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Gibson's celebrates poetry month

It's National Poetry Month and Hobbleshush Books is teaming up with Gibson's Bookstore to present Conversations with Granite State Poets, an offshoot of their Granite State Poetry Series. They will be held Mondays at 7 p.m. via Zoom with registration through Eventbrite. The first was held earlier this week with MaudelleDriskell and Meg Kearney. The next will be April 12 with Martha Carlson-Bradley and Liz Ahl. You can register at eventbrite.com/e/147626527919. The rest of the series includes Rodger Martin and Henry Walters on April 19 and Alexandria Peary (NH Poet Laureate) and Margot Douaihy on April 26.

History of village in stitches

In October 1976, the Penacook Women's Club held a tea to celebrate the un-

veiling of their latest project, the Penacook Bicentennial quilt, which depicts 30 scenes of Penacook life. Join the Penacook Historical Society on Zoom at 7 p.m. on April 14 as Historical Society president (and avid quilter) Lianne Keary discusses the quilt (on display at the Penacook Historical Society) and the remarkable women who made it. The program should last about an hour and a half. Register for the online event at <https://bit.ly/3r5mlg0>.

Keep the streets safe driving

As a motor vehicle driver, you ever wonder what laws

pertain to bicyclists or why they behave the way they do on roadways?

Join AARP New Hampshire on April 8 at 7 p.m. for a free virtual class that instructs motor vehicle drivers on how to share the road safely and legally with bicycle road users.

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Symphony concert to watch

This season, Symphony NH is presenting a live concert broadcast without a live audience. The next concert

will be “East Meets West” on April 9 at 7:30 p.m. Music director Roger Kalia will direct an eclectic and exciting program juxtaposing American and Indian music side by side. Pieces include Tuttarana by R. Es-mail; Lyric for Strings by G. Walker and Appalachian Spring for 13 instruments by A. Copland. Tickets are available through the Capitol Center for the Arts for the virtual show at ccanh.com/show/symphony-nh-east-meets-west.

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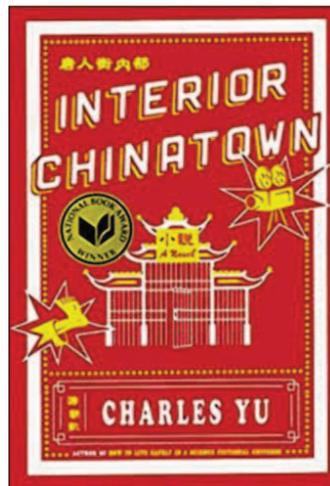
Interior Chinatown

By Charles Yu
(270, fiction, 2020)

This was the 2020 National Book Award winner for fiction, and with good reason. I'll preface this review by saying that I think this book is brilliant –but that it's also extremely stylized and may not be for everyone. *Interior Chinatown* is a work of metafiction, meaning that it is structured self-consciously, in a way that calls attention to its constructed-ness. In other words, the format of the book itself acknowledges that it is a work of fic-

tion –much like a character on stage breaking the “fourth wall” and addressing the audience directly, with a wink and a nudge.

Interior Chinatown is written as a screenplay – complete with stage directions and character notes. The format is particularly appropriate, considering this is a story – at least on its surface – about show business. The structure means that narrator Willis Wu, a second-generation Taiwanese-American actor who's sick and tired of being typecast as Background Oriental Male and Generic Asian Man, is liter-



ally never able to stop playing a role, even as he steps off of the set and into his own life. Or ... is he EVER off-set? Boundaries are fluid; fantasy and reality are blurred. From scene to scene, can be difficult to decipher—both for readers and for Willis Wu – what is a scripted performance and what is real life. Chinatown, the backdrop of the action, is both Wu's home and an actual movie set. Life itself is a kind of performance.

This story tackles some re-

ally thematically heavy stuff – systemic racism, stereotypes, identity, typecasting, American immigration policy – but it's not bleak. The narrative is infused with a biting sense of humor. It can also be surprisingly tender, as evidenced, for example, by the character of Willis Wu's father. *Interior Chinatown* is available at Concord Public Library as both an e-book and an audiobook – but I really enjoyed the physical sensation of the print version. From the Courier font (an “industry standard for screenplays”) to the richly textured paper book jacket and deckle edges (which give the paper an irregular, handmade feel), the physical book is, itself, a work of art. This story requires a lot of concentration from its readers, but it delivers a huge payoff for the effort. I'd love to hear what other readers think of it!

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Faith Miller Lakowicz

Actually, the Comma Goes Here

A Practical Guide to Punctuation
By Lucy Cripps
(154 pages, nonfiction, 2020)

Which is more intimate, the em dash or a comma?



This little book succinctly articulates vague impressions and punctuation inclinations many of us

may sense — or be oblivious to. Scrolls in ancient Greece had no punctuation whatsoever — not even spaces between letters. Marks were added to aid readers, indicating pauses or space for breath. Thus, according to author Lucy Cripps, placing a comma where “it feels right” may be most true to the origins of the symbol. With humor and brevity, Cripps sets out not to prescribe ‘proper’ punctuation, but rather to describe how it is currently used. What is more, she provides useful facts for disputing grammar snobs, understanding ‘deviation’ truly as ‘variation.’ (For example, forgotten period after “Dr” or “Mrs”? Not to fear — that is the ‘correct’ way in British English.) Cripps takes glee in sharing punctuation norms alongside precisely which major style guides intentionally thwart them. Elucidating and entertaining, this is a fun and useful journey into punctuation. Perfect for any reader, writer, learner, or lover of English, this short book showcases the artistry inherent in using a dash, comma, colon, or any other punctuation mark.

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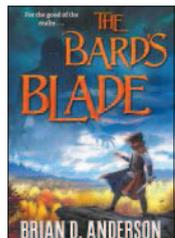


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The Bard's Blade

By Brian Anderson
(430 pages, fantasy,
2020)



Vylari has been sealed off from the rest of the world, allowing its people to live in peace for generations. Tales of the time before are more myth than history at this point. But a stranger is found just within the borders, comatose but bearing a note foretelling a rising darkness, drawn to one within the wards of Vylari. Lem, a gifted bard, is confronted with a secret unearthed with the missive, a secret buried with his mother years before. To find the answers he seeks, he must cross the boundary and leave Vylari, knowing he can never return. Mariyah, winemaker and

Lem's betrothed, follows after him, believing her destiny entwined with his. But the world beyond the veil is not as simple, yielding only sorrow and misfortune instead of love and reunion. Each makes the best of their situation in the cruel realities of the outside world, but neither may be who — or what — they previously thought. What will they sacrifice to save those they love, and will it be enough? Fast-paced with well-developed characters, this book channels the music and magic of epic fantasy with rich world-building, moral quandaries, a menacing evil, love just out of reach, and the makings of a chosen one, prophesied and potential. It did take me a bit to get into this novel, but soon enough I couldn't put it down! A captivating read, certainly!

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Hydrant flushing could mean low pressure

City water customers asked to limit use during flushing times

The city manager's office sent out the City Manager's Newsletter last Friday. The full newsletter can be found by going to concordnh.gov and clicking the "Newsletter" button. Here are some highlights:

Upcoming meetings

City council: April 12, 7 p.m.

Planning board: April 21, 7 p.m.

These meetings are being held virtually via Zoom and are also live-streamed via the City of Concord's YouTube channel. Agendas and access information are available prior to the meetings at concordnh.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx. View the City of Concord calendar, concordnh.gov/calendar.aspx, for more meetings and event listings.



City of Concord

The city of Concord is beginning the flushing of hydrants.

Golf course open

Beaver Meadow Golf Course opened all 18 holes on April 1 (walking only, to start). The driving range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; \$10 for a large bucket, \$4 for a small bucket. And indoor golf simulators are still available for rent and are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. For membership and other information, visit the Beaver Meadow Golf Course website, bmgc.golf.

Hydrant flushing

Concord General Services' water crew will begin flushing hydrants throughout Concord starting on Monday, April 5. For the next several weeks, three crews will be going out to different areas of the city to flush hydrants as part of required routine maintenance. Concord water customers may experience low water pressure or discolored water when hydrant flushing occurs in their area. If discoloration occurs, customers are advised to run their tap water on cold until the water runs clear. Customers are advised to avoid doing laundry during flushing times. Depending on the flushing location, flushing may start anywhere between 4:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. and continue through 3 p.m. each week day. This annual practice removes any sediment from pipes in the water distribution system and helps to sustain Concord's water quality and check water pressure of the area. Find out when flushing will occur in different areas of the city by viewing flushing schedules on the City's website at www.concordnh.gov/springoperations.

Load limits lifted

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limits were posted to roads on March 15 to protect roads from heavy vehicles during the spring thaw. Snow has now melted and ditches have dried up of any standing water. Consistent warmer temperatures have ensured roads have had a chance to dry out and stabilize. Starting Monday, Concord General Services sign crew will begin to remove all load limit signs throughout the city, and heavy vehicles no longer need to seek permissions and may resume travel.

Lifeguards needed

While the city of Concord

Parks & Recreation Department is anxiously awaiting the official start of summer, the department is already hiring staff. More than 30 lifeguards are needed, in addition to several other positions. If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard and are not certified, do not worry. Concord Parks & Recreation will train anyone hired to work as a lifeguard through a partnership with Swim NH. Once employees are hired on for summer 2021, the department will guide staff through the certification process at no cost to the employee. If you or someone you know is

looking for an active, outdoor and flexible summer job, please apply online at concordnh.gov. COVID-19 related guidelines and more information about possible pool openings will be released later this spring. Concord Parks & Recreation will be asking for the community's support more than ever to adhere to new rules. This will ensure the safety of guests and staff. To view summer employment opportunities, visit concordnh.gov and click on the "Employment" button on the home page. For more information about City of Concord pools, please visit

concordparksandrec.com or call 603-225-8690.

Planning board volunteers needed

The City of Concord Planning Board is looking for two new volunteer members for the Architectural Design Review Committee

(ADRC). The ADRC is responsible for providing the Planning Board with professional and technical review and recommendations on sign applications, building permits within performance districts, and major site and

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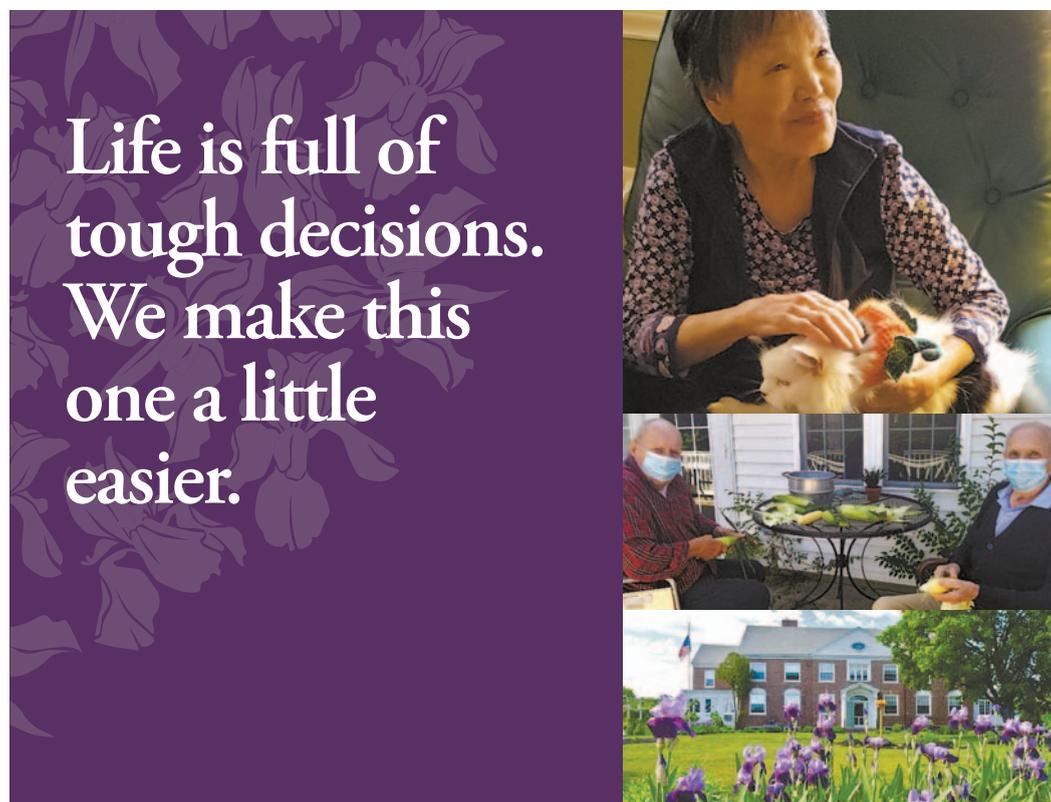


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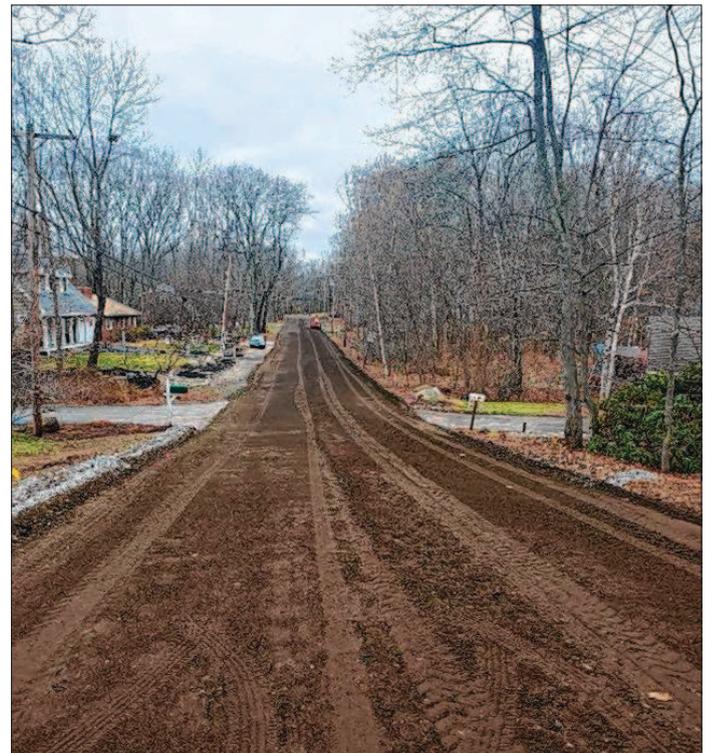
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subdivision plans. Recommendations are based on the Architectural Design Guidelines as adopted by the Planning Board.

Meetings are held at 8:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Interested applicants must be Concord residents with a background

in architecture, design, site/building lighting, landscape architecture, or another related field.

Eligible applicants should forward a letter of interest and professional résumé to Heather Shank, City Planner, at hshank@concordnh.gov.

Street sweeping

The City's sweeping contractor, BDM Sweeping, started street sweeping in March. Sweeping is performed to clean up the City's streets, with a focus on the City's enclosed drainage system to keep drains clear of debris. Last week, sweeping was com-

pleted in the drainage areas of East Concord and the south end. Sweeping continued this week in the Penacook area and area near the high school. Sweepers have been moving quickly through the city and have now completed sweeping for the season.

Street paving

The City's Neighborhood Street Paving Program started this week with GMI Asphalt as the contractor for this year. Work has started on Penacook Street in Concord from Rumford Street to Auburn Street. All catch basin and manhole covers have been lowered, pavement reclamation has been completed, and base pavement is being completed today. Sidewalk and curb work will follow next week. Perkins Street, Martin Street, and Bishopsgate Road have been reclaimed this week as well and are scheduled for base paving on Monday. Knoll Street and Wyman Street will be reclaimed early next week and be base paved by next Friday. Sidewalk and curb work will follow in the next weeks on these streets as well. Final pavement overlay for these streets will be applied later in April and early May. Work is weather permitting. Streets will be closed to through traffic and parking will be prohibited between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Residents will have road access to their homes. Find



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Dog licenses

Reminder from the City Clerk's Office, the deadline to license your dog in accordance with State of New Hampshire RSA 466:1 is approaching. Dog licenses should be renewed by April 30. Residents may renew their dog licenses in person in the Clerk's Office, by mail or through the city's online bill pay module on the City's website.

Licenses may only be issued if we have current rabies information on file. Feel free to e-mail the Clerk's Office at cityclerk@concordnh.gov or call them at 225-8500 if you are unsure as to whether or not we have current rabies information on file.

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- First dog for owner 65+, \$2.00 (regular rate for any other dogs)

Owners who license a dog after May 31 are subject to additional fees. If you are no longer required to license a dog with the City of Con-

cord, because you relocated outside of Concord or Penacook or you no longer have your pet, please give us a call at 225-8500 or email us at cityclerk@concordnh.gov and we will update our records.

The City Clerk's Office is located at 41 Green Street, Concord, NH. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with extended hours until 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

Spring leaf collection

Spring Leaf Collection begins on Monday, April 26. Concord residents with curbside trash collection can participate by placing leaves at the curb by 7 a.m. on their scheduled trash day. All leaves must be in biodegradable yard waste bags and/or rigid containers labeled for leaves.

Leaves raked loosely to the curb are only collected during the City's Fall Leaf Collection. In the spring, leaves must be bagged or contained for easy pick-up with trash collection. Unacceptable materials will not be collected, including branches, brush, and the use of plastic bags. Leaf collection will continue for six weeks in coordination with trash collection through Saturday, June 5. The last week of collection will be delayed by one day with no trash or leaf collection on Monday,

May 31 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Residents can also bring leaves to Gelinas Excavation & Earth Materials Recycling Center at 10 Intervale Road (off of Fort Eddy Road) once they open for the season on April 12. Drop-off is free with proof of residency if the load is smaller than a non-commercial pick-up truck. Residents will be required to empty contents at the facility to

confirm that loads are 100% free of any unacceptable materials. Any container used to transport leaves to must be taken back with the resident; bags are not required for drop-off. Hours for Gelinas Excavation & Earth Materials Recycling Center are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with additional hours from 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays during leaf collection. Saturday hours will occur from

April 24 through June 5, with the exception of Memorial Day weekend when the facility will be closed on May 29. Hours are weather dependent and are subject to change. It is advised to call the recycling center to confirm available drop-off times at (603) 545-4835.

Find more information about spring leaf collection

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Drought conditions

As of April 1, abnormally dry conditions continue to expand in New Hampshire. Abnormally dry conditions last week included 41.36% of the state (including Concord), while this week now includes 57.29%. Moderate drought conditions remain unchanged at 14.93% for NH. Meanwhile, 27.78% of the state is currently not experiencing any drought conditions, which has decreased by 15.92% from last week as more areas are returning to drought conditions. Although there has been some rain recently, the National Weather Service predicts a 33-40% probability of below average precipitation for the region in the next 8-14 days. Concord's water consumption remains average for this time of year. **Please continue to use water wisely.**



Officer George Tarwo, Officer Thomas McSweeney, and Officer Adam Chambers joined the Concord Police Department.

We thank everyone for their efforts to conserve water. Every drop counts! Drought conditions will continue to be monitored. Find drought updates and water conservation tips at www.concordnh.gov/conservation.

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Police recognition

Earlier this week, Concord Police Department swore in three new Police Officers, announced the Po-

lice Officer of the Year and Civilian Employee of the Year, and recognized a retiring Detective.

We would like to welcome Officer George Tarwo, Officer Thomas McSweeney, and Officer Adam Chambers to the CPD team.

We would like to extend a big congratulations to Detective Mark Hassapes who was named Police Officer of

the Year and Community Service Aide, Lenny O'Keefe, who was named Civilian Employee of the Year. We thank you both for all of the hard work you put in daily.

We wish Detective Joseph Chaput the best of luck in his future endeavors after a long and successful career at CPD.

State of the City

Join the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce for a virtual forum focused on the capital city on April 8 from 9 to 10 a.m. This event features Mayor Jim Bouley and City Manager Tom Aspell. Learn what capital improvements are on the horizon and what challenges and opportunities are ahead. Our speakers will discuss this year's priorities and open up the conversation to our audience with a Q&A session. This event will also recognize the City of Concord's 2020 and 2021 Police Officers of the Year. Please join us in thanking them for their service. You must register in advance to attend this event at cca.concordnhchamber.com/web-forms/EvtListing.aspx?dbid2=NHCon&evtId=692596.

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maple month

Readers share their sugarhouse adventures

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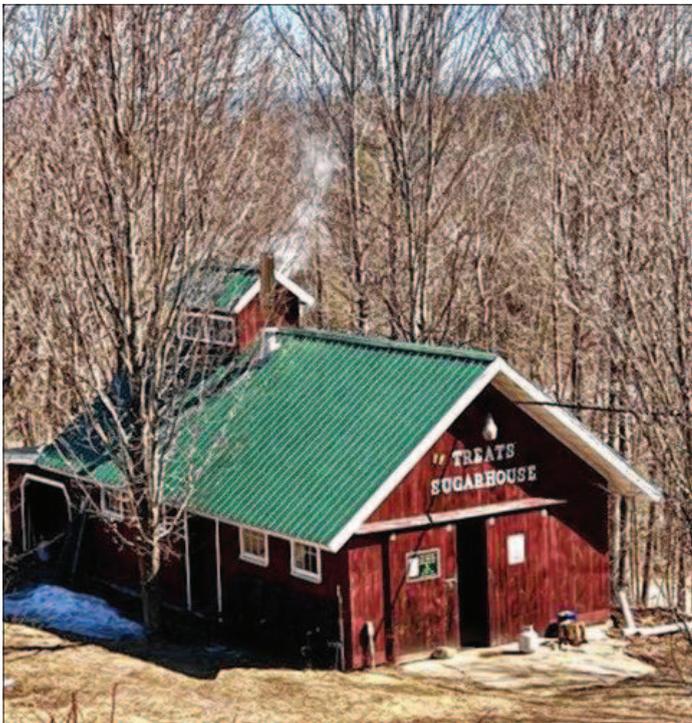
Courtesy of Shannon Rhodes

Maple grades at Grant Family Pond View Farm in Weare.



Courtesy of Althea Barton

The sap is running at the Penacook Historical Society on the last day of winter.



Courtesy of Jeff DeFrancesco

Treats Sugarhouse in Bow



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April 8

■ **Afro-Rhythms: An Online Collaborative Game:** 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Free. Online with Kimball Jenkins. 225-3192. Julianne@KimballJenkins.com.

■ **Car Buying 101:** 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Free. Webinar from New Hampshire Federal Credit Union. marketing@nhfcu.org.

■ **Healthy Living Series: Meet Our Pediatricians:** 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Free. Virtual. chad.communityrelations@hitchcock.org.

■ **Pope Memorial SPCA 5K Virtual Dirty Paws Fun Run:** 12 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. PMSPCA's Virtual 5K Dirty Paws Fun Run Complete your Fun Run anytime, anywhere from April 1st-April 10th. Register today at pope-memoiralspca.org. \$25 for single person, \$75 for family. Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack County, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord. 856-8756. scamara@popememorial-spca.org.

■ **Zoom Family Love Letter:** 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. An intergenerational wealth transfer program that uses storytelling to gather pertinent information with the death or disability of a loved one. \$5. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit

L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

April 9

■ **Ross Medical Education Virtual Open House:** April 9, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Ross Medical Education Center, 220 Pembroke Rd., Concord. (616) 815-5578.

April 10

■ **2021 Redistricting Forum:** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Free. General Admission. Online via Zoom. 715-8197. doreen@opendemocracy.me.

April 12

■ **Peace & Justice Conversations: Is Russia Truly Our Enemy?:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Free. General Admission. Online via Zoom. 228-0559. info@nhpeaceaction.org.

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■ **30th Annual Business Showcase:** 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Online / Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, 49 S. Main St. 224-2508. emarsh@concordnhchamber.com.

■ **Chronic Pain Support Group:** 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Second Tuesday of every month. Share experiences, resource information. There will also be speakers. This is confidential and non-denominational. Free. No registration needed. Accessible. Unitarian Universalist Church, 274 Pleasant St., Concord. 540-3119. uspainfoundation.org.

■ **Zoom Let's Write Memoir: Steps to Telling Your Story:** 1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Learn how to turn memories into manuscript in this fun class. \$40. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

April 14

■ **Horseshoe Pond Toastmasters Club:** 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Need to improve your communication or leadership skills? Visit a Horseshoe Pond Toastmasters club meeting to find out what Toastmasters can do for you Free. Virtual. 223-1287. jkasper@nedelta.com.

■ **Spring into Savings:** 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Free. Webinar from New Hampshire Federal Credit Union. marketing@nhfcu.org.

■ **Virtual Depression and Bipolar Support Group:** 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Meeting via Zoom Online. 224-2664. dbsaconcord@comcast.net.

■ **Walker Lecture Series:** 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Free. Concord TV. 333-0035. walkershowinfo@gmail.com.

April 15

■ **Free Yourself from Debt:** April 15, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Webinar, from New Hampshire Federal Credit Union. marketing@nhfcu.org.

■ **Zoom Fitness & Core:** 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. This workout focuses on core strength, flexibility, and a total body conditioning. Designed to make or maintain your healthy, physical physique. \$25. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Zoom Keene State College Presents: Indian Cuisine:** 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Explore the nutritional benefits and cultural significance of traditional Indian cuisine from both Northern and Southern regions. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

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history

April 8, 1864: Capt. Dana W. King of Nashua and 47 members of the 2nd New Hampshire Cavalry are captured during the disastrous battle of Sabine Cross Roads, La. They are taken to “wretched captivity in the famous ‘stockade,’ or poison pen, at Tyler, Texas,” their adjutant reports.

April 8, 1977: Poll results are released showing 62 percent of New Hampshire residents favor construction of the Seabrook nuclear power plant, with 22 percent opposed.

April 8, 1939: From the “More Things Change Department:” A *Monitor* headline announces “Two-Monikered Streets Cause Befuddlement.” The reporter, describing plans to rename dozens of city streets, notes calmly: “There’s no hurry about this proposition, of course. Most of the streets have gone by their names for many years and couple more won’t hurt.”

April 9, 1991: After two consecutive days when the temperature reached 85 degrees, Concord settles for a high of 77. It’s apparently a big year for hot streaks: The city enjoyed another historic heat wave at the beginning of February.

April 9, 1975: State representatives from Concord say they have mixed feelings about a plan by Gov. Mel Thomson to convert the Pleasant View home into a treatment center for the criminally insane. (It won’t happen.)

April 9, 1931: Gov. John Winant appoints a commission to determine what industries might be suitable for the prison. The prisoners have been working as contract laborers for a chair company, but a federal law soon to go into effect will prohibit interstate commerce in prison-made goods.

April 10, 2002: Republican gubernatorial candidate Craig Benson, after campaigning for nearly a year, announces his official candidacy with a promise to balance the next budget without raising taxes.

April 10, 2000: Gov. Jeanne Shaheen picks Phil Stanley, a department of corrections administrator in Washington state, to be New Hampshire’s next corrections commissioner. He will succeed Hank Risley, who was killed in a helicopter crash while on a sightseeing tour in Hawaii.

April 10, 1865: A huge celebration in Concord marks the end of the Civil War. Mayor Moses Humphrey orders the city’s fire engines decorated and ready to move to the State House by 4:30 p.m. Bands play, cannons boom, church bells peal. After nightfall, there is a “general illumination” of the city and a 400-gun salute is fired.

April 10, 1829: While addressing a Merrimack County jury in Concord, the spellbinding lawyer Ezekiel Webster, brother of Daniel, drops dead. “He had spoken nearly a half hour, in full and unaltered voice, when the hand of death arrested his earthly course,” writes Judge Charles Corning.

April 11, 2002: The state Supreme Court rules that New Hampshire’s public school testing system and minimum school standards are toothless and therefore fail to guarantee students the adequate education to which they are entitled.

April 11, 1997: Michael Dorris, 52, well-known author and teacher who founded the Native American studies department at Dartmouth, kills himself in a Concord motel.

April 11, 1793: A tragedy called *The Revenge* plays at

the Town House, on the current site of the Merrimack County Courthouse. It is the first play to be staged in Concord. The city’s *Mirror* calling it “a virtuous, sentimental and rational amusement to the respectable inhabitants of the town.”

April 11, 1974: Gov. Mel Thomson warns state college students not to streak. “Running naked through public buildings and on the streets is an affront to most of our citizens. It is an exercise in depravity. If tolerated, it can only lead to the eventual loss of whatever sense of morality still exists in America.”

April 11, 1713: The Treaty of Utrecht officially ends Queen Anne’s War, which included Indian raids into New Hampshire.

April 12, 2003: The police arrest 90 people and twice fire pepper gas to dispense a bottle-throwing crowd of about 4,000 that spills into downtown Durham streets after New Hampshire loses the NCAA hockey championship game.

April 12, 2001: The state Senate votes, 23-1, in favor of limiting the term of chief justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court to five years. According to the legislation, the position would be rotated among the court’s five members.

April 12, 1917: Six days after the United States declares war on the Axis powers, the Legislature passes a law prohibiting walkouts, strikes and lockouts in New Hampshire industries that produce war materiel. A state Committee of Public Safety is established to report any union or other radical activity to federal agents based in Concord.

April 12, 1827: On Fast Day, Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, 27, delivers the

first temperance sermon in Concord. Bouton’s words at the Old North Church ignite local participation in a social movement that will last more than a century. Bouton asserts in his sermon that he has investigated and found that “the use of ardent spirits in Concord” is “universal.” He claims that the 1,400 men in Concord consumed nearly 14,000 gallons of liquor in 1825. The Concord Temperance Society will be formed three years later. By 1843, nearly half of the city’s adult residents will have signed a prohibition pledge.

April 13, 2003: A fire breaks out in an apartment building off East Side Drive in Concord, attracting the attention of Kyle Bissonnette, 12, Matthew Peters, 12, and Nate Bell, 10. Seeing flames shooting from a downstairs window in the Regency Estates apartment building, the three pull their bikes over and flag down a passer-by, who calls the police. Kyle and Matthew head into the building and start knocking on doors, making sure everyone is out and rousing residents who don’t hear the smoke alarms. Nate waits outside to make sure his friends come out okay. One apartment is destroyed in the blaze. Nobody is injured.

April 13, 1945: Responding to the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt the previous night in Warm Springs, Ga., John G. Winant of Concord, the U.S. Ambassador to England, says: “The greatest American of our age is dead.”

April 13, 1973: Gov. Mel Thomson intervenes after state social workers attempt to remove five foster children from the home of a Nashua family. The foster father describes the scene: “He gave a copy of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution to my little girl. And he told

my little girl, ‘You are free and always will be.’ ”

April 14, 1865: Edwin Bedee of Meredith, a captain in the 12th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiment, goes to Ford’s Theatre. He can see President Lincoln from his seat. After John Wilkes Booth jumps to the stage and flees, Bedee climbs over several rows and enters Lincoln’s box. He holds the president’s head while a surgeon searches for Lincoln’s wound. Bedee suddenly feels the president’s blood running into his hand. “Here is the wound, doctor,” he says.

April 14, 1865: At 5 p.m., Congressman Edward H. Rollins, a Concord Republican, stops by the White House to seek a pass for a constituent to visit his wounded son in an army hospital. President Lincoln comes downstairs to oblige Rollins, writing a note to the secretary or war. It is the last official business Lincoln will conduct before going to dinner and the theater - and possibly the last time he will sign his name. After Lincoln is assassinated at Ford’s Theatre, Rollins keeps the dated, signed note.

April 14, 1865: In Washington, D.C., Surgeon William Child of the 5th New Hampshire Infantry Regiment begins a letter to his wife Carrie in Bath, N.H., with this sentence: “Wild dreams and real facts are but brothers.” Child has just returned from Ford’s Theatre, where he sat across from President Lincoln’s box and witnessed the president’s assassination. “Will peace ever come again to our dear land,” Child writes, “or shall we rush on to wild ruin?”

April 14, 1945: In response to Gov. Charles Dale’s call for a day of mourning for President Roosevelt, the *Monitor* does not publish and all businesses close.

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