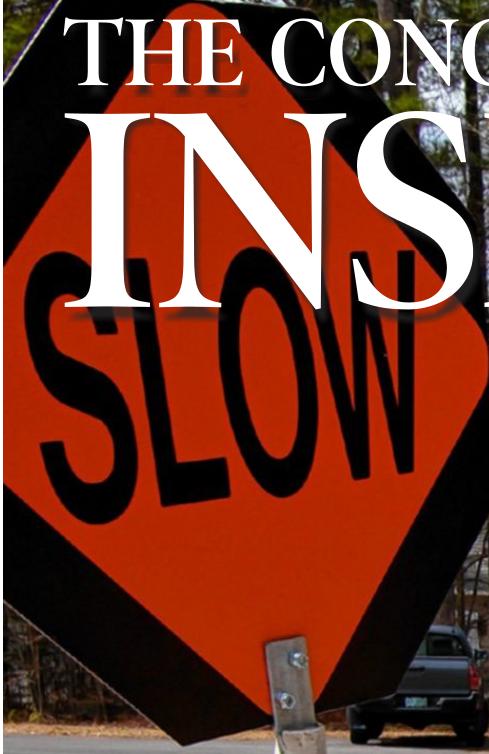


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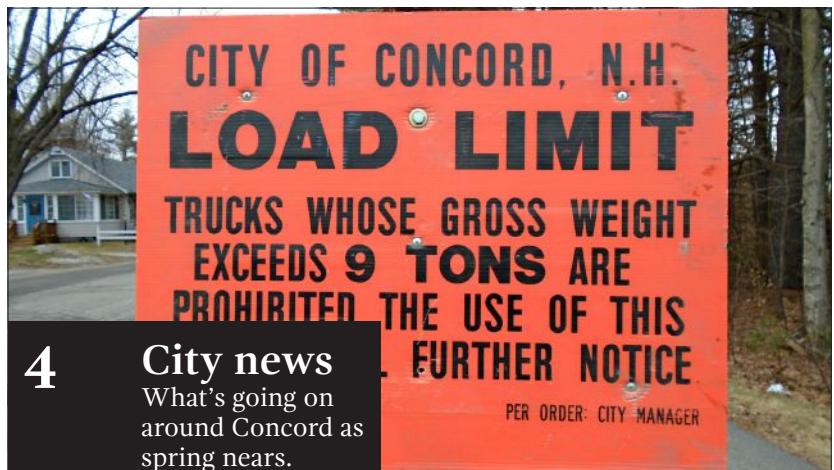
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What's going on around Concord as spring nears.



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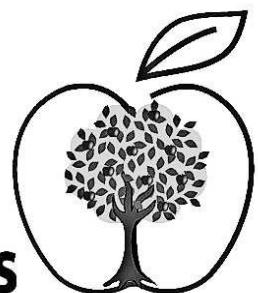
*This includes:* Removal of dead, diseased and dying wood. The pruning of all sucker growth to prevent overcrowding, rubbing or crossed branches to reduce diseases.

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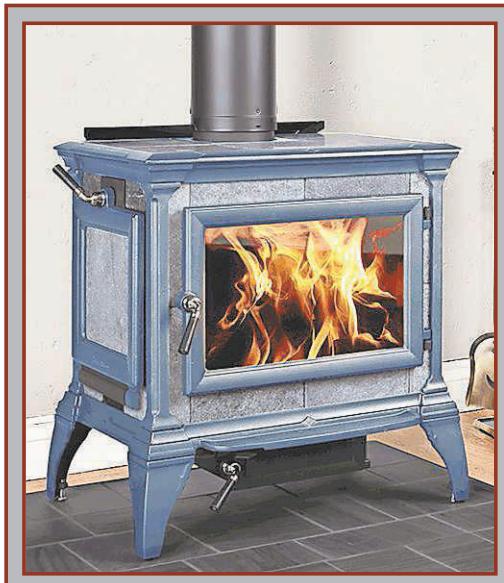


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# Meet Concord's new head of housing

Incoming director Julie Palmeri returns home after stops in Maryland, Hawaii

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:

## Housing and Redevelopment has new director

Julie Palmeri is returning to her hometown of Concord as the new Executive Director of Concord Housing and Redevelopment where she is taking over for John Hoyt, who is retiring after more than two decades of service. Palmeri comes to department with over 10 years of experience in residential property management in several states across the country, including Maryland and Hawaii. Palmeri, whose



City of Concord

Julie Palmeri is returning to her hometown of Concord as the new Executive Director of Concord Housing and Redevelopment.

work has received award-winning recognition, brings strong management skills, and the vision to see complex projects through to completion. Her leadership

and ability to formulate strategic plans will guide Concord's housing and redevelopment efforts in the years to come.

"I am very excited to start

the next chapter of my career back in Concord where I grew up. What I am most looking forward to is creating strong relationships with tenants and clients and

providing the best living experience and level of service possible. They are the reason I do the work that I do," said Palmeri.

Palmeri graduated from Concord High School and Northern Arizona University. She holds multiple professional certifications, including HUD certified Affordable Housing Manager. She is also a private pilot, having earned her pilot's license for single-engine planes in 2004.

Concord Housing and Redevelopment is a catalyst for community wide economic growth and revitalization, while providing developers with resources to make redevelopment a reality. The organization also helps individuals and families in the Greater Concord area find a place to call home.

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## City meetings

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

- City Council: March 14, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board: March 16, 7 p.m.

## City lifts mask mandate

As of Feb. 25, face coverings are no longer required to be worn by the public or City employees while inside City buildings.

City Council encourages anyone eligible to get vaccinated and boosted and to

continue to follow the recommendations set forth by the CDC to slow the spread of COVID-19. Information about vaccines is available online and through 211. If you are already fully vaccinated, the CDC also has updated guidance online.

## Spring road load limits

The City of Concord began posting weight limits to streets in Concord starting on Feb. 28. This practice is performed annually at the onset of spring to protect roads from heavy vehicles during the spring thaw. "No Trucking – Load Limit 9 Tons" signs are posted on roads to help minimize additional road damage from heavy vehicles on weakened road structures.

Road structures are naturally weakened around this time of year from the frequent freezing and thawing cycles. Recent warmer temperatures and the beginning of snow melt has started this process early this season. Fluctuating temperatures can cause the ground to shift, leading to cracks in the pavement. Frost heaves are formed when snow and rain get through the cracks and freeze underneath the roads, expanding the road upwards. As temperatures warm, the ground thaws and the roads contract back down, causing breaks in the pavement and potholes.

The load limit postings are weather and road condition dependent, but will likely remain in place through the end of March or early April. Restrictions will continue as long as conditions require. Limits will not be removed until all snow has melted and ditches are clear of any standing water.

The road load limits of 9 tons will not affect the average car or truck, but will impact heavy construction vehicles and commercial trucking. The weight restrictions will help maintain road conditions as Concord General Services crews

patch potholes and make road repairs when possible. Residents can report potholes using the City of Concord's reporting tool at concordnh.gov/seeclikfix or on the MyConcordNH mobile app.

The City of Concord does not issue permits for drivers for spring load limits. Drivers can call Concord General Services at (603) 228-2737 to request for travel permissions if necessary of 1-2 loads before noon. Find the list of streets that will be posted in Concord and more information at concordnh.gov/springoperations.

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# entertainment

## Live music

### March 3

- Remembering the Green Martini at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.
- Dan Weiner at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.
- Bach Lunch Lecture: 'Irish Pub Songs' at 12:10 p.m. at Concord Community Music School

### March 4

- Justin Cohn at Pats Peak from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Talisk at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.

### March 5

- Tim Kierstead at the Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon
- Kimayo at Concord Craft Brewing from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Eric Marcs at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.
- Neon Wave and LoVe-SeXy at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.
- State Street Combo at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.

### March 6

- Chris Lester at Chen Yang Li from 3 to 6 p.m.

### March 8

- State Street Combo at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.

### March 9

- State Street Combo at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.
- The Psychedelic Furts with opener Royston Langdon will perform at the Capitol Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m.

### March 10

- Andrew North at Hermanos at 6:30 a.m.
- Bach Lunch Lecture: Celtic Fiddle Fury at 12:10 p.m. at Concord Community Music School.

### March 11

- Maddi Ryan at Pats Peak at 6 p.m.

### March 12

- Dan Weiner at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.
- Jared Moore at the Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon
- Lucas Gallo at Concord Craft Brewing from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Paul Gormley at Chen Yang Li at 7 p.m.

### March 13

- Eric Lindberg at Chen

Yang Li from 3 to 6 p.m.

- Teddy Thompson and Jenni Muldaur at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 7 p.m.

## Stage shows

■ "The Lifespan of a Fact," produced by Lend Me a Theater, will be presented at the Hatbox Theatre through March 6. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$19 for members, seniors and students, and \$16 for senior members. Tickets can be purchased online at hatboxnh.com and can be reserved by calling 603-715-2315.

■ Queen City Improv will come to the Hatbox Theatre on March 3 at 7:30 p.m.

■ "Love Letters" will run March 11 to 20 at Hatbox Theatre. Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner, both born to wealth and position, are childhood friends whose lifelong correspondence

began in second grade and continued for 50 or more years! Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$19 for members, seniors and students, and \$16 for senior members. Tickets can be purchased online at hatboxnh.com and can be reserved by calling 603-715-2315.

■ William Shatner will appear live following a screening of "The Wrath of Khan" at the Capitol Center for the Arts on March 3 at 7 p.m.

■ The Bank of N.H. Stage will screen the Bolshoi Ballet's "Swan Lake" on March 6 at 12:55 p.m.

■ Lewis Black will bring his "Off the Rails" tour to the Capitol Center for the Arts on March 10 at 8 p.m. (18+ with ID) Tickets \$55 to \$95.

■ The Met will show "Ariadne auf Naxos" at the Bank of N.H. Stage on March 12 at 12:55 p.m.

## Red River Theatres

- Cyrano (PG-13) Award-winning director Joe Wright envelops moviegoers in a symphony of emotions with music, romance, and beauty in Cyrano, re-imagining the timeless tale of a heart-breaking love triangle. A man ahead of his time, Cyrano de Bergerac (played by Peter Dinklage) dazzles whether with ferocious wordplay at a verbal joust or with brilliant swordplay in a duel. But, convinced that his appearance renders him unworthy of the love of a devoted friend, the luminous Roxanne (Haley Bennett), Cyrano has yet to declare his feelings for her — and Roxanne has fallen in love, at first sight, with Christian (Kelvin Harrison, Jr.).
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## Walker concert

The Walker Lecture Series invites you to join us for a concert by Artful Noise. The string quartet will perform "Sounds and Colors" by Gwyneth Walker, "String Quartet" by Florence Beatrice Price, and Opus 96 by Anton Dvorak on March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. The show is free. For more information, visit [walkerlecture.org](http://walkerlecture.org).

## Virtual author visit

Gibson's Bookstore is pleased to join indie bookstore partners across America to present James Patterson and Dolly Parton in an indie bookstore exclusive pre publication book launch event on March 6 at 7:30 p.m. This is a ticketed virtual event, with a copy of *Run Rose Run* included with each ticket.

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The string quartet Artful Noise will perform "Sounds and Colors" by Gwyneth Walker, "String Quartet" by Florence Beatrice Price, and Opus 96 by Anton Dvorak at the Concord City Auditorium in March.

greatest storyteller — a thriller about a young singer-songwriter on the rise and on the run, and determined to do whatever it takes to survive.

Your ticket includes admission to this virtual event and a hardcover copy of *Run Rose Run* (\$30 retail price), as well as sales tax, ship-

ping, and handling (if applicable). Register at [eventbrite.com/e/269051098077](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/269051098077). (Preorders of *Run Rose Run* from Gibson's Bookstore will receive entrance to the virtual event as well.)

Please contact Gibson's Bookstore with any questions. We can't wait to see

you there.

Dolly Parton is a singer, songwriter, actress, producer, businesswoman, and philanthropist. The composer of more than 3,000 songs, she has sold over 100 million records worldwide, and has given away millions of books to children through her nonprofit, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

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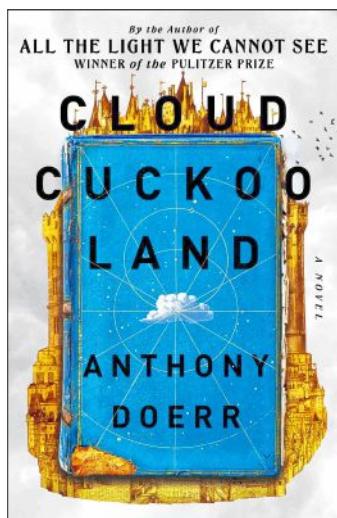
## book of the week

### Cloud Cuckoo Land

By Anthony Doerr  
(626 pages, historical and literary fiction, 2021)

*Cloud Cuckoo Land* is an ambitious matryoshka-doll-of-a-book. This riveting story spans the 1400s to the future, occurs in several places geographically (space, Constantinople, Idaho), and is held together by an invented ancient text, written by Anthony Doerr but inspired by the works of 2nd-century author, Antonius Diogenes. This is a deceptively quick read due to the vivid alternating narratives. If you loved traveling through time and place in David Mitchell's *Cloud Atlas* then this might hold appeal. It is similar in structure but the story is more accessible and has a more personal tone.

Omeir, born in 15th century Thrace, is deemed cursed after birth due to a physical deformity. His father dies on the day of his birth which increases the perception of his arrival as an ill omen. Omeir's grandfather is instructed to take Omeir to the woods and abandon him. His grandfather watches the infant qui-



etly gazing up at the snowflakes in the woods and cannot find it in his heart to abandon him. The family takes Omeir and flees their village in order to avoid persecution and violence. As he grows, Omeir finds he has a gift for communicating with animals and forms a deep bond with twin oxen that he raises from birth. Upon his coming of age, he and his beloved oxen are conscripted to help move artillery to the siege of Constantinople and set out on a long journey.

Anna, a 15th-century adolescent girl, lives in a house in Constantinople with

women who spend their days embroidering robes for the clergy. Anna is not thoroughly uninterested in the tedium of embroidery, but she has an ill sister to care for and they need shelter. She harbors a strong desire to learn to read, which she pursues diligently and covertly. This knowledge aids her when Constantinople falls under siege and her life becomes threatened.

Zeno is a veteran of the Korean war and a self-taught scholar of the Greek language. His narrative flashes back and forth between present-day and other periods in his earlier years. Upon his return to Idaho and his retirement, he spends his days in the local public library translating a long-forgotten ancient text, "Cloud Cuckoo Land," written by Antonius Diogenes. He eventually is called to service by the librarian to help entertain a group of children who come to the library. Together,

they plan a theatrical production of the recently translated text.

Seymour is an idealistic teenager consumed with frustration over climate change. He spends his days at the same library that Zeno does where he spends his time looking up information about nature and climate change. He is socially isolated and finds solace in his connection with an owl that lives in the forest near his house. When the forest that the owl lives in is cut down to make way for a real estate development, his devastation leads to a drastic decision.

Konstance lives on an interstellar ship with a small community of people who have been voyaging to a new planet for several generations. They hold on to the hope of starting a new home with their seed library from Earth. Their artificially intelligent ship attends to all their needs and is programmed to keep them healthy and safe. When

Konstance comes of age she is allowed entry into the virtual library where a whole world of knowledge awaits her. She quickly finds that knowledge comes at a cost and the loss of her innocence leaves her seeking more answers.

These five characters unwittingly influence each other across time and space. Zeno's translation of the text of "Cloud Cuckoo Land" progresses and is interspersed between each narrative. As each person's story unfolds, so does the message of Cloud Cuckoo Land, both the imagined text of Diogenes and the novel by Anthony Doerr. This deeply thoughtful story of people imprinting themselves across time as they seek knowledge and connection will transport you and may even rouse personal reflections of your own.

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## 1900: Old Walker School

By JAMES W. SPAIN  
For the Insider

The Old Walker School is pictured in the year 1900 on the site of the current day Walker School Media Building.

The Concord Union School District purchased this empty lot to build the first Walker School that is pictured in this photograph in the year 1873, after the prior building burned in a terrible fire.

The prior building was the Methodist General Biblical Institute, formally known as the Old North Church. The Old North Cemetery is in the background to the west. There was also a beautiful memorial tablet installed on this original Walker School building. The tablet

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## March 3

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**■ Irish Pub Songs - A Saint Patrick's Day Primer:** 12:10

p.m. - 12:50 p.m. "Irish Pub Songs - A Saint Patrick's Day Primer" Bach's Lunch Lecture with Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki. Thurs., March 3, at the Music School. Free. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St., Concord. 603-228-1196. nlaurin@ccmusicschool.org.

**■ STEAM for Littles:** 10 a.m. This program is for preschoolers (and their caregivers) that allows them the chance to explore a new STEAM topic each month. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

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## March 6

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

## March 8

**■ Gentle Chair Yoga- Tuesday:** 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Yoga can help your mind, body and spirit and enhance your quality of life. You are sure to leave calmer, refreshed and rejuvenated! Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

**■ Gibson's Book Club:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. "Blacktop Wasteland" Free. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. 603-224-0562. gibsonsevents@gmail.com.

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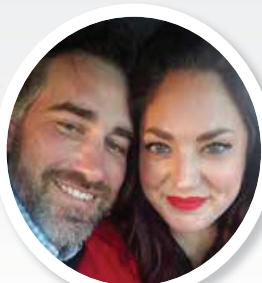
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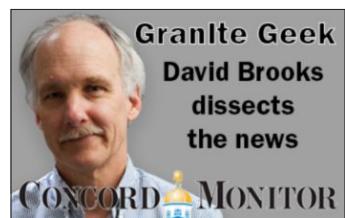
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**March 3, 1915:** The Legislature takes a poll on Prohibition. Of Concord's 18 state representatives, only one votes in favor. After all, that year there are 33 places in Concord where liquor can be legally sold: 13 saloons, five hotels, six "bottled goods places," eight drug stores and one club.

**March 4, 2001:** Bishop Brady upsets previously undefeated Merrimack Valley, 45-44, in the quarterfinals of the Class I boys' basketball tournament. Brady will advance to the finals but lose to Plymouth on a last-second basket.

**March 4, 1968:** State Police Chief Joseph Regan leads 23 state troopers on a raid on a dormitory at Franconia College. The lawmen arrest nine students. The charges: lewd and lascivious behavior and possession of marijuana and hashish.

**March 5, 1968:** The actor Paul Newman comes to New Hampshire - one in a parade of stars campaigning for Sen. Eugene McCarthy this week in the New Hampshire Democratic presidential primary.

**March 6, 2001:** A true blizzard sends New Hampshire residents to check the record books. The official tally in Concord is 18.1 inches. That's a lot for one storm, but it's considerably short of the 28 inches that fell in December 1969. Other parts of the state (Nottingham is tops with 40 inches) get hit harder.

**March 6, 1991:** With five seconds left in the state Class I semifinal basketball

game, which is tied at 74, Merrimack Valley's Scott Drapeau miraculously reaches around a Stevens High player to tip in a missed free throw. The MV win sets up a rematch with rival Pembroke Academy and a final showdown between Drapeau and Matt Alosa, two of the biggest basketball stars in area history. Alosa's Spartans will win the title.

**March 6, 1972:** Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon Papers to the New York Times, tells a Keene audience that Richard Nixon is no different from his immediate predecessors in lying to the public about U.S. policy in Southeast Asia. "Richard Nixon has killed, wounded or made homeless more than 3 million persons, including 2 million in Cambodia and one third of the population of Laos," Ellsberg says.

**March 7, 2002:** The House votes by a landslide to repeal the statewide property tax as of Jan. 1, 2004. The tax is the cornerstone of the \$900 million education funding plan the Legislature adopted last year.

**March 7, 1972:** Edmund Muskie of Maine wins the New Hampshire Democratic primary with 46 percent of the vote, but the number falls short of expectations. Runner-up George McGovern gets 37 percent and is perceived as the winner. President Nixon takes 69 percent of the GOP vote with Paul McCloskey and John Ashbrook splitting the rest.

**March 7, 1968:** Under the headline "Rocky Should Withdraw," the Union Leader reprints an article from a Roman Catholic magazine on New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's divorce and remarriage. Rockefeller is running for the GOP presidential nomination.

**March 7, 1825:** A team of horses crossing the frozen Merrimack in Concord falls through the ice.

**March 8, 2002:** After losing a bet to House Democratic Leader Peter Burling that the St. Louis Rams would beat the New England Patriots in January's Super Bowl, U.S. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, a Missouri Democrat, visits

the Legislative Office Building in Concord. He puts on a Patriots jersey with "Vinatieri" on the back.

**March 8, 2001:** Carolyn Bradley, principal of Concord's Rundlett Middle School, announces she will resign at the end of the school year. Bradley has earned praise for her work in Concord and elsewhere in the state, but some will most remember her collection of eyeglasses: 13 pairs, a shade to match every suit.

**March 8, 1968:** In a press release on the Vietnam War, U.S. Sen. Norris Cotton of New Hampshire says: "No longer can honeyed words and cheering predictions conceal the stunning truth - we are taking a beating and can't win, or at least can't win under present strategy."

**March 8, 1912:** Meldrim Thomson Jr. is born in Pittsburgh, Pa. He will be a three-term New Hampshire governor in the 1970s.

**March 9, 2000:** The New Hampshire House votes, 191-163, to abolish the death penalty, a punishment

the state last used in 1939. The measure moves next to the state Senate, but Gov. Jeanne Shaheen restates her position: If the bill reaches her desk, she will veto it.

**March 9, 1943:** A winter for the ages continues as the temperature in Concord falls to 16 below zero. Just three weeks earlier, the city suffered through its coldest day ever recorded, when the mercury fell to 37 below.

**March 9, 1812:** Town meeting voters in Concord declare "that no swine be allowed to run at large on the road from Concord bridge to Boscawen bridge under a penalty to the owner of 25 cents for each offense."

**March 10, 1991:** A funeral tribute is held at the *Monitor* for former longtime editor Tom W. Gerber, who died Feb. 22. Steve Winship, Gerber's old friend and fellow Dartmouth College alum, places a green hood over Gerber's typewriter. On the hood is this motto: "Words, words, words."

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