

# THE CONCORD INSIDER

Jan. 27 to Feb. 2  
Free and frozen



## PUCKS DROP

Black Ice Hockey and Winter Fest  
return to Concord

# history

**Jan. 27, 1942:** Speaking at the swearing-in ceremony for Concord Mayor John Storrs and the city's aldermen, Gov. Robert O. Blood has this to say about the world war: "We will put an end to this conflict in two years."

**Jan. 27, 1943:** An anonymous Webster man applies to the Concord War and Price Rationing Board for 600 pounds of sugar. "I make alky mash and need sugar to make it ferment and taste right," he writes. The board rejects his request.

**Jan. 27, 1983:** Concord native John Bluto makes a brief TV appearance on an episode of "Cheers." He plays an insurance salesman, a role he played in real life in Concord for more than 10 years.

**Jan. 27, 1965:** Concord Electric Company asks permission of the Federal Power Commission to close down its only generating plant, located at Sewalls Falls on the Merrimack River.

**Jan. 27, 1848:** Franklin Pierce returns home to Concord after leading a brigade in the Mexican War. A crowd of 3,000 to 4,000 people meet him at the city's new railroad station. Pierce has been gone eight months. In that time, the Concord town meeting has banned "bowling, saloons and circuses." Among those present for Pierce's welcome home is his old friend and Bowdoin College classmate Nathaniel Hawthorne.

**Jan. 28, 2003:** Twenty victims of a sexually abusive Massachusetts priest and more than 60 of their supporters confront New Hampshire Bishop John McCormack at a meeting in Salem, Mass., and demand repentance.

**Jan. 28, 2002:** Convicted killer and Monitor colum-

nist Ray Barham, 72, dies from cancer in the state prison infirmary. He was convicted in 1983 of first-degree murder after shooting his estranged wife's boyfriend, and started writing for the paper's editorial page in 1987. Editor Mike Pride will remember him by writing, "Ray joked about wanting to win the Pulitzer Prize. He said it was the only way to change the headline on his obituary. In fact, for many years it was his writing, not the killing, that defined him. He could not outlast the sentence he had brought upon himself, but his pen bore him through it."

**Jan. 28, 2000:** Mel Bolden, the charismatic portraitist and political activist who became a friend to people of all ages around the Concord area, dies on his 81st birthday. Bolden, whose artistic career spanned six decades, gained particular notoriety for his portraits of Concord teacher Christa McAuliffe, who died on the same day in 1986 in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. One of the portraits hangs in the National Air and Space Museum.

**Jan. 28, 1986:** The space shuttle Challenger explodes 72 seconds after liftoff, killing all aboard, including Concord High teacher Christa McAuliffe.

**Jan. 28, 1947:** Jeanne Shaheen is born. She will direct Gary Hart's 1984 presidential campaign in New Hampshire, represent the Sea-

coast in the state Senate and, in 1996, be elected the state's first woman governor.

**Jan. 30, 2002:** Here's a good reason to watch more television and eat more candy, the Monitor reports. Concord native Jeremy Ellison-Gladstone is now appearing in a Snickers ad demonstrating the dangers of going too long without chocolate.

**Jan. 31, 1986:** On a frigid night, thousands gather in the State House plaza for a memorial service for Christa McAuliffe. "Her teaching has not ceased," says Rev. Chester Mrowka.

**Jan. 31, 1952:** The Concord City Council debates plans for the construction of Storrs Street to relieve traffic downtown. There is no name yet for the new street, so it is referred to as Concord's "Baby Bypass."

**Feb. 1, 2003:** News spreads through Concord that the space shuttle Columbia has exploded, reminding many of the space shuttle Challenger. "It's amazing how it brings those feelings right back," says state Rep. Jim MacKay, who was the city's mayor when the Challenger exploded 17 years ago with Concord teacher Christa McAuliffe on board.

**Feb. 1, 1859:** The Concord Railroad passenger station, including the offices of the Concord, Montreal and Northern railroads, the tele-

graph office and Depot hall, is destroyed by fire.

**Feb. 1, 1827:** Smallpox breaks out in Gilmanton. Many are vaccinated, and a "pest house" is set up to quarantine the victims.

**Feb. 1, 1965:** A state report estimates New Hampshire's population at 657,000. Merrimack County is the fastest growing area of the state, followed by Belknap.

**Feb. 1, 1968:** As news of the Tet Offensive exposes the cracks in the U.S. war effort and in Lyndon Johnson's presidency, "Mr. Benjamin Chapman" arrives in Nashua and checks into the Howard Johnson Inn. A day or two earlier, workers for "Chapman" have mailed 150,000 personal letters to New Hampshire households telling of his plans to run for the presidency. On the letter "Chapman" has signed his real name: Richard M. Nixon.

**Feb. 1, 1921:** The Granite Monthly endorses several proposed constitutional amendments: allowing the Legislature to tax income,

reducing the size of the House and giving women full rights to hold state office. "All of these amendments must be adopted; the first must be or an intolerable situation will be created in New Hampshire. If during the next few years, the state is forced to depend upon its present sources of revenue, either we shall have a taxation of real property that will be almost confiscation or the work of almost every state department and institution will be crippled seriously."

**Feb. 1, 1859:** A fire burns Concord's railroad station to the ground.

**Feb. 2, 2002:** In Alton, support for a proposed high school with Barnstead is strong at a deliberative session. And an attempt to change the proposal into an Alton-owner school to which Barnstead students would pay tuition is resoundingly defeated.

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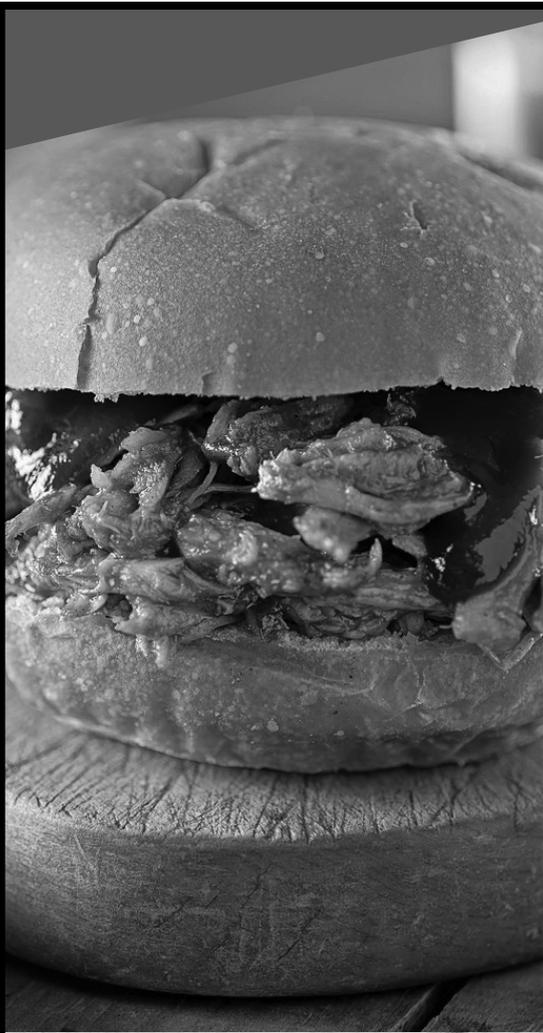
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# Winter fun at Beaver Meadow, Everett Arena

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](http://concordnh.gov) and clicking the "Newsletter" button. Here are some highlights:

## City 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:

- Zoning Board of Adjustment: Feb. 2, 7 p.m.
- City Council Monthly Meeting: Feb. 14, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board: Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

## Masks required

Effective Jan. 18, 2022, until further notice, all members of the public are required to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth in the following City-operated buildings in accordance with these rules:

- At all times when inside the City library.
- At all times while inside City-operated community



Cross country ski trails are ready at Beaver Meadow. City of Concord

centers and recreation facilities, except when actively playing in a sport, taking part in a fitness class, eating or drinking, or showering in a locker room.

Performers who are actively performing inside City-operated community centers and recreational facilities may do so without wearing a face covering.

While engaged in an activity that does not require a face covering as identified in these rules, persons outside of the same household

are strongly encouraged to remain three feet apart from other others to the greatest extent possible.

These rules apply to all individuals over the age of 5, regardless of vaccination status.

It is strongly encouraged that all face coverings be worn in accordance with

the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Any person for whom wearing a face covering may pose a risk for health-related reasons, or for any person who has a disability or medical condition that makes wearing a face covering difficult is exempt from these rules. However, in these cases, special effort should be taken to maintain a physical distance of at least three feet from other individuals outside of the person's same household.

## Airport listening session

The city and the Airport Advisory Committee are holding an information session Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Citywide community center at 14 Canterbury Road in Concord. Learn about the history of the Concord Municipal Airport, current and

future projects, and opportunities for expansion. Bring questions, input and feedback.

## Winter at Beaver Meadow

Winter activities are in full swing at Beaver Meadow. Cross country skiing trails are open as the conditions allow. The pond is currently open for skating (please obey all signage). Thank you to the community for following the new rules and walking to the pond.

## Everett Arena skating

Ice skating hours at the Douglas N. Everett Arena are Sundays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$6 and free for kids ages 3 and under. Skate rentals are available if

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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 and free for goalies. Helmet and gloves are required and full equipment is recommended.

Ice season will continue through mid-March. Check out the Everett Arena Pro Shop for some hockey tape, skate guards, laces, or even skate sharpening. Skate sharpening is available for \$6, or a \$50 punch ticket can be purchased for 10 sharpening sessions to save \$10. The shop is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the ice season. Lace up those skates! Find more information at [concordnh.gov/skating](http://concordnh.gov/skating).

As of January 18, all members of the public are required to wear a face covering while inside the Everett Arena. This requirement will continue until further notice. Exceptions include when actively playing in a sport, eating or drinking, or showering in a locker room. While engaged in an activity that does not require a face covering, persons outside of the same household are strongly encouraged to remain three feet apart from others to the greatest extent possible. These rules apply to all individuals over the age of 5, regardless of vaccination status. Find more COVID-19 guidelines and information at [concordnh.gov/arena](http://concordnh.gov/arena).

## Outdoor ice skating

White Park Pond, Beaver

Meadow Pond as well as the skating area at Rollins Park are all open for ice skating. Enjoy the days! Please follow all posted rules and the department's social media sites for updates on conditions.

Merrimack Lodge at White Park public hours are included below. Please note we cannot accept credit cards at this time for skate rentals, cash or check only. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## Free CAT shuttle

We are thrilled to offer free shuttle services to the public with stops for shopping, at the Black Ice Pond Hockey and the events on Main Street for the Concord NH Winter Festival on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

This limited-service route starts at the State House bus stop (corner of Park and Main St). It heads south along Main St. with a stop at the corner of Main and School St for those taking advantage of the School St parking garage, continuing south to Pleasant St with a stop at the Corner of Main and Pleasant St. Ext. near the Hotel Concord. Taking a left there, our route continues down Pleasant St. Extension to Storrs Street with a stop near Marshalls and another stop on Storrs St. back entrance of the Holiday Inn. Our final stop on this route is at White Park for the Black Ice Pond Hockey. We finish the route by headed east on Centre Street to start the route over again. This route will run as a continuous loop from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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# Winter Festival returns for icy celebration

By **JESSICA MARTIN**  
Intown Concord

Layer up Concord because the 4th Annual Concord NH Winter Festival presented by Breezeline is returning. Intown Concord and The Hotel Concord are excited to announce downtown Concord's favorite icy celebration is scheduled to coincide with the Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament once again.

Spectators will enjoy live ice-carving demonstrations and meet some of New England's most talented carvers on Jan. 28, from 3 to 9 p.m., followed by a competition on Jan. 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The ice carving competition will take place on The State House lawn and prizes will be awarded by The Hotel Concord for the top three carvers. The ice carving demonstrations are free and open to the public and the carvings will remain on display for the entire week following the festival.

This year we are thrilled to offer a very special opportunity to tour the historic New Hampshire State

### LOCATIONS

**The Winter Festival Stage:** The Hotel Concord, 11 South Main Street

**Ice Bar:** O Steaks & Seafood, 11 Main Street

**Ice carving:** The State House Lawn, 107 N Main St.

**The State House Tours:** 107 N Main St

**Winter Shopping Stroll:** Main Street

**Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament:** White Park

House during the Concord NH Winter Festival! Guided tours will begin every 30 minutes and will last approximately 45 minutes from noon to 4:15 p.m. The last tour will begin at 3:30 p.m and there is no registration required. Masks are also not required for the tours but are strongly encouraged by festival organizers.



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Ice sculptors work on their carvings outside the State House during a past Winter Fest.

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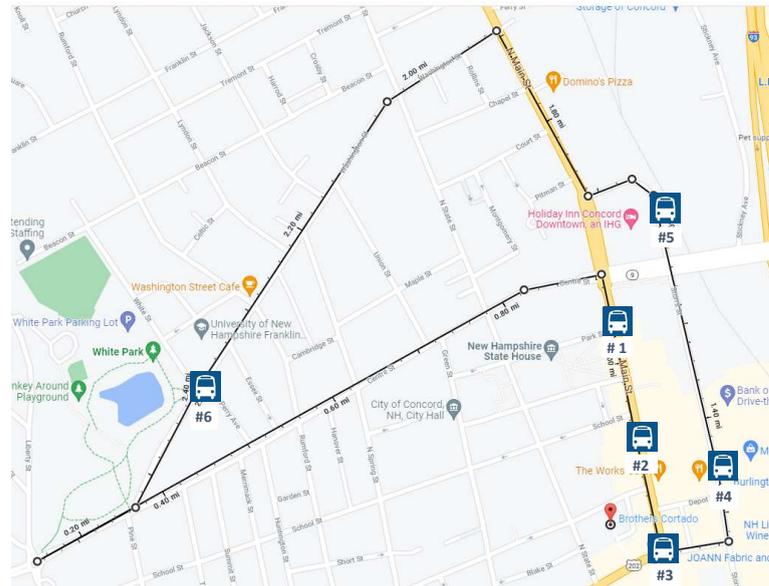
An ice sculptor works on his carving during a previous Winter Fest celebration.

Additional frozen festivities happening Saturday include live performances on The Winter Festival Stage across from The Hotel Concord, an ice bar with luge sponsored by O Steaks and Seafood, DJ Darren's dance party, complimentary hot cocoa, s'mores toasting, games, and more! As always, Concord's unique boutiques will welcome shoppers and browsers looking to enjoy a

Winter Shopping Stroll. A complimentary shuttle service provided by Concord Area Transit will be available between The State House, The Hotel Concord, and the Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament at White Park between the hours of 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 29.

For more information, visit [intownconcord.org](http://intownconcord.org).

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# THE FREEZE IS ON

Black Ice pond hockey returns after COVID hiatus – this time with backup plan



GEOFF FORESTER—Monitor staff

Concord Parks and Recreation workers pour water on the pond at White Park to smooth out the surface in anticipation of skating and the Black Ice Tournament later this month.

By **CASSIDY JENSEN**  
Monitor staff

**T**he Black Ice Pond Hockey Championships will return this year with some changes to mitigate the frustrating rescheduling that often comes with unpredictable January weather.

The 2021 hockey tournament was canceled because of COVID-19, and in 2020 warm temperatures fol-

lowed by a snowstorm shortened the tournament by two days.

This year, if organizers determine the weather – or COVID – prove too big a challenge, the games set for Jan. 27 through Jan. 30 will be rescheduled for March 18 through 22 at Concord's Everett Arena.

“The important distinction we made this year is if it looks iffy, we’ll just make

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GEOFF FORESTER / Monitor staff

Concord Parks and Recreation workers pour water on the pond at White Park to smooth out the surface in anticipation of skating and the Black Ice Tournament later this month.

the call,” said Dan Luker, president of the 1883 Black Ice Hockey Association.

The board seeks to avoid repeating the cumbersome process of setting up White Park again on short notice if the weather turns during the original dates.

“It’s not the same as pond hockey, but everyone will get their games,” Luker said.

Another change this year is that only about 80 teams will play, instead of the usual 95. That’s because there will be seven rinks rather than eight, excluding a rink located at the edge of the ponds. “The thought was to have one less rink to maximize the good ice,” Luker said.

Luker said some measures are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including a separate registration tent. Signs will remind spectators to wear masks and warn attendees to stay away from the event if they are experiencing COVID symptoms.

In addition to the adult hockey teams, youth teams will also play, and tournament attendees can enjoy food from local vendors, fireworks, games, a rock wall and a bonfire.

The Concord Parks and Recreation Department maintains the ice at White Park each winter, flooding

the ponds and moving snow off the ice for public skating. During the tournament, Parks staff will assist Black Ice tournament volunteers in clearing ice shavings and making sure the rinks are ready between games.

Parks and Recreation Director David Gill said Black Ice is a great way for families to celebrate winter in Concord, but that the event has been challenged in recent years by the warming climate in New Hampshire. However, last year, when the tournament was canceled, good weather for ice formation allowed the pond to stay open for 40 days.

“It’s turned out to be a wonderful new tradition for Concord. It brings a lot of people back to Concord who moved away and celebrates the roots of hockey, but it’s also good for downtown businesses,” Gill said.

During the weekend, hockey teams from other states will flock to Concord, where tournament organizers say the first organized game of hockey in the U.S. was played at St. Paul’s School in 1883.

“All we need is the weather gods to cooperate,” Luker said.

For updates and match schedules, visit [blackicepondhockey.com](http://blackicepondhockey.com).



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## Live music

### Jan. 27

■ Brian Booth at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

### Jan. 28

■ Masceo Williams and the Special Guests at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

■ Trunk O Funk at Penuche's Ale House at 8 p.m.

### Jan. 29

■ Tim Hazelton at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

■ Alan Roux at Makris Lobster House from 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Mike Gallant Jam at Area 23 at 2 p.m.

■ Crooked Cash and Friends at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

■ Queen City Soul at Penuche's Ale House at 8 p.m.

■ Mikey G. at the Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon

■ Hank Osborne at Con-

cord Craft Brewing from 3 to 5 p.m.

■ Karen Grenier at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.

### Feb. 3

■ Enter the Haggis will perform at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.

### Feb. 4

■ Kimayo at Pats Peak from 6 to 9 p.m.

### Feb. 5

■ Cash Unchained: The Ultimate Johnny Cash Experience will perform at the Capitol Center for the Arts at 7 p.m.

■ Mike Dawes and Yasmin Williams will perform at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.

■ Paul Driscoll at the Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon

■ April Cushman at Concord Craft Brewing from 3 to 5 p.m.

■ Tim Kierstead at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.

### Feb. 6

■ The Brother Brothers will perform at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 7 p.m.

## Stage shows

■ The Met's *Rigoletto* will be screened at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 12:55 p.m. on Jan. 29.

■ "Mary & Me," a play by Irene Kelleher, will be performed at the Hatbox Theatre from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13 with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Ireland 1986. Fifteen-year-old Hannah Brennan lives in a claustrophobic small town. Sure, she has friends, but no one who understands her, no one she can confide in who will listen to her. And she is going to need a lot of understanding.

■ "Spamilton: An America Parody" will be performed at the Capitol Center for the Arts on Feb. 4 at 8 p.m.



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Emily Karel as Hannah in "Mary and Me," now playing at the Hatbox Theatre.

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■ **Parallel Mothers (R)** In Spanish with English subtitles. On the verge of giving birth, two women (Pene-

lope Cruz and Milena Smit), single and accidentally pregnant, bond despite a difference in age and social status. They lose touch after becoming mothers, but circumstances connect them again – creating a complicated friendship. Into this multi-layered, mesmerizing (and often humorous) tale of motherhood and the importance of family ties, internationally acclaimed filmmaker Pedro Almodovar incorporates dark events in Spanish history, which current generations continue to grapple with.

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Milena Smit and Penelope Cruz in "Parallel Mothers." TNS

## bulletin board

Author John Nichols visits Gibson’s Bookstore virtually on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. to present a furious denunciation of America’s coronavirus criminals in *Coronavirus Criminals and Pandemic Profiteers: Accountability for Those Who Caused the Crisis*.

Hundreds of thousands of deaths were caused not by the vicissitudes of nature but by the callous and opportunistic decisions of powerful people.

On March 10, 2020, president Donald Trump told a nation worried about a novel coronavirus, “We’re prepared, and we’re doing a great job with it. And it will go away. Just stay calm. It will go away.” It has since been estimated that had Trump simply taken the same steps as other G7 countries, 40 percent fewer Americans would have died.

And it was not just the president. His inner circle, including Mike Pence and Jared Kushner, downplayed the crisis and mishandled

the response. Cabinet members such as Betsy DeVos and Mike Pompeo undermined public safety at home and abroad to advance their agendas. Senators Ron Johnson and Mitch McConnell, governors Kristi Noem and Andrew Cuomo, judges such as Wisconsin Supreme Court justice Rebecca Bradley all promulgated public policies that led to suffering and death. Meanwhile, profiteer Pfizer (and anti-government propagandists such as Grover Norquist) fed at the public

trough, while the billionaire Jeff Bezos added pandemic profits to a grotesquely bloated fortune.

John Nichols closes with a call for a version of the Pecora Commission, which took aim at what Franklin Delano Roosevelt called the “speculation, reckless banking, class antagonism, and profiteering” that stoked the Depression. There must be accountability.

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## book of the week

### An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good

By Helene Tursten  
(171 pages, fiction, 2018)

Much like this pocket-size collection of stories, 88-year-old Maud is a teensy Swedish lady with a sardonic wit and a deadly streak a mile wide. She uses her outward appearance of sweetness and light, helplessness and innocence, to plot against her enemies and preserve her lifestyle; due to a clause in her late father's will, Maud is able to live rent-free in a beautiful Gothenburg apartment for the rest of her life. She blissfully travels the world whenever the whim strikes her, and spends a good deal of the rest of her time using the Internet to keep abreast of all the happenings in the world. Maud is more than capable of living independently, but she readily turns up the stereotypical old lady charm when the need arises to manipulate those who seek to take advantage of

her.

Her neighbors are disgruntled by the fact that Maud lives rent free in such a spacious apartment. One neighbor in particular, an annoyingly saccharine artist named Jasmin Schimmerhof, swoops into Maud's life and tries to befriend the older woman. Shrewd Maud realizes Jasmin's game when Jasmin begins to incessantly bring up how large Maud's apartment is in comparison to her own, and how she could really use the extra space. Maud is not about to let anyone take her precious living quarters, so she swiftly concocts a way to "do away with" Jasmin. This is the reader's first introduction to Maud's true character. She is firmly set in her ways, enjoys her life the way it is, and will victimize anyone who she deems a threat to that lifestyle. And for some odd reason, this makes for a sublimely entertaining set of stories!

Like a delightful cross between Sophia Petrillo and

Dexter Morgan, Maud stays ten steps ahead of those around her, including the authorities; she is methodical in her executions, and after a few suspicious deaths in which Maud just happens to be nearby, she outsmarts even the savviest of detectives by playing into the trope of the helpless and clueless elderly lady.

While of course I am by no means condoning Maud's heinous crimes, it's not difficult to admire her tenacity and sharpness of mind; there is something downright fun about this tiny fictional woman's escapades and her sassy demeanor, even if her actions in real life would be abhorrent. I don't know what it says about me that I would find a murderous old Swedish lady most endearing, but I know other readers will feel the same way when they meet Maud.

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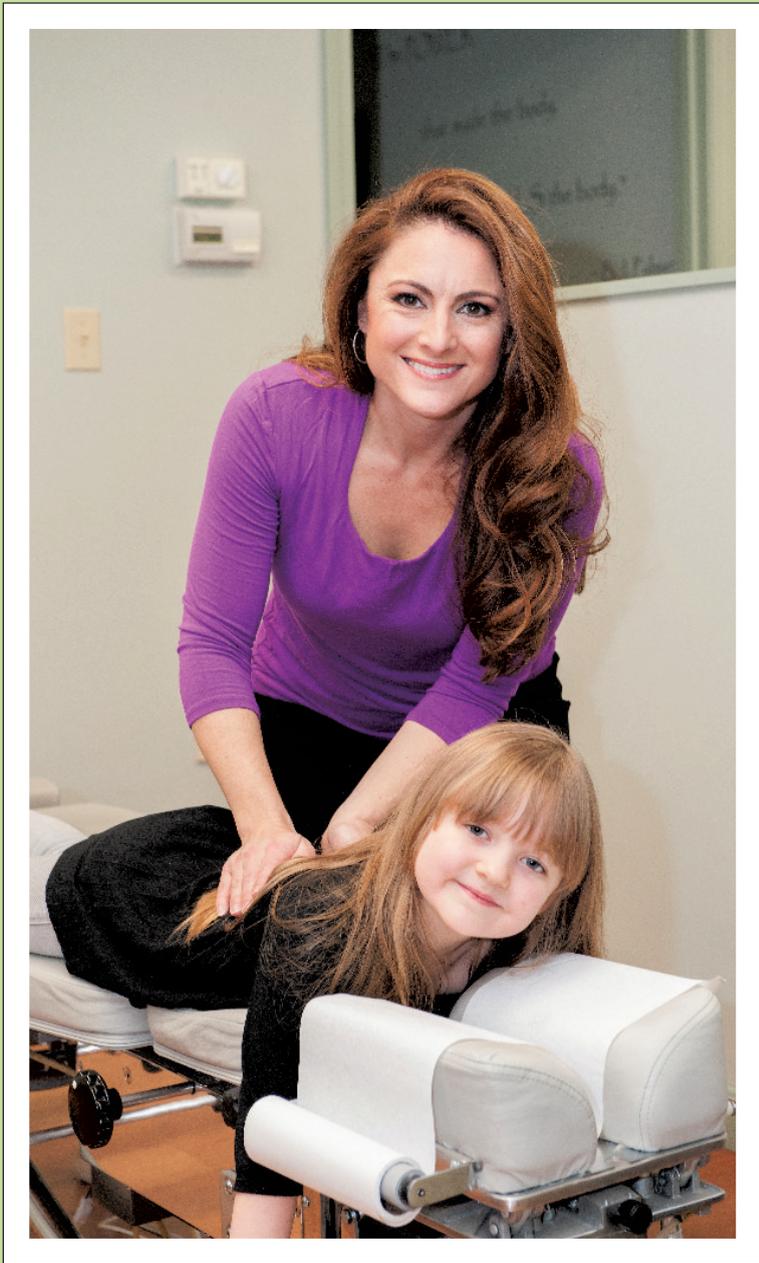
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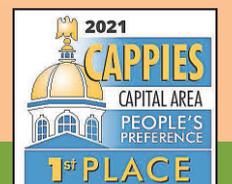
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