

THE CONCORD INSIDER

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The flip-the-calendar edition



FROSTY FAVES

Ways to enjoy the city's winter offerings

this week in history

In our haste to get back to decorating Christmas cookies, we printed this week's history last week. So here is last week's history this week.

Dec. 23, 2000: Bradlees department store on Fort Eddy Road is about to go out of business, the Monitor reports. The 105-store chain, which struggled through the 1990s, will close all of its locations.

Dec. 23, 1861: Israel Drew of Pittsfield lies about his age and joins Company G of the Eighth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry regiment. A 66-year-old veteran of the War of 1812, he claims he is 44. He will die of sickness eight months in Louisiana. After the war, the claim will be made that he was the oldest enlisted man in the Union army.

Dec. 23, 1999: The Monitor reports that Gov. Jeanne Shaheen is joining the fight against a nationwide order by President Clinton that could limit logging in the White Mountain National Forest. "I believe the proposal sets a terrible precedent for the governance of our national forests," Shaheen says.

Dec. 23, 1987: Charles Gross, a University of New Hampshire marketing professor, predicts that Yuppies will die out in 1988 as more traditional and less selfish personal values come into vogue. He says the October '87 stock market crash ended the yuppie era and the next year will find more young people putting family goals and personal relationships ahead of careers and condominiums.

Dec. 24, 1979: Mississippi Gov. Cliff Finch arrives in Concord and declares, "I will be the next president of the United States." If he can't

get enough signatures to get his name on the ballot, he says, he'll run as a write-in.

Dec. 24, 1979: The U.S. Census Bureau reports New Hampshire's population is now 887,000, up 20.2 percent from 1970.

Dec. 24, 1979: The state Public Utilities Commission grants a 4.98 percent emergency rate increase to Public Service Co. of New Hampshire, which claims it needs added revenue to keep building its Seabrook nuclear power plant.

Dec. 24, 2001: For years, New Hampshire has lagged behind other states in compiling the crime statistics that can affect federal funds, local police efforts and legislative spending, the Monitor reports. A recent push by the state attorney general's office has increased the number of local departments recording and reporting crimes, but some say New Hampshire still has a ways to go.

Dec. 24, 1998: A 26-year-old snowmobiler crashes through the ice of Turkey Pond in Concord and is stuck in the frigid water for an hour - staying afloat by purposely freezing his forearms and hands on top of the ice. Concord Fire Battalion Chief calls it the most dangerous ice rescue in memory. "There was such shallow ice around him," he says.

Dec. 24, 1989: Don't tell Concord folks winter has just begun: Only a month after the coldest November day of the century, the city faces another deep freeze. The day's low temperature is 20 below zero.

Dec. 25, 1976: The toll on Interstate 93 rises from 25 to 40 cents. The price of tokens increases from 16 to 20 cents. It's the first increase in 20 years and is intended

to pay for expanding the turnpike between Hooksett and Bow.

Dec. 25, 1820: Episcopalians hold Concord's first Christmas celebration 93 years after the town was settled. Because Concord was settled by Massachusetts Congregationalists, the holiday was previously banned.

Dec. 26, 2002: The first snowflakes that lined door wreaths and lights Christmas morning were just a harbinger of what was to come, the Monitor reports. By the early afternoon, snow fell in sheets, with up to 20 inches predicted accumulation across the state.

Dec. 26, 1856: A fire reduces Concord's Phenix Hotel to ashes. It will rise again on the same spot.

Dec. 27, 1979: Secretary of State William Gardner speculates that the state's new \$500 filing fee to run in the presidential primary has pared down the number of candidates for the 1980 contest: just 12 men are on the ballot. "We didn't have the ministers dragging crosses, the Indian chiefs, or the men handing out white shoelaces that we've had in the past," Gardner says.

Dec. 27, 1979: The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that New Hampshire has 100 more farms than in 1978: 3,200 compared to 3,100.

Dec. 27, 2001: When it opened in 1967, Havenwood-Heritage Heights was one of the first modern retirement communities in the state. But times have continued to change, and now the center is planning a \$40 million expansion so it can change along with them, the Monitor reports.

Dec. 27, 2000: Hundreds of firefighters from around the country gather at a

Manchester wake to pay their respects to David Anderson, 43, the first city firefighter to die on the job in more than 30 years. He died trying to save two boys in a house fire. Some 2,000 firefighters will attend his funeral the next day.

Dec. 28, 2002: A fire guts the Backwater Bar and Grill in Laconia, causing at least \$250,000 in damage. No one is injured.

Dec. 28, 2001: The Olympic torch comes to Concord on its way to Salt Lake City and makes a quick stop at the State House for a 15-minute ceremony. Former Olympians, Concord student athletes and what seems like thousands of people come out to see the flame.

Dec. 28, 2000: The Census Bureau announces the state's official 2000 population: 1,235,786. New Hampshire grew by 11.4 percent in the 1990s, faster than any other northeastern state but considerably slower than the state grew in the 1960s, '70s and '80s.

Dec. 28, 1999: State Republican Party Chairman Steve Duprey issues a call for a Washington-based conservative group to pull a

New Hampshire television ad attacking Sen. John McCain's support of campaign finance reform. Duprey tells the group, Americans for Tax Reform, that the ad "crosses the line from a fair discussion of the issues to a blatant mischaracterization of John McCain's record and views." The ad shows a silhouette that at first resembles President Clinton but turns out to be McCain.

Dec. 28, 1978: State and Concord police officers arrest 28 people in the largest drug bust in city history. Thirty-one people are eventually charged, but the Merrimack County attorney will eventually drop all charges. The chief reasons: a lack of cooperation between the police and prosecutors and flaws in a diary recording the work of an undercover agent.

Dec. 29, 2002: After nearly 103 years of countless weddings, baptisms, confirmations and funerals, the sounds of Mass echo through St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Franklin for the last time. The church closes because of dwindling numbers of parishioners and the financial burden of serving a small community.

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looking back



Courtesy Concord Public Library

Pembroke Bridge in Concord

By **JAMES SPAIN**
For the Insider

The old “Pembroke Bridge,” also known as the Manchester Street Bridge, was designed by Storrs Bridge Engineers. It was built by the City of Concord, replacing the old wood lattice bridge which was built in 1891 taking the place of a bridge that was carried away by the freshet the same year. The original bridge was a toll bridge, one

of several toll bridges at Concord that crossed the Merrimack River in the city. The photograph depicts a view from the end of the bridge consisting of four spans. The two central spans were high trusses with the end spans being called pony spans. This bridge carried a concrete roadway of 18 feet in the clear with a sidewalk. The bridge capacity could carry a 12-ton truck.

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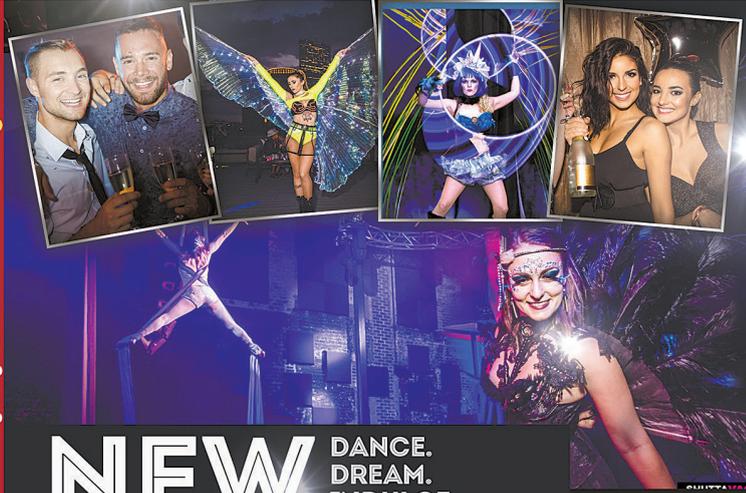
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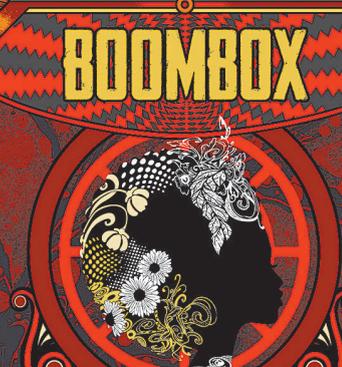
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Concord to host vaccine clinic

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

Upcoming Meetings

City meetings are held in person in Council Chambers at 37 Green Street (unless otherwise specified on the City's calendar). Upcoming meetings include:

- City Council: January 3, 7 p.m. (inaugurations)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment: January 5, 7 p.m.
- City Council monthly meeting: January 10, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board: January 19, 7 p.m.

Visit concordnh.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx for agendas, which are posted prior to the meetings. View the City calendar for more meetings and events.

Happy Holidays from the City of Concord

All city offices will be closed Dec. 31 for the New Year's holiday. Trash and recycling collection will not be postponed during both



The New Hampshire vaccine van will visit the Concord Community Center on Jan. 9.

bury Road, Concord, on Jan. 9, 2022 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This is an initiative by Mayor Bouley and the Concord City Council to address the COVID-19 pandemic in the community.

The mobile vaccine teams will be able to provide additional information and answer any questions about whether or not a booster makes sense, and which booster is ideal for each individual.

Some additional information:

- Walk ins are welcome.
 - The mobile vaccine teams will have Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.
 - They can offer first, second, third, and booster doses.
 - Vaccines are free and available to everyone 5 and older.
- Consent forms for the

Vaccine Clinic

A vaccine clinic will be

held at the City Wide Community Center, 14 Canter-

of these weeks. Since the holidays occur on the weekend, collection will follow the regular schedule for the week of Dec. 27. The Concord Transfer Station will be closing at noon on Dec. 31 and will be closed through 8 a.m. Monday both weeks. Happy holidays from the City of Concord. We hope you have a happy and healthy holiday season with family and friends.

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A Concord city plow truck clears Union Street in downtown Concord on December 17, 2020.

clinic are downloadable at www.concordnh.gov under the News Flash section of the website.

Winter Operations

Concord General Services crews work as quickly and efficiently as possible to plow the 220 center line miles (440 lane miles) of streets and 90 miles of sidewalks throughout the city on a priority level basis. We

thank the community for their patience as crews make their way through the city.

Sign up for winter parking ban email notifications at www.concordnh.gov/notifyme. Sign up for both Winter Storm Event Parking Bans and Winter Maintenance Parking Bans to get alerted for both city-wide and downtown bans. Parking ban alerts are also

displayed on the City website and available through our Gazette newsletter, social media, and MyConcordNH app.

Winter parking bans require all vehicles to be removed from indicated streets between midnight and 7 a.m. for snow removal operations. Free parking is available in the City garages on weekends, observed holidays, and Monday through

Friday from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. for permit/lease spaces (marked with signage) and until 9 a.m. for metered spaces. Penacook residents may park at the Canal Street Municipal Parking Lot at the corner of Village Street and Canal Street near Chief's Restaurant. Although this lot is posted for no overnight parking, the City's Parking Division will suspend this regulation during city-wide winter parking bans to accommodate Penacook residents. Residents should only park in the public spaces on the south side of the lot along

Canal Street.

Plows require a lot of space on the road, which can make plowing difficult if cars are parked on the street, especially on narrow streets. Cars parked in tight areas or on narrow streets can block plows from fitting through the street. We appreciate the community's cooperation to park off-street when it snows, even when a parking ban is not issued, to allow crews to plow more efficiently and restore safe road conditions.

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Also, we would like to share this important op-ed message from the UNH Technology Transfer Center, "This Winter, Public Works are Doing More with Less," read at t2.unh.edu/winter-public-works-are-doing-more-less. Please keep this in mind as we all work together this winter.

Christmas Tree collection

Christmas tree collection starts on Jan. 3 and will continue for two weeks in coordination with residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Residents can place Christmas trees curbside for disposal on their trash collection day through Jan. 14. Trees must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. next to trash and recycling. All lights, ornaments, tinsel, and decorations must be removed from the tree. Wreaths and artificial trees will not be collected. Please note that trees will be collected in a separate truck from trash and recycling. Trees can also be taken to the Concord Transfer Station at 77 Old Turnpike Road during the month of

January.

Knapp Retirement

Congratulations to our employee, Bobby Knapp, on his retirement last week! He is pictured here receiving his service award pin from City Manager, Tom Aspell. Bobby was employed with the City of Concord for over 35 years and worked in our Public Properties Division since its creation. He was first hired in December 1986 as a Maintenance Aide and was promoted to Carpenter in February 1988. He was promoted again in December 2016 to Building Systems Supervisor. Bobby has worked over the years to maintain City properties and has been a great team leader for the public properties crew. His many years of experience have provided great historical and institutional knowledge. Bobby has been a great asset to our team and has played an important role in keeping municipal buildings and public community spaces safe, clean, and in proper functioning order. We thank you for your many years of service and wish you the best of luck with retirement!

Open Gym

Join Concord Parks and

Recreation for Winter Family Open Gym during the winter break! We will also have our regular senior walking on Monday and Wednesday, 9 - 11 a.m. and pickleball Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thin Ice Reminders

Concord Parks and Recreation wants to remind the community that the White Park and Beaver Meadow Golf Course ponds are not yet ready for skating. Signs have been placed around the ponds as safety reminders. Please stay off the ice until the ponds are open (ponds are opened once there is five inches of ice, measured in six different areas).

Cemetery wreaths

Thank you to all the organizations, volunteers, and attendees who participated in Wreaths Across America Day on December 18. Ceremonies were held in Blossom Hill, Old Fort, Old North, and Maple Grove Cemeteries. Hundreds of wreaths were laid on the graves of our Veterans. Each

December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission is to "Remember, Honor and Teach," carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. More information is available at www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org/. Below are photos from the Blossom Hill and Old Fort ceremonies.

Heights Branch Library

The Heights Branch Library's new hours starting Jan. 3 is Mondays 1 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ultimate Book Nerd Challenge

Do you have what it takes to become an Ultimate Book Nerd? Try CPL's newest year-long reading challenge to find out!

Is your nose always buried in a book? Is there a giant stack of books on your

nightstand? Do you say things like, "so many books, so little time" or "just one more chapter"? Are you on the hold list for the next book of all your favorite series? If so, you just might be a candidate to become an...ULTIMATE BOOK NERD!

Read 50 books that fit our challenge categories between January 1-December 31, 2022.

The Details:

■ Teens and Adults: Read one (1) book per category.

■ Kids 12 and younger: You are part of U12 Ultimate Book Nerds. You have your own book categories.

■ Audiobooks, e-books, and graphic novels all count.

■ You must have a valid Concord Public Library card to participate!

Registration:

You must be registered to participate in this program. Use this link to sign up and we will send you your reading logs via email. You may also register in person and pick up printed copies of the reading logs.

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Live music

Dec. 30

■ Brian Booth at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 31

■ Piccola Opera presents “The Dickens Carolers on Tour” at the Concord City Auditorium at 6 p.m.

■ Faith Ann Band NYE Party at Area 23, Ben Harrison opens at 7 p.m.

■ NYE Party with Felix Holt at Penuche’s

Jan. 1

■ Gabby Martin at the Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to non

■ Andrew Geano at Concord Craft Brewing from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Colin Hart at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.

■ Acoustic Jam at Area 23 at 2 p.m.

■ Blues Bros Tribute with the Smokestack Blues Band at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

Jan. 6

■ Purgin Sin with King’s Petition at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.

Jan. 7

■ Brooks Young Band at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.

■ Lucas Gallo at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

Jan. 8

■ Get the Led Out at the Capitol Center for the Arts at 8 p.m.

■ John McArthur at the Downtown Concord Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon

■ Alex Cohen at Concord Craft Brewing from 3 to 5 p.m.

■ Mikey G. at Chen Yang



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Cooper Hoffman, left, and Alana Haim in a scene from “Licorice Pizza.”

elite of 1940s New York society. But enlisting the aid of a mysterious psychologist (Cate Blanchette) may be a dangerous move.

■ Licorice Pizza (R) Brash 15-year-old Gary Valentine (Cooper Hoffman) enters a friendship with world-weary 25-year-old Alana Kane (Alana Haim) – a vulnerable union, which exposes differences in their experience and temperament. He’s a hustling small-time actor with Hollywood connections, while she’s still living at home, seeking direction in an unfocused life.

Li from 7 to 10 p.m.

■ Steve Butler at Area 23 at 1 p.m.

■ BeefStu at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

■ Dance New England at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.

Stage shows

■ Shuttavac News Years Eve Spectacular will be Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage. Tickets \$45 and up.

■ The Met: Cinderella will be screened at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage on Jan. 1 at 12:55 p.m. Tickets \$15 students, \$22 seniors/MET member and \$26 adults.

Red River Theatres

■ Nightmare Alley (R) An ambitious, down-and-out carnival worker (Bradley Cooper) develops a shady stage act employing the power of clairvoyance. It becomes a golden ticket to success and affords him the ability to grift the wealthy

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Indoor Ice Skating

The Everett Arena offers ice skating from mid-September through mid-March. During the ice skating season, the arena offers public skating, stick practice, skating lessons for beginners, learn to play hockey, travel youth hockey, and high school hockey.

Public ice skating hours are Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$6. Kids ages 3 and under are free. Skate rentals are available in the pro shop for \$5. Skate aide walkers are available in a limited supply. Ice skating will continue through March 17. The arena will be open New Year's Day.

Adult stick practice (ages 14 and up) hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Admission is \$10 with free entry for goalies. Helmet and gloves are required and full equipment is recommended. Stick practice will continue through March 16.

Outdoor Ice Skating

- White Park Pond & Hockey Rink
- Rollins Park (along north side Broadway Street)
- Beaver Meadow Pond (located at Beaver Meadow Golf Course)

The city asks that you

skate at your own risk and obey all posted signs. The outdoor skating areas are maintained for the enjoyment of all residents. Be aware of others around you and their abilities. Please stay off the ice if parks staff are on the ice either removing the snow or adding water to the surface. This will allow staff to finish their work quickly and safely.

The Hockey Rink at White Park is for pick up games. Please rotate players as needed. There are LED lights at the rink this year. The lights turn on with the switch next to the rink.



INSIDER FILE

It takes a lot of work to get Everett Arena ready for the winter. So, now's the time to take advantage of all that effort.

Once the lights are turned on they will stay on for 1 hour up until 11 p.m.

When temperatures allow, the Parks and Recreation staff will flood the skating areas - usually in the early morning. Maintenance is performed in the following order: White Park

areas, Rollins Park and then Beaver Meadow Golf Course.

XC Ski & Snowshoe Trails

Beaver Meadow Golf Course

The Beaver Meadow golf course has both flat terrain,

and gentle hills, making it fun for skiers of all abilities. When there is enough snow to run the groomer without damaging the golf course, the City of Concord grooms trails, both for skating and classic. The gentle hills, ponds, bridges, and other golf course scenery make

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Memorial Field and White Farm

These trails are groomed, are mostly flat, and suitable for beginners. The trails tend to be groomed for skiing more often than other trails in Concord since the ground under the cross country ski trails is fairly smooth, and these trails need less snow cover for grooming. The trails at Memorial Field and White Farm are connected by a tunnel under Langley Parkway. Intermediate cross-country skiers may enjoy the Pleasant View trail, which is a narrower trail through the woods that starts near the tunnel. Parking is on the left side of the State Surplus lot at 144 Clinton Street (outside of the gates), and also at Memorial Field.

(Free to use and maintained by the Capital Ski and Outing Club)

Carter Hill Orchard

Carter Hill Orchard is a

scenic location to ski, but due to its hilltop location, it tends to be more windy and cold than other ski trails. That means generally more snowfall is required to make grooming possible, and the snow tends to be harder packed than at flatter locations. Currently, the trails in the orchard are not being groomed. There are also some ungroomed trails in the woods behind the orchard, connecting to both the Carter Hill Connector and the West End Farm Trail. These trails have somewhat rocky ground, and need at least a foot of snow to ski comfortably.

(Currently not being groomed, subject to change)

Other spots

In addition to the groomed trails noted above, several other trails described below are suitable for intermediate and advanced cross country skiers when the natural snow is plentiful, fresh, and in good condition. Old snow tends to get icy as it is packed down, and becomes unsuitable for skiing. Snowshoe

tracks may make skiing impractical, especially on hills. Natural snow conditions are frequently poor, so exercise caution. The following trails are relatively flat and smooth, and may be skiable without requiring too much snow cover:

- Upper trail at Sewalls Falls (accessible from the north side of the Beaver Meadow golf course)

- Green trail at Batchelder Mill

- Rolfe Park

- SPNHF trails

A few neighborhood parks like Spears Park, Mast Yard State Forest, the south end of Broken Ground, the East Concord Heritage Trails, Contoocook River Park, and Morono Park should be suitable for cross country skiing on a somewhat regular basis. However, due to lack of a plowed parking lot they might only be usable for people living within walking distance of those trails. The West End Farm Trail can be skied from Dimond Hill Farm, going north or south. There is limited trailhead parking at the kiosk beside the barn

at Dimond Hill Farm, courtesy of the farm. Part of the trail is groomed by the Bow Pioneers snowmobile club and is part of their trail network.

When sharing a snowmobile trail it is courteous to step off the trail when snowmobiles come through. Other trails, such as Audubon Society, Broken Ground, Oak Hill, Winant Park, Swope Park, and the Swope-Winant Connector all have fairly rocky ground, and will require at least a foot of snow coverage in order to ski without hitting rocks. These trails are recommended for expert cross

country skiers in good snow conditions only.

Hiking/Snowshoeing

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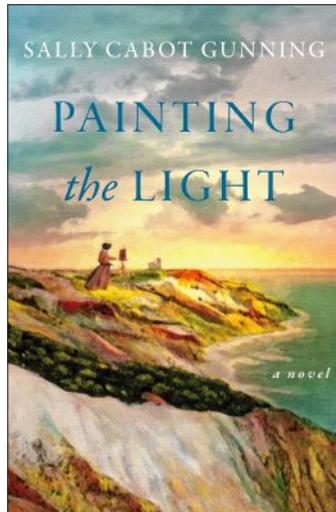
Painting the Light

By Sally Cabot Gunning
(351 pages, fiction, 2021)

In 1893 Ida Russell is a young woman living in Boston, finding her way as an artist. She is enrolled in Boston's Museum School and has a comfortable life living with her family. She's looking forward to becoming a known artist in watercolors. But tragedy strikes her family and Ida is left alone in the world. She is grief-stricken and can barely get through the day. A handsome and attentive young man, Ezra Pease, befriends her and Ida slowly starts to feel better. He asks her to marry him, and Ida accepts. They move from the city of Boston to live on a sheep farm on rural Martha's Vineyard.

Living on a farm is not what Ida envisioned. It is enormously hard work, and she has no time to paint. She and Ezra exchange harsh words and grow further and further apart. Ezra has turned from a loving suitor into a belligerent husband. Ida also must deal with Ezra's prickly aunt and flighty cousin. She learns a lot about farming from a neighbor, Lem, and values his help.

Ezra and his partner Mose Barstow are scheduled on a trip to Boston. The ship that they are booked on runs into a storm and sinks. Ida is suddenly a young widow. She has such mixed feelings about losing Ezra. She travels to Boston to the place where they have stored the recovered bodies. She cannot identify Ezra, but some of the bodies are



unrecognizable, and not all were found.

Ida must now settle the affairs of Ezra's estate, and work with Henry, Mose's brother, to sell what they can of the business. A friendship develops between them, and then an attraction. But Henry is married and has two children. Henry gives Ida a bicycle, and the feeling of freedom that this gives Ida is immense!

Ida must navigate her own way, bargaining with what little she has. She is a fascinating character. Ida can be stubborn and snappish, but also generous and kind. Ida must decide what is right for her, and if painting can be part of her life again.

This is a captivating book about an intelligent, determined woman dealing with loss and betrayal, one who struggles to reinvent herself in her new home on Martha's Vineyard.

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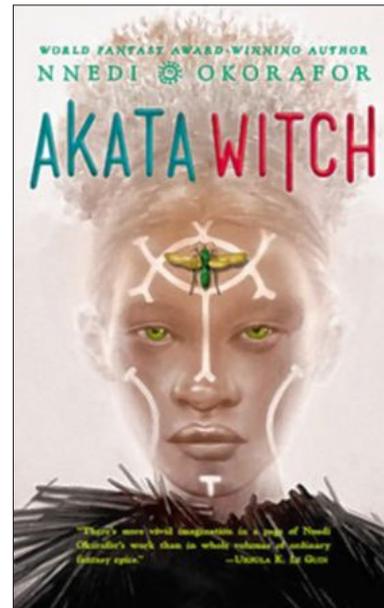


Akata Witch

By Nnedi Okorafor
(349 pages, young
adult fantasy, 2011)

Sunny, a teenager with albinism, recently moved to her parent's home in Nigeria from New York. At school she faces bullying and is frequently called a witch. Even worse, she can't play soccer with the rest of the kids because the sun burns her skin. Shortly after having a vision of apocalypse while gazing into a candle flame, she befriends Orlu, a boy at school, and discovers that she holds special powers and is, in fact, a witch. Orlu introduces Sunny to the world of the Leopard People; a world of magic, spirits, and, most importantly, her true nature. Sunny meets two more Leopard teens, Chichi and Sasha, and the four become an Oha coven; a balanced group of magic users with a special purpose.

Meanwhile, the newspapers are filled with stories of missing children at the hands of Black Hat Otokoto, who is tar-



getting the most vulnerable in his quest for more power. Children are being found alive and maimed or worse ... dead. As Sunny and her friends realize their newfound powers they are called upon by their Leopard Elders to seek out and defeat the evil Black Hat Otokoto before he unleashes an old spirit intent on destroying the world.

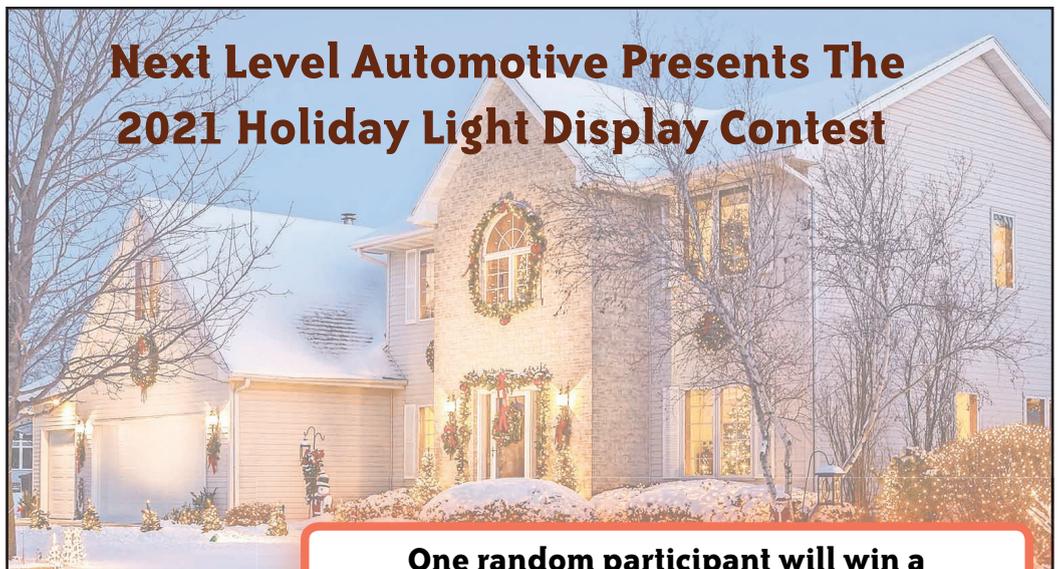
This immersive contemporary fantasy is the first in the series. The magical and mundane worlds of Nigeria come alive with delicious de-

scriptions of local food, mysterious folklore, and exotic powders and potions. You will be rooting for Sunny and her friends as they navigate the struggles of coming of age, find their magical mentors, and learn about the nature of power. If magical misfits are your cup of tea, then come on down to the library and grab this book!

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Sarah Frost

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Dec. 30

■ **Noon Year's Eve Party:** 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ring in the New Year at NOON! We will celebrate with light refreshments and a special toast! If you want, dress up in fancy clothes! Age birth to grade 5. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

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Jan. 3

■ **The Family Restored Support Group:** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wesley United Methodist Church, 79 Clinton St, Concord. 207-387-0015. info@thefamilyrestored.org.

■ **Gibson's Book Club reads "Culture Warlords:"** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. "Culture Warlords: My Journey into the Dark Web of White Supremacy." Free. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. 603-224-0562. gibsonsevents@gmail.com.

■ **Peace & Justice Conversations: NH Peace Action's 2022 Priorities:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Join NH Peace Action Executive Director Will Hopkins for a look forward to 2022. Free. Online via Zoom. (603) 228-0559. doreen@opendemocracy.me.

■ **Unemployment Support Group:** 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Free. EJ's on Main Restaurant, 172 Main St., Concord. 494-2510. psr17445@aol.com.

Jan. 4

■ **Gentle Chair Yoga:** 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Those with yoga experience or with none, and all levels of physical ability are encouraged to join us and try this gentle yoga class. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Libby, Hoopla & More:** 2 p.m. Learn about the library's streaming service. RSVP online at concordpubliclibrary.net/registration. Free. Concord Public Library. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

Jan. 5

■ **Books & Brew:** 5:30 p.m. In person at the Heights Community Center or Zoom - register to attend concordpubliclibrary.

Free. Heights Branch Library, 14 Canterbury Rd, Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

■ **Climate Impacts on Our Lakes - Webinar:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Further information can be found in the job description located on the Town's Website at: https://www.henniker.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf5391/f/uploads/town_administrator_job_description.pdf

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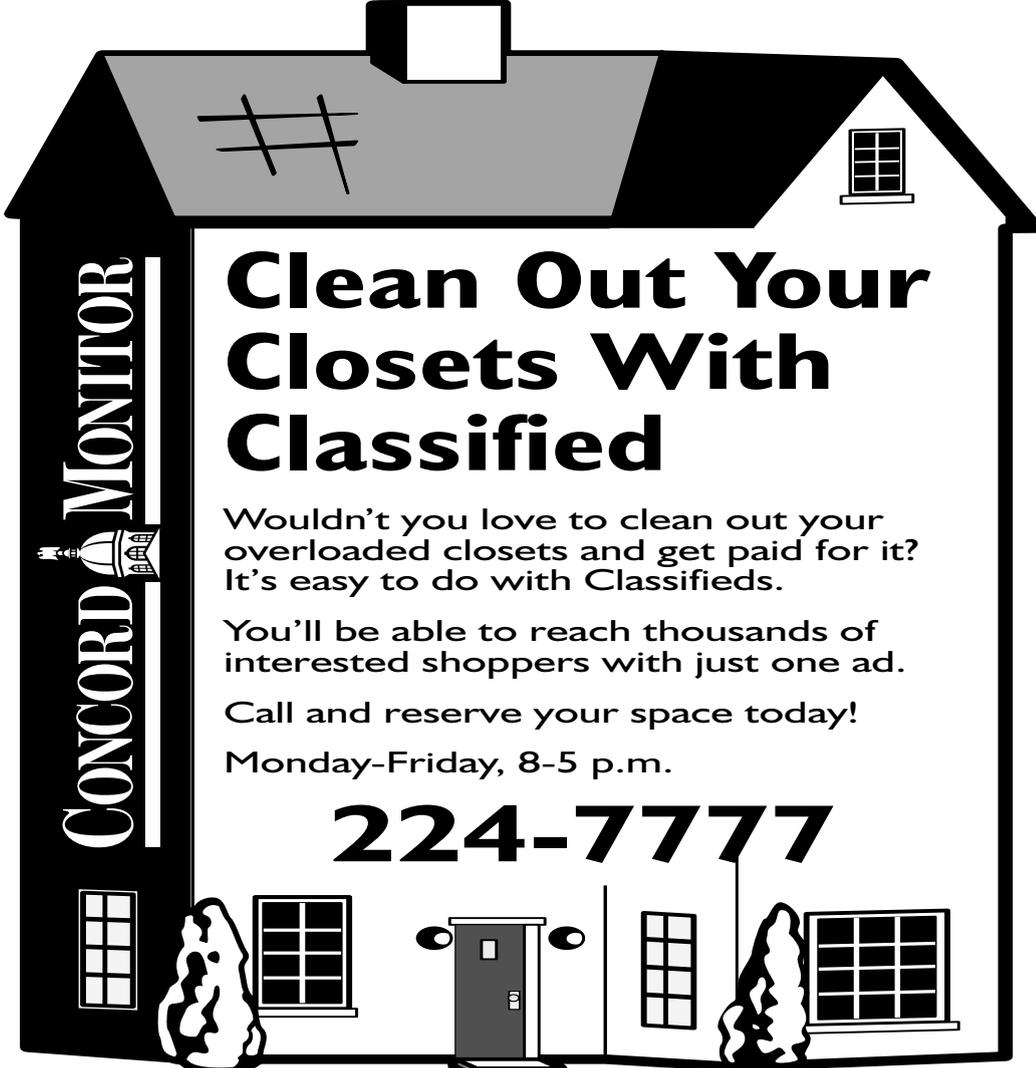
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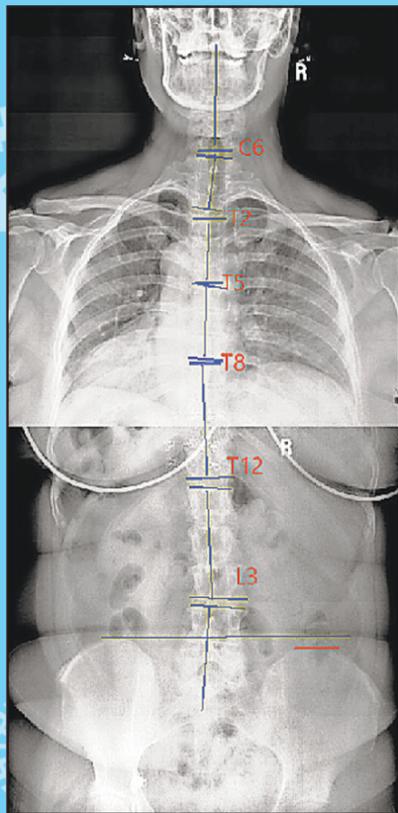
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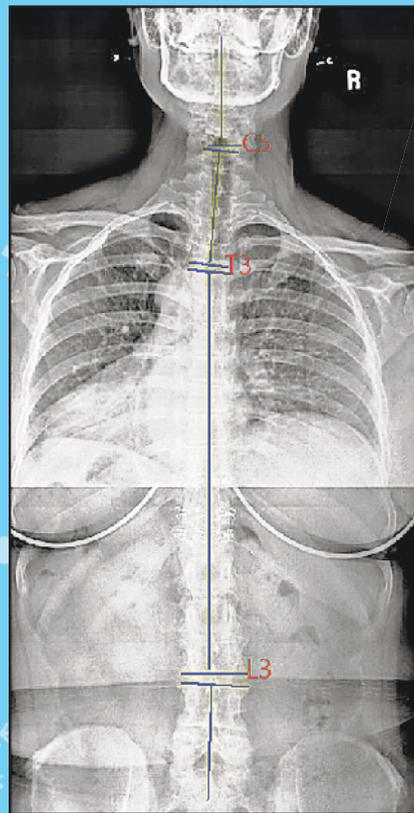
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