply, and we do have some new people this year."

For the first three years, the husband-and-wife team of Joel and Laura Iwaskiewicz took first prize, but that won't happen this go-round. That's because the couple are hosting the competition. They will also perform, singing and dancing their way through "There Once Was a Man," from *The Pajama Game*.

The two won last year for their ren-

dition of *Singin' in the Rain's* "Moses Supposes." Their performance was carried by dazzling dance breaks, Joel recalled in a Zoom interview.

"There's always been some element of choreography we've challenged ourselves with," he said. "That's kept it really fun, but I think it also maybe gives us a little bit of an edge."

Joel and Laura met as performers. "It feels as cliché as a musical theater romance can get," he said. "I was a guy, she was a doll; things just took off from there." Asked if the invitation to host this year's Just Duet might be a strategy to prevent them from getting another win, he chuckled.

"I mean, we don't run the show, but we can confidently say there will be a new champion."

Proceeds from the benefit show will be split between Powerhouse programs and the Colonial Theatre Investment Fund, which provides general support for upkeep, improvements and repairs at the venue. "This is one way Powerhouse gives back to the Colonial," Halperin said. "It's our home base, and we try to take really good care of it."

An overall winner will be chosen by scores on a 10-point scale from guest judges Eric Hoffman (Laconia City Coun-

cil), Heather Bishop (Lakes 101.5 Radio), Katherine Switala Elmhurst (Belknap Mill) and Jared Guilmett (Colonial Theatre Advisory Board), along with audience voting (there's also an Audience Choice award).

Voting can also be done by donation, either with cash at the event or through the Powerhouse website. "If people want to support the cause or their favorite duo but can't make it, they can still contribute online," Halperin said, "and buy votes for the team of their choosing."

The Powerhouse season continues May 1 with the New Hampshire premiere of *The Magician's Elephant*. Also upcoming is the 2026 Play Festival (May 30-31), with 14 original works from a winter playwright workshop, and a June 27 concert version of *1776* to mark the semiquincentennial, with music provided by the Lake Street Symphony Orchestra.

With *Shrek: The Musical* (Aug. 7-9), *Big Bad* (Sept. 12-13) — the wolf giving his side of *Little Red Riding Hood* — and a pair of Peter Pan origin stories in October, it's a busy year.

"We're just trying to pack our schedule with stuff that keeps people engaged, both performers and the audience," Halperin said. "We're excited about what we're working on." 🐾

Just Duet: Broadway Style

When: Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Where: Colonial Theatre, 609 Main St., Laconia

Tickets: \$25 at etix.com

Art

Exhibits

- **"Women Wize"** exhibit at Mosaic Art Collective, 66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester, mosaicartcollective.com. "This partnership exhibition between Mosaic Art Collective and Equality Health Center celebrates Women's History Month by inviting artists to share works that illuminate the stories, strength, and

impact of women — across identities and generations," according to the website. The show will run through Monday, March 30.

- **"Flourishing: Paintings by Wendy Edwards"** is on display at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St. in Manchester, currier.org, through April 5. The Currier is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Theater

Shows

- ***Cabaret*** will be presented by the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, palacetheatre.org, through Sunday, March 22, with shows Fridays at 7:30, Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. as well as Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.
- ***9 to 5 Jr.*** will be presented by Palace Youth Theatre on Thursday,

March 19, at 7 p.m. at the Rex Theatres, 23 Amherst St. in Manchester. See palacetheatre.org for tickets.

- ***Disney's Frozen: The Broadway Musical*** will be presented by Bedford Youth Performing Company on Friday, March 20, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 21, at 1 & 7 p.m., at the Derryfield School in Manchester. See bypc.org for tickets.

- ***Oliver! The Musical*** will be presented by Kids Coop Theatre on

Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. at the Derry Opera House, 29 W Broadway in Derry, according to kctnh.org, where you can purchase tickets.

Classical

- **"A Legacy In Song"** a vocal concert on Friday, March 20, at 7 p.m. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St. in Concord,

will feature performances of "music written by women composers spanning the 19th century to the present ... [f]eatured composers include Clara Schumann, Augusta Holmès, Carrie Jacobs-Bond, Liza Lehmann, Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Sara Bareilles, and Marsha Norman and more!" according to a post on the school's facebook page. The event is free and open to the public. See ccmusicschool.org.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Starting your days with squeals of fright



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:
I have a 2017 Lexus GX 460 with about 90,000 miles. My car has been making a squealing noise ever since I had the serpentine belt replaced. The noise lasts anywhere from a split second to a few seconds, and it only happens after the first start in the morning.

Another mechanic told me it might be due to the aftermarket belt, so he ordered a Lexus belt and replaced it for me. The noise is still there. He told me the next step would be to replace the pulley and the tensioner. But he said the noise does sound like it's from the serpentine belt.

Any advice would be greatly appreciated.
— Chun

Have you tried a set of the Apple AirPods 3 Pros, Chun?

What you describe sounds like a classic belt noise. The reason it makes that squealing noise is that, for a second or two, it's slipping. So, when you start the engine, the belt is supposed to start moving immediately. And for some reason, yours is not. The

question is, why?

Here's how that belt works: When the engine starts, the crankshaft, inside the engine, spins. At the end of the crankshaft is a "crankshaft pulley" that drives the serpentine belt.

Now, why is it called a serpentine belt? Because it snakes around a variety of pulleys that run a bunch of other accessories — the alternator, the water pump, the power steering pump, etc. So, my next step, if your car were in my garage — and I'm grateful it's not — would be to remove the belt one evening, and then, in the morning, when things have stiffened up, try to manually spin each pulley separately. Each accessory has its own pulley, plus there are idler pulleys and the tensioner.

Every pulley that the belt snakes around should turn very easily. It should offer little to no resistance. So, if, for instance, he discovers that the water pump pulley is a little harder to turn than the others, that may be the pulley that the belt is slipping over first thing in the morning.

It wasn't a bad idea to try an original equipment belt. That was worth a try. And your mechanic is right to be thinking about

pulleys. But I wouldn't go replacing any of them until you first try to figure out which one it is. He'll find it, Chun. Visit Cartalk.com. 🍌

INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,
I found this nest blowing around in my front yard over this past month. It was like a dried grass ball. I brought it inside and it actually was, I believe, a bird's nest.

I was going to toss it and thought maybe I would run it by you first. Is there any value to this? It's a big one and very full.

Thank you in advance.
Coreen

Dear Coreen,
I'm willing to bet lots of nests didn't make it in trees. This year was so windy.

Birds' nests and wasps' nests are collected for interior decorative reasons. The bigger and cleaner, the better. I have seen



huge wasp nests go for a couple hundred in great shape.

As for a bird's nest I would say the value is in the \$20 range. I think if you brought it even to an antique shop you could get half that.

I hope this was helpful, Coreen. Good luck finding a new home.

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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News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **Irish ducks and royal icing:** There will be a St. Patrick's Day cookie decorating class at LaBelle Winery Amherst (345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinery.com) Thursday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a beginner-level, hands-on class led by instructor Kelli Wright. She will guide you through the process of creating fun St. Patrick's Day-themed cookie designs with a "lucky duck" theme. After class you'll leave with a set of four decorated cookies and the knowledge to re-create your designs at home. Tickets start at \$59. Visit labellewinery.com/public-winery-events.

• **Shamrock dinner:** On Friday, March 20, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. this month's Clover & Candlelight Supper Club at the Rose and Rye Diner in Concord's Arts Alley (20 S. Main St., Concord, 406-5666, artsalleyconcordnh.com) will be an Irish-themed dinner. The four-course dinner will include an Irish whiskey sour, Irish soda bread, potato and cheddar bisque, corned beef and cabbage, and a Baileys chocolate pot de creme. Tickets for this 21+ event are \$97. Visit artsalleyconcordnh.com/event.

• **Knives, forks and battle axes:** There will be a Viking Feast on Tuesday, March 24, at 377 S. Willow St., in Manchester, beginning at 6 p.m. Get ready to dive into a wild Viking celebration courtesy of Harper's Eden Catering (35 Manchester Road, Derry, 416-0509, harperseden.com), with epic food, mead and roaring good times. Dive into the world of Vikings with delicious food, hearty drinks and axe throwing. It's the perfect chance to hang with friends, enjoy tasty dishes and throw some axes. Tickets for this event are \$71.21 through eventbrite.com.

• **The sweet taste of sourness:** Learn to make your own limoncello Saturday, March 21, at the Tuscan Market (Tuscan Village, 9 Via Toscana, Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com) from 6 to 8 p.m. Learn the process behind Italian limoncello and enjoy tastings of house-made versions. Craft your own limoncello to take home. The cost is \$64.74. Visit tuscanbrands.com/cooking-classes.

FOOD

The sweet season

Get a taste of the maple harvest at this year's Maple Weekend

By John Fladd
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The days have gotten warm(ish), but the nights are still cold, and the back roads have turned to mud. That can only mean one thing: it's maple sugaring season. And with that comes Maple Weekend.

"Maple Weekend, which is coming up here on the third weekend of March, the 21st and 22nd, is kind of like our version of the Super Bowl for the maple industry in New Hampshire," Andrew Chisholm said. "It's a weekend ... where sugar houses across the state open up their doors and welcome the public to come in and really experience what the New Hampshire maple experience is. It's unique to each sugar house. A lot of them will have free samples. You can see maple syrup being made this week in particular."

Chisholm is the President of the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association. Although the past couple of maple seasons haven't been great, he said, this year the conditions look extremely promising.

"We've got this great cushion of snow on the ground here," he said, "that acts as kind of an insulator in the woods for these warm days. What we really need is a night that's below freezing like in the upper 20s upper to mid 20s. [That's] a perfect night temperature and then these 40-degree days are absolutely perfect. The maple trees start opening up their buds to make a leaf, and that sap that's flowing up and down the tree is what we as sugar makers try to capture a little bit of

NH's Maple Weekend

To access an interactive map of sugar houses participating in this year's Maple Weekend, visit nhmaplemap.com.



Courtesy photo.

that to make that excellent New Hampshire maple syrup. This year I've just had a few sugar makers that I've been in touch with that have tested their sugar content in the sap they've collected and it does seem like it's a little bit on the high side this year. There's a lot of factors that go into how much sugar the sap has in it in any given year."

"One of those factors," Chisholm continued, "is a cold winter and we've had just that. We've had this kind of really traditional New England winter this year. And those cold temperatures that we had throughout January and February are one of the factors that drives up that sugar content in the sap. We've had a few years of a summertime drought that put some stress on the trees. The volume of sap was fairly typical of what you would want, but the sugar content last year was a bit on the low side. New Hampshire is a really long north and south state. If you get up north of Route 4 or Route 202, those areas up there did pretty well last year. Anything south of that, south of Concord, had just absolutely terrible seasons."

Because this year's signs point to a good maple sugaring season, Chisholm said, many maple producers who gave up trying to make syrup early in the season during the past two years are planning to collect and boil sap in a big way. That should make this

year's Maple Weekend a busy one.

"There are about 360 farms who are members of the Maple Producers Association," he said. "I have a hard time giving an exact number on how many of them will be open during Maple Weekend, but based on the estimates that we have from our website there'll be roughly 280 or so, somewhere right around there, 280 to 300"

This year the Maple Producers Association has a new tool to help maple fans get the most out of Maple Weekend, Chisholm said.

"One of our big tools that we have that I've been really working to improve over the years is nhmaplemap.com. "If you're in a sugar house throughout the state, you can pull up nhmaplemap.com on your mobile device and see exactly where you are, and you can get a visual indication of the next closest sugar house to where you are. Some people will go to five, six, seven, eight sugar houses in a day over Maple Weekend, and this map is going to make it more efficient to be able to do that." Most maple producers will have a QR code displayed when you visit them, he said, "and you can scan the QR code while you're standing in that sugar house and it'll pull up the next closest sugar house to where you're at."

"I really think that, for me," Chisholm summed up, "maple syrup production is just that when you drive down a New England road and you're inevitably going to pick out either some tubing out in the woods or you'll see some buckets along the side of a tree. In my neighborhood here, I see some of my neighbors that will take four or five buckets and tap those maple trees that they have in their front yard. It's really just kind of to me a sign of spring."

Chili, chowder, local help

Saint Peter's holds its annual fundraising cook-off

By John Fladd
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Lee O'Connor is the chairman of the Chili and Chowder Cook-Off for Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Londonderry, which will take place this Saturday, March 21. O'Connor said the Cook-Off has become one of the most important events of the year for St. Peter's.

"This is an event we've been having for nine years," he said. "It's an opportunity for people to cook chili and chowder with a chance of winning prizes and a chance to support important local programs. This year

we're supporting the Liberty House in Manchester, which helps local vets get their lives back together. [The Cook-Off] has become a big community event. We have a lot of people walk in just to have some chili and chowder and support a local cause. We probably have 100 people there and a lot of people just walk in just to support the event."

The competition is open to anyone who wants to participate, O'Connor said. "Anybody can cook. We typically have 25 to 30 entries of either chili or chowder. People can either email our church or contact me, or in worst case, just walk in with their entry. There's a \$10 entry fee to submit a recipe,



Last year's judges. Courtesy photo.

but with the opportunity to win several prizes. We're excited to invite everybody to cook and to eat."

While cooks are welcome at the cook-off, O'Connor said, anyone with an appetite is encouraged to come taste the entries and decide for themselves what the rankings should be. "To dine is here is the best bargain in town," he said. "It costs \$15 for all

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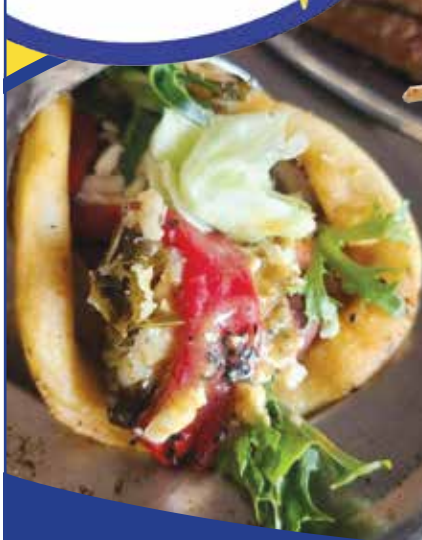
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1/4 ounce Campari – for color and a little bitterness to offset the sweetness of the triple sec

3/4 ounce fresh squeezed blood orange juice

3/4 ounce fresh squeezed lime juice

1/4 ounce simple syrup

Another ounce fresh squeezed blood orange juice

Add ice to a cocktail shaker.

Ask your digital assistant to play “Cancion del Mariachi” from the *El Mariachi* soundtrack. Set it to repeat several times. Chuckle evilly. Take a swig of tequila if you have to. Attitude is everything with this drink.



Blood Orange Margarita.
Photo by John Fladd.

Add the tequila, triple sec, Campari, lime juice and simple syrup, then shake to the rhythm of la musica. It helps to stand in front of a mirror while you do this, practicing your “You want some of this?” look. If one of the kids comes in to see what you’re doing, this look will chase them away and give them something to talk about in therapy later in life.

Strain the margarita over fresh ice in a rocks glass, then top with a float of the remaining blood orange juice, which will give you a lovely ombre (*hombre?*) effect.

This is a lovely little margarita — not too boozy, with just enough tequila to remind you that in your own way, you are formidable — the *cabrona* of school drop-off, the *machote* of your fantasy football league. The blood orange is sweet, but “sweet” in the way a teenage boy would say it, while watching something explode. 🍷

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the chili and chowder you can eat.”

O’Connor said the ratio of chili to chowder varies from year to year, but there are usually more chili entrants than chowders.

“We’re encouraging folks to consider making their favorite chowder recipe,” he said, “but we’ve probably got close to 20 chili entries right now, and I think seven or eight chowders. So our judges are going to be busy.”

He said planning a strategy to appeal to the judges can be tricky.

“The judges have a judging sheet,” he said, “but these are not professional judges, so it largely comes down to their own personal taste. But the judging sheet helps them determine how much heat is in each chili. They

Ninth Annual Chili Chowder Cookoff

When: Saturday, March 21

Where: Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church, 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry, 437-8333, stpeterslondonderry.org

Cooks can register by signing up at church or emailing the church at church@stpeterslondonderry.org. There is a \$10 entry fee. There is also a kids’ dessert competition, which is free to enter. Tasting tickets cost \$15, \$7 for ages 10 and under, according to the church’s Facebook page. The event will also include piñatas for kids and raffles, the post said.

look for meat or vegetarian flavors. Surprisingly, we have a lot of vegetarian entries that sometimes win. The winning chilis should have a distinct taste and some level of heat could be determined by the judges.” That level of heat can be pretty intense, he said. “There’s typically a couple of hot chilis that I like a lot — some five-alarm chilis.”

On the chowder side, O’Connor said, entries span the chowder spectrum.

“Clam chowder is a classic,” he said, “and so is corn, but sometimes we get ... Manhattan clam chowder... There’s some entries that border on soups that have an Italian flair; there’s some pasta in them sometimes. This is New England, so there’s seafood chowder, clam chowder, fish chowder, and corn chowder is a big one. So that’s what my wife makes.”

The secret to a winning chili or chowder, O’Connor said, will be big chunks of fresh ingredients. “I think that with chili,” he said, “having a quality meat and quality preparation is key to this. I think typically people who put time and effort into preparing meat tend to do better here.”

And it doesn’t hurt to look good. “Contestants have to bring chili in a crock pot already heated,” he said. “And if it looks good in the pot and maybe has some condiments that you bring with it, those tend to catch the judge’s eye as well. Presentation is important.” 🍷

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Cactus, *Temple Of Blues II* (Cleopatra Records)



With his Pedro Pascal looks, Carmine Appice (the actual pronunciation of which is “app-uh-cee,” a riddle that’s confused rock journos for decades now, probably because his equally famous brother Vinnie says it differently) has been one of rock’s premier drummers since the Flower Power days, when he was with Vanilla Fudge. This LP and its predecessor, 2024’s *Temple Of The Blues*, boast some of arena-rock’s biggest GOATs, shredding away at (you guessed it) blues tunes that would feel as antiquated as a Richard Nixon speech if they were performed by (almost) anyone else. On the whole, the sound is

monstrously heavy after an old-school fashion, but it comes from a rotating stage of players who’ve all been *around*. The proceedings start with Eric “Raw Dog” Gales aiming his world-renowned guitar at anything that moves in a cover of Willie Dixon’s “Back Door Man” (yes, the same tune covered by The Doors on their 1967 debut album), and things just get crazier from there: Older dudes who read Guitar Player magazine “for the articles, nudge-wink” have plenty to lose their minds over, including feats from Pat Travers, Ty Tabor and Bumblefoot, but the bass roster is also stacked: Billy Sheehan, Rudy Sarzo and Jimmy Haslip. Old-timers will love every second of this. A+ —Eric W. Saeger

Gary Lucas, *The Edge Of Heaven, Vol 2* (self-released)



Follow-up collection of midcentury (mostly 1930s and '40s) Chinese pop music from the trio of guitarist Lucas, singer/Chinese-stringed-instrument virtuoso Feifei Yang, and multi-instrumentalist Jason Candler. This one caught my eye because my wife has been completely immersed of late in antique Chinese fiction; it’s not what my pathetically Americanized ears were expecting at all, at least not until the third track, “New Pair Of Flowers,” a classic Chinese pop number that was most famously performed in the '30s by Chow Hsuan, aka “The Golden Voice of China.” Yang’s two-stringed erhu colors the whole thing, evincing the playful

joy with which its high-pitched, oft-typcast sound is most often associated by Westerners. You’ll also find plenty of modern jazz-inflected melodies, but everything here is intended to mark the record’s release date, Feb. 7, the start of the Year of the Fire Horse in Chinese culture. Other artists celebrated here are Bai Kwong (a sensual, husky-voiced singer known as the “Mae West of China”) and Yao Lee (ironically, an instrumental version of her “Rose Rose I Love You”); Lee’s dubbed vocals were lip-synched by various Chinese actresses in the movies from the 1940s on). A+ —Eric W. Saeger

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• The next Friday-load of new albums will arrive on March 20, and now for your periodic reminder that you shouldn’t ever feel compelled to force-feed your ears a particular band’s music just because your friends seem to like them. Case in point: A dear Facebook “friend-quaintance” admitted to me recently that he “felt pressured to like” **Postal Service**, one of the worst bands I’ve ever heard. He was having trouble with it, so I tried talking him out of it. Now, I know that a lot of you people can relate to losing precious days or hours “trying to like” this or that band, maybe because the music you actually like is considered dated and you think your brain needs an upgrade. I would tell you this: If you listen to a good-enough number of songs by a band and all you get out of it is alienation and a desire never to hear them again, you should simply give up and go back to trying new bands or just stick with your favorites. Enjoying music isn’t a competition. It’s OK to be like the character Juno MacGuff in the movie *Juno*, when she tells her boyfriend she thinks **Sonic Youth** sucks, because honestly, a lot of people loved that moment, when she finally made it safe for people to point out the fact that they *have* sucked since Day 1. Same goes for almost every single “indie” band that’s emerged from Boston since the Lemonheads (Mission Of Burma, anyone?). Am I qualified to discuss this nonsense? Yes, but you are too, which is the point of this segue. Twenty-two years ago I started doing actual music review columns for actual newspapers and I have been forced to “try to like” entire genres ever since. Now, in our example, Postal Service is an easy one to dissect. Quite simply, they put out nothing but total suckage. The fact that Gibbard took Jimmy Figurine seriously enough to collaborate with him in Postal Service is irrefutable proof that **Death Cab** has a fatal flaw in its DNA, not that it hasn’t always been totally obvious.

Years ago, a Hippo writer lumped Postal Service and **Clinic** together, partly in order to dismiss certain indie bands as horrible, which many are. I disagreed with him in that particular instance, because to me, despite the fact that they screw up their song structures on purpose, Clinic’s very noisy core sound is awesome, with the doctor masks and the horribly distorted guitars. So if you want to post about why you hate indie music, it’s best to leave Clinic out of it. Just do a little research: A billion bands have tried to sound like **The Strokes** and failed, so pick one of those losers or be brave and just go with **Arctic Monkeys**. It’s not hard to find a lousy indie band, just do the research. OK, at any rate, speaking of force-feeding myself music I don’t care about, Kanye West, now known as **Ye**, releases his new album *Bully* this week, or maybe the next, according to some Redditors who hate him and don’t think it’ll ever drop, no one really knows. An advance song had some stupid AI stuff on it, which, surprise, made his haters hate him even more. Anyway, that.

• I’ve liked most of the music I’ve heard from British electronic band **Ladytron** in the past, and their new album *Paradises* didn’t disappoint — much, anyway. The disposable but very listenable single “Kingdom Undersea” is ’80s all the way, part Depeche Mode, part Pet Shop Boys.

• Superstar K-pop boyband **BTS** releases *Arirang* this week, and every snippet I’ve heard from it has been so overly epic it makes M83 look like a kazoo band.

• We’ll call it a week with cowboy-hat singer **Luke Combs**, who is from Huntersville, North Carolina. His new LP, *The Way I Am*, is a sexytime dobro-powered makeout song for cowboys and the heavily twanging gals who put up with them. —Eric W. Saeger

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• **Robert Parish**, four-time NBA Champion, will sign copies of his new memoir, *The Chief*, on Thursday, March 19, 7-9 p.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com).

• **Fred Marple**, author of *Udder Nonsense: More Tales from Frost Heaves*, will be at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com) on Saturday, March 21, 2-4 p.m.

• **Laura Knoy**, former NHPR host, will talk about her novel, *The Shopkeeper of Alsace*, on Sunday, March 22, 1-2:30 p.m. at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St. in Nashua, nashualibrary.org). Books will be available for purchase and signing.

• **Patricia Zube**, a local author, will talk about her middle-grade historical novel *Gift of the Bear* on Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m. at Balin Books (275 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com).

• **Kurt Springs**, a local author, will talk about his novel *Price of Vengeance* on Saturday, March 28, noon-4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble (1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, bn.com).

Virtual events

• **Elizabeth R. Hyman**, a Holocaust historian, returns for a second conversation inspired by her book *The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto* on Monday, March 30, 7-8 p.m. via Zoom, presented by Nashua Public Library in partnership with Ashland Public Library. Visit nashualibrary.libcal.com to attend and to find a link to the first discussion.

Book events

• **Book Swap** at The Eleventh Letter (146 N. Main St., Concord, theelevethletter.com/events) on March 21, noon-4 p.m. Bring books you're ready to part with and take new ones. Free.

• **Bookish Bingo** with Bookish Bliss Books (bookishblissbooks.com)

on Tuesday, March 24, 5:30-8 p.m., at Cork N Keg Grill (inside Strikers East, 4 Essex Drive, Raymond). Prizes include special edition books, bookish merch, gift baskets and more. \$25 entry.

• **Bookish Bliss book bus** visits Sunstone Brewing Co. (298 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, sunstonebrewing.com) on Sunday, March 29, 1-4 p.m.

History, stories, discussions & lectures

• **The Capital Crime of Witchcraft** presented by NH Humanities (nhhumanities.org) on Tuesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. at Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester). This program focuses on the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692 and 1693, when 19 people were hanged and one crushed to death, but also examines a variety of other cases against women in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Email cdionne@manchesternh.gov.

et packages will be available for purchase. Local in-person screenings include *The Road Between Us* on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester; *Ethan Bloom* on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. at O'Neil Cinemas in Londonderry; *The Stronghold* on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord.

• **The Secret Agent** (R, 2025) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, at 4 p.m.

• **Mr. Nobody Against Putin** (2025) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m.

• **The Voice of Hind Rajab** (2025) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m.

• **The Sandlot** (PG, 1993) will screen at the Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Wednesday, March 25, at 6 p.m.

• **18th annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival**, nhjewishfilmfestival.com, runs through Sunday, March 29, and the festival will feature 13 feature films and four short films, according to a press release. Screenings will take place in Manchester, Concord, Portsmouth, Hanover and Keene, according to the website, where individual tickets and tick-

Film

• **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze** (1991) gets its 35-year anniversary screening via Fathom Entertainment on March 19. See fathomentertainment.com for times and theater locations.

• **Hoppers** (PG, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, March 19, at 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Friday, March 20, at 2, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22, noon, 2:30, 5 & 7:30 p.m.; Monday, March 23, and Tuesday, March 24, at 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Wednesday, March 25, at 12:45, 4:15 & 7:15; Thursday, March 26, at 4 p.m.

• **Mr. Nobody Against Putin** (2025) will screen at Red River Theatres on Thursday, March 19, at 4:15 p.m.

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THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Pipe power:** Though often mixed up with another band, the **Red Hot Chili Pipers** is oceans away from the SoCal alt rockers — these guys lead with bagpipes. Winning top honors on the U.K. TV talent show *When Will I Be Famous* in 2007 launched the nine-piece group, who blend trad songs like “Flowers of Scotland” with bag rock covers of Journey, Coldplay and Snow Patrol. Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St., Nashua, \$35 and up, etix.com.

• **Hometown girl:** In his Hippo review of *Looking For The Light*, the latest LP from **Amanda McCarthy**, Eric W. Saeger praised “ear-grabbing” songs like “Vodka” and its “peak KT Tunstall”-evoking chorus. The New Hampshire native is now based in Nashville, but she comes back often. She’s a guest on Matt Connarton’s *Unleashed* show March 21 at 9 a.m. on WMNH 95.3 FM. Friday, March 20, 6:30 p.m., San Francisco Kitchen, 133 Main St., Nashua, amancamcarthy.com.

• **Song spinner:** Released last year, *Something About a Horse* from **Ian Galipeau** is a solid collection of songs, including the countrified “A Father’s Love” and “Say Goodbye,” its melancholy counterpart. “Call It Home” is another standout, a rollicking, funny tune about first-time home ownership. Galipeau plays an afternoon set of his originals at a popular craft brewery. Saturday, March 21, 4 p.m., Great North Aleworks, 1050 Holt Ave., No. 14, Manchester, iangalipeaumusic.com.

NITE

Rhythm kings

James Fernando Trio swings into Concord

By Michael Witthaus
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Piano player James Fernando believes improvisational jazz is a conversation between musicians that begins before the first note is played. Parameters are established, relationships understood. It’s similar to two friends meeting for coffee — there’s no agenda, but they both know their talk will be more genial than a chat about the financial markets.

“I think improvisation is misunderstood, largely by people who aren’t really in the jazz world,” Fernando said in a recent phone interview. “They think there’s nothing to it because they’re just making it up as they go along, and that’s true, to an extent ... but you know who you’re talking to.”

Chord changes, an established tempo and a song’s key are among the elements that provide a jumping-off point, he continued.

“The melody that we played before we begin the improvisation is the same, and all of these contextual elements make it so you’re not just starting from absolutely nothing,” he said. “There’s a lot of information surrounding it, and that makes your decision-making a little bit easier.”

Even so, one of Fernando’s most memorable shows was performed with musicians that he barely knew.

For years the pianist had wanted to start a dedicated jazz trio. Many of his favorite pianists had led their own trios, and the piano-bass-drums format is an enduring configuration in jazz. Though he’d performed with trios many times, he’d never

built one of his own.

The chance came in late 2023, with an invitation to play at the Kennedy Center.

“I was asked on very short notice,” he said. “I think some Irish band had their head person get Covid or something like that ... obviously, very unfortunate for them, but it was a nice opportunity for us.”

Though long based in Washington, D.C., Fernando had relocated to Philadelphia when he got the call. So he decided to kick-start the project with musicians from his new hometown.

“I called some strangers, really,” he said. “I even met the drummer on stage at the Kennedy Center that same evening.”

The show was a solid success. “We got a nice recording and video of us at the Kennedy Center, which was very useful in booking more shows,” he said. “I was able to leverage those videos into more performances, and it went so well that I kept working with the same guys ... and the rest is history.”

Earlier this year, the trio released *Philly 3*. Their first album together consists of eight Fernando compositions and a cover of Erroll Garner, one of his key influences.

“I composed with this band in mind, playing to their strengths,” he said, “We performed and rehearsed and kind of developed the music through live performances.”

The disc reflects Fernando’s desire to make music that’s both sophisticated and swinging, playful yet meticulous. He’s aiming for a sound that, as he told an interviewer a while back, “couldn’t have been written by just anyone with a jazz degree, and certainly



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not by an algorithm.”

On March 21, the James Fernando Trio will perform a fundraiser for Concord Community Music School. It’s his second visit — he did a set at the Bach’s Lunch series last April. The school, he said, “is a well-rounded beacon for music [that’s] very clearly open to people coming and expressing themselves and learning the ways that they’re most passionate about.”

In addition to performing, Fernando has taught classes for several years at D.C.-based Levine Music. He’s a frequent guest instructor, recently hosting a workshop at an Arizona high school, and he’s at UNC Pembroke for a similar event ahead of his stop in New Hampshire.

“So I’ve gotten the chance to see a lot of different programs and see the energy around the schools and whatnot,” he said. “And Concord Community Music School seems absolutely lovely.”

CCMS Jazz Night Fundraiser w/ James Fernando Trio

When: Saturday, March 21, 5:30 p.m.
Where: Concord Community Music School Recital Hall, 23 Wall St., Concord
Tickets: \$80 and up includes reception, call 228-1196

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Weekly comedy

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

• **Thursdays** Laugh Attic at Strange Brew in Manchester, 8:30 p.m.

Events

• **Toys in the Attic: A Comedy Showcase** Strange Brew Tavern in Manchester, Friday,

March 20, 7:30 p.m.

• **Harrison Stebbins** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m.

• **Justin McKinney** Chubb

Theatre in Concord, Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m.

• **Mark Turcotte** Chunky’s in Manchester, Saturday, March 21, 8:30 p.m.

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Concord

The Barley House 132

N. Main St., 228-6363

Concord Craft Brewing 117 Storrs St., 856-7625

The Forum Pub 15 Village St., 565-3100

Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669

Lithermans 126B Hall St., 219-0784

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

Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667

Contoocook

Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811

Deerfield

Big Dog Pub 43 North Road, 463-3769

Derry

Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946

Dover

Auspicious Brew 1 Washington St., 953-7240

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Pats Peak Sled Pub 24 Flanders Road, 888-728-7732

Hudson

The Bar 2B Burnham Road

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

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

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962

Londonderry

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

603 Brewery & Beer Hall 42 Main St., 404-6123

Stumble Inn 20 Rockingham Road, 432-3210

Manchester

Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545

Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880

The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925

Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022

The Goat 50 Old Granite St.

Great North Aleworks 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789

The Hill Bar & Grille McIntyre Ski Area, 50 Chalet Ct., 622-6159

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Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St., 624-4020

Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246

South Side Tavern 1279 S. Willow St., 935-9947

Stark Brewing Co. 500 Commercial St., 625-4444

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Merrimack

Homestead 641 DW Highway, 429-2022

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Highway, 424-4479

Milford

Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon St., 380-3480

Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square, 213-5979

Nashua

Casey Magee's Irish Pub 8 Temple St., 484-7400

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Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse 48 Gusabel Ave., 882-4070

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New Boston

Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362

Pembroke

Cavern Sports Bar 351 Pembroke St., 485-7777

Pembroke City Limits 134 Main St., 210-2409, pembrokecitylimits.com

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Over the Moon 1253 Upper City Road, 216-2162

Salem

Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033

Dreo 254 N. Broadway, 824-6337

Warner

The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333

Thursday, March 19

Auburn

Auburn Pitts: open jam, 7 p.m.

Bedford

Copper Door: Dave Zangri, 7 p.m.

Concord

Hermanos: Paul Bourgelais, 6:30 p.m.

Derry

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

Epping

Telly's: Lewis Goodwin, 8 p.m.

Epsom

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

Farmington

Hawg's Pen: open mic, 7 p.m.

Hudson

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

Kingston

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

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: 21st & 1st, 7 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Lou Antonucci, 5:30 p.m.
Goat: DJ Prodigy, 9 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Eddie Sands, 5:30 p.m.
Tortilla Flat: Casey Roop, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m.
Fody's: DJ Rich karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Shorty's: Matt Jackson, 5:30 p.m.

Pittsfield

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

Salem

Copper Door: Jodee Frawlee, 7 p.m.

Warner

The Local: Chris Lester, 5 p.m.

Friday, March 20

Bedford

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

Brookline

Alamo: Brother Seamus, 6 p.m.

Concord

Forum Pub: Mikey G., 8 p.m.
Hermanos: Rust & Pine, 6:30 p.m.
Lithermans: DJ Shamblez, 6 p.m.

Deerfield

Big Dog Pub: NKM, 6 p.m.

Derry

Fody's: Brian House, 7:30 p.m.

Epping

Holy Grail: Keith Crocker, 6 p.m.
Telly's: Two Towns, 8 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Dan Kelly & Friends Anthem Tour, 8 p.m.

Hudson

Luk's: Johnny Roberts, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston

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

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Hell on Heels, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Tyler Levs, 6 p.m.

Bonfire: Sunday Ave, 8 p.m.
Derryfield: Heartbeat City, 8:30 p.m.

The Foundry: Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Jamie Hughes, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: The KR Show, 9 p.m.

Shaskeen: Hayley Jane Band, 8 p.m.; DJ Mike Benoit, 9 p.m.

South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.

Stark Brewing: The Cats, 6:30 p.m.; Mardi Gras Latin Carnival, 8 p.m.

Strange Brew: Johnny and the Two-Timers, 7 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Marc Apostolides, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Riley's: Blind Date, 8 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
SFK: Amanda McCarthy, 6:30 p.m.

New Boston

Molly's: Dalton Sayball, 6 p.m.

Pembroke

Pembroke City Limits: The DoBros, 7 p.m.

Pittsfield

Over the Moon: White Dog Duo, 6 p.m.

Salem

Dreo: Lewis Goodwin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

Bedford

Murphy's: Patrick Synan, 6 p.m.

Brookline

Alamo: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.

Concord

Concord Craft Brewing: Lucas Gallo, 5 p.m.

Forum Pub: Acoustic Circle, 2 p.m.; Second Wind, 8 p.m.

Hermanos: Matt Poirier, 6:30 p.m.

Contoocook

Contoocook Cider Co.: Dan Fallon, 1 p.m.

Two Villages Art Society: Craig Fahey, noon

Dover

Auspicious Brew: Watson Park, Hey I'm Outside, Little Miss Echo, 8 p.m.

Epping

Holy Grail: Jackie Lee, 6 p.m.
Telly's: Tim Theriault, 8 p.m.

Henniker

Pats Peak: David Chiasson & Wally Welch, 6 p.m.

Hudson

Bar: Category 5, 8 p.m.

Luk's Bar: Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: The Far, 8:30 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Dave Zangri, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Lack of Principals, 1 p.m.; Wildside, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Scott King, 6 p.m.

Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh, 8:30 p.m.

The Foundry: Tom Boisse, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Tim Kierstead, 5:30 p.m.

The Goat: Run4Covers, 9 p.m.

Great North Aleworks: Ian Galipeau, 4 p.m.

Harley-Davidson: Justin Jordan, 11 a.m.

The Hill: Jordan Holmes, 5:30 p.m.
Shaskeen: Pocket Drop, 8 p.m.

Stark Brewing: Common Ground Band, 6:30 p.m.

Strange Brew: Hey Moe, 9 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Marc Apostolides, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Riley's: The Space Cowboys, 7 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: Two Drink Minimum duo, 8 p.m.
SFK: Mark Dionne, 6:30 p.m.

New Boston

Molly's: Cody Knapp, 6 p.m.

Pembroke

Pembroke City Limits: Wade and Keith Songwriter Session, 3 p.m.; Meg Collins and Nick Burns Duo, 7 p.m.

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Hudson

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

Manchester

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

Nashua

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

Tuesday, March 24

Concord

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

Kingston

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

Londonderry

603 Brewery: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Ralph Allen, 5:30 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Strange Brew: Jordan Quinn, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

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

Nashua

Spyglass: Hal Holiday, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

Atkinson

Merrill's Tavern: Doug Mitchell, 8:30 p.m.

Concord

Forum: Gary Smith, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: Jack Ancora, 6 p.m.

Derry

Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: Musical Bingo Nation, 6:30 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Jordan Holmes, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 603 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: Tim Kierstead, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Riley's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

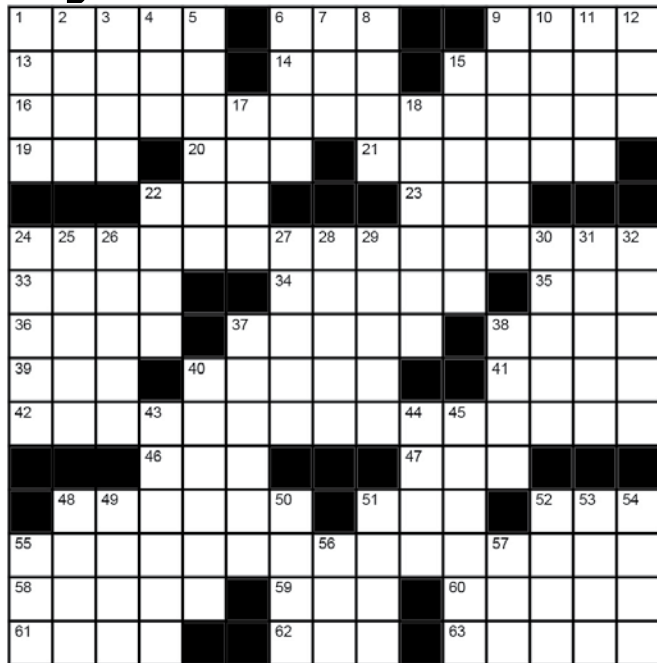
Concerts

- **W4rp** Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith
- **The Simon & Garfunkel Story** Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord
- **Red Hot Chilli Pipers** Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
- **Brendan James** Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., and Friday, March 20, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth
- **Earthkit/Cursed on Earth/Kong Moon/Creator DGM** Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
- **Live from Laurel Canyon: The Songs and Stories of American Folk** Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
- **The Len Price 3** Thursday, March 19, 8 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
- **Idol Kings** (Journey/REO Speedwagon tribute) Friday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
- **Bettye LaVette** Friday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
- **Rebel Collective/JD & the Stonemasons** Friday, March 20, 8 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
- **DON JOVI** (Bon Jovi tribute) Friday, March 20, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
- **Diamond Blues** Friday, March 20, 8 p.m., Stone Church in Exeter
- **Dan Kelly & Friends** Friday, March 20, 8 p.m., Wally's in Hampton
- **Quick! Before the Outbreak/Dead in Your Eyes/Griffin/Arms Like Teeth** Friday, March 20, 8 p.m., BAD BRGR in Manchester
- **Nick Bosse & the Northern**

- Roots/April Cushman** Saturday, March 21, 6 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
- **Jacob Tolliver** Saturday, March 21, 6 p.m., Fulchino Vineyard in Hollis
- **Crash the Net/Trading Tomstones** Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth
- **Dirty Deeds** (AC/DC tribute) Saturday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth
- **The Phil Collins Experience** Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
- **Jesse Terry** Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth
- **Reckoners/Peter Prince** Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
- **Wide Awake** (U2 tribute) Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m., Rockingham Ballroom in Newmarket
- **Lansdowne** Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m., Wally's in Hampton
- **Sword Girl Collective** Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m., BAD BRGR in Manchester
- **Altan** Sunday, March 22, 4 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
- **Portrait in Jazz** Sunday, March 22, 6 p.m., Andres Institute in Brookline
- **Haggard & Cashed** (outlaw country tribute) Sunday, March 22, 6 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
- **Better Than Ezra** Sunday, March 22, 7 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
- **Sebastian Bach** Sunday, March 22, 8 p.m., Wally's in Hampton
- **Corduroy** Monday, March 23, 7 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
- **Hell Beach/Ezra Cohen & The Big City Band/Jeez/Lovewell** Monday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.,

- Press Room in Portsmouth
- **ZZ Ward** Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
- **Charlie Hunter Trio** Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
- **Old 97s/Lizzie No** Wednesday, March 25, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth
- **Cody Sisters** Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter
- **Katie Dobbins/Olivia Conway/Carrie Welling** Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith
- **Rockaholics Trio** Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- **Lucy Kaplansky** Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose in New London
- **Gypsy Kings** Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord
- **Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio** Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
- **Redneck Castaway Band** (Kenny Chesney tribute) Thursday, March 26, 8 p.m., LaBelle Amherst
- **The Eagles Experience** (Eagles tribute) Thursday, March 26, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry
- **Sans Souci** (Jerry Garcia Band tribute) Thursday, March 26, 8 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
- **Mikey G** Friday, March 27, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- **Teresa Walters** Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Dana Center at Saint Anselm College Manchester
- **The Man in Black** (Johnny Cash tribute) Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
- **Robbie Fulks** Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester

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Across

- 1. Dashboard feature
- 6. Bruce/Baker/Moore trio
- 9. Singer Downie of Tragically Hip
- 13. Ellie Goulding's real first name
- 14. Jon Butcher “__ symptom of the times” (2,1)
- 15. Bulgarian capital Odd Crew is from
- 16. Santana's witchcraft hit (5,5,5)
- 19. Half of 'Do They Know It's Christmas' band, w/"Aid"
- 20. Frog Brigade bassist Claypool
- 21. Velvet Underground 'Rock & Roll' album about the drunk?
- 22. Athens, GA 'Stand' band
- 23. '05 Madonna album 'Confessions __ Dance Floor' (2,1)
- 24. Elton John 'I Don't Wanna Go On __' (4,3,4,4)
- 33. Paul McCartney 'Take It __'
- 34. Everly Brothers told her to 'Wake Up'
- 35. Cars vocalist/bassist Benjamin
- 36. Pitch (1,4)
- 37. Darren Hayes has a great ‘__ Of Humor’
- 38. 'Black Holes And Revelations' band
- 39. Jackass theme song band

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- 40. Toto keyman David
- 41. “Young hearts be free tonight, time __ your side” (2,2)
- 42. '82 Asia classic (4,2,3,6)
- 46. At favorite show you may go bananas or this
- 47. “The loneliest number”
- 48. Journey ‘Girl Can't __’ (4,2)
- 51. GnR ‘__ Your Illusion’ albums came in two
- 52. Megadeth ‘Holy Wars...The Punishment __’
- 55. Neil Diamond's verbal pollyanna song: ‘__ Blues (Good Day Today)’ (7,8)
- 58. Lee of Ten Years After
- 59. Zebrahead song off ‘Playmate Of The Year’ (1,2)
- 60. 9-person musical group
- 61. Rocker Jett
- 62. Swelter, as a fan in the Coachella sun
- 63. Sober Kim Mitchell says “Might as well go for __” (1,4)

Down

- 1. “Bag it, tag it, sell it to the butcher in the store” Phish song
- 2. __ Have To Do Is Dream (3,1)
- 3. L7 ‘Pretend We're __’
- 4. Music excess have been in this mag
- 5. Founding Allman Brothers member Berry
- 6. Musical leaning
- 7. Big label Sony bought in '08
- 8. Postal delivery, as service that sends you a rare record
- 9. Lonely Island “I'm __ what I do” (4,2)
- 10. '04 Ashlee Simpson disaster on SNL ‘Pieces __’ (2,2)
- 11. Guns ‘__ N’ The Bedouins’

- 12. Semisonic leader Wilson
- 15. ‘River’ where “The old folks stay”
- 17. Manager's office note
- 18. Treat you give a child for practicing hard
- 22. Canadian project of Mike Milosh that almost drinks a certain grain whiskey?
- 24. Eric Clapton says ‘__ Yourself’ or you may trip
- 25. '94 Rusted Root album ‘When __’ (1,4)
- 26. Country girl Tucker
- 27. British group We've Got A Fuzzbox & We're Gonna __ (3,2)
- 28. Midday meal a star may have to wolf down in a limo
- 29. Joe Jackson ‘__ Really Going Out With Him?’ (2,3)
- 30. It's ‘Rockin’, to Stevie Ray Vaughan
- 31. Torcher's misdeed as Woodstock '99
- 32. ‘Sign Your Name’ Terence __ D'Arby
- 37. George Ezra “Can't get us here, I'm __ your arms” (4,2)
- 38. What tribute singer will do
- 40. Cherry __ Daddies
- 43. Bee Gees ‘Jive __’
- 44. Lion's share of the royalties or this
- 45. Big Country ‘__ Million’ (3,2,1)
- 48. Symbol of goodness a kid wears when lying to folks to get to a show
- 49. Unwritten Law album that means eleven in Swedish
- 50. Le Tigre song for 5pm on Friday
- 51. Matchbox 20 “All these feelings, they cloud __ reasoning” (2,2)
- 52. Bar and grill owner in Thin Lizzy's ‘Boys Are Back In Town’
- 53. ‘Take It Away’ Utah band that's not new?
- 54. Kenny Wayne Shepard did this Baker's ‘Knoxville Rag’ with her
- 55. Young guitar prodigy that jammed with Santana named Farrant
- 56. Of A Revolution band inspired by dinghy propeller? (abbr)
- 57. Half of Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy actor/rapper, w/"Def"

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NITE SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. See last week's puzzle answers on pg 29.

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★

Sudoku Answers from pg 31 of 3/12

Puzzle A	Puzzle B	Puzzle C
4 8 1 7 3 9 6 2 5	8 4 7 9 5 2 3 1 6	9 2 8 5 3 1 4 7 6
9 5 6 1 2 8 3 7 4	5 2 1 3 6 8 4 7 9	6 1 3 7 8 4 9 5 2
7 2 3 6 4 5 9 1 8	9 3 6 4 7 1 2 5 8	7 5 4 9 6 2 8 1 3
6 4 8 3 7 2 5 9 1	4 1 5 6 3 7 8 9 2	8 9 6 3 2 7 1 4 5
5 1 2 8 9 6 4 3 7	2 9 3 8 4 5 7 6 1	1 4 2 8 5 9 6 3 7
3 7 9 4 5 1 8 6 2	6 7 8 2 1 9 5 4 3	5 3 7 4 1 6 2 9 8
2 6 5 9 1 4 7 8 3	7 5 9 1 2 3 6 8 4	4 8 9 6 7 3 5 2 1
8 3 4 2 6 7 1 5 9	3 8 4 5 9 6 1 2 7	2 7 5 1 4 8 3 6 9
1 9 7 5 8 3 2 4 6	1 6 2 7 8 4 9 3 5	3 6 1 2 9 5 7 8 4

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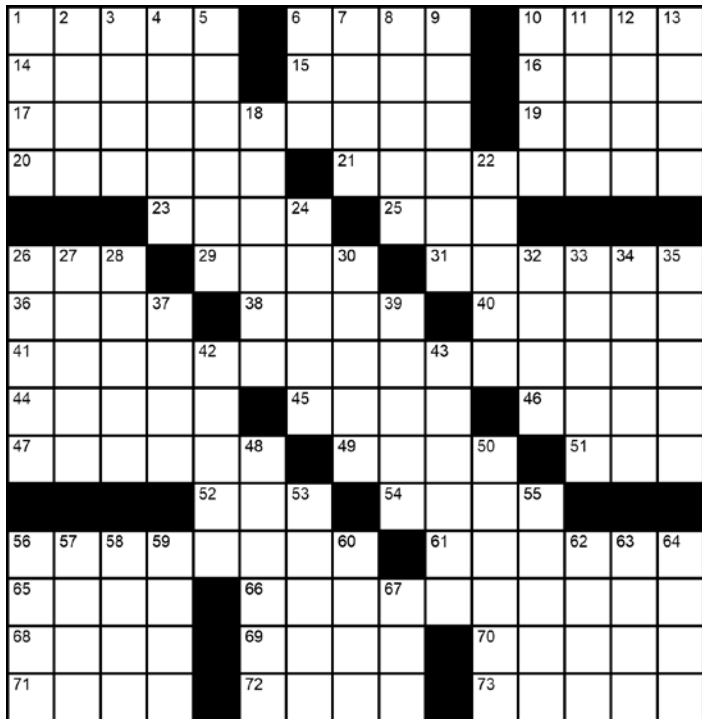
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70. Patch or pipe material
 71. District
 72. Flue powder
 73. “Please?”
- Down**
- Dull pain
 - Owl sound
 - ___-Seltzer
 - Caroler’s tunes
 - Frozen CO2, familiarly
 - Nonspecific semiliquid
 - City northeast of Reno
 - Stinks up the joint
 - White House Press Secretary and PBS journalist Bill
 - No longer in stock
 - One of the TV Huxtables
 - Pen noise
 - Prepare for pics
 - “Speed 2: Cruise Control” star Jason
 - One who teams oxen
 - Renaissance string instruments
 - Walkways
 - Hightail it
 - Make amends
 - Grassy spot at Dallas’s Dealey Plaza
 - Southern collective?
 - Beaming
 - Run off for romance
 - Stand-up comic Wanda
 - Store whose Djungelskog toy was adopted by a Japanese monkey in a viral video
 - Heave ___ of relief

- Wing it
 - Set sail
 - They’re sorted by two or three toes per foot
 - Broadcaster of “University Challenge” and “Ludwig”
 - Powerball, essentially
 - Now, in Nueva York
 - Esperanza Spalding’s genre
 - Cookie that for some reason has a cookies & cream variety
 - Acute
 - Simplify
 - High-fat, low-carb diet
 - Similar (to)
 - Misrepresent, as data
 - Put on the staff
 - Make a decision
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Across

- Words after “give” or “lend”
- Beginning of an idea
- Octagonal sign
- Use crayons
- Buttery substitute
- Zanesville’s state
- Dance with a lot of moving parts?
- Part of a telescope
- And others, in a footnote
- “Sure thing”
- 1970s-’80s sketch comedy show with Catherine O’Hara
- “No seats” letters
- “Drugs are bad” ad, e.g.
- “Gymnopedies” composer Satie
- Video chats, in the 2010s
- Play opener
- One of the Inner Hebrides
- Before the kids’ bedtime, say
- Investigated further
- Sharpened
- Nearly nonexistent
- “Food & Liquor II: The Great American Rap Album Pt. 1” rapper ___ Fiasco

- Takes without asking
- Letters before Q, often
- ___ Moines, Iowa
- Not feeling so great
- Funny reaction
- Place for knock-knocks
- Discuss again
- District
- Korean simmered rice cake
- Puzzle’s central focus?
- URL-starting letters

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Find and Circle...

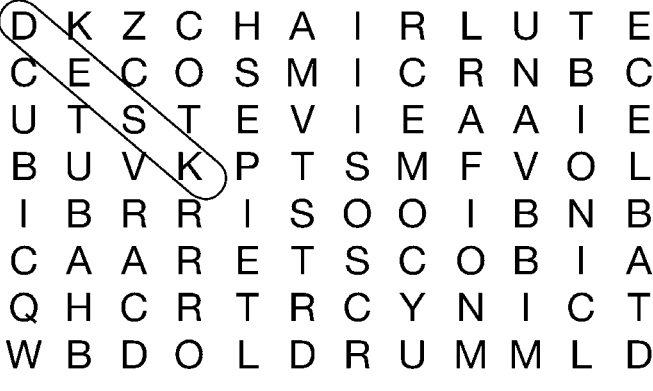
- Six pieces of furniture □□□□□
- Five words starting and ending in C □□□□□
- Five musical instruments □□□□□
- Musician ___ Wonder
- 1970s show: “The ___ Woman”

Last Week’s Answers: HIMALAYAS ROCKIES ANDES ALPS / STRAIGHT FLUSH PAIR / JAMES EARL JONES / TASMANIA VICTORIA / PURPLE SILVER

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Jonesin’ answer from pg 32 of 3/12



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2÷	6×		
			2÷
4+		4	

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WORKSPACE:

CHALLENGING

2-		5-	2÷		2-
2÷	3-		10×		
		10+	3-	7+	12+
6	2-				
2-			5-		
	6	1-		2÷	

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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.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

1-	3-	3	
2	1	4	3
3	2÷	2	1
1	7+	4	3
12×		2÷	2
4	3	2	1

4-	6×	11+	72×
1	5	2	3
2÷	5-	6	1
4	2	6	1
3+	5	7+	8+
2	1	5	4
2÷	4	30×	2÷
6	4	3	5
3	6	1	2
5	3	4	6

SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Big Dumb Eyes*, by Nate Bargatze, born March 25, 1979.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *To my parents, cup holders were something only rich-people cars had. If you want to feel grateful, try a week driving a car with no cup holders.*

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *I didn't want to spend five years researching the best kind of porch while we sat there with a broken porch. Get out your tool belt.*

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *If you think deciding who gets to control the remote is tough in your living room, you ain't seen nothing till you been to an Applebee's. ... You got the manager, who's supposedly the TV King, but he's always being conspired against by the Duke of Bartending or the Queen's In-Laws Waiting Tables. Ask yourself, how important is it?*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *It's not that I'm opposed to exercising. I just need to think about exercise in a certain way. Think how you need to, and go for a walk.*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *If you're an all-inclusive resort and tipping isn't allowed, I want to know about it. I want Post-it notes stuck up everywhere that say 'NO TIPPING ALLOWED!' Might as well keep people informed.*

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Cutting a man's hair is not very complex. ... So a guy sticks with his barber mostly because they like hanging out. Quality over complexity.*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *McDonald's and I have had a long and happy relationship. ... Then it all came crashing down like a burger packed with beef and lies. ... The QPC Meal was now the Number Two. And the Two Cheeseburger Meal was the*

Number Seven. If it tastes the same, just eat.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *Back in Tennessee, we'd take about ten minutes just to say goodbye to somebody. Take your time.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Diet Dr Pepper is great on a sprain, but not so good for therapy. Try tea.*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *No one took their dogs on walks. That was ridiculous. Dogs walked perfectly fine all by themselves. They also run, jump and sometimes swim.*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *The most surprising thing about all this is that my dad never tried to convince any of his children to fight an orangutan. Surprising and relieving.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *I mean, I've been working all morning ... and I am absolutely starving for lunch right now. Then I get to this restaurant, and they want me to what — make a choice about what I'm supposed to eat? Narrow it down ahead of time, or bring your own lunch to work.*

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 French crescent (9)	_____
2 oblong, cream-filled pastry (6)	_____
3 layered German pastry (7)	_____
4 fruit-topped pastry (6)	_____
5 tubular Italian pastry (7)	_____
6 "jam-packed" German pastry (8)	_____
7 cream puff (11)	_____

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Last Week's Answers: 1. PLATFORM 2. DECK 3. RUNNING 4. CLOWN 5. DRESS 6. SADDLE 7. ELEVATOR

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Bright Idea

Lonely? If you're a college student in Boston, you can stop at the Call a Boomer phone booth on Commonwealth Avenue in Brookline and, free of charge, connect with an older person living in a senior housing facility in Reno, Nevada. Boston.com reported on March 10 that biotech company Matter Neuroscience set up the phones as part of a social experiment, based on data that show young people and seniors are the loneliest among age groups. "The goal of this project is to inspire generational connection through meaningful conversations," a plaque on the phone booth reads. Calls work either way, and if no one picks up, the caller can leave a message. Matter set up another set of phones earlier this year in San Francisco and Abilene, Texas, designed to connect people across the political spectrum. The Boston project is set up to operate for a month; if it's successful, Matter hopes to extend it. *Boston.com, March 10*

Suspicious Confirmed

• Tommy Lynch, 42, of Derbyshire, England, went to the hospital after waking up with blue skin. People magazine reported on March 10. Lynch's roommate, who works as a carer, saw his skin and whisked him to the emergency room, thinking he might be deprived of oxygen. Doctors there assessed him and, prudently, rubbed his arm with an alcohol wipe, revealing his "ailment": sleeping on new unwashed dark blue sheets. "I never knew you had to wash your sheets before you slept on them," Lynch said. "I looked like an avatar." Lynch said he spent the next week trying to get the blue dye off his skin. *People, March 10*

• Stephanie Faure of Saskatoon, Canada, underwent brain surgery more than a year ago to remove cancer tumors, the CBC reported. On March 8, she woke up feeling odd pressure in her head and saw what she thought was a screw trying to push through her skin. At Royal University Hospital, Faure waited 5 1/2 hours to see a doctor, who told her the bump was a cyst and sent her home. "He wasn't even looking at it," she said. "He was just telling me it wasn't what I was seeing." That evening, Faure's boyfriend used tweezers to pull out a tiny screw. "It was moving as the day went," Faure said, "so it wasn't too hard (to remove) by that time." She plans to file a complaint against the doctor so that he might "realize that's not how you treat people." *CBC, March 11*

Ewwwww

I bet you didn't know that March 15 is

National Espresso Martini Day. Well, Buffalo Wild Wings knows, and in celebration, they're introducing their wing-flavored Espresso Proteini. USA Today reported on March 9 that the featured drink is made with 10 grams of protein and Buffalo Dry Rub, which will also line the rim of the glass. But act fast: The Espresso Proteini is available only from March 12 to March 15 and costs \$12. *USA Today, March 9*

Cheaters

In February, the 2026 Camel Beauty Show Festival in Al Musanna, Oman, was disrupted after veterinary inspectors discovered that 20 competitors had been subject to cosmetic procedures to enlarge their humps, the Independent reported on March 5. The camels' humps were injected with dermal fillers similar to those used on humans. Injectables were also used to create poutier lips and soften their faces. Festival officials said they would impose "strict penalties on manipulators." Camels are judged on coat, neck, head and humps. *The Independent, March 5*

Awesome!

• A restaurant in Mobile, Alabama, has advertised an offer for nearly 100 years, but never had to honor it until the end of February, when Jimmy Rush, 80, and James Rush, 99, walked in. The New York Post reported that Wintzell's Oyster House promises "Free Oysters to Any Man 80 Years Old Accompanied by His Father," and until the Rushes arrived, they'd never had a taker. "We felt like our dad was going to make it to 100 because he's in great health," said another son, Carl. "We've been talking about it as a family for 25, 30 years." Carl will be 80 in two years, and they plan to come back for another dozen oysters. *NY Post, March 10*

• March 10, for those who don't celebrate, is Mario Day, after the Nintendo game character. At a GameStop in Manhattan's Union Square, 270 people costumed as Mario gathered in hopes of setting a world record, United Press International reported. "He's a reminder of people's childhoods and a carefree time," said GameStop director of communications Nicolle Robles. "And you know people still play video games well into adulthood." Participants got a \$5 store credit, but the real winner was Ross Martinez, who dressed as the solid gold Mario from New Super Mario Bros. 2. *UPI, March 12*

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